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Swinton Village Action Group



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Car Boot Sale

Our May Car Boot was very successful with 30 pitches sold and about 100 visitors (may have been more as some gained entry without paying the 25pence per head.



Most stalls were pleased with their sales. It is good to report that the organiser is now fit and well after splitting his head open on the car door, the visit to the minor injuries at Malton Hospital confirmed no brain damage as none could be found and a quick dab of super glue



left hardly a mark to show it had happened, he really wanted a large head bandage!!! The hot sunny weather was a nice change from the cold wet winds of the past and the village funds received a boost of over £150. One person found an item she had been looking for ages and was well pleased to obtain it for £2.

Many thanks to all who attended

Malcolm Anderson

Next SVAG Car Boot Sale

Saturday 2nd August 2014 7.00am for sellers and open to public from 8am to 12 noon

At the BSA Sports Centre playing field.

Again we are inviting anybody in the village and from elsewhere to set up a stall for £5 per pitch (£10 for a double) to dispose of



unwanted items to visiting members of the public.

Single pitches must be no wider than the width of a car; anything wider than that will be charged as a double pitch.

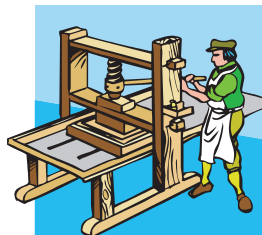
Over the last 3 years these events have raised



money for the village to pay for the Newsletter and pump priming other events. Please support it by either taking a stall or by visiting and hunting for bargains.

There will be many of the following items for sale, books, tools, pottery, toys, china, jewellery, plants, and many more bargains.

Please reserve your pitch by ringing Malcolm on 01653 696544 and pay on the day. And spread the word and make this a big event.



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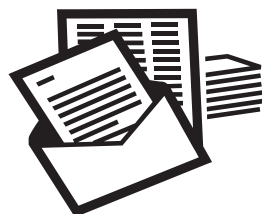
Use them or Lose Them

The two facilities within the village under constant threat of closure, The BSA centre and the Blacksmiths Arms are in need of support. It is a sad sight to see the Blacksmiths Arms boarded up.

It is any eyesore that everyone will notice as they pass through our Village. Let's hope that the auction results in a buyer who can invest and turn it once more into a thriving part of the community. As we go to press the Pub has been withdrawn from the Auction. It will be

re-offered on the 18 September

The BSA centre is a facility that many other community's would revel in. So come on, contact the committee and get booked in and enjoy some type of activity, Sporting or social it all helps to keep it open.



Letters

Letters And News

Butterwick Church

Margaret and Henry Leeson will be holding their Annual Coffee Evening on July 18th at 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

We are pleased to welcome all visitors.

We hope to raise funds for Butterwick Church. The Church roof has now been restored, the aim is now to raise funds towards some form of central heating.

W H Leeson
Russbrough, East street
Swinton YO17 6SH
Tel: 01653 691696

Dog Fouling

Dog Fouling Information from Ryedale DC.

If any person witnesses a dog owner failing to clean up any faeces deposited by their dog, to contact the Dog Warden and Animal Welfare Service at Ryedale House, Malton, giving the time, place and description of dog and person(s) concerned and if possible the name and address of the dog owner.

It may be possible to prosecute the offending dog owners if witnesses are prepared to make a Statement of Witness.

Every person (other than a registered blind person) in charge of a dog who fails to remove any faeces deposited by the dog shall be guilty of an offence.

Under The Dog Fouling of Land Act a Magistrates' Court can impose a fine not exceeding £1,000.

being involved in the Action Group (formerly the Steering Group) which was responsible for producing the Swinton Parish Plan. We continue to monitor the Action points in the Plan, some have been achieved, some are still to be achieved!

Over those 6 years we have put on Bonfire Nights and BBQs, Treasure Hunts, children's beetle drives, disco and bingo nights, Royal Wedding and Jubilee celebration, a Race Night, Open Gardens, as well as supporting other events being held in the village.

We continue to produce this village newsletter, thanks to Richard Good's sterling efforts.

I have been very well supported in all the above events by a small, but hard working committee who have been very committed to making everything we have done a success.

If you might be interested in being involved in the committee and taking on the role of Chair, please get in touch with me. We are considering making this role a time limited one, say two years so it doesn't seem such a long term commitment.

I wait to hear from you!

