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From the Chairman of the Village Association

We have enjoyed a wonderful summer this year and Swanland has looked spectacular thanks to the Gardening Group, under the guidance of Mal Cracknell. Villagers and visitors alike have commented on how beautiful the pond area has looked, and we thank all the volunteers who work so hard for the village in many different ways.

A warm welcome awaits all those attending the **AGM** on **November 12th**. The business section will be brief, our speaker, **Jean Williams**, extremely entertaining, and the cheese and wine and chat an excellent way to end the evening!



Our recent membership drive, spear headed by Claire Tait and Richard Fowler, has resulted in many new members joining the SVA, and reminded others to renew their membership. We send our grateful thanks to Claire and Richard for the miles and miles they walked, delivering letters across the village. It was an enormous task that proved extremely worthwhile.

This newsletter has been compiled by Marion Escreet, with help gratefully received from Graham Latter and Roy Kennington. Her hard work has ensured that this, her first SVA News, will continue its role as 'The Voice of the Village'. We thank both Marion, and Angela Carpenter who heads the distribution team. Any villagers who would like to join the Committee, or who are interested in the job of Secretary, are invited to contact myself or any Committee member for further details, as soon as possible.

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From the Village Association Committee

We are very sorry that Christine Porteous has resigned from the Committee and thank her for all her hard work over the years. We know that she will be continuing to help the SVA in other ways. We also thank Jim and Roz Stead who will be stepping down from their roles as Treasurer and Secretary respectively at the AGM. As Chair I would like to make a special thank you to them for their invaluable support that has made my role so much easier. We will miss them for their huge contribution to the SVA and wish them well as they leave the village in the near future.

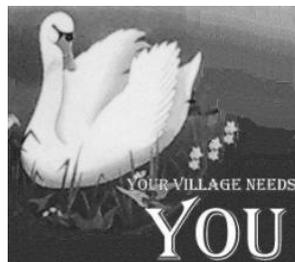
Jan Rogerson (SVA Chair)



Swanland Village Association, on behalf of all the villagers who walk past the flower bed at the entrance to Mere Flats, would like to thank Mal Cracknell - a member of the SVA Gardening Group - for single-handedly clearing, redesigning, planting and totally restoring the flower bed between the pond and the doctor's surgery. He is an example to us all and we hope his action may inspire others to join his merry group, or just take control of a small patch in front of your own property, to enhance the overall appearance of our beautiful village.

Membership Report - Autumn 2013

In the second week of September the Association had 469 members. This is over one hundred extra members than this time last year; a total reached through the recent membership drive. My thanks to all those who have joined or rejoined.



My thanks also go to Claire and Richard, two new members of the Association Committee, who undertook the initiative and put out the membership forms. Envelopes went to every household in the village, including to existing members. This was the easiest way to put out the forms and the accompanying information about the Association's activities. I apologise for any confusion to those who were already paid up members when they received the membership drive forms.

A number of people have requested Standing Order forms to pay for this and future year's membership. These should raise the membership to 490. There is still time to join or rejoin for this year. Can we reach 500?

You can join or rejoin 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. The postmistress, Kerry at Swanland Post Office will accept payments in a sealed envelope. Photocopy the form if you do not wish to cut the newsletter.

Roy Kennington, membership secretary, 16 The Spinney, Swanland
HU14 3RD, telephone 631424; e-mail rk@swanland.info.

Swanland Heritage Centre



A hard-working band of volunteers have been busy throughout the year preparing for the launch of a brand new facility in the village. They have worked long and hard to convert the room in The Institute, which used to house the Library, into a place to store and display documents, records, maps and photographs, relating to Swanland's past. Following its official opening in a few weeks' time (look out for the announcement of the date) the Heritage Centre will be open to the general public for two afternoons per week initially to allow anyone interested to view the contents or undertake research.

The award of various grants has enabled the project to begin but further fund raising is essential. To this end, if you would like to support the venture, you are invited to join the 'Friends of the Swanland Heritage Centre', for which a subscription of £10 per year is payable. Donations in excess of this amount will always be welcome.

'Friends' will receive a periodic Newsletter and will have the right to vote at the AGM. It is hoped that you will consider this opportunity for involvement sympathetically. To join, please contact the Treasurer, John White (634222).

