

# Swinton Village Action Group

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## Halloween Bonfire, BBQ & Fireworks

Once again we were blessed with fine weather for our annual bonfire and fireworks event



helped in any way, cooking and serving food, building the bonfire, clearing up and donating



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Swinton Parish Website is available on the following link. <http://swinton.btck.co.uk/>

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Contact Swinton News Letter by email. [Swinton.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:Swinton.newsletter@gmail.com)

Or Tel: 01653 697921  
Business Adverts Cost £10 per row or £30 for a full page advert, payable in advance.  
Public For Sale Notices Cost £1

which was a sell out, with all 250 tickets being sold, plus all the burgers and hot dogs!

I am pleased to report that we made a profit of £330 which will be used to pay for the



newsletter and any other events which we plan for next year. There were over 20 entries in the Best Pumpkin lanterns competition and I'm so glad I didn't have to judge it, as they were absolutely fabulous, so well done all of you who entered. A big thank you to everyone who

raffle prizes, as well as thank you to everyone who turned up on the night. A special thank you to Peter Galtry for all his hard work in ensuring the firework display went off with a bang!!!! (and safely). Next year the event will



fall on 5th November, the actual proper night and I expect it to be a sell out again, so think we will have to make it tickets strictly in advance. We will provide more information nearer the time.

## Letters And News



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.

AS we move forward to the end of 2015 and into 2016, I wonder if many of our residents follow the ages old English tradition to welcome in the New Year ? The English custom for welcoming in the New Year is

full of hospitality and warmth. They believe that the first guest for the year would bring fortune for them. He should be a male, should enter through the front door and bear some traditional gifts like a loaf for the kitchen, drink for the head

of the family and coal to light the fire, otherwise he is not allowed in. They believe that these bring good luck throughout the year. Wishing our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. "Editor"

**Parish Hall at Amotherby**

On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm, Badapple Theatre Company presents their Panto "Farmer Scrooge's Christmas Carol". Tickets are £9.50 adults, £5 u16's and £25 Family (2+2), Available from 01423 339168 or at website [Badapple Theatre Company](#). Doors Open 6:30pm.

Amotherby Parish Council require a new Clerk. It is with regret that Amotherby PC have accepted the resignation of our current Clerk Louise King. And we would like to take this opportunity to thank her publicly for all she has done over the past 4 years. The PC invite applications for the post, by Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December please. For an informal chat and more information about

what is involved please contact Louise (tel: 697331, [anotherbypc.clerk@btinternet.com](mailto:anotherbypc.clerk@btinternet.com)).

A job description and application form are available from Louise or the Chairman, Nige Ballard (tel:695117, [anotherbypc.chair@btinternet.com](mailto:anotherbypc.chair@btinternet.com))

**HARVEST FESTIVAL & SENIOR CITIZEN'S**



**LUNCH**

Monday 5 October saw the resurrection of the Harvest Festival Auction at the Blacksmith's Arms. Response from the village for items was excellent and we finally started the auction with 72 lots. Interest was also shown from some villagers who would have been involved when it was last

held. Many thanks to Alan Tate Smith for running the auction and Jackie for the paperwork that went with it. Also thanks to the supper provided by John and Marcia, hopefully they had a profitable night. Cheese and wine and champagne lots were the most popular items raising £24 and £23 respectively. In total we raised £425 with the aim being to spend this on a after post CHRISTMAS LUNCH FOR SENIOR CITIZENS RESIDENT IN SWINTON.

The lunch will be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 12 for 12.30pm in The Blacksmith's Arms. If you would like to come please can you contact Dianne on 697548 or Jan on 696544 (leave your number for a call back, if no answer). We will be able to provide transport to and from this event. Many thanks to all who donated to the auction, helped on the night and came along to spend. We hope to repeat this again next year.

**Cpad For Swinton**

Funding for defibrillators in England. The Department of Health has awarded us £1 million to make public access defibrillators and CPR training more widely available in communities across England.

Applications open on Thursday 1 October 2015 and close in March 2016. The following has application has been submitted. A free public access defibrillator, CPR training kit and a cabinet. Consisting of The iPad SP1 Defibrillator and DefibSafe. And the Call Push Rescue training pack.

