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As many of you will know, there have been two events in Swinderby during August and we have tried to do them justice in the photos in this edition. Luckily the weather was fair for both of them.

The first was the Good Companions Garden party, courtesy of Doreen. Bruce and I went along to this and as ever, were made very welcome and treated to a cup of tea and scones whilst listening to the music provided. You will see more details about the afternoon in the Good Companions report.

The other event was Tabbyfest, and a large number of village residents and others from nearby came to listen to a wide variety of bands. I am always impressed by how lucky this village is to have such a high musical standard, both within the village and from bands nearby.

There will be more music, in the form of hymns at the Harvest Festival in the Church on 11 September. Again, see the Church news for details of this event, plus a request for some help to set up the event.

It's time for the annual coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support and you can support this excellent charity by going along to the Village Hall on Friday 30 September. Details are on page 11.

People have been asking me what happened to the end of Jan Lazell's article last month when she told us her story of moving to the village from North Hykeham. I'm afraid that both Jan and I contributed to this error. Jan had edited her article and had accidentally left a bit in her email that should have been removed, and I didn't notice when I transferred it to the magazine. In fact, you got a bit extra, rather than miss anything. It should have ended on the words "home sweet home". The good side of this is that it proves that the article was read and enjoyed.

Have you been watching the Olympics? It has been impossible to miss, and this month Geoff Lloyd has contributed by editing an old newspaper article about the Swinderby Show which included many games which should perhaps have formed part of the Olympics! Geoff also tells me: *When I arrived in Swinderby our next door neighbour Ken talked about the Longs and the impact they had on the village and Bill Pacey confirms the local tradition about the Rev Long running the footpath behind the village hall and the hurdling!* What a great story.

Thank you to those people who have given me jam jars full of loose change. It is much appreciated and helps to keep your Link Up afloat.

We have a new advertiser this month, Vic Solomon, an experienced decorator who lives in the village. The take up on the bakery course was disappointing, so please do have another look at that advert. There is also news of the Collingham Show.

Do you know anything about this missing chair featured on page 31?

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A VILLAGE TREASURE LOST

On 29th July Stan Nelsey slipped quietly away at Canwick Court, cared for there for five years since he was 90. He was a quiet unassuming fellow who was always regarded as a good friend by all who knew him, and so practical and willing.

Stan seemed able to turn his hand to so many things, coming from the days when you had to make, grow, improvise yourself, or go without. From decades around farms he had learned to sort out engines etc and over the years villagers brought lawnmowers, rotorvators and other sick machines for him to coax back to life. His workshop was packed with remnants and bits he had saved, just in case. A contemporary of his at Haddington once told me that Stan had rebuilt a crawler tractor from a pile of bits others had given up on! In the days of tubes and valves he rescued television sets people lugged down his path to the welcoming door, electricity held no fears or mysteries for him. So much of his equipment seemed to be homemade from recycled scraps, but it did the job well. He liked gadgets and rode one of his folding bikes to a good age. You can still see the black solar water panel on his workshop roof that we think he assembled from magazine plans.

The garden was a great love of Stan. A cartload of farm muck annually was the secret of its fertility and great yields, aided by his fund of traditional knowledge. Soft fruits seem to have been a favourite, many varieties of raspberries, red, black and white currants, and some vicious thorned relation of the blackberry he probably bought through one of the many farm and garden magazines around the house. He grew bamboo to provide his own canes and recycled aluminium TV aerials for tomatoes in his two busy greenhouses. How on earth did he eat all this produce? Well he gave so much of it away of course.

His honey was legendary, harvested from a couple of hives he used to keep off Cow Lane, or those in his garden. It was only a few years ago that he had to give up this rewarding hobby he shared with one or two good friends. Stan wanted to keep busy and going. Just after his 80th birthday a neighbour told me he had spent it helping to tile a roof! Now that is an inspiration! It doesn't seem all that long ago he gave up his caravan, and later the car he'd tended for trips to South Scarle.

It was in his nature not to complain as gradually he became unable to do the simple things that made him happy. Old bones couldn't dig the garden, but he appreciated help to keep it yielding. Sadly the time came when he could no longer care for himself, or the cats which had been his companions, even with help. Illness and age caught up with him and he had to leave us and 9 High Street. No longer have friends been able to pop in, chat and think what an inspiration he has been. But many will remember him as they pass by, and smile.

