

Swinton Village Action Group

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Swinton Village Action Group

REPORT OF AGM OF SWINTON VILLAGE ACTION GROUP

The Annual General Meeting of Swinton Village Action Group was held on Monday 26 January 2015 in the Reading Rooms. There was only one new resident from the village who attended which was very disappointing, but not unsurprising.

Jan Anderson, the retiring Chair of the group reported on the various activities which had been provided for the village by the group which included a car boot sale, bingo evening for the children and the very successful Bonfire Night and Fireworks party.

The village newsletter continues to be a popular feature of the group, thanks to Richard Good for all his hard work.

She stressed the need for more people to get involved in either running events or helping

with events, especially as she was retiring this year as Chair of the group and nobody had come forward to take on her role which leaves the committee without a clear leader. All the remaining committee members are very committed to continue with the work started in 2009, but without more input from residents it will put a bigger burden on them.

Plans for next year could include a repeat of Open Gardens, a Harvest Festival and a Senior Citizens Christmas lunch, as well as the return of the popular children's Beetle Drives, a Halloween Bonfire and Fireworks night and a Fun Day in the Summer.

All of the above require input from a number of people, so if you would like to help please get in touch.

Jan Anderson
01653 696544



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Swinton Parish Website is available on the following link. <http://swinton.btck.co.uk/>

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Yorkshire Air Ambulance

The day the Yellow Helicopter dropped into Swinton.



One of our residents was airlifted for emergency treatment after being injured whilst working on a vehicle.

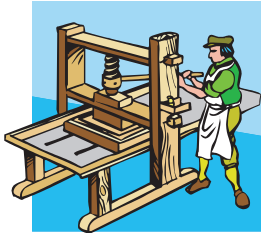
It is a little known fact that the Air Ambulance is a charity and relies on donations to keep them flying.

Donations can be made on the following website, Next time it may be YOU!



<http://www.yorkshireairambulance.org.uk/index.php>

Editors Note. If the Resident would like copies of the photos, contact the newsletter.



Editorial

Grit Bins

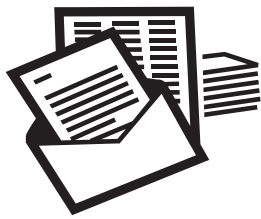
With the first heavy snow fall of the year, a Polite reminder to all our residents about the use of the Grit Bins. The Grit Bin contents are for use on the roads only, This is to ensure vehicles can access and depart our Village.

So please do not use for drive-



ways or private paths. Please remember to close the lid after use to keep out the rain. A big thank you to the team from Farrows who gritted West street hill and helped vehicles to reach the top.

Editorial



Letters

Letters Policy:

We reserve the right not to publish any letter. Senders must supply their name and address and be prepared to have them published. The Newsletter does not necessarily agree with any of the views expressed on these pages.

Letters And News

Amotherby Parish Hall

Please note the C20 beyond the speed limit sign at the north end of Amotherby will be closed for roadwork's during half-term week (16th-20th Feb). The village will still be accessible from the B1257.

AGM

The Parish Hall AGM will be on Monday 16th March at 7-30pm. The Hall covers the four villages of Swinton, Broughton, Amotherby & Appleton.

We would welcome anyone willing to join the Management Committee but especially from

Swinton, Broughton or Appleton as these villages are poorly represented at present.

Hall consists of main hall, committee room, kitchen & toilets (ladies, gents, disabled with baby change facility) & store rooms.

Main hall is £10.00 per hour, committee room is £15.00 a session (morning, afternoon or evening).

Use of kitchen for making small numbers. Teas, Coffee is free. For use of cooker, crockery etc for larger functions there is a

£5.00 charge.

We have enough chairs, tables and crockery, cutlery to cater for 100, though the chairs are a mixture of 3 sorts.

Regular users can ask for a discount.

The Hall is in use a lot over winter months, but much quieter in summer.

Contact Jos Holmes (698051) or amotherbyvh@btinternet.com to check availability.

For pictures see Amotherby Village Hall on Facebook.

