

From the Chairman of the Village Association



Welcome to the Spring edition of the SVA News. We are delighted that the new Swanland entrance sign is now in situ down Occupation Lane. It was funded by a generous donation from the Parish Council and the SVA too. All the roads leading into the village now have a village sign except Woodgates Lane. This will become a future project. Work is about to begin on our new Community Garden by the pond and thanks go to Mally Cracknell whose vision has made this possible. Our Swanland Festival this year will be from 9 July to the 19 July. The programme is well under way and promises a very varied number of events. We are very pleased that Steve Killick is now our new SVA Treasurer and many thanks to him for volunteering at our last Swanland Screen evening! Our Committee is still in need of a Minutes Secretary so anyone willing to take on this role would be most welcome. Swanland continues to be a very active village and we extend our thanks to the many volunteers who continue to work extremely hard for the benefit of us all.

Membership Report



So far 192 members have renewed for 2016, most of them by Standing Order. This is the most efficient way to maintain your membership, and forms can be obtained from the Membership Secretary, Louise Macfarlane **632 800**. An application/renewal form is on the back page of this newsletter.

If you are not already a member, and would like to know more about what the Association does for your £2 a year, please contact Louise, or any member of the committee.

If you are already a member, and would like to volunteer to help in a more practical way with any of the groups within the Association, such as the gardening group or the litter-picking group, or with delivery of the newsletter (to name a few!), please contact the chairman:

Jan Rogerson **634 583**.

To help to maintain Swanland as a pleasant place in which to live, **PLEASE JOIN NOW!**

Swanland Pond Partnership



Following the disruption last year with the wall repair we remain optimistic that the aquatic life and water quality will improve as the pond's water level, habitat and wildlife recover. The pond's ecosystem needs time to re-balance and this will take time.

Despite the disruption, the pond survey results (Oct.2015) still place the pond in the "quite healthy" range which is encouraging since we had very low water levels from the spring onwards AND a prolonged algal bloom from mid-summer to the autumn. Although results showed a smaller range of aquatic species present, there was an abundance of water fleas, midge and fly larvae which are an important source of food for fish and other aquatic species. The established planting has shown resilience despite mechanical damage and low water levels. The reeds remove pollutants and

large quantities of nutrients from the pond. They also provide a valuable habitat for aquatic wildlife and are key to improving species diversity in the future.

Please contact Alyson **634 168** if you could volunteer on maintenance days or help in other ways.

Village Hall News



Three new trustees have recently joined the management committee. Sheila Ireland, a retired headteacher, and Danny Betts, a manager in the building industry, have volunteered and have been elected as trustees. These two new trustees replace Priya Manoharan and Razia Wilson who have retired as trustees. In addition,

parish councillor Lee Sanderson has joined the committee as the parish council nominated trustee.

These new trustees are most welcome. The management committee will benefit greatly from their knowledge and experience.

A very valuable new facility has been provided at the hall. With the assistance of Graham Loncaster, Swanland School has provided a defibrillator unit which has been sited outside the village hall main entrance. The site was chosen because of its central location and ease of access. The defibrillator is available for use by anyone at any time to deal with cardiac arrest. A person's chances of survival falls by about 10% for each minute that passes without defibrillation. A public training session will be held shortly but anyone can use the device without previous training.

Godfrey Burley **634 691** or **gb@bgburley.demon.co.uk**.

New Swanland Village Guide

An updated “Swanland Signpost” guidebook is now being prepared in time for the 2016 Swanland Festival in July.



All village organisations are now being contacted to update their entries.

If you are not sure that you have an insertion or have any queries, contact the publisher on the e-mail link below. **There are a number of contacts who HAVE been contacted and not yet responded. The absolute deadline is March 20, to ensure your insert is correct you must send it in by then.**

The booklet is being funded partly by advertising and underwritten by the Village Association. Advertising space sponsoring this project is only now available (in colour) on the two inner cover pages – any businesses wishing to take the limited advertising please contact the link below as soon as possible as it is first come - first served.

Contact e-mail: signpost2016@swanland.info

Swanland Bowling Club



As the new season approaches Swanland bowling club is looking for new male and female members – any age welcome, with or without previous experience. We have about 50 members, ladies and gentlemen, and play on the bowling green at the back of the Doctor’s Surgery, close to the pond. We open on Monday 11 April 2016.

The club offers a greatly reduced membership fee for newcomers who have never bowled outside before. Social bowling and coaching takes place every Thursday afternoon. Equipment can be loaned if required. We have

an open day on Sunday 24 April from 10am to 12 noon, or to come before that date please call the number below.