Jan Anderson

Chair Swinton Village Action Group

Bus Service 194

Further to your recent email requesting that the 0955 journey from Hovingham be diverted into Swinton village. I understand that the operator, Stephenson's of Easingwold, has implemented this change with effect from Wednesday 30 April 2014.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards
Dianne Pottage
Integrated Passenger Transport
North Yorkshire County Council. Tel: 0845 8727374

Editors Note: The existing timetables do not show the service route via West Street.

New Chair Needed

By January 2015 I will have chaired the Swinton Village Action Group for nearly 6 years; I think it is time for some new blood and fresh ideas. I will therefore not be seeking re election at the next Annual General Meeting to be held in January 2015.

I have very much enjoyed

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

The Parish Churches

On 2nd August The Parish Churches, St Helens, Amotherby and All Saints, Appleton Le Street will be holding a bottle tombola at the car boot sale in the village. Any donations of bottles would be gratefully received or please come and support us. I am happy to call and collect any donations.

Thank you
Dianne 01653 697548

Swinton Village Action Group Coming Events

Coffee Evening on July 18th at 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Russbrough, East street.

Saturday 2 August 8 – 12
Car Boot Sale at BSA Centre

October date tba
Harvest Festival in pub (hopefully)

Saturday 1 November 6pm
Bonfire, BBQ & Fireworks
At BSA Centre

December date tba
Senior citizen's lunch

Parish Council Minutes Held on Wednesday 2nd July 2014

MINUTES of Swinton Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 2 July 2014, 7.15pm in The Reading Rooms, Swinton.

Present.

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

Apologies for Absence.

Cllr R Harrison

Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 18 June 2014 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as being a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising.

NYCC Highways

Pot holes have been filled by NYCC Highways on West Grove and Low Lane. The quality of the work which took two days is of an extremely poor standard. ACTION: Clerk to send an email regarding the NYCC Highways work to Richard Marr and Cllr Burr.

Swinton Parish Council Workshops.

All payments for the rental of the workshops are up to date. ACTION: Clerk to send invoices for electric.

Street Lighting Faults.

Fault on light outside Manor Vale has been reported to NYCC

Swinton In Bloom.

The baskets outside the bus shelter have been watered and are in bud. The Chairman will maintain the tubs in the triangle.

VAS Signs.

Confirmation from NYCC regarding the continuation of the temporary VAS

scheme has not yet been received.

Grass Cutting.

The grass has been cut beginning of July, Cut No 4.

A residents meeting to be organised in September 2014 due to the removal of the NYCC grass cutting grant next year.

ACTION: Clerk to draft a voting slip for the next meeting including costings and options available.

School Bus.

Cllr Cuthbertson has met with Perry's who require further information on numbers of children requiring transport prior to pricing.

Mrs Liversidge has sent a letter to Amotherby School and asked for a copy of the letter to go home with all children who use the bus to ascertain numbers of children using the bus morning and afternoon from Swinton, Broughton and Amotherby.

ACTION: Cllr Farrow to liaise with Mrs Liversidge and report back to the Parish Council.

Salt Bin.

A fuel tanker reversed into the salt bin at the top of West Street at 11am this morning.

ACTION: Cllr Davies to ring the firm and request payment for new salt bin.

Correspondence.

NYCC. Changes in EU Legislation that may impact on footway lighting.

NYCC. Charges for hardcore, rubble and plasterboard waste

RDC. Ryedale Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

RDC. Meeting for Local Plan Sites

Document (initial views on sites)

YLCA. Joint Annual Meeting 2014

YLCA. 2013/2014 Annual Review

NYCC Planning Applications.

None

Any Other Business.

Peter Powell Reimbursement Raymac
Sign £23.76 Cheque No: 100687

Paul Cuthbertson Reimbursement Petrol
Mower £24.01 Cheque No: 100688

Swinton Brass Band Auction of Promises.

ACTION: Gail to send a letter to Pete Wilson at Area 4 Highways to remove the tree.

Date of the Next Meeting.

This would be held on Wednesday 6 August 2014, 7.15pm. There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.15pm.



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.pnn.police.uk

Community Policing

Crime Stoppers on

0800 555 111

Police Box. Community Police News

The following articles have been sourced from NYP Community Messaging.

