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## Welcome!

Welcome to the latest SVA Newsletter!

Another great summer with the Village and Pond looking their best once again with lots of gorgeous floral displays and the Pond with clear water and less algae! Thank you to all who both create and look after the displays; their unstinting work is greatly appreciated.

Robert Edwards, Chairman SVA

## Annual General Meeting

Swanland Village Association (SVA) Annual General Meeting will take place on Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

After a short business meeting Jane Godber will talk about "My Life in the Theatre". Jane and her husband John Godber have been involved in theatre nationally and locally for many years both as actors and playwrights.

The evening will end socially with wine and cheese. Everyone, whether a member of the SVA or not is welcome at this meeting.

If anyone would like to join or propose someone else to join our committee please contact the Secretary, Ros Stead on 635210

## SVA Membership

At the end of March the SVA had 317 members compared with a figure of 343 at the end of 2010. An appeal to past members to renew their membership and to new people to join brought the membership up to 401 by the end of August, providing that standing orders set up for the remainder of the year come in. Thank you to all who responded to the appeal and to those who pay by standing order.

We now ask people who are setting up standing orders to make them payable at the beginning of January when the membership year begins. Some of you have been paying by standing order for several years and set up your orders for other times of the year. This year, my first as membership secretary I have issued membership cards to standing order members when bank statements have confirmed payment. Consequently some cards have only been issued recently and some remain to be issued. Now that I have a clearer understanding of months in which some members have standing orders I will put out membership cards earlier in 2012.

It is not too late to join or rejoin for 2011. You can pay any committee member, or in a sealed envelope to Kerry at Swanland Post Office. A joining/rejoining form is on the back of this newsletter. Photocopies are acceptable. My contact details are below.

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

## **Village Hall Needs New Treasurer**

Our treasurer, who has served us so well for seven years, is about to retire so the trustees urgently need a replacement.



The treasurer is a trustee and a member of the Village Hall Management Committee, responsible for keeping the books, preparing accounts and advising the committee on financial and related matters. Ideally, the volunteer will have accountancy knowledge and experience and will be willing to devote some of

his/her spare time to serving the village. He/she will be supported by an active body of trustees who, together, run our excellent village hall.

Anyone who feels that he/she has the interest, skills and commitment to do this extremely worthwhile voluntary job should contact Godfrey Burley, Chairman of the Trustees on 634691 or at gb@bgburley.demon.co.uk.

## **“Green” Open Morning at Village Hall – 29<sup>th</sup> October**

When you read this article Swanland Village Hall will already be producing its own electricity and exporting any surplus to the National Grid, due to the installation of photovoltaic cells in the roof “valley” of the Hall.

The trustees of the Hall have recently adopted an environmental policy. Rising energy prices led the trustees to decide to install the PV cells.



They obtained a grant for half the cost from the Community Sustainable Energy Programme, the “100 Club” made a generous contribution and the remainder will be paid from Village Hall funds. Through the Government’s Feed-In-Tariff scheme the Village Hall will receive a payment for the electricity that is produced, whether the Hall uses the electricity or not. The aim is that the installation will pay for itself after approximately seven years.

So that people can find out more about the system and other sustainable ways of producing energy, there will be a “Green” Open Morning in the Village Hall on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm in the Upstairs Meeting Room. There will be a representative from and displays by the contractors AVC Energy Ltd, a display about the Hornsea Zone offshore wind farms and fun activities particularly for school pupils provided by a representative from the Humberside Engineering Training Association.

Members of the public are warmly invited to this Open Morning.

N.B bookings for Swanland Village Hall should be made through Martin Peel on (01482) 634 409 or [booking@swanlandvillagehall.info](mailto:booking@swanlandvillagehall.info)

## **Swanland Playing Field**

Recently, the Playing Field has enjoyed some really exciting events. We held our first sports gala, which offered children’s football and netball tournaments, a cricket match and mini-games for smaller children. Thanks go to Lisa and other committee members for arranging it and to the Scouts for their help.

Thanks also to the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, who sponsored a well-attended bird-box building morning. The less DIY-oriented attempted the pre-cut kits, whilst

the more ambitious got hold of a saw, hammer and nails and made bird-boxes from scratch. Having seen the quality of both, I am not sure the birds will be able to tell the difference.

