

From the Chairman of the Village Association



Happy New Year to all our readers. We are very happy to report a big increase in our membership and have just begun a new venture to invite local businesses to become sponsors of the SVA. At the AGM in November we were delighted to welcome four Swanland residents to serve on the Committee. Our Treasurer is now Belinda Jones and our Secretary is Karen Cowing. Val Anderson and Julie Swift were also elected. After our very busy Pond Maintenance Day we hope you saw the clip on the 'Big Garden Revival' on BBC2 which showed all our volunteers at work !

The Swanland Festival will take place this year from the 4th to 13th of July. Events are already booked in or at the planning stage, but if anyone is keen to organise an event of their own, then please read on for more details. Thank you to our army of volunteers who maintain and support our village in so many ways. Swanland is indeed very fortunate to have such a dedicated team.

Swanland Heritage Centre



Following its two-month winter break, the Heritage Centre has resumed its normal opening hours and will welcome visitors between 2.00 and 4.00pm on Tuesday and Friday afternoons (other than Good Friday, 18th April).

During the closure period there has been a good deal of activity behind the scenes. Briefing sessions have been held for volunteers who will supervise the Centre during opening hours, further progress has been made in cataloguing the collection, and improved facilities for the display of photographs have been installed.

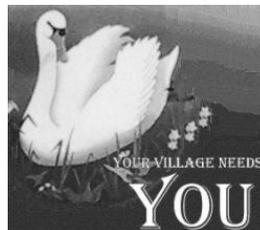


The Centre now enjoys the support of more than 70 Friends. To join the Friends of the Heritage Centre, for a subscription of £10 per annum, please contact the Treasurer, John White 634 222.

For more information about Swanland Heritage Centre contact: Geoff Collier 634 411 or Janet Barnes 633 286.

Membership Report

Last year the Association had 519 members. Thank you all - the continuing members, new members and those rejoining. More members paid by Standing Order. The membership secretary can provide a form for anyone wishing to start paying by SO. Already over 200 members have paid for 2014. Membership runs from January to December.



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If you have not joined or rejoined for this year please do so. Annual membership is still £2 per member. You can pay by cash or cheque using the joining/rejoining form printed in this newsletter. Please send payments to the membership secretary or any other committee member. Photocopies of the form are acceptable.

The SVA membership secretary is Roy Kennington, 16 The Spinney, Swanland HU14 3RD 631 424 or e-mail: rk@swanland.info.

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Village Hall News

The Village Hall is delighted to announce that two new members have joined the board of trustees which manages the village hall on behalf of the community.

Dr Priya Rathinam Manoharan, who has lived in Swanland for several years, has been elected a trustee of the charity. Priya, who is married to Bragadeesh and has two children, is a doctor with a local medical practice. Mr Colin Hill has also joined the board of trustees and will also act as Secretary of the charity. Colin, who has lived in the village for many years, recently retired after a lifelong career as a civil servant. We welcome these two new trustees and look forward to them contributing to the work of the charity.

The CCTV system at the village hall has recently been upgraded. The more modern system which has been installed provides full colour images of activity around the hall from a range of cameras in strategic positions, and has significantly improved surveillance and security for this valuable village facility.

Enquiries are welcome for wedding receptions or for any other function. Contact: Booking Secretary, Martin Peel 634 409 or at: bookings@swanlandvillagehall.info

Snooker at The Institute (by the Pond)

Snooker can be played in the village by joining The Swanland Institute. This is a member's club open to over 18's (under 18's when accompanied by a member). Members play friendly games or join one of the 3 teams that play in the Village League that takes in Ferriby, Welton and Brough. The Institute is open at all times except Sunday morning. The fees for the 1st year including a joining fee and key are £24. The renewal fee is £12 per year, with no limit to the number of times one can play.

Contact Steve Webb 634 441 for more details and an application form.

Swanland Bowling Club

As the new season approaches, Swanland Bowling Club is looking for new members, both male and female. All ages and levels of experience are welcome. We are a very friendly group with about 50 members, half ladies and half gentlemen. We play on the Bowling Green at the back of the Doctor's Surgery, close to the pond, and we open on Monday 14th April 2014.



The Club offers a greatly reduced membership fee for newcomers who have never bowled outside before. Social bowling takes place every Monday afternoon when coaching is also available. Equipment can be loaned if required.

Come along to our Open Day on Sunday, 27th April from 10am to 12 noon, or if you would like to come before that please ring the number below.