For more information about Swanland Heritage Centre contact the Chairman, Geoff Collier (634411) or the Secretary, Janet Barnes (633286)



Ten years ago, a group of six villagers produced the first, in a series of three, "*New History of Swanland*" books. In undertaking the research for these books, it came to light that the historical notice board, that had hung on the wall between Christ Church and the Village Hall, for as long as anyone could remember, contained twelve factual inaccuracies and included the crests of three people with no known connection to Swanland. The late John Holmes and Derek Brooks, together with the other *History Group* members worked to provide the corrections to these errors. The SVA would like to thank them for their hard work and congratulate them all, plus Phil Corby (the designer), Martin Ewens (the producer) and Mike Burman (the installer) for the new, factually accurate, notice board that now hangs in the same place. We hope all our readers will take a look at this and maybe learn something they never knew before about the village in which they live.



Village Hall News

The village hall held its annual general meeting on 18 July 2013. The Chairman, Godfrey Burley, reported another successful year. He said that the facilities of the hall were of a very high quality and continued to attract hirers to use what was probably the

best public hall in the area. He said that the hall was very popular as a venue for wedding receptions and an increasing number of couples were choosing to hold their celebration event at this excellent venue.

The village hall has a new trustee and treasurer. Tessa Williams has joined the hall as treasurer replacing Mark Hazard, who has stepped down. Tessa grew up in Hull and moved to the village some months ago. She works as Finance Manager at a local organisation.

The trustees would welcome enquiries for wedding receptions or for any other functions. The booking secretary, Martin Peel, can be contacted on 634409 or at: bookings@swanlandvillagehall.info.

Snooker at The Institute

New Members are needed.

This is a members' club with the emphasis on snooker. There are three snooker league teams that play in the Winter league. New members and team players are always very welcome. Members have personal access keys.

Venue - 8, Main St (by the Pond)

Open - Monday to Saturday - any time

Open - Sunday from 12 noon. Full Membership (over 18)

Joining fee £12 (£10 + access keys £2)

£12 per year subscription

Contact: Steve Webb (Treasurer) - Tel: 634441

Table Top Sale and Quiz

Tabletop Sale on **Sunday 20th October** from 2 - 4pm at Swanland Village Hall. Stalls include My Secret Kitchen, Plants and Stoneware, Bags, Gifts and Jewellery and Swanland Honey and Preserves. Also "Swanland Indoor Car Boot" offering toys, books, jewellery, gifts, pictures, jigsaws,



clothing and general household items. Admission 50p for adults, accompanied children free. Refreshments available. Funds raised go towards the upkeep of Swanland Village Hall, registered charity number 1107061. www.swanlandvillagehall.info Michelle Pollard (Secretary)

On **Saturday 2nd November** there will be a quiz to raise funds for the Village Hall. This is advance notice so supporters can book their tables with Marion Riley on 632652. This is always a popular event and needs to be booked early.

Swanland Live Shows

Once again, the SVA is very proud to announce that, for the seventh year, it is bringing a selection of live shows to Swanland Village Hall. No need to take yourself off to Hull, Leeds, York or London, the performers are coming to you. The second show of the season, on Sunday 24th November at 7.30pm, is entitled "6 Impossible Things", a comedy-theatrical-spectacular full of bizarre twists and turns which delivers an entertaining mix of real science, pseudo magic, physical comedy, conjuring and music. Intrigued? Well, apparently even the hosts aren't quite sure what will be going on. For both these shows, bring your own drinks and glasses- we provide the nibbles. Tickets are available from Mere House (opposite the pond) or call 634863. Adults: £8 (SVA members: £7), Schoolchildren: £4



On Saturday 8th February we shall have *A Thousand Kisses Deep* with renowned singer Christine Tobin performing an eloquent interpretation of the music of Leonard Cohen. This new show brings together some Cohen staples, previously recorded and performed by Christine, and some new unexplored material. Together with long time collaborators Phil Robson, guitar, and Dave Whitford, double bass, they take you on a journey through Cohen's classic repertoire. In addition to an evening of world class musical entertainment, Christine will be giving enlightening background about the songs and sharing how Leonard Cohen has influenced her own songwriting. For details please watch out for posters or see www.swanlandvillagehall.info/future-events.

Swanland Bowling Club



All too quickly the outdoor bowling season has finished and now the green is being ‘put to bed’ for the winter.

