

## From the Chairman of the Village Association



Swanland has looked so pretty over these past few weeks. Our thanks extend to the gardening group, the litter picking team, the pond volunteers and many others for their continued commitment and hard work. The Swanland Festival will be held this year from 4 to 13 July. The programme is enclosed with this SVA Newsletter, and includes some new events, so we hope that there will be 'something for everyone'!

The committee has discussed at length how to encourage our young people to join the SVA groups. We wondered if any youngsters would like to start a group of their own in order to help the community. If there is an interest in this venture, then the committee would be happy to discuss the issues involved, and help the young people to establish their own new projects. We look forward to the time when teenagers are reporting back to us at committee meetings on their successes and achievements!

Thanks in advance to all the organisers of the Festival events, your hard work is very much appreciated.

Our congratulations to the Heritage Centre team on opening their newly renovated premises by the pond to the general public . It is wonderful to have such an excellent facility in our village .

Volunteers needed! The village pond is a beautiful feature in Swanland. Twice a year a group of keen and enthusiastic volunteers spend the morning tidying the area and working in the pond. If you would like to join us then please contact Yvonne 634 863 or Jan 634 583. You would be made most welcome!

## Swanland Heritage Centre



Have you popped in yet? The Heritage Centre is receiving a steady stream of visitors, some from quite far afield. Recent visitors from Norfolk were Joe and Jan Blossom. Joe is the great, great, great, great grandson of Thomas Blossom (born in Swanland in 1777) who, having trained as a joiner, spent many years

in the South Seas as an artisan missionary.

The Centre will be open for additional hours during Swanland Festival 2014. In addition to the usual Tuesday and Friday afternoons, it will open on the Saturday mornings, 5 and 12 July, 10.00am to 12noon, and on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, 5, 6, 12 and 13 July, 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

It is also planned to have some additional items on display in the North Vestry at Christ Church on Saturday 12 July.

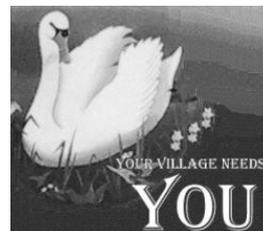
For more information contact:

Geoff Collier 634 411 or Janet Barnes 633 286.



**LOST:** Sat 3rd May in the centre of the village: Modern silver/blue drop earring - sentimental value. If found please call 634 863.

## Membership Report



Current paid up membership for 2014 reached 340 by the middle of May. This includes those members whose standing order payments come in later in the year. This is 17 down on the figure at this time last year. We ended 2013 with 520 members so if you have not renewed for this year, please do so now. New members are welcome. Joining/rejoining details are on the back cover of the newsletter. Standing order forms can be supplied.

Thanks to everyone who joined or rejoined in the first five months of the year and to the increasing number of you who pay by standing order. This year we have begun business memberships, so far 12 local businesses have become members. Our thanks to them too.

The SVA membership secretary is Roy Kennington, 16 The Spinney, Swanland HU14 3RD, tel. 631 424 or e-mail: [rk@swanland.info](mailto:rk@swanland.info).



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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 Cafe serves freshly baked cakes, hot meals, Fair Trade coffees, teas and alcoholic beverages.

## **Village Hall News**

The Village Hall is delighted to announce a further new recruit to the board of trustees which manages the Village Hall on behalf of the community.

Mrs Razia Wilson, who lives in Church Mews, has been elected a trustee of the charity. Razia, who is married with a daughter, works for the Department of Health in Leeds.

We welcome our new trustee and look forward to her contribution to the work of the Village Hall.

The new CCTV system has already proved its worth. As a result of the system, the police have been able to identify and deal with a number of youths who recently vandalised the flower baskets in the Village Hall car park. They have since made sincere apologies and reimbursed the SVA for the damaged flowers in the baskets. There have been a number of vandalism occurrences in recent months and the CCTV system will help to prevent further mindless damage.

## **Swanland in Bloom**

The activities in Spring on the gardening scene were mainly watering, dead heading and weeding as required. A few housekeeping tasks were carried out - repainting hay racks and washing off the green algae on the War Memorial. The crazy paving behind the Memorial now looks so much better since it was re-laid. It would be nice if a benefactor would provide the means to have the paving re-laid in front of the Heritage Centre. Please ask your family and friends to visit the Swanland Open Gardens on Sunday 6 July, when about 20 gardens will be open 11am - 5pm. Admission is £3 for all the gardens (accompanied children free). Proceeds are for the 'Blooming' fund.

