

## From the Chairman of the Village Association



Many thanks to the enthusiastic army of volunteers who have kept our beautiful village clean, attractive and vibrant throughout the summer. There are a number of committees that work very hard behind the scenes to ensure that Swanland continues to thrive, and enables us to live in such an eclectic environment.

We were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Paul Priestley Leach and we send our sympathy to his wife Margrit and family. Paul was involved with many Committees including the SVA, which he chaired, and he was a major force behind the compilation of The Village Design Statement. We will miss his indefatigable nature and wide breadth of knowledge.

The SVA **AGM** will be held in the Village Hall on **Thursday, 16 November**, at **7.30p.m.** After the business side has concluded, there will be a talk given by **John Wheeler** on the history of Swanland House, and the evening will then finish with cheese and wine and a chance to relax and chat. Do please join us.

The SVA Committee **urgently** requires someone to take the minutes at just four meetings a year. We are a friendly committee and would be very pleased to hear from anyone who would be willing to help with this. Please contact me. Thank you!

*Jan Rogerson 634 583*

## **Paul Priestley Leach 1939-2017**

Paul Priestley Leach passed away earlier this year. His contributions to Swanland community life were huge.

He was a past chairman of Swanland Village Association, Lestrem Twinning Committee, and the Village Hall.

He also served as a Swanland Parish Councillor.



He was involved in the successful campaign to retain the old school as a village hall, after which he became a chairman of the Village Hall Committee for many years. He helped to scrutinise the Draft Local Plan for the village. Born in Bradford, he read Modern Languages at St John's College, Oxford, and taught German and French at Sydney Smith High School. His last teaching position was as Head of Humanities at Wyke College.

Many villagers may not be aware of his involvement with Hull Civic Society where he made a significant contribution over many years. He created the Civic Society's first Old Town Trail. He was Newsletter Editor in the 70s and 80s. His artistic talent was apparent with amusing cover illustrations. He was Chairman from 1981-83 and continued for many years after as an active committee member. As a Civic Society project, he and a group of Sydney Smith pupils rescued and restored the bell post from Victoria Dock. It now stands at the Marina next to the Humber Dock lock pit.

Paul took a keen interest in the arts, especially sculpture. He and Margrit also hosted a regular summer exhibition of garden sculptors' work in their own garden for several years.

Paul will be remembered with great affection for his lively intelligence, good humour, thoughtfulness and fair-mindedness. Amongst the many messages of condolence was this comment: "We remember most of all his very capable chairmanship of the SVA and Village Hall. His amiable powers of persuasion and delegation were truly effective. He was a gentleman in the true sense of the word."

## Swanland Village Hall



This is my first article as the newly elected Chair of Swanland Village Hall and I am delighted to be able to report on a thriving Village asset. The Hall continues to attract a wide variety of events and is a well-used and popular venue. Its recent re-decoration has greatly enhanced its appearance and continues the standards the trustees and the caretaking staff have always aimed to maintain. For details of the hall and for future public events please visit the website **[www.swanlandvillagehall.info](http://www.swanlandvillagehall.info)**

In the last edition of the SVA Newsletter, we included a letter asking for new trustees for the Village hall. I am pleased to say that there was an excellent response and we now have four new trustees, two of whom have agreed to take on the roles of Treasurer and Secretary respectively. We also have a new Booking Secretary and contact details for him are below.

Our Chair for the last six years, Godfrey Burley, has now retired from his role but continues to support us with his vast amount of knowledge and experience. The Trustees would like to thank him for his sterling work as Chair.

For bookings please contact our *Booking Secretary* **07525 798 449**  
or by email: **[bookings@swanlandvillagehall.info](mailto:bookings@swanlandvillagehall.info)**

*Sheila Ireland - Chair*

## SVA Membership Report



Not everyone who lives in Swanland is a member of the Village Association. If you are one of those people and you joined now you would be able to get a discount on your ticket for the Swanland Live Shows. Your money would also help with the printing of this Newsletter and with making the area around the pond such a pleasant place to spend time and enjoy the

colourful tubs and borders.

Please consider joining or renewing now for only **£2** per person.

Contact: *Louise Macfarlane*, 15 Mill Rise, Swanland or **632 800**.

## Swanland Screen



The SVA is pleased to announce that its new monthly showings of films on **the third Saturday of every month** at the Village Hall began with the popular musical film "*La La Land*".

