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Pond Project gets Under Way



Preliminary work on **May 30th** clearing out rubble and rubbish from the pond bed around its perimeter



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Pre-planted Coir Rolls



Curious onlookers



Floating the Coir Rolls into position



Positioning the Coir Rolls



Depositing soil around the perimeter



Constructing the road surface-water filter bed



The Volunteer Team

www.swanland.info

The Swanland Village website is kept up to date with local news and regular update e-mails are sent out. View this Newsletter on-line **in colour**. If you would like to be on the update list just e-mail website@swanland.info. Organisers of events can avoid them clashing with other activities by posting them on the website.



See also

Swanland Parish Council Website
www.swanlandparish.org

Swanland Village Hall Website
www.swanlandvillagehall.info

Swanland Wildlife Group (SWG)

www.swanland.info/wildlife.htm



At long last we have the first shoots of a native wildlife/natural pond with the completion of Phase 1 of the project.



Later this year (and paid for through the Awards for All grant) an Information Board showing a brief history and ecology of the pond will be placed by the pond.

A leaflet will also be printed for villagers and visitors alike to read, and pond-dipping equipment for children will be purchased. This will form a vital part of future science projects with Swanland School (for your children!)

It's time now to start building for the future! We still urgently need more volunteers to come forward to help us manage the pond ie. Wildlife, leisure, education and community responsibility.



On behalf of the Pond Partnership a big thank you to all the volunteers who gave up their time to work so hard in the pond and providing refreshments etc.

So if you want to be part of a winning team and care about the pond contact:

Carol Ledgard on 632 178
Jan Rogerson on 634 583.

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Swanland Twinning Association

www.swanland.info/lestrem.htm

The May Day week-end saw the bi-annual visit of our friends from Lestrem. 45 French visitors enjoyed the hospitality and friendship of families mainly within Swanland but also in surrounding villages. A full programme of events included an introductory quiz evening in French and English on Friday 1st May enjoyed by all.

On Saturday the main party visited Burton Agnes Hall whilst a smaller group walked the second part of the Wolds Way from Welton to South Cave. A joint concert on Saturday evening by the choirs of Lestrem and Swanland U3A was the highlight of the week-end. Excellent singing by both choirs was followed by a spontaneous joint rendition of the Marseillaise and the Negro spiritual 'Freedom'.

Sunday morning's departure was a mixture of emotions that brought to an end a most successful week-end. Many thanks to all the hosts and the new members of the Twinning Association who helped in lots of different ways to make the visit a success. We all look forward to our trip in 2010. Why don't you join us? **Brendan Riley (Chairman)**.



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Sunday 6th September - Sale Time!

In a flurry of activity in the village three events are all taking place on this day - so make a note in your diaries NOW. Profits from entrance fees will go to the organisations concerned



SVA Yard Sale. If you wish to open your yard/drive/garage then, for just £5, your address will be added to the map of participants. All those items you discovered when Spring Cleaning could now be turned into cash. To book your place contact Yvonne on **634 863**.

Playing Field Car Boot Sale Details can be obtained from Owen Ward **633 141**. Cars will be charged just £5 to enter

Village Hall Table Top Sale (and Open Day) Village organisations can promote their activities or use the event to sell items to raise funds for themselves. Organisations please contact Marion Riley on **632 652**. It only costs £5 for two tables. For those that have not yet visited the Village Hall, this will be a good opportunity to have a look around.

Murder Mystery at Swanland Library

The first Murder evening took place as part of Swanland Festival 2008 and was so popular that a similar event has been organised by Swanland Library Reading Group for Saturday 11th July 2009 at Swanland Village Hall. Doors open at 6.30 and the presentation will begin at 7pm. A light supper will be provided but bring your own drink and glasses. Don't forget pen and paper to make notes of clues.



Tickets are £5 and must be purchased in advance from Swanland Library or Mere House. For further details please contact the Library on 01482 634896 or Yvonne at 634863.

Swanland Village Hall www.swanlandvillagehall.info



In April a considerable amount of lead was stolen from the roof over the entrance to the Village Hall. The roof has been repaired with an alternative material.

On Wednesday 29th July at 7.00 pm the Village Hall committee is holding its Annual General Meeting in the upstairs Meeting Room in the Village Hall.

This is an excellent opportunity for villagers and representatives of groups who use the Village Hall to come along to hear about the progress and future plans of the Village Hall, to ask questions, and to make any suggestions for the improvement of the Hall's facilities. The meeting should not last longer than about three-quarters of an hour. The trustees would be very pleased to see you there.



