

## From the Chairman of the Village Association



I am delighted to report that in the Spring the seventh, and final, village entry sign is to be installed on Woodgates Lane, thanks to the generosity of our Parish Council. This project has been funded over the years by the Swanland Village Association, the Parish Council, the Swanland Festival, Swanland Nurseries and donations from very kind-hearted residents of the village. Thank you to everyone who has played a part in this extremely worthwhile venture. Swanland has a community spirit of which we all ought to be very proud.

Quite a number of residents have mentioned that they understood that the delivery of this publication meant that they were members of the Swanland Village Association, but this is not the case! Please look for the Membership Report further on to see how to join this excellent organisation that works tirelessly for the benefit of all our residents.

The Swanland Festival will be taking place from 6 July until 15 July. If anyone would like to organise an event then please contact either Yvonne Dumsday or me – for more details see Swanland Festival article. We look forward to hearing from you!

*Jan Rogerson* 634 583

## The Final Village Sign



The Parish Council has agreed to fully fund the 7<sup>th</sup> and final Swanland Sign on Woodgates Lane.

Unlike most Villages, which may have a road in and a road out, Swanland has seven roads!

Great credit for this must go to **Jan Rogerson** (she is NOT writing this!), who conceived and piloted the scheme from its beginning and raised funds (they have cost well in excess of £2000 each plus erection costs).

Derivations of the sign are in use as logos by Village Organisations such as the Parish Council and Village Hall. Any Swanland non-commercial organisation is welcome to apply to have an adaptation of the sign as a letterhead or logo (which is copyrighted to the SVA) by applying to: [www.swanland.info/logos-swanland.htm](http://www.swanland.info/logos-swanland.htm)

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## Swanland Screen



Despite a few blips in the organisation of our current programme, your SVA is delighted to announce this current season's films are proving to be very popular. Please make a note for the **third Saturday of the month** at **7.30pm** in the village hall where you can experience community cinema at its best with Blu Ray quality and surround sound with loop system for those who need it. If there is a film you would like to see, tell us and we will add it to the possibles for the 2018/2019 season. At £4 per head (£2 for schoolchildren) on **17 March** see "*Sully*" (the story of the jet liner that crashed into the Hudson with no fatalities) and on **21 April** "*Victoria and Abdul*". No need to book, just turn up on the night. Refreshments served during the interval so a chance to socialise with friends and neighbours.

## Swanland Live Shows



The SVA has booked some real treats for you this Spring.

On **Saturday 28 April** we have secured Tayo Aluko, performing his award-winning one-man show "Call Mr Robeson" about the actor, singer, black American, civil-rights campaigner Paul Robeson.

For a stunning preview see: [www.tayoalukoandfriends.com/robeson/](http://www.tayoalukoandfriends.com/robeson/). Yvonne met Tayo at a showcase last year and he has kindly offered to host a Question & Answer session after the show, so come to be further informed.

On **Saturday 12 May** we have booked James Burkett and Emma Fisk who bring together their shared knowledge and love of early jazz styles and present an entertaining, virtuosic and informative programme of music inspired by the first great jazz violin and guitar partnership "*The Music of Venuti & Lang*".

See [www.birkettandfisk.com/music.html](http://www.birkettandfisk.com/music.html) for a taster of what is in store. Bring your own glasses and drinks and we provide the nibbles. Both shows start at 7.30pm at Swanland Village Hall. Tickets available in advance from Yvonne **634 863** at £8 adults (£7 for SVA members paying in advance) and £4 schoolchildren.

## Swanland Festival



Eighteen years ago, a one-off event was organised to celebrate the Millennium but Swanland Festivals would not die and this year sees another one well on its way to being organised. We are hoping to have on this year's programme some new events and still have many standard favourites. We do hope there will be something for all ages and range of interests including music, arts, poetry, a quiz, and a farm walk at a price that everyone can afford – many events being free of charge. If you would like to promote your club or society, why not organise an event? If you wish to be involved in any other way, please contact:

*Jan* **634 583** [janmrogerson@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:janmrogerson@yahoo.co.uk) or  
*Yvonne* **634 863** [yd@swanlandvillagehall.info](mailto:yd@swanlandvillagehall.info).