The award winning film *The Eagle Huntress*, telling the moving story of thirteen-year-old Aisholpan who trains to become the first female in twelve generations of her Kazakh family to become an eagle huntress, is on **21 October at 7.30pm**.

Tickets at the door still stay at £4 for adults and £2 for schoolchildren. Refreshments are served at the interval.

## Swanland Live Shows



Your Village Association has booked two new shows for your entertainment this autumn.

The visit of flamenco guitarist Efeuardo Niebla in April was very successful. By the time you read this we will have started our new season with "*Flow Flamenco*" - a highly skilled performance and a deeply evocative touch of fiery Spain with Ricardo Garcia, flamenco Guitarist and his trio with the full spectrum of music, rhythm and dance.

After so many people said, "The best play we have ever seen" when we hosted *Dare Devil Rides to Jarama* last November, we have booked a play by the same author, Neil Gore, and the same company, Townsend Productions, to perform their new production *We are the Lions Mr. Manager* (about the Grunwich strike of 1976 -78).

This is on **Sunday 12th November at 7.30pm**. Tickets are already selling fast so be sure to book your seats now to avoid disappointment.

Tickets for both shows: £8 adults, £4 schoolchildren (SVA members £7 if paid in advance) from Yvonne **634 863**.

See [www.swanland.info/forthcomingevents](http://www.swanland.info/forthcomingevents) for further details.

## Flossie Malavialle returns



This inimitable French singer with the Darlington accent returns yet again, by popular request, to entertain her fans at Swanland Village Hall on **Saturday 28th October at 7.30pm**. This is a fundraising event for the cholesterol charity HEART UK [www.heartuk.org.uk](http://www.heartuk.org.uk). Any **raffle prizes** would be most welcomed by Yvonne at Mere House (opposite the pond), **634 863**. Tickets £8 adults, £4 schoolchildren include nibbles but please bring your own drinks and glasses.

## Christ Church Food Bank Donation Point



Contributions to the Food Bank can be left at Christ Church (by the pond) during Coffee Mornings on **Wednesdays (only in term time)** and on **Saturdays from 10am until 12noon**.

The top ten items on the shopping list are: UHT long life milk, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, pasta/rice, tea bags (40's), instant coffee (small jars), tinned meat and tinned fish.

On my last visit to the Food Bank I was presented with a thank you certificate by Russ, the manager. We are only one of three groups who have provided enough food to help feed a 1000 people. One food bank parcel, lasting around 3-5 days, is to help people over a crisis period.

Since March 2013 we have donated 5124kg of food - the equivalent in meals is 10,200.



At Christ Church we started by donating food provided by our members and then decided to open it up to anyone from the village or surrounding area. The results are amazing, so a **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who has donated. Please continue to help us meet the needs of those in desperate times.

A list of all items required are on: <http://hull.foodbank.org.uk/resource>. For further information please contact: *Mike Burman* **631 131**.

## Swanland in Bloom



Where would Swanland be without volunteers? We have litter pickers, the Swanland Pond Partnership, the watering crew and the Swanland in Bloom Gardeners, who all donate their time and energy to make Swanland a delightful place to live.

I am often asked by other residents how they can contribute after taking into consideration their work and family commitments. Taking part in the Swanland Open Gardens on **Sunday 9 July 2018** would be a great contribution. The money raised will be for Swanland in Bloom. I did give notice that the 2016 open gardens would be my last due to a mystery illness I had, but now I have overcome that and I am keen as ever to make the event a success.

The other question I am asked is 'when will the next village garage/yard sale take place?' If enough people want to participate I suggest one Sunday next May.

The favourable plaudits the gardening group receive from residents and visitors shows how much the planting is appreciated, greatly helped by generous donations of bedding plants from **Coletta & Tyson** and the hayrack plants donated by **Deepdale Nursery at Barton on Humber**.



For Open Gardens and Garage/Yard sale information please contact me:

*Mal Cracknell* 632 282 or [swanlander31@swanlander31.karoo.co.uk](mailto:swanlander31@swanlander31.karoo.co.uk)

## Support the Village Newsletter and Website

If you operate a business in Swanland please consider placing an advert (reasonably priced) in either or both the Newsletter and website. Both the Newsletter and the website are provided free to everyone in Swanland but cost a considerable amount of money to produce.

