

## Swinton Village Action Group

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## Swinton Community Group

### Swinton Community Group Annual Bonfire, Barbecue and Fireworks.

Despite unpleasant weather conditions over 300 people turned out for this event which once again proved very popular.

Despite our decision not to have rockets this year the firework display was deemed to have been of a very high standard.



Two year old Sebastian enjoying his first firework display!

A big thanks is due to Pete Galtry once again for his marvellous management of this, he is always so organised and calm about it, so thanks Pete!

The bar at the Sports Centre was extremely busy and it was good to see so many families enjoying themselves.

We were kept very busy on the BBQ stall and grateful thanks to all those who cooked and served on such a cold and windy night.

Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way, kitchen, raffle, gate stewards, bonfire builders and those who turned out again on Sunday morning to clear any remaining debris.

We are not sure of the future of this event next year as the area we use for the bonfire is to become a football pitch, but we will keep you informed through the newsletter.

We also need some younger people to get involved in the running of it, some of the Community Group are getting past their sell by date (not all!)

However I am pleased to report we made a profit of just over £1,000 which was exceptional.

This money will be used to fund the newsletter costs, as well as any other activities which we feel the village would like.

If you have any ideas or would like to run something, especially for younger children, please get in touch with one of the Community Group.

Many thanks. Jan Anderson

## Senior Citizens Lunch

Following another successful Harvest Festival in October enough funds were raised to fund a second Senior Citizens' Lunch at the Blacksmith Arms on Wednesday 18th January 2017.

If you are a resident in Swinton and would like to attend

this event, please contact Jan on 696544 or Dianne on 697548 as soon as possible.

We can arrange transport to and from the pub if you require it.

Those who attended last year thoroughly enjoyed them-

selves so we hope to see some of you again in January,

**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*

**Swinton Village Community Group**

**Events:**  
**6th December.**  
Carols at 6.45pm at The Blacksmiths Arms

**Saturday 17th December.**  
Father Christmas and his sleigh will be visiting Swinton from 4:30pm onwards.

**Wednesday 12:30, 18th January 2017.** Senior Citizens Lunch. The Blacksmiths Arms. Jan Anderson Swinton Village Community Tel 01653 696544

**Harvest Festival Auction**



We made £534 at the auction, which included £55 in donations from various people, but we still topped last year's amount. Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped in any way.

there and I think the evening was enjoyed by all. Jan and Dianne

It was good to see more people

**Amotherby Parish Hall**

**Events:**  
Fri 25th Nov 8pm Old Time &

Sequence Dance with Nightowl, faith supper, raffle. Sunday 27th Nov 10am - 4pm

Gift & Craft Fair in aid of L.I.A.M Charity. Many thanks, Nige

**Defibrillator.**



It has been reported that the Defibrillator Cabinet Door Has been found open by members of the Band when they have arrived at the band room for practise sessions.

Otherwise the CPAD may not function correctly when required in an emergency. The Door to the Cabinet should not be opened, unless it is part of the regular monitoring of the equipment and in case of an Emergency. Editor

It is essential to keep the Cabinet and CPAD free from any moisture build up.



**Howardian Hills AONB**

**Photography Competition 2016**

Your opportunity to capture the special qualities of the AONB on camera

- Landscape
- Flora and fauna
- History and heritage
- Living and working
- Young photographer
- Exhibition of the finalists' images at The Yorkshire Arboretum
- Prizes to be won in all categories

Additional prize for the best image taken at The Yorkshire Arboretum

Full details of how to enter can be found on the Rural Action Yorkshire website:

[www.ruralyorkshire.org.uk/hhaonb](http://www.ruralyorkshire.org.uk/hhaonb)

Supported by:

- The Yorkshire Arboretum
- HPE
- Castle Howard
- McClarrons Ltd
- Joe Cornish Gallery

## Letters And News

### Seat in Low Lane

Just something to think about. A suggestion has been made to purchase and install a seat half way down the lane towards the river.

We would need to check logistics of this, but views would be appreciated. Where could it be sited? Would you be willing to contribute towards the cost of purchasing and installation?

Any comments to Dianne  
01653 697548  
[dianne4wellgarth@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:dianne4wellgarth@tiscali.co.uk)  
or 5 Wellgarth, Swinton.



