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Welcome from the Chairman of the Village Association

The time for the summer issue of the magazine has arrived and we give a special welcome to any new readers who have just



moved into the village. Please let us know and we will provide you with a "Welcome Pack" to help you settle in and encourage you to get involved in village life as there so many groups active in Swanland as seen on our website - and to quite a large extent in this newsletter! Details for obtaining a pack are shown on page 11.

Whether or not you are a newcomer to the village I do hope that you will consider membership, details of which are provided on page 2 and the back page.

We are all looking forward to the Swanland Festival in July and say a big thank you to the hard work of Jan and Yvonne and all of those taking part. I am sure it will be a great success! It is the biggest social event in our local calendar and hope that you will be encouraged to support it one way or another. The Open Gardens on 8th July will be a major highlight.

It is most encouraging to see projects taking place that show support for the ongoing prosperity of our village and existing buildings but without excess over development. I refer to the Swan and Cygnet expanding its eating out facilities and the re-opening of Oliver's. We wish them both success in 2012.

Unfortunately, by the time this newsletter is published the official dates of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations will have passed. I hope that you were able to take advantage and enjoy the event, and are ready for the next major one - why our own Festival of course!

Robert Edwards. Chairman SVA 01482 637493

Membership Report May 2012

Membership of the Swanland Village Association runs from January to December. By April this year the paid up membership had reached 326. This includes those members whose standing order payments are anticipated after April. This is a similar figure to spring 2011, but is still nearly a hundred short of the final membership for 2011. (In the last newsletter we reported that the paid up membership of the Association was 419 in 2011.)

Our thanks to everyone who joined or rejoined in the first four months of the year. We add extra thanks those of you who have set up standing orders for future payments and those who have added an additional donation to the basic membership fee of £2 per year. These additional donations do help us to keep the membership fee at its present level.

So now that summer has arrived we appeal once again to those of you who have not yet joined or re-joined the association to do so. We especially ask past members who may have just forgotten to renew for 2012 to do so now. We would very much like to welcome new members and the percentage of potential village members joining up. As a member you do not have to do anything more, though we encourage members to become involved if they would like to be.

The committee and volunteers use the funds and their time to keep Swanland a good place to live, work and play. After all, what makes our village what it is? Is it the buildings, the roads, the pond, or the ducks even? Well, yes to some extent, though surely some of the most important items are its people and community spirit. The SVA tries to maintain all this by keeping the inhabitants informed of what is happening. It communicates through its newsletter, and the Swanland Village web site. It just asks for your support in terms of membership, letting us know what you want, and participation where interested.

Membership is so inexpensive at only £2.00 per year per member and payment could not be much easier. You can pay by cash, cheque or standing order. To renew simply use the form or a photocopy of it from the back page of this newsletter. A joining form with optional Standing Order details can be found from the SVA web site www.swanland.info. Completed membership forms can be given to the SVA membership secretary, other SVA committee members or collected if necessary. You can also now drop off your completed form and accompanying payment in a sealed envelope labelled "SVA Membership", to Kerry at the Swanland Post Office. So, why not join up today?

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

Swanland Village Hall – Serving the Needs of the Village



Swanland Village Hall continues to provide high quality facilities for meetings, health and fitness activities, private parties, wedding receptions, clubs and activities for all ages, conferences and exhibitions and theatre, film and drama productions and a host of other activities. There are a number of different sized letting rooms to suit all manner of activities and there is a modern, well equipped kitchen.

A wide variety of regular classes are provided. They include Zumba, Pilates, Dancing, Music and Weightwatchers. There are also many special events such as the “Swanland Screen”, “Swanland Live Shows” and the forthcoming “Swanland Tabletop Sale”.

The hall is provided for the benefit of the inhabitants of Swanland and will continue to provide this benefit so long as the people of Swanland make use of it. Whilst owned by the Parish Council, the Village Hall is a registered charity managed by a board of trustees, all of whom give their services voluntarily.

The array of photo-voltaic panels on the roof of the hall, installed last autumn, is now fully operational and generates a significant amount of electricity for use during the day at the hall with the surplus being exported to the National Grid.

The hall is financed by the fees received from hirers of the hall. It does not receive any financial assistance from the Parish Council or any other source. The hire rates for the various parts of the hall are very reasonable and competitive and, if the hirer is a resident of Swanland, the hiring charge is discounted.