REQUEST FOR POLICE ASSISTANCE

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

Burglaries

Between 1000hrs and 1200hrs on Tuesday 20th May 2014 a burglary occurred at a dwelling on Old Road, Kirkbymoorside. Two males were seen by a neighbour walking up the drive of the property at approximately 1030hrs. No vehicle was seen. The males are described as :

Male 1, white, slim build, about 5'5" tall, light brown short hair, aged in his late 20's. He was wearing a hi-visibility vest.

Male 2, olive or tanned skin, slightly taller than male 1, slim build, short dark hair, aged in his late 20's. He was wearing dark coloured shirt and trousers.

Entry has been forced to a property in Scrayingham where an untidy search was made.

A silver Peugeot 307 KT03LKA was stolen from Auburn Hill Cottage, Langton Road, Norton on the afternoon of 2 June 2014.

Observations are requested for a black left hand drive estate car registration number 89-RS-GS. This vehicle was seen in suspicious circumstances in the Rufforth area yesterday afternoon and may be travelling force wide. The driver of the vehicle is

described as a male late 40's, 6ft 3" tall thick set with short cropped neat cut hair and with a foreign accent

Overnight 2nd into 3rd July numerous shed burglaries have taken place in the Black Bull and Upper Carr Lane areas of Pickering.

Items stolen include a red Honda quad bike, a grey Honda Lawnmower, strimmer, power tools, and diesel.

Fuel Thefts

Rural areas in North Yorkshire are currently the target for fuel thefts, including diesel and heating oil. We have experienced a rise in thefts from Cars, HGVs, commercial premises and farms.

Please report any suspicious activity when it is seen happening as it may be linked to such thefts. Take extra measures to secure fuel tanks.

Please be aware of an incident of fuel being stolen from a vehicle whilst parked unattended in a Norton car park, It is believed the tank was drilled and fuel drained out.

Also recently in Sherburn, fuel has been taken from a tank in the back garden of a property.

A further report of vehicle fuel theft by drilling the tank (Citroen). This occurred on 6th/7th June in Sherburn.

On Saturday night/Sunday morning two Peugeot 206s in Norton, Malton parked on Beverley Road and Langton Road also a Citroen Saxo on St Nicholas Street car park have had fuel drained after offenders have drilled a hole in the tank. The Following have also been

reported, the majority from Peugeots, Citroens, in Norton and Malton, five more have occurred overnight on St Nicholas Street, Wood Street, Highfield Road and Castlegate.

Suspect Vehicles

Please be on the look out for a silver VW golf W713 UCF, suspected of being involved in burglaries.

Two men and a white Ford Escort LD51LPN were seen in suspicious circumstances near Great Barugh on the morning of 9 June 2014

Bogus Callers

Bogus Callers have been in the area of Sheriff Hutton, if you have any bogus callers offering to do unwanted building work please call Trading Standards or North Yorkshire Police. A male with possible Irish accent and driving a blue Ford Zetec YY07AKV in Thornton Dale this morning attended an address and asked reportee if he could buy their caravan. Male believed to be suspicious.

A quad bike was stolen from a building at Low Farm, Hartoft, early afternoon on 2nd June by two males dressed as workmen in blue boiler suits and disposable gloves and driving a transit style van with Northumbria Water written thereon, likely to have been on false number plates of NV09XFM.

Please be aware of this method of crime whereby workmen are being impersonated.

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

Swinton Reading Rooms

Coneysthorpe Table Tennis Club, who are based at Swinton Reading Rooms, have enjoyed another successful season in the York & District League.

Both A and B teams play in Division 1, and for the fifth successive season the A team, who normally comprise of Martin Lowe, Ashley Hodgson and Joel Wright, were champions; a margin of 16 points (maximum 10 points available to be won per match) over their nearest rivals York RI A. Of the 21 matches played, 19 were won, 1 drawn and 1 lost.

The B team confounded the pundits by finishing in a most meritorious third place, winning 12 of the 21 matches played, drawing 2 and losing 7. Whilst they owed much to the performances of fifteen year old James Rule, who is fast emerging as a really top class player good enough to successfully deputise for the A team on six occasions, he would be the first to admit his colleagues, chiefly Ian Stansfield and Chris Londesbrough provided invaluable support.

In the Cup competitions

Coneysthorpe fared less well, with only the A team managing to make it into the semi-final of the Machell Trophy, which they lost.