More trees have been planted on our southern boundary. Hopefully they will grow into a useful windbreak affording some shelter for the field. A former committee member pointed out how the saplings planted in his time have now grown into mature trees. We hope the recent arrivals will also thrive for the benefit of generations to come.

The football season is now underway. We now restrict teams who play at Swanland to teams from Swanland and North Ferriby only. Match times have been spaced out to avoid an overlap of cars arriving and leaving between matches. We hope this will help alleviate the traffic problems for some local residents.

## Swanland Show

The 31<sup>st</sup> Swanland Show, held in St. Barnabas Church Hall, on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September, proved most successful. The standard of entries continues to rise, and is not bettered in any other local show.



70 adults entered a total of 400 plus exhibits, and children a further 200 – although the handwriting classes accounted for the majority of these.

The adult entrants from out of the village continues to rise, and accounts for over 40% of entries. “Making and baking” entries were down, also Art entries. Perhaps you don’t care for the titles of classes? If so,

please contact me, or any committee person with your ideas.

All the people who helped with the show can give themselves a pat on the back, in the knowledge of a job well done!

Tony Featherstone



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## **Swanland Festival 2012**



In 2000 a group of villagers organised the first Swanland Festival to celebrate the Millennium. Preparations are now underway for the seventh biennial Festival week from **7th to 15th July 2012** - organised by Swanland folk for Swanland folk and visitors.

The Playing Field committee are planning events; a Festival Ball is planned; the guitarist Gordon Giltrap is enthusiastic to make a return visit; the Library has been requested to organise another Murder Mystery; there will be the ever popular Open Gardens and very many other events - old and (we hope) new.

We sincerely regret that two stalwarts from previous Festivals will no longer be able to put on the Art Exhibitions. Sadly, Derek Brooks died earlier this year and Phil Corby has now moved out of Swanland. Do you know anyone who would like to promote an Arts Event?

If you have any suggestions for any inclusions please contact Jan on 01482 634583 or Yvonne on 634863.

## **Swanland in Bloom – A Year On**

Gardening is an enjoyable challenge. A challenge - when plants do not perform as the label or books say they should. Enjoyable - as with the pansies planted last autumn, covered with snow and ice for weeks in the winter and when the thaw came, sprang back to life and bloomed merrily for 5 months.

The favourable plaudits the gardening group has received from residents and visitors, whenever working at the pond, show how much the planting is appreciated.

The question I have been most asked this year is ‘what are the bushy plants with the pink flowers in the tubs by the bowling club’. They are *Gaura belleza* - a perennial that grows wild in Louisiana and Texas. A common name for them is “Bees’ Blossom” as the name implies – bees love them.

Not everything performed as planned; Bizzy Lizzies got this awful powdery mildew disease that caused the flowers to drop off.

Thank you to the gardeners who turn out, when required, on a Tuesday morning and the people on the weekly watering rota. Appreciation also for the bedding plants donated by Coletta & Tyson and the hayracks supplied by Swanland Nurseries.

Look out for some ‘scentsational’ planting planned for next summer. I believe we have a real community spirit in Swanland; obviously not everyone can come and garden but a contribution to the cause can be made, (if you are not already a member) by joining the Swanland Village Association for only £2 per year.

## **Swanland Wildlife Group (SWG)**

**Hedgehogs:** - The People’s Trust for Endangered Species (&SWG) is looking for volunteers in every street to join the national Hedgehog Street Project helping endangered hogs! If you’ve joined or want more info. DO get in touch with Carol Ledgard.



A hog of any size out during the day will be sick, injured or distressed. DON'T DELAY! Contact Lorraine (Hull Hog Hosp) on 502441.

**Barn Owls:** - The population in the UK was devastated by the hard winter. We are working with the local Wolds Barn Owl Group to protect any survivors and we need YOUR help! Do tell us if you see any within our Parish.

**Illustrated Monthly Talks:** - These are starting again. Watch for posters, SWG webpage & SVA website for details of topics. We've some excellent speakers & topics!

**Swanland Pond Partnership (SPP) News:** - The annual SWG & University of London Pondlife Survey took place in September. Want to know what we found? Look for results on the SWG webpage in October!

The Amphibian & Reptile Conservation Trust visited the pond to advise on the options for enticing back frogs, toads and possibly newts. Again go to the SWG web page to see what they said.

