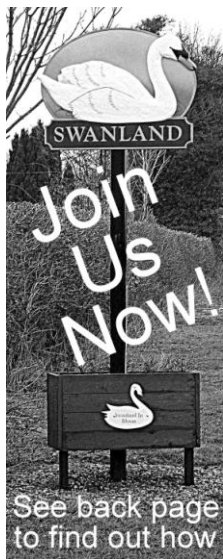




Welcome Message from Your SVA Chairman



Just as this road sign welcomes you as you enter the village, we welcome you to our Swanland Village Association and to the many activities in which it is involved. The SVA Committee continues to work hard on your behalf. We are hoping to increase our membership numbers this year and the percentage of our residents joining in. Please do read the article providing background information about SVA to see just what our role is in the village – and what is in it for you! We thank you if your £2 membership has been paid, gently remind you if you've forgotten and hope that non-members will be persuaded to join us.

Thank you to all the members and non-members who attended our AGM. Once the business was over, we were heartily entertained by Paul Atkinson from “Kingston Veterinary Group”, who regaled us with very interesting and light hearted anecdotes concerning the animals in his care.

'The Heritage Centre', based in the old Library near the pond, is an exciting new project and eventually it is hoped that this will house local history and be manned by villagers. The SVA has pledged £650, which has been matched by the Parish Council, to allow the project to proceed until funding can be found to sustain it.

Our next village entry sign has been commissioned and funded by Mr. and Mrs. J. Godber, the Parish Council and the SVA. We extend our thanks to Jane and John Godber for very generously donating the proceeds of their Swanland Festival Youth Theatre evening to this venture. Our thanks to the Parish Council for their financial support too. We work closely with Geoff Chapman the Chairman and his committee and greatly value their ongoing commitment to the SVA. The exact location of this sign is to be discussed over the coming months.

Thank you to all the many volunteers who spend their spare time making sure that Swanland continues to be a village of which we can all be proud. Read on how!



Swanland Village Association – *A bit of background information as to who we are and what we do!*

First there was someone like YOU – and there still is! Then there is closest family and friends. After that you may think about your house and job. But does the buck stop there? Do we see ourselves as individuals all doing just our own things in solitary confinement?

Well we should hope the answer to the above is “No”. But how do we go about making that answer become “No”? Well, that is just the sort of question Swanland villagers were thinking about many years ago in 1989. They recognised that together in the village they needed to become a community, with a desire to get to know each other, help each other, share common interests and do things collectively to make the village the way they wanted it to be.

It was thoughts like that led to the creation of a local village association to cater for the likely needs of all ages and provide those finishing touches to the activities, appearance and reputation of our village that otherwise would just not happen.

So the association was born and it has achieved a lot since. Today, it organises and/or supports many local events in the village. The “Swanland Live Shows” and “Swanland Screen” for example are dependent on the Swanland Village Association for financial support and organisation. It is giving support as well to the establishment of the new Swanland Heritage Centre. It provides advice on local wildlife. It takes an active role in maintaining the appearance and condition of the village pond, which requires ongoing work to ensure that the water quality is maintained at a level that is required. It helps to finance sub-groups and fundraising for the benefit of the whole of Swanland. It also encourages local events such as Swanland Open Gardens and Swanland Festival.

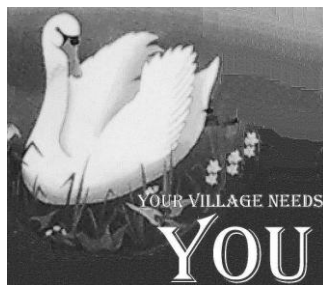
The association helps to enhance the appearance of the village. It arranges rotas for maintaining and watering bulbs, flowers, planters and tubs for year round displays. There is also a litter picking rota to make our streets look better. For the attractive signs on entering the village – thank the village association!

