

Swanland Village Association
NEWSLETTER

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Save the dates!



Swanland Festival
Friday 11th July – Tuesday 15th July 2025

**Please see the programme of events
delivered with this newsletter**

From the Chair of the Swanland Village Association

As I write this, the unseasonably warm weather and no recent rain shows Summer is on its way. In the garden the camellia, lilac and poppies are a riot of colour. On a walk down to the pond I saw the moorhen chicks swimming in the reeds but so far, no ducklings. The Pond Partnership held its 'Spring Maintenance Day' in March to ensure the health of the pond and its surrounds for the Summer. The hayracks should be back round the pond by the time you receive this newsletter, and the barrels, tubs and flower beds will have been planted out.

The litter picking team have been out in force to collect the never-ending discarded litter in and around the village. **Thanks to the dedicated members of the Pond Partnership, Gardening Group and Litter Pickers for their time and commitment to helping maintain Swanland as one of the best kept villages in the area.**

The silhouettes representing the services involved in the Second World War appeared around the village, alongside bunting and flags, as Swanland got ready to remember those who gave their lives and to celebrate 80 years since VE Day. Many thanks to the Parish Council for funding and erecting these. Swanland Celebrated and Remembered VE Day on Thursday the 8th May with a well-attended community service at the war memorial. The service was led by the churches of Swanland.

The service remembered those from Swanland who gave their lives in the Second World War. It featured readings and 'Peace' poems written and read by children from Swanland Primary School.

Following the service, the Village Hall was open to serve refreshments and hosted a magnificent display of memories, memorabilia with flags, photographs and documentation relating to the Second World War put together by the Heritage Centre.

It was uplifting to see the community working together.

Many thanks to everyone involved.



Swanland Village Association are busy planning for **Swanland Festival**.

The festival will take place from **Friday 11th July to Tuesday 15th July**.
Your festival programme has been delivered with this newsletter.

It will also be available at Swanland Library, Heritage Centre, Christ Church and online at Swanland Village Association and Swanland Village websites and on our Facebook page. The festival has a wide range of events with something for everyone. Many of the events are free.

PLEASE SUPORT YOUR LOCAL FESTIVAL!

Swanland Village Association is looking for volunteers to deliver the newsletter three times a year. Many of our volunteers have been delivering the newsletter for several years and are no longer able to help. If you are able to deliver the newsletter on a regular basis or are willing to be a 'reserve' and cover for sickness or holidays **please contact Marion Escreet by email - me@swanlandvillageassociation.info**

Swanland Village Association currently has two vacancies on the committee, if anyone is interested, please contact me or one of the committee members. **Christine: - telephone 637085**

Email:- cw@swanlandvillageassociation.info

Swanland Village Association website at -
www.swanlandvillageassociation.info continues to be developed. You can access this by the QR code below on the back page of the magazine.

Our Facebook page is continually updated with news and events in the village. You will find it by searching Swanland Village Association.

The list of the Swanland Village Association Committee members is included on page 27 of this newsletter.



Litter picking

Since the last newsletter, we have had the first whole village litter picking session of 2025. The well supported session in March helped ensure that the main roads into the village and most of the minor roads were litter picked before the grass verges got overgrown making it easier to see the discarded cans, bottles and other litter. Many thanks to the 25 willing volunteers who helped on the day, without you this wouldn't have been possible. **The next two whole village litter sessions are on Saturday 5th July and Saturday 27th September from 10am to 12noon and all are welcome!** We meet next to the pond outside Christ Church. All equipment is provided and all volunteers receive a free drink afterwards.

The passing places on Dale Road and Occupation Lane continue to be 'hot spots' for discarded cans and bottles and are regularly litter picked to try and keep these main roads into our village looking cared for and litter free.

There are three ways you can support Swanland Village Association's litter picking team. You can join the litter picking rota and litter pick the centre of the village, once every six to eight months approximately. You can join in a whole village litter pick or join the litter picking loan scheme. All equipment is loaned out, free of charge, and you can litter pick in your locality independently or in an area where you see litter building up.

Did you know if you already use your own litter picking equipment, I can provide you with pink community litter picking sacks which are provided free by the local authority? These can be left next to a street litter bin and will be collected promptly. All litter pickers are covered by the Village Association public liability insurance.