We have men's, ladies' and mixed teams playing in the local leagues and organise internal club events and social evenings throughout the season.

For further information please contact Peter Dickinson (Club Secretary) or Margaret Dickinson (Ladies Secretary) **634 309**.

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Swanland Playing Field Association (PFA)



The large playing field and park off West Leys Road is a volunteer led and managed facility for all to use. We want you to get the most out of this by being as involved as you can. We are particularly looking for volunteers to help out occasionally in the shop and with maintenance work.

We also need a small group (about 5 people) to help with the planning and organisation of the annual fundraising Gala in July (there is a risk it may not run if we cannot get this group together).

We are at present sourcing possible new equipment for the park and welcome ideas from its users as to what you would like. Please use the facilities as intended and respect the safety information displayed.

Following the installation of the defibrillator in memory of Jamie Loncaster, we noticed that the pavilion was hidden behind the trees and bushes between the car park and the building.

The additional signage for the defibrillator was to be fixed to the corners of the building, but would not be visible from the car park.



Graham Loncaster contacted Swanland resident Russell Hodson - Arborology Gardens and Trees www.arborology.com for advice and assistance. He assessed the work and, with his team, kindly offered to cut down and remove the greenery, free of charge, on Sat 17 October 2015.

We would like to say a massive thank you to Graham Loncaster and to Russell and his team. We must also thank those who gave their time and



expertise with the installation of the defibrillator housing (John Breen and Steve Thompson Electrical) – such generosity.

To respond to any of the points above please email:
swanlandpfa@gmail.com

Community Garden

Weather permitting, work on the Community Garden is to start on 7 March. We shall break out existing concrete edging by the pond and excavate the area for laying block paving. On completion two benches will be fitted. A low sleeper wall will be constructed to hold back the soil and prevent nutrients being washed into the pond. In May the garden will be planted with a variety of perennials, etc.

Details are on the information board by the pond. Mal Cracknell.

Swanland Festival 2016

Dates for your diary: 9 to 19 July2016



Some new events we are hoping to have on this year's programme include: an appearance by the comedian, John Shuttleworth, a talk on World War One by Tim Lynch and one of Alan Bennett's *Talking Heads* plays.

We shall still have many standard favourites, such as the Playing Fields Gala and Open Gardens. There will be events for all ages and range of interests including music, arts, poetry, a quiz, a farm walk and more. Many events will be free of charge. Posters will be placed around the village and a full programme delivered to every house by the end of June.

If you wish to be involved, please contact:

Jan **634 583**

or Yvonne **634 863**

janmrogerson@yahoo.co.uk

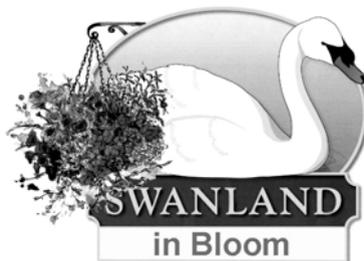
yd@swanlandvillagehall.info.

Swanland in Bloom

A date for your diary: Sun 10 July 2016

Swanland Open Gardens

Would you consider opening your garden to the general public?



This bi-annual event is important for raising funds for Swanland in Bloom.

If you wish to open your garden or require more information please contact Mal **632 282** (anytime) **swanlander31 @swanlander31.karoo.co.uk**

Christ Church Food Bank Donation Point



Christ Church (by the pond) is the Hull Food Bank collection point for Swanland and over Christmas the village contributed towards the nearly 8 tonnes of food that the Food Bank received. In the last 12 months, over 5100 adults and children have received three days emergency food and support from Hull Food Bank. The top three reasons for referral being 33% benefit delay, 19% benefit change and 18% low income.

If you would like to contribute to the Food Bank, then your gifts can be left at the church during Coffee Mornings from 10am until 12noon on Wednesdays (only in term time) and on Saturdays. There is always a need for UHT milk, sugar and small jars of coffee.

The shopping list of all items required can be found on the Food Bank website: **<http://hull.foodbank.org.uk/resources/documents/Hull-Foodbank-Documents/Shopping-List.pdf>**

For further information please contact: Mike Burman **631 131**

Swanland Neighbourhood Watch



There have been some reports of thefts of produce and from sheds at the allotments. Please report anything suspicious to the police - telephone **101** or send an email to **brough@humberside.pnn.police.uk** for non-emergency reports.