What a wonderful summer for bowling with the sun shining most of the time. The most difficult task was to keep the green watered, especially when the automatic sprinklers failed.

In terms of results the nine different teams had mixed success with two teams gaining promotion but most finishing in mid-table. Internal Club competitions provided much enjoyment with some ‘giant killing’ which is very encouraging for the future of the Club.

On the down side we only managed to attract three newcomers this year and are hopeful that next year far more members of the Village will come and have a go. Now we look forward to the end of season dinner in October and a Quiz Night in November.

Secretary : Peter Dickinson (634309) the.dickinsons@hotmail.co.uk

Swanland Screen

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - Another season of Swanland Screen has begun at the Village Hall on the third Saturday of each month from now until April 2014. The SVA has chosen a wide selection of genres for your entertainment and we hope you will accept our invitation to see the following, all of which start at 7.30pm and cost £4 (adults) and £2 (schoolchildren) payable at the door.

Oct 19 Song for Marion

Nov 16 Lincoln

Dec 21 Brassed Off

Jan 18 Quartet

Feb 15 Argo

Mar 15 Grease

Apr 19 Moo Man

For full details of these films, please visit our website

www.swanlandvillagehall.info/future-events.



Swanland Pond Partnership (SPP) News



PROJECT: outlet pipe will be shortly repaired. Water levels will be monitored to see if the leak has stopped.

ANNUAL MAINTENANCE: now completed; reeds/rushes pruned & rubbish removed.

SURVEY: annual Pondlife & Fish results are on our webpage.

ENVIRONMENT: it's been a good year for reed/rush growth & the wildfowl breeding! The Marshy area is maturing nicely.

DUMPED TERRAPIN: was caught in the trap, found to be unwell & died. A check showed it was malnourished. It's a criminal offence to dump any foreign aquatic species. SWIAS has a list of contacts who give FREE advice on re-homing.

LOOK & LISTEN FOR: Black Headed Gulls returning & migrant geese stopping over.

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SWIAS:

NEWS: It's been a good breeding year for (most) garden & migrant birds, mammals, amphibians, butterflies & other insects locally.

NEW/UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS: Goshawk, Chiff-Chaff & juv. Cuckoo.

FEEDING: It's time to sterilise & refill bird feeders & keep water bowls (on ground) topped up for ALL wildlife.

HEDGEHOGS : PLEASE continue to feed them nightly ; look out for late babies & juveniles (DO tell us) ; any size hogs out in daylight need immediate help. Phone 632178 for advice. All hogs MUST weigh 11b 8ozs/1k to survive hibernation.

LOOK & LISTEN FOR: over-flying migrant geese, garden birds returning from their moult, late butterflies & (screeching) Tawny Owls.

CONTACTS: Carol (SWIAS) 632178 Jan 634583 & Yvonne 634863 (SPP) See our webpage: www.swanlandwildlife.info/wildlife



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Swanland Nurseries is run by the Waters family and has been part of Swanland village life since 1949, growing their own top quality plants.

The free **Gardening Club** meets twice a month – pop into the Garden centre to collect a programme.

There is a wide selection of stylish gifts and Christmas decorations.

The Cafe serves freshly baked cakes, hot meals, Fair Trade coffees, teas and alcoholic beverages.

Swanland in Bloom

At last we have had a summer as of old, long periods of hot sunny weather. The planting done by the S I B team and the valuable contribution by the watering volunteers have ensured the area around the pond looks very colourful for residents and visitors.

Regular feeding has maintained the longevity of the plants.

A new flower bed was created along side the bowling club hedge planted with bee- friendly Penstemon and perennial Salvia. Tubs, boxes & fencing were repaired & repainted.

We are grateful for the donation of 630 bedding plants from Coletta & Tyson, and also W. Campbell & Son for the stainless steel frame of a swan, unfortunately the planting didn't do justice to it.

The hay racks planted up by Swanland Nurseries, at cost, have been magnificent again. If you would like to 'do your bit' for the village please open your garden on Sunday 6 July 2014. All money raised from programme sales are for Swanland in Bloom Fund....

Mal Cracknell (Blooming Coordinator) 632282



Swanland WI

Swanland WI continues to enjoy a full programme of talks and activities. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in Christ Church hall by the pond. All ladies are welcome - to join the WI or come as a visitor to one or more of the meetings.