Many thanks to all the litter pickers of Swanland, you really make a difference!

For further information, please contact Christine - cw@swanlandvillageassociation.info or call 637085





Swanland Community Forum

How are we doing and are we there yet?

The questions I've always asked in my head and where I think we are now.

The dictionary defines "**Community Spirit**" as "Willingness and desire to participate in promoting community". Working towards the same common goal by committing positive voluntary acts in various groups such as litter picking, community fair, school fayre, or charity event at a local venue i.e. village hall, playing field association, etc. All are based on goodwill gestures by the volunteers.

We are right on the spot!

Another dimension is "**Pride within the community**" by helping local activities, supporting local charities and schools, community newsletter, displaying articles of local volunteering works, spirits and harmony.

Again, we are on the right track there!

How about "**Group Cohesiveness**" when people come together in such a closeness and share the sense of a group, creating a highest degree of joy and a feeling of collective social bonds.

The Community Forum has come a long way in supporting this goal. Volunteers representing community groups in Swanland work together supporting each other and volunteering is at the heart of this achievement.

At the 80th VE Day celebration, Swanland community has shown improving "**Contentment in the local community**" which needs to be sustained.

**More volunteers are needed by voluntary organisations in Swanland.
Can you help us to achieve that exciting, better future together?**

**For more information, please contact Cllr Kyaing via email -
miemieuk@yahoo.co.uk**



Swanland Live

Swanland Live continues to go from strength to strength! Live music is always in demand and the murder mysteries by the Deadly Dozen and Rob and Rod's quizzes have a dedicated following. The Live programme is available on both the Village Hall and Swanland Village Association websites. If you can offer help in setting up the hall, running the bar or clearing away afterwards we would love to hear from you. If you know of a live act that you would like to see perform, please let me know.

Saturday 5th July at 7.30pm (Doors open at 7pm) Quiz night with Rob and Rod. Ticket £7 per head. Teams of up to six people. **Grazing buffet included and licensed bar. Bottle of wine for each member of the winning team.**

Saturday 12th July at 7.30pm (Doors open at 7pm) Summer concert with Beverley Brass Band. This event is part of 'Swanland Festival'. It will be a cabaret-style event with tables. Tickets Adults £7 and Children £3.50 Licensed bar.

Saturday 20th September at 8pm (Doors open at 7.30pm) Liam Alexander presents an evening with 'Frankie Valli', an evening filled with the iconic sounds, brought to life by the incredible voice of and talent of Liam Alexander. Tickets: - £8 Licensed bar

Saturday 4th October at 8pm (Doors open at 7.30pm) 'A Celebration of Simon and Garfunkel' performed LIVE by Tim Chu and Ian Bailey. Tickets are now available for this event and will sell out very quickly. Tickets are £15 Licensed bar.

Saturday 25th October at 7.30pm (Doors open at 7.00pm) Murder Mystery evening with the Deadly Dozen. LepreCON is about a rather odd group of individuals who meet to share tales, experiences and exchange views about fairies, goblins, pixies and other fairy folk. It is their monthly meeting of LepreCON. Tickets £8 Licensed bar.

Tickets and further information from Christine - Telephone 637085 or Email cw@swanlandvillageassociation.info *Working with the Trustees of the Village Hall we aim to bring quality entertainment to the village.*



Swanland Screen

Swanland Screen audiences have enjoyed various films in recent months. We still need to grow our audience numbers so that Swanland Screen covers its costs. Currently, this is being subsidised by the profit made from Swanland Live events. The licence costs £105 per film, on top of this there is hall hire and DVD costs. The committee will review it again at the end of our financial year in August. If you have not tried a film at your local Village Hall then one of the films listed below might be of interest to you.

Saturday 19th July - A Complete Unknown (2024) 15 This biographical film about Bob Dylan, is nothing short of extraordinary. Beautifully crafted and executed, it transports you back in time, immersing you in the life, music and story of one of the most influential artists of our time. The film portrays Dylan through his earliest folk music success until the momentous controversy over his use of electric instruments.

Saturday 27th September - Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy (2025) 15 A heartwarming and hilarious romantic comedy. After jumping back into the dating pool, single mother Bridget Jones finds herself caught between a younger man and her son's science teacher.