Coneysthorpe entered a team, comprising of Martin Lowe, Ashley Hodgson and James Rule into the Yorkshire Clubs Seniors competition held at Hull on the 3rd of May. Totally against expectations Coneysthorpe won, defeating Leeds 6-3, Dewsbury 5-4 and Hull 5-4.

For More Information
Contact:

Charles Allenby,
Secretary,
Coneysthorpe TTC
Tel: 01653-694648

Swinton Flat Green Bowls Club

Due to weather conditions some matches were postponed, now that the weather is back to normal, bowling is under way with matches been played nearly every day. With external competitions over the week-ends.

League Positions as Follows.

Ladies Pickering league as of 23rd June.

Played 3 Won 2 Lost 1.
1st position.

Hovingham 4s League as of 8th July.

Played 14 Won 8 Drawn 1
Lost 5. 6th Position

Batagas Triples as of 7th July

Played 15 Won 7 Lost 8.
3rd Position

Veterans League Division 2, as of 2nd July.

Played 4 Won 3 Lost 1
3rd Position

For More Information contact
Matt Fenwick 01653 694640



Flat Green Bowls

Broughton, Swinton And Amotherby Sports Centre

BSA AGM

The AGM was once again poorly attended. With only some committee members in attendance. Without input from our residents it is hard to set out any structured activities plan for the future.

As there were no new applicants to join the committee, all existing committee members were re elected unopposed.

With the centre experiencing a reduction in usage and increasing energy costs, these are having a big impact on the ongoing solvency of the centre. To tackle this the following actions will be taken.

Hire prices have not been increased since 2009. These will be reviewed with any changes to be implemented from September 2014.

An in depth review into how energy savings can be made will be carried out, and also what funding options are available to implement solutions. Ways of raising the profile of the centre and attracting more users such as a open night were discussed.

Any assistance to help with the organisation and running of the facilities would be greatly appreciated, Without more assistance, any future and existing users may be restricted.

All Future bookings will require a booking form to be filled in and returned. The booking form will detail costs and booking policy. Fixed Asset Valuations to be reviewed and updated as required.

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

FRACKING MIGHT COME TO SWINTON?

A new form of natural gas extraction could happen on our doorstep causing significantly greater impacts than conventional gas extraction. Conventional gas extraction is taking place already at Kirby Misperton but in a few years' time we could be experiencing the impacts of hydraulic fracturing (a form of unconventional gas) or 'fracking' as it is commonly known.

So far, fracking has largely been carried out in the USA and parts of Australia. Air and water pollution, health impacts, earth tremors, massive water use and disturbance to communities from noise, flaring and extra lorry traffic have created a groundswell of opposition to fracking worldwide. Here in Britain the cause has drawn in celebrities like Paul McCartney and Vivienne Westwood. As well as causing local impacts, fracking adds climate changing gases to the earth's atmosphere – from burning a fossil fuel and from fugitive emissions of methane.

Fracked wells dry up comparatively quickly. There is a constant need to drill more and more wells. Therefore the footprint is much larger than for conventional gas exploitation leading to it being termed "a mass industrialisation of the countryside".

In our area a company called Third Energy (formerly known only recently as Viking Gas and largely owned by Barclays Bank) holds the government licence for oil and gas exploration.

Their current well site at Kirby Misperton extracts gas and then pipes it to Knapton Generating Station to generate electricity.

Third Energy say that their Knapton generating station works at under capacity and that more gas is therefore required.

In their search for more gas, Third Energy is using a company called TESLA to do 3D seismic surveys across the Terrington, Hovingham, Nunninton area, providing landowners permit access.

The Swinton area has been seismically surveyed already, (as has most of the rest of the licence area) in 2007 – 2008 and maps have been produced showing deposits of conventional gas.

Within 1 mile of Swinton there are no conventional gas deposits shown on TESLA's maps but can we be sure that Third Energy will not use our surroundings to target the much deeper gas deposits of the Bowland Shale which lies underneath?

That shale gas will have to be extracted by the process of fracking. 50 extra lorries a day, 24 hr noise and activity, construction of access roads with a possible knock on effect of further housing development, gas flaring and pollution, bright night time lights, earth tremors and possible house insurance difficulties may become the order of the day.

From their existing conventional gas site at Kirby Misperton, Third Energy have drilled down to the Bowland Shale at around 9000 ft, taken samples and are currently analysing the results.

