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# Swinton Village Action Group



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## Bonfire And Fireworks



It's that time of year again and we are busy planning Bonfire Night and Fireworks which will be held on Saturday 2 November at 6 pm down at the BSA Sports Centre.

Tickets are available from Jan on 696544 at a cost of £4.00 for adults and £2.00 for over fives.

There will be the usual beef burgers, hot dogs, soup, tea and coffee available, as well as a raffle.

Items for the bonfire can be brought down to the Sports Centre on the morning of 26 October from 10 – 12 and the morning of 2 November from 10 - 12 – no tyres, paint tins etc only garden rubbish, old wood etc.

**We really do need some more helpers this year to help with serving the food and taking the money so if you can help, please get in touch with me as soon as possible.**

Please, absolutely NO sparklers, this is a requirement of our Insurance Company.

We look forward to welcoming you again this year and hope we have the usual good weather!

**We also need volunteers on Sunday morning about 10 am to help clear the pitch of spent firework debris, so if you can help, please come along, wear a pair of gloves!**

**Many thanks in advance.**

## Christmas Disco



Saturday 28 December from 6.30 – 8pm.

There will be a Christmas Disco down at the BSA Sports Centre.

This is for children up to the age of 16 years. They must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Tickets are £2.00 and can be obtained from Beth Fox on 69101.

This is the first disco we have run so please come along and support the event.

The bar will also be open for soft drinks and nibbles, as well as grown up drinks!

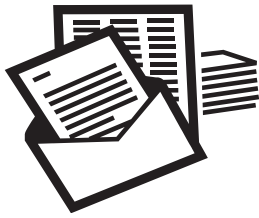
### Swinton in Bloom

The beds at the boundary signs have been cleared out and will be planted with miniature daffodils. Once the big trough outside the shop dies back it will be planted with hyacinths ready for Spring.

We give our thanks to Bob and Graham for keeping the plants well watered which has certainly helped the plants flower much longer.

It is intended to put two half baskets on the front of the bus shelter filled with pansies.

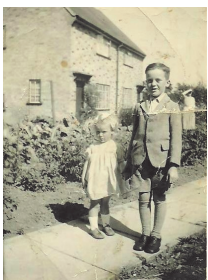
Peter



## 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.



Charles with sister Dorothy, taken in Cherry Avenue?

## Letters And News

### Kidney Research UK



A recent house to house collection in East Street, raised £62. Sincere thanks to all who contributed.

Thank you all.  
Margaret and Henry Leeson  
Russbrough, East Street,  
Swinton, Malton. Yo17 6SH.  
Tel: 01653 691696

### Dog Fouling

As regular dog walkers up the path from Highfield through to Laundry Lane and beyond we have been increasingly aware of the number of dog owners who allow their dogs to foul the pathway, and do not clear up after them, which can be most unpleasant if you don't see it in time to avoid it! Some of these dog owners are known to us and we are quite surprised at their carelessness. This is not the only area in the village which is suffering from this problem, so please,

through your newsletter, can we remind dog owners they have a duty to clean up after their dogs as the dog warden is aware of the problem in the village and they could be subject to a fine if caught. Thank you.

Name and address with held.

Editor.

The Offence: Any person in charge of a dog failing to clear up immediately on any land which the Council has designated under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1966. Offenders can be fined £50

## Memories Of Swinton (Charles Osborne)

### Childhood Memories Early Days

I was born in Amotherby in August 1938 and the family moved to 10 Cherry Avenue, Swinton when I was about 10 months old. I think that numbers 9,10,11 and 12 were additions to the existing Council houses in the Avenue and we may well have been the first tenants. Mr & Mrs Coates (Alec & Lily) lived at No.9, Mr & Mrs Robinson at No.11 and Mr & Mrs Debenham at No.12. My paternal Grandmother (Lily Beale) lived at No. 8, (she had remarried after my granddad Osborne died in 1915 when dad was 8 months old). My maternal grandparents ('Benny' and Lily Ward) lived at No.1 Highfield Terrace at the top of the village. The demands of modern living has resulted in the loss of large amounts of garden around the houses in the village. My early memories are of been able to wander between the houses along paths between plots of well tended gardens planted with vegetables and fruit

bushes, the section in front of the house being usually the flower plot. Nearly every household had a hen run and several had a pigsty.