Saturday 18th October - Mr Burton (2025) 12A In the Welsh town of Port Talbot in 1942, Richard Jenkins lives as a wayward schoolboy caught between the pressures of his struggling family, a devastating war, and his own ambitions. However, a new opportunity arises when Richard's natural talent for drama catches the attention of his teacher.

Full details of films will be advertised on the Swanland Village Hall and Swanland Village Association websites and Facebook pages together with local posters. **Start times are 7.30pm and tickets are £5 per person (Cash or card on the door)** There will be an interval and refreshments will be available for a donation please.

Swanland Screen needs more volunteers who are prepared to help set up the projector. If you think you could help, we would love to hear from you. If you want to receive notification of events in the Village Hall then please let Christine have your email address by emailing a request to cw@swanlandvillageassociation.info or subscribe to the calendar via the events page of our website at www.swanlandvillageassociation.info



Changing children's lives through reading

Ready Steady Read is a small non-profit Hull charity providing voluntary one to one literacy support to children who struggle with their reading ability and confidence.

We change lives through reading - helping children who are falling behind to develop the essential literacy skills, confidence and love for reading they need to succeed at school and in life.

To achieve this, our charity works with local primary schools to allocate volunteers as reading mentors providing one to one support to help improve outcomes for children.

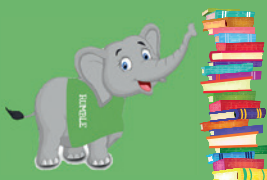
We need you!

Do incredible things by volunteering with us.

Help make a difference to a child's reading ability and confidence.

Volunteer with Ready Steady Read to read with local primary children for as little as a couple of hours a week.

Make a lasting difference and help children develop the reading skills they need to succeed!



Read to Succeed!



www.readysteadyread.org



hello@readysteadyread.org



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Scan for website

Swanland Pond Partnership (SPP)



At the time of writing, the water levels are low due to very little rainfall over the past few months. The water quality has also been poor at times due to algal blooms. We will continue to monitor the water quality and set up the aeration system if needed. Additional aeration improves the oxygen levels for the fish and other invertebrates living in the pond. Uneaten bread in the pond increases problems with the water quality and encourages algal growth. **Please help us to avoid these issues by feeding grain instead of bread – thank you.**



As I write this article, the yellow flag iris' (*Iris Pseudacoru*) are coming into flower at the pond. It's a striking, native perennial plant with bright yellow flowers and tall, sword-like foliage. The yellow flowers are thought, by some historians, to be the inspiration for the fleur-de-lis symbol which is used in heraldry and also by the Scouts.

The Yellow Flag Iris thrives in wet conditions and grows vigorously so we need to control its growth and spread just like the other reeds in the pond. All the iris, reeds and grasses in the pond provide a good habitat and shelter for our wildlife and they also absorb excess nutrients from the water when they are growing which improves water quality.



Our next pond maintenance day will take place in late September or October. If you are 18 + and would like to help, then please contact **Alyson on 634168 or ae@swanlandvillageassociation.info**

No previous experience is required
- **THANK YOU!**



Swanland Village Hall

The hall remains busy and a great place to use for a wide variety of interests. Many thanks to all our hirers but there are opportunities, particularly on weekdays, for new hirers as we have a great hall, in a fantastic location.

The Open Day on Sunday 23rd March to celebrate 20 years of the hall was very successful and a lovely occasion for people to see exhibits reflecting the history of the hall as well as reminiscing with fellow residents. Thanks to all the trustees for their efforts and the WI for their help in serving tea/coffee and cake.

The 100+club is our main means to improve the hall so please look to join and support us. Look at our website or email-

svh.100club@outlook.com for joining details. In the last year we have bought a glasswasher as well as a screen and projector for films.



The music and show nights that we are hosting with the Village Association, now has a licenced bar run by the trustees which is a vital source of income for the running costs of the hall. These events are very popular, with a forward schedule on the website and hall notice boards.

Finally, can we thank the residents who contacted me following our request for a drone to help us assess if any repairs are needed to the roof and bell tower. We have completed the inspection and the painting of the bell tower is being planned for the summer.

