

Swinton Parish Steering Group

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Steering Group Publish Parish Plan

As Chair of the Steering Group I just wanted to give you an update as to the status of the Plan.

Currently the plan is going through a pre publication review and final design format.

Once the plan has been published and distributed, the Steering Group will disband.

There will still be a need for the formation of Village Groups to plan events such as the Bonfire, to produce the newsletter and to build and maintain a village website. Anyone interested in being a member of these groups please contact

Jan Anderson
Chair Steering Group

Please ring me on 01653 696544.

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Christmas Eve Carol Service at the Blacksmiths Arms

On Friday 24th December the Annual Carol Service and visit from Santa took place in sub zero temperatures and occasional snow showers. The Carol service was led by players from Swinton Brass Band.

sing in the wintery conditions and also to the members of the band who played with vigour and gusto to entertain us all.

Remember funding for this event comes from the support of the Pub and the local community who participate in the pubs Christmas draw and residents giving their time freely. We are also extremely fortunate to have our own Brass band who attend and ask only for donations on the night.

Let us all ensure we give



Where's Santa?



Tuning up ready to Start

It was encouraging to see the large number of adults and children who braved the elements to attend, So thanks go out to those who left the comfort of the Bar to stand outside and



The Band Played On

A hearty thank you to Santa who also managed to sit on his cold and wet Sleigh and handout the gifts to the children with an large smile and a Christmas greeting.

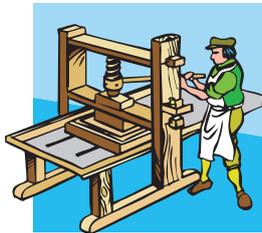
Not forgetting Shane who supplied mulled wine and warm Mince Pies.



Ready for Santa

support and a hand where required to keep this event going in future years.

Editorial



Editorial

With the first fall of Snow in November a timely reminder of how to stay safe in these conditions. Householders are very much encouraged to remove snow from in front of their property. The Department of Transport has also published guidance for householders and traders who wish to clear snow and ice from around their property. It is intended that this will empower those who wish to act in a neighbourly way.

Advice from the Department of Transport What YOU can do to help Clear Snow and Ice

Start early: It is much easier to

remove fresh, loose snow compared to compacted ice that has been compressed by people walking on it.

Be a good neighbour; some people may be unable to clear snow and ice leading to or fronting their property. Snowfall and cold weather pose particular difficulties for them gaining access to and from their property or walking to the shops.

Do not use hot water. This will melt the snow but may replace it with black ice, increasing the risk of injury.

If shovelling snow, consider where you are going to put it so it does not block people's paths

or drainage channels.

Make a pathway down the middle of the area to be cleared first so you have a clear surface to walk on. Then you can shovel from the centre to the sides.

Spreading some salt on the area you have cleared will help to prevent any ice forming. Table salt or dishwasher salt will work. **The salt found in salting bins will be needed for keeping roads clear.**

Particular care and attention should be given to steps and steep gradients.

Snow Clearing and Road Gritting.



Letters

Both East and West street roads in Swinton are not classified as high priority. Hence the positioning of the Grit bins. Thanks to the parish council we have extra grit bins on East and West Street. It is up to us the residents to try and keep the roads passable. The best action is to spread grit as soon as the snow arrives or before the roads freeze. Once the snow is packed down by vehicles that can drive over the snow it becomes almost impossible to get any benefit

from gritting, leaving those cars without good traction stuck, or if on foot sliding and falling.

Once again it has been left to the elderly residents to try and keep East and West Street Roads clear. Where is the community spirit? I don't mind dragging my aching and aging body out in the cold, and spreading grit on the roads. ?

Where are the younger population, Could they drag themselves away from the warmth

of their house and lend a hand. After all its our Village, our community . Or is the word Community Spirit long since become unfashionable? One Suggestion would be for the village to have Gritting Coordinators on both East and West Street. This person would have a list of people of all ages who have volunteered to assist in grit spreading.

Name and Address supplied.

Swinton Old Photographs and Stories



West Street

Has anyone still have old photographs of Swinton that I can scan and save for the Village website, and use in the Newsletter?

Do you have stories about famous sons and daughters of Swinton?

Do you have stories about Swinton that can be shared in

the newsletter?

If you have we would be delighted to hear from you.

Email

Swinton.newsletter@gmail.com

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.

Deadline for April Newsletter Articles. No Later than. 14th March 2011 . Email us At. swinton.newsletter@gmail.com

John's cha' Village History

Methodism in Swinton

After John Wesley visited North Yorkshire to preach, Methodism really began to take a hold and a small village chapel was built in West Street. This was in use until 1929. In 1816 a Primitive Methodist Chapel was built in Middle Street. This was built by public subscription, as was Malton Hospital.

