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I'm writing this in very hot weather. Unfortunately Swinfest wasn't quite so lucky with the weather on the morning of the event. However, thankfully the rain stopped in time and a great afternoon was had by all who attended. Many thanks to Graham and Helen and their band of supporters. It's a fantastic event, especially when you take into account the size of the village. I hope you enjoy the photos in this edition, including the one of the two lads hanging on to the back of their van in order to negotiate the puddle across the pavement when they collected tables and chairs. Don't forget, all this is done for the Air Amblulance Charity and every penny is most welcome.

A village event coming up this month is the Good Companions Garden Party to be held at Doreen's on 6th August. See the notice in the Good Companions report and do come along and have a cuppa and a delicious cake (they were last year).

We have two events advertised this month so have a look at page 4 to see details of how you can enrol in a class at the Village Hall and learn or improve your bread making skills. And turn to page 13 to see more about a new gardening project.

Do you have a favourite hymn? Possibly one that reminds you of a happy time? Take a look at the church news on page 11 regarding the Harvest Festival. See also the note about church flowers on page 27. There is also an extract and some pictures on page 17 regarding the heritage of our lovely church.

Over the last few months, I have included articles from people who have lived in Swinderby for many years, which I hope you have enjoyed. This month's village article is written by Jan Lazells, a lady who has come to the village relatively recently from a built up area. It's a really good reminder of how lucky we are to live in a rural setting. My thanks to Jan for this timely reminder.

On the subject of articles. I need more please? Can you help? Don't forget that someone can come and talk to you about your memories and create the article for you. It doesn't have to be about past times.

My thanks for the £20 donation towards Link Up funds this month. I have had the unexpected expense of buying a new publishing programme (at one point, every edition of the Link Up, including this month, together with all the adverts was lost from my computer. I was desperate.) So along with printing costs, we need all the help we can get with funds. Don't forget those jam jars either. Thank you.

The Collingham surgery advert gives details of winter flue vaccination clinics. Surely we are not ready for winter yet.

Thanks to Zoe Longstaff for the pictures of the school production and to Sharon (RaRa to her fans) for the photos of the pre school sports day.

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### SWINDERBY SCHOOL

Report on KS2 SAT results. July 2016: 10 children in cohort.

Test taken	% in our school achieving National Standard	% National Average figure
Reading	90	66
Grammar, Punctuation and spelling	80	72
Maths	100	70
Writing (following external moderation in school, * not all schools have been moderated)	70*	74
Percentage of children attaining standard in Reading, Writing and Maths	70	53

Indications are that test scores for Swinderby All Saints Primary School are excellent compared to most local and national schools.

Firstly we want to celebrate our KS2 SAT results. These results are excellent when compared against media reports of doom and gloom. Congratulations to our Year 6 children who worked very hard to achieve these excellent results (shown above). We are very proud of you all

If anyone would like to visit the school our Open Days are on **20th September**, 9.15 am to 11.30 am, and **4th October** 1.15 to 3.00 pm.

Visitors are very welcome but if you would like to come on a different day, please contact us on enquiries@swinderby.Lincs.<u>Sch.uk</u>

Also we have had an R.E week in school and Class 3 teacher and R.E co-ordinator, Miss Taylor, has written this report:

'During the week starting the 11th July, the children participated in RE week. Each class listened to a story from the Bible and then they completed pieces of work based on it. Class 1 looked at Noah's Ark and they enjoyed learning songs. They also retold the story in their English work. The children in Class 2 have been basing their work on the story of Jonah and the Whale. They have made peg whales, thought of acrostic poems for the name Jonah and they've retold the story. The children in KS2 looked at stories that Jesus told from the New Testament. Class 3 looked at the story of 'The Good Shepherd' and they have written newspaper articles about finding the lost sheep. Initially, the children went out into the playground to help to find the lost sheep whilst listening to the story. They have made sheep biscuits to practise weighing out different ingredients. Class 4 have thought carefully about the story of 'The Good Samaritan' by thinking of modern day versions of the story. They did a drama activity which linked to this.

During assembly on the 19th July, the children from each class shared the story they have been looking at with the rest of the school. They did this very successfully and it was great to see their versions of the stories.'

Finally on 5th July it was our school production at the Terry O'Toole theatre in North Hykeham. The whole school took part in Swinderby's version of 'Ali Baba and the bongo bandits.' Staff and pupils alike took to the stage to perform and a most enjoyable evening was had by all.