We do have men's, ladies' and mixed teams playing in the local leagues and newcomers can soon find themselves in the teams. We organise internal Club events throughout the season which finishes towards the middle of September.

For further information please contact Peter Dickinson, Club Secretary, or Margaret Dickinson, Ladies Secretary 634 309.

Swanland Live Shows



A new play, "States of Verbal Undress" produced by "Rasa", an Indian theatre company, is booked for the Village Hall on Sunday 11th May. It has been suggested that an Indian meal is provided as part of the evening's entertainment but, as this never been tried before, Yvonne would like to know if you would be interested. Please call her on 634 863 with your opinions.

Swanland Screen

The monthly film evenings, organised by your Village Association in the Village Hall every third Saturday continues with the film "Grease" on 15th March. For details of forthcoming films, check posters around the village or check them out at:

www.swanlandvillagehall.info/future-events.

Our first documentary, "Moo Man", is showing on 19th April. Modern British dairy farms must get bigger and bigger, or go under, but Farmer Stephen Hook decides to buck the trend. The result is a laugh-out-loud emotional roller-coaster of a film, a heartwarming tearjerker about the incredible bonds between man, animal and countryside in a fast disappearing England.



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Swanland Pond Partnership News



BBC2 Gardens Revival - Ponds programme showed:
Our achievement; the pond at the heart of the village; the importance of community spirit; how vital plants are to water quality health; the importance of on-going maintenance for sustaining habitat and species.

To maintain success we urgently need volunteers for the vital Planning Team or help on maintenance days. No experience needed, just enthusiasm! It's fun and rewarding work.

Our pond is very special - let's keep it that way !
Contacts: Jan 634 583 or Yvonne 634 863 - SPP

Swanland Wildlife Information & Advice Service

Advice : Hedgehogs will be waking. Please put out hog food or dog food (meat in jelly) with cat biscuits.

Stop feeding birds peanuts - chicks choke on them. Put out fresh water daily for wildlife to bathe and drink.

Look and listen for : (late) April-May returning swallows and martins; bumble bees looking for nest sites; butterflies laying eggs in mid Spring.

Tell us : your wildlife sightings and news.

We give **free** advice and information - contact Carol 632 178 - SWIAS

Swanland in Bloom

The gardening team will soon be starting with various maintenance jobs. The wrought iron fence around the Sign Post bed and the hay racks require painting. The War Memorial needs washing.



I would like to pay tribute to Pam and Wallace Portal who have finally hung up their planting trowels. Pam and Wallace, along with Colin and Elspeth Hotham, instigated the regular planting in the village. They have made a valuable contribution to the community making Swanland a 'Blooming Good' place to live.

The team meets regularly during the year and anyone who has an interest in improving the look of the village would be very welcome.

As part of Swanland Festival, the Open Gardens will be on Sunday 6th July, 11am - 5pm. We need your support please.

If you are interested in joining the gardening team and/or opening your garden please contact Mal Cracknell 632 282 at the end of March for details. email : swanlander31@swanlander31.karoo.co.uk

Swanland WI



The Commonwealth Games *and* the WI will have a baton travelling around our country this year. The National Federation of WI's is preparing for its centenary in 2015 and its baton will be travelling the length and breadth of the land beginning this year. Consequently plans have been made for it to be handed over in Cottingham on 19th May and members from the local area will be there to receive it.

Our ladies continue to meet at Christ Church hall by the pond on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. Between times there are lunches and outings and plenty of activities available to members, organised by East Yorkshire Federation. Look out for posters in the Library, Village Hall or Post Office and see our programme on: www.swanland.info/wi

You may come as a visitor before officially joining the WI. We hope to see you!

The Swan Scheme

The Swan Scheme Pop-In and Lunch Club continue to function weekly during term time at Christ Church by the pond.

The Pop-In takes place from 10am. We welcome new faces joining those who come along for coffee and a chat. The Lunch Club is intended mainly for the elderly and those who live alone. Transport can be provided if necessary. We are grateful to the wonderful dinner ladies at St Anne's School, Welton for producing the meals. We currently have some vacancies, so if you think you qualify, or know someone who might benefit, please contact Linda White 634 222 or Pat Burman 631 131.

Many thanks to the team of volunteers who keep everything running smoothly. If there is someone who could spare a couple of hours a month, we have a vacancy here too. We will be pleased to talk to you.

