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Welcome

Apologies for the hiatus in production of the village newsletter over the summer – hopefully we are now back on track and will aim to produce newsletters on a quarterly basis but this will be flexible in order to reflect events and activities in the village.

If anyone has any suggestions for content to keep things new, fresh and vibrant please let us know. It seems that lots of people have missed the newsletter over the summer so if you want it to continue, your help is very much needed. Please contact us if you are able to help in any way, large or small - it would be VERY much appreciated. I can be contacted via email at amythomas1@hotmail.co.uk.

We have lots of news from the village and updated from the various groups, clubs and organisations in the village so we hope you enjoy this issue.



Fundraising

The Swinton Harvest Auction was held on 30 September and hosted by The Smithy Arms. We would like to thank villagers for turning out on the night and for all the donations of goods to auction. Well over £1,000 was raised on the evening which will be used to fund the Children's Christmas Party and the Senior Citizens 'Christmas' meal in the New Year. Full details are on page 5.



We also hosted a MacMillan coffee morning on Saturday 29 September, raising an amazing £680.85.



It's All Change at Swinton Playgroup

The Children have all returned to Pre-school and have settled well in our new permanent room / classroom within the Reading Rooms at Swinton.

The scene was a different story during the summer holidaysthe room was turned around in 5 weeks as it was re-plastered and insulated, painted and new heating and lighting put in. Many thanks to Graeme Robinson the builders and Ed Keeping Electricals for their skill and expertise in making our room / classroom look so good and ultimately an enormous thank you to North Yorkshire County Council who generously funded us the monies to achieve our dream and create such a stimulating environment for our 22 children within the setting.

I would also personally like to say a big thank you to the amazing team at Swinton Pre-School, the Committee which is chaired by Charli Byng who worked very hard to promote us and achieve our funding, and to Hayley Revis who single handily painted the entire room for us in her precious time off. Also a big thank you to Selby Paint Re-claim in donating the paint to us, and to Norton Lions and Amotherby Education Funding who also helped us achieve our dream.

The children have such a strong ownership of the room and they have free flow play access to the outdoor area also now which has further promoted an independence to their experience and learning at Pre-School. The room is stimulating and inviting and all children have ownership to the room which is wonderful and makes our small intimate setting even more child orientated in which every child has a say within their very own environment. The resources within the new room are now fully used and can be changed and adapted on a regular basis to incorporate all areas of The Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. We are presently creating a book corner with a learning tree in which the children can sit underneath in a quiet cosy area of the room, we even have faux grass to sit down on and cushions to sit on.

The room has so much potential and we are very proud to say it is ours.

Thank you to the Swinton Reading Room Committee and in particular Dianne Illingworth for liaising with us and behind the scenes help and organisation in making this worthwhile project work for us.

Jennie Smith, Pre-School Leader



Swinton Community Group AGM

The Swinton Community Group held their AGM on 2 July 2018. A number of items of outstanding business were covered including the purchase a bench to be sited down the lane leading to the river. All necessary permissions for the positioning of the bench have now been completed and it was agreed to purchase a bench from Duncombe Sawmill and put it in position as soon as possible.

Due to the low number of attendees at the AGM it was not possible to elect officers or form a committee for the forthcoming year. Swinton Community Group wish to thank The Smithy Arms for organising and hosting this years Harvest Auction, and the Parish Council for the running of the ever popular village bonfire.

Additional support is essential if the group is to continue in the future. If anyone is willing and able to get involved, please drop us a line on dianne4wellgarth@tiscali.co.uk or call 697548 by the end of the year to let us know and a meeting will be arranged if there are sufficient numbers. If no support is forthcoming, the Swinton Community Group will sadly have to be disbanded.

Finally, the Group wish to express their enormous thanks and gratitude to Jan & Malcolm Anderson and Henry Leeson for their tireless work and support over the last 10 years. Without their hard work, many of the events and activities we enjoy today would not take place.

Daphne Powell, Secretary

Reading Rooms Update

Changes have taken place over the summer and Playgroup are now in the back room. We will start to carry out some maintenance and cleaning of the main hall in the coming weeks and any offers of help would be appreciated.

Table tennis continues and we have a new yoga event taking place on a Monday evening.

