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Issue 15

## Swinton Village Action Group



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### *Beetle Drive*

The latest Beetle Drive took place on Friday 23 November 2012.

Forty took part and a total of £82.00 was raised, a new table for the reading room was purchased with the profit.



Overall winner was Patrick Jackson, Scariest beetle went to Joseph Matique, Funniest Beetle was drawn by Victoria Farrow and the booby prize went to Harry Cook. Light refreshments were provided for the children and a raffle was held. Thanks to all the usual gang of helpers and those who donated prizes and food etc. Any other ideas for future children's events are always appreciated. Perhaps a children's bingo or games evening? The village certainly has a brilliant group of children who know how to enjoy themselves and it would be great to think that the enthusiasm could be maintained.

Thank you.  
Dianne



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Or Tel: 01653 697921

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### *Christmas Eve At The Blacksmiths Arms 2012*

On a cold and damp Christmas Eve carols were sung around the Christmas Tree at The Blacksmiths Arms at what is now looked forward to as a village tradition!



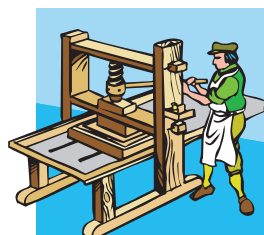
Swinton Brass Band performed an excellent selection of Carols with customers in fine voice and enjoying the free mulled wine handed out by Taff.

Father Christmas found time during his very busy schedule to pop in on his sleigh and hand out presents to all the children who came to

visit him. The event was well attended as usual with people catching up with each other and enjoying the festivities as a community. As the children left to go to bed in anticipation



of Santa's arrival, the fun continued with Karaoke well supported by customers both vocally and physically! Lynn and Taff would like to thank all who offered their support that night in the form of collection boxes for the band, ensuring the safety of their guests, collection of glasses, etc.  
Lynn and Taff



Editorial

## Editorial

As we move into 2013, it would appear not much has changed in our Village.

We still suffer with Dog Mess, watching the number of Dogs being regularly walked along the paths, we have either become a popular village to visit and walk ones dogs or we have an increase in the number of Dogs owned in our Village.

We Still have overflowing Sewers.

I wonder what the top gripe will be in 2013, Pot Holes or one of the above?

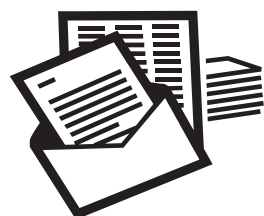
As a Village we had our share of sadness losing some close friends in unexpected events.

With support from neighbours and friends we carry on and aim for a brighter future.

On a positive side we have an ever increasing population moving in. And this may increase the need for more housing opportunities.

This will also put more pressure on providing facilities for our younger generation.

2013 will set us many challenges, and am confident as a Village we will meet them all.



Letters

## Letters

### A Big Thank You

To everyone who passed on their wishes and to those who have called to sit and chat during my illness. It has helped Harold and me through this difficult period.

Ann Stead

### Dog Fouling Again.



Since the last issue of the newsletter someone has allowed their dog to regularly foul at the top of East Street, on the grass verge up to the wall, on the banking above the road and even in the middle of the pavement. One deposit on January 1st or 2nd was four feet from the dog waste bin. Judging from the amount of excrement it is a bigish dog. You must be aware of what is happening because you should be on the other end of the lead. Quite a few people have commented about the mess and called it a disgrace. Perhaps this may prick your conscience. Our village is well provided with bins for grit,

litter and dog waste. I recently removed a bag full of dog poo from the grit bin at the bottom of East Street. To this person I say next time please put it in the appropriate bin where it will be emptied by Ryedale District Council.

Dog owner and walker.

### Editors Note:

The ground by the Notice board next to the Bus Shelter had also been contaminated. Dog Fouling has become a major concern within Swinton and action needs to be taken. Some ideas from other UK areas may provide an answer.

Name and Shame the owners caught in the act or caught on Camera.