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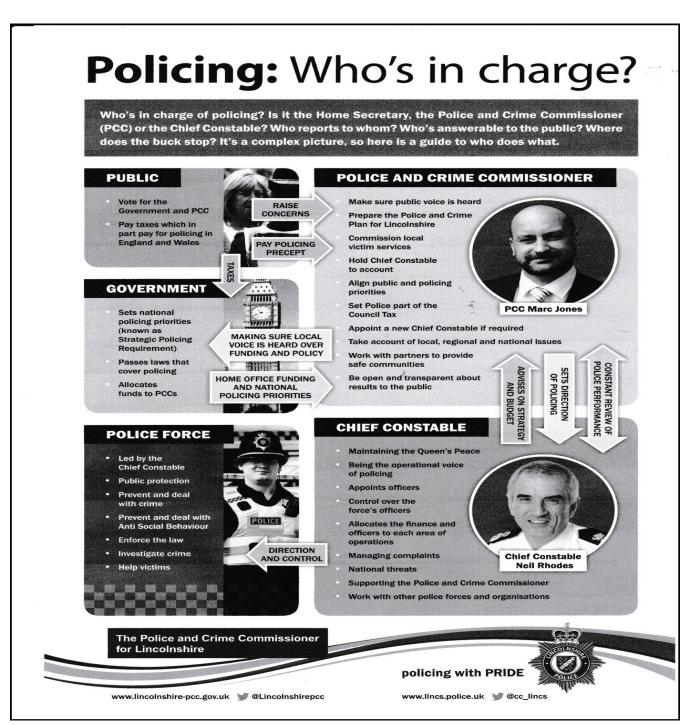
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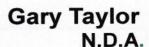


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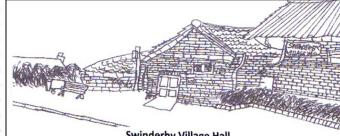


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Birthdays were celebrated by Mike and Marie.

The usual games were played.

5's and 3's Martin & Doreen: Scrabble Joyce & Gina Dominoes Sheila & Jean Afternoon tea was served by Jenny & Betty.

Our annual Garden Party will be held at Doreen's on Saturday 6th August at 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 / £1.00 children including tea.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 11th August at 2.00pm in the village hall

Rita Hodgson



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### NOTES FROM A SMALL PARISH - 4TH JULY

### **Public Forum**

As usual the meeting kicked off with the public forum with one parishioner pledging his support for his neighbour's planning application to change his windows from wood to PVC. The PC supported this application but it had already been refused on the ground of listed building status and we don't see a way forward at the moment as NKDC does not presently have a Listed Properties Officer, perhaps as part of the cuts.

Another parishioner wanted to say a big thank you for the new car park at the railway station, (it's actually not ours, it's part of the LN6 transportation project but we're happy to take the credit for it anyway): however he did mention that on exiting the car park it was difficult to see in either direction due to overgrown vegetation. UPDATE – I was there the other day and it looks like the weeds have been treated and are dying back.

### Matters Arising from Last Meeting

We had been asked at the last meeting to contact the Immigration Resettlement Centre (IRC) at Morton Hall for a comment on the Brexit/Immigration situation. So we e-mailed the IRC and were told that the Centre Manager was unable to attend the meeting but she gave a statement in which she said that as she was a civil servant, she was not in a position to make a comment.

### **Highways**

I have had reports of potholes on Green Lane and Newark Road. I have forwarded these to the new online system and I see on the map that there are a total of 15 reports but not just potholes, there are also reports of weed growth and line markings being eroded. The majority of these reports are showing up as green which means that they have already been dealt with but I would be happy to hear otherwise.

### **Grass Cutting**

How many of you knew that there are three DIFFERENT organisations/councils/ government departments responsible for grass cutting in and around Swinderby (four if you count Highways as well)? We have the Parish Council cutting our bits; the playing fields, the grass verges on the High Street and Station Road. We also have the LCC (who used to cut but now just pay NKDC the money to cut) who are responsible for the small triangle at the top of the High Street and the grass on Meadow View and finally NKDC who cut the tiny sliver of land outside numbers 72-76 High Street as well as outside the bungalows on Manor Road and Newton Close. Why am I telling you this? (Yes, get to the point, Bob). Well, because of budget restrictions, LCC will no longer cut or pay for cutting to the triangle and Meadow View as of April 2017. With this in mind the PC are looking into options for taking on responsibility for ALL the grass cutting in the village. This would mean claiming a bigger precept from central government to cover Manor Road and Newton Close, but it also throws open the possibility of local residents/volunteers looking to take responsibility for the grassed areas just outside the boundary of their properties.