**Box Office:** Is there anyone who would like to be the contact for the sale of tickets for some of the events? It is a very worthwhile job for a short spell and much appreciated by the various organisers.

Please contact: *Linda White* **634 222**.

## Swanland Pond Partnership



The SPP are continuing leakage investigations; dye tests have been inconclusive. ERYC have removed the holly tree and repaired the Mere Flats wall from above the pond bed for which we are very grateful. No leakage protection measures were included **below** the pond bed for this repair. ERYC will assess the wall in front of the village hall for the PC and advise on repairs.

There is a new sign on the pond fence encouraging the feeding of grain to the ducks rather than bread. Bread and its by-products are harmful to the ducks AND water quality. Bread does not have the nutritional value or calories that the ducks need to keep them fit. Rotting bread pollutes the water and encourages surface algae which can kill our fish. Algae also make the water smell and increase the disease risk for wildlife. **Please continue to help us get this important message across.** We have very shallow water, so we need to protect it as much as possible. **Many thanks!**  
*Alyson*, SPP Secretary, **634 168**.

## **Village Hall News**



The Village Hall attracted conferences, celebrations and weddings last year and bookings are well established for 2018. The year ended with the 100 club annual social event, which was well attended. Thanks go to Marion Riley for her excellent organisation and for the entertaining band.

We continue to improve our resources to provide a better service to our hirers and for the benefit of Swanland residents. We have installed an outside water tap for those who water the beautiful summer baskets outside the hall. We now have a laminator, thanks to Mal Cracknell who so generously donated it.

The improvements to the library were completed with relatively little disruption to our hirers, and we are grateful to those who were affected for their forbearance.

Parking is still a problem, particularly at the end of the school day when parents park in our car park to pick up children, at a time when legitimate users (library users and those attending classes) are trying to park. There has been some improvement as a result of the joint letter to parents from the school and the trustees, but it is still a real problem. This is a dangerous period at the end of school with moving cars, pedestrians and young children and we would be very grateful if parents did not use the car park to pick up their children.

Anyone interested in hiring the hall should contact the *Booking Secretary* on **[booking@swanlandvillagehall.info](mailto:booking@swanlandvillagehall.info)** or for further information **[www.swanlandvillagehall.info](http://www.swanlandvillagehall.info)**

*Sheila Ireland – Chair.*

## **Welcome Packs**

Are you new to the village? Do you know somebody who has just moved in?

The SVA has a Welcome Pack for new villagers giving them information on the village and village organisations.

Please contact *John White* on **634 222** or email: **[john-linda@john-linda.karoo.co.uk](mailto:john-linda@john-linda.karoo.co.uk)** to obtain a pack.

## Swanland Heritage Centre (by the pond)



The Heritage Centre is next to Christ Church by the pond and will be **re-opening** on

**Friday 2 March 2018.**

**Opening times, as before, will be Friday afternoons 2.00 - 4.00pm (except Good Friday)**

**and Saturday mornings 10.00am - 12.00 noon.**

There will be one or more supervisors in attendance to help with any enquiries.

The website [www.swanlandheritage.info](http://www.swanlandheritage.info) and Facebook are continually updated; and we are working to complete the catalogue of documents. We always need new Friends (the most important people) and also additional supervisors to help run the Centre.

**The AGM will be held on Wednesday 25 April at 7.30pm in Christ Church.**

This will be followed by a talk by Geoff Collier, accompanied by a Power Point presentation on the history of the family of Thomas Blossom.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

*Chairman: Colin Jackson.*

## Planning Update



2017 saw a flurry of planning applications both within and without the ERYC local plan.

Applications now approved are:

**West Leys** - up to 79 dwellings – awaiting construction.

**Humber View** - 14 dwellings – awaiting construction.

**Tranby Lane** - 49 dwellings under construction (36 apartments and 13 houses).

Gladman's attempt to build 150 houses on Westfield was decisively rejected and they were persuaded not to appeal. They have indicated they will be watching the progress of the local plan closely and ERYC planning department are well aware of this.