For further information contact Mal Cracknell 632 282  
or email: [swanlander31@swanlander31.karoo.co.uk](mailto:swanlander31@swanlander31.karoo.co.uk)



## **Swanland Festival 2014**



Who would have thought, fourteen years ago, when a one-off event was organised to celebrate the Millennium, that Swanland Festivals would still be taking place? Each Festival has some standard favourites, such as the Model Boats on the pond, the Playing Fields Gala and Open Gardens, but each one also introduces new events for your entertainment. This year, for the first time, we have the Heritage Centre Exhibition, a Bridal and Christening Gowns Exhibition, the Lindsey Orchestra and an Asian Evening. We try to ensure there is something to suit everyone, whatever the age or interests, at a price that everyone can afford. We hope you keep our enclosed programme to remind you and look forward to seeing you at the many events.

### **Village Businesses**

A word of thanks to our local businesses that support both the Village Website and these Newsletters with their continued advertising. Because of their financial support the website is wholly self-funding and they also make a significant contribution to the newsletter print costs. Please support them and keep Swanland a “live” village and not just a residential dormitory. *Graham Latter*

### **The Swan Scheme**

We would like to expand our group enjoying lunches together on Wednesdays during school term time. These are held primarily (but definitely not exclusively) for elderly people living on their own. The venue is Christ Church Hall by the pond. Participants are asked to arrive by 11.30 am – earlier if they would like a coffee first at our ‘Pop-In’ Coffee Morning. A two course lunch followed by tea/coffee is provided for £2.50. If you would like to come or know of someone who would benefit, please contact Linda White 634 222 or Pat Burman 631 131. Transport can be arranged if necessary. Thank you again to all our volunteers.

## **Swanland Bowling Club**



We are almost half way through the outdoor bowling season. Our Bowling Club is behind the Doctor's surgery and we welcome spectators at any time. We play most afternoons and evenings so please come in and you might even want to have a go yourself. Coaching and equipment are available every Monday afternoon at 2pm.

We will be open on Sunday 6 July, during the Open Garden displays, when we will be serving Cream Teas with scones, jam and cream, and hot or cold drinks. Plants will also be on sale and the toilets available for use. If you have just retired, or fancy a new challenge, please come and have a go at bowls.

For further details contact Peter Dickinson 634 309 (Club Secretary).



## **Swanland Pond Partnership News**

**Spring Maintenance:** This was completed on 6 May by the SPP and volunteers from the village. Tasks included litter picking, reed removal and transplanted of reeds in the marshy area. The reeds were put into bare patches where the ducks and geese have caused damage.

**Marshy Area:** The yellow Marsh Marigolds have flowered first this year. The water mint and plantains are also doing well. The cages are providing good protection from the ducks and geese. Tadpoles have been observed which is very encouraging. We have had reports of frogspawn being placed in the pond. Please **DO NOT** put any animals or plants, including frogspawn, into the pond as this could transfer disease and interferes with the ponds natural balance.

**Sealing the Leak:** The pond is still leaking despite repairs to the outlet chamber. We await the suggestions of the Environmental Consultants.

**Pond Volunteers:** The SPP needs more volunteers for the Autumn maintenance as there is a lot to do. Please contact Yvonne 634 863 or Jan 634 583 for more information.

## Swanland Screen



April has seen another end of season for our local community cinema, brought to you by the SVA. Yvonne, who organises these showings, would like to thank all the people who attended the eight films – over 400 – but especially the many volunteers who helped to make these evenings possible. If you have any requests for particular films or would like to get involved in helping with the 2014/2015 season, please contact Yvonne 634 863.

## Swanland Live Shows



The eighth season of Live Shows, brought to the village by the SVA, ended with the very thought provoking show, "*States of Verbal Undress*", on 11 May. Based on two years of interviews with immigrant communities, the show was written and performed by Rani Moorthy, best known for her role as Mrs Bilal in the popular sitcom on BBC2, *Citizen Khan*. There was a full house to enjoy a new idea when a meal was served for the audience and talk back was provided by Rani.