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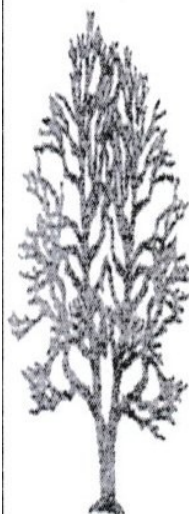
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Harvest Hunt

This is an event running from Sept 1 to Sept 15. The church will be open on these days from 11am until 5pm so that you can come to look at the Items borrowed from Eagle but also there are 26 knitted items 'hidden' around the church for you to find. There are activity sheets to suit younger and more adventurous hunters. Do find the time to visit the church during these times and enjoy the special atmosphere.

Harvest Service and Supper

On Sunday Sept 11 at 6.30 we are holding the Harvest Service and this will be followed by a simple supper. Please join us for this event.

Gill Lloyd

Thanks to Gill for the above news regarding the Church, but we also have an appeal for help with the preparations for the Harvest Festival, so please read on:

The preparation to decorate the Church will be done on Friday 9th September at 2pm. All help of time and/or contributions will be most welcome. If you are unable to make it then other times can be arranged.

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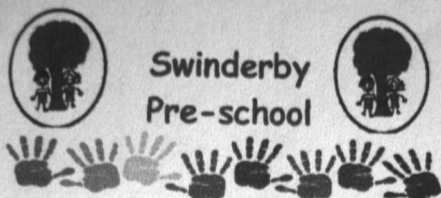
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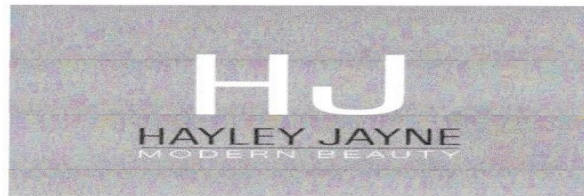
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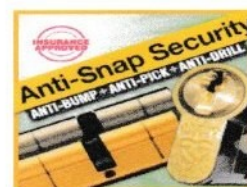
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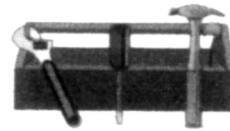
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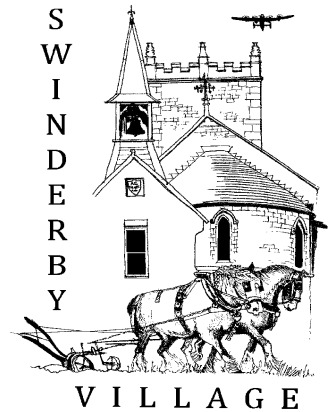
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Notes From a Small Parish – August 2016

What to write about

As I said in my last report, we are not having a meeting in August so if you showed up for one and there was no-one there, you were told. So the dilemma here is how can I fill 1000 words telling you about a meeting that didn't take place. Well, the thing is, a lot of the PC business actually goes on outside of meetings with letters being written, quotes obtained, e-mails flying to and fro, questions answered and so on. So in this report I going to tell you what goes on behind the scenes between meeting.



New Banking System

Normally at meetings we get invoices, sign the cheques and then send them out. However if an invoice is not received by the meeting this could mean a delay of up to 6 to 8 weeks before you get your cheque. Then you have to wait for it to clear and that is ONLY if your particular bank accepts cheques which fewer are these days. So taking advice from other Parish Councils and LALC we looked at legally compliant online transfer systems. One that looks favourable is where the Responsible Financial Officer, in our case the Parish Clerk, authorises an online payment and then two signatories from the PC can electronically sign the payment off. The checks in place are that the RFO can authorise a payment but can't sign it and the signatories cannot authorise a payment. Therefore for any fraud to take place there have to be three involved parties and as the PC usually only holds less than £20k, I for one don't fancy going to jail for less than £7000.

New Parish Council Logo

You may have noticed this very nice drawing in the corner of this page (yes, what is it Bob). This is the new logo that the PC have adopted and will soon begin to appear on all our documents, stationery, etc. and will also appear on our new village entrance signs and the Parish Field on Station Road. The original design had to be changed as it had the bird benches on it and as these have gone we approached the original artist, Mr David Morris, and asked if he could modify it. (You may have seen one of David's drawings if you bought the Church's Christmas cards.) Anyway, he was happy to do so and it now incorporates the plough and horses to show our countryside/ farming heritage and also the Lancaster bomber to show our connection with the nearby RAF bases that served during the Second World War.