### Bus Service 194 Time Table Changes from 31st October 2016

The Buses depart Swinton Bus Shelter at: 0741(NS) - 0831(SCH)

The Buses depart Swinton West Grove at: 0831 (SSH) - 1021 - 1221 - 1421 - 1626

From Malton Bus Station at: 0935 - 1135 - 1335 - 1535 - 1735 - 1820

Codes: NS Not Saturdays - SCH Schooldays Only - SSH Saturdays and School Holidays Only



## Swinton Reading Room And Community Hall

Swinton Reading Rooms has been the home of Swinton Playgroup for 35 years and has seen many children progress over the years.

We are now looking at a suggestion to benefit the playgroup and, hopefully, other users of the hall in the future.

Currently the Playgroup use the hall Tuesday to Thursday, but changes in the government funding for childcare means that they need to provide 30 hours per week childcare to remain viable.

At the moment equipment needs to be brought out and put away to allow other users access to the main hall.

Although this has worked in the past it is time consuming and physically difficult to carry this out especially over 5 days rather than 3.

A suggestion has been put forward which makes sense, but does impact on the snooker room. The Plan would be for the Playgroup to rent the snooker room rather than the man hall. This would allow

them to leave equipment out at all times and would free up one of the storage sheds for storage of chairs etc that would not fit in the office.

It also gives them direct access and views of the outside play area which is beneficial to the children.

The main loss to the Reading Rooms would be the snooker table, but this has limited use with only a small amount of rent being generated each year. We will make enquiries as to the value and removal of the table as part of the proposed project.

It could have some value which could be used for the improvement of the Reading Rooms.

The use of the snooker room would not restrict access to the disabled toilet when other users are in the main hall although we would still not have the ability to rent out both rooms at the same time as Playgroup do need access to the kitchen and toilets.

The committee considered it a

good suggestion and Playgroup are to come forward with plans as to how this would logistically work.

It would mean extra rental for the Reading Rooms and perhaps the opportunity to have another "blitz" on cleaning and maintenance with the help of some willing volunteers from the village.

The intention is for the village to lodge any objections, points of view to this proposal by 31 December 2016 otherwise we will give the Playgroup the opportunity to start putting plans in place with a view to September 2017 start up. Please be assured that this will not detrimentally affect any other users of the Reading Rooms.

Any comments to me by..  
01653 697548  
[dianne4wellgarth@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:dianne4wellgarth@tiscali.co.uk)  
or  
5 Wellgarth, Swinton.



Swinton Reading Room And Community Hall



## Police Box. Community Police News

### REQUEST FOR POLICE ASSISTANCE

This notice is in respect of a number of crimes which North Yorkshire Police are investigating. Vandalism. Swinton. There has been some vandalism in the playground and at the bowling club on or about the 19th September.



Spray paint used, Also two



youths were messing about on the clubhouse roof on the Friday. The incident with the paint is being investigated.

If anyone can shed any light on the following initials, tag line, or other type of abbreviation shown in the attached photos, please pass onto your local Police or contact the newsletter.

North Yorkshire trading standards have received a number of reports recently from local residents and businesses being approached by persons claiming to be workmen from nearby road works. These workmen claim they have tarmac left over and are offering driveways and pathways at

reduced prices.

These workmen are bogus and the work completed is often of poor quality and vastly overpriced.

Residents are warned not to engage with these workmen.

On 25th Oct door to door callers were in Newton upon Rawcliffe asking questions about loft insulation and boilers.

The male and female were believed to be acting suspiciously and using silver car. Any details please ring 101

Hovingham A house in Park Street was burgled on Friday 16th September between 9.45 and 11 am. The culprit got access through a ground floor rear window, and stole some jewellery.

Be careful! Make sure all doors and windows are locked even in the middle of the day!

A report has been taken of a security company making telephone calls to residents in Marton and wishing to attend home addresses to discuss security systems. Tel No noted was 01642697970

(Middlesbrough) and reportee states when attempts were made to phone back, the number was not accepting calls.