Andy Page - Chair of Trustees
Tel. 07889658397 or
ap@swanlandvillagehall.info



Swanland Village Hall

100+ Club



Application Forms are available
in the foyer or by emailing

svh.100club@outlook.com

Payments by Annual Standing Order

Please support the 100+ Club Lottery as
half of your subscriptions go towards
improvements and new equipment in
the hall and the other half are awarded
in the monthly prizes

Next month the winner could be you!!

Thank you to all our members

Lottery

Monthly Prizes

1st £60

2nd £25

3rd £15

£200+ Christmas Draw

Registered Charity No. 1180273

Annual
Membership

£24

Entry into

13 prize draws



Swanland Neighbourhood Watch

Humberside Police invites residents to join My Community Alert. Register to receive real time messages about local incidents. Choose how to receive messages - by text, voicemail or email - how often to get them and what topics, from collisions and road closures to crime reports and missing people. **For more information visit www.mycommunityalert.co.uk**

During the summer, crimes such as burglary and theft often rise particularly if houses and vehicles are unattended. Burglars are often opportunistic thieves who prey on houses, garages, sheds and outbuildings. They seek out doors and windows that are left open or unlocked or are easy to force. Please follow a security routine and check windows, doors and vehicles are secure before settling down for the evening. For further advice see www.humberside.police.uk

For a free No Cold Calling window sticker or for more information about Swanland NHW, contact Deborah Parry on 632576 or dparry@inbox.com

St Barnabas Church

We, at St Barnabas Church, aim to be at the heart of our community.

Whether or not you usually attend our (or any) church, you are welcome to talk to us about having your wedding or a christening here. We also hold funerals at the church or the crematorium for anyone who lived or died in the parish.

Our hall and smaller meeting room are available for hire for regular activities or one-off events such as children's parties.

Or perhaps you need some quiet space by yourself or someone to talk to or pray with; our church is open Monday to Thursday mornings; I am usually there at this time.

And, of course, you are always welcome to join our Sunday morning service at 10 am.

For more details, see www.achurchnearyou.com/st-barnabas-swanland

Revd Kevin Barnard (Vicar)



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Delivering to Swanland from 1pm to 3pm on –

- Thursday 3rd July,
- Thursday 7th August,
- Tuesday 2nd September,
- Thursday 9th October,
- Thursday 6th November.
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Please visit my Facebook Page - The Tastiest Catch

Swanland Village Out of School Club



Before and after school childcare from 7.30am until 6pm in Christ Church & the Village Hall.

A buffet breakfast & cooked tea

For more information, parent testimonials and our Ofsted report please take a look at -

<http://www.swanlandvillageoosc.co.uk>

If we can help with childcare, please contact

Katharine on 07921078786

swanlandvillageoosc@gmail.com

or pop in and meet our team!

Swanland Village Clothing Bank

The clothing bank is situated at the top of the Swanland Village Hall car park. It takes clothing, handbags, belts and shoes.

All money raised from the donations of these items help to support the running of the Village Hall.

Thank you for your support!



Swanland celebrated the 80th Anniversary of VE Day

On the 8th of May 2025, Swanland celebrated 80th VE (Victory in Europe) Day wonderfully by honouring the heroes of the past, celebrating peace and sharing displays of our history with friends, family and the community.





PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2025

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN –

I write this towards the end of May, after a Spring that has been sunnier than many summers.

A couple of weeks ago, the Parish Council held the annual meeting of parishioners, the annual meeting of the Parish Council (as required by legislation) and its usual business meeting. For the first meeting, I provided a brief update about the previous year and repeat some of that here:-

“The two biggest financial outlays the council continues to make in supporting the village infrastructure are on the village hall and the playing field. With the village hall, just under £24,000 was paid off from the loan that was obtained for its conversion. This is a significant investment of public money in a building that is owned by the Parish Council. The first payment on the loan was in March 2005 and the last payment will not be until March 2029. Just under £20,500 was paid in rent to ERYC and in grants to the playing field committee to support the very good work going on there.

Work continues in and around the pond through the dedication of the pond partnership to carry out the regular maintenance it needs. The “Waters Edge” garden and extended seating area at the pond are being well used.

Many thanks to the gardening group for maintaining this valuable village asset.

Work has continued to maintain, replace and add to what might be seen as the lower level infrastructure around the village – such as the bus shelter, litter bins, street lights, grit bins, benches, village signs and allotments.

