

Swanland Village Association

# NEWS

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## From the Chairman of the Village Association



Welcome to the Summer edition of the SVA News. At this time of the year many groups can be seen at the centre of our village - the Gardening Group, the Watering Team, the Pond Partnership (who are often IN the pond!), the Litter Pickers and many more volunteer groups. Thank you to everyone for their hard work.

This SVA News is more concise than usual due to the fact that our Editor resigned after the last excellent edition. We express our thanks to Richard Hoyes for the last three editions. A small sub committee was formed and chaired by Roy Kennington, in order to produce this edition. We are very fortunate that Marion Escreet has agreed to be our next Editor. Three other committee members have resigned for personal reasons so we would warmly welcome anyone who would like to join us in order for the SVA to continue to thrive. We send our heartfelt thanks to them all for working so hard for the village.

Our membership is increasing but we would like to encourage many more villagers to join the SVA. If you are not a member yet please read on to see just how we work in the village and if you would like to join us, then the information you require can be found on the back page. Our AGM will be held on Wednesday November 6th at 7.30 in the Village Hall. We are very fortunate this year to have as our speaker Jean Williams from Swanland, who will be talking about her recently published book 'Remembered with Advantages'. It tells the true story of growing up between the two world wars.

Finally; as we go to press - watch SVA and the Parish Council on "Facebook".

## Swanland Heritage Centre



Thanks to help with the first year's rent from the Swanland Village Association and Parish Council, positive moves are being made to convert the Pond Studio, next to Christ Church, into an archive to house documents on Swanland's heritage. A grant has been received from the Sir James Reckitt Charity, which has enabled work to begin in earnest.

An enthusiastic committee has met several times and about fifty supporters have already expressed interest in assisting with the running of this new venture. To help in ensuring a viable enterprise, those who wish to see the Heritage Centre thrive are invited to become *Friends of Swanland Heritage Centre* for a subscription of £10 per annum. *Friends* will receive newsletters and be eligible to vote at the AGM.

Work is now underway to prepare the premises for an opening later this year and anyone wishing to become involved as a *Friend* or as a volunteer to help staff the Centre should contact treasurer John White, 1 Mill Road Tel. 01482 632444 , [john-linda@john-linda.karoo.co.uk](mailto:john-linda@john-linda.karoo.co.uk) or chairman Geoff Collier Tel. 01482 634411.

## Membership Report June 2013

Membership of the Swanland Village Association runs from January to December. Current paid up membership for this year reached 359 during May. This includes those members whose standing order payments come in after June. This is a higher number than at this stage last year. There is still time to join or rejoin. Can we reach the 395 total reached in 2012 or the 426 of 2011?



Thanks to everyone who joined or rejoined in the first five months of the year. The response to our request in the last newsletter was very encouraging. We also received several retrospective payments for previous years. We add extra thanks to those who have set up standing orders or made extra donations. These additional donations do help us to keep the membership fee at its present level of £2 per member each year.

The SVA membership secretary is Roy Kennington, 16 The Spinney, Swanland HU14 3RD, telephone 01482 631424; e-mail [rk@swanland.info](mailto:rk@swanland.info).

## From the Village Association Committee

The Committee is delighted to report that the new village sign is now in position at the junction of West Leys Road and Kemp Road. It has been funded by the Swanland Parish Council, Jane and John Godber (from the proceeds of their Festival event) and SVA members.



You may have heard of the Wombles of Wimbledon Common but do you know we have their equivalent keeping the centre of Swanland litter free. There are a small group of volunteers keeping the area around the pond, up to the post office and down to the newsagents free of sweet wrappers, cigarette packets and other litter.

We could always use additional help so if you feel you could be a Swamble of Swanland then please contact Linda on 632957 for further information.



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## Village Hall News: Table Top Sales and Quiz

The next Tabletop Sale will be held on **Sunday 7th July** from 2-4pm in the Village Hall. Stalls include Phoenix Cards & Stationery, Secret Kitchen, jewellery, gifts, plants and stoneware. Other stalls will have lots of second hand goods as an indoor car boot sale. Admission 50p, accompanied children free. Refreshments will be available. Funds raised go towards a new boiler for the hall.



Please come along & support your Village Hall.

Our last Tabletop Sale for this year will be held on **Sunday 20th October** from 2-4pm. All tables for July and October have been sold.

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 Festival 2014

Swanland Festival 2014 will be held from **5th to 13th July** next year. We are anticipating that organisers will be in touch to confirm their events from September onwards. Please contact Yvonne Dumsday (634863) or Jan Rogerson (634583) for further details.

The Open Gardens will be held on Sunday, July 6th, 2014, and we know that this will be a very popular day out for both Swanland residents and those further afield. Our thanks go to Mally Cracknell for his excellent forward planning.

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

## Swanland Live Shows



Funding is almost certain for the future of Live Shows - although the inimitable Flossie Malavialle will definitely be back, this time with Keith Donnelly - so look out for further details. See [www.swanland.info/future-events.htm](http://www.swanland.info/future-events.htm)

## Swanland Screen

We are delighted to report that funding has now been confirmed to allow another season of films at Swanland Screen for the coming winter. Titles have still to be chosen but we shall commence on **Saturday 21st September** and continue on the third Saturday of each month. Look out for posters or watch our web page at [www.swanland.info/future-events.htm](http://www.swanland.info/future-events.htm)



## Twining – visit from Lestrem

Swanland hosted a visit by eighteen friends from Lestrem from Saturday 18th to Monday 20th May. On the Saturday evening they were joined by thirty locals for a meal at the Hesse Golf Club. Entertainment was provided by a folk band of Val and Mike Bennett with French guests Ghislaine and Michel Bonte.

On the Sunday, some went on a 7-mile walk organised by our David Losh, from North Newbald to Goodmanham on the Wolds Way. The remainder enjoyed an outing to the Sledmere Hall, gardens and church, arranged by Judith Frattini. French guests spent Sunday evening with their local hosts. On the Monday morning our guests sadly returned. The committee is currently considering future events and welcomes new ideas and new members. For further details please see the web site <http://www.swanland.info/lestrem.htm>

## Swanland Show

The 2013 show will be held on **Saturday, 14th September** in St. Barnabas Church Hall. Details are printed in the Schedule, including rules and entry form. The booklet is available now – both on line and in the usual printed form.





## Swanland Pond Partnership (SPP) News

Large fines can be imposed on anyone depositing wildlife into the pond. The SPP are trying very hard to keep a balance of nature to enable native wildlife to live and breed in and around the pond and are happy to report that the marshy area, in the south-west corner, is now planted up and will hopefully allow a refuge for frogs, toads and newts. Unfortunately a terrapin has also been seen swimming in the pond. This is definitely not native and can cause severe damage to the other aquatic inhabitants. See our webpage: [www.swanlandwildlife.info/wildlife/htm](http://www.swanlandwildlife.info/wildlife/htm)  
Contacts: SPP Yvonne Dumsday 01482 634863 or Jan Rogerson 01482 634583.

## Swanland Playing Field Association

Please come to the annual fundraising Gala on **Sunday 14th July**. A football tournament for children in school years 4 -7 begins at 10.30am; contact John, 631673 for details. From noon there are activities for all ages to watch, enjoy and join in. These include circus skills, magic, music, demonstrations, & races; also cake & sweet stalls, bar & BBQ. To help, on or before the day please contact 632772. (Parking is limited; please leave cars at home if possible).

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**PLEASE NOTE:** The deadline for next Newsletter to be published in October will be 31<sup>st</sup> August. Details also shown on SVA Web site: [www.swanland.info](http://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.

***SVA Membership Application/Renewal***

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