**Terrifying 'knocker' SCAM:** Police forces across the country have been issuing alerts after a wave of crimes involving gangs of men who claim to be selling cleaning products but actually are scoping out the victims house in preparation for a burglary at a later date. The scam often involves sellers, also known as Nottingham Knockers, who claim to be a reformed convict

trying to make a new life for themselves or to be deaf or dumb and in need of cash to pay for their carer. The crooks go between houses appearing to offer a range of cleaning products but are secretly checking how much cash may be in the house, whether the home is occupied or empty at certain times, how valuable the belongings are and how well protected the house is. A few days or weeks later, a different member of the gang returns to burgle the house using the intelligence gathered by the initial doorstep trader. Some scammers reportedly even sniff the bank notes they are paid with to judge whether they may have come from a larger wad of cash being stored somewhere in the house.

So-named because the original scammers hailed from Nottingham and would come knocking door-to-door to trade their wares, the scam has spread across the country, sparking a number of police alerts. Forces across the country have issued warnings to vulnerable residents, especially the elderly, to be on their guard. In some cases doorstep hawkers have forced their way inside a property after being told to go away. Those who do pay up risk being added to a list of willing customers and are then targeted by other street sellers. More at: <http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/714206/Nottingham-Knockers-scam-police-warning-burglaries-doorstep-duster-sellers>

### 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: [general.enquiries@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:general.enquiries@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk)

Community Policing Crime Stoppers on

**0800 555 111**

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

<https://northyorkshire.police.uk>

Click on the link below for **Swinton Incidents** or paste the link below into your web browser.

<https://www.police.uk/north-yorkshire/ryedale/crime/>

## Swinton Parish Council Minutes

Meeting at Swinton Reading Rooms  
9th November 2016 commencing at 7pm.

**Present:** Cllr P Cuthbertson (Chair)  
Cllr M Fenwick, Gail Cook (Clerk)  
Cllr R Harrison, Cllr Farrow (Vice Chair)  
Cllr R Liversidge.  
No Members of the Public.

**Apologies for Absence:**  
Cllr L Burr and Cllr F Farnell.

**Minutes of the last Meeting:**  
The minutes were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as being a true and accurate record.

**Matters Arising:**  
None.

**Declaration of Interest:**  
None.

**Village Issues:**  
NYCC Highways.

The Clerk has added Cherry Avenue and West Grove to the Highways white line list.

The footpath outside Mrs Rowlands has been reported and a site meeting requested regarding Swinton Grange Lane.

Pot Holes.

Please can residents use the link below to report any pot holes in the village:-

<http://www.cyclinguk.org/campaign/fix-hole>

Parish Liaison Meeting.

Cllr Liversidge and the Chairman attended this meeting and raised the issues on Swinton Grange Lane with Area 4 Manager.

**ACTION:**  
Chairman to contact Area 4 Manager.  
to arrange a site meeting.

Swinton Parish Council Workshops

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

**ACTION:**  
The Clerk to send invoices for the electric to the tenants.

Street Lighting Faults.  
None

Dog Fouling.

This is still a concern in the village, residents are reporting irresponsible dog ownership to Members of the Parish Council on a regular basis. Members would like to remind residents that this is an offence and you will be prosecuted.

**ACTION:**  
Clerk to liaise with RDC Street Scene regarding dog fouling stencils on the footpaths in Swinton.

Play Area

The new gym equipment will be fitted at the play area week commencing 15th November 2016.

BT Post.

BT Post East Street.  
The remedial works have still not been carried out by BT.  
The Chairman has contacted BT but nothing has been done about this, the Chairman will continue with this issue.

Grit Bins.

**ACTION:**  
Chairman to check all the grit bins and replenish the salt where necessary.

Correspondence:

RDC Consultation on Identification and Review of Visually Important Undeveloped Areas.

**NYCC Planning Applications:**

Application No: 16/01830/FUL

Proposal: Erection of stables at land to North of Low Farm, East Street Swinton for Mr & Mrs Fox.

Finance.

Clerks Salary & Expenses October 2016  
£77.50 Standing Order

J E Clifford & Sons Grass Cutting  
£295.20 Cheque No:

The Clerk gave a financial update.

**Any Other Business:**

Fly Tipping. Swinton Grange Lane

**ACTION:**

Clerk to contact RDC Street Scene again to obtain to some No Fly Tipping Signs

Swinton Bonfire.

The bonfire was a fantastic success, thank you to the Swinton Community Group and helpers for their hard work.

Village Emergency Plan.

This has now been booked and will be completed at the January 2017 Parish Council Meeting.

Precept.