My father, along with many other village men, worked as a farm labourer. There were five farms in the village, Prests, Waites, Stubbs, Brisbys and Hardwicks. Just outside the village towards Amotherby was Holmes' farm. In addition there was the Swinton Grange Estate owned by the Behrens family which had as I remember three farm centres, Home, Middle, and Low Farm. In the early 40's farming was very labour intensive and horses were used for all aspects of farming work. Dad was employed as a horseman at Swinton Grange and he used to go up to the stables very early in the morning to feed and water the horses ready for the working day, return home for his breakfast, then off to carry out the days work. At the end of the working day the horses had to be fed, watered and bedded down before he could come

home.

My earliest memories are of playing, first in our garden and those of our neighbours, then being allowed to venture out into the Avenue and into the field behind the house. By the time I was 4 years old I was allowed to roam about the whole of the village with the other village children. The village streets were virtually motorised traffic free and only the very occasional motor passed along the top road, all we had to suspend street games for was the occasional horse and cart passing by on their way to and from the fields down below.

Home life was run to a fairly rigid routine, Mondays was washing day and the fire under the copper in the outside wash-house was lit very early in the morning to heat up water. Washing machines and all the other essentials of modern day living were a luxury in the 1940,s and washing clothes was hard work, the soiled washing was loaded into the copper

## Memories Of Swinton (Continued)

(whites required a blue bag to be added to the load) and afterwards unloaded into a zinc washing tub and, using a peggy stick (think 3 legged stool on a stick), agitated to remove the dirt. I remember Mum being pleased about upgrading from a peggy stick to a posher which was like an upturned copper bowl with holes in it attached to a broom handle. After rinsing in clean water a lot of the washing was passed through a mangle to squeeze out most of the water before being pegged on the line to dry. Wet Mondays were not good, grumpy mum and damp washing on the clothes horse in front of the fire, me, dog and cats kept a low profile.

Tuesday was baking day and one of my chores was to go up to Alice's to buy yeast for making bread. Alice Fox and her sister ran the village Post Office at the top of the street and sold a range of goods. All our cooking and baking was done on the coal fire range in the main room. The fire provided the house general heating, dampers could be set to deflect

the heat under the back boiler to heat water or to heat the oven to the side of fire. Baking day was a favourite day, watching the dough for bread and teacakes being kneaded and put in the bread tins, covered with a cloth and put near the fire to rise before going into the oven, absolute magic. As well as bread all the other requirements for the week were made, scones, pies, tarts and cakes etc, licking the bowl out after cake making is a pleasure you remember all your life (well I do).

My recall of the rest of the weekday routine is vague but I do know that the saying that a woman's work is never done was very true in those days, my mum always seemed to be busy cleaning, cooking meals, feeding hens, making beds, darning socks, repairing and making clothes etc. I very soon had to learn to do my bit like going down to Mr Stubb's to fetch milk in the afternoon or running up to Alice's or the Co-op. Making spills from bits of cardboard (used to get a light from

the fire), filling the coal boxes at each end of the fender, gathering sticks and chopping wood for the fire.

The weekend was also a routine, most farm labourers were at work on Saturday morning and the afternoons were usually free for visiting friends and family but of course livestock has to be looked after 7 days a week so farm workers were never totally free and depending on the season free time tended to be a pipe dream. For me Sunday meant a traditional Sunday dinner, Yorkshire puddings with onion gravy served on their own as first course followed by a second course roast beef with potatoes and vegetables the sweet would often be a steamed pudding with custard, very high calories but because everybody's work was physically hard overweight people were a rarity. Sunday afternoon meant Sunday school for the village kids, I attended the Wesleyan Chapel in Swinton until I was 5 years old before transferring to attending St Helen's in Amotherby.