## Concert at Christ Church



Christ Church (by the pond) is hosting the **Hunsley Singers on Thursday 15 March at 7.30pm** in a concert to raise money for two local charities – Hull Homeless and Rootless Project (HULLHARP) and the Preston Road Women's Centre. The concert will feature choral music to suit all tastes with accompanist Gabrielle Lawtie and musical director Marie Routledge. The soloist is Emily Blackledge (viola), accompanist Lester Griffiths-Bartlett.

The tickets cost £6, including refreshments.

Contact: *John White* in the village **634 222**, Rosina **448 848** or tickets can be purchased on the door.

## Swanland in Bloom



### OYEZ! OYEZ!

The Ancient Society for the Protection of Unwanted Paraphernalia is organising a **Grand Village Garage Sale in Swanland on Sunday 27 May**. You pay £5 to be on the location map of garage sales. The maps will be sold to prospective buyers for £1. Money raised will be for Swanland in Bloom. Turn your Trash into Cash and keep the money you raise.

If you are interested contact Mal, the regional organiser for the society!  
Details are below.

**Swanland Open Gardens on Sunday 8 July:** "Spires of Penstemon" "Herbaceous Borders Bursting with Perennials" "Chock-a-Block with Plants" "Interest for all Tastes" "Yummy Cakes, Teas & Coffees" I am talking about **Swanland Open Gardens**. Please **consider opening your garden**. It doesn't matter how large or small your garden is there will be something of interest to visitors. Every garden has the distinctive touch of their individual owners so why not share it? If you want to know what is involved in opening your garden I will be happy to meet you and explain - but I don't judge gardens. This biennial event is important for raising funds for Swanland in Bloom.

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

## Swanland Playing Fields

Last November we replaced the central climbing frame and one of the original Springers with a new 4 seater one and added a Basket Swing. These have added a new dimension to the play park area and have been received with great enthusiasm this winter. A lot of ongoing maintenance work is also taking place in the play area including tidying up of the seats and benches.



Some equipment is over 20 years old and needs constant maintenance so we hope to refurbish or replace this depending on the availability of future funding. SPFA thanks the Swanland Parish Council for their assistance in the grant application process, also ERYC for giving us the opportunity to apply for the commuted sum grant. The plan is to make the Swanland Playing Fields park one of the best in the East Riding, suitable for all children of all abilities.

We are in the early planning stages of a *Mini Music Festival*, to be held on **Saturday 14 July** as part of Swanland Festival. Further details later. Unfortunately, due to the time commitment needed in setting it up, we will NOT be holding our usual Summer Gala.

If you have any ideas on how we can improve the facilities or would like to volunteer and give up a small amount of time to help achieve our aim of a play park the village can be proud of (or would like to help in the planning of our music event), please contact:

*John Hancock* or *Lisa Weldrick* via the **Swanland Playing Fields Facebook page** or email [swanlandpfa@gmail.com](mailto:swanlandpfa@gmail.com). We would be very pleased to hear from you.

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## **SVA Membership Report**



The Swanland Village Association membership year runs from January to December, so subscriptions of £2.00 per person are now due. There is a small form on the back of this Newsletter which you can send with your subscription to either *Louise Macfarlane* at 15 Mill Rise, Swanland, or *Yvonne Dumsday* at Mere House, opposite the pond. Your membership card, which gives you discount on some events at the village hall, will then be delivered.

You can request a pink membership application form and this also has a Standing Order form which you can complete and return to your bank. This will take care of all future payments, and you will receive a new membership card each year when the Standing Order has been paid.

Contact: *Louise Macfarlane - Membership Secretary* **632 800**



### **East Yorkshire Tuesday Walkers**

invite you to join them on some of their weekly walks of between 8-10 miles in beautiful areas of East Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and North Yorkshire.

Contact: *G. Kings* **659 133** or email: **gkings862@gmail.com**

### **North Ferriby Flower Club**

On **Thursday 8 March** Nick Grimes is returning with his demonstration entitled ‘Seasonal Relief’. He is a NAFAS National Demonstrator, and has an entertaining commentary, full of humour and interesting tips.

On **Thursday 10 May** we welcome Derek Armstrong who originally trained as a chef, but has been a florist, trading in Carlisle, for over 30 years. He has been a member of Interflora, worked in Japan, USA, Ireland and the UK. He has worked with the BBC and ITV on documentaries and period dramas, and still plays a very active part in the floral industry.