Dog Poo DNA testing to establish breed and owner. Follow Link below.

[Council Plans To DNA Test Dog Mess](#)

### The Street Parishes

For those of you who receive a Street Parishes newsletter, please watch out for a reminder of the annual payment being due-normally £1.00.

It is really helpful if the distributors do not have to chase these payments.

Thank you, Dianne

### Swinton Walking Group

With all this wonderful countryside around us, is anyone interested in getting together for leisurely walks starting from Swinton or the surrounding area, possibly utilising car sharing to minimise costs?

Contact Richard Good via email

[swinton.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:swinton.newsletter@gmail.com)

### Free Water Saving Pack

With all the rain we have had recently, water saving may not be at the top of your list of things to do, but with the current trend to change to water meters and reduce your water usage and costs, its a good idea to take advantage of the free savings pack offered to customers of Yorkshire Water Board. Follow the link below.

<https://www.yorkshirewater-savewatersavemoney.co.uk/freepack>

or by Mailing to  
SaveWaterSaveMoney  
Alexander House  
106 Pembroke Road  
Ruislip  
Middlesex  
HA4 8NW

### 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.

## News

### Action Group

Since the publication of the Parish Plan, the group which was previously known as the Swinton Parish Plan Steering Group changed to become Swinton Village Action Group.

Its remit was to monitor the issues in the Parish Plan and try to resolve some of the problems, concerns and wishes contained in the plan.

We have been successful with a number of them, but there are still others which we need to address.

The group needs to hold an Annual General Meeting as soon as possible and hopes some more residents feel able to join us in working together to make the village an even better place in which to live.

This Annual General Meeting will be held

on Tuesday 29 January 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Reading Rooms. Please come along, your views are important to us, even if you don't want to become a member of the Action Group, we still need lots of volunteers to help with events.

For more information, please ring me on 01653 696544

Jan Anderson

Chair Swinton Village Action Group.

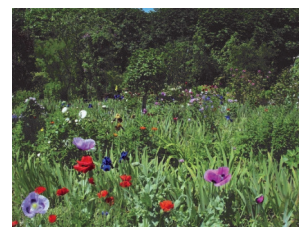
### Swinton Village Action Group Open Gardens 2013

**SUNDAY 30 JUNE 2013**

At the moment we look as if we have 8 or 9 gardens to open, more will be welcome if you would like to get in touch with me on 01653 696544.

Anotherby have also agreed to join us with this event which is very pleasing.

We still have quite a lot of details to finalise and will be having another meeting on Monday 4th February at 7 pm at 2 The Green to look at these.



If you don't want to open your garden but would like to help we will need people to help with teas, giving out the programmes with the details of the gardens to be visited.

Get planning now!

Jan Anderson

Chair Swinton Village Action Group

### The Blacksmiths Arms

Taff did his usual excellent job of putting the tree up (with the help of the Farrows!) and decorating it, so along with the new lights on the Reading Rooms the village main street looked very festive. Here at the pub we have had a long festive period with our first Christmas parties booked on 30 November and the last one on Christmas Eve lunchtime! We held our Christmas Quiz on 20th December which was well attended and lots of fun, who knew there were so many facts based on Christmas?! Sunday 23rd was Christmas Draw night with over 100 prizes to be won special thanks to Joan and Stan Beck for their donation of a beautiful fruit basket which was won by Rob Farrow. The star prize of the 32" HD Digital LED TV was won by Jan and Malcolm Anderson, worthy winners as they continually support the pub attending events and offering their services. Christmas Eve was the traditional carol service, Santa visit and karaoke fun night well attended by villagers and 'outsiders'! We opened the bar on Christmas Day and greeted our friends and regulars with a free Christmas drink then closed up and collapsed on the sofa for the rest of the day chilling out and watching movies, excellent time! We had live music with Keith Newby on Boxing night unfortunately only a few came along to support him which was a shame because he was on good form and finished his final set playing the pub piano with the customers joining in for a good old fashioned sing song!