The Council has been consulted about 37 planning and 14 tree applications (which is slightly lower than last year).

There are many individuals and groups who play an important part in ensuring we have a great village, so can I just say thank you to them all – and please may they continue.”

The priorities for the Parish Council for 2025/26 were identified as:-

To increase the engagement of residents of the Parish in the work of the Parish Council;

To endeavour to improve communications between various committees and organisations within the village;

To resist inappropriate development within the village and encourage only development that meets local needs; and

To be involved at pre-planning with the allocation of any S106 monies.

I guess most are now aware of the new 20 mph limit covering a large part of the village.

This has been introduced on a trial basis by ERYC with the aim of seeing if it changes driver behaviour, making the roads safer for all concerned.

I am certain that there will be a range of views about this among residents, just as there are among Parish Councillors!

As it is a trial, ERYC is interested in the views of residents about whether it is a good idea or not, or whether it should cover more, or less, of the village.

As I understand the trial will be reviewed after 6 months and so, to make sure your views are taken into account, I think it would be worthwhile to forward them around the end of June (the email address to use is:- traffic.consultation@eastriding.gov.uk)

With many thanks.

Derek Shepherd

DOG FOULING

We are receiving many concerns about the amount of dog poo around the village. The great majority of dog walkers do pick up after their dog and get really annoyed with the few who don't as they don't want to be "tarred with the same brush." There is no excuse for not picking up.

A general reminder to all dog walkers that they must clean up after their dog, whatever the weather or leaf or snow cover. The same applies to the hours of darkness - you need a torch. There are plenty of litter bins throughout the Parish, so please pick it up. When the children are encouraged to walk to school it is only fair that dog mess is picked up. East Riding of Yorkshire Council has issued Fixed Penalty Notices in Swanland for failure to clear up after a dog has fouled. Some residents have asked us if they can put dog faeces in litter bins. We can confirm that **all East Riding of Yorkshire Council litter bins may be used** for disposing of bagged up dog waste collected whilst walking your dog. If anyone leaves bags of dog waste on trees, bushes, the base of a lamp post etc. they are committing a littering offence that may also be punished by way of a £75 fixed penalty being issued.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

Are you passionate about your community? Do you want to help make a long-lasting change? Do you have innovative ideas for the council? Do you have concerns about a specific issue and want to do something about it? If this is you, then we need you. We need people from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect their community to put themselves forward for election. Make a change and become a councillor

To be considered to become a Councillor you must -

- Be 18 years of age or over
- Be resident in the parish and on the electoral register (there are some exceptions) Be able to attend regular evening meetings.
- Be interested in local issues and keen to improve the local environment. Understand and be willing to represent the views of the whole community.
- Agree to abide by a Code of Conduct and publicly declare any interests which may conflict with your duties as Parish Councillor.

Does this sound like you? If so, please contact the clerk for more information or come along and observe a meeting of the Parish Council, which meets in the Village Hall at 7.00pm on the first Monday in the month. Dates for meetings can be found on the website www.swanlandparishcouncil.gov.uk

Contacts

If you are concerned about anything that affects our Village, please let us know clerk@swanlandparishcouncil.gov.uk or our website aims to allow the Council to communicate more effectively with residents and to provide ways to allow you to contact both Swanland Parish Council and East Riding of Yorkshire County Council. It is kept fully updated with items of local interest including access to current planning applications and how you can register your comments.





Swanland WI



At our meeting in March, Julia Deighton stepped down as President after 5 glorious years which saw our membership grow and grow. As no one was keen to take on the role alone, we now have joint Presidents, Mie Mie Kyaing and Margaret Fisher. We hope that our combined skill sets will complement each other to take us through the year.

In April, our speaker from the MIND charity told us about her own career development and the many pathways that those suffering from mental health issues can be steered along.

Also in April, a delegation attended the Spring meeting of the East Yorkshire WI Federation at the Mercure Hotel in Willerby. We were enthralled by two inspiring speakers. Tracey Henry spoke about 'Hull's Headscarf Revolutionaries' and told us that a statue is to be erected in Hull to honour their contribution to improving safety at sea for trawlerman. In contrast, Julie Waites spoke about her adventures as a member of an all female clipper crew who entered the Round the World Yacht Race of 2017/2018 and also about her career in the fishing industry.