The SVA would like to thank everyone who has regularly supported these events. Watch out for your next SVA Newsletter for the coming season's events. If anyone would like to become involved in their production, please contact Yvonne 634 863.



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## **Swanland Wildlife Information & Advice Service**

The SVA is very sorry that Carol Ledgard has had to resign from leading SWIAS due to ill health. Everyone who knows Carol will appreciate the time, effort and dedication she has shown to the wildlife of the village. She has tirelessly devoted herself to the welfare of sick and injured animals and educated others in how to do the same. Carol was responsible firstly for setting up the Wildlife Group, which led to the formation of the Pond Partnership and latterly SWIAS. Swanland owes her a great deal of gratitude for promoting wildlife interest and enthusiastically inspiring young people in the village. THANK YOU CAROL!

A note from Carol:

It is with great regret that SWIAS has permanently closed down. It has been both an honour and a pleasure to have run this service for you. We have rescued, re-homed, helped and advised on many different species of wildlife, but without our valuable supporters and helpers we could not have functioned. They are too numerous to list.

We say a huge THANK YOU.

Useful Contacts: Hedgehogs - Lorraine at Hull Hog Hospital 502441. If not available try your nearest vet.

All Birds - RSPCA 24 hour help and advice line: 0300 1234999.

## **Coffee Chat**

Coffee Chat in St Barnabas Coffee Lounge every Thursday 10 till 12noon is a regular, sociable meeting place for anyone of any age.

Drop in, have a coffee in a friendly atmosphere, and see how we work towards community projects. We have worked on Samaritans Purse Love in a box, knitted Innocent Smoothies hats (raising money for Age UK), premature baby blankets, squares for Mothers Union projects and hats for the homeless of Hull. We have special weeks with an activity or a special focus so why not come and join us!

Whether you wish to pop in, stay for the morning, come along for one of our events, to chat, or simply to listen, you will be very welcome.

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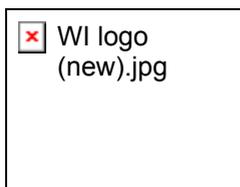
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## Swanland WI



Tea & Cake will be served by the WI at Christ Church on Sat. 5 July between 1pm and 4.30pm. Come in after viewing the Bridal and Christening Gown exhibition or the artwork or visiting the Heritage Centre. The WI will also be serving refreshments at the Swanland

Show in September.

However, there is more to the WI than Tea and Cake – and even Jam. We have a full programme to suit all tastes and many extra activities and courses are available via the East Yorkshire Federation based in Beverley. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm at Christ Church Hall by the pond.

For further information please contact Lorna Caygill 632 543 (President) or Jo Emmerson 632 560 (Secretary).

## **Christchurch Food Bank Donation Point**



Thank you to all who have left food at Christ Church by the pond. Please continue as the need is great and we make regular deliveries to the Hull Food Bank.

Currently there is a high need for:

UHT milk, coffee, biscuits, tins containing puddings, fruit, vegetables, fish, tomatoes.

The needs do change and a full list can be found in Christ Church or on the website at:

<http://hull.foodbank.org.uk/resources/documents/Hull-Foodbank-Documents/Shopping-List.pdf>

Donations can be left at the Church during our two Coffee Mornings - Wednesdays (in term time) and Saturdays, both between 10am and 12 noon.

## **Swanland Show**

Swanland Show is an annual event where people can show off their skills by displaying exhibits they have grown or made. These come under the categories of photography, handicraft, produce, floral art, art, flowers, fruit and vegetables and includes a children-only section.

Schedules are available to download from the website: [swanlandshow.btck.co.uk](http://swanlandshow.btck.co.uk). They list all the classes, plus information on showing rules and helpful hints. Paper copies will be published in June/July and distributed to shops and establishments around Swanland. This year's show is on Saturday 13 September at St Barnabas Church Hall. It is a really enjoyable day and the atmosphere in the Hall when it opens to the public at 2pm is welcoming and friendly, with everyone keen to see who has won something.

Please visit the website for any further information or contact Chairman Paul Neve at: [neve@samak.karoo.co.uk](mailto:neve@samak.karoo.co.uk) or call 633 639.