For more details contact: [website@swanland.info](mailto:website@swanland.info) or tel: 632 276.

## Swanland Heritage Centre (by the pond)



The National Farm Survey of Swanland for 1941 is available to view at the centre. Drypool Bridge over the River Hull has a link with the Sykes of Swanland Hall. Transcriptions of conversations with knowledgeable members of the community are also available.



You are invited to come to the centre and see for yourself.

Open days: **Fridays 2pm to 4pm** and **Saturdays 10am to 12noon** weekly.  
All details are available from the website: **[www.swanlandheritage.info](http://www.swanlandheritage.info)**

**Fundraising for the Heritage Centre** – there will be a **Table Top Sale** at Swanland Village Hall on **Sunday 22 October 2017** from **2pm to 4pm**.  
Entry is 50p (children free).

**To book a table (£5 per table)** -contact: **Yvonne 634 863** or **Roz 631 844** for booking forms and more information.

## Coffee Chat in St Barnabas Coffee Lounge

*Coffee Chat* is a regular, sociable meeting place for anyone of any age, to drop in, and have a coffee in a friendly atmosphere, have lots of fun and an opportunity to chat! We meet **every Thursday 10am to 12noon**.



We do drink coffee and chat but we also work towards community projects including: Samaritans Purse Love in a box, we have knitted many squares which have been transformed into animals for the Hull Wooley Zoo as part of Hull City of Culture, as well as premature baby blankets, squares for Mothers' Union projects and hats for the homeless of Hull.

Daphne, the giraffe in the picture, was made with 220 knitted squares.

So why not come and join us! Whether you wish to pop in, stay for the morning, come along for one of our events, come to chat or simply to listen, you will be very welcome.

For more information please contact: **Judith Bishop 07710 406 000**

## Current Planning News

This information was correct at time of going to print in September. For latest news look at the Parish Council and Village websites or go to Parish Council meetings on first Monday of each month.

Development	Dwellings	Status
Swanland Nurseries	31	Completed
White Lodge (Tranby Lane)	49	Approved – not yet begun
Humber View	14	Approved – not yet begun
West Leys Road	79	Approved – not yet begun
North Drive	5	Awaiting ERYC decision
Westfield Farm (Gladman developments)	150	Rejected by ERYC - they have until Oct 21 to appeal

## Neighbourhood Watch

Take five minutes to protect yourself from financial fraud:

- 1) Never disclose security details, e.g. PINs or full passwords – it's never right to reveal these details.
- 2) Don't assume an email request or caller is genuine – people aren't always who they say they are.
- 3) Don't be rushed – a bank or genuine organisation won't mind waiting to give you time to stop and think.
- 4) Listen to your instincts – if something feels wrong then it is usually right to pause and question it.
- 5) Stay in control – have the confidence to refuse unusual requests for information.



Information on Swanland NHW or becoming a Street Coordinator is available from: *Deborah Parry* **632 576** or **[dparry@inbox.com](mailto:dparry@inbox.com)**

Free ERYC window stickers are available from Deborah, indicating that you do not buy from doorstep sellers.

The next NHW meeting is **Thursday 19 October 2017 at 7.30pm** at Christ Church Hall. All are welcome.



## **Christ Church (by the pond)**

Autumn brings some new and exciting things to the Church by the Pond.

**Swanland Classic Films every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm.** The Classic Film Club shows older movies from the 1930's and 40's. Tea and coffee are served halfway through the film.



**Youth Group on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the month from 6.45pm to 8pm.** For children 8–12 years comprising games and crafts with the occasional film.

**Cereal Church on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month at 10am.**

Games, crafts and bible stories aimed at children 6-12 years and a bowl of cereal and a drink of juice to start the morning off.

**Candlelight Church on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 6.30pm.**

A 30-minute meditative evening service with plenty of time and space for your own thoughts and prayers.

For more details: <http://christchurchswanland.btck.co.uk/> or **657 280**.

## **Swanland Show**



This year's show was held on **Saturday 9 September** and it proved to be another success with tables full of wonderful creations. The number of entries overall was roughly the same as previous years, but with an increasing number in the children's section, helped by the involvement of Beavers and Swanland primary school. Many people came through the doors in the 2 hours it was open to the public, culminating in the trophy presentation at 4pm. We were honoured this year to have Jane Godber to present the trophies and she seemed to enjoy the occasion, even having an entry herself.