A marketing leaflet has recently been produced and a copy of the leaflet has been distributed to all households in the village. Further copies of the leaflet can be obtained from the rack in the hall foyer or from Swanland library. If anyone would like to enquire about booking any of the rooms or facilities in the hall or who would like to view the hall with a booking in mind they should contact our Booking Secretary, Martin Peel on 01482 634409 or visit our website at www.swanlandvillagehall.info. Please visit the “Regular Events” page on our website to see if there is a class for you.

Finally, the Village Hall AGM will take place in the Village Hall on **Thursday 19th July 2012 at 7.00pm**. Everyone is invited to attend.

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New Trustee for Swanland Village Hall



A new trustee has joined the board of trustees. Michelle Pollard was appointed at the Management Committee meeting on 26 April. She will also be taking over as Secretary of the Charity later in the year when Ian Macfarlane, who has been a trustee since the hall opened, retires from the board at the annual general meeting in July.

Michelle is originally from the Midlands but has lived in Swanland for several years. She is married to Richard and has two young children. Her significant knowledge and experience of administrative work will be of considerable value to the Management Committee.

Swanland Tabletop Sale – Saturday 30th June



Is your home full of clutter such as unloved toys, unused items and unwanted gifts? Would you like to clear out your cupboards and earn some cash? Michelle Pollard, our new trustee of the Village Hall, is organising a Tabletop Sale to be held on **Saturday 30th June**. A bit like a car boot sale - only on tables provided inside the *dry* Swanland Village Hall!

The event will run from **2pm until 4pm** and is for the sale of good quality, new or nearly-new items (business stalls welcome). A table measuring 4ft by 2.5 ft will be £5, two tables for £9. Refreshments will be available to purchase on the day. Admission for buyers is only 50p each, with accompanied children free of charge so why not come along and bag yourself a bargain whatever the weather.

To reserve your table, please contact Michelle Pollard at mp@swanlandvillagehall.info or on 01482 637210. Payment will be required in advance to secure your table and can be made by placing your table fee in a sealed envelope marked with your name, address, telephone number and number of tables required. Please drop it in to Michelle Pollard at 3 Sykes Close or alternatively to Yvonne Dumsday at Mere House, Main Street. *Table numbers are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.*

For further information on this and other events taking place at the Village Hall, please see our website www.swanlandvillagehall.info.



Swanland Neighbourhood Watch Update

The next meeting of the Swanland NHW Co-ordinators will be held on Thursday 21 June at Christ Church (by the pond) at 7.30pm. A representative of Humberside Police is usually present and all are welcome to attend to hear about latest local developments.

More street co-ordinators are still needed for the following areas in particular: Stratton Park, Todds Close, Humberdale Close, Greenstiles Lane, Styles Croft, Greenacres, Woodside, Easonby Close, Mere Way, Priory Close, Northdale Park, Waudby View, The Green, Crowther Way/Close, Queensbury Way, Dale Close, West Leys Road, and Kemp Road.

Swanland NHW will display a stand by the pond on Sunday 8 July, during the Swanland Festival. Please come to find out more about us and home security precautions, or to learn more about the rôle of street co-ordinators.

For information about South Hunsley Area Police, meetings, surgeries, events and news go to: 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 Festival 2012



Enclosed with the copy of SVA News that drops onto the mat of every house in Swanland, will be a programme of this year's Festival, which runs from **7th to 15th July**. The first Festival was in the year 2000 as a "one off" to celebrate the Millennium and the organisers thought the next one would be in the year 3000. However, the villagers had other ideas so it now takes place every two years and brings a wealth of talent for the entertainment of all. The Festival organisers hope you will find several events that will tempt you to join. If you don't have a copy of the programme, there will be copies in the Library and it can also be found online at <http://www.swanland.info/Festival-2012.htm>

Swanland Live Shows



Singer Flossie Malavialle returns to Swanland Village Hall. For all her fans, **Saturday 29th September** is a date to put in your diary. She will be joined by the international star, Chris Parkinson. Chris has played, since the age of five onwards, harmonica, piano, guitar, concertina, tin whistle, melodeon, piano accordion, keyboards, and then the fiddle. He plays traditional folk music of UK, Europe and beyond, and is also no mean hand at blues, rock & roll, and even a bit of jazz.