Our May meeting is known as 'Resolution' evening in the WI calendar. We debate a topic which has been chosen by the National WI Federation. This year, it was "Bystanders can be Lifesavers." We began the evening with an excellent talk by members of St. John's Ambulance and a demonstration about CPR and using a defibrillator. The resolution may go on to be a National WI campaign to provide more training in how to react if confronted with a person suffering a cardiac arrest.



At the recent 20th year anniversary of the Village Hall, some of our members served refreshments whilst others manned our stand which drew much attention, in particular our display of crafts made by the recently formed craft group. We also helped serve refreshments

on the 80th anniversary of VE Day in the Village Hall where the Heritage Centre had set up an excellent display of World War 2 information and memorabilia. **To know more about SWI, please email - swanlandwi@eastyorkshirewi.org.uk Mie Mie Kyaing & Margaret Fisher**



The Gardening Group

I am pleased to report that the men at Ferriby Shed have repaired a section of the decorative log roll which surrounds the flower bed in front of the pond. They are now in the process of constructing a pond aeration pump housing, loosely based on a beehive design. We appreciate the thought, time and effort they have given to assist us with these improvement projects.

Deepdale Nursery, Barton is, once again, our supplier of choice for the planting of the village centre hayracks. These are now mounted on railings in front of the Village Hall, the Heritage Centre and around the pond.

500 annuals for the tubs and the main bed will be arriving in the first week of June and our volunteers will be out in force to plant them - hopefully the weather will be kind to us.

For sure, we can look forward to a wonderful floral display at the heart of the village throughout the summer months.

Janice Baldwin



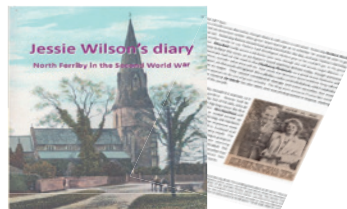


The Heritage Centre

The Centre has recently supported two village events. In March, celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Village Hall opening, it provided a photographic display and a timeline history of the hall from 1876 to 2024.

Marking the 80th Anniversary of VE Day on 8th May, the Village Hall was decorated with WW2 pictures, memorabilia and flags. The Centre's latest book was launched: *Jessie Wilson's diary – North Ferriby in the Second World War*. The handwritten diary, by a North Ferriby resident, covers from 1941 to 'VJ Day' (August 15th 1945). Detailing daily life, local, national and international events, the book contains a typed version of the diary, maps, over 50 photographs and additional footnotes about the people, their families and where they lived. **Available for £8 from the Centre or email dparry@inbox.com**

**The Heritage Centre is open Saturdays
10 – 12 or by appointment by contacting
Janet Barnes tel: 633286 email:
janet@pwb2.karoo.co.uk**



North Ferriby Ladies Choir



We are a very friendly group who enjoy singing together. We perform at various venues such as churches, residential homes and village halls. We raise money for charities and also sing at other events and weddings and funerals. Our repertoire includes songs from the musicals, grand opera, nursery rhymes, gospel music, etc.

We rehearse on a Wednesday evening from 7.15pm to 9.00pm at North Ferriby Village Hall (opposite the church). Come along for a few weeks then decide if you would like to join us - new members are always welcome.

Our next concert is at Christ Church, Swanland on 14th July at 7pm

Contact: Janet Selvaige 633 577 or Marion Escreet 632 903

Swanland Tennis Club



Swanland Lawn Tennis Club offers fun and competitive sessions for players of all standards. Our new membership packages for 2025 are available on our website [Clubspark / Swanland Lawn Tennis Club / Membership / Packages](#) including our new junior categories and our Chaperone

category for parents wanting to play with the children only.

Our club coach Teo offers group and individual coaching for juniors and adults. The club has social sessions Monday, Thursday and Sunday and men's, ladies and mixed teams are entered on the Hull and District league for those looking for competitive tennis. For full details of our club visit our website [Clubspark / Swanland Lawn Tennis Club / Swanland Lawn Tennis Club Home](#) or contact us at Swanlandltssecretary@gmail.com

Christ Church Food Bank Donation Point



Regular coffee mornings are continuing at Christ Church and we give a warm welcome to everyone so please drop in for a chat and a drink.