The members of the committee are very grateful to those who helped - on the Friday evening before the show to set up, on show day directing and helping people place their exhibits and tidying up at the end of the show. It doesn't require much commitment to be on the show committee and it's enjoyable, especially if you're exhibiting your own entries.

For up-to-date information and pictures of the show see:

[swanlandshow.btck.co.uk](http://swanlandshow.btck.co.uk). Time to get planning for next year's show!

## Swanland Pond Partnership

Intermittent heavy rainfall over the summer has “topped up” water levels enough to prevent poor water quality and low oxygen levels during hotter spells. The marginal planting has grown well around the pond with more reeds and grasses establishing themselves within the marshy area. Dye tests have been carried out at various locations to try and locate leaks, but these have been inconclusive to date. These tests will continue when the weather conditions and water depths are suitable.



The holly tree on the back wall in front of the Mere Flats has been removed. ERYC should begin repairs during the autumn. The Parish Council have also asked ERYC to assess the pond wall in front of the village hall.

If you are passing the pond early in the morning, look out for a heron as it appears to be a regular visitor. A tern has also been spotted diving down to take small fish from the water!

## Swanland Lawn Tennis Club



Our friendly club has excellent facilities including 5 refurbished all-weather courts, a pleasant clubhouse and floodlights to let you play all year round.



We have informal mix-in sessions **Sunday and Tuesday mornings (10.00am onwards)** and **Monday and Thursday evenings (6.00pm onwards)**. Tennis balls and floodlights are provided free at club sessions.

We have a range of teams to suit all, and tournaments and social events throughout the year. New members are offered a ½ hour free coaching session with Teo Arkut our club coach. Teo also organises group and private coaching sessions for all ages and abilities all year round.

Contact: *Teo* **07890 783 807** e mail: **teotennis@hotmail.co.uk** or just drop in to the club.

## The Wednesday Lunch Club

It was a voluntary sector organiser who once said, “Never rest on your publicity” - so we are once again inviting people to join us on a **weekly** basis (in term time) for a **2-course lunch** with, of course, time to chat if desired. This is primarily (but not necessarily) for elderly people from Swanland who live on their own.



The venue is **Christ Church Hall** by the pond and we meet at about **11.30am** with the meals being served shortly after 12 noon. The cost is £3.

Meals have to be booked and therefore we do need to know in advance if you would like to come. We are happy to offer transport if needed.

Please contact *Linda White* **634 222** or *Pat Burman* **631 131** if you are interested and/or would like more information.

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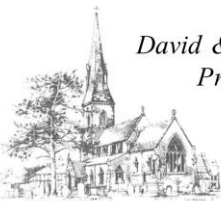
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## **Fair Trade at Christ Church**

At the Coffee Morning on Saturday 4 November from 10am to 12 noon Fairtrade food & drink products and gifts will be on sale. There will also be a limited selection of Christmas cards. For a full selection of cards and gifts go to:

**<http://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/c-169-charity-christmas-cards.aspx>**  
and telephone your order to *John White* on **634 222** before 4 November.

## **Fundraising in Memory of Jamie Loncaster**



On **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017** there will be another annual **Coffee Morning and Cake Bake** event at St. Barnabas Church Hall, Swanland (**9am to 12noon**). Donations of cakes and baking on the day would be greatly appreciated, but not essential. There will also be a raffle.

Jenny & Graham offer their continued thanks to the Swanland (and wider) community for the ongoing support they receive.

400 heart screening places are being provided locally via CRY in November 2017 and the £14,000 cost is being covered by past donations to Jaime's Fund at CRY. If you have family members or friends who are 14-35 years old see **[www.jamieloncaster.co.uk](http://www.jamieloncaster.co.uk)** for further updates.

## **Snooker Club**



Swanland Snooker Club (The Institute) has been in existence for over one hundred years. It continues to have an active and growing membership.

The new league season has started for the three teams that run from the Club. They compete against other local teams and have had numerous successes over the years.

The Club offers a pleasant environment in which to play and the table is regularly maintained in excellent condition. New members can be assured of a warm welcome. You will be able to play leisurely games with friends or be involved with one of the teams for something more competitive.