Price to hire is still £4 an hour or £10 for one off children's parties.

Any queries to Secretary Dianne on 01653 697548.

Dianne Illingworth

St Helens Church, Amotherby

The December services at St Helen's Church in Amotherby are as follows:

- Family service on the 2nd December at 10 am
- Said Eucharist on the 9th December at 9am
- Benefice Eucharist on the 23rd December at 10:30
- Christingle and crib service on the 24th December at 4pm

Yoga Classes

A new beginners' yoga class has come to Swinton on Monday evenings. Suitable for both complete beginners and those who have been before. Come along to build your confidence in yoga, improve mobility and fitness levels.

Every Monday evening 7:30-8:30pm; £7 drop in or £25 for a block of four. Spaces are limited, so please email leanormayc.blog@gmail.com to book in!

Table Tennis

The real possibility that Coneysthorpe A's York & District Table Tennis League team, based at Swinton Reading Rooms, would end the 2017/2018 season without a trophy looked to be a near certainty; that is until the three players, who normally act merely as reserves, took advantage of the opportunity to play in the Machell Handicap Trophy. Having reached the semi-final, they proceeded to narrowly defeat Clarence CIU A 5-4, and then achieve glory in the final overcoming York RI F 5-3. Most of the plaudits went to Tom Needham who won his three sets, backed up by Mike Fenby and Keith Wilkinson who each won a set.

In Division 1 of the League, considering they often lacked a third player with the necessary ability to adequately cope with the required standard, the A team did pretty well to finish in third place, thirty one points adrift of first time winners debutants Topspin York, and thirteen points behind runners-up York RI A (maximum points available for each match ten).

Martin Lowe overcame the scare of a detached retina before the season got underway to play in all twenty one matches, to once again top the Divisional averages, although he did actually lose three sets to the great surprise of all concerned. Lennart Lukosch, over from Germany for a two year spell at Scarborough College, although unfortunately missing eight matches due to illness and unavailability, showed his class with a most satisfactory 75% average. Hopes that a top class signing would enable the A team to seriously challenge for a ninth successive championship sadly failed to materialise.

As for the B team, also in Division 1; Joel Wright, who kindly deputised for the A team on five occasions, proved that dedication pays off with a combined 60% average. Closely behind Joel in ability came Paul Young, a most entertaining player to watch, followed at a slight distance by the resolute Tom Needham. These three played together on sixteen occasions, and relatively comfortably avoided any possibility of them becoming involved in a relegation battle, ending in fifth position, out of eight, thirteen points clear of the play-off zone.

In the York Closed Championships, Martin Lowe retained the Mens Singles and Veterans' Singles titles, whilst his son twelve year old Sam won the Cadet Singles.

Charles Allenby

Circular Bench & Tree

A new circular bench and tree has been installed at the bottom of East Street, this was kindly donated by County Councillor Lindsay Burr.

Cllr Burr had been approached by some of the elderly residents of the village asking for a seat to be placed near the bus stop on East Street.

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What's Happening At The Smithy Arms.....

There's a lot going on at The Smithy Arms over the next few months!

We've got the Children's Party on Christmas Eve between 2.00 and 4.30pm, and the senior citizens lunch is booked in for 16 January 2019. The Senior Citizens lunch is open to all Broughton, Swinton and Amotherby residents over 65. To reserve your place please either pop in or give us a call on 694033.

The Smithy Arms weekly calendar is busy with Steak Night on Tuesdays (2 steaks and bottle of wine for £29.95) and Pie Night on Wednesdays £8.95, not forgetting our quiz every other Thursday and bingo every Sunday at 7.00pm. Entertainment is mostly on Saturday evenings, but throughout December we have entertainment every Friday / Saturday night, a karaoke and disco on Boxing Day and an 80's theme disco for New Year's Eve!

In other news, the much anticipated opening of our new Orangery will take place in mid-November! It will give us the extra dining space we need and it is the perfect space for any sort of function so just give us a call on 01653 694033. Bookings are also being taken for the Christmas period but we are already fully booked for Christmas Day!