Both chapels were well used and by 1890 it was decided that a larger building was needed. The land for the new chapel was given by a local farmer, whose grandson still lives in the village. This larger building was opened in 1895 and the old chapels were in use for sometime after that as well.

The new chapel had regular services at 10-30am and 6-00pm every Sunday, with the Sunday school of 150 children meeting in the afternoon.

Sunday School trips were a great adventure with the children being taken to Malton station in hay carts and then by train to

Scarborough. This was often the only holiday many of the children had and was really looked forward to.

At Sunday School Anniversaries the chapel would be packed well before the start with families ready to hear the children's recitations and singing. This had to be repeated in the evening as it was so popular.

Harvest Festival was another very special time when farmers and their families gathered in the chapel to give thanks for the harvest.

The chapel had a pipe organ and a wonderful choir leading worship and also a Male Voice Choir which toured the area singing at different village chapels.

There was a Women's Pleasant Hour each week and a Men's meeting. At one point a mission took place with people coming from far and near and many of the young folk giving their lives to

Christ.

They were a very lively group within the chapel and the young minister from Malton would come and lead a fellowship meeting for them during the week.

Over the years many people have come to the chapel for worship, prayer, nativity plays, harvest suppers, choir concerts, baptisms, weddings and funerals.

In the war a school was set up there for the evacuee children. So many different things have happened there and when the chapel closed in 1993 the Sunday School and House Church continued for another seven years in a home within the village.

Article provided by
Margot Taylor



Inside The Chapel



Harvest Festival 1987

Swinton Village Web Site

One of the items requested on the Parish Steering Group feedback was the requirement for a Village Website.

A Website requires volunteers to maintain it, A Host to store the pages and a Domain name.

Both the Host and Domain name are commercial items and a annual fee would be charged.

If any Business or individual could Host a web site we would be pleased to hear from you.

The Domain name Swinton is already in use in a number of different guises so would not be available for us to use. If anyone has a domain name they think the website could use to identify it, contact us.

A web site means different things to everyone, What content should be included?

To gather feed back a website has been built. Please visit and leave your comments about what you would like in the

website and also this newsletter.



The web address is below.

<http://swintonparishsteeringgroup.web.officelive.com/default.aspx>



Village Website



Letters

LPG Price Rises

Are you like me becoming concerned about the rises in LPG for domestic use?

What can you do?

From 13 April 2009 The Domestic Bulk Liquefied Petroleum Gas Market Investigation Order was issued by the Competition Commission.

<http://www.competition-commission.org.uk/>

The Order applies to all suppliers of bulk LPG for domestic use. This allows domestic users

to switch suppliers and rental tanks. For more information full details can be found here.

<http://www.oft.gov.uk/OFTwork/markets-work/register-orders-undertakings/monopoly#named15>

Its always worth checking your contract then shopping around for a better deal.

To find alternative suppliers this link lists all suppliers in a post code area.

<http://www.uklpg.org/>

There is also a good forum on Martin's Money Tips web Site, which has consumer feedback on what other suppliers are currently charging.

Web Site

forums.moneysavingexpert.com/showthread.php?t=1003291

R Good

Country Watch

This section is for those nature lovers to highlight what they have observed in their garden or out about around the parish.

In my garden around the feeders I have seen Blue Tits, Great Tits, Robin, Chaffinch, Goldfinch, Greenfinch, Tree Sparrow, Starling, Black Birds, Pheasant, Long Tailed tit, Woodpigeon, Bulfinch, Goldcrest, and the best of all a Great Spotted Woodpecker.

Walking down the lane, keep your eyes peeled for Hares, Rabbits, Deer and Foxes.

When to feed wild birds Although winter feeding benefits birds most, food shortages can occur at any time of the year. By feeding the birds year round, you'll give them a better chance to survive the periods of food shortage whenever they may occur.

Spring and Summer.

Only feed selected foods at this time of year. Good hygiene is vital, or feeding may do more harm than good. During the summer months, birds require high protein foods, especially while they are moulting.

Black sunflower seeds, pin-head oatmeal, soaked sultanas, raisins and currants, mild grated cheese, mealworms, waxworms, mixes for insectivorous birds, good seed mixtures without loose peanuts, RSPB food bars and summer seed mixture are all good foods to provide. Soft apples and pears cut in half, bananas and grapes are also good. Some people use soaked dog or cat food and tinned pet foods, but these may attract magpies and crows and cats.



Great Spotted Woodpecker Zoom in on your PC to get a closer look.