New Year's Eve was very lively with singer 'Travellin' Lite entertaining customers in the bar end and a Hollywood theme night in the lounge end which was sold out and excellent fun to prepare for and to work! All who attended the theme night were 'papped' by Taff the Paparazzi as they stepped onto the red carpet then escorted to their table and looked after by Becky

and Josh nice to see them back in the fold!!!

All who attended the ceremony said they had a fantastic time with the food being of an excellent standard thanks again Marie she does these theme nights so well!!! Speaking of which the next one is a cruise on the Lucky Lucky Love Boat on Friday 15 Feb call to reserve your cabin!!!

Thursday 10 January is the first quiz of the year which will be held every fortnight, Friday 11th is karaoke, again on fortnightly intervals.

We have amended the opening hours until end of March to keep operating costs down to ensure the pub can keep trading:

We would like to thank all the villagers who continue to support us and to remind those who haven't visited us for a while that we are here and we do have fun – watch the boards or call us for up to date information!!!

	LUNCH 12 – 2pm	EVENING 5-9 pm
MONDAY	CLOSED	2 meals for £10
TUESDAY	CLOSED	2 meals for £10
WEDNESDAY	CLOSED	CLOSED
THURSDAY	Fish & Chips £5	Fish & Chips £5
FRIDAY	Meals all day	
SATURDAY	Meals all day	2 Steaks for £20
SUNDAY 12 – 8pm	Roasts £6.95 and day	chalkboard menu all
NOTE: main menu, children's menu and specials board available at all times		



## Swinton Neighborhood Watch



The meeting of Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators

mentioned in the November issue of the newsletter is scheduled for Wednesday 20th February at 7pm in the lounge of the Sports Hall, Lowfield Lane.

The meeting is open to anyone from the village who would like to know a bit more about Neighbourhood Watch and maybe decide you want to join us either now or in the future. It is not an onerous job but very worthwhile. We are hop-

ing to get a representative from Trading Standards as well as the Safer Ryedale Office and a Police Officer or PCSO depending on duties.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

Looking forward to seeing you on February 20th.

If you cannot get to the meeting but are interested you can ring me on 694420

Regards Peter Powel I

## Police Box. Community Police News

The following articles have been sourced from NYP Community Messaging.

### Theft of Electric Fence Mains Unit.

An electric fence mains unit was stolen from remote barn in Slingsby area overnight 3-4 Jan 2013. Any knowledge please ring PC 1278 Coles on 101.

### Theft of Heating Oil.

On 7th Dec a resident of Westow disturbed 2 males near to her heating oil store and has now discovered that the tank has been drained and contents stolen. Today a report has been received that an occupant of Terrington suspects that their heating oil tank has been drained. Any information please ring 101. Please be extra vigilant and if possible secure tanks.

### Credit Card Scam.

I had a phone call from someone who said that he was from some outfit called: "Express Couriers" asking if I was going to be home because there was a package for me, and the caller said that the delivery would arrive at my home in roughly an hour.

About an hour later, a delivery man turned up with a beautiful

basket of flowers and wine.

I inquired as to who the sender was, the deliveryman's reply was, he was only delivering the gift package, but allegedly a card was being sent separately; (the card has never arrived!). There was also a consignment note with the gift, He then went on to explain that because the gift contained alcohol, there was a £3.50 "delivery charge" as proof that he had actually delivered the package to an adult, and not just left it on the doorstep to just be stolen or taken by anyone.

This sounded logical and I offered to pay him cash.

He then said that the company required the payment to be by credit or debit card only so that everything is properly accounted for.

My husband, who, by this time, was standing beside me, pulled his wallet out of his pocket with the credit/debit card, and the delivery man asked my husband to swipe the card on the small mobile card machine which had a small screen and keypad where he was also asked to enter the card's PIN and security number.