For further details of membership please contact:

*Steve Webb (Treasurer) 634 441* or *Peter Croton (Chairman) 632 091.*

## SEAT - Providing Care, Education and Hope



The two schools we support in Nairobi now have 700 children and 50 staff between them, all solely funded by donations through our charity. Both schools are now full so we won't be growing any further. It's inspiring (knowing that we can have a positive impact upon so many young and vulnerable lives) but also a challenge to continue to raise the funds we need. We'd love to see the wider village community of Swanland get behind us and ensure a legacy of care, education and hope for this less privileged community in Nairobi. *Together we can make a lasting difference!*

All the money you donate (99.5%) goes straight to the schools and we can see the difference it makes to these children from extreme poverty. please consider what you can give, just £15/month covers all the costs for each child's education and food.



Contact Richard Swain at [richardmswain@gmail.com](mailto:richardmswain@gmail.com), 634 306 or give securely online via our website: [www.swanlandschoolnairobi.org](http://www.swanlandschoolnairobi.org).

## North Ferriby Flower Club

North Ferriby Flower Club presents a Demonstration and Workshop by Florian Seyd from Holland. Florian is a world renowned international master florist and designer. The demonstration is on **Thursday, 9 November, 2017 at 7pm for 7.30pm** in the Village Hall, North Ferriby HU14 3AA. It is called "A Traditional Christmas with a Twist". Tickets are £15 from: *Margaret Hobson 634 114*, or send a stamped addressed envelope enclosing a cheque to Margaret Hobson, 2 Holly Garth, North Ferriby HU14 3FE.

The Workshop is on **Friday, 10th November, 2017** starting at **10am** and tickets are £50 which includes lunch. This is an all day workshop.

Join us every month in the Village Hall, North Ferriby and learn more about flowers, floral art and be entertained by professional demonstrators. For more information: [www.northferribyflowerclub.co.uk](http://www.northferribyflowerclub.co.uk)

## Godfrey Robinson House, North Ferriby



**Volunteering** is a great way of doing something in your community, provides the chance to meet new friends and can also give experience. It will enhance your CV and help you build invaluable skills for future jobs and situations.

Leonard Cheshire Disabilities, Godfrey Robinson House in North Ferriby is a residential home for 18 physically disabled adults, some with learning disabilities. We have numerous volunteering roles available from digital support, to PR, could you help with planning events?

**The annual Dinner Dance** is fast approaching on the **8 December 2017**, held in the **North Ferriby Village Hall**, tickets £35.00. This is the event of the year for the residents here at Godfrey Robinson House - could you help us sell some tickets? Are you a *Business* who would like to treat your employees at Christmas as well as contribute to a good cause? – please help us to support the disabled people in your community.

Every penny we raise stays at Godfrey Robinson House for the direct use of the residents that live here. We need YOU!

Contact: *Julie Fenton* at **632 209** or [julie.fenton@leonardcheshire.org](mailto:julie.fenton@leonardcheshire.org)

## Mires Beck Nursery, North Cave



### Western General Hospital League's final donation

When Hull Royal Infirmary was built 50 years ago, it replaced the Western General Hospital. To keep the name and memories alive, a group of former staff members formed the Western General Hospital League, and they've been raising money for deserving causes ever since. Unfortunately, the decision to disband the group has been brought about because of dwindling numbers and taking age into consideration. They have kindly given their final charity donation to Mires Beck Nursery. The photograph shows Mrs Gladys Bell presenting Janet, our kitchen Team Leader, with a cheque for £800 which will



go towards our imminent kitchen refurbishment. Also in the photo are other members of the League, together with Steph and Stuart from the kitchen team. A big Mires Beck THANK YOU!

### **Christmas Wreath Making**

We are holding two one-day courses this year –**on Saturday 9 December and Sunday 10 December from 10am till 1pm**. It's just £25 per person which includes materials and refreshments. To book for this popular course, call *Carla or Debra* on **01430 421543**.

### **The Becksiders Singers**



Do you enjoy singing? Do you fancy evenings with like-minded people? We are a really friendly, established *Community Singing Group* moving to new premises in Ellerker Village Hall on **Wednesday evenings**, from **7.30 to 9.00pm**. We perform a range of (mostly) well-known and well-loved songs in

two, three or four parts. Since the move we have room for new members, so why don't you come along and see for yourself? It is very informal, no audition is required, we choose which parts we sing and everyone has a fun time. We also have the occasional night out.

For more information contact: *Julie* **634 792** or [swift@swift.karoo.co.uk](mailto:swift@swift.karoo.co.uk)

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