North Ferriby Flower Club meets on the second Thursday of each month in The Village Hall, North Ferriby, commencing at 7.30pm. Please look at our website for details: **northferribyflowerclub.co.uk**. We are also on Facebook.

## Ferriby and Swanland Scouts

Ferriby and Swanland Scout group is going from strength to strength. We have recently opened a new Beaver colony which is based in Kirkella. The Colony will offer places of up to 24 more Beavers. Our Tuesday night Beaver Colony has now moved to a Friday evening.



The next exciting thing is, for the first time ever, that we will have an Explorer section which is for young people aged 14-18. Ferriby and Swanland have never had this section before and it will be a huge asset to the surrounding people who come along and join in.



We have been chosen as one of the Co-op charities this year. You can help us to raise funds - just call 08000234708 or login at [www.coop.co.uk](http://www.coop.co.uk) and choose **Swanland and North Ferriby Scout group**. Every time you scan your Co-op card we receive 1% of what you spend on Co-op selected products and services.

We are looking for a team of volunteers to help us re-open our 2nd Cub pack so please get in touch, join the adventure and be involved. Contact:

*Josh Railton - Group Scout Leader* [gsl@ferribyswanlandscouts.org.uk](mailto:gsl@ferribyswanlandscouts.org.uk)

## Christ Church Food Bank Donation Point

If you would like to contribute to the Food Bank, then your gifts can be left at **Christ Church (by the pond)** during Coffee Mornings **between 10am and 12noon** on **Wednesdays (only in term time)** and on **Saturdays**.

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, tinned fish.

A shopping list of all items required can be found on the Food Bank website: <http://hull.foodbank.org.uk/resource>

For further information please contact: *John White* **634 222**.

## Swanland Show



The time has soon come round to start preparing for this year's show, which will be held on **Saturday 9 September** at St Barnabas church hall. February's meeting will be where the classes are decided upon, with the schedules being available online from early Spring. Suggestions for new classes are always welcome, as is anyone who would like to attend any of our meetings. We have an extensive website **swanlandshow.btck.co.uk** for any other information regarding the show, with plenty of pictures to view from shows over the last few years.

On **Saturday 5 May** we will be holding a plant sale at **24 West End, Swanland** from **9am** to raise funds that contribute towards the show running costs. Come early as the plants sell fast. There will be mainly bedding and vegetable plants and also hot drinks, cakes and bacon butties. We hope to see you there!

*Sarah Hayden*



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## Neighbourhood Watch

There have been several break-ins and car thefts in our area. Humberside Police's top tips for protecting your property from thieves are:

- 1) Keep homes and outbuildings secure, with doors and windows locked.
- 2) Make sure nothing of value is left on show to tempt thieves (including car keys).
- 3) Use home or outbuilding alarms, if fitted.
- 4) Register valuables onto **www.Immobilise.com**. This assists the Police in identifying property as stolen/lost, bringing offenders to justice and stopping the items being sold via second hand stores.
- 5) Be the eyes and ears of the Police by calling **999** if there is a crime in progress, **101** with information about those involved in crime or Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111**.

Information on Swanland NHW or becoming a Street Coordinator available from *Deborah Parry*: **632 576** or **dparry@inbox.com**. Free ERYC window stickers are available from Deborah, indicating that you do not buy from doorstep sellers.



## Swanland 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.

## Jamie Loncaster Memorial Fund

The *Cardiac Risk in the Young* mobile heart screening team returned to South Hunsley School twice in November, with the £14,000 cost being covered by past donations to Jamie Loncaster's Fund. The CRY team screened a total of **414 young people** and **10 were referred** to their GP. Jamie's Fund also passed a milestone moment by screening its **500<sup>th</sup>** person.

The Loncaster Family's **Coffee Morning & Cake Bake** in November, along with donations, raised **£2,000**. They would like to thank all those who assisted, baked, attended or donated.

More information can be found at [www.jamieloncaster.co.uk](http://www.jamieloncaster.co.uk) and on social media too.