The other important aspect of the association is that of communication. It liaises with the Swanland Parish Council and is in touch with the Swanland Village Hall and Playing Field Association. It is responsible for an invaluable web site providing information on any non-profit making Swanland activities and organisations that wish to be included (see www.swanland.info). It also produces

the newsletter that you are reading now, which comes out three times per year and is delivered to every household in the village. On top of that it provides welcome and information packs for new Swanland residents. (See page 18 for details.)

So, do we still all see ourselves as individuals all doing just our own things by ourselves? We hope not and that as many people as possible will want to contribute or join in one way or another. The SVA can always do even better with your help and ideas. We would like as many people as possible to become members or show an interest or participate in one or more of the many things we do. If there is nothing about the association that currently interests you, we want to know what would – and might even be able to help you set it up, whatever it is.

It is YOUR village, remember. We believe that the association does improve the lifestyle of the village and its reputation to others. It probably increases the value of our homes by increasing the desire to come and live here. We do hope that you will give some thought to supporting YOUR local association. It IS a good cause and you will benefit one way or another. See the next page about current membership and the back page about how easily you can join.



Ongoing Work of the Swanland Village Association

Supporting and Encouraging Local Groups and Events	Maintaining Appearance of YOUR Village	Co-ordination and Communications
Swanland Live Shows Swanland Screen Swanland Heritage Centre Neighbourhood Watch Encouraging Swanland events such as Open Gardens and Festival Maintaining interest in potential new groups	Maintaining/watering plants & flowers on display Co-ordinating street litter clearance Swanland Wildlife Advice Swanland Pond Support Providing attractive and decorative road entry signs promoting the village	Liaison with Parish Council, Village Hall, Playing Field Assn. and other local societies Supporting and Funding Village Web site Production and Distribution of the Village Newsletter Welcome/information packs for new residents



SVA Membership Report – Spring 2013

The paid up membership of the association totalled 385 in 2012, compared with 419 at the end of 2011. At the end of February 2013 the paid up membership was 213. This included 142 people paying by standing order and 71 paying by cash or cheque. More people are paying by standing order which is good. Sadly, there has been a disappointing reduction in those paying promptly by cash or cheque. Could this be due to the bad weather keeping people at home?

Membership cards have been issued to those who have already paid, unless you have indicated that you do not need them. If you have not received yours, please inform the membership secretary.

The current subscription is still £2 per member per year. This is a very small sum of money in 2013 terms. If you do wish to give more you can increase your standing order or give donations. We would very much like to increase the membership, not just for the money but to give a better representation of our community. Being a member does not make any demands upon villagers though we would be happy to involve you in our activities. In fact, you may like to place demands on us! Please take a look at the previous article, which provides some useful background information regarding the association. Thanks to those who have paid already and to those who pay by standing order.

For the Swanland Live Shows supported by the SVA, SVA members get a £1 discount on ticket prices. When membership only costs £2 per annum, this has to be fantastic value. Attend two shows and you have saved your membership fees.

The membership year runs from 1st January to 31st December, subscriptions for this year have been taken since the AGM last November. If you pay your membership by cash or cheque and have not done so since November, please renew your membership now. A joining/rejoining form is on the back page of this newsletter. Photocopies or just hand-written copies are acceptable. You can pay any committee member or in a sealed envelope to Kerry at Swanland Post Office. There is a supply of envelopes in the Post Office for joining or renewing. You can also join up at Swanland Live Show and Swanland Screen events. Contact the membership secretary for a standing order form if you wish to pay by standing order. We are considering possible additional simple ways of making payment easy in the future. Please look out for us.

The membership secretary is Roy Kennington, 16 The Spinney, Swanland HU14 3RD, telephone 01482 631424; e-mail rk@swanland.info.



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Swanland Neighbourhood Watch Update

Swanland NHW is helping Jessica Watts, Police Community Support Officer for Swanland, in a new crime prevention/detection scheme. Incident Report Cards, being distributed to every household, can be used to report suspicious or unusual activities.