We are now trying to encourage cash donations direct to the Food Bank. Alternatively, in most supermarkets, you can leave items at a designated point in the store for delivery direct to the Food Bank.

If you would like to contribute gifts of food, toiletries etc and you are unable to do it any other way then your gifts can be left at:-

Christ Church (by the pond) during Coffee Mornings from 10.30am until 12noon on Saturdays. If you wish to make a donation of money to cover the costs of buying, sorting and distribution of food, as well as developing sustainable projects, donation forms are available at Christ Church or on the Foodbank website. This also includes an up to date shopping list of all items required – <https://hull.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/> The demand for food is much higher than donations so please continue to help those who are struggling through difficult times in Hull and the surrounding area. Please contact: **Mike Burman on 01482 631131**



Would you like someone to pray for you? Or perhaps you would just like to join us for coffee, to chat and find out more?

Since 2022, Swanland Healing Rooms have been offering free, confidential prayer for anyone in need of comfort and healing. Our team of trained volunteers are Christians from local churches, and we love to pray with people from all walks of life. Whether you're facing physical challenges, emotional struggles, or spiritual questions, we would love to welcome you to our peaceful and supportive environment. If you don't want prayer but would just like an opportunity to meet new people in the community, we will be providing refreshments in our comfortable church lounge and you would be very welcome to come along. **We meet at St Barnabas Church, Swanland, on the 2nd Monday of every month from 2pm – 4pm. No appointment needed, no faith required—just come as you are.**

Find out more at www.healingrooms.org.uk or email Lucy on lucy.swain@healingrooms.org.uk



Swanland u3a – Learning, Laughing, Living

Swanland u3a is an organisation of learning and friendship for those not in full time employment. Most of our members are retired but there is no lower or upper age limit. Swanland u3a offers a blend of educational and recreational activities that we hope enrich the lives of our members who come from various backgrounds but who all share an interest in continuous learning and activity. **The organisation's ethos is one where everyone is encouraged to participate in all sorts of ways to share knowledge, interests and activities in groups initiated and led by members.**

In addition to the interest groups, Swanland u3a organises twice monthly meetings featuring guest speakers from various fields. Recently we were very grateful to local resident and playwright John Godber who spoke very entertainingly about his life in the theatre to a capacity audience. New members are always very welcome and of course bring us new ideas and enthusiasm. **For more information about Swanland u3a and how to become a member, visit our website www.swanlandu3a.org.uk or email memsec@swanlandu3a.org.uk**

We look forward to meeting you.

Alison Peck, Chair

Swanland Bowling Club



The bowling club is now well into the season with matches happening on most days of the week. We play in a variety of local leagues, travelling to many places in the East Riding as far as Flamborough and Hornsea in the East to Pocklington and Melbourne in the West.

We were very pleased that in April we attracted ten new bowlers to the club. Some have already played in our teams whilst the others are receiving coaching and support.

We are always looking for new members who would like to take up bowls. It is not too late to join this year. **We provide coaching on Tuesday mornings** and have equipment to help newcomers make a start. **Sunday mornings are another popular time to turn up and have a bowl.** We also offer social bowling opportunities where you can come and bowl and use the clubhouse for tea and coffee and refreshments.

A date for your diary - Sunday 13th July - Swanland Festival! We are joining in with the village activities by opening the green at 10.00 a.m. You can just turn up and try the game. There will be a plant sale and tea, coffee and refreshments on sale to help with club funds.

For further details about the club, please contact the secretary Peter Dickinson- telephone 634309.

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For the litter picking, beautiful floral displays and everything that makes our community vibrant, safe and colourful, we are extremely grateful.

If you are a business that would like to become a business member, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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SEAT - Providing Care, Education and Hope

A huge thank you again to those in our village who support us financially to enable both the schools (Swanland School Nairobi and Esther's School, Ngong) to thrive.

Your money pays for all the teachers' salaries, the essential food programme giving all the children a daily nutritious meal, and other essential curriculum resources.

There have been a few exceptional items recently that we would struggle to support from our base funds.

Swanland School have been inspected by the local environmental health team and are required to carry out some improvements to the **toilet blocks (£200), replacement plates and utensils for the children (£300) and other general cleaning materials and equipment (£100).** If anyone can help us with these items, it would be much appreciated!