Cherry Avenue



Zinc Tub, Dolly and Posher.

## Where Does Your House Lose Heat?

Thermal imaging in Swinton. A unique photograph of your house can show you where best to target insulation to prevent loss of heat and money. Called thermal imaging, a special camera detects escaping heat from different surfaces on the outside of a building and shows this escaping heat in a range of differing colours on a photograph. We would like to arrange for a few houses besides our own to be done on the same day in

Swinton. The thermal imaging camera is used to best effect on a cool, cloudy, damp day. Kirkbymoorside Environment Group possesses a thermal imaging camera and 2 people from that group are willing to come to Swinton to take thermal images of houses. There is no fixed charge but they would be grateful for a donation towards their expenses if the householder can afford it.

If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, phone Josie or Glyn on 01653 696748 or email [josie6downs@hotmail.com](mailto:josie6downs@hotmail.com)

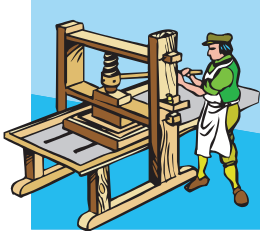
Further information with illustrations can be found on the web site of: [Kirkbymoorside Environment Group.](http://www.kms-environmentgroup.org.uk/special-interest-groups/energy-building/about-thermal-imaging/kmeg-thermal-)

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Thermal Image of a House





Editorial

## Editorial

### RIP Ian Newby



For the frequent passengers on the Stevenson's Bus Service the sudden passing away of Ian at the age of 47 years, came as a great shock on Tuesday 8th October.

Ian was a regular driver with the 194 service between Swinton and Malton.

Ian always had a ready smile and cheerful word that would brighten up everybody's day. Ian was more than just a Bus driver, he took an interest in our community and was always ready to offer support and advice to his passengers. He will be missed.

## Police Box. Community Police News



### 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@northyorks.hire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ryedalesnt@northyorks.hire.pnn.police.uk)

Community Policing

Crime Stoppers on

**0800 555 111**

The following articles have been sourced from NYP Community Messaging.

### Arson

North Yorkshire Police are appealing for witnesses and information about an arson that occurred at Glebe Farm, Butterwick, Weaverthorpe. At some time between 2200hrs on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> and 0800hrs on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September, a red Citroen Saxo was set on fire and totally burnt out in a field about half a mile from Butterwick. The car was used as a field car by the farm. Officers are conducting enquiries and are requesting the public's assistance to help determine the full circumstances surrounding the incident. In particular, they are appealing for information about anyone that was seen on this or neighbouring land during that

night.

### Norton Burglaries

A series of burglaries that occurred in Springfield Garth, Wood Street and Dean Road Norton are believed to be linked.

These offences happened between 1600hrs on Sunday 22nd September and 0350hrs on Monday 23rd September 2013. Officers are conducting enquiries and are requesting assistance from the public to help determine the full circumstances surrounding these incidents.

They are appealing for information about any suspicious vehicles or persons seen in these areas, in particular anyone seen carrying a large flat screen television or carrying pillowcases full of items.

### Urgent Observations Requested

For a Blue Mercedes Vito Van reg: JM06DOG and sign writing of Barney, Bo and Daisies Bus thereon.

If seen ring 101 quoting NYP23082013-0275

### Fire Damage

Fire damage caused to items in Wintringham church between 3pm and 10pm 21/08/2013.

Anything suspicious or further information please ring 101 quoting 12130144506

### Neighbour Hood Watch

The National web site has links to area news and also to other supporting websites.

[http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/your\\_local\\_area/#](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/your_local_area/#)

For reporting Street based problems use the link below.

