

## EDITOR'S PAGE

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Many people that I speak to are very kind about the way Bruce and I produce the Link Up, although I suspect this is a conspiracy to make us keep doing it in preference to taking it over! However, it really couldn't be done without a great deal of help each month. In addition to the regular contributors to July's issue, and the delivery helpers I would like to thank, firstly, Bill Pacey and Geoff Lloyd who have collaborated for what I always think of as 'the village article'. Most of us have seen Bill walking round the village or sitting outside his house and as you will see when you read the article, they are a small part of his time in the village. Geoff, who has a great interest in the history of Swinderby has previously written articles, both independently and after talking to other residents. I am extremely grateful to him for his hard work, but know that he enjoys talking to others about their experiences. If you feel that you could contribute, but don't want to write something yourself, please get in touch with me and together we will see if we can put something together. We all have stories that should be preserved. We hope you enjoy the article and the photos that accompany it.

Thanks also to Paul Richards and Michelle Boddy who have been good enough to let me have some photos. Paul's show some wonderful shots of animals and flowers around us which, I think, are very soothing. Michelle has taken pictures of the preparations for the Church celebratory lunch for the Queen's birthday, mentioned in Gill Lloyd's church report. If you take a photo of anything in or around the village that would cheer up our magazine, I would be delighted to have them.

Photos of the school by Bruce, article by Zoe Longstaff showing us a little of what goes on at the school and I know that Zoe would really like you to go and have a look to see more of what happens there. Incidentally, if your Link Up has been delivered in time, there is a reminder on page 12 regarding the Pre School Open Day.

It's Swinfest this month. Don't the years go by quickly? Everyone involved puts in a huge amount of work for this charity event and it's always an excellent afternoon out, so whatever age you are, do try to get there. Details on page 27.

There is an appeal on page 25 for a gardening buddy. Can you help? And would anyone out there like to write an occasional article about gardening please?

Following Meg Kitchen's move to Collingham, please note the new Bowls Club officials. I'm afraid I haven't yet been advised who will take over her role for the Scrabble Club, but see the Plough advert for the scrabble nights.

We have a new advertiser for piano tuition and, of course, as you will see on the front cover, it is time to start looking forward to Tabbyfest.

The copy date for the next Link Up will be 20th July at 5pm. Copy received after that may not be included. Please note that all articles in Link Up are taken in good faith. We cannot and will not, take responsibility for any legal queries resulting thereof. Submitted articles do not necessarily reflect our views. We reserve the right not to print some submitted articles.

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<i>Good Companions</i>	Rita Hodgson	868707
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<b>Tuesday 12th</b>	<b>Scrabble Club</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 13th</b>	<b>Acoustic Night</b>	<b>8.00 pm</b>
<b>Saturday 16th</b>	<b>LIVE MUSIC</b>	<b>9.00 pm</b>
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<b>Wednesday 20th</b>	<b>Family Bingo</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 26th</b>	<b>Scrabble Club</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>
<b>Friday 29th</b>	<b>Jam Night</b>	<b>9.00 pm</b>

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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.

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**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. It's based on the card game rummy, but with numbers and is quite easy to pick up.

**ADVERTISING RATES** Annual: Full page £110; half page £55; Quarter page £30

## CHURCH NEWS

The Diocese have now decided that our group of four churches will link with the North Hykeham Benefice led by their Vicar Peter Collingwood. They have also decided to appoint another vicar to work in the extended group under Peter. This is very good news for Swinderby and the other churches in our group.

The monthly Fellowship lunch held a special celebration in June in honour of the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Queen Elizabeth II. Guests were asked to wear red white and blue and were treated to Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding with all the trimmings and a glass of wine. A celebration cake was cut by Barbara Wells MBE of North Scarle as she had received a letter from the Queen thanking her for over 50 years of service as Parish and District Councillor and wishing her well in her retirement (*see the photo on the back page*). Many thanks to the team of cooks who work so hard to provide these excellent lunches.

The Coffee Stop on Monday mornings from 10.30am to noon continues to thrive. There are one or two Swinderby residents who are finding it difficult to walk to the church and would appreciate a lift to the Coffee Stop if anyone could offer their services. Please let me know if you could be of help even if it is not every week.

The churchyard is looking beautiful. Please remember that we have a working party that meets at 10am on the last Saturday in every month from March till October. Next one is July 30<sup>th</sup>. Everyone welcome with coffee/tea and a chat too.