Swanland Neighbourhood Watch



Residents are reminded that any suspicious activities/vehicles/persons can be reported to the police using the Incident Report Forms delivered to every property last year. Completed forms can be 'posted' in the special post boxes at Swanland Nurseries, McColls and the

Post Office, where blank forms can also be collected.

NHW meetings are held in the Church Hall at Christ Church, each February, June and October. All are welcome to attend. More volunteers to act as street coordinators needed, in particular for: Chantry Way/East, Todds Close, Greenstiles Lane, Styles Croft, Woodside, Easenby Close, Northdale Park, Waudby View, The Green, Crowther Way/Close, Queensbury Way, Priory Close, Dale Close/Road, West Leys Road, and Kemp Road.

Anyone interested in getting involved can contact the Swanland Coordinator: Deborah Parry 632 576.



Lestrem - Twinning

Sadly, we have to announce the death of one of the principal figures involved with our twinning links with

Lestrem in France.

Jacques Brassart was the first President of the association with Swanland. He was a close friend of Glenys and Malcolm Thompson who set up the twinning movement in 2000. Jacques was a great organiser of events and activities and a leading member of the community in Lestrem. He visited Swanland many times, his final visit being last year when the group came for the weekend, visiting Sledmere and walking the Wolds Way. He believed that a cultural exchange between countries would enable us all to be more tolerant and empathetic to each other's way of life, hopefully living harmoniously together. We will miss him greatly.

There is the opportunity to visit Lestrem this May 3-5th. If anyone would like to travel to stay with a French family please contact us.

Brendan Riley, Chairman. 632 652.

SEAT - Providing Care, Education and Hope



Both schools have opened again after the extended Christmas break and are again at capacity – 160 children each!

Swanland Village School – We have been able to fund the complete refurbishment of the main hall. Cepacet, who run the school on our behalf, continue to provide us with regular financial and management updates, they do such a wonderful job.

Esther's School has nearly completed construction of new pit latrines as well as building extensions to create more classrooms for much needed expansion. Although it is hard to witness the challenging situations that the children face, it is good to know that with your help their future is a brighter one.

Regular donations account for 50% of the money we need to sustain both schools, so please consider becoming a regular donor. Even a small regular gift can make a big difference!

If you are able to provide help then please contact:
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Swanland Festival 2014



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<http://hull.foodbank.org.uk/resources/documents/Hull-Foodbank-Documents/Shopping-List.pdf>

Contributions can be left at the church during our two Coffee Mornings – Wednesday (in term time) and Saturdays, both 10am until 12 noon.

Swanland Playing Field Association (PFA)

The weather has been kind to the pitches meaning the Football season may end on time! The Cricket season will soon follow and we have three teams down to play. For children (age 6-12), Zingari CC offer fun cricket coaching sessions at the fields on a Friday evening 6-8pm from May. Just turn up, pay and play. The bar/café is open.

Following our annual inspection we are working on tidying, fixing up or replacing some of the park equipment. This costs a considerable amount of money so our fundraising efforts are especially important as is help from our precious volunteers.

We do need to recruit more help in the kitchen and for grounds work. Can you spare an occasional hour? If so please contact Lisa 632 772 or email swanlandpfa@gmail.com or leave your details in the playing fields shop. Many thanks must go to Sue and Gill who are hanging up their pinnies after years of perfecting the bacon buttie on chilly Sunday mornings.

A little early yet but a future date for your diaries is the Annual Playing Fields Gala on Sunday 13th July. Ideas or offers of help again to Lisa please.

The race is on - Swanland Sport Relief 2014: Join in the fun and run!



Swanland Sport Relief is here again. On Sunday 23rd March the Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile will be setting off from Swanland Playing Fields at 10am with hundreds of locals. Sprinters and walkers will have a choice of one, three or six miles.

In 2012 the Swanland Mile had more than 100 participants, and we raised £2,389.84. There will be something for everyone on what looks set to be a great day, so encourage everyone you know to start training now.

Enter now, get sponsored, and help transform the lives of people living in the UK and in the world's poorest countries, while being part of an incredible nationwide event.

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For more details see web link below:

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newsletters@swanland.info

The Newsletter is distributed to ALL houses in Swanland, making it ideal for local advertising.

PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for next Newsletter to be published in Summer will be 30th April. Details also shown on SVA Web site: www.swanland.info

We cannot guarantee to publish articles (maximum 150 words) or letters and reserve the right to edit them. We welcome photographs to print where appropriate.

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