



Swanbourne Village News

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KING CHARLES III CORONATION CELEBRATION WEEKEND PAGES 1-3





Photographs from a wonderful celebration weekend!

Cake competition; live TV stream of Coronation; music, BBQ and booze at the Betsey; Hitmix Bingo, Bouncy Castle; very favourably priced alcohol – WOW!!



Coronation Celebrations – Sat 6th and Sun 7th May, 2023

It was a pleasure to be part of the community planning team. We pooled our ideas, energy and time to be able offer a range of local activities over the holiday weekend. Key collaboration between The Betsey Wynne, The Village Hall, Si Swanbourne network and Film Crew plus donations and sponsorship from local businesses and individuals enabled a weekend of fun to be offered at low or no cost.

Andrew (Woody) Wood, Emma Saddington, April Yemm, Andrew Thomas, Tim Titley, Roger and Anne Parker, Rodolfo and Team at The Betsey, Hugo and Wilma Gilbert and many more all contributed. A picture says a thousand words as they say. *Dee Thomas*

Acknowledgements: The Coronation Committee would like to extend their sincere thanks to everybody who made this amazing celebration possible, but especially to: -

- Rudi and the team at The Betsey Wynne
- The Grand Junction (Oakman Inns) in Buckingham
- Tring Brewery
- Twisted Jon - Balloon Man

- Garry Mac Music
- Rebecca Risch (For her delicious Lemon Drizzle cake!)
- Linda Rodgers and the SCA
- 4YP (Dee Thomas)
- KLF (Woody)
- Peter Thompson
- Steve Hobbs
- Jeremy Swan
- Arla Milk
- The Village Hall
- The Swanbourne Estate
- Everyone who took part in the baking competition
- Anyone who attended either event!
- Volunteers: Andrew Wood, Dee & Andy Thomas, Hugo and Wilma Gilbert, Anne and Roger Parker, April and Faith Yemm, Lily Brock.

Emma Saddington

Thank you so much for the many kind and generous donations towards the Coronation programme of events which enabled attendance by the whole village with some money left over for the planning of future Community events.

Swanbourne Community Association/Si Swanbourne/Film Club

Parish Council Update and News - Summer 2023 (June - August)

New Councillors

We have recently welcomed Meghan Henderson and Chris Wright onto the Parish Council. They both bring much enthusiasm and a wealth of experience to our mix. In particular, Meghan lives and works at Swanbourne House and is interested in the needs and voice of our younger villagers, and Chris is a long-term community supporter, keen to support village events and activities. We are delighted that they have joined us.

Keeping in touch

As always, we would encourage you to be in touch.

If you have any queries or matters you would like to raise, please email: clerkswanbournepc@gmail.com or drop a note addressed to us into the Village Shop.

Anyone can attend Parish Council meetings and whilst non-councillors are not able actively to take part during the conducting of Council business, we very much appreciate your contributions during the public participation item. In Swanbourne this often involves fun and lively discussion as well as update. Community input and feedback is critical to how we operate so please do come along if you would like to.

There is a new section on the website which explains fully how this works: [SPC Public Participation Policy.pdf \(swanbourneparishcouncil.co.uk\)](https://www.swanbourneparishcouncil.co.uk/SPC%20Public%20Participation%20Policy.pdf).

The Parish Assembly is an exceptional example – all of our community is invited to join us to catch up with what the Parish Council has been doing, explain how the precept is being spent and talk about plans for the next year. Other Village organisations are also invited to provide an update and talk through their plans. Everyone present has an opportunity to air opinion, share ideas and ask questions.

This is an important annual event held in May by all Parish Councils. Last year the Village Hall was bursting at the seams – we encourage you to join us and hope that by the time you are reading this we will have had an equally successful 2023 Assembly (Thursday 25th May).

The minutes of all our meetings are posted on the Parish Council website so you can keep up to date with what we are doing that way too.

Updates and News

- **Coronation Weekend**
 - Swanbourne did His Majesty proud – it really was a Happy & Glorious weekend.
 - Huge thanks to everyone those who put so much time, effort and energy into to making it such a success and also to all of those who came to join in.