A receipt was printed out and

given to us.

To our horrible surprise, between Thursday and the following Monday, £4,000 had been charged/withdrawn from our credit/debit account at various ATM machines, particularly in the London area! It appeared that somehow the "mobile credit card machine" which the delivery man carried now had all the info necessary to create a "dummy" card with all our card details, after my husband swiped our card and entered the requested PIN and security number.

Upon finding out the illegal transactions on our card, of course, we immediately notified the bank which issued us the card, and our credit/debit account had been closed.

We also went to the Police, where it was confirmed that it is definitely a scam because several households have been similarly hit.

### WARNING:

Be wary of accepting any "surprise gift or package", which you neither expected nor personally ordered, especially if it involves any kind of payment as a condition of receiving the gift or package



### 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**

## *Parish Council Minutes Held on Wednesday 5th December 2012*

The following is a brief synopsis of the Minutes of Swinton Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 5th December 2012 7pm in The Reading Rooms Swinton.

### **Present:**

Cllr P Powell (Chair), Cllr P Cuthbertson (Vice Chair), Cllr Mrs V Farrow Cllr M Fenwick, Gail Cook (Clerk)  
Apologies for Absence. Cllr R Davies.

### **Minutes of the last Meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 7th November 2012 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as being a true and accurate record.

### **Matters Arising**

#### **Highways**

Cllr Cuthbertson confirmed that Highways have filled some pot holes on Broughton Road, Neil Jefferson (NYCC Highways) confirmed that works in the area were ongoing.

#### **ACTION:**

Clerk to send a letter to Richard Flinton, Chief Executive NYCC confirming the contents of the letter received from Ann McKintosh MP and reminding them of the code of practice regarding replying to letters.

### **Menzies Rent.**

Rent has been paid for September and October 2012. Clerk to send reminder for November payment.

### **Street Lighting Faults.**

Column number 16, Middle Street opposite Rose Cottage has now been repaired, this took 13 days to be repaired

### **Swinton In Bloom.**

The last bulbs have now been planted in the play area.

### **Community Budget Process.**

The Amotherby Ward has been allocated £5,646.00 from the Community Investment Fund (Pot 1).

Swinton have completed the grant application form for **£1,121.44** for the rental of NYCC speed matrix signs for the minimum of 6 weeks per year.

The CIF panel meeting was postponed due to flooding, the date of the rescheduled

meeting is 9<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Christmas Lights.**

Many thanks to Cllr Cuthbertson who has now erected the Christmas lights on the Reading Room.

### **Grass Cutting.**

Clerk has confirmed that the Parish Council would like Cliffords of Slingsby to carry on cutting the grass in Swinton next year.

### **Manhole.**

Cllr Fenwick updated the Parish Council regarding the manhole outside Farrows. A camera has been put down again and sewage and foul drain has been thoroughly jetted.

### **Neighbourhood Watch.**

Cllr Cuthbertson and Cllr Powell attended the Ryedale Annual General Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> November at Pickering Memorial Hall, this was a good meeting with Chief Inspector Kerrin Smith as guest speaker.

#### **ACTION:**

Cllr Powell to contact Swinton Sports Club regarding suitable dates to hold a NHW Meeting.

**ACTION:** Clerk to draft a flyer informing residents of the NHW meeting.

### **Salt Bins.**

#### **ACTION:**

All agreed Clerk to cancel NYCC invoice for supplying salt to Swinton.

#### **ACTION:**

Cllr Cuthbertson to purchase salt in bags and top up the salt bins.  
This is a cost saving exercise as the salt can be purchased in bags significantly cheaper from alternative suppliers and be monitored more effectively by Members of the Parish Council.