The annual Pond Maintenance Day will take place during October; cutting back the growth & tidying up ready for winter. Volunteers for YOUR community pond are always welcome! (See below for contacts).

Contacts: info/help/join SWG: Carol 632 178 or SPP: Yvonne 634 863 or Jan 634 583.

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## Neighbourhood Watch Update



The Neighbourhood and Home Watch Network (England and Wales) keep the Swanland Watch informed of any National initiatives for the prevention of crime in the neighbourhood. In the local domain we receive direct information and help as required from the East Riding Council's Supporting Safer Communities group in Beverley.

Monthly crime statistics as reported by the police to the Parish Council can be accessed on the village website [www.swanland.info](http://www.swanland.info) on the 'what's new page'. Incidents of crime in Swanland over the past few months remain low, however, all residents are encouraged to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the police by calling **999**. At this time of the year villains take advantage of the early darkness, well into Christmas and the New Year. As an extra precaution keep curtains/blinds drawn when the lights are on. Do not leave valuables in your car overnight and keep garage doors locked when unattended.

We are grateful to the resident who recently volunteered to help co-ordinate Northfield, however, we still need someone to co-ordinate Northdale Park, Waudby View and The Spinney, can you help please? You will be very welcome at the next Swanland NHW Co-ordinators meeting on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October at Christ Church (by the pond) at 7.30 pm.**

For further information about NHW please contact David Morris, area co-ordinator tel.631909.

## Twining - 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



In June our friends from Lestrem visited again. The weekend included a trip to Hull to follow the Fish Trail and visit the transport museum; others played tennis at Swanland Tennis Club and another group did a further section of the Wolds Way – it will take quite a few years to reach Filey! On the Sunday evening we had a communal dinner in the Village Hall served by local Guides and provided by the Three Amigos. Presents were exchanged to mark the tenth anniversary of Twining between our villages. We received a commemorative tree and plaque, now sited at the pond whilst we presented a large print of a painting of Swanland.

We stood for a minute to remember Malcolm Thompson, who passed away this year. I must give our thanks for the memory and the work towards twinning of Marie Wood who died of cancer whilst visiting her family home in France this

August. Her positive attitude and enthusiasm will be greatly missed and we send our sincere sympathy to her family. A well-attended memorial service was held at St Barnabas Church on September 11<sup>th</sup> and Marion Riley spoke of her work for the twinning association.

July 14<sup>th</sup> saw our annual Boules evening won by the Haddlesey family with a strong technical performance. The company and fish and chip supper were very enjoyable. Thanks to Hessle Tennis Club for the use of their Boules court and facilities.

On **Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>** at the Village Hall at 7.30pm there will be our annual Quiz Night – a general quiz with a French style supper. Tickets, price £7.00 from David Losh on 634291

Brendan Riley, Chairman.

## Swanland Screen

Another season of Swanland Screen started in September. Films are shown in the Village Hall on the third Saturday of each month (in November it is the fourth) until April 2012.



The Village Hall has upgraded the loop system so those with hearing aids should find the dialogue easier to hear.

Doors open at 7.00pm and films start at 7.30pm with a refreshment interval halfway through.

Tickets cost £3.50 for adults and £1.50 for accompanied children.

Forthcoming films are:

**26 Nov 2011 - Coco Before Chanel 2009 (13)** - Tells Coco Chanel's rise from obscure beginnings to fashion fame.

**17 Dec 2011 - It's a Wonderful Life 1946 (U)** - A Christmas Classic, starring James Stewart, where an angel helps a compassionate but despairingly frustrated businessman by showing him what life would have been like without him.

**21 Jan 2012 - Wimbledon 2004 (12A)** - Comedy in which a pro tennis player has lost momentum and sunk in rank to 119. He meets a young female player who helps him recapture his focus for Wimbledon.

**18 Feb 2012 - The Visitor 2007 (15)** - A college professor travels to New York to attend a conference and find a young couple living in his apartment.

**17 Mar 2012 - Slumdog Millionaire 2008 (15)** - A Mumbai teenager, from the slums, becomes a contestant on the Indian version of “Who Wants to be a Millionaire?” He is arrested, accused of cheating. During his interrogation events from his life are shown explaining how he knows the answers.