Boxes for returning the cards and replacement cards can be found at Swanland Nurseries, McColls and the Post Office. Responses will be collected weekly.

NHW street co-ordinators are needed for: Chantry Way/East, Todds Close, Humberdale Close, Greenstiles Lane, Styles Croft, Greenacres, Woodside, Easonby Close, Northdale Park, Waudby View, The Green, Crowther Way/Close, Queensbury Way, Dale Close/Road, West Leys Road and Kemp Road. They report crimes and anti-social behaviour and keep neighbours informed about local issues. All are welcome to attend NHW meetings in February, June and October, usually with a Humberside Police representative present.

Please phone 101 for non-emergencies or 999 for urgent emergencies. Local Police Surgeries are held periodically. For more details and news go to web site www.humberside.police.uk/my-neighbourhood and enter your postcode. For further information about Swanland NHW see www.swanland.info, under village organisations, or contact Deborah Parry, area co-ordinator, tel: 01482 632576.



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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 Heritage Centre

– A new venture for Swanland



The provision of a heritage centre in Swanland will bring together many local archives from the past history of our village, some of which might otherwise be lost or forgotten. It aims to provide a permanent home near the pond at the old “Pond Studio” that will be open to the public.

The Swanland Village Association and Swanland Parish Council have stepped in and each has agreed to pay six months’ rent for the studio, where all the archival material for the proposed new Heritage Centre is currently just being stored. The Steering Group is busily compiling lists of people interested in helping with this project, either to serve on the Management Committee or to man the Centre for a couple of hours from time to time.

They are currently awaiting a response to an ongoing grant application which would then enable the Centre to be opened. With this in view, it has been decided to call an Inaugural Meeting to which anyone interested is invited. It will be held at **7.30 pm on Wednesday 20th March** in the upstairs room at the Village Hall, so please come along to lend your support.

If you wish to know more before then, please contact Geoff Collier on 01482 634411 or Yvonne Dumsday on 01482 634863.

Swanland Live Shows



We have booked musicians and singers Flossie Malavialle and Keith Donnelly for the Autumn. Flossie is one of our most popular entertainers and it will be her fourth appearance here. So do look out for more details. A live event not to be missed!

Over the past seven years many international and national performers have appeared at Swanland Village Hall and we intend that more will continue to do so. Events have been organised with financial backup support by the Swanland Village Association. Through ArtERY Live we have booked actors, dancers, musicians from Ireland, Denmark, Estonia, France and elsewhere. Canadian actress, Susannah Hamnet, performed her one woman show at Swanland Village Hall in between appearing with "Nearly Lear" on Broadway and the Sydney Opera House!

If you would like to be kept informed of any of our future live events, please look out for our posters around the village or check the website www.swanland.info and follow the links to Live Shows.



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Swanland Screen

You have two more great opportunities before the end of this season to see films locally. They are: **"The Artist"** on **16th March** and **"My Week with Marilyn"** on **20th April**.

The new season will begin again on **21st September** and continue on the third Saturday of each winter month. Details can always be seen by going to the Swanland Village Association's website and following the links to Swanland Screen.


The Swanland Screen is dependent on the Swanland Village Association for its support and organisation. Fortunately, we usually have sufficient numbers of people attending to break even overall but if, on the odd occasion, we do not then the loss is underwritten by the SVA. The SVA would like to thank the loyal regular volunteers that turn out to help, taking money at the door, setting up tables, serving refreshments and clearing up everything at the end. We also appreciate the loyalty of many of our regular audience.


We are actively seeking someone to act as relief for our technician. Training will be given and expenses paid on the occasions you take over the presentation. If you would like to know more, please contact Iain Colquhoun on 01482 634752.