Local Archaeology

Would you like to become involved in local archaeology? There's a Roman landscape in our area waiting to be discovered. Friends of Active Archaeology,

a community archaeology group, is excavating at Broughton and is seeking more people to join the dig and discover evidence of our Roman past. Having no past experience is not a barrier to becoming

involved as basic training will be given. We currently dig on two days a week but it's entirely up to the individual as to how many hours they put in. To find out more, phone Josie on 01653 696748

Applying for a defibrillator in your community

A high energy electric shock, given to the heart in some

types of cardiac arrest, may restore a more stable rhythm. This is called defibrillation, and it's an essential life-saving step in the chain of sur-

vival. Details below. <https://www.bhf.org.uk/heart-health/nation-of-lifesavers/using-defibrillators/applying-for-a-public-access-defibrillator>

OBITUARY

Mrs Shirley Ann Stead, Passed away peacefully at Beechwood Place Care Home on December 13th 2014, aged 76 years. Loving Wife of Harold,

Mother of Derek, and Mother-in-law to Mary.

Ann was the secretary of the Swinton And District Horticultural Society for 30 years. Ann was also an enthusiastic member of the BSA

Short Mat Bowls club, delivering many a weighted bowl for the "B" team. She will be missed by Family and friends alike.

RIP. Ann

Letters And News

Dear all,

The fence which runs along the public footpath running between East Street and Middle Street has been regularly and systematically vandalised to the extent that the vertical slats still standing are the exception and the moron(s) responsible has even turned its attention to the supporting cross section and tried to rip it from its securing at one area.

It is indeed an old fence that should not make this less concerning; it is perhaps surprising that no innocent person who uses the footpath has made comment on its

wanton destruction before.

The fence borders my house; please can I make it clear that if I witness anybody having a "go" at it, there will be police involvement, even if it transpires it is children.

The parish talks about bogus callers, dog poo, opportunist thefts from garden huts and children playing on the road often enough, perhaps it's now time to talk about more socially unacceptable behaviour and not ignore such does not occur in a rural village, vandals can be anywhere.

Thanks, the local community police officer has also been in

touch with me, which is great that there has been this prompt follow-up. It is an old fence and I have plans in the coming weeks to tackle my hedges fully. It was only the other night when I was making sure they weren't hanging unduly over the footpath that I saw yet even more destruction to the fence - very frustrating and sad to have in the village.

Many thanks for taking the time to read this.

Regards
Edward Monaghan
Miscinda East Street
Swinton
07722 346 795

My name is Michele. I have recently moved to lovely Swinton, and I would like to organise some local activities for young people of all ages!!!

I am a qualified teacher of French and Spanish with experience in teaching in secondary schools (GCSE and A level), in adult education (conversation, beginners and more advanced) and in primary age languages fun clubs, it is never too early or too late to enjoy languages!

I am a British Wheel of Yoga qualified instructor and I would consider running different type of classes according to needs and even one-to-one.

It is never too early or too late to start yoga!
My type of yoga is gentle, promoting relaxation, flexibility, and improves core strength and balance.

I can offer massages in the comfort of your own home!
I am a member of the Federation of Holistic Therapy and qualified to deliver Swed-

ish full body, back, legs and feet massages as well as Indian Head and Thai foot massages. Whether in good health or suffering various degrees of illness, massages could be your perfect way to enhance your quality of life.

Talk to your friends and family and I will be happy to hear from you.

Let me know what you want to take advantage of by contacting me on 01653 695 399



Swinton Village Action Group Coming Events

Friday 20 March 6.15 pm

Children's Beetle Drive in the Reading Rooms.
Contact Beckie Bennett

Saturday 11 July

Children's Fun Day in the Playground at Bowling Club

October date tba

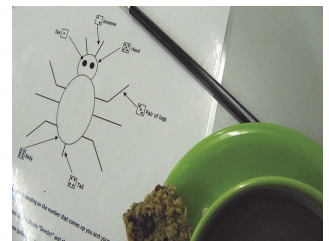
Harvest Festival, more details later

October 31st 6 pm

Halloween Bonfire Night, Fireworks and BBQ at the BSA Sports Centre

December

Senior Citizen's Lunch, more details later.