### Fix My Street

<http://www.fixmystreet.com/>

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

## Parish Council Minutes Held on Wednesday 2nd October 2013

The following is a brief synopsis of the Minutes of Swinton Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd October 2013, 7pm in The Reading Rooms Swinton

### Present:

Cllr P Powell (Chair),

Cllr P Cuthbertson (Vice Chair),  
Gail Cook (Clerk), Cllr R Harrison, Cllr Farrow, Cllr R Davies,

### Apologies for Absence

Cllr M Fenwick,

### Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on

Wednesday 4th September 2013 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as being a true and accurate record.

### Matters Arising

NYCC Highways The drains have now been cleared. The Chairman contacted Cllr Mrs Burr and thanked her for her

## Parish Council Minutes Held on Wednesday 2nd October 2013 (cont)

Help with this matter.

### Pot Holes

Cllr Cuthbertson contacted Highways regarding pot holes on Swinton Grange Lane, four holes have been filled with fresh tarmac but this is not sufficient.

**ACTION:** Clerk to send a letter to Richard Marr explaining the Parish Councils concern regarding residents walking from Laundry Lane to the village amenities and also reducing speed limit to 40 mile per hour speed limit with width restriction or several passing places. Copy of the letter to go to Cllr Burr and Chief Executive Gareth Dadd.

Clerk continue to liaise with Melanie Farnham (NYCC Highways) to replace the red road markings at the entrance to the village from Malton.

### Swinton Parish Council Workshops

All rental payments for the workshops are up to date to September 2013.

**ACTION:** Clerk to contact Npower to ascertain if the one of the meters can be removed.

**ACTION:** Clerk to send electricity invoices to all tenants.

### Street Lighting Faults

No Faults reported

### Swinton In Bloom

Chairman has purchased two planters for the bus shelter, Cllr Cuthbertson to erect them and Chairman to subsequently plant them up with winter pansies.

### VAS Signs

The signs will return on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December. The Clerk reported that the signs must be recalibrated before they return in the new position, this was confirmed by NYCC.

### Grass Cutting

The village has now had Six cuts this year.

### Footpath Broughton – Malton

Chairman has liaised with Cllr Burr regarding the state of the footpath and hedge from Broughton to Malton, the Parish Council have now received confirmation that the hedge will be cut and the footpath repaired.

### Correspondence.

RDC Consultation on Licensing Authority Review of its Licensing Policy

RDC Adoption of the Local Plan Strategy and Relationship to the Ryedale Local Plan (2002)

NYCC Ryedale Area Committee Agenda and previous Minutes for the next meeting due to be held at Pickering Memorial Hall, Pickering on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 10.30am

Ryedale Book Festival Poster for display 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> October 2013

YLCA Ryedale Branch Meeting, Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013, 7pm at Ryedale House, Malton

RDC Ryedale Community Infrastructure Levy: Consultation on the Ryedale Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule

RDC Review of Polling Districts, Polling

Places and Polling Stations Information Leaflet

Howardian Hills Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty Draft Management Plan 2014-2019

21<sup>st</sup> October Community & Police Meeting 7pm at Barton le Willows Village Hall.

### Planning Applications

Decision Notice: Approval

Application No: 13/00874/HOUSE

Location: Swinton Grange, Swinton Lane, Swinton, Malton

Proposal: Erection of single storey lean to extension to north elevation, formation of attached walled service yard with two storey garage block, erection of entrance porch to south elevation replacing existing porch together with balcony above supported by stone columns and formation of indoor swimming pool.