- Special thanks to The Betsey Wynne for enabling and facilitating a genuinely all-community event.
- **Traffic Issues – SPEEDING, Pavements & Verges**
 - Speeding continues to be a cause of significant concern; we have heard several reports of frightening ‘near miss’ accidents as a result of speeding vehicles and inconsiderate driving.
 - To strengthen our case for action towards, and funding for traffic calming we are investigating means of collecting traffic data (anonymous). Watch this space.
 - Cllr Phil Gomm is working with us on this and is confident that a traffic calming scheme will be forthcoming and will have a very significant and positive impact.
 - We remain hopeful that this will not take long.
 - Please leave pavements clear of bins, or cars or anything else so that we can all use them safely whether we are a pedestrian, have a dog or pushchair or use a wheelchair/mobility scooter.
 - Cars churn up grass verges in particular when the weather has been wet; please use the road for turning or parking.
- **Potholes**
 - The potholes are still awful.
 - As you know they fall outside Parish Council remit, but we are continuing to monitor the situation, to report new damage and to do all we can to speed the repair process.
 - If you have a particular concern, please report it to fixmystreet.com or email clerkswanbournepc@gmail.com
- **Active Defibrillator – located outside the Betsey Wynne**
 - Reminder: Swanbourne’s working defibrillator is located outside the Betsey Wynne.
 - The older device that was previously located outside the Village Hall is out of order and temporarily decommissioned.
 - When it is back in action the second defibrillator will be located outside the school to ensure geographical cover for the whole village. We will keep you posted.

- **Litter Picking**

- Cllr Roger Hatcher continues to arrange litter picking in and around Swanbourne and again calls for litter-picking friends.
- The more people who help the better and it is a rewarding and sociable activity – if you would like to join Roger please let our Clerk, Jo Tudor know (clerkswanbournepc@gmail.com) and she will pass on your details.
- Many thanks to all who do help with this – it makes a big difference.

- **Concerns, Ideas, something to say?**

- Email clerkswanbournepc@gmail.com, or leave a note in the shop and it will be passed on to us.
- We will make sure that the right person/organisation gets your message.

Our next meeting is on Monday 11th September.

We look forward to hearing from you before then, and to seeing more of you around the Village as summer brings us all outside.

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Village Planning News

23/00361/ALB | Listed building application replacement garden / boundary walls | The Old House 6 Mursley Road Swanbourne MK17 0SH – Consent granted.

23/00289/APP | Householder application for internal works to ground floor including fenestration alterations and first floor extension | 31A Nearton End Swanbourne Buckinghamshire MK17 0SL – Application withdrawn.

22/A1974/DIS | Submission of details pursuant to Condition 8 (planting plan) relating to Planning Permission 22/01974/APP | The Old Vicarage 2 Winslow Road Swanbourne MK17 0SW - Does not yet satisfy.

23/01465/AHR Anglian Water | Removal of 6m section of hedgerow | Land Off Winslow Road Swanbourne MK17 0SW – Pending.

23/01012/APP | Change of use from agricultural land to domestic menage | Northill Farm Aylesbury Road MK18 3LF – Approved.

DIARY DATES

- Tues 23rd May – Book Club, 8.00pm at the Betsey (See P10)
- Thur 25th May – Parish Assembly in the Village Hall, 7 p.m. (See P5)
- Sat 27th May – Film Night in Village Hall; Pirates of Caribbean, 7 p.m. (See P14)
- Mon 5th June – SCA Afternoon Tea and Lottery Draw 2.30pm, V. Hall (See P12)
- Thur 15th June for a week; Bucks Art Week. Paintings or Sculptures (see P16)
- Sun 25th June – Chapel Barn Service in Brises Farm (See P12)
- Mon 3rd July – SCA Afternoon Tea 2.30pm in Village Hall (See P9)
- Wed 19th July – Coffee Morning at the Methodist chapel; 10.30am (See P13)
- Mon 7th August – SCA Bring and Share Lunch; 12.30pm for 1.00pm (see P9)
- Wed 23rd August – Coffee Morning at the Methodist chapel; 10.30