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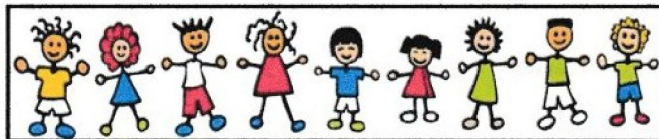
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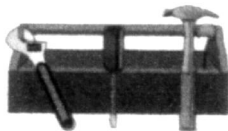
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## GOOD COMPANIONS

This month is the club's anniversary and members met on Thursday 9th June to enjoy a celebratory lunch to mark the occasion. Entertainment was provided by Alan who played his accordion.

Birthdays were celebrated by Margaret and Connie.

Our monthly meeting will be held on Thursday 14th July at 2.00pm in the village hall.

Our annual garden party will be held at Doreen's on Saturday 6th August from 2.30pm. Stalls will be tombola, nearly new and cakes etc. All donations to stalls to be taken to Doreen's (868479). Tickets £2 adults / £1 children including tea.

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The programme for this year's North Kesteven Walking Festival is now available! Taking place from Saturday 9 to Sunday 17 July, the festival offers a wide range of walking and family fun for all ages. You can read the programme online at [https://issuu.com/discovernk/docs/nk\\_walking\\_festival\\_brochure\\_2016](https://issuu.com/discovernk/docs/nk_walking_festival_brochure_2016) Alternatively please contact the events team on 01522 694353 or email [donna.sutton@1life.co.uk](mailto:donna.sutton@1life.co.uk) who will be able to post a copy to you.

## **NOTE FROM A SMALL PARISH**

### ***Clerk to Council***

This month's meeting opened with the introduction of the new temporary clerk, Jayne Nelson, who has agreed to take on the role initially for 3 months until we find a full time replacement. Jayne has a background in accounts and is currently clerk to a board of school governors but hasn't been a clerk to a parish council before. She is very enthusiastic but there will be challenges for her and we will support her as much as we can. Welcome to the PC, Jayne, we hope you enjoy it as much as we do.

### ***Public Forum***

As is normal the meeting started with the public forum. There was a complaint that there was a lot of noise coming from the chapel on the High Street on the Sunday evening prior to the meeting. However because it was a particularly very warm evening the doors of the chapel were wide open and that may have accounted for the rise in volume. The PC has noted the comment and will continue to monitor the situation.

### ***Highways Matters/Potholes***

I was about to announce that the new pothole reporting system was eventually working (the two potholes in the High St had finally been filled) only to find that the roadside crumbling on Newark Road (aka Newton's Lane) had been filled with crushed limestone. Now I remember questioning this particular temporary filling when it was used at the top of Station Road a few years ago. I was told that it was indeed just a temporary fill but had shown good holding and drainage properties and lasted longer than other temporary fills especially on road edgings. Well, I know that Highways have had their budget cut but how long should a temporary repair last until it is fixed with a permanent repair?

### ***Footpaths***

Cllr Ketteringham had been told by a concerned parishioner that the footpath between Station Road and Bulpitt Lane had become overgrown. Prior to this though we had received notification from NKDC of an impending footpath cutting schedule and that was passed on. However, I seemed to remember we had a report some years ago from the local ramblers association complaining about the same thing. I have dug out the old e-mail and maps of the footpath routes and passed them on to Cllr Lloyd who is looking to co-ordinate all the grass cutting of public areas in the village.

### ***Parking at the school***

You will remember from last month's meeting that Cllr Carter said the school writes a letter to each parent/carer at the start of every term. That letter always contains a paragraph regarding inconsiderate parking at the school. She has sent this to the PC and we have copied it here verbatim. "The age old problem surrounding parking is still with us, so once again, can we please ask, that parents driving to school to park with consideration for others and in particular, regard for the safety of

the children who are walking. Please also be mindful of parking in Station Road, particularly on the corner and across resident's driveways. We have had complaints from local residents. The same request has also been made to playgroup. At all times, please do not block the bus stop. Please remember that there is the 'Park and Stride' available from the village hall." So there you have it, the school are aware of the problem and are actively making parents/carers aware of it too.

### ***Speed signs***

Some time ago we completed a survey asking us where we would like some speeding signs put around the village. The survey was sent off and we requested (AND paid for...) a number of signs but have heard nothing in the meantime. I was tasked to contact the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership and find out where our signs are. UPDATE Well, I contacted them and they arrived the next day. Woohoo, expect to see them going up in the village over the next few weeks. (See also the photo of Bob proudly displaying a sign)

### ***Village entrance signs***

Our contact at Highways hasn't got back to us yet reference the heights, fonts, etc. of the new signs so I was again tasked to speak to them to find out what was happening - (if only she replied as fast as speed signs guys did...)