### Any Other Business

Chairman reimbursement of plants

Cheque No: 100657 £14.97

Autela Payroll Services Qtr 2 Payment £14.53 Cheque No: 100659

HMRC Qtr 2 Payment £40.00 Cheque No: 100658

J E Clifford & Sons grass cutting £590.40 Cheque No: 100660

Swinton Bonfire to be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November at Swinton Sports Club

### Date of the Next Meeting.

This would be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2013, 7pm. There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.05pm

## Events

### Swinton Village Action Group Coming Events

Saturday 2 November  
Bonfire, BBQ and Fireworks at 6pm at BSA Sports Centre.  
Tickets from Jan 696544

Friday 22 November  
Beetle Drive 6.15 in Reading Rooms, tickets from Becky Bennett. 01653 699064

Saturday 28 December  
Christmas Disco, 6.30 – 8pm

BSA Sports Centre, tickets from Beth on 691013

Monday 27 January 2014  
Swinton Village Action Group Annual General meeting. In the Reading Rooms. 7.30 pm

### Notes from the Action Group

We have recently run a Village Treasure Hunt and Car Boot Sale, neither of which were very well supported.

The Treasure Hunt only had 25

adults and 10 children, all of whom enjoyed themselves very much, but it was a great shame that more people didn't join in as a lot of work had gone in to planning it, especially from the compilers of the Treasure Hunt ( many thanks to Sue Swales and John Coffey ) and Lyn at the Blacksmith Arms, who put on a marvelous buffet for us. This was the first event to lose money!

The Car Boot had 15 sellers, but very few customers, which

again was very disappointing. Is Saturday a good day for people, we don't want to clash with other Sunday Car Boots in the area?

The Action Group are considering whether or not to run these events again or is there something else people would like us to do, we would welcome any suggestions from residents. Please let us know what you think.

## *Broughton, Swinton And Amotherby Sports Centre*



*BSA Sports Centre*

### **The Richard Flaherty Memorial Trophy 2013**



Final.

Old Malton Res 1.0 Sinnington

### **Access Gateway**

Excavation work to prepare the primary entrance gateway has been completed. Next step is to pour the concrete weather

permitting.

### **Variable cost reduction.**

Areas such as Utilities and insurance, where potential savings could be made have been identified and solutions are being investigated.

### **Low Lane**

The access road along low lane to the new concrete section has deteriorated to such an extent, that it has become a hazard to both vehicular traffic and pedestrians.

Part of this section has not been taken up by the regional

highways department, so any repairs must be carried out between the landowners, commercial businesses and users.

Hopefully the repairs will be instigated quickly before the onset of winter weather.

For 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](mailto:swinton.bsa@gmail.com)

Contributed by R Good

## *Swinton Reading Room and Community Hall*

### **Beetle Drive**

Beetle drive will take place on Friday 22nd November 2013 6:15—8pm.



Entrance price £1.00 including nibbles and soft drinks.

Any offers of assistance would be appreciated and also donations of raffle prizes.

Proceeds from Beetle Drive will this time be donated to Ryedale Special Families. Please come along and have a fun packed evening with the children of the village.

**Tickets available** from Beckie Bennett on 01653 699064

### **Reading Room Annual General meeting**

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 19 August 2013 at 7pm

### **Present**

Mandy Cuthbertson.

Mick Burnett, Barry Owston.

Charles Allenby.

Derek Cuthbertson.

Dianne Illingworth.

**Minutes of previous meeting** were read and agreed with one spelling correction.

### **Statement of accounts as at 31 March 2013**

Current account £ 4932.22

Deposit account £ 4951.57

Cash in hand £4.19

Total £9887.98

Accounts were adopted by the meeting.

### **Discussion restatement**

Watch electricity costs in the future. Derek advised that the emergency lighting now only comes on when the trip switch activates. This should make some reduction in the expenses. An additional table tennis team will use the Reading Rooms on a Friday which will increase rental income.

### **Election of Officers.**

The following were nominated on block as representatives.

**Playgroup.** Judith Boyes and Angela Reeves

### **Table Tennis.**

Charles Allenby

### **Swinton Parish Council.**

Victoria Farrow

### **Broughton Parish meeting.**

No nominee

### **Other committee members.**

Mark Raistrick, Mick Burnett, Mandy Cuthbertson and Barry Owston.

**Chair.** Derek Cuthbertson

### **Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.**

Dianne Illingworth

AGM. closed at 7.15pm.