Remembering Mary Weighell

Mary Weighell. From Dunroamin' Swinton

Mary died in November after some years of infirmity following a stroke.

She was born into a farming family and was highly intelligent. She went to university to study agriculture, which was very unusual for a woman in those days. Sadly, illness cut short her studies and she returned home and worked locally. She and her mother moved to Swinton about 50

years ago with Mary working in the office of the garage in the village, moving on to work for Ted Rowland's in his electrical shop just off the market place.

Mary will be remembered for her great commitment to Swinton Chapel, particularly in the Sunday School. She played the organ and arranged the flowers. Mary organised the Sunday trips to Scarborough, after the haycart days! She was a member of the WI and enjoyed village life. Many children

over the years heard "the stories of Jesus" from Mary, and this knowledge has stayed with them and the work Mary did so steadfastly has given a firm basis for their future lives. After the chapel closed, she continued to help every week in 'Home' Sunday School which continued for some years. At Mary's funeral, a lady in her 60's said that Mary has taught her at Marshes and that she still remembered her anniversary poem.



Mary is Third from the Left in a Blue top Holding the Orange Balloon

Parish Council Minutes Held on Wednesday 5th January 2011

The following is a brief synopsis of the Swinton Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 5 January 2011.

Rural Action Yorkshire – Participatory Budgeting

Rural Action Yorkshire is running a project to explore how participatory budgeting works at the parish level.

Participatory budgeting is any arrangement that allows the community to participate in making decisions about the budget of its local authority. £2000 is available, this will form a “community chest” fund that can be spent on local projects. The requirement is that the public is involved in deciding how this money is spent. And that means that there needs to be more ideas for spending it than can be afforded with the £2000 – otherwise there is not a real decision to be made.

The typical approach is publicity for the exercise to get ideas from the community, a task group to organise things and a public meeting where the candidate projects explain what they want to do. Those who turn up to the meeting vote on their favourites, giving them a score out of 5, say, and the ones that get the highest scores

get the money.

That the task group checks project proposals for practicality and to ensure that they are things it would be legal for the parish council to fund.

ACTION: Clerk to arrange a Task Group meeting and design a flyer for Wednesday 19th January 2011 at 7.30pm.

Highways

Email reply received from Cllr Dadd informing the Chairman that he has asked Richard Marr, the Area Manager to pick up on our on-going concerns. All agreed to bring this issue back to the next meeting in March. Letter sent to Richard Marr requesting upgrading Swinton Grange from a level 4 to a level 3 on the gritting route no reply received to date.

Manhole

ACTION: Gail to send a further letter to Environmental Health regarding the manhole outside Peter Farrows yard, no reply has been received

Street Lighting faults.

No faults reported.

Grass Cutting.

The machine will be serviced once the

weather improving.

Swinton In Bloom

ACTION: Clerk to contact AONB regarding funding for planting.

Christmas Lights.

Lights have been erected, they come on around 4pm and off around 7.45pm depending on the sun received that day.

Any other Business

Reimbursement to Chairman for purchase of solar festive lights £43.49

Date Of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the date of the next Parish Council meeting would be Wednesday, 2 March 2011 at 7pm. The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

Swinton Play Area Committee

Equipment

The Parish Plan Steering Group have requested more equipment at the play area for teenagers. The Committee confirmed they would welcome any suggestions regarding additional equipment from young people in the village. All agreed to put this request in the village newsletter to go out in February.

Swinton Participatory Budget

Dear Residents, Swinton Parish Council has been selected by Rural Yorkshire for a pilot scheme grant of £2000 to be used for a project, or projects, beneficial to the whole village.

The Steering Group would like to invite any Swinton based group large or small to put forward ideas for such projects. If you are not already part of a village group, but would like to submit an idea, this is perhaps your opportunity to form a group of like minded residents and submit your proposal.

Ideas must be given to any member of the Steering Group by 6pm on Friday 18th February. Groups with appropriate applications will be invited to present their project, including its estimated total cost, to village residents at a meeting to be held at The Reading Rooms on Saturday 12th March, 3-5pm. Residents will be invited to vote at this meeting to determine which project(s) they would like to see imple-

mented. If several projects receive equal support, the grant could be divided between them. The Parish Council will be responsible for administering the grant to the successful group(s). Application forms are available in email and hard copy from any of the Steering Group Members below.

Please let us have your ideas so Swinton can benefit from this grant. Please ensure completed application forms are returned to any Member below in a sealed envelope by 6pm on Friday 18th February. Applicants will be required to give a short presentation of up to five minutes, explaining your project and why it would benefit from the funding./

Contact details:-

Gail Snowden.