Members agreed unanimously to increase the precept in the next financial year 5% due to increased costs on services.

**Date of the Next Meeting:**

This would be held on Wednesday 14 December 2016, 7.15pm.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.40pm.

If residents have any concerns or issues within the village, please contact a Member of the Parish Council, all contact details are available on the Swinton Village website <http://www.swinton.btck.co.uk/ParishCouncil>.

Children Enjoying the new Zip wire, which was funded by the Parish Council and Donations.





Photograph taken on Sunday at our concert in Swinton and includes players from our beginners, training and main bands. It was the first public performance by our new beginners group, we had a large and appreciative audience who enjoyed the performances of all 3 groups. The band thanks everybody for supporting us and for generously donating to band funds.

## Swinton and District Excelsior Band

WE ONLY WENT AND WON IT !!!!

The Swinton and District Excelsior Band have been crowned the 2016 Bolsover Festival of Brass Section 4 Champions.

On only our second visit to Bolsover, Britain's largest entertainment contest on October 2nd the band were delighted and proud to be awarded first place in section 4, beating a strong field of bands from across the country.

We were also very pleased for our solo horn player Daniel Potter who was also awarded the prize for the best soloist in his last appearance for the band before going on to study at Bristol University. That's how to leave on a high! We thank him for all his hard work and commitment over the years he has been with us.

Massive thanks and congratulations must also go to M.D. Robin and all the players involved who put in much time and effort to rehearse a contest programme so soon after finishing a long summer con-

cert season.

Our thoughts must now turn to the equally busy Christmas carolling season. We will be playing all round the local area starting the last Sunday in November at the Stone Trough at Kirkham Abbey starting at 2.00 pm. The training Band will be at both December markets at Hovingham. We will be in Malton market place on Sat 10th and in Helmsley market place on Sunday 18th. We hope to come round Swinton and Amotherby on the evening of Wed 14th or Wed 21st depending of course on the weather. You may also find us any of the local pubs, playing, of course! on Friday or Saturday evenings through December, Finishing at the Blacksmiths arms at Swinton and the pubs along the street on Christmas Eve. Please support us and help us raise enough money to keep the band going in the face of ever rising costs.

After Christmas we will start rehearsing for the North of England Championships, taking place on March 12th. This will be our first contest

appearance as a section 3 band and will be a big step up for everyone. Summer bookings are already coming in and it looks like 2017 will be just as busy as 2016. Keep an eye on our web site in the New Year to find out where you can come and support us.

As usual we are always on the look out for new players. Experienced players, less experienced players, total beginners and anyone who might have played in the past and fancy starting up again will always find a warm welcome in the bandroom. We would also welcome non-playing members willing to help with fund raising etc.

Please contact Steve or Tracey on 01653 696417 or e-mail [tpopham1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tpopham1@yahoo.co.uk) for details.

From all of us involved with the band we wish all our friends and supporters a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year and hope to see you at our concerts or as a new member soon.

Regards, Steve.

## Swinton Play Group

It's been another busy term so far at Swinton Playgroup.

The children have enjoyed lots of Autumnal activities, got messy making hocus pocus potions and decorating pumpkin biscuits for Halloween, gone glitter crazy making lanterns for Diwali, and topped it off with a stunning painted firework display and their very own to be printed off Christmas cards!

This years new starters have all settled in well, including our two newest additions Flounder

and Nemo the Playgroup fish. We'd like to thank everyone who provided clothes for bags to schools where we raised £64.40 which will be spent on new resources for the children.

We still have vacancies for both funded and non-funded 2, 3 and 4 year old children on Tuesdays Wednesdays and Thursdays 9.00am - 3.00pm, if you would like more information please contact Jennie, Jane or Hayley on 01653 695020 or just pop in for a chat.

The Playgroup staff are Jennie Smith (Leader), Jane Wright (Deputy), Hayley Revis (EYFS Practitioner) and Alison Blakeman (EYFS Practitioner).

All the staff are extremely experienced and well qualified and we are so lucky to have a fab team of staff to nurture, educate and offer fun to our curriculum.

Jennie Smith  
(Playgroup Leader)



## *BSA Short Mat Bowls Club*

### **Short Mat Bowls.**

The new season has started with our two teams playing in the newly formed Dales League.

Our Old "A" and "B" Teams have been renamed Swifts and Swallows.