**21 Apr 2012 - Once 2006 (15)** - A modern musical about a busker and an immigrant and their eventful week in Dublin, as they write, rehearse and record songs that tell their love story.

## More Dates for your Diary

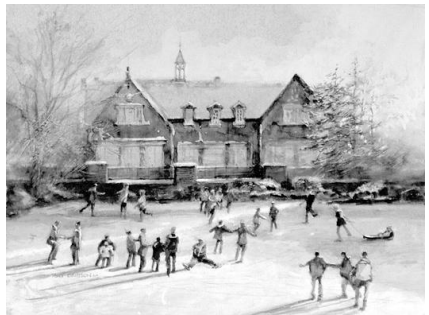
**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** - Award winning duo, Si Barron and Ros Brady, are returning to perform their *Many Coloured Field* tour at Swanland Village Hall at 7 pm. This acclaimed couple are songwriters, performers and interpreters of traditional English folk song. Drawn to strongly narrative songs with subjects ranging from Devon legend to contemporary rural reportage, they invite the audience to accompany them through strange landscapes where denizens include coffee drinking mermaids, flying highwaymen and disappearing hedgerows.

Tickets cost £7.50 - adults (£6.50 for SVA members) and £3.50 for accompanied schoolchildren - available from 01482 634863. Please bring your own liquid refreshments and glasses - nibbles provided.

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October** - Green Open Morning, Village Hall (See page 3)

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November** – Fireworks organised by Round Table at Humberdale Farm, (Opposite Greenstiles Lane), Tranby Lane, Swanland. Gates open at 6 p.m. and the fireworks start at 7.30 p.m. There will also be side Games, Hot Food including a Hog Roast. Admission: £10 per car or (walkers only) £3 per adult and £2 per child. Tickets can also be purchased in advance through many local schools (which receive a share of the ticket price.) All profit goes to local Children’s Charities.

**Saturday and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> November** - A new exhibition of paintings by local award-winning artist Tony Denison, depicting scenes from around the villages of East Yorkshire, will be exhibited in Swanland Village Hall on Saturday and Sunday 5th and 6th November from 11 am to 4 pm. There are paintings of Bishop Burton, Brough, Elloughton, Kirkella, Little Weighton,



Lund, North Cave, North Ferriby, North Newbald, Skidby, South Cave, Swanland, Walkington, Welton or Willerby so prepare to be delighted.

Entry to the exhibition is free but refreshments will be served and donations collected for Swanland School Nairobi. <http://www.swanlandschoolnairobi.org>

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm** - SVA AGM, Village Hall. (See front page).

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm** - Twinning Quiz Night and Supper in Swanland Village Hall contact David Losh on 634291 for tickets, price £7.00. (See page 9).

## MEMORY LANE

### Village Dairy Farms - Model Farm (Kemp Road)

In 1884 when Sir James Reckitt purchased Swanland Manor (now The Park at the top of Tranby Lane)) as part of estate alterations he added a 'Model Farm' consisting of a separate farm house, fold yard, with a milking parlour (byre), a stackyard, Dutch barn and two adjoining meadows.



SWVO. 35. Model Dairy Farm Kemp Road

Built in the ornate style of a traditional Dutch brick built farm it was an attractive model indeed! His Bailiff was Binns from the turn of the last century until 1932 when Reckitts left Swanland.

The entire estate was then broken up and sold in lots with the farm bought as a going concern by Henry Evison (formerly of Old Priors Farm, Main Street - now Mere Way). His son George succeeded him and is best remembered for the herd of pedigree Friesians who provided milk for the farm's daily round. Older traditional villagers may remember this. At first the milk was ladled from a special can into various receptacles provided by customers. Later bottling was introduced as a new innovation with re-usable bottles. These had a cardboard cap with a perforated removable centre. Butter was made in the aptly named Buttery, attached to the farmhouse, for sale also on the rounds.

After the war some of the original buildings were demolished to make way for new ones and in 1953 the adjoining stackyard on the north side was sold. Around

this time the milk round was sold to Northern Dairies but the milk (in churns) was still collected daily by lorry until the entire farm was sold for building in 1962. The land became a new housing estate called Manor Road. Today all that remains is the Farmhouse and Buttery; both are listed buildings.