We'd love you to join us and support in whatever way you can!

We carry **no overheads** so every pound you give goes straight to the schools. Your support will **change lives** and bring hope and opportunity to so many.

If you would like to support the schools then please contact Richard Swain at richardmswain@gmail.com or call 07881 508472.

www.swanlandschoolnairobi.org

Richard Swain



Swanland Show

This year's show will take place on Sunday 14th September at Swanland Village Hall. Programmes containing all the classes and show information, will be available in Swanland shops etc in early July.

We are hoping to be able to resume the Facebook page too where they will also be listed. The committee have made some alterations and condensed some sections in order to make things simpler for everybody involved in the show, including the exhibitors.

Following the success of last year's raffle, we will be running another one this year, and also a bottle tombola (not just alcohol/drink), in order to raise funds which will go towards the running of the show. We are also hoping to be able to provide the facility for people to make contactless payments if they do not have cash available.

For those that like to enter the photography classes which are always popular, the choices are as follows:-

Miniature Life,
Churches,
Wildlife,
Abstract,
In The Sky,
Sport,
My Pet,
Bridges.

We hope you enjoy taking some great pictures over the summer!

Please do get in touch if there is anything regarding the show that you have a query about, or if you want to get involved –

haydenwilliams@haydenwilliams.karoo.co.uk

Sarah Hayden

Membership Secretary's Report

Membership subscriptions cost just £2 per person, per year and this money goes a long way towards helping to fund our work in the village.

It's now even easier to join by downloading an online standing order form.

This can be found on the home page of the SVA website –

www.swanlandvillageassociation.info

If you could back this up by emailing me your contact details so I can then post you your membership cards, I'd be extremely grateful.

My email address is – kn@swanlandvillageassociation.info

Alternatively, please find a paper form on the back page of this newsletter.

If you would rather post cash using this way, that is absolutely fine.

As always, your support is very much appreciated.

Kate Nicoll – Membership Secretary

Swanland Playing Fields

As summer starts we hope to see lots of residents using and enjoying our park. The Playing Field Association continue to improve and maintain the amenities and have installed signs at the entrance to help ensure the onsite parking is fully utilised. Thanks to the efforts of SPFA Chairman Alan and Ward Councillor Hopton.



Sadly, the netting from the cricket nets has had to be removed and the facility placed out of service pending new netting being fitted. The netting had many holes in it, posing a risk to other park users being hit by balls.

This facility is very well used by the public, local cricket teams and our own cricket section. Unfortunately, it has been the subject of regular vandalism which has caused much of the damage.

Presently, the SPFA do not have the funds to replace the netting and the facility will stay out of use pending the purchase and fitting of new netting.

If anyone wishes to help with the cost of new nets, with sponsorship or a donation, or are keen in joining the committee, especially anyone wishing to take up the role of a treasurer then we would love to hear from you. Full support will be given as we work to improve the area, please contact Alan via email: swanlandpfa@gmail.com

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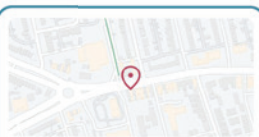
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We currently have 2 vacancies on our Committee and would love to hear from you if you would be interested in joining us.

Your next edition of the SVA Newsletter!

We love to receive any articles, adverts and notice of forthcoming events. Please send them to Rebecca Feetam, Newsletter Editor, at – **svanewsletter@hotmail.com**

PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for articles and adverts for the **Autumn/Winter 2025 edition** of the newsletter will be **Monday 6th October 2025**.

We cannot guarantee to publish articles (between 150-200 words) and reserve the right to edit them. We welcome photographs to print, where appropriate.

Print costs are met by the SVA and the local advertisements.

The Swanland Village Association newsletter is published and distributed free to ALL houses in Swanland.

Details of Swanland Village Association's activities and events can be found at www.swanlandvillageassociation.info or scanning the QR code.



Swanland Village Association Membership!

To become a member, it's just £2 per person, per year!

SVA Membership Application/Renewal form

Name (first person) _____

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You can pay your membership by cash/cheque or BACS transfer to –

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Please return this form to –

Kate Nicoll, 1 Humberdale Close, Swanland, HU14 3NS or to:

David & Christine Walker, 3 Holgate Place, Swanland, HU14 3QX

A membership card will be delivered to you.