At the time of going to press details have not been confirmed so watch for posters around the village and check www.swanlandvillagehall.info/shows.htm nearer the time. This is bound to be a sell-out occasion so book your seats now with Yvonne on 01482 634863. Profits will be donated to HEART UK - the cholesterol charity.

Swanland Screen



Swanland Village Hall hopes to begin its sixth season of films on its usual third Saturday of each winter month, commencing in September 2012. We would like to thank all villagers and outsiders who have supported this venture since 2007 and we sincerely hope that we shall be able to count on your support for the coming season.

If you are one of those who have not experienced any of the 38 films shown at this local cinema then we hope we shall be able to tempt you to come along. Please watch for details in local newsletters and posters around the village and check online at <http://www.swanlandvillagehall.info/swanland-screen.htm>.

Swanland in Bloom - 2012



The wet weather has been rather discouraging, but at least we did not have the same cold winter like we had in 2011, which unfortunately killed off so many of our outdoor shrubs. While our friends south of the Humber still have to suffer a ban on the use of hose pipes, the likelihood of that happening over here is now much reduced.

By the time this newsletter reaches you, the celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee will have passed and hopefully the sun shone on Swanland and the red, white and blue theme planting celebrated the occasion well. Our next major milestone is the Swanland Festival, with the Open Gardens our centrepiece.

Finally - thank you to all the Blooming team for their dedicated hard work throughout the year to ensure Swanland looks 'Blooming' good and the waterers who do an important sterling job to maintain the plants.

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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 Café serves freshly baked cakes, hot meals, Fair Trade coffees and teas.

Swanland Open Gardens - Sunday 8th July 2012



This enjoyable event is only held every other year, and is under the umbrella (no pun intended) of the main Swanland Festival programme, where more details may be found. So why not take a look and make this a priority for one (at least!) of the events that you are going to support. If attending there is every chance that you will find it worthwhile, with new ideas

to be gained, plants to buy, refreshments to be taken or just good old friendly chit-chat! Gardens will be open from 11am to 5pm. Money raised from programme sales will be used to the benefit of the community.

In the spring newsletter we were asking for as many people as possible to consider opening up their gardens to the general public for this. Many thanks to those who have responded. The final numbers have still to be confirmed, but we are anticipating at least 20 gardens so it will be a busy day for visitors. In fact the deadline for participating is not until June 22 if you still wish to consider. During the week following the Open Day there will be an evening Swanland Garden ‘Gadabout’ for the owners and helpers to visit each others’ gardens.

Anyone who would still like to open and/or needs more information please contact **Mal Cracknell** – (open gardens organiser) any time on Tel. 01482 632282. Email: swanlander31@swanlander31.karoo.co.uk

Swanland Playing Field Association



Runners, joggers and walkers all turned out on the playing field to raise money for Sport Relief. There was a 3 and 6 mile run around the village at the same time. Thanks all those who took part, and also to Gill Holden, Lisa Weldrick and Sue Gill for organising it.

We are also grateful for the support from the Parish Council and the Scouts.

The football season is just over. Last year we cut back on teams using our field as their “home” pitch to try and reduce the impact of parking on local residents. We hope this has improved matters. Why not come along and watch some Sunday cricket as the season opens. The Tuck shop is usually open at the weekend.

The playing field committee is always looking for new volunteers to help to run the facility. If you have just one particular special interest, you could keep your involvement to just that. We are a voluntary organisation funded from the Parish Council and fundraising. Any offers of help and support are gratefully received.

Preparations are in place for the annual Gala on **Sunday July 15th** from 12 noon. With an Olympic feel there is something for everyone including games and races, entertainment, craft activities, it's a knockout and the usual BBQ, bar, tea and scone tent and Pimms. If anyone is willing to lend a hand please could they contact Lisa Weldrick on 632772 or swanlandpfa@gmail.com



Swanland Bowling Club

We are well into our outdoor season. We play on most afternoons and evenings so please come in and sit down and watch a match. Two years ago many village people came into the club grounds, finding us for the first time, not having previously known where the bowling club was! Our bowling green is just behind the doctor's surgery and we welcome spectators. You might want to have a go and coaching and equipment are available every Monday afternoon.