Both teams play in the Dales League which comprises of 10 teams from Kirbymoorside, Helmsley, Thornton Dale, Marton and BSA Short Mat Bowls clubs.

Each match consists of two Triples rinks, playing two games of 14 ends.

Home Games are played on Thursday evenings starting at 7pm.

Currently both teams are adapting to the changes and also trying to cope with absent players due to illness.

Currently The Swifts have Played 6 games and are in 4th position, The Swallows have played 6 games and are in 8th position.

Full scores and League Table can be found on our club web-site below.

<http://bsasmbc.co.uk/dales-league/dales-league-table/>

We also have a social roll up on Monday afternoons from 2 - 3pm.

If you would like to give it a go just turn up and introduce yourself, Existing Bowlers or non Bowlers all are made welcome.

Contact: Freda Fenwick.  
01653 694640



Short Mat Bowls

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Freda Fenwick  
01653 694640

## *Swinton And District Horticultural Society*

### **November**

Winter is on its way Leaves are falling rapidly, and wind and rain are on the increase.

Tender plants will need protecting from frost, gales and freezing rains.

Move plants into the greenhouse, or into a sheltered spot, but if you can't, it is worth wrapping plants or pots in situ.

Remember winter can be a tough time for birds in terms of water and food, so keep supplies well topped up.

### Top 10 jobs this month

1 Clear up fallen leaves especially from lawns, ponds and beds.

2 Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent water logging.

3 Plant tulip bulbs for a spring display next year.

4 Prune roses to prevent wind rock.

5 Plant out winter bedding.

6 Cover brassicas with netting if pigeons are a problem.

7 Insulate outdoor containers from frost, bubble wrap works

well.

8 Stop winter moth damage to fruit trees using grease bands around the trunks.

9 Put out bird food to encourage winter birds into the garden.

10 Use a seasonal bonfire, where this is allowed, to dispose of excess debris unfit for composting.

Rainfall:

September 33ml, October 49ml

### December Flowers



CAMELLIA



CORONILLA

## *BSA Netball*

### BSA Netball

Both Teams play in Division 4 York League.

### Results

BSA "A" 33 - York City  
Bullets 35

BSA "A" 48 - Millars 25

BSA "B" 33 - Northern 68

BSA "B" 35 - Haxby LC 36



BSA Netball

## *Broughton, Swinton And Amotherby Sports Centre*

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

Tel: after 7pm. 01653 690807



BSA Sports Centre

## *Carols At The Blacksmiths Arms*

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 6.45pm

Join us for Carols, around the fire at the Blacksmith's Arms.

Come and celebrate with us as we are reminded of the true meaning of Christmas.

Please let John or Marcia at the pub or one of the community group know if there are those who would like to come, but have no transport.

Children are welcome to come and join in whether singing or playing instruments.



We look forward to seeing you there and wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and good health for 2017.

Rev. Martin Allwood, John and Marcia Robinson and the members of Swinton Community Group.

## *The Blacksmiths Arms*

### **Our Autumn and Winter Hours are as follows:**

Monday 4 to 11pm (no food served)

Tuesday 4 to 11pm (no food served)

Wednesday 4 to 11pm / Food Served 5 to 9pm

Thursday 4 to 11pm / Food Served 5 to 9pm

Friday 4 to 12 midnight / Food Served 5 to 9pm

Saturday 12 noon to 12 midnight / Food served 12 to 2pm and 5 to 9pm

Sunday 12 noon to 11pm / Traditional Sunday Lunch served 12 to 3pm and Grill Menu served 4.30 to 7.30pm

### **Marcia's Quiz Nights**

Thursday 9pm start, General Knowledge & Music

### **CHRISTMAS AT THE BLACKSMITHS**

Now is the time to start thinking about the most magical time of year. We can create a bespoke menu or special event to suit any festive celebrations, from a 3 course meal for your office party, a luxurious buffet for your family and friends or even something a little different such as a wine and cheese tasting evening. Give us a call on 01653 228 140 or email [blacksmiths.swinton@gmail.com](mailto:blacksmiths.swinton@gmail.com) to discuss your requirements.

Call in to find out more or visit our web site. [www.blacksmithsarmsswinton.co.uk](http://www.blacksmithsarmsswinton.co.uk)