These contain enough equipment to train 10 people at a time. Anyone can watch and learn how to do CPR in less than 30 minutes. All you need is the means to watch the educational film either on a DVD or online and some space to practice. Editor



## Letters And News

### SWINTON VILLAGE ACTION GROUP

#### Annual General Meeting

This will be held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7 pm in The Blacksmith Arms by kind permission of John and Marcia.

This is your chance to come along and let us know what you would like the group to plan for next year and tell us what you think of events planned for this year.

We would like some new members to join the group, especially some younger ones; the current group has been together since 2009 and some new blood would be very welcome.

We need to review the Village Plan this year so some feedback on that would be especially welcome.



### SWINTON VILLAGE ACTION GROUP VILLAGE EVENTS

#### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December:

Lions Sleigh with Father Christmas will visit Broughton, Swinton and Amotherby during the early evening

#### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December: 6.30 – 7.15 pm

Carol Singing in the Black-

smith's Arms pub with Rev Martin Allwood.

#### Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> December: 6.30 – 8pm

Children's Christmas Disco in the Swinton Reading Rooms  
Tickets £2.00 from Beth on 691013

#### Christmas Eve from 5 pm:

Swinton Band and Carols at the Blacksmith Arms pub

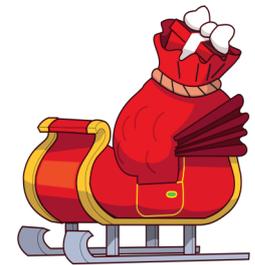
#### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016:

Swinton Village Action Group Annual General Meeting 7 pm in The Blacksmith's Arms pub

#### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 12 for 12.30:

Senior Citizens Lunch for Swinton residents in Blacksmith's Arms pub.

For more information ring Jan on 696544



### OFSTED Success!

Swinton Playgroup has recently been inspected by OFSTED and rated as 'Good' in all areas.

The Playgroup, based at The Reading Rooms, has been open for over 35 years and provides a safe and caring environment for 2 to 4 year olds.

The OFSTED inspector commented that 'Children are developing the key skills they need for their future

learning.' The full report can be viewed by searching for 'Swinton Playgroup' on the OFSTED website.

Over the summer Playgroup employed a new Play leader, Jennie Smith and Assistant, Jane Wright who have settled in incredibly well and made a number of changes.

Playgroup is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9am to 3pm and we have vacancies for 2,3 and 4 year

olds. Funding may be available for fifteen hours free childcare a week.

If you are the parent or carer of a child aged between 2 and 4 years old please contact Jennie on [01653 695020](tel:01653695020) or feel free to call in and visit during opening hours to see what we're all about. We are planning to run 'Stay and Play' sessions for under 2's accompanied by an adult in the New Year.



Our Annual Bingo will be held in the BSA Sports Centre at the end of January 2016

### STAY WELL AND WARM IN NORTH YORKSHIRE THIS WINTER

Support and SMALL GRANTS are available for your community to set up a Winter Weather Scheme.

This winter Rural Action Yorkshire is able to support 5 rural communities to set up their own Winter Weather Scheme tailored to the needs of their community.

Rural Action Yorkshire is able to offer development time from a member of our staff, links to wider emergency planning, and small grants to help your community stay safe this winter.

Have you thought about how you might ensure residents can get to urgent medical appointments if the village is snowed in? Would someone appreciate a warm meal, help with their shopping, or walking their dog?

Could you offer a single point of contact for emergencies manned by volunteers? these and many more ideas are welcome!

If you have an idea you would like to discuss please contact Tina Chamberlain at [tina.chamberlain@ruralyorkshire.org.uk](mailto:tina.chamberlain@ruralyorkshire.org.uk) or call 0845 313 0270 calls will cost 3p per minute plus your provider's access charge.





## *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**

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

Follow the link below

[www.northyorkshire.police.uk/opm](http://www.northyorkshire.police.uk/opm)

### REQUEST FOR POLICE ASSISTANCE

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

#### Scams

Fraudsters have set up a high specification website template advertising various electrical goods and domestic appliances. These goods are below market value and do not exist.

The fraudsters will request your card details via the website; however the purchaser will then receive an email stating the payment failed and they must pay via bank transfer. The fraudsters entice the purchaser and reassure them it is a legitimate purchase by using the widely recognised Trusted Shop Trustmark.