We shall be open on **Sunday July 8th** during the Swanland Festival Open Gardens. Cream teas will be served while you will be able to watch bowling taking place. There may even be some opportunities for visitors to have a go at ball throwing! Plants will be available to purchase so plan you walk around the village with a stop at the bowling green.

If you have just want a new sporting challenge please come and have a go at bowls. For further details contact club secretary Peter Dickinson 01482 634309.



The Swanland WI

The Swanland WI enjoys a varied programme of regular meetings for ladies, held at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of the month (except in January when it's the second week). Our venue is the hall at Christ Church by the pond and our programme is displayed on the notice board at Swanland Library, in the Village Hall and on the Swanland Village website. The range of topics covered is wide. Why not come and find out.

Visitors are always welcome (£2 admission), and may come up to three times before deciding whether to join. Members can then participate in many of the courses and events organised by the East Yorkshire Federation. In some cases members are encouraged to bring their husbands or friends along too. We are also affiliated to the National Federation of WIs in London. Then there is the WI Denman College in Oxfordshire where members can attend day or residential courses on an extremely wide range of subjects.

So whether you enjoy craft, culture, travel, current affairs - the list goes on and on - you should find something of interest, not to mention new friends too! For further information contact: Lorna Caygill (President) 01482 632543, Beryl Wright 01482 658366 or Linda White (Secretary) 01482 634222.

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**Recently moved to Swanland?
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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 Sue Smart (tel 01482 632736) if you wish to receive one.

Swanland Education Africa Trust (SEAT) –

A New Partner Is Acquired To Provide Support and Governance



The Trustees of SEAT have recently been working closely with the “Centre for Partnership and Civic Engagement” (CEPACET). They are a non-profit organisation dedicated to improving and advancing every vulnerable Kenyan’s life through programmes and projects that target community development. Their website can be found at www.cepacet.org

SEAT have engaged Chryspin Afifu (Director of CEPACET) to oversee both our schools in Nairobi and Ngong. His managerial and organisational skills are proving invaluable. In addition, Esther Mukundi, who runs the Ngong school for which we provide financial support, has agreed to spend a day a week overseeing the teaching aspects of the Nairobi school. It is most encouraging that the trust is strengthening the links between the two schools and also extending the local governance and support structures.

Teachers from both schools recently received two day local training arranged by Esther and delivered by a Kenyan government schools examiner. It has helped to raise standards and identify ongoing training and support requirements. Having such oversight and local wisdom is so encouraging for helping these projects to become more established and sustainable in the long term.

The Trust would love to have more people in the village of Swanland be involved in the support and financial contribution to these exciting projects which provide *care, education* and *hope* to children in and around Nairobi. If you want to know more, or to become a one-off or regular giver to the charity, then please contact Richard Swain (Richard@swainland.com or 01482 634306) or John/Shirley Waters at the Nurseries. For our website see www.swanlandschoolnairobi.org and to donate on line <https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/swanlandschoolnairobi>



Chryspin handing over certificates



The full teaching team at the training day.

Lestrem – Twinning



2012 has been a fairly quiet period for the twinning group so far, though thanks must be given to all the people who came to the February film evening in memory of Marie Wood which raised £200 for the Young People's Cancer Ward at Castle Hill Hospital. On May 3rd our cheque was handed to the fund raiser and senior staff on the ward by the Secretary, David Losh, and committee member, Judith Frattini.

Exciting plans currently lie ahead. Our next trip for Swanlanders to Lestrem is planned for 21st to 24th September this year. More details will follow later, but based on past experience the visit should provide plenty of interest, enjoyment and education!

As usual we shall also be holding several local social events this year as well as our twinning visit to Lestrem. These very successful occasions have stimulated interest in our Association as well as generating financial support. Food and wine have always complemented such occasions in true French tradition! For details of forthcoming events see below.

We are keen to attract supporters to our events, and invite new ordinary members to join us. We already have approximately fifty members. Why not come to one of our local events first? Our web site has just been updated at <http://www.swanland.info/lestrem.htm>. A membership form is attached to this web site. If you are interested please feel free to contact us, even if just to find out more. (See below)

Forthcoming Events:

8th July - 11am – 4pm at 23 Manor Road, Swanland - Cream Teas as part of Swanland Festival and Open Gardens

12th July – Boules Evening at Hessle Tennis Club, Boothferry Road, Hessle – Cost £7 including traditional English fish & chip supper. Bar available. Prizes for winners!