### War Memorial

There have been a couple of suggestions for the wording on the war memorial, the PC are considering these. The church diocese also has some money set aside to help with funding for a war memorial so we need to liaise with them. Once these are sorted it is merely a case of applying for consent to place the memorial on highway's land outside the lynch gate (although this has already been approved in principle).

### Use of Land outside 83 High Street

First of all, I have an apology to make. When I said we might put up a chain link fence on the land, I didn't mean the great high green fencing that surrounds tennis courts, I meant the little white 18" posts with the white plastic chain between them. If I caused any confusion then please stop sending emails to the Chair, it wasn't his fault, it was mine. Anyway, we have always wanted to do something there since the birds were removed. If you have been to Collingham recently, you may have seen the information panel next to the notice board. It's about a metre square with a simple map of the village, a bit of history of the area and a few photos of places of interest on a weatherproof black etched steel plate. I thought we might have one of these on there. I've been asked to report back with some details.

### **Planning Applications**

The PC are not happy at all with the application for 9 new houses to be built on Station Road. Although there are plans within them for two affordable dwellings (what is the actual definition of "affordable" I ask?) the PC feel there are a number of things that have not been taken into consideration. First, the plans call for a change of use of the land from agricultural to residential, next the site is greenfield land when there is about to be an application for houses on a brownfield site in the area, i.e. the former Fenmarc/Produce World site and finally, the plans make no mention as to what is going to happen to the rest of the field. Is this part one of a two or even three phase development. With all this in mind the PC has objected to the application.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the PC will be on the 5th September i.e. no meeting in August. Now, I know what you are all going to say, what's going to happen to August's Link Up report? (No they weren't) But fret ye not, I'll be reporting on what goes on between meetings, we don't just sit around once a month drinking tea and eating biscuits (as someone actually told me). Anyway, see you all in September.

### **Bob Crozier**

## These are extracts from Liz Humble's (heritage consultant) 'Statement of Significance' regarding Swinderby Church

All Saints Church is a Grade II\* listed building because it's considered to be of national interest. It's the only Grade II\* listed building in Swinderby. (Nationally, 2.5% of listed buildings are Grade I and 5.5% are Grade II\*).

The west tower and south wall and internally the Norman arcade and piscina are all that remain of the 12th Century building. (Piscina is a stone bowl built into the wall to allow the priest to wash his hands and the sacred vessels. The water drains onto consecrated ground outside the church).

The stones (quoins) at the corner of the tower indicate that is was originally free standing, which isn't unusual. This allowed it to be used both for Christian worship and for the protection of the villagers in times of danger.

Henry II (1154-1189) granted the churches of Eagle, Swinderby and North Scarle to the Knights Templars, a military-religious order founded in 1118. They had established an infirmary and home for their sick and old at Eagle Hall, where traces survive as earthworks even today. (Following this action by Henry II those living in the village would have contributed to the upkeep of this infirmary through their church).

In 1879, the church was extensively repaired by the architect J. E. Lee. Lee was a London based architect and it remains an example of his work which is still intact. The work cost £861 and included the construction of the rounded apse, east of the chancel, the addition of the porch and the organ chamber on the south wall and internally installing a heating furnace in what was probably a family burial vault or crypt.

The church has been part of village life for approximately 1,000 years and hence there are a large number of burials in the churchyard, especially on the south side (in front) of the building. All early burials took place in this area because the land north of the church was associated with evil. As a result of multiple burials, the land south of an ancient church is often considerably higher than the surrounding areas, as in the case for All Saints.



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Barbara and Audrey and Jackie have been very busy with children from Swinderby school. They have been trying to show them how to play the game. I think they have had a very good time. Sorry I missed all the fun.

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### **HOME SWEET HOME**

For over twenty five years I lived in the North Hykeham area. I started off in my own mobile home on a site on the outskirts. Winters were freezing, and pipes in the van often froze up for days. Summers were lovely, but the caravan was like a hot house!

Then by chance I met John, while I was working as a freelance, cleaner-gardener, and a year later we got married. I moved into the comfortable council house that he rented, and we looked forward to a happy future. But that was not to be and five years later I was widowed in my mid-forties.

No longer happy in a large house on my own, I applied to the council for a smaller property. I was given a spacious flat, in a block of six. Ten minutes from home lay a track beside a sports field, leading down to the river Witham, and I had soon worked out several decent walks across fields and tracks in the area.