### ***Purchase of new laptop and printer for the new Parish Clerk***

It has been some time since we updated our steam powered IT system. The old computer had a clockwork operated hard drive and the old printer was a basic inkjet that didn't have any scanning or copying facilities so if anything needed copying, Lesley had to take it to the post office or the co-op thereby incurring more costs to the PC. Well, after a grant from central funding we are getting a new super shiny laptop and 3-in-1 printer for our replacement clerk. (Doesn't that alone want to make you want to apply for the job? No? Sure?)

### ***Hedge Cutting, Pacey Close***

This wasn't really an item for the agenda, more of an FYI really. Both Cllr Lloyd and myself had received comments about the hedge on the corner of Pacey Close and the High Street. It was a bit overgrown and was partially obstructing the view up the High Street. I asked the lady who phoned me if she had mentioned it to the person who owned the hedge. She said she hadn't as she had been working and hadn't seen them at home. Anyway, I happened to be cycling past one day and saw the car in the driveway so I popped in. I mentioned the hedge and the gentleman at the property said that he had been working his way round but would make that particular corner his immediate priority. Two days later and job's a good'un. Thank you.

### ***Next meeting***

**Monday 4th of July** from 7:30pm in the Village Hall. As always you are all welcome to attend.

*Cllr Bob Crozier*

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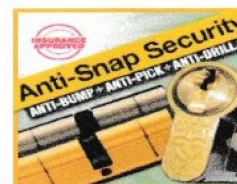
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## THE MAIL FIELD –A CONVERSATION WITH BILL PACEY

*This article appears as a result of a conversation between Geoff Lloyd and Bill Pacey who, as you will see, has lived in Swinderby since 1929. We have included the photos mentioned in the article as well as Poplar Farm as it was in the late '50s, and , overleaf, how it looks now. You can also see Hurst Farm nowadays.*

In 1929, when Bill was aged 4, he moved with his elder sister Mary and their parents to Swinderby from Norton Disney and in November of that year sister Joyce was born. One reason they moved was to make life easier for the family because at that time children from Norton Disney attended All Saints School, Swinderby.

In 1929, the nature of farming was totally different when compared to today. Farms were much smaller and didn't specialise and therefore the Paceys, as with so many others, grew crops, for example cereals and sugar beet and kept cattle, horses, chickens, pigs and, later on, sheep. The land they farmed was owned by a local landowner, a Mr L Curtis of Collingham and although Poplar Farm where they lived was in the village they farmed, with many others the plethora of small fields surrounding Swinderby.

Bill recalls, from those early days in the village, a field named the Mail Field by the villagers as a result of an accident which happened on the 6th June 1926. It involved the mail train travelling from Lincoln to Tamworth and having just passed South Scarle crossing it became derailed. Eight Post Office workers and nine passengers were injured and taken to Nottingham hospital where unfortunately one subsequently died. You can imagine the interest the accident would have generated in the village and, perhaps because mail was being sorted on some of the coaches, it littered the field following the derailment. A Colonel Pringle produced a detailed report for the Ministry of Transport. It included the photographs accompanying this article (*see inside pages*) showing three constables guarding the train and a driver or fireman, possibly from the breakdown train, posing alongside the derailed engine.,

For Swinderby, as elsewhere, life on the land would have continued with very little change throughout the 1930s. Approximately 20 small farms, farming land from around 12 to 100 acres, being associated with Swinderby and the local area. With the outbreak of war change was on its way and Bill recalls land army girls helping on the farms, including working for his Uncle Eddie who lived at Hurst Farm, on High Street, and delivered milk locally. Around this time the first tractors arrived in Swinderby and hence farmers became less dependent on horses or stationary steam engines to plough the fields. Not every farmer was able to afford a tractor but it was possible to hire one should the need arise.

The war highlighted the need for the country to become even more self sufficient in terms of food production and during the 1940s and 50s farming, driven by the new technologies and science, was changing.