Marie Curie Cancer Care

I wish to express sincere thanks to all who contributed to the above collection.

It becomes more difficult to

catch residents at home, but when contacted, Swinton residents are very generous. £161.61 p was collected.

Many thanks.
Henry Leeson
Rusaborough
East Street
Swinton YO17 6SH
Tel: 691696



How to Contact Us

In an emergency always call 999.

To report crime or anti-social behaviour call our non emergency number on 101 or Email: ryedalesnt@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

Community Policing

Crime Stoppers on

0800 555 111

For information on the New Operational Policing Model, North Yorkshire Police.

Follow the link below

www.northyorkshire.police.uk/opm

Police Box. Community Police News

REQUEST FOR POLICE ASSISTANCE

This notice is in respect of a number of crimes which North Yorkshire Police are investigating.

Items Stolen

An irrigation engine described as a 4 gallon Perkins diesel engine with protection unit valued at £2000, was stolen from a farm at Slingsby overnight on 6th Jan. If you have information to assist regarding suspicious vehicles or persons seen in the area or have information of the whereabouts of the engine,

Between Fri 19 Jan and Wed 21 Jan heating oil was stolen from Wiganthorpe, Terrington if you have any information relating to this incident please contact NYP on 101 quoting reference 12150011850.

If you have an oil tank please make sure it is secure and fitted with any relevant locks.

A Red Honda 350cc Quad bike registration YD06ORM was stolen from Whinn Hill Farm, Leavening between 18:30 to 23:20 on 17/01/15.

Suspicious vehicles

Observations are requested for a Ford Transit Van/Tipper in white registration NJ57HCY with the letters K&K written in red on the bonnet.

Marton, Sinnington Area

White pickup WN64VGR with Highway Maintenance and reflective chevrons on side seen in suspicious circumstances on isolated farm near Sinnington. Reportee states same man attended several months ago selling tarmac.

Late on the evening on the 9th January the following vehicle was seen in suspicious circumstances in the village of Ebberston Ryedale. This vehicle was parked up near to a shed. The owner of the shed returned from work and locked his quad bike in the shed this was then alarmed. Approximately 20 mins later the alarm sounded on the shed when a witness looked out the van had gone

Urgent warning following internet blackmail scam

Detectives in York have issued an urgent warning after three men from the York area have been blackmailed by a woman claiming to be called Cathy Wong.

The woman has befriended them on Facebook and asked them to skype her.

She has then enticed them into performing an indecent act which she has recorded on video.

She has then told the men, who are all students, that her grandmother is ill and needs money and has asked them each to send £3,000 via money transfer.

When they refused to send the money, she has threatened them with uploading the video to Youtube.

It is believed that the scam is occurring world wide, however these are the first cases reported in the York area. The men are not known to each other and officers are concerned that there may be other victims. Officers are exploring the possibility that the scam is operated by an organised crime

group.

Police are urging internet users, particularly students, to be on their guard and to contact them if they believe they have been targeted.

Detective Sergeant Rebecca Dyer of York CID, said: "This scam is causing considerable distress to the victims and I urge anyone who uses any kind of social networking site to be very wary of what they are getting into.

"I am concerned that there are other victims of this scam who are too embarrassed to come forward about what has happened. I urge them to please get in touch with the police. Your information will be dealt with in the strictest confidence and with sensitivity. Please do not suffer in silence."

Shed/Garage Burglaries

Reports have been taken over the past few days of shed and garage burglaries in Wass and Coulton near Hovingham. Nothing believed taken but this is an appeal to the public to remain vigilant and report suspicious vehicles and persons immediately to the police

Scam

Pickering Town Council are receiving reports that local residents are being phoned by a lady with a foreign accent. Claiming to be from Pickering Town Council. She states that the call is regarding health and safety and a recent car accident. Pickering Town Council confirm that these calls are in no way related to themselves and are a scam.