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## Swanland School *circa 1957*

I lived up North Drive in Swanland from 1951 and whilst I left to go to university in 1968 my mum & dad (Doris & George) still lived there until 1993 next door to Mr & Mrs Burman & Michael.

When I went to Swanland County Primary there were only three classes, Miss Gillespie, Mrs Hall & Mr Bridges (headmaster) so each class had two years worth of children - there were only 60 in the entire school.



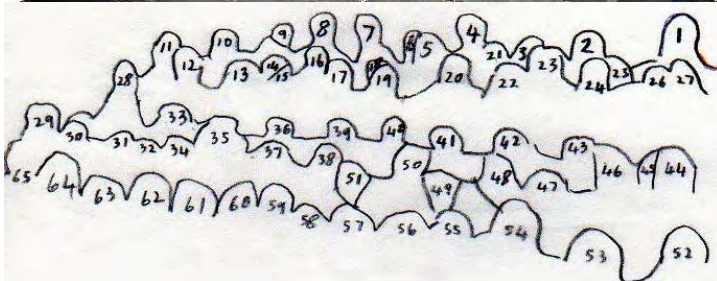
**Back Row l to r:** - Barry Featherstone (from the prefabs at the bottom of Main Street), Robin Wheeler (Crowther Lane - now Dale Road), Can't Remember but he had red hair, Me - Richard Wriglesworth (North Drive), Keith (*Feff*) Failey (up the Mill), Geoff Croker (Crowther Lane), John (*Percy*) Adamson (Occupation Lane), Pete (*Fenny*) Fenwick (up the Mill), Brian Jones (West Leys I think).

**Middle Row l to r:**- Richard Waudby (Main Street), June Imrie (Main Street), Janet Sussams (bottom of Main Street), Elizabeth (*Lizzie*) Hurd (Crowther Lane), Virginia Wright, Janet Ball (Prefabs), Michael (?) Waller (Crowther Lane), Mary (?) Fenwick (Mill).

**Front Row l to r:**- Brian Maguire (Crowther Lane), Can't Remember, Can't Remember, Nigel Waller (Crowther Lane), Richard Frankish (Soddom Cottages bottom of Main Street).

In the background across the pond you can see the blacksmith's yard on the right. Having passed our 11+ exam, Brian Jones & Robin Wheeler went on to Beverley Grammar and I went to the Grammar stream at Hesse High. The others went on to South Hunsley. Some of the year below mine appear on P44 of "A New History of Swanland".

The second photo is from the Swanland Gang Show circa 1958. I was Sixer of Tawneys and achieved my "Leaping Wolf" badge you know!! I think it's still on my CV as is my becoming the 1959, 10 year old high jump champion of Haltemprice in sports we competed in from school. Bit more patchy with names here but I'm sure some of the older residents can help out using my key below.



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|--|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 = Vanessa or Margaret Holdstock (?)              | 18 = Pauline Husband                   | 47 = Pete Fenwick             | 58 = Janet Ball           |
| 2 = Our Akela (she never had a name - just Akela!) | 30 = Keith Failey                      | 48 = ME, Richard Wriglesworth | 59 = Pauline Fleetham (?) |
| 3 = Barbara Husband                                | 32 = Dave Jackson                      | 49 = Brian Maguire            | 63 = Lizzie Hurd          |
| 4 = Gordon (?)                                     | 34 = Robin Wheeler                     | 50 = John Shires              | 64 = Lizzie's sister?     |
| 8 = Derek Brookes                                  | 35 = John (or was it Paul?) Woodbridge | 51 = Brian Jones              |                           |
| 10 = Michael Burman                                | 37 = (?) Maguire (?)                   | 52 = Jill Amner (?)           |                           |
|  | 38 = Steve Pickering                   | 53 = Janet Sussams            |                           |
|  | 46 = Geoffrey Skinner                  | 56 = June Imrie               |                           |

The final photo is also from the Gang Show. I remember I borrowed a dress off Janet Sussams and we sang a song called "We're not supposed to Know" with lines about "What is it Dad shouts when he hits his thumb with a hammer - We're not supposed to know ". You had to make your own fun in those days - probably no telly!



L to R:- Richard Waudby, Richard Frankish, Brian Maguire, Me - Richard Wriglesworth, Michael or Dave Jackson & Keith Failey.

If anybody can fill in the gaps I would be keen to hear.

Richard Wriglesworth

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