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Swanland Wildlife Information & Advice Service (SWIAS) News

Sightings so far this winter have included a Waxwing and Brambling and a small flock of Redwings and Fieldfares. All are winter visitors from Eastern Europe. You may like to look and listen for blue tits and long tail tits nest building, song thrushes, dunnocks and chaffinches singing sweetly and house sparrow flocks squabbling noisily! You may also hear tawny owls calling nightly as their breeding season continues. Look out for primroses and wood anemones as they begin flowering.

May we give some wildlife advice? At the end of March PLEASE stop feeding peanuts to birds as tit chicks will choke on them. They can only swallow soft food!

Do please do keep sending us your wildlife sightings, stories & news!! Contact Carol Ledgard (for SWIAS) on (01482) 632178.



Swanland Pond Partnership (SPP) News

As part of the Pond Project, the SPP continues to develop the scope of its Marshy Area project proposals. The next stage will then be to present them to the Parish Council when all ongoing technical issues have been resolved.

Despite the bad weather so far this winter, many examples of all the wildfowl and visiting species seem to have survived. Many thanks to all those villagers who fed them regularly. Please keep up all the good work!!

Do look and listen for the ducks and moorhens pairing up noisily and the departure of the black-headed gulls back to the coast.

As a special request, PLEASE tell us if see frogs/toads or their spawn in the pond.

Additionally if YOU have a garden pond with amphibians and their spawn/eggs DO please tell us, since we are mapping garden ponds to aid the Marshy Area project.

Contacts: Jan Rogerson (01482) 634583 & Yvonne Dumsday (01482) 634863.

Letter to SVA News regarding Local Parking

On behalf of wheelchair and scooter users, the infirm elderly and mums with children in pushchairs, could vehicle users PLEASE show understanding and consideration for us when you park on double yellow lines or in yellow boxes WHERE there are adjacent low kerbs deliberately placed to facilitate easy mobility access.

The classic comment I receive when politely asking people to move is, 'I won't be a moment' when parking outside the Post Office to either go in there or to the Chemist or in the yellow box outside the Institute. Other times the same request is met with an ignorant silence or stony glare. An apology is VERY rare. I would like to point out that parking on double yellow lines or in boxes is **ILLEGAL!** Even disabled parking badge holders are asked to park with consideration for others.

Carol Ledgard

Swanland Guides: Baden Powell Challenge



On Saturday 10th November, Heidi van Nieuwkerk & Sarah Ringrose cleaned 12 community benches around the village for this Challenge (which is the highest guiding award). They had to complete 10 different challenges for this, at least one from each

of 5 groups which are: Healthy Lifestyles, Global Awareness, Discovery Skills & Relationships and Celebrating Diversity.

Environmental activity was chosen as an option within Celebrating Diversity. SWIAS agreed to supervise this as they encourage care and consideration for the environment. It was agreed that all the community benches around the village would be washed, as they were dirty, causing people sitting down to get their clothes marked. They set off around the village with buckets of hot water, rubber gloves, cloths and (for cleaning up fallen leaves from around them) rakes. The benches looked much more presentable and inviting to sit on when the work was finished which gave a great sense of satisfaction! They had decided to do the environmental activity because they wanted to help people and do something to benefit the community and it was felt afterwards that they had achieved this.



Swanland Show



This year's show will be held on **Saturday, 14th September** in St. Barnabas Church Hall. As usual there will be approximately 90 classes in nine different sections. The classes will be finalised in February and printed in the schedules which will be available from May onwards – both on line and in the usual printed booklet.

The cost of putting on the show is in the region of £500 to £600 pounds. Obviously the entrance and admission fees do not cover this amount so each year we have to raise funds to cover the shortfall. One of our most successful events is a plant sale. This year it will be held on **Saturday, May 11th** at 24, West End. There will be the usual variety of flower and vegetable plants and as new venture, trays of bedding plants. Each tray will contain a variety of plants, with enough to plant up a trough, tub or basket.