Public Footpaths and Rights of Way

At the beginning of the season we had a question from a parishioner, asking who was responsible for clearing the public footpaths around the village. Here Cllr Geoff Lloyd explains who, what, where, when and why. "Following any meeting of the Parish Council, there are always a number of issues to follow up and act upon if need be. Recently, a parishioner raised an issue regarding public rights of way (footpaths across fields) and although not the direct responsibility of the Parish Council we were keen to listen, to

understand and to act if required. The Lincolnshire County Council's website provides clear guidance on the different roles and responsibilities, and keeping our public rights of way in good shape is the responsibility of farmers, landowners and the County Council. The key to successfully achieving this outcome is goodwill and cooperation by all parties. Reading the information on the website you will understand that one of the responsibilities of the County Council is to clear surface vegetation, although farmers are responsible for any obstruction from overhanging vegetation. In terms of surface vegetation, twice a year, a team from the County Council clear our footpaths across the fields. The Parish Council are informed when this clearance will take place and are encouraged to report on the quality of the work and report any remaining issues regarding surface vegetation. If you have an issue regarding a public right of way either talk to a Parish Councillor or contact the County Council via the link on the website." Thanks Geoff. As an aside to this, the PC Chair, Cllr Reg Ketteringham has been asked on more than one occasion, what is happening to the hedge on Station Road. It is (more than) encroaching onto the pavement and is forcing people to walk on the road. Well, the short answer is that it is up to the landowner to cut it. However, nothing is as simple as it seems. This particular field is rented to a third party and it is up to the lessee to cut it BUT (there's always a but) there is also a European Directive from last year that states hedges are not to be cut from 1st March to the 31st August for the protection of nesting birds during the breeding and rearing seasons. As there is a danger to the public, Reg is taking advice from the Highways Department of LCC and will be reporting back soon.

Fencing at the Triangle

There has been some temporary metal fencing on the triangle of land at the top of the High Street since the end of May this year. It was to house a sound monitoring device for the Lost Village Festival over at Norton Disney. After the festival the device was removed but the fencing remained. Well after much asking as to who it belonged to, it has now been removed but not before several parties in the village "offered to look after it until someone asked for it back"

Next meeting

After our short break normal services are to be resumed on Monday the 5th of September from 7:30pm in the small room at the Village Hall. As always, all are welcome to attend.

Cllr Bob Crozier
Swinderby PC

Editor's note: I notice that some of the vegetation on Station Road has been cut back.

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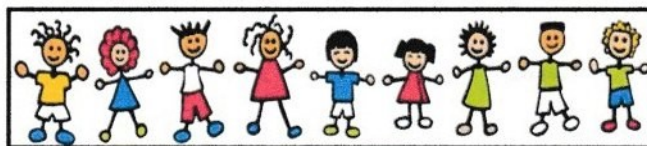
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William Pitt Neville Chamberlin Margaret Thatcher Harold Wilson

2 I am a famous poet who was born in Lincolnshire. I was given the position Poet Laureate in 1850 by Queen Victoria and died in 1892. My most famous poems include 'The Charge of the Light Brigade' and 'In Memoriam'

Alfred Lord Tennyson John Keats William Wordsworth Samuel Taylor Coleridge

3 I am a world famous scientist who was born in 1642 in Lincolnshire and I died in 1727. Apples helped me with my theories.

Alexander Fleming Edward Jenner Sir Isaac Newton Marie Curie

4 I am a Lincolnshire man who was born in 1580 and who became immortalised as a Disney Hero in a 1990s film.

Prince Eric from The Little Mermaid Jim Hawkins from Treasure Planet

John Smith from Pocahontas Quasimodo from The Hunchback of Notre Dame

5 I am an Oscar winning actor who was born in Lincolnshire and starred in Iris, Moulin Rouge and Bridget Jones's Diary amongst other films.

Ewan McGregor Hugh Grant Jim Broadbent Colin Firth

6 I had a famous boyfriend and was once a nurse. I was born in 1976 in Lincolnshire and have appeared as a presenter. In a 2005 poll I was voted the fourth most pointless celebrity in the country. I also appeared on Celebrity Love Island.

Abi Titmus Jayne Middlemiss Jade Goody Anthea Turner

7 I was a popular entertainer of the 1960s who was born in 1941 in Lincolnshire, and formed the group 'The Bruvvers'. I also had my own BBC Kids' show.