### **Correspondence.**

White Rose Update November 2012

Yorkshire Local Councils Associations Training Programme and Legal Topic Note 80

### **Planning Applications.**

Decision Notice Approval

Erection of two storey and single storey rear extensions to include demolition of

existing conservatory at 8 West Street, Swinton, Malton, YO17 6SP for Ms Gill Newsome

### **Any Other Buisness.**

VAT repayment received £672.32

#### **ACTION:**

Clerk to send PC Jane Jones and PCSO Nicky Pounder dates of the Parish Council meetings to be held in 2013.  
Many thanks to Mandy Cuthbertson for planting up the flower beds under the village signs and for cleaning the signs.

#### **ACTION:**

Cllr Cuthbertson to obtain 4 x red and white 40mile per hour signs to be secured to the entrance signs to Swinton.

### **Date of the Next Meeting.**

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

### **Swinton Play Area Committee**

Village Fun Day  
July 27th 2013

### **Editors Note:**

The Salt Shovel that went missing from the salt bin in Meadowfield Close has been replaced, please return after use. A salt spreader has also been located in Meadowfield Close, contact No 4 if required.

## Broughton, Swinton And Amotherby Sports Centre



BSA Sports Centre

### Road

Awaiting the access road to the first Gate to be completed, This should be completed once the wet weather ceases.

### Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers for Booking Secretary and Bar assistant.

### Bingo Night.

We held a very successful Bingo night on the 15<sup>th</sup> December, with over 60 people attending.

We raised £260 with the Bingo and Raffle. The money being used to support the facilities.

### CCTV

A number of cameras are to be installed to increase security awaiting final quotes.



### Terrington Glory

Are currently lying 3rd in the York Minster Engineering Football League Premier Division.

The next Home game is Saturday 2nd February against Wigginton Grasshoppers Kick off 2:00pm.

### Forthcoming Events

Saturday February 2nd 2013  
Short Mat Bowls, High Fives  
9 am Start. All welcome

Saturday, Jan 26, 2013

Bingo Play Group 7pm

Monday February 11th 2013  
Committee meeting 7:30pm

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 And District Horticultural Society

### Plants to Enjoy This Month



Witch Hazel



Dog Wood



Gaultheria

### Gardening Calendar January

January is generally a cold month and often the garden can look a little empty. It's the best time in the gardening year to sit back, take stock and make plans for the forthcoming gardening year.

Take advantage of dry days to do a little essential garden maintenance and clear away any debris in the borders from the previous season.

If you are lucky enough to have a greenhouse there is plenty of sowing you can be doing to get a head start.

### Fruit & Vegetables

Prune Apples, Pears, Currants and Gooseberries

Force early rhubarb and chicory

Chit early potatoes

Cover beds with cloches or polythene to warm the soil ready for early sowing

Sow early vegetables under cover: for example,  
Leek Edison,  
Onion Unwins Exhibition,  
Strawberry Temptation,  
Tomato Moneymaker,  
Broad Bean Aquadulce Claudi

### Jobs around the Garden

Take root cuttings from perennials including oriental poppies, pulsatilla and echinops.

Keep a check on newly planted roses and shrubs

Put out food and water for wild birds

Check newly planted shrubs.

Aerate lawn taking care not to stand on waterlogged areas.

Keep plants in containers protected from frost and check weekly to see whether they

need watering.

Feed established trees in late January

### Rainfall.

November 57 ml

December 94 ml

### Car Boot Sales.

Sunday 24th February 2013

Easter Monday 1st April 2013  
Amotherby Parish Hall. 9AM

### Committee Notice

Due to retirements our committee numbers have fallen from 6 to 3 members.

We are in urgent need of new committee members and also helpers to assist with the running of our two shows each year.

All enquires to  
Mr & Mrs H Stead,  
Hills View. Swinton.  
Telephone: 01653694663



## *Swinton and District Excelsior Band*

Well what a busy month, December is always our busiest time of year as we try to raise sufficient funds to enable us to survive until the Summer Season.

It started off badly with a concert at Cauwood cancelled due to flooding and the Amotherby Church concert cancelled due to Road Works (It turned out the weather was bad as well!!)