Angel House, Middle Street .Swinton.

Tel: 693898

Cllr Peter Powell.

Foxholme, Malton Road Swinton.

Tel: 694420

Cllr Paul Cuthbertson.

Pamanda, East Street Swinton.

Tel: 694138

Cllr Victoria Farrow.

Rye View, East Street Swinton.

Tel: 691883

Cllr Matt Fenwick

Emfarlim, East Street Swinton.

Tel: 694640

Cllr Dave Barker

Dunromin, Malton Road Swinton.

Tel: 693946

Jan Anderson

2 The Green. Swinton

Tel: 696544

Dianne Illingworth

5 Well Garth. Swinton

Tel: 697548

Police Box. Community Police News



Community Policing
Crimestoppers on
0800 555 111

Tackling Your Issues

After returning to duty after knee operation our neighbourhood officer Glenn Goodwill has been reassigned to other duties. So in the absence of Glens Monthly update we have compiled a article detailing various scams and door step crimes that are active.

The Knock Knock website has been created by Greater Manchester Police for members of the public and partner agencies. Some elements are specific to GMP but most are generic and suitable for all. The site is packed with information to help in the fight against doorstep crime including distraction burglary, bogus officials and rogue trader crimes, it is easy to use and features videos, an interactive quiz and downloadable resources.

Email scam is circulating entitled Tax Refund Notification, HM Revenue & Customs, believed to be an attempt to obtain bank details. The Inland Revenue confirm it is not their policy to correspond in this way.

Telephone Credit Card scam in another Police Force area and a NHW member has asked that we pass it onto members. The caller introduces themselves as being from the security and fraud department of the credit card company. They will provide you with all the information and do not ask for your card number as they already have it. This is what makes this scam so plausible. They will state that there has been unusual activity on your account and ask you to verify a particular purchase. When you say you don't recognise the purchase or amount they ad-

vice you they have been watching the company and will credit the amount back to your account and will provide a reference. They will state they you need to verify you are in possession of your card and to do this will ask you for the last 3 numbers off the back of the card. These are security numbers that would allow them to use the card fraudulently and should not be given. Your Bank or Credit Card company will never ask you for personal information or security information in this manner. Always be suspicious of such calls. If need be, hang up and make direct contact with the company yourself to verify the conversation.



Future Of The Newsletter

Currently 28 out of 263 households have taken up the offer to receive their copy by Email. This is a start but we need to increase the circulation rate via email if we are to continue. We have our first copy going international to Florida USA. Via Email to

Ex Pats Helen and Paul Atkinson

Future editions will be printed in Black and White. This will reduce our printing costs by over 50%.

All Email Copies will be in Colour. If you can take a copy

via Email. Send an Email to: swinton.newsletter@gmail.com

If you would like to sponsor the newsletter, to Place an Advert, or contribute an Article

Email details to swinton.newsletter@gmail.com



BSA Sports Centre

Broughton, Swinton And Amotherby Sports Centre News

Due to the severe weather restricting access both Indoor and outdoor activities had to be postponed.

With an improvement in the weather and access to the centre possible again, both indoor and outdoor sports have restarted.

Fund raising Events that were cancelled are being re scheduled so look out for notices giving details.

Some of the potholes leading to the car park have been filled in, but permanent improvements to the road leading up to the car

park entrance still need to be addressed.

Future Events.

March 26th. Bingo

Swinton Lawn Bowls Club

For information or to Book the Facilities Tel: after 7pm. 01653 690807

Brass Band News



Swinton Brass Band

Swinton Band would like to apologise to everybody for not getting round the village at Christmas, this was due to bad weather, we did get to Swinton Pub on Christmas Eve and played round the tree,

December was a very bad month for us we only managed 6 jobs instead of 14.

We would like to wish everybody a Happy New Year and

invite you all to our 75 Birthday concert on Saturday 28th May at the sports centre Swinton,

For those people that don't know where we are our Band room is in Middle St, and we practice on Mondays and Wednesdays 7-30 to 9-0.

We also have a learners class on Saturdays 6-30 to 8-0 anybody that would like to learn

an instrument is welcome, we have people of all ages from 7 years to 70 and anybody that was a player and would like to return to banding please come along.

If you want any further information phone Dorothy on 01653 694344

Bowling Club News



Swinton Lawn Bowling Club

Because of the extremer wintery conditions a number of Short Mat Bowls fixtures were postponed. The leagues have resumed playing again and the postponed fixtures rearranged.

Currently the "A" team are placed 7th in division 1.

The "B" Team are currently bottom of division 3, still to register there first win.