Click on the link below for **Swinton Incidents** or paste the link below into your web browser. www.police.uk/crime/?q=Swinton%2C+North+Yorkshire+YO17+6SH%2C+UK#crimetypes/2013-04

Parish Council Minutes Held on Wednesday 2nd July 2014

MINUTES of Swinton Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 4th February 2015 at 7.15pm in The Reading Rooms, Swinton.

Present.

Cllr P Powell (Chair) Cllr P Cuthbertson (Vice Chair), Cllr V Farrow, Gail Cook (Clerk) Cllr M Fenwick, , Cllr R Davies

Apologies for Absence.

Cllr R Harrison

Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 7th January 2014 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as being a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising.

NYCC Highways

Cllr Fenwick has identified the worst pot holes and will forward this to Neil Jefferson.

Yorkshire Water

No further update

Swinton Parish Council Workshops.

All payments for the rental of the workshops are up to date.

Street Lighting Faults

Fault on column number 9 at the bottom on East Street has been repaired.

Swinton In Bloom

The Chairman will look at the baskets outside the bus shelter and tubs on the triangle and replant when the weather improves.

Events Committee Update

The bonfire was a success and excellent feedback was received regarding the firework display, thank you to all volunteers.

Grit Bin

The grit bin at the top of West Street will be relocated due to some persons repeatedly moving it. The Parish Council pay for the grit out of the precept. The grit is for use on the roads and pavements not private drives.

Many thanks to Pete Farrow & Sons for clearing West Street and thank you to Vice Chair for clearing East Street once again to enable residents to get out of the village in this bad weather.

If residents are kind enough to assist with the road clearing, please can everyone ensure they replace the lid on the salt bins, to ensure the grit does not get wet. The Parish Council have a grit spreader, which does not work if the grit is wet.

ACTION:

Vice Chair to purchase an additional 6 bags of grit.

Litter Bin

A new lidded metal litter bin to be purchased for Swinton Grange Lane. All members to look at bins and bring options choices to the next meeting. Cllr Davies offered to repair and paint the broken bin and utilise in a different location.

Village Fun Day. 11th July 2015

Cllr Farrow to ask Racheal Liversidge to do scones.

Chairman and his wife to organise refreshments ie burgers, hot dogs and drinks.

Cllr Farrow to book a large bouncy castle.

Clerk to book skate park, artist and obtain cost for circus act.

Clerk to book Swinton Brass Band.

Clerk to do some notices including asking for tombola prizes.

Clerk to ask Ellis if she will do face painting.

Clerk to book NYP to attend event with vehicle.

Cllr Davies to look into his company sponsoring the event.

Sponsored Walk.

Date to be agreed at next meeting.

ACTION:

Cllr Fenwick to look at walking routes to start and end at the village pub around 8 miles for adults and a shorter walk suitable for children.

Correspondence.

Yorkshire Local Councils Associations Ryedale Branch Meeting , Tuesday 17 February 2015 at 7pm in the Meeting Room, Ryedale District Council, Ryedale House, Malton.

Vice Chair to attend.

NYCC Planning Applications.

None

Any Other Business.

Cheque No: 100699 Vice Chairman reimbursement for salt £40.20

ACTION:

Clerk to send a welcome letter to the Blacksmiths Arms.

Date of the Next Meeting.

This would be held on Wednesday 4 March 2015, 7.15pm.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.30pm.

Editors Note:

The Village Fun Day on 11 July, run by the Parish Council, is being supported by monies raised by Swinton Village Action Group to the tune of £500 which has been raised from village events, such as Bonfire Night and the Children's Christmas disco.

The Blacksmiths Arms Update



John and Marcia would like to thank everyone for the fantastic support over the opening weekend at the Blacksmiths Arms, it has been very pleasing to be welcomed so warmly to Swinton.

Food is now being served every day from 12noon until 8.30pm, with a selection of homemade pub classics to

tempt you.

There is a new telephone number 01653 228 140 so please get in touch with any enquires or table reservations.

And don't forget to check out the website

www.blacksmiths.swinton.co.uk

The first Quiz Night will be held on Thursday 12th February.