They are also in the process of applying to drill 2 similarly deep boreholes at Marishes.

Despite fracking bans in countries such as Germany, France, Bulgaria and Luxembourg, the

British Government wants to steam ahead with fracking and in early June, in the Queen's Speech, it proposed new rules regarding rights to access land. The government proposal is to grant oil and gas companies access to land below 300 m from the surface.

Home, business and land owners will no longer have the right to deny access to fracking companies below their land!

The government is holding a **consultation** until the **15th August 2014**.

Tell it what you think! You can use this link <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/underground-drilling-access> or write to

The Office of Unconventional Gas and Oil and The Heat Strategy Policy Team, Department of Energy and Climate Change, 3rd Floor Area A, 3 Whitehall Place, London SW1A 2AW

For more information about fracking including legal and planning matters visit www.foe.co.uk/briefings/fracking

Local group – Frack Free North Yorkshire

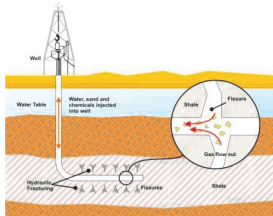
Email frackfreeyorkshire@hotmail.co.uk

Twitter - @FFNYorkshire

Facebook – Frack Free North Yorkshire

There are two public meetings which have just been arranged, timed with the start of the geo-physical survey in the area although Swinton is not included in that.

a short talk will be given by the Friends of the Earth regional campaigner.



Fracking

FRACKING MIGHT COME TO SWINTON? (Cont)

The meetings are scheduled to take place at.

7 – 9 Pm Terrington Village Hall On Wednesday 16th July

7 – 9 Pm Hovingham Village Hall On Thursday, 17th July
Josie Downs

Swanton and District Excelsior Band (Cont)

Both of our bands are well into our summer programmes and, so far at least, the weather has been kind to us.

It was great to see so many people at our garden concert, held at Manor Farm on June the 8th. We raised an amazing £ 250 thanks to everybody's generosity.

Thank you all very much. Thanks also to Bob and Janet for the use of their garden.

As you all must know by now the band has qualified to play at the National Brass Band Championship to be held in Cheltenham in September. This will involve staying overnight in a hotel and hiring a coach for the weekend, none of which comes cheap.

To pay for this we are currently involved in some serious fundraising.

Our next fundraising event is

an auction of promises which will be held at The Yard in Malton Market Place on Sunday July 13th starting at 6.00 pm.

Everyone is welcome to come along and bid for any of around 65 lots.

These include everything from dog walking, gardening and car washing to a nights bed, breakfast and evening meal at the Lodge Hotel or a 10 day stay at a farmhouse in France.

There will be entertainment by Ryedale Jazz so please come along and make a bid, you may bag a bargain and help the band at the same time.

Our next playing engagement is on Saturday July 12th when the Training band will be at the Old Malton Church Fete at Malton Rugby Club.

The next job for the Senior

Band is at Hutton-Le-Hole on Sunday July 20th.

We have a healthy membership at the moment but we always have room for more members.

If you are interested in joining us either as a complete beginner, an experienced player or if you have played in the past and would like to return to playing please contact Tracey on 01653 696417 or have a look at <http://www.swinton-band.org/>.

Editors Note, A copy of the Auction Leaflet will be available for viewing or downloading from the Village website on the link below. [Band Auction](http://www.village.co.uk/) or type in <http://swinton.btck.co.uk/VillageDocuments/Newsletters>



Swinton Brass Band



Swinton Brass Band

Swinton And District Horticultural Society

Summer is progressing, this is often one of the hottest months of the year and a great time to sit out and enjoy your garden.

Keep plants looking good by regularly dead-heading, and you'll enjoy a longer display of blooms.

Make sure you keep new plants well watered, using grey water where possible, and hoe off weeds, which thrive in the sunshine.

Top 10 jobs this month

1 Check clematis for signs of clematis wilt

2 Place conservatory plants outside now that it is warm

3 Water tubs and new plants if dry, but be water-wise

4 Deadhead bedding plants and repeat-flowering perennials, to ensure continuous flowering

5 Pick courgettes before they become marrows

6 Treat apple scab

7 Clear algae, blanket weeds and debris from ponds, and keep them topped up

8 Order catalogues for next year's spring-flowering bulbs

9 Give the lawn a quick-acting summer feed, especially if not given a spring feed

10 Give woodwork a lick of paint or preserver, while the weather is dry.

Rainfall
April 24 ml,
May 120 ml
June 46 ml

Flowers Of The Month



Antirrhinum



Chrysanthemum

The Blacksmiths Arms



This is a strange thing to be doing, writing this article when we have left the village!