The fraudsters are using the Trustmark fraudulently and have not been certified by Trusted Shops and therefore the purchaser is not covered by the Trusted Shop money-back guarantee.

Growing numbers of pensioners are falling victim to a new sophisticated banking fraud.

Scammers are using special computer software so that when they phone victims the number that shows up on the receiving telephone matches that of the bank's helpline printed on the back of debit cards.

Criminal gangs are thought to have netted £24m last year from the new type of fraud - also known as 'vishing' or 'voice phishing'.

In the latest case, now being investigated by police, a 65 year

old woman was tricked into transferring £12,000 to the fraudsters' account.

Protect yourself: Check the authenticity of the websites before making any purchases. Conduct a 'whois' search on the website which will identify when the website has been created, be wary of newly formed domains. You can conduct this search using the following website - <https://who.is/>.

Carry out online research in relation to the website, company name and the business address provided to identify any poor feedback or possible irregularities.

Check the Trusted Shops Facebook page where warnings about websites using their Trustmark are published. If you are in doubt about the legitimacy of a Trustmark then you can contact Trusted Shops on 0203 364 5906 or by email [service@trustedshops.co.uk](mailto:service@trustedshops.co.uk).

They will confirm whether they have certified that website.

Payments made via bank transfer are not protected should you not receive the item. Therefore always try to make the payment via PayPal or a credit card where you have some payment cover should you not receive your product.

If the item advertised seems too good to be true, then it probably is. If you believe that you have been a victim of fraud you can report it online.

[http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report\\_fraud](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud)

or by telephone 0300 123 2040.

For more information about how to prevent becoming a victim of cybercrime, and for general online safety advice, visit

[www.northyorkshire.police.uk/cybercrime](http://www.northyorkshire.police.uk/cybercrime)

### Red Diesel Thefts

At approx 2250 hours last night (8th Oct) men were disturbed whilst syphoning red diesel from a tank in a farm-yard in Fadmoor. They made off in a small white hatchback van with roof rack.

200lt of red diesel was stolen from tanks after cutting locks, at a premises in Appleton le Moors.

25 litres of diesel was syphoned from a tractor on a farm at Scawton near Helmsley

### Break Ins

A burglary took place at the Crown & Cushion in Welburn. The downstairs window was forced open and the safe containing a considerable amount of money was stolen.

Overnight on Langton Road, Norton, Malton a transit van was broken into and power tools valued at £5000 were stolen.

21 October a burglary occurred at a house on Broughton Road, Malton. Jewellery stolen.

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](http://www.police.uk/crime/?q=Swinton%2C+North+Yorkshire+YO17+6SH%2C+UK#crimetypes/2013-04)

## *Parish Council Minutes Held on Wednesday 26th August 2015*

### **MINUTES of Swinton Parish Council**

Meeting held on Wednesday 11th November 2015, 7.15pm in The Reading Rooms, Swinton.

Present: Cllr P Cuthbertson (Chair),  
Cllr V Farrow (Vice Chair),  
Cllr R Liversidge,  
Gail Cook (Clerk).

Apologies for Absence:  
None.

#### **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:**

Declaration of Interest  
None.

#### **NYCC Highways:**

##### **ACTION:**

Clerk to contact Highways again regarding repairing the potholes outside 2 and 3 Cherry Avenue due to excess heavy duty vehicles.

##### **ACTION:**

Clerk to contact Highways regarding the possibility of a safety barrier /safety paint or similar on the near area of new footpath/curbing on Broughton Road.

The area previously had a small grass verge between the footpath and road.

#### **Swinton Parish Council Workshops:**

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

#### **Street Lighting Faults:**

##### **ACTION:**

Clerk to inform NYCC that the first street light is out on Cherry Avenue and needs repairing.

#### **Grass Cutting:**

##### **ACTION:**

Clerk to write to Mr Clifford thanking him for his excellent work and look forward to Cliffords tendering for the work next.

#### **Yorkshire Water:**

The Chairman contacted Yorkshire Water

regarding the hole in the ground on West Street, this was repaired promptly the next day.

#### **New Equipment for Play Area:**

Swinton Play Area Committee are now starting a fund raising campaign to purchase a zip wire to be sited at Swinton Play Area.

The Parish Council would like residents to come forward with any fund raising ideas. Look out for the posters around the village.