Everyone is welcome so please come along and take part!

Thanks very much

Regards

Marcia and John

Broughton, Swinton And Amotherby Sports Centre

Sports England Inspired Facilities.

A bid for funding to upgrade the existing lights with a LED system, Replace the existing Hall LPG heater and to install Solar panels has been submitted. All applications will be scrutinised during February and March

Access Road

No updates available.

Events.

Over the weekend 13-14th

December and January 10th - 11th Yorkshire County Short Mat Bowls Championships were hosted at the centre.

January: Saturday 24th, Our own Club ran a High Fives Competition.

February Saturday 21st will see the Richard Lund Memorial Triples Competition being held.

For more information or to Book the Facilities inside or outdoor Pitches

Tel: after 7pm. 01653 690807

Or Contact:

Derek Cuthbertson

Tel: 01653690807

Email swinton.bsa@gmail.com

Contributed by R Good



BSA Sports Centre

Swinton and District Excelsior Band

A Big thanks to everyone who supported the band over Christmas, we managed to get round Swinton but our night for Amotherby was rained off.

On Christmas Eve some of the band played outside the Queens Head in Amotherby who stepped in to host the carols outside, unfortunately due to a family emergency on Christmas Eve, those of us that normally do the band's usual pub run were unable to do so which meant it did not go ahead for the first time in a lot of years (I've done it for the last 38 years!) However we hope to be back this year!

The band are now working towards the Northern Area contest which this year takes place in Durham on the 15th March hoping to repeat our success of 2014 where we went on to appear at the national finals in Cheltenham.

We are also working on a new programme for the summer season.

On the 18th April the Sheriff Hutton Jumbles are holding one of their famous Jumble sales to raise money for the band so if you have jumble you want to donate then let us know and we can collect nearer the time, or why not come along and see what it's all

about.

The band is always looking for new players, either complete beginners (we will teach you how to play and read the music) or experienced players.

If you are interested in having a go then give us a ring on 01653 696417 or email

tpopham1@yahoo.co.uk

Or call in to the Bandroom on a rehearsal night

We look forward to seeing you out and about over the summer season, more details of events will be in the next newsletter.

Stephen Popham



Swinton Brass Band

BSA Short Mat Bowls Club

Indoor Short Mat Bowls Club are based in the BSA centre.

We have two teams who play regular games in the Scarborough League.

Our "A" Team play in the Second Division and our "B" Team in the Third Division.

Current League positions are as follows.

"A" Team Played 12, Won 4

Lost 8. 7th Position.

"B" Team Played 10, Won 1, Lost 9. 8th Position.

The "B" team, even though having a poor run of results so far in the league have managed to upset the form book by beating a strong Cayton team from the second division in the plate competition, and now have a home game against a strong Scarborough Falcons

team.

Both teams have suffered with inconsistency, mainly due to players illness and unavailability.

Social Bowling sessions are run on Mondays 2 - 3 pm. If you want to give it a try just turn up or contact us as below.

For More Information contact
Richard Good 01653 697921
Matt Fenwick 01653 694640



Short Mat Bowls

Swinton And District Horticultural Society

February

Spring is in sight!

This month there are signs of the approaching spring, with bulbs appearing and wildlife waking up as light levels and temperatures increase. There's plenty to do indoors this month to prepare for the season ahead. Outdoors, as the garden comes to life again, it's time to prune shrubs and climbers, such as Wisteria as well as evergreen hedges.

Top 10 jobs this month

1. Prepare vegetable seed beds, and sow some vegetables under cover.
2. Chit potato tubers
3. Protect blossom on apricots, nectarines and peaches
4. Net fruit and vegetable crops to keep the birds off
5. Prune winter flowering shrubs that have finished flowering
6. Divide bulbs such as snow-

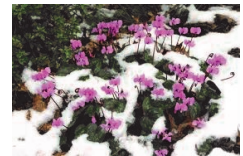
drops, and plant those that need planting 'in the green'

7. Prune Wisteria
8. Prune hardy evergreen hedges and renovate over-grown deciduous hedges
9. Prune conservatory climbers
10. Cut back deciduous grasses left uncut over the winter

Rainfall.