If you are troubled by doorstep sellers, ERYC window stickers are free and available from the NHW Coordinator or your Street Coordinator, indicating that you do not buy from doorstep sellers and referring to legal measures that can be taken against unwanted callers.

There are now 10 'No Cold-calling Zones' to stop unsolicited doorstep sellers in the village. Anyone living in a cul-de-sac/no through road who is interested in setting one up please contact your NHW Street Coordinator or the Swanland NHW Coordinator, Deborah Parry **632 576** or **dparry@inbox.com**.

North Ferriby Flower Club

North Ferriby Flower Club meets on the second Thursday of each month at North Ferriby Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm. We will be having a demonstration on **Thu 14 April** by Carys Harrison from York. Tickets for this event will be £4 and can be obtained on the door.

On **12 May** we have a demonstration by Craig Bullock from Burnley. Craig is a national demonstrator and has demonstrated throughout the UK and around the world, including Australia and New Zealand. Craig is not only a designer but also a teacher. He is associated with creative contemporary floral designs and gives a commentary which is entertaining with brilliant timing and wry humour.

Tickets for non-members can be obtained from North Ferriby Post Office and will cost £10. They will be available from the beginning of April. Website for more details: **www.northferribyflowerclub.co.uk**

Swanland Live Shows



settings.

Two exciting shows have been booked by your SVA for Swanland village hall this Spring. On **Sat 23 April** the exciting Balbir Singh dance company is performing. Despite the capacity for delivering large scale work, Balbir Singh's choreography retains an intimate style which is most at home in smaller

The other show will be on a **Sun 1 May**. It is a one woman play *My Name is Saoirse*. This is an award-winning one woman show, set in 1980's rural Ireland, described as 'humorous and heart-warming'. It is a tender and moving coming of age story that follows Saoirse, an ordinary, though extraordinary, 15 year old growing up in conservative Catholic Ireland.

Look for posters or check at <http://www.swanlandvillagehall.info/future-events.htm> for further details. Tickets available from Yvonne at Mere House (opposite the pond) **634 863**

Swanland Screen



The first film 'Calendar Girls' was shown in 2007 and the SVA have continued to show a film every third Saturday of September through until April every year. On **19 March** we are screening the new adaptation of *Far from the Madding Crowd* and on **16 April** *The Imitation Game*.

All films start at 7.30pm, with doors opening at 7pm. This season has seen larger audiences than previous seasons, with about half now travelling from outside the village.

If you would like a reminder about upcoming films; to suggest films for the 2016-17 season; to help with distributing posters advertising films; to help on the night -

please contact Yvonne **634 863** or yd@swanlandvillagehall.info.

Swanland Show

This delightful village show will be held on **Sat 10 September** at St Barnabas Church. People come from near and far to display their home-grown crops, flowers, art work, hand-crafted items, photographs and home-made produce. There is also a children's display.

To raise funds to run the show, an annual plant sale is held at **24 West End, Swanland**. This year it will be on **Sat 7 May** from 9am. Plants will include mainly bedding, perennials and vegetable plants. Refreshments will be available including a cake stall and bacon butties. Be sure to get there early as plants sell out fast.



For further information on the plant sale or the show, please contact the chairman Paul Neve at neve@samak.co.uk or visit the website: www.swanlandshow.btck.co.uk.

Tools With A Mission (TWAM)

TWAM is a Christian charity which collects and refurbishes tools no longer required in the UK. They are then sent overseas to assist those with few skills and little education to earn a living. For more information see <http://www.twam.co.uk/>

TWAM will take any tool in **usable** condition that can be used in a **trade**. There is a need for manual or electric Sewing Machines, manual Knitting Machines and manual Typewriters. Power tools will be taken provided they are double insulated. Decorating tools and small gardening implements are **not** required although garden forks, spades, rakes and hoes are wanted. Computers are needed if they are relatively modern; a minimum specification can be provided.

Swanland is the collecting point for Hull and East Riding of Yorkshire and so, if you have any good quality tools to donate, please contact John White **634 222** who will arrange collection.

Swanland Running Club



Come and run with Swanland Running Club - a small informal group of friendly runners who meet at the Pond every Friday at 7pm. We are a male and female group with a range of abilities from gentle joggers to experienced runners.

All ages and abilities are welcome (beginners too!).

There are no fees, we just

meet up at 7pm and run. Get in touch or pop down on a Friday to see us.