Enter these dates in your diary now and do try to support the events. If you want more details or have any constructive contributions to make, contact me, Tony Featherstone, tel. 01482 631110 or email tony@featherstone24.karoo.co.uk

Swanland Bowling Club



The new season is rapidly approaching and we are busy renovating our Clubhouse and outbuildings. Gardens are being tended, hedges trimmed and the green has had its first cut.

We have organised a Race Night in Swanland Village Hall for **Tuesday, 26th March** commencing at 7.30pm at a cost of £5 per person. This includes a pie & pea supper and race goers are asked to bring their own drinks. Please contact Secretary, Peter Dickinson (details below) if you would like to purchase some tickets. It will be an enjoyable evening so please support us.

Our season commences mid April and we are looking for new players, both male and female, to join as members. All ages and levels of experience are welcome. Coaching sessions take place every Monday afternoon and equipment is provided. We are holding an Open Morning on **28th April at 10am**, when you would be welcome to have a go at bowling.

The bowling green is located next to the pond and behind the doctor's surgery. We shall again be offering a greatly reduced membership for new members. For more information about any of these details contact: Peter Dickinson, Tel. 01482 634309 or by e-mail: the.dickinsons@hotmail.co.uk

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Swanland Village Hall – *Serving the Needs of the Village*



The village hall continues to provide a wide range of regular and special events. The website has been refreshed and is now much more attractive and informative. It can be accessed at www.swanlandvillagehall.info.

The trustees of the village hall are always on the look-out for new volunteers to become trustees to help to manage the hall for the benefit of the village. The chairman of the trustees, Godfrey Burley, would be very pleased to hear from anyone who would like to become a trustee. He can be contacted on 01482 634691 or at chair@swanlandvillagehall.info.

A new trustee has recently been elected to the Management Committee. Barry Maddison, who is originally from the North East but who has lived in Swanland for several years, has been elected as a trustee of the charity. Barry is married to Susan and they have a son and daughter. He works within a marketing department of a large multi-national company and has a background in store management.



The village hall is a very attractive venue for wedding receptions and already there are five bookings for weddings during 2013. The trustees would welcome enquiries for wedding receptions or for any other functions. The booking secretary, Martin Peel, can be contacted on 01482 634409 or at bookings@swanlandvillagehall.info.

Table Top Sale at Swanland Village Hall

The village hall trustees are pleased to announce that, due to high demand, they will be holding three further Tabletop Sales this year, on **Sundays 17 March, 7 July and 20 October** from 2pm to 4pm. Please put the dates in your diaries now. If you did not visit this great community event in 2012, please come along and take a look. There will be a good variety of stalls with quality new and second hand goods at great prices. Admission 50p. Accompanied children free. Refreshments will be available.

You may like to consider having a clear-out of items that are no longer needed at home such as toys grown out of or have art/craft items that you wish to sell or whatever. To book a table to sell, which cost just £5 each, visit the web site at www.swanlandvillagehall.info/future-events.htm.

Swanland Reading Group at your Local Library



Love books?...Then why not join Swanland Reading Group.

Come along and share your views and opinions with like minded people. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month 7pm to 8pm at Swanland Library, located at the village hall. We very much look forward to welcoming new members!

For more information please contact Sandie Dyson, Library Supervisor or any other members of our library staff on 01482 634896.

The WI



The Swanland WI is now in its seventh decade. It is a group of ladies who enjoy coming together to socialise.

Their activities include listening to a speaker, enjoying a celebratory meal or trying a new craft. They are a friendly, caring bunch and would welcome new members, young or old. Their venue is Christ Church hall by the pond and they meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm.



This year's programme includes a talk on the Land Army, a talk on the Power of Aloe and an outing to The Ropewalk, Barton. Membership entitles ladies, if they wish, to take advantage of all kinds of courses, workshops (for example digital photography) organised by the East Yorkshire Federation. For more information contact Lorna Caygill 01482 632543 or Linda White 01482 634222.

The pictures show members celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and visiting an organic farm.