December 43ml
January 30ml

Flowers Of The Month



Cyclamen



Pansy

Swinton Reading Room And Community Hall

Currently we are waiting for work on the snooker room roof to begin.

Hopefully there will be no interruption to regular users. The company concerned have promised to set up and com-

plete over a weekend to avoid disruption to Playgroup.

It is hoped to hold another Beetle Drive at the Reading Rooms on Friday 20th March at 6.15pm.

Refreshments and prizes with fun for all ages!

Watch out for posters and ticket sales nearer the time.

Dianne tel no 697548



Swinton Reading Room And Community Hall

SWINTON PARISH PLAN TIME TO UPDATE

Village plans are usually updated every 5 years.

Our survey was done in 2010 and the plan was published in 2011 and a copy given to every house in the Parish.

We need to start updating the plan.

The good news is it won't be as much work as last time. Anyone willing to help in preparing the plan please contact me on 01653 693638 or e-mail.

Swinton.newsletter@gmail.com

Janet Bailey

Secretary Swinton Village Action Group

Coneysthorpe Table Tennis Club

With nearly two thirds of the 2014/2015 York & District Table Tennis League season completed, the two Coneysthorpe teams, whose home venue is Swinton Reading Rooms, have so far experienced mixed fortunes in Division 1.

The A team, champions for the last five seasons, and with victories in 11 out of 13 matches played so far, are again favourites for the title.

However, despite the fact they currently lead the table by 16 points from their nearest challengers, York RI A, the latter have a match in hand, and with a maximum of 10 points available for a win nothing can be taken for granted.

Indeed, with Ashley Hodgson currently out injured, the pressure is really on the A team as York RI A are closing the gap.

Martin Lowe has won all his 35 sets, only missing one match which was lost 2-8 to York RI A. James Rule, fully justifying

his promotion from the B team, has won 31 out of 35 sets.

Hodgson has recorded 26 wins from 30 sets.

With Rule absent and Hodgson injured during the match with York RI B and being unable to continue, Coneysthorpe A also lost 4-6.

Hodgson's recovery is, therefore, crucial to the A team's hopes of the title.

It was always going to be something of a struggle for the B team this season without James Rule, and the retired Ian Stansfield, and that is reflected in the results - played 13, won 3, drawn 1, lost 9.

They are presently second from bottom, 16 points clear of Clarence B who have a match in hand.

University A are the closest to them, 5 points better off.

Joel Wright is the leading player with 20 victories from 39 sets.

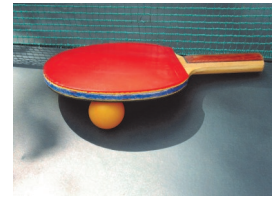
Fortunately for the B team automatic relegation applies only to the bottom team. If, as seems likely, the B team finish second from bottom they will be involved in an end of season play off with the second placed team in Division 2 which, on paper at least, the B team really should win.

In the Shepherd Trophy knockout competition, Coneysthorpe fielded three teams.

A and B were successful in the first round, whilst C lost and will now play in the Machell Trophy.

The next round of both competitions takes place in mid-February.

Yours sincerely,
Charles Allenby Secretary,
Coneysthorpe Table Tennis Club (Tel: 01653-694648)



The Blacksmiths Arms Valentines Menu



Valentines Sharing Menu for Two



Glass of Prosecco

Baked Camembert

Served with a selection of specialist breads and crudité

Surf n Turf

Fillet Steak accompanied by a Trio of Prawns, Garlic and Chilli King Prawns, Tempura Battered Prawns and Prawn Twisters served with roasted tomatoes, sautéed mushrooms, large battered onion rings and our hand cut chips

Chocolate, Fresh Cream and Strawberries Heart Cake

£34.95 per Couple. Saturday 14th February 5pm – 8.30pm

Book Now to Avoid Disappointment

Please advise of any allergies or special requirements when booking.

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