Phone / Text : Jemy – **07710 483049** / Barry – **07801 962001**

Facebook : Swanland Running Club

Email: swanlandrunningclub@outlook.com

Swanland Heritage Centre



Opening again on **4 March 2016** but if you and your friends would like to visit us sooner, please get in touch. We are by the pond in Swanland.

We are open on **Fridays 2-4pm** and **Saturdays 10am until 12noon**. We will be open during the Swanland Festival in July.

The Tranby Exhibition is in March and the AGM in April. Everyone is welcome.

New documents and data have been added to the website.

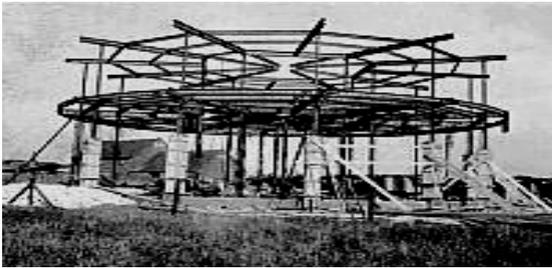
Would you like to find relatives or read about and see photos of Swanland history? Would you like to join at £10.00 per annum? Would you like to be on the Heritage Centre Committee?

Do you know where this is in Swanland?

You can see the Heritage Centre on the far right, just behind the pond.



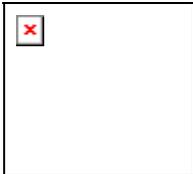
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Contacts: Colin **631 844**
Janet **633 286**
John **634 615** Ian **632 800**
Yvonne **634 863**

Website:
www.swanlandheritage.info

Sport Relief Mile



The Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile is back – and it's coming to Swanland. Local heroes from all over the East Riding will be walking and running themselves proud to raise life-changing money. The village is hosting its third Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile on **Sunday 20 March**, and needs local people to come together and make themselves proud by entering now at: **www.sportrelief.com**

The colourful, cheerful and eager Milers will be doing their bit to make a difference to people living across the UK and the world's poorest communities.

Setting off from Swanland playing fields the Swanland 1 mile will start at **9.30am** and the 3 and 6 Mile will start at **10am** and follow a route through Swanland village and it is set to be an incredible event.

Godfrey Robinson House – North Ferriby



Leonard Cheshire Disability's, Godfrey Robinson House in North Ferriby, has places in the Great North Run, on **11 September**.

We'd love you to join the team with thousands of others and run the 13.1 mile course from Newcastle to South Shields. All

the funds raised come back for the direct use of the residents at Godfrey Robinson House. Places cost £20 and you will receive a welcome pack with a running vest, training, and fundraising support as well as cheering points and a post-race reception on the day.

For more details and to register: leonardcheshire.org/greatnorthrun or **020 3242 0365** or contact Julie Fenton at Godfrey Robinson House **632 209**.

Coffee Morning and Cake Bake.....Thanks!



**Cardiac
Risk in the
Young**

We would like to thank everyone who supported this event on 27 November 2015 at St. Barnabas Church hall, Swanland. **The event raised in excess of £1,700...!**

We were further pleased that there was such a cross-section of age representation from the village. This will **definitely** be an **annual event**, so watch this space later in 2016....!

Every year Cardiac Risk in the Young www.c-r-y.org.uk run an awareness week that culminates in a 'Cake Bake' day, hence the decision to hold the coffee morning when we did. The Church hall was such a fitting venue by the fact that Jamie's funeral had been held in the Chapel earlier in the year.

A website in memory of Jamie has been created and is now live at: www.jamieloncaster.co.uk

The **Jamie Loncaster Memorial Fund** is held with **Cardiac Risk in the Young**. The aim of the fund is to raise awareness of the statistics and to pay for at least 1,000 heart screening places over the next 5 years. The NHS does not offer a funded screening programme.

Thank you all. Graham, Jenny and Ross Loncaster.

The Swan Scheme

Lunch Club and Coffee Morning

These continue on Wednesdays in term time in Christ Church hall by the pond and are run by volunteers. The coffee morning is open from 10am until the Lunch Club at noon. The latter is for elderly people who would benefit from a two course meal in the company of others - a chance to get out and have a chat. Lifts can be arranged if necessary. There are vacancies so if you would like further details please phone one of the numbers given below.

If there is anyone who feels they could help on a monthly basis with the Lunch Club, we would be pleased to hear from you. We particularly need someone who is willing to collect and return the food containers to St Anne's School in Welton.

Please contact Linda White on **634 222** or Pat Burman on **631 131**.

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

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

PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for next Newsletter to be published in Summer will be 30 April 2016. Details also shown on SVA Web site: 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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