Fund Raising Ideas

Cake Stall – January

Car Wash – March

Bingo Night

Race Night

##### **ACTION:**

Zip wire collection jars and posters in the Blacksmith Arms, Swinton and Queens Head, Amotherby

#### **Gritting:**

Chairman to purchase salt for the bins before the bad weather is due.

Please can we remind residents that the salt provided is for Swinton roads and footpaths, not for use on private drives.

#### **Village Parking:**

The Parish Council would like to ask residents to park courteously in East and West Street and keep footpaths clear. Complaints have been received from residents inconsiderate parking. Please can residents park on their drives where at all possible.

#### **Correspondence:**

The Ryedale Plan Sites Consultation 2015 2 November to 14 December 2015.

The Council is consulting on potential sites for development.

#### **NYCC Planning Applications:**

None

#### **Any Other Business:**

J E Clifford & Sons, Grass Cutting

£295.20 Cheque No: 100725

Autela Payroll Services, Auto Enrolment Planning £20.00 Cheque No: 100726

#### **Date Of Next Meeting**

This would be held on Wednesday 9th December 2015 at 8.05pm.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.00pm.

Editors Note: The Parish council Minutes and Agendas are available online on our Village website.

<http://swinton.btck.co.uk/ParishCouncil>

## *The Blacksmiths Arms Update*



### **CAROLS AT THE BLACKSMITH'S ARMS**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
6.30 – 7.15 pm

Come and join the pre Christmas Carols at the Blacksmith's Arms.

Just a chance to have a sing by the fireside and share some seasonal companionship.

It doesn't matter if you can't

sing, but see it as an



opportunity to see a few friendly faces and support the local hostelry.

Check out our new updated website

[www.blacksmithsarmswinton.co.uk](http://www.blacksmithsarmswinton.co.uk)

or follow us on Twitter @johnandmarcia for all the latest news and menus!

Booking is always advisable to avoid any disappointment.  
Tel: 01653 228 140



*BSA Sports Centre*

## *Broughton, Swinton And Amotherby Sports Centre*

### **Christmas Bingo**

Saturday 19th December 2015.

Doors open at the usual time 7pm and eyes down at 7:30pm.

For more information or to Book the Facilities inside or outdoor Pitches Tel: after 7pm. 01653 690807

Or Contact:  
Derek Cuthbertson  
Tel: 01653690807 or  
Email [swinton.bsa@gmail.com](mailto:swinton.bsa@gmail.com)

## *Swinton and District Excelsior Band*



*Swinton Brass Band*

The months of September, October and November are traditionally quieter months for the Swinton Band as we recover from our summer concert season and prepare for our next 'silly season' during December.

This year, however has been a little different. Sunday October 4th saw us loading ourselves and much of our equipment into a coach and heading off to Bolsover in Derbyshire where we were entered in the Bolsover Festival of Brass, a prestigious 'entertainment style' contest. This was a new venture for us, the first time we had ever entered this particular contest. We were required to play a short programme of entertaining music of 18 - 22 minutes duration on which we were judged by well known brass band composer and conductor Philip Sparke. Our programme commenced with the concert opener Prismatic Light followed by the soprano cornet solo Let Me Try Again, Swing

Low Fantasy, The Irish Blessing and finishing with music made famous by Irish dancer Michael Flatley The Lord of the Dance. At the end of the contest we were delighted to be placed 2nd in our section and were awarded a trophy and prize money.

This fired us up for our next big venture of the Autumn months as we set ourselves up for the weekend of the 10th and 11th in the music department of Norton College to record our new CD entitled 'Notes From Swinton'. Two days of intense playing and concentration has resulted in what we hope will be a great selection of popular and entertaining music including the items from our successful trip to Bolsover. We hope to be able to launch 'Notes From Swinton' at the Christmas concert in aid of the Sheriff Hutton Jumbles which is to be held in Sheriff Hutton village hall on Sunday December 6th starting at 14.30, tickets avail-

able by calling 01347 878392 or 878677. For those not able to attend the concert copies of 'Notes From Swinton' will be available from the band for a very reasonable price of £10.00 Christmas presents sorted!