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Swanland Playing Field Association

www.swanland.info/playingfield.htm

The Gala will take place on Sunday 12th July. In addition to the usual favourites will include a 7 a side football competition. The full timetable of events will include police dogs, birds of prey, under 5's mini Olympics, a local children's dance demonstration, a steel band, a Punch and Judy show and a clown. During the Gala the MUGA will be used for a girl's netball tournament, and mini soccer skills classes. Helpers urgently needed. If you can help ring 633 141.

MUGA The multi use games area has now been completed and marked out for netball. It is now available for general use. The installation of floodlights has been delayed.

Football The result of the poor weather has been that there have been many more evening games than usual during the week at the end of the season. In fact the very last game was an under 14's girls game on 23rd May.

Grants We are presently awaiting a decision on two Grant applications and are preparing another. The first is to replace the children's see saw, the second to fund a paved approach to the MUGA and the third to construct an extension to the meeting area of the building.

BMX Track Construction of the MUGA provided an enormous amount of removable topsoil as you can see in the picture below. This has been used to develop an extension to the BMX track for use by older teenagers. It is now completed and will provide a significant challenge!

Contacts Owen 633 141 owenmward@hotmail.com

Lisa Weldric 632 772



The Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)

Swanland Show - 2009

www.swanland.info/swanlandshow.htm



The Show will be held on Saturday, September 12th, at St. Barnabas Church. Schedules are printed, and available both in the local shops, and on line at the above address

Do read the rules! Note particularly the number of exhibits you can enter in each class, the date the entry forms must be in by, and the time of staging the entries.

In the photographic section there is a maximum size for your entry, make sure you don't exceed it.

Please ensure that you return any trophy you won last year. These should be both engraved and cleaned. Roger Hunt, 121 Eppleworth Road, Cottingham, tel. 842213, is very reasonable with his charges for engraving. Take care cleaning! Don't use abrasive materials. The silver plate is a very thin layer, but extremely expensive to resilver.

Any queries please contact Tony Featherstone on **631 110**, or email tony@featherstone24.karoo.co.uk

Blood Donors Needed

In the last Newsletter, a request was put out for villagers to consider becoming blood donors. Several people came forward but more are needed before the Blood Transfusion Service can contemplate starting a regular session in Swanland.



If you thought about it then but did nothing, how about passing your name on to Yvonne on **634 863**. If and when there are enough volunteers, she will try to organise a mobile van for one session to see how well this works.

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Swanland Neighbourhood Watch Update

The village is covered by a group of 32 volunteer street co-ordinators who meet together every four months to review any incidents of crime. A Police Officer usually attends co-ordinator meetings to review the latest crime reports for the South Hunsley Area. The next meeting will be on Thursday 17th September 2009 at 7.30pm at Christ Church Swanland.



Over the past year nine new co-ordinators have joined the group but more volunteers are needed. In particular we need more help in : Stratton Park, Todds Close, Humberdale Close, Greenstiles Lane, Styles Croft, Greenacres, Woodside, Easonby Close, Mere Way, West End, Priory Close, Northdale Park, Waudby View, Crowther Way/Close, Chantry Way East, Queensbury Way, Dale Close, West Leys Road, Kemp Road, and St. Mary's Walk.



Six new NHW Area signs have been erected in the village, which include the newer area of Sykes Close, Westerdale, Welton Wold View, and The Green. A further two signs are earmarked for Queensbury Way and St. Mary's Walk. NHW are grateful to Swanland Council who have donated the cost of these signs.

All residents are encouraged to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity or actual crime in progress to the police by calling **999**. For less emergency crime telephone Brough Police **578 910** (answerphone). The Non Emergency Number is **0845 60 60 222**. As a precaution when it is dark keep the curtains/blinds closed when the lights are on. Do not leave valuables in your car overnight and keep garage doors locked when unattended. Burglars do not like Alarms, Dogs and Nosy Neighbours.

Local Police crime reports (updated monthly) for the South Hunsley Area can be accessed from the Swanland village website "What's New ?" page. The Direct Link is www.techdoc.info/Resources/localpolice.htm

For more information about NHW please contact David Morris on **631 909**.

Swanland Screen

www.swanland.info/swanlandscreen.htm

Swanland Screen has seen another successful winter season. These showings are only possible due to the dedication of a small group of volunteers and because the entrance costs are kept as low as possible. To date we have managed to break even. Several recent films have provoked much debate and it has been suggested that a Film Group be set up for discussing the films screened - would you be interested? If there are any particular genres or film titles you would like to see, please contact Yvonne on **634 863** or Ian on **632 800** and we will consider all requests



Live Performances

Life in the Freezer, *Carmina Burana* and *April in Paris* were the shows promoted by your Village Association this year. All were well received and attended. Forthcoming shows are at the discussion stage but, hopefully, will include an amusing poetry evening and an exhilarating and entertaining evening with Flossie Malavialle - a French singer. Watch out for future publicity on the website and elsewhere.