## **Swanland Playing Field Association (PFA)**

For children (age 6-12), Zingari CC offer fun cricket coaching sessions at the fields on a Friday evening 6-8pm. Just turn up, pay £2 and play. The bar/café is open.

Work starts this month to tidy, fix or replace some of the park equipment. This costs a considerable amount of money so our fundraising efforts are especially important, as is help from our precious volunteers.



We do need more help in the kitchen and for grounds work. Can you spare an occasional hour? If so, please contact:

Lisa 632 772 or email: [swanlandpfa@gmail.com](mailto:swanlandpfa@gmail.com) or leave your details in the Playing Fields shop.

The new fitness equipment in the park was installed following successful application for a lottery grant. We are very grateful for this. Please use the equipment with care, taking in the user safety notices attached.

The Annual Playing Fields Gala is on Sunday 13 July with lots of activities booked. For more information see leaflets or visit the websites:

<http://www.swanland.info/playingfield.htm>

or <https://www.facebook.com/swanland.playingfield>

## **Snooker at The Institute (by the Pond)**

Snooker can be played in the village by joining The Swanland Institute which is a member's club open to over 18's (under 18's when accompanied by a member). Members play friendly games or join one of the 3 teams that play in the Village League that takes in Ferriby, Welton and Brough. The Institute is open at all times except Sunday morning.

During the Swanland Festival the Institute will be open on Saturdays, 5 and 12 July, from 10am till 12noon and 2pm till 4pm, and on Sundays, 6 and 13 July, from 2pm till 4pm. Contact Steve Webb 634 441 (Treasurer) for more details and an application form.

## Swanland Lawn Tennis Club

Our friendly club has excellent facilities including 5 recently refurbished all-weather courts, a pleasant clubhouse, and floodlights to let you play all year round.

We have informal mix-in sessions Sunday and Tuesday mornings (10am onwards) and Monday and Thursday evenings (6pm onwards), with Juniors on Fridays from 5pm. Tennis balls are provided free at club sessions, as are floodlights.

We have a range of teams to suit all, and tournaments and social events throughout the year. New members are offered a free coaching session with Teo Arkut, our club coach. You can even win some Wimbledon tickets in our annual draw. All this comes at a surprisingly affordable price. Contact Teo 07890 783807, email: teotennis@hotmail.co.uk or just drop in to the club.

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## **North Ferriby Flower Club**

The North Ferriby Flower Club meets on the second Thursday of every month (not August) in the North Ferriby Village Hall at 7.30pm. We have various people demonstrate flower arranging, including national demonstrators.

Our annual membership is £27 but non-members are very welcome. We charge £8 for national demonstrators and £4 for others. If you come as a non-member and decide to join the payment you have made will be deducted from your annual fee of £27.

We sell wine and soft drinks, starting usually around 6.45pm. At the end of the evening we offer tea/coffee and a biscuit. The flower arrangements made by the demonstrator are then raffled off.

From 19th to 22nd July a group of members are going to The World Show in Dublin where they will see world class flower arrangers. The trip also includes a visit to a well known garden and time for a little shopping!

Forthcoming events are:-

Thu.10 July: Demonstration by Susan Maddocks entitled "Summertime".

Thu.11 September: Demonstration by Caroline Jackson entitled "Affinity".

Tickets (£4 for non-members) on the door or from Pauline Davies 631 312 (Secretary). Do come and join us. You will be most welcome.

More information at: [www.northferribyflowerclub.co.uk](http://www.northferribyflowerclub.co.uk).

***Recently moved to Swanland?  
Or just have a new neighbour?***

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, Heritage Trail and ArtERY events.

Please contact Claire Tait (tel: 633 211) if you wish to receive one.

## **Godfrey Robinson House – North Ferriby**

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**Raising funds for Godfrey Robinson House.**

**Organising or assisting at events.**

**Helping our residents enjoy the garden or assist with any DIY jobs.**

**Escorting Julie to college to pursue her passion for sewing and knitting.**



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**PLEASE NOTE:** The deadline for the next Newsletter to be published in Autumn will be 13 September. Details also shown on SVA Web site: [www.swanland.info](http://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.

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