2015 is the centenary of the WI. It was started in Canada in 1897 but the first Institute in Britain was in Anglesey. The first in England was at Singleton in Sussex. Plans are already well in hand for ways to celebrate this event across the land. Swanland is a member of the East Yorkshire Federation and 70 Federations will be taking part. For a look at our programme which includes a talk about clinical hypnotherapy and a craft evening, please see our website www.swanland.info/wi or see posters in the Library, Village Hall or Post Office.



Swanland Neighbourhood Watch



Residents are reminded that any suspicious activities, vehicles or persons can be reported to the police using the Incident Report Forms delivered to everyone earlier this 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. PCSO Jessica Watts reports that the information received is helping to prevent and detect crime in the area. The next meeting of NHW is on Thursday 17 October at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall, at Christ Church. All are welcome to attend. Street coordinators are particularly needed for: Chantry Way/East, Todds Close, Greenstiles Lane, Styles Croft, Woodside, Easonby Close, Northdale Park, Waudby View, The Green, Crowther Way/Close, Queensbury Way, Dale Close/Road, West Leys Road, and Kemp Road. Anyone interested in getting involved can contact the Swanland Coordinator: Deborah Parry on 632576.

Litter Picking.

Can you spare two hours once every thirty six weeks to help keep the centre of our village free from litter? All equipment is supplied and our bunch of volunteers collects the waste paper, etc, in an area from the post office to the newsagents and around the pond and village hall entrance. If you are able to join our merry band please ring Linda Mitchelson on 632957 for further details.



SEAT - Providing Care, Education and Hope



John and Shirley Waters and Richard Swain (pictured below outside the Nairobi Swanland Village School (SVS)) have recently returned from a visit to Kenya to check on progress with the 2 schools that SEAT support.

Both schools are really thriving and each have over 150 children all getting a great education from dedicated and caring teachers. We have secured a lease on the land next door to the SVS which will enable us to continue admitting more children to take us eventually up to Year 8. We can then launch the students into the High School system, knowing that we have given the best possible start to these children from the Ngando slum. We had the chance to visit some of their homes during this visit, which was very humbling, but also an honour to be so warmly welcomed. There is real poverty and deprivation here... but the Swanland Village School is like a beacon of hope!

During our packed visit, it was wonderful to see first hand the amount that can be achieved with the funds we collectively give to these projects. ***Your support is making a difference!***



Swanland Festival 2014

The eighth Swanland Festival is planned to take place next year, between 5th and 13th July. As in previous years this will encompass a wide range of events, activities, entertainment, etcetera provided by the people of Swanland for the people of Swanland (and anyone else who wishes to take part). Some old faithfuls will be reappearing, including a Festival Ball, Open Gardens and an Art Exhibition but the organisers are hopeful that more people will come forward with interesting ideas. More will be revealed in the next SVA News and on the website www.swanland.info/Swanland-Festivals.htm. If you would like to take part or have ideas or suggestions, please contact Jan (634583) or Yvonne (634863).



***Recently moved to Swanland?
Or just have a new neighbour?***

We would be only too pleased to give you a free SVA “Welcome Pack” with information on SVA and other local activities and facilities – including map, contacts, Village Hall events, Wildlife information & advice, Heritage Trail and ArtERY events.

Please contact Claire Tait (tel 01482 633211) if you wish to receive one.

Food for the Needy



Nationally, over the past four years, the number of people using emergency food banks has increased from 25,000 to almost 350,000, of which 127,000 were children. Hull has not been an exception to this trend.

Christ Church is trying to meet this demand by collecting food for the Hull Food Bank. Their need is great and we would like to open our collection of food to the whole village. If you can donate in-date tinned vegetables, fruit, fish or meat, soup, sugar, coffee, tea bags, UHT or powdered milk, orange juice, breakfast cereals, biscuits or pasta, Christ Church will be pleased to deliver them on behalf of the village. You can bring them to either of our Coffee Mornings at the Church by the Pond on Wednesday (in school term time only) or Saturday 10am – 12noon. For more information contact Mike Burman 631131.

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membership.pdf](http://www.swanland.info/PDF/SVA-membership.pdf)

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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 Spring will be 31st January. 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.

SVA Membership Application/Renewal

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Name (second person) _____

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E-mail address/Telephone number (optional) _____

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