Please have a look at our website <https://www.smithyarms.co.uk/> for our new menu or follow our Facebook page for regular news and updates <https://en-gb.facebook.com/thesmithyarms/>

Mark and myself would like to thank Racheal and the team for everything they do, and wish everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Rosie & Mark Blades

Swinton Bonfire & Fireworks Display

The first bonfire organised by Swinton Parish Council was held at the BSA Sports Association on Saturday 3rd November. The event was a huge success with tickets being sold out prior to the event.

Thank you to all who helped and supported the event which raised £1,110 towards replacement toddler swings and slide. Members of the Parish Council Members are looking forward to arranging next year's event and hope residents are too.

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Winter Walking in the AONB

If you're looking for something to do over the winter months or to walk off all those mince pies, the Howardian Hills has a dense network of footpaths and bridleways just waiting to be discovered. And even better, it's all on our doorstep!

The Bike Rides and Rambles in the Howardian Hills leaflet is a good place to start if you are unsure where to walk in the Howardian Hills. It provides an overview of the different walk routes available; you can then download more detailed information about your chosen routes.

Have a look at the Howardian Hills ANB website for more information and to download your next route.

<http://www.howardianhills.org.uk/out-and-about/walking/>

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE READING ROOMS, SWINTON AT 7.30PM ON THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2018

PRESENT: Councillors Paul Cuthbertson (Chairman), Victoria Farrow (Vice Chairman), Rob Harrison, Cllrs R Liversidge and Richard Davies

IN ATTENDANCE: Gail Cook (Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer), 0 members of public in attendance.

APOLOGIES & REASONS FOR ABSENCE: Cllr R Liversidge, County Cllr L Burr and District Cllr F Farnell

18.93 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON THE AGENDA ITEMS - None

18.94 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION - None

18.95 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 13th September 2018. The minutes were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as being a true and accurate record.

18.96 FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) To receive and approve current financial Statement

(b) To note and approve payments:-

• Clerks (Salary & Expenses) Standing Order	£ 97.00
• Fox Butchers (H Festival & Bonfire Meat) Chq No: 100864	£162.00
• Computer FX (Equipment) Chq No: 100865	£14.99
• J E Cliffords & Sons (Grass Cutting) Chq No: 100866	£306.00
• L Salisbury (First Aid Bonfire) Chq No: 100867	£45.00
• Clerk (Stationery) Chq No: 100868	£16.23

18.97 PLANNING - None

18.98 PARISH MATTERS

(a) **STREET LIGHTS** - No issues

(b) **HIGHWAYS ISSUES** - The sink hole outside Atkins Garage will be repaired within two weeks.

(c) **DOG FOULING** - Members agreed that the dog fouling issue in the village has improved. Chairman to carry out renewal of the footpath dog fouling stencils.

(d) **PARKING** - The parish council would like to remind residents that they should not park vehicles on the footpath, problem areas include the bottom of East Street.

(e) **PARISH COUNCIL SHEDS** - All rent payments are up to date.

(f) **GRASS CUTTING** - The final cut has been carried out.

(g) **BIRDMOUTH FENCING** - The Chairman is continuing to obtain quotes for erecting the birdmouth fencing on East Street and West Street.

(i) **BONFIRE NIGHT** - The agreed date for the village bonfire is Saturday 3rd November 2018.

(h) **Fund Raising Event** - A race to be arranged for Saturday 23rd February 2019 (TBC).

18.99 CORRESPONDENCE - NYCC Vehicle Activated Sign Review

18.100 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- The Charity Coffee morning held on Saturday 29th September at The Blacksmiths Arms, this successful event raised £650.
- The harvest festival held at 7pm on Sunday 30th September 2018 at The Smithy Arms was a great success, the event raised £1050.

18.101 ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING - Parish Council Shed Rent Review

18.102 DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - Wednesday 14th November 2018, 7.30pm at Swinton Reading Rooms. The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Swinton & District Excelsior Band

After a busy summer season we are usually glad for quiet few weeks but somehow this year it just hasn't happened. We went straight from our last job on Filey bandstand into a round of rehearsals for the Yorkshire and Humberside Brass Band Association contest at Dewsbury, where despite what was described as 'a very mature sounding performance' we were unable to trouble the scorers mainly due to an exceptionally high standard throughout the section. Despite this we were very encouraged by the way we performed and hope it stands us in good stead for the North of England Championships in March.