### **AOB**

The Reading Room Committee are currently looking for quotes for replacement of the Snooker Room roof as a measure of improvement at the facility.

Thank you.

Dianne

Tel: 01653 697548



## Swinton and District Excelsior Band

Now the summer season is over we are working on a new programme of music which will have its first outing at our Cabaret Concert at Thornton Dale Village Hall on Friday 8th November starting at 7.30pm in aid of Thornton Dale Bowls Club.

Everyone is welcome to attend, bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tickets are £7 and available on the night. We announced earlier this year that we have a new Conductor, Robin Rutter, who is working the band hard and is very keen to ensure the bands perform-

ance is entertaining and at times visual!

Following this we will be working hard to get ready for our Christmas Concert at St Peter's Church Hall on Saturday 1st December starting at 2.30pm. We would love as many of you as possible to come along to this concert which is FREE for all the family. We will be having mince pies and coffee, a tombola and there will be a retiring collection. We will also be holding our Grand Christmas Draw, the first prize being £100 (very handy for Christmas) so if you

have not got your tickets yet make sure to ask a band member, or call in at the bandroom on a practise night Tickets are £1 a book.

The band rehearse most Monday and Wednesday evenings between 7.30 and 9pm and we have a training band most Saturday's between 6 and 8pm. If you are interested in coming along to learn an instrument, or can already play and would like to find out more please contact Stephen Popham on 01653 696417 or visit our website <http://www.swinton-band.org/>



Swinton Brass Band

## Swinton Flat Green Bowls and Short Mat Bowls Clubs

### Final League Positions.

#### Ladies Pickering League.

Played 13, Won 13.

1st Place

#### Hovingham League.

Played 20, Won 14, Drawn 2, Lost 4.

2nd Place

#### Batagas Triples League.

Played 24, Won 14, Lost 10.  
5th Place

#### Veterans League Division 2.

Played 10, Won 5, Lost 5.

4th Place.

The Final of the Ossie Ashcroft Cup was played at Malton between Swinton and Helmsley, with Swinton winning.

For more Details about the club and Bowling.

Contact the Club Secretary.

Lynn Metcalfe 01751475138  
Matt Fenwick 01653 694640

### Indoors Short Mat Bowls

Short Mat Bowls has resumed at the BSA Centre.

Social Sessions on Mondays from 2 - 3pm and League Games on Thursdays at 7pm  
We Currently have two Teams competing in the Scarborough Short Mat Bowls League.

For more Details Contact.

Richard good 01653 697921

Freda Fenwick 01653 694640



OSSIE ASHCROFT CUP  
2013

## Swinton And District Horticultural Society

### The Autumn Chill Sets In

Although we had some warmer days over September, the autumn is now definitely here for real, and it feels colder.

It's a beautiful time of year, with the trees changing colour. Sometimes it may seem pointless raking, when the wind blows even more leaves onto the lawn, but just think of all the lovely leaf mould you can make! It's also time to start preparing for early frosts.

### Top 10 things to do this month

1. Clear up fallen autumn leaves regularly
2. Cut back perennials that have died down
3. Divide herbaceous perennials and rhubarb crowns
4. Move tender plants, including aquatic ones, into the greenhouse
5. Plant out spring cabbages
6. Harvest apples, pears,

grapes and nuts

7. Prune climbing roses
8. Order seeds for next year
9. Last chance to mow lawns and trim hedges in mild areas
10. Renovate old lawns or create new grass areas by laying turf

Rainfall.

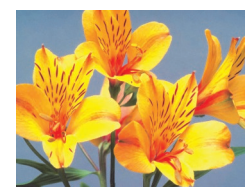
August 61ml

September 31ml

### Flowers Of The Month



Agapanthus Peter Pan



Alstroemeria

## *The Blacksmiths Arms*



After a very satisfying Summer season, thanks to the wonderful weather, Taff and myself are taking ourselves away for a few days of rest prior to the start of 'silly season'! The pub will be close at the end of Monday evening on the 14<sup>th</sup> October and will re-open on Friday 25 October at 12 noon with full bar and food service available. In the meantime we have been working hard behind the scenes organising events for the winter months to 'tempt' you all away from your fireside!