Great Gutter Lane Petition bears fruit

Following the local petition last year a Road Safety scheme has now commenced on Great Gutter Lane. The works include improved lining and signing, with amendments to the centreline markings and the installation of road studs and verge hazard markers.

The latest news on this initiative is posted on www.techdoc.info/Resources/gtgutterlane.htm



SVA Activities



Two big projects will now be realised in June.

Our two new **Swanland Entrance Signs** will be in position hopefully, by the end of June.

This venture has been fully supported by SVA members and the Parish Council has agreed to place each sign post when they are delivered. Look for the suggested siting at each entrance to the village by locating the yellow arrow on the road.

Harry Sidwell's Garden party on June 14th will be the first fundraising event for the next sign and we know that it will be well supported. Our thanks go to Harry for hosting this event and for his tireless work in the village. Do you have any suggestions for future fundraising projects? We need five more entry signs at a cost of £1200 each.

The **Pond Improvement Scheme** is now well underway as you can see on the first pages of this newsletter. Carol Ledgard is due our thanks for the tireless way she has steered this project.

Also at this time of year our thanks must go to the Gardening Group for making our village look so attractive throughout the summer months assisted by the diligent Watering Team.

Our village cleaners undertake their jobs so faithfully and they keep the Pond area litter free, so a final thanks to them, - their work is much appreciated. The cleaning rota can now be viewed online at www.swanland.info/aboutsva.htm

Jan Rogerson - SVA Chairwoman

Village Association Membership



Do you like...

- ...the flower beds around the village?
- ...the flower tubs and baskets near the pond?
- ...the pond area being kept cleaned of litter each week?

Do you know that the SVA supports the Village Hall? And that its offshoots such as the Wildlife and Twinning groups add much to the life of the village?

Sub-committees organise the Swanland Screen, Artery events and the Swanland Festival.

The SVA produces three newsletters per year informing you what is happening delivers these FREE to every household in Swanland. It costs approximately £750 a year to print these.

BUT DO YOU KNOW?

less than 12% of villagers are members of the Association!

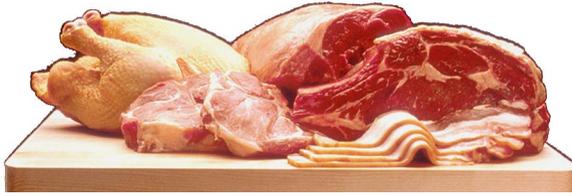
We really hope...

- ...you will like the new village signs, which will shortly be erected at the entrances to the village.
- ...you will enjoy the benefits of the work being done by SVA members to restore the pond as a wildlife area.
- ...you will join us if you are not yet a member. Please support the work being done – it's only £2 per person.

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Swanland's Services: Butchers (Part 1)



As early as 1851 the village had 2 butchers. One of the longest serving was J. Atkinson whose name appeared in the 1891 Census. His shop was situated on Main Street (where the new Interior design shop is now) and he ran the business for over 30 years apart from an interruption between 1914 – 1918.

Behind the shop was a slaughterhouse yard with a well. Inside the shop from solid wooden beams hooks on which to hang the carcasses from had been fixed.

During the mid 1930s Syd Lister took over the business. He already had a small pig farm on Main Street where Priory Close now is. In 1939 he volunteered for the Army and the shop was closed on weekdays. It was re-opened only on Saturdays by Stanley Gaze from Ferriby who dispensed the meat ration for villagers (older readers will clearly recall).

Then just before the war in 1939 Frank Kirby opened a Pork Butchers shop also on Main Street (where Reims Bathroom shop now is). This too had a slaughterhouse situated behind. Like Atkinson and Lister, Kirby also reared, killed and cured meat for sale. This shop however was short-lived.

After the war finished in 1945, Lister re-opened his shop on the site (where the new Interior design shop is now). The ration continued and meat was very scarce so he killed some extra pigs and sold the meat strictly under the counter, hiding it before the Meat Inspectors came!

In 1947 John Tuck joined him as butcher lad with a view to being trained up to take over the shop (he was to play a future part in village services). But in 1951 Lister closed down the Butchery business.

Carol Ledgard greatly acknowledges assistance from the Village History Group, John and Chris Wheeler and John Tuck in the preparation of this article.

Swanlands Butchers Part 2 will cover the period 1951 to the present day



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Summer Croquet



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The first event will be on Sunday 5th July at 2pm and then on every third Sunday of the month until the weather decides otherwise. Bring along your own refreshments and maybe a folding chair and be prepared to have fun. For further details contact Yvonne on **634 863**

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