Joe Cocker Roy Orbison Roy Castle Joe Brown

8 I am an English monarch who was born in Lincolnshire in 1367 and died in 1413. I remain immortalised as one of Shakespeare's characters.

Richard III Henry VIII Henry IV Elizabeth I

9 I was born in Lincolnshire and was twice 'strongest man in the world' and Commonwealth Gold Medalist.

Kris Akabussi Geoff Capes Mark Henry Bill Hartley

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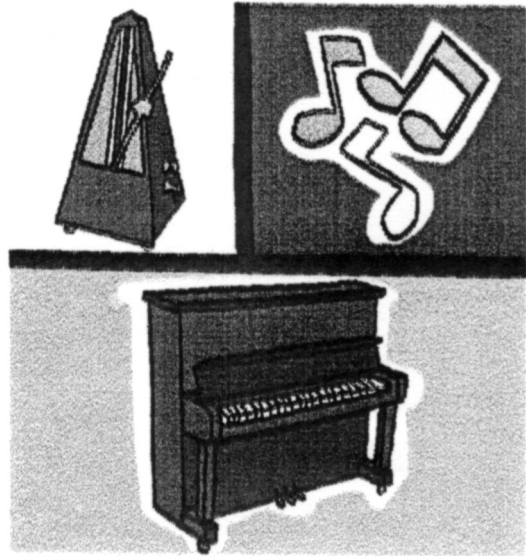
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- 1 Margaret Thatcher
- 2 Alfred Lord Tennyson
- 3 Sir Isaac Newton
- 4 John Smith from Pocahontas
- 5 Jim Broadbent
- 6 Abi Titmuss (actually Newark on Trent, but who cares)
- 7 Joe Brown
- 8 Henry IV
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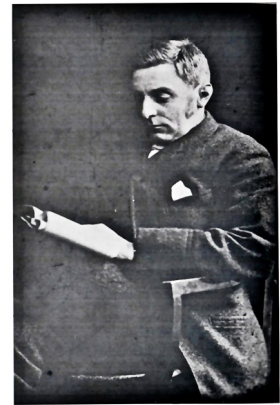
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Once again, my thanks are due to our keen historian, Geoff Lloyd for this piece about Swinderby in times past.

THE ANNUAL SWINDERBY SHOW

First held in 1876, the annual Swinderby Show evolved, to become one of the biggest attractions in the county. In addition to the standard horticultural competitions there were sporting events, plays and other activities. One of the key personnel in developing the event was the Revd Charles Long, Vicar at Swinderby from 1876 until his death in 1910. It is not surprising that one of the sporting events included in the show was the steeple chase because according to local tradition the Reverend Long would run the footpath from the back of the village hall to the station hurdling every gate on the way. Some of the excitement of the day is captured in the following extract from the Stamford Mercury dated the 3rd of August 1894.



Thought to be a photo of Revd Long

The 19th annual show of the Swinderby Horticultural and Cottage Garden Society was held in the Vicarage grounds on Thursday week, in fine weather. Considering the season the horticultural exhibition was a good one. The recent storms had dashed the more tender fruit and the hardy flowers, and the wonder was that the exhibitors were able to show such good examples.

Potatoes were remarkably fine considering how the frost affected the plants, and other vegetables were also very creditable. Hothouse plants and flowers added much to the beauty of the show, as did some exhibits by Mr Illman of the Nettleham Nurseries, which were not for competition. A good show of honey, run and in the comb, also lent interest to the show. Model gardens were shown in a separate tent. Much pains had been taken in their preparation, and the prize winning models were very well done.

The sports are always a special attraction at Swinderby, the Vicar (the Rev. C. H. Long) invariably getting up a programme both novel and entertaining. The great draw this year was a "Scare at mining camp in Mashonaland." Every detail of camp impediments was furnished, and great fun was caused by the miners and the residents generally in portraying scenes of camp life. Sports on horseback and on foot were also included in the afternoon's proceedings.