Firstly I would like to apologise for not being able to inform you of our leaving in the last newsletter but we did not intend leaving until the end of June, however the tenant at our next pub refused to stay longer than early May and if we didn't move then we would have lost the pub.

We always promised to keep you informed on what was happening at your local and we heard numerous comments that we were keeping people in the dark about the future of the pub, but as we said to the regulars over the bar, we could only tell you what we knew, I originally wrote this at 6pm on Tuesday 29 April and at that precise moment we still had no idea as to who was taking over and when exactly making it very difficult for us too. Obviously things have taken a dramatic turn for the worse with the pub, when we left we handed over to Dave safe in the knowledge that he knew the pub and the customers and was going to 'caretake' it until a sale was finalised with one of the prospective buyers on the scene.

Unfortunately Dave decided to hand the keys in after only a few weeks resulting in the pub being closed. It was due to go to auction in June but was withdrawn as once again a prospective buyer was near to completion, however this fell through yet again and so it is due to go to auction on 10th July.

This could be the best thing for the pub as it needs to be a Free House as opposed to a Leasehold with a pub company to allow the operator to compete with places like Slingsby and Appleton le Street, investment and re-direction appears to be the answer and we both sincerely hope that those villagers who used the pub get it back again.

Now we need to say THANK YOU for the fantastic evenings you gave us during our last week with you, we had a decent turn out for our final quiz night, an absolutely mind blowing Friday night with Keith Newby rising to the occasion yet again and giving you all a great time (I must say I didn't expect to have to drive round the village collecting people in the van and delivering them home safely but hey ho a Landlady's work is never finished!!!).

Thanks to Rob Farrow for his lovely words and to those present for their best wishes, cards and pressies.

Saturday was quieter but just as enjoyable with both Taff and myself having the time to spend with our regulars who have kept us company week in week out on a Saturday and with

beers and lagers at just £2.50 per pint a merry time was had by all! Then we come to Sunday and it all went a little bit crazy, word seemed to have got round that we were going resulting in lots of people popping in to ask questions and pass on their best wishes, I'm sure there were also a number of villagers celebrating in the privacy of their own homes at the news that we were leaving but that's life, you can't be popular with all the people all the time and there's nothing like alcohol to cloud some people's judgement! I'm not sure how many bad heads there were on Monday morning in the village as Taff took great delight in emptying all the shot bottles in the place and handing them out free of charge and this coupled with all beers and lagers at just £2.50 per pint again for the evening drinkers led to a very merry atmosphere in the bar, one customer even went home with her hubby and then came back alone as she didn't want to miss out on the fun!

So we come to the end of another era at The Blacksmiths Arms, we never expected to be there for nearly two and a half years when we came back and we experienced a lot during this time we have lost very dear friends, celebrated the safe arrival of two more beautiful grandchildren and made the crazy decision to welcome Ozzie into our lives so on that note we would like to say a HUGE thank you to villagers and friends who supported their local pub and wish you all well in the future.

We have moved to The Cross Keys at Grasby in Lincolnshire – it is a very similar pub to The Blacksmiths Arms in that it is on a main road with the majority of the village behind it and also offers food and drink.

We have already seen familiar faces popping in for a meal, drink or both, thanks, it means a lot to us as we face our next challenge.

Lynn and Taff

Goodbye & thanks to Lyn & Taff

As you will all know Lyn and Taff left us earlier this year and are well settled in their new venture, we all wish them well in this.

On behalf of Swinton Village Action Group I would like to thank them for their support with our work over the years. Taff was a member of the original steering group and they have supported us with a Race Night, Treasure Hunt tea, as well as donating prizes to many of our other events.

They worked so hard to make the pub a true village pub, with theme nights, regular quizzes and events for children

We were sorry to see them go and at the time of writing do not know the future of the pub; we can only hope we get someone as friendly and welcoming and hard working as Lyn and Taff have been, so very many thanks to you both and to the girls and good luck in the future.

Jan Anderson

Chair Swinton Village Action Group