With the contest over our attention turns to Remembrance Day and Christmas. For the last 40+ years we have led the Remembrance Day parade round Helmsley market place and in this, the centenary year of the end of World War 1, we will again be in Helmsley on Sunday November 11th. Please come along and join us in commemorating the end of hostilities and supporting both the British Legion and The Band. The parade sets off around 10.50 and after a ceremony at the war memorial there will be a service in the church followed by a parade around the town.

Our Christmas programme is already beginning to look busy. We start with the Training Band on Saturday 1st December the Hovingham Market swiftly followed by Sunday 2nd at the Hutton-le-Hole Christmas Fayre in the village hall starting at 11.00. On the 9th December the Senior Band will be performing a Christmas concert along with the York Rock Choir at the York RI sports club in New Lane, Acomb. This will be the third time we have done this concert and we are sure it will be another great afternoon. This event is always well attended so if you fancy coming along keep watching our Facebook page and we will post details as soon as we get them. The Training Band will be back at Hovingham on the 15th December and both bands will be in Malton Market Place on the 22nd December. We will also be doing our usual round of the local pubs and, weather permitting will be playing round Swinton and Amotherby.

After Christmas we will start rehearsals for The North of England Championship and will also start working on a whole new programme for next summer. Bookings are already coming in for both the Senior and the Training bands including Filey, Burnby Hall Gardens and the Slingsby Maypole Festival as well as private events. If you would like to add to our workload and book the band for your event please contact us.

If you would like to become a member of the band we will always welcome experienced players, complete novices and anyone who has played in the past and who would like to start playing again. We do not charge for membership and offer free lessons, free instrument loan and no subscription fees - all we ask for is your time and effort. Considering how schools are now charging large fees for music lessons this is a unique opportunity for anyone wanting to get into music. We are especially keen to hear from experienced cornet, baritone and bass trombone players but any other players are just as welcome.

If you would like more information about joining or booking the band visit our website <http://www.swinton-band.com> or our Facebook page. Alternatively phone 01653 696417 or come down to the bandroom on a rehearsal night - Senior Band Monday and Wednesday 7.30 - 9.00, and Training Band Friday 6.30 - 8.30 (times and days may differ during December). We hope to see some of you very soon.

Steve & Tracey Popham

Malton Christmas Food and Gift Market

Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 December 2018

The Christmas version of our popular monthly food market but with non-food gifts as well. Expect fab food, festive gift stalls, street food, live music and entertainment. Don't forget trips to Talbot Yard for stocking filler gifts!

Set in and around the Milton Rooms and located in Malton's central Market Place, the Christmas market trades from 9am to 3pm.

Free entry and parking



Christmas Is Coming!

It seems Christmas isn't far away now(!), so a quick reminder about the Christmas Lights Switch On in Malton and Norton, and of course Swinton's visit from Father Christmas!

Father Christmas Visits With the Malton and Norton Lions

Along with Amotherby and Habton, Father Christmas will be visiting Swinton on Tuesday 18 December 2018. For more information please see the Malton and Norton Lions Facebook page.

Malton Christmas Lights Switch On

Sunday 25 November 2018 from 4.00pm – 6.00pm at Market Place, Malton

Pop along to this FREE event in Malton's Market Place and experience a Christmas Light's Switch On like you've never quite seen before. Hosted by Minster FM, the switch on is set to be a fun packed event with performance from Thingumajig Theatre and Kirkham Henry Performing Arts Community Interest Company. Santa will also be taking a break from his busy schedule and visiting the Market Place on his sleigh (Malton & Norton Lions Club).

This is a community event, organised by the Malton Town Council, the Malton Independents and Visit Malton CIC.

Norton Santa Fun Run & Christmas Lights Switch On

Sunday 2 December from 2.00pm to 5.00pm in Commercial Street, Norton

Held along Commercial Street Norton with Christmas lights lining Commercial Street, the Santa Fun Runs in aid of Ryedale Special Families are throughout the afternoon, with the big switch on at 4.30pm. For more info contact Norton Town Council.