In the evening there was dancing on the lawn to music supplied by the band of the Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry Cavalry. The arrangements for the show were carried out by two committees, with Mr Dalton Blow as secretary. The horticultural exhibits were judged by Mr Wipf, head gardener at Hartsholme, and Mr Johnson, gardener at Barnby Manor

(Stamford Mercury 1894)

The article concludes with a comprehensive list of winners of the various competitions including the Reverend Long winning prizes for his geraniums and

grapes, no doubt grown at the old Vicarage. One of his daughters, Dorothy Long, won the under 18 years cut flowers in nosegay and Ada Pratley won the under 12 years wild flowers in nosegay. (Nosegay – small posy of fragrant flowers). The winners of the miniature gardens were Miss Nicholson, the children from Swinderby School and W. Saunders. A. J. Langton was very successful in the sporting events winning the following races: Victoria Cross, steeplechase on foot, mounted bending race over hurdles and head to tail race. In this context bending would have involved weaving in and out of posts and mounted meant they were on horse back. The Victoria Cross race, popular at the time, saw competitors climbing over hurdles whilst carrying either a dummy filled with straw or a brave, but foolish volunteer. Other winners of the sporting events included: A. Sheldon – mounted potato race, G. Drakes - football bending race and W. Drakes – obstacle race on foot.

You can imagine the annual show was keenly anticipated by the parishioners when, on a Thursday during late July, normal life in the village was placed on hold and the show become the focus for the day.

Geoff Lloyd.

(Post script- I'm not certain what a head to tail race involves. Can anybody help?)



Geoff added a couple of notes to his article (I've paraphrased slightly)

I'm certain the picture on the previous page is of the Reverend Long but only 96%. The photograph is the same as the man in the bell tower in the church and in the right order for his time as vicar.

The photograph on this page is of the Long Memorial. Its position in the graveyard indicates the importance of the man and how he was perceived by the village, the church and his family.

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MAINLY FOR THE CHILDREN—BUT YOU DO IT TOO. Answers on p 31

- 1 What gets wetter and wetter the more it dries?**
- 2 Two mothers and two daughters went out to eat, everyone ate one burger, yet only three burgers were eaten in all. How is this possible?**
- 3 Beth's mother has three daughters. One is called Lara, the other one is Sara. What is the name of the third daughter?**
- 4 Say Racecar backwards.**
- 5 What word looks the same backwards and upside down?**

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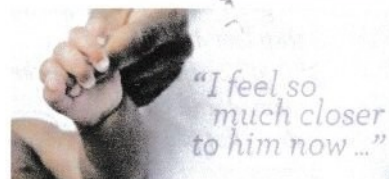
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Mr Evans said "We put a note with the courgettes and marrows saying 'please help yourselves to the veg'. But it didn't say 'please help yourselves to the chair!'"

If anyone's seen a white, wrought-iron chair, or has taken it unintentionally, the couple would love to have it back. "It's part of a set", Mr Evans said. "Either way, we'll know for next time. We'll just leave the veg on the step outside".

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Answers to questions on p 29:

1. A towel
2. They were a grandmother, mother and daughter
3. Beth
4. Racecar backwards
5. SWIMS

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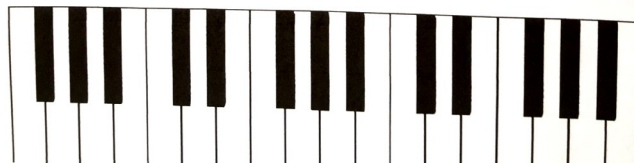
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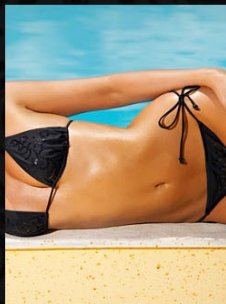
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WHAT GOES ON IN SWINDERBY?

SCRABBLE The Scrabblers meet every other Tuesday in the Plough at 7pm. We feel very welcome, a lovely log fire, 'bit of banter' We usually play 2 games, 'nothing serious' put the world to rights, home for around 9.30pm. We range in ages & ability but always have a good time! See the Plough page to find out when the next meeting is.

CHOPS Central Heating Oil Purchasing Scheme is a simple organisation designed to save us all some money on our central heating oil. I collect orders about 6 times a year. On my buying day, I get the best price possible and advise everyone where the oil is coming from and the current price. The saving comes from the bulk delivery into the village which normally means at least one full tanker load and 25+ deliveries. Payment depends on the supplier, but the worst scenario is that they phone for a debit card prior to delivery (they all charge a premium for Credit Cards). I do not handle any payment and have no vested interest in any oil company. If you run out of oil between deliveries, you can make your own arrangements and I am not in the least bit offended. The whole enterprise is 100% above board and I make or gain nothing from running CHOPS (apart from a few headaches usually related to deliveries!) If you want to 'join' just let me have name, address and post code as well as your phone number and I will add you to my list. Please note the minimum oil delivery is 500 litres (as designated by the oil suppliers). You will find forward delivery dates and other information in the Linkup. Call David Gardiner 868663

COFFEE MORNING There is a coffee morning every Monday at 10.30 am in the Church. All welcome for coffee and a chat. A great way of meeting new people.