Weather permitting we hope to be playing carols in Swinton and Amotherby on either Monday 7th or Wednesday 9th of December and we will be at the Blacksmith's Arms on Christmas Eve from 18.30 -19.30 before going on to the pubs along the street. We will also be in Norton for the switch on of the lights, Malton Market Place, both Hovingham markets, Pickering railway station and we will also possibly appear in a pub or two in the local area over the festive period.

We have been busy recruiting over the last few months and now have eight new starters on various instruments. We still have room for more however with most types of brass band

instrument still available. Our training band night has now changed to a Friday so if you or your children are at a loose end and you want to learn an instrument and become part of our busy, success-

ful and popular band we offer free lessons, free instrument loan and free membership. We will also be very happy to welcome anyone who can already play or anyone who has played in the past and who fancies

having another try. If you are interested in joining us or if you want more information contact us on 01653 696417 and ask for Tracey or Steve or [www.swinton-band.org](http://www.swinton-band.org)



### BSA Short Mat Bowls Club

#### Indoor Short Mat Bowls

The season is well underway. BSA "A" are currently 3rd in Division 2. Having Played 6, Won 4, lost 2. Total Points 30.

BSA "B" are currently 4th in Division 3. Having Played 7, Won 3, Drawn 1, lost 3. Total Points 30.

We are getting ready to host the North Yorkshire County

Pairs and Triples over the weekend 12th & 13th December. Come along and see some of the best England players and county players in action.

All home league games are played on a Thursday Evening from 7pm.

Social Bowling sessions commence Monday 7th

September 2-4pm up to the 21st September then 2-3pm every Monday onwards.

Everyone welcome experienced or new bowlers, come along and try it out. For more information Contact,

Richard Good 01653 697921 or Freda Fenwick 01653 694640



Short Mat Bowls

### Swinton And District Horticultural Society

December It's getting even colder, Frost, rainfall and winds are increasingly common, sunshine hours are much reduced and it can be bitter with a risk of snow.

You may not want to be working outside at this time of year, but luckily there's not a lot to do. Keep an eye on winter protection, and if you have a greenhouse, make sure the heater works.

It's time to think about pruning apples and pears too.

Top 10 jobs this month  
1 Check your winter protection structures are still securely in place.

2 Check that greenhouse heaters are working.

3 Prevent ponds and stand pipes from freezing.

4 Prune open-grown apples and pears (but not those trained against walls).

5 Prune Acers, birches and vines before Christmas to avoid bleeding.

6 Harvest leeks, parsnips, winter cabbage, sprouts and remaining root crops.

7 Deciduous trees and shrubs can still be planted and transplanted.

8 Take hardwood cuttings.

9 Keep mice away from stored produce.

10 Reduce watering of houseplants.

Rainfall Recorded in Swinton. October 60 ml, November 95.5ml

#### December Colours



Hellebores



Aurora

### Swinton Reading Room And Community Hall

#### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS DISCO



This is once again being organised by Beth Fox, but this time will be held in Swinton Reading Rooms on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> December from 6.30 pm – 8 pm.

Tickets are £2.00 per child (under 16s only) and are available from Beth on 691013. All children must be

accompanied by an adult. There will be a raffle and prizes for the best dancers.

The last one was very successful and all the children seemed to be having a great time, so let's hope this year will see a repeat performance.

Dianne, 01653 697548.



Swinton Reading Room And Community Hall



# CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR At The Blacksmiths Arms



Christmas Party Menu available throughout December

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Carols with Rev Allwood

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December – GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW 6pm

Buy Your Tickets at the Bar NOW!!

Christmas Eve – Join us for a magical evening with carols in the courtyard with The Swinton Brass band and delicious food and drink stalls with something to please everyone from 5.00pm

Christmas Day – Our bar will be open for drinks (11am til 2pm – last orders 1.45pm)

Boxing Day – The perfect antidote to your Festive excesses we will be serving a hearty and traditional menu from 12 noon til 6pm

Boxing Day Evening – KARAOKE!!

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December – Big Quiz of the Year & Raffle

In aid of Yorkshire Air Ambulance – 7pm start

New Year's Eve – Special Menu served 12 til 3 and 5 til 8.30pm followed by Disco and Dancing til late!



New Year's Day- Hangover All You Can Eat Breakfast Buffet 10 til 2pm

PLEASE ASK AT THE BAR FOR MENUS AND BOOKINGS