## SEAT – Providing Care, Education and Hope

It's been a wonderful year for the two schools we support in the Nairobi slums as we have seen many students from the top class take their national exams and progress on to High Schools. Many in the village have donated towards a bursary fund that we have passed on to meet the costs of enrolment and initial start-up costs for the students. What a wonderful gift to have supported these children, from the very poorest of backgrounds, through their early schooling and now enabling them to prosper in some of the best High Schools in Nairobi!



Two of our Trustees, Richard Swain and John Downing, are travelling out to Nairobi in March. We will be collecting Swanland school uniforms, pants, socks and swimming costumes to take out with us. We are also keen to accept any good second hand laptops, tablets or smart phones. Or if you prefer to support our visit by making a donation there are many items that we will be able to purchase for the schools during our visit. *Please support us if you can.*

Please contact: *Richard Swain* 634306, [richardmswain@gmail.com](mailto:richardmswain@gmail.com) or give securely online via our website [www.swanlandschoolnairobi.org](http://www.swanlandschoolnairobi.org).

## **North Ferriby Spring Craft and Produce Market**

The next **North Ferriby Market** will be held on  
**Saturday 10 March, 10am–2pm**  
at **North Ferriby Village Hall, Church Road, HU14 3AA** in aid of  
village hall funds.

Over 20 stalls of handmade local crafts and produce.

The kitchen will be serving **snacks, cakes, teas and coffees** all day.  
Come and join the fun, support local enterprise, and choose some seasonal  
products.

## **Godfrey Robinson House, North Ferriby**

Could you share your skills and interests with residents at Godfrey Robinson House? Meet new people and make a difference by joining our volunteering team. Our roles are flexible depending on **YOU**. Contact: [julie.fenton@leonardcheshire.org](mailto:julie.fenton@leonardcheshire.org) or **632 209** to find out more.



## **25 Years of ‘Music with Mummy’**

Parents and children who attend ‘Music with Mummy’ at **Swanland Village Hall** on **Tuesdays and Fridays** celebrated the music education programme’s 25th birthday last October. Locally, Mun Wah Wong has been delivering these lively music lessons which cater to children from birth to school-age for almost 13 years. ‘Our songs and music are part of the beautiful memories of bringing up your children musically, and we hope to take more children on their music-learning journey for many more years to come’. The celebrations culminated in a Peter Pan Sing-along Special with all proceeds to Great Ormond Street Hospital Children’s Charity. It’s good news for local parents and children to know that a meaningful introduction to music is on their doorstep.



For more information: [www.hull.musicwithmummy.co.uk](http://www.hull.musicwithmummy.co.uk) or email: [munwah@onetel.com](mailto:munwah@onetel.com) to get your children to take their first steps in music!

## Swanland Snooker Club



The Institute was opened in 1914 and funded by the Reckitt family. In addition to the snooker room there was a reading room and library at the front (now the Heritage Centre) which later became the base for a Local Authority library and was also originally used as the meeting place for village groups such as the football and cricket teams.

The Snooker Club continues to flourish and offers a warm welcome to anyone from beginner to expert. The Institute is heated and spacious, offering plenty of room to both play and watch a game. For those who wish to be involved at a competitive level there are three teams that play both snooker and dominoes during the year apart from the summer period.

Membership is open to all from 18 years of age, for just £12 per annum. Members are provided with a key and access code and are able to play throughout the year apart from Sunday morning and festive occasions such as Easter and Christmas Day. This is a fantastic village facility.

For more details please contact:

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

## Mires Beck Nursery at North Cave

Our Christmas Fairs in 2017 raised almost £1500, Santa visited on his motorcycle, our annual pantomime was a chance for staff to dress up and entertain the trainees, there was lots of fun at the Christmas disco and we had carol singing in one of the glasshouses.



In March we shall plant summer-flowering bulbs, lift and divide overgrown clumps of perennials, cut back Cornus (dogwood) and Salix (willow) grown for colourful winter stems, hoe and mulch weeds to keep them under control early and prune bush and climbing roses.

**LOST:** Pink gold ring in Swanland pond area.

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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 Summer will be 16 April 2018. Details also shown on the village website: [www.swanland.info](http://www.swanland.info)

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

***SVA Membership Application/Renewal***

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