VILLAGE CARE Are you unable to drive and need to get to the medical centre or dental practice in Collingham, Bassingham medical centre or to Newark or Lincoln hospital? There is a team of friendly volunteers who will drive you to the above places for a small fee. You do not have to be elderly to use this service! The service is for Swinderby residents only, the charges are as follows, Collingham £1.50, Bassingham £2, Newark £4, Lincoln £7.50. This is for the complete journey. Other hospitals considered, price dependant on distance. We also cater for optician appointments. Call Susan Brook on 869709

BOOK CLUB The book club meets every six weeks or so. Members read and discuss the books. It's very informal and a great way of coming across new authors. However, as we meet in each other's houses, there is a limit on numbers. The current one is full but there is a waiting list. Or how about setting up another group? Either way, phone Mikela on 868041 and talk to her about it.

SWINDERBY PRE-SCHOOL Check the advert in this magazine.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH This takes place on the first Thursday of each month in the Village Hall. All ages are welcome and for £3.50 you will receive a hot meal, with sweet and cheese. You can just turn up, but it would help the organisers if you could let them know that you plan to attend. The people to contact are Michelle Boddy on 868006 or Doreen Porter on 868479. They are keen to welcome more people to the lunches.

GOOD COMPANIONS Swinderby Good Companions Club promotes social interaction and friendship for the senior citizens of the village. Regular monthly meetings are held in the village hall between 2pm and 4pm on the second Thursday of every month. Games are played and afternoon tea is served by volunteer hostesses. Outings are organised during the year along with an annual fund raising garden party. Rita Hodgson 868707

BOWLS CLUB See the Bowls Club report.

PRESCRIPTIONS This is a service only for people who are unable to get to Collingham to collect their prescriptions. The prescriptions are delivered once a week, on a Friday and the pharmacy must be asked to put it in the Swinderby bag. Susan Brook (869709) has now taken over this service. Although prescriptions will be delivered on a Friday, she cannot guarantee a particular delivery time.

RUMMIKUB A few people have started to play Rummikub in the Plough. It's not on a regular night, so if you are interested, please give Pat Clark a call on 868269 or text 07811 199472.. It's based on the card game rummy, but with numbers and is quite easy to pick up.

ADVERTISING RATES: Annual rates: Full page £110, half page £55, quarter page £30.
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CALENDAR & DIARY OF EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Thursday 1st	Fellowship Lunch, Village Hall Harvest Hunt until 15 September	
Friday 2nd		
Saturday 3rd		
Sunday 4th	Bowls Open Day	
Monday 5th	Coffee morning in Church	10.30 am
	Parish Council meeting	7.30 pm
Tuesday 6th	Scrabble Club	7.00 pm
Wednesday 7th	Green lidded bins	7.30 am
Thursday 8th	Good Companions Meeting	
Friday 9th		
Saturday 10th		
Sunday 11th	Harvest service and supper	6.30 pm
Monday 12th	Coffee morning in Church	10.30 am
Tuesday 13th	Brown bins	7.30 am
Wednesday 14th	Black bins	7.30 am
	Good Companions Lunch	12.30 pm
	Acoustic Night	8.00 pm
Thursday 15th		
Friday 16th		
Saturday 17th		
Sunday 18th		
Monday 19th	Coffee morning in Church	10.30 am
Tuesday 20th	School Open day	9.15-11.30 am
	Scrabble Club	7.00 pm
Wednesday 21st	Green lidded bins	7.30 am
	Family Bingo	7.00 pm
Thursday 22nd		
Friday 23rd		
Saturday 24th		
Sunday 25th		
Monday 26th	Coffee morning in Church	10.30 am
Tuesday 27th	Brown bins	7.30 am
Wednesday 28th	Black bins	7.30 am
Thursday 29th		
Friday 30th	Coffee Morning in Village Hall In aid of Cancer Support Jam Night	10.30-12noon 9.00 pm