The pace of change was ever increasing and for the village 1958 was a key year because the Swinderby and Eagle Hall estate, owned by Mr Curtis, was sold. Henry Spencer and Sons, of Retford were the agents and the estate covered roughly 2,566 acres. At that time the estate generated an income of £4,674 per an-

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Bill continued to farm and live at Poplar Farm, (11 High Street) with his family, the land now being owned by a Mr Colton. In 1973 the land was sold yet again this time to John Gagg and for a short period Bill worked for other farmers and farmed 23 acres near the station. However, in 1976 he went to work at Morton Hall Prison. He and Joyce have continued to live in the village and contribute significantly to village life

Acknowledgements Bill Pacey and Colonel Pringle's report, full copy available if required.

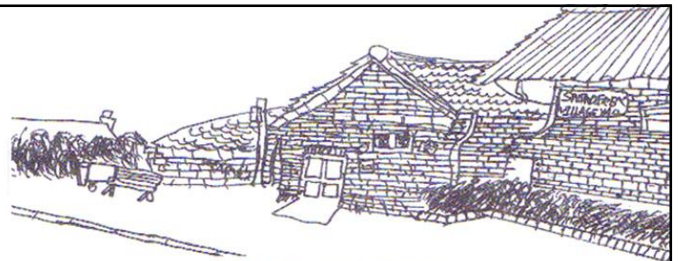
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*- John W. Gardner*



## THE TARDIS . . .

*As ever, our thanks to Zoe Longstaff for keeping us up to date with what's going on at the school. We hope you also like the photos that accompany the article as we don't often get a chance to have a peek at what goes on there.*

Swinderby All Saints Primary School is indeed a tardis, containing amazing hidden gems inside. When one first comes across the school, nestled happily between the church and a few houses, one can be forgiven for thinking that there is little to it apart from the quaint façade with the old school bell above it. However, for those who venture inside its fantastic secrets can be discovered and the sheer amount of facilities it has can be appreciated. The modern entrance hall leads both to a spacious hall with staffroom and resources areas. The central corridor then leads off to busy and vibrant classrooms on the ground floor – catering for the needs of the KS1 children. There is a music room with a wide selection of instruments all waiting to be played. The adjacent ICT Suite offers the latest technology.

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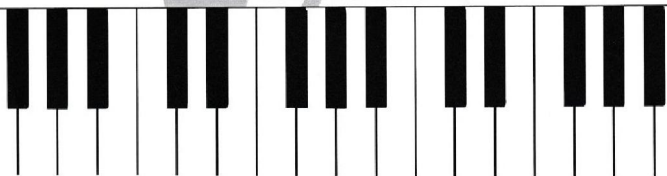
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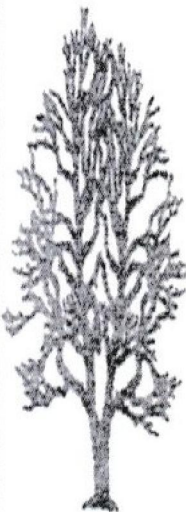
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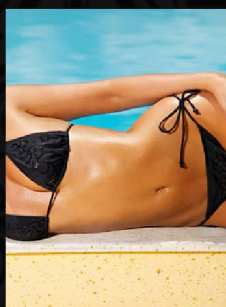
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Friday 1st		
Saturday 2nd	Italian Night at the Plough	
Sunday 3rd		
Monday 4th	Coffee morning in Church	10.30 am
	Parish Council Meeting	7.30 pm
Tuesday 5th	Brown bins	7.30 am
Wednesday 6th	Black bins	7.30 am
	Acoustic Night at The Plough	8.00 pm
Thursday 7th		
Friday 8th		
Saturday 9th	SWINFEST	
Sunday 10th	Holy Communion	9.30 am
Monday 11th	Coffee morning in Church	10.30 am
Tuesday 12th	Scrabble Club at The Plough	7.00 pm
Wednesday 13th	Green lidded bins	7.30 am
	Family Bingo at The Plough	7.00 pm
Thursday 14th	Good Companions	2.00 pm
Friday 15th		
Saturday 16th	Live music at The Plough	9.00 pm
Sunday 17th		
Monday 18th	Coffee morning in Church	10.30 am
Tuesday 19th	Brown bins	7.30 am
Wednesday 20th	Black bins	7.30 am
Thursday 21st		
Friday 22nd	Jam Night at The Plough	9.00 pm
Saturday 23rd		
Sunday 24th		
Monday 25th		
Tuesday 26th	Scrabble Club at The Plough	7.00 pm
Wednesday 27th	Green lidded bins	7.30 am
Thursday 28th		
Friday 29th		
Saturday 30th		