In the Plate Competition the "B" team will play Cayton "A"

January saw the North Yorkshire County singles and triples championships take place at the BSA centre. In the Singles there were 42 entries and the

triples had 84 players in 28 teams. In the triples the youngest player was a 12 year old girl.

The BSA centre was the Sponsor and Venue for the BSA Triples Competition on 15th January.

The BSA centre was also the venue for a taster session, open to the public on 22nd of January

The BSA centre will also be the venue for the County Pairs and Fours on February 5th and 19th.

If you are interested in taking up the sport outdoors contact

The Secretary. Mrs L Metcalfe
Tel: 01751475138

For Indoors Short Mat

Contact Matt Fenwick

01653 694640

New Members always welcome

A Prize Bingo Night in aid of Lawn Bowls Club will be held on Saturday 26th March, At the Swinton BSA Centre. Starting at 7:30pm.

Raffle and Home made Supper will also be available.

Swinton And District Horticultural Society



Time To Prepare the Garden Plants and Seeds

With Spring approaching now is the time to plan ahead so your garden will look at its best throughout the year.

Split & Divide Perennials

Dig up, divide and re-plant perennial plants that have been undisturbed for a few years. This will encourage healthy growth and encourage them to produce more and better blooms.

Fruit and Vegetables

Prune autumn-fruiting raspberries and feed with Sulphate of Potash Fruit and Flower food. Finish planting any bare root fruit canes, bushes and trees.

Keep an eye out for weeds in the vegetables garden
Sow vegetables seeds such as broccoli, early carrots, cut come again lettuce, parsnips
Sow peppers, aubergines, chillies and tomatoes indoors to give you the earliest plants

for growing in the greenhouse

Future Events.

Car Boot and Table Top Sale
Amotherby Parish Hall
February 27th
March 27th
April 25th (Easter Monday)

For more information on how to join or assist in the running of events please contact:

Mrs Ann Stead

01653 694663

Swinton Reading Room and Community Hall

There have been several children's parties since the autumn at a rental of £10 per session. These seem to be popular in that there is plenty of room for children to run around. Anyone interested in hiring the hall or taking an active part, please contact Dianne Illingworth on 01653 697548.

Sign language for beginners

Are you interested in learning sign language? (bsl)

Join me for a fun, relaxed, informal introduction to British sign language for all ages at the Swinton reading room.

Sessions and prices are as follows

Week 1
Friday 25th February
6.30-8.30pm
Introductory class
£10.00 per adult,
£5.00 per child (under 12)

Week 2
Friday 4th March
6.30-8.30pm
£15.00 per adult
£7.50 per child (under 12)

Week 3
Friday 11th march
6.30-8.30pm
£15.00 per adult
£7.50 per child (under 12)

Week 4- Friday 18th March
6.30-8.30pm
£15.00 per adult
£7.50 per child (under 12)
Further sessions will follow subject to interest and attendance

Please note that all sessions are 2 hours duration and it would be advisable to try and arrive 10 minutes early

Refreshments will be provided and booking is essential

Please contact Stuart Gilliland on 01653-693856 or 07773696555 or 07979688140

I will look forward to seeing you there



Swinton Reading Room And Community Hall



Adverts and Events

Samantha Gilliland Cupcakes

Handcrafted cupcakes for your special occasion

Cupcakes from £1.75

Stand hire from £10.00

6" Topcake from £9.95

Choose from my standard range or have your cakes tailor made to match your colour, decor, theme with as



many flavours as you like,

elegantly stacked on my 9 tier (or less) cupcake tower, my 24 cupcake stand or your table, or boxed just as a treat for friends or loved ones, minimum order 6 cupcakes.

Tel: 01653-693856 or 07979688140

To Advertise Contact Swinton News Letter by email

Swinton.newsletter@gmail.com

Or Tel: 01653 697921

Adverts Cost £5 per row or £15 for a full page advert. payable in advance.

Valentine Dance

To be held in Amotherby Village Hall.

On the 12th February 7 till 11.30 pm



Tickets are £10 each and includes a disco (love songs from the 40s to present day) and buffet with a raffle.

All in aid of Swinton Band and Ryedale Carers Support. Please bring your own Drinks. For more information and tickets please Telephone.

Alan Cooper
01653 691306

GRAND BEETLE DRIVE



Friday 25 March 2011

Children of all ages - Mums, Dads, Grandparents

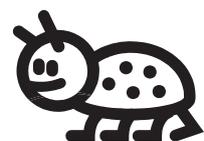
Come along and have some fun with us

In The Reading Rooms

From 6.15 – 7.30 pm

Light refreshments, drinks, raffle prizes

Prizes for best Beetles!



For more information ring Jan on 01653 696544