Swanland Playing Field Association (PFA)



Following our own and required safety inspections various maintenance tasks need to be undertaken to spruce up the park and field area. These are mainly cleaning, sanding, weeding and painting. We would like to arrange a community clean up and picnic day

and enlist the support of park and field users in order to continue to provide a pleasant and safe place to play. We plan to do this on **Saturday 23rd March** and it is open to all ages (although small children should be accompanied and supervised by an adult for safety reasons). If you would like to help please just turn up on the day with your paint brushes, old clothes and a picnic! The shop will be open for hot and cold drinks and snacks/ butties.

Swanland PFA has close links with the Swanland Football Club and over the past couple of years we have worked together to provide pitches for a wide age range in Swanland. Please read their separate report that follows for more details. We have had vertidrainage and reseeding carried out to improve the playing surface. Volunteers mark pitches, perform committee duties and run teams. This is only possible with the tireless work of the committee of both Swanland PFA and Swanland FC. As with any growing organisations the administration grows and more volunteers would be welcome. It should also be mentioned that Swanland playing field provides a very tasty bacon sandwich on match days!

The cricket season will be soon upon us but unfortunately our regular adult team has had to fold meaning we have lost our help with preparing and maintaining the wicket for the other ad-hoc games that take place. If there is a keen Grounds man out there who would like to help out with boundary marking and wicket cutting and marking please contact Lisa on the email number below. Alternatively if anyone would like to hire the wicket for a match the cost is just £30.

Zingari will continue to host quality and fun coaching sessions for children on a Friday evening 6-8pm. This is open to all children and will start in May (date to be confirmed, look out for the posters) and run through the summer, weather permitting. The pavilion is also open at these times with a licensed bar and hot drinks and food/snacks available.

There have been some recent improvements to playground equipment and also planned internal improvements to the pavilion, these all come at some considerable cost of which grant monies is available for some but as usual

fundraising is required to continue to provide the facility for this volunteer run and maintained facility. All offers of help gratefully received!

Another date for your diary will be our annual fundraising event, the Gala. This year it will be held on **Sunday 14th July** and will be a sports day for all with taster sessions, tournaments, races and demonstrations. Again if you would like to contribute, help or have ideas to share please contact us.

Contact details are: swanlandpfa@gmail.com 01482 632772 or you can find information on Facebook – swanlandplayingfield

Swanland Football Club (FC)



The Christmas holidays are over, January is behind us, the nights are getting lighter and our thoughts turn to spring – once again being able to venture to the playing fields in fewer than 4 layers of clothing.

Swanland football club continues to grow since it was established six years ago. We are also starting to think about our plans for next season and how we will continue to develop as a club whilst implementing the important and welcome changes to junior football that have recently been mandated by the Football Association. These changes have been designed to increase participation, reduce the premature emphasis on competition and encourage young player development and are therefore fully consistent with the principles upon which our club was founded.

We have already worked with the Playing Fields Association to alter the configuration of the football pitches so that we can accommodate 7 a side, 11 a side and the newly introduced 9 a side matches. Under the new arrangements, the younger age groups will begin to play 4 a side and 5 a side games so we are having further discussions with the Playing Fields Association to see how this can best be accommodated.

More importantly and in the spirit of the FA's changes, we are moving away from age banded training groups for younger players and are establishing an Academy that is open to boys and girls aged 5 to 8. We do, of course, need to keep finding new young players who want to join the club. Anyone who is interested can contact Chris O'Neill on 07787 510877 for more information.

For reasons beyond our control, getting information about the club direct to parents of potential players has become more difficult of late. We are therefore hoping that people who read this article and would like to support their local football club will help to spread the word. Chris O'Neill Chairman, Swanland Football Club.



Swanland Education Africa Trust (SEAT) - Providing Care, Education and Hope

It is great to see such happy smiling faces from children in Nairobi – shown in the picture wearing the uniforms and PE kit passed on from our own village school. The children at Swanland Education Centre have now had a full year and the school is well established in the community.