I longed to live in the country, but after some research realised I could not afford to rent anywhere privately, and had to make the best of my home on a somewhat noisy estate.

Nine years later in February 2015 bad news landed on my doorstep. The council informed myself and another 35 tenants, after a survey by building surveyors, serious structural damage had been discovered, within ceilings and floors in the properties.

We were told that we would be found alternative accommodation, while the properties were repaired. Ceilings would have to be strengthened with steel girders and the floors re-concreted. The work would last more than six months.

My life was turned upside down, and I waited on tenterhooks for the news of when I would have to move out of my comfortable flat. I dreaded most of all being housed in a rough area. The council did give us the option of being able to return to our flats, after the work had been carried out.

At last I was invited by my housing officer to view a property here in Swinderby on Manor Road. The bungalow had a small back garden, with a fantastic view over a fence, of fields beyond. However, the grass was nearly six feet high!

I couldn't believe my luck and in August 2015, the council provided a removal van free of charge. A week later I had settled in and could not wait to tackle the garden. After a few hours of hard toil, I had cut down the grass to a more manageable height.

As I settled into my new lifestyle, I was amazed how friendly the village people are. Each time I left the bungalow, I would meet someone and have a chat. As I am passionate about horses and dogs, never a day passes without seeing one or the other on my travels. I have found routes down Bulpit Lane, across fields and tracks. As birds trill in the hedgerows, bright sunshine reflects off the wing of a small aircraft high up in the blue cloudless sky, pure magic!

In December 2015, the housing officer arrived and I was asked if I wanted to go back to my flat in North Hykeham. Fortunately being over 60, I was allowed to remain in the bungalow. The housing officer was most helpful in the transition, and the property had already been decorated throughout with new carpets too!

I still can't believe, that at last, I have become a 'country bumpkin'. I lounge in a chair in the garden and admire the view over the fence of the field beyond, and whisper to myself, 'home sweet home!'

To my amazement the villagers greeted me with friendship and advice. The garden was a mess, with grass nearly six feet high. But after a few hours of toiling with a

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Beginning in July there was a slight change to keep the continuity of flowers in our Swinderby Church.

Many thanks to Monique, Marian, Audrey and Alex who have blazed the trail in July, August and hopefully September.

Extra help will be welcomed for a Harvest Festival display probably in mid September. This is usually prepared on a Friday afternoon from 2.00pm onwards. Please come along and join in.

There will be further notice in the September Link Up.

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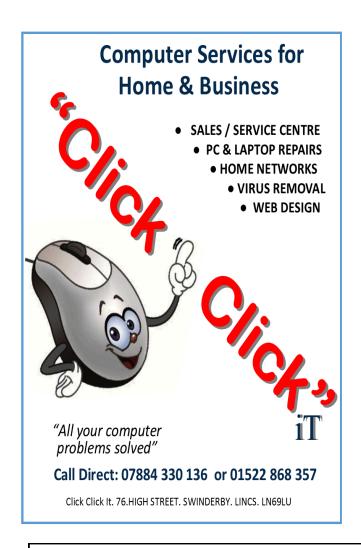
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Tuesday 2nd	Brown bins	7.30 am
Wednesday 3rd	Black bins	7.30 am
Thursday 4th		
Friday 5th		
Saturday 6th	Good Companions Party	2.30 pm
Sunday 7th		
Monday 8th	Coffee morning in Church	10.30 am
Tuesday 9th	Scrabble Club in The Plough	7.00 pm
Wednesday 10th	Green lidded bins Acoustic Night in The Plough	7.30 am 8.00 pm
Thursday 11th	Good Companions	2.00 pm
Friday 12th	CHOPS delivery	
Saturday 13th		
Sunday 14th		
Monday 15th	Coffee morning in Church	10.30 am
Tuesday 16th	Brown bins	7.30 am
Wednesday 17th	Black bins Family Bingo	7.30 am 7.00 pm
Thursday 18th		
Friday 19th		
Saturday 20th		
Sunday 21st		
Monday 22nd	Coffee morning in Church	10.30 am
Tuesday 23rd	Scrabble Club in The Plough	7.00 pm
Wednesday 24th	Green lidded bins	7.30 am
Thursday 25th		
Friday 26th	Jam Night in The Plough	8.30 pm
Saturday 27th		
Sunday 28th	Coffice was a wife or in Channels	10.20
Monday 29th	Coffee morning in Church	10.30 am
Tuesday 30th	Brown bins	7.30 am
Wednesday 31st	Black bins	7.30 am