21st – 24th September - Trip to Lestrem, France. Details still to be finalised. Names are being taken of people expressing interest in joining in.

17th November – Quiz Night – Swanland Village Hall

If interested in any of the above events (especially the trip to Lestrem) or membership, please contact Brendan Riley on 01482 632652 or e-mail rileyrb23@rileyrb23.karoo.co.uk



Swanland Wildlife Information & Advice Service (SWIAS) News

The service continues to provide local information and advice for wildlife in the village that you may come across. Items of particular interest at this time of the year are:-

TAWNY OWLS - Our Box near Manor Road had two chicks in during April. In May they successfully fledged and residents still hear them calling nightly!

SWIFTS – These are in decline and need YOUR help. If you find you have a nest PLEASE contact us a.s.a.p! Swifts are black have scimitar shaped wings and fly fast. (*Hence the name!*)

HEDGEHOGS – These also NEED HELP! We ask caring villagers, already feeding hogs nightly to set up a feeding station to encourage potential breeding pairs. So far we have only two sites. HELP & ADVICE WILL BE GIVEN (see Contact below).

RSPB & SWIAS BIG GARDEN BIRD WATCH - Results and interesting news are now on our webpage (hard copy available (10p) see Contact).

Please send us your news & photos of interesting sightings!! See our webpage: www.swanlandwildlife.info/wildlife/htm

Contact: SWIAS Carol Ledgard 01482 632178

Swanland Pond Partnership (SPP) News



POND PROJECT - As this goes to print we hope to have completed negotiating with the Parish Council to corral off the south-west corner and create a Marshy Area with colourful pond plants. This fish free area will be protected habitat for visiting frogs, toads, smooth newts, dragon & damselflies, insects and birds. Look out for these species:-

MOORHENS - The first brood are doing well despite poor weather. There may be more broods during summer!



DUMPED FARMYARD DUCKS - So far only two Rouens have been re-located. They and the Indian Runners have eluded us. Attempts to catch them resembled scenes from 'Carry On' films!!

See our webpage: www.swanlandwildlife.info/wildlife/htm

Contacts: SPP Yvonne Dumsday 01482 634863 or Jan Rogerson 01482 634583.

**Leonard
Cheshire
Disability**

Local Support for the Disabled

In April nine residents here attended the Rotary District 1270 Disabled Games at Hymers College, organised by one of our long standing volunteers Ian McFarlane. Special mention must also go to George Tarbotton (from the Rotary) who looked after our team on the day.



From Left to Right: Samantha Witchell, John Bradley, Jane Watts, David Penny and Brian Vaughan.

They all received tee shirts and medals for attending. One of our residents was thrilled to tears to be awarded a trophy for his weightlifting efforts. All in all they had a wonderful memorable day. A big thank you so very much to all of our eight volunteers who escorted and helped on the day. Such

achievements just could not happen without such support.

A note for your diary: Arrangements are being made for us to host a summer fair here at Godfrey Robinson House on **4th August, 2012**. Our residents will be very much involved, and we do hope you will come and support us, come along and meet your neighbours.

If you are looking to get out and about, meet different people from all walks of life, come together and understand people's disabilities and do something worthwhile, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Julie Lee 01482 632209 or email julie.lee@lcdisability.org Hope to see you soon!

Charity Concert: "Affairs of the Heart"

A concert in aid of the Cardiac Unit at Castle Hill Hospital will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10th July in St Barnabas Church Hall, Main Street, Swanland. All performers have been cardiac patients: Delia Fletcher (soprano), Peter Bingham (tenor), Jennie Thomas (reader) and Peter Sproston (pianist). Delia and Peter sang at the 2010 and 2011 café style Christmas services in St Barnabas Church. Professor Andrew L Clark of Castle Hill Hospital will give an interval talk.

Ring 01482 634104 to reserve tickets - £5.00 (Year 11 and below £3.00) - or pay on the door. Donations will be welcome.

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PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for next Newsletter to be published in October will be 31st August. Details also shown on SVA Web site: www.swanland.info

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