CEPACET (The Centre for Civic Partnership and Engagement) is an organisation dedicated to improving and advancing Kenyan's lives through targeting community development. 2013 will bring improvements, as they take on the local management and running of the school. The SEAT Trustees have partnered well with CEPACET and maintain regular contact. From this year the school will be known as 'Swanland Village School'.

Our partnership ensures we have local knowledge and management on the ground and most importantly the very best clarity and accountability for how every pound is spent. You can be re-assured that all the money we raise goes straight to providing care, education and a hope for the future for so many poor and vulnerable children in and around Nairobi.

Many will know of our support for Esther Mukundi and her wonderful work in the HIV/AIDS impacted community of Ngong, just outside Nairobi. SEAT provides all the funds for her school which now has approaching 150 children. The photo shows children enjoying an outdoor lesson. Without your support none of these children would have the opportunity to go to school, have a good meal and most importantly have a hope for their future.



Your support really can change lives and it is encouraging to know so many in Swanland are taking up the challenge to make a difference to the very poorest and vulnerable in our world.

If you would like to know more about SEAT or make a regular or one off donation then please contact Richard Swain (01482 634306 or richard@swainland.com) or John and Shirley Waters at the Swanland Nurseries.

We also have a secure online giving site:
<https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/swanlandschoolnairobi>

Lestrem – Twinning



Twinning activities such as ours between Swanland and Lestrem (near Lilles) in France are both sociable and educational. They are great for kids and adults alike and many past stories can be told to justify that! In our last report we let it be known that we are searching for new committee members to join us with a view towards our continuing future. We have had a very poor response so far but we like to hear from anyone who may like to take an active role in taking our twinning forward.

We also hope as many people as possible will be able to attend our AGM which is to be held on the **18th March 2013 at 7.00 for 7.30pm in the Swanland Village Hall**. The future of our twinning will be discussed, information and photographs of past activities will be on display and it is hoped that we will be able to encourage more new people to become members and take part – for mutual benefit!

We have asked our friends in Lestrem to visit Swanland again this year and have suggested the week-end of the **18th-20th May**. We shall need to find accommodation within the village for the two nights of their stay. If you could help please contact me on the details below. We have made many friends and



had great weekends between us covering walks, tennis, badminton, local visits to Hull, York and Burton Agnes – in response to Ypres, Bethune and Lille, when Swanlanders have been to France. Great dances, joint dinners, musical evenings and many other activities on both sides of the Channel. Please help us to keep up our links with France.

We will be organising a boules event again this summer. When that date is settled we shall be sending out invitations to those of you that we already know and place details on the village web site.

Please give a thought as to whether you would like to be involved or just participate. Interested parties could contact Brendan Riley on 01482 632652 or send e-mail to rileyrb23@riley23rb.karoo.co.uk.

Swanland



Swanland U3A

Looking for a new lease of life in retirement? Want to become wiser or just acquire a new interest? Well, perhaps Swanland University of the Third Age (U3A) could provide the solution!

Swanland U3A is aimed at people who are semi or fully retired.

It has nearly 600 members and offers 65 interest groups covering a wide range of activities which you could join. These range from short or long walking groups, art appreciation, play reading, gardening, family and local history, photography, ancient and modern foreign languages. Most groups meet once a month or once a fortnight. If there is sufficient demand from members for a new activity then we endeavour to set up a new group for it.

There is also a programme of talks at St Barnabas Hall on the first and third Thursday of the month from 2 pm to 3.30 pm when speakers on a variety of subjects entertain as many as 160 members, followed by a sociable cup of tea.

Do not worry! There are no exams to be taken (as people usually associate with universities) neither to join the group nor at the end. Sorry, no letters to add to your names afterwards either though! But the U3A does give you the opportunity to meet new friends and take up an activity that you did not have time for whilst working. It helps you to keep physically and mentally active. Furthermore the U3A is a nationwide organisation with regional and national activities.