The first event we have planned is a **Children's Halloween Party** on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November** from 6pm to 8pm. Tickets are priced at £4.99 each and include a 2-course 'scary' supper for your little pumpkins:

### **Mains**

Eyeball Pasta

Tiny Toads

Pizza Mummies

Dead Man's Fingers

### **Puddings**

Spooky Spider

Scary Jelly

Monster Cupcakes

They will also get a FREE glass of Witchy Brew with Fancy Dress being optional. Dave will be here keeping the mood going with Karaoke and a Disco (brave man!!!). The event is aimed at under 12's only and all children must be accompanied by an adult at ALL times due to the terms of our insurance and licensing laws - chance for a crafty pint Mums or Dads??

On **Saturday 16 November** we are hosting a **Race Night** to raise funds for **Swinton Play Group** – please see a Committee member for more info as we are still working on the details but I wanted you to have advance notice so you can pop it into your diaries. There are a large number of children in the village who have benefitted from this group in the past and looking at the number of people pushing prams about at the moment a large number who will benefit in the future!!! They desperately need funds to keep this facility going so come along and support a great cause.

Pool and Darts seasons have started and we are doing good! Keep up the good work lads! Unfortunately we only have one team in each league this year so a HUGE thank you to the faithful few that turn up week after week!

Tapas Nights throughout Summer proved very popular and were great fun to work. Marie puts so many hours into prepping for these nights that it makes it so very easy for the rest of us! There's no wonder she needs a hefty glass of wine when she

gets back home and a plunge in her hot tub!

Quiz nights are still going strong on a fortnightly basis – they are good fun so come along and pit your wits against our resident teams, they are a very friendly bunch and welcome competition. Karaoke nights seem to be on the up again after a few quiet ones during summer with some new faces and great voices joining in and some old faces popping back in to see us too.

We are encouraging the guys to take part in **Movember** this year which is now a worldwide occasion. With their "Mo's" men raise vital funds and awareness for prostate and testicular cancer and mental health. As an independent global charity, Movember's vision is to have an everlasting impact on the face of men's health so if you want to sign up please pop in to see us and let's see how much we can raise for cancer research. . There will be a prize for the most impressive!!!

I have been working hard with Marie over the past few months to finalise our **Christmas Fayre menu** and we are very proud to say we have managed to hold last year's price of £19.95 for three courses (£15.95 for two courses). Friday 29 November is the start date and we finish on Monday 23 December with pre-bookable meals available lunch and evening during that period. Friday nights are party nights with FREE karaoke so book early to avoid disappointment. Menus are at the printers at the moment but anyone desperate to get a sneak preview can contact me and I will happily let you have a simple A4 version!!!

Speaking of Christmas we have 'booked' **Swinton Brass Band** to appear again so please join us for the tradition of carols around the Christmas Tree **on Christmas Eve** .... and Santa popped in for a refreshment break last week and said how much he is looking forward to seeing the kiddies again and hearing what they would like for Christmas this year!

We have also arranged **New Year's Eve** Theme night .... Following the success of last year's Hollywood theme we are staying over the water and holding **The Great Blacksbyspeakeasy** so come on all you Gangsters and Molls .... Call us to reserve your table .... It's just £24.95 per person . Again menus will be available soon!

Following the success of live music at The Lettered Board we have booked a very popular duo from Pickering area called **Double Trouble** to appear at The Blacksmiths on **Saturday 14 December** – please come along and support them. We used to hold regular live music nights but had to curtail them due to the cost of artistes and lack of support so let's see if we can get the momentum going again! This place really rocks when we get a decent sized audience in!!!! In fact come and join us on **Boxing Night** – it should be fantastic with **Buddy Holly** appearing live.

Lynn and Taff