We are hoping to re-schedule a Concert in Amotherby in the Spring. It was good to see a large number of people singing

carols around the tree outside The Blacksmith's Arms, thanks to Lynn and Taff for organising a great evening.

The recession did not seem to hit our collections and we thank everyone who donated money to the band.

Our first event of 2013 will be a Burns Night Concert at Thornton Dale Village Hall on Friday 25th January starting at 7.30pm

We are still looking out for new members of all abilities, especially cornet players, but every-

one will be made welcome.

Training band rehearsals started on Saturday 5th January so if you fancy learning a new skill in the new year give us a call on 01653 696417 or email [tpopham1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tpopham1@yahoo.co.uk)

You can also turn up at the bandroom on a Saturday Evening at 6pm.



*Swinton Brass Band*

## *BSA Short Mat Bowls Club*

The Season is now underway, with homes games played on Thursday evenings from 7pm.

We have two teams "A" and "B" playing in the Scarborough League.

The "A" team are currently lying 6th in the first division, having played 9 winning 5 and losing 4.

The "B" team are currently lying in bottom position in the third division, having played 9

winning 2 and losing 7.

Both Teams are looking forward to the Plate game which has drawn A vs B.

Over two weekends the Yorkshire County Championships were held in the BSA Centre showcasing some of the best Bowlers in the UK.

Social bowling takes place most Monday afternoons from 2-3pm at the BSA Sports Centre.

If anyone wants to give bowling a go, Just turn up, All you will require are indoor flat soles shoes or trainers.

We host our own BSA High Fives on 2nd February starting at 9am, come along and see some competitive bowling from bowlers of all ages.

For further information contact either,

Matt Fenwick 01653 694640

Richard Good 01653 697921



*Short Mat Bowls*

## *Swinton Reading Room and Community Hall*

Currently finalising the Christmas clean up.

Just the windows to do, This is a thankless task bearing in mind the dirt thrown up from the road.

There are a number of outstanding repairs which I am finding difficult to arrange, but hopefully they will be completed

in the next couple of weeks as a matter of urgency.

The rooms are still being well used and I am in the process of finishing the year end accounts.

We have managed to keep rental costs low for the benefit of all and still retain a healthy balance for

maintenance and repair work.

Thanks also to the Parish Council for providing the lights this Christmas at the Reading Rooms, they looked super.

Dianne



*Swinton Reading Room And Community Hall*

## *Swinton Photo. A Blast From The Past*



The Scottish dancing club, Identification supplied by, Julie Lund and Ann Morton

Back Row, Sandra Hewitt, Ann Paulin, Val Johnson, Janet Stubbs, Julie Owston.

Front Row, Rita Harrison, Belinda Waudby, Jackie Powell, Irene Rapp, Jane Beck.

It was taken at Orchard House, West Street, Swinton, the house was owned by Mr & Mrs Foster, who used to hold garden parties.

Mrs Sutton was the dancing teacher.

An Old Post Card featuring Cherry Avenue Swinton.

Has anyone any idea when this may have been photographed or when the Post Card was on sale?



## *Events And Adverts*

### **Swinton Village Action Group Coming Events**

Tuesday 29 January 2013  
Swinton Village Action Group  
Annual General Meeting,  
7.30 pm in the Reading Rooms  
all welcome.

Monday 4th February 2013  
Open Gardens meeting 7 pm  
at 2 The Green.

Village Fete.  
Saturday 25 May 2013.  
If we can get some more  
helpers!

July 2013. Treasure Hunt date  
to be decided.

If anyone would like to  
organise an event, please get in  
touch with me.

Jan Anderson. Chair Swinton  
Village Action Group.  
01653 696544

### **BSA Centre.**

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Or Contact  
Derek Cuthbertson



### **Car Boot Sales Swinton And District Horticultural Society.**

Sunday 24th February 2013

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### **SVAG**

Saturday 4 May 2013  
BSA Centre 8am – 12 noon