Interest groups are mainly led by members with interest and experience in the particular topic. Our costs are very low, the annual membership fee is £12, but sometimes members of a group pay a little extra towards the cost of room hire.

You can find more details (including application form) on our website www.swanlandu3a.karoo.net If you have any queries, please feel free to contact our Membership Secretary Graham Whitaker on 01482 631497 or any of our committee members as shown on the web site.

CLASSIFIEDS **Just £10 per insertion**

Yoga & Relaxation Classes

Run in 6-week courses in the Village Hall, Thursday mornings 11.15am.

If interested and wish to book, please contact Angie, tel: 0770 771 9600 or email: angie480@hotmail.com

(Also Tues. & Thurs. evenings in Kirkella).

Just 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.

St Barnabas Church Activities



As well as the usual pattern of services that you might expect to find at a CoE church, there are various activities to extend the hand of friendship to our local occupants as a whole. One such item is the weekly informal “Coffee Chat”, held 10am to 12 noon on most Thursdays during school term time. Sometimes there is a guest talking or singing or perhaps demonstrating crafts or whatever. Please feel free to call in for a cuppa and stay for as short or long as you like.

Another ongoing activity is “Chair Exercises”, which is a great opportunity for those less mobile to stay active in age. It helps to maintain muscle tone and balance with gentle activity from a sitting position. Sessions are held most Fridays from 1.30 to 3pm. There is a small charge of £1.50 per session, to cover expenses, but this does include tea/coffee and biscuits. The first session is free as a "Taster".



For more details and confirmation of dates when either of the above are taking place. Please contact the church office: Tel 01482 632941 or send an e-mail to admin@stbchurch.org.uk

Local Support for the Disabled



The Godfrey Robinson House provides accommodation and happiness to some of those of us who are disabled and less fortunate in their lifestyles than those of the majority around us. There is a lot to be said about helping such people and volunteering is a rewarding experience in many ways. It is promised you would meet people from all walks of life and make some very good friends in the process. Most of us get so busy with our lives that we don't always stop to think about what we may be able to do for others, especially ones we don't know.

The home is always looking for new volunteers, but one area where additional help would be most appreciated at the moment relates to driving a minibus for our people. For example, Graeme, Ann, Ann and Maryann very much enjoy attending St Barnabas Church, Swanland for the Sunday morning service, they like the community spirit, meeting friends, feeling part of a family and we all need to get out now and again, but they do need help to get there. Do you attend St Barnabas on a Sunday, could you call into Godfrey Robinson House and drive a neighbour to attend the Sunday morning service?

For further information on this and other ways of possibly helping out, please contact Julie Lee on (01482) 632209 or email julie.lee@lcdisability.org

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YOUR Swanland Village Association needs your support!

Please join us

Just fill in the form below or a copy (or web site joining form for standing order)

and post it to: Roy Kennington,
16 The Spinney, Swanland, HU14 3RD
Or leave in a sealed envelope
labelled "SVA Membership"
at Swanland Post Office (only)

It's just £2 per head (cheques payable to
Swanland Village Association).

*Why not make our job easier -
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You will receive a membership card.

For more details see web link below:

<http://www.swanland.info/sva.htm>.

YOUR Next Newsletter

Information, Articles, Letters and requests to give notification of forthcoming events should be sent in electronic format please to the Editor at: newsletter@swanland.info

PLEASE NOTE: The deadline and details for next Newsletter to be published in Summer 2013 will be shown on SVA Web site: www.swanland.info

We cannot guarantee to publish articles (maximum 300 words) or letters and reserve the right to edit them. We welcome photographs to print where appropriate.

To receive regular news updates from the SVA and local societies visit the website e-mail website@swanland.info

SVA Membership Application/Renewal

Name (first person) _____

Name (second person) _____

Address _____

E-mail address/Telephone number (optional) _____

Cheque/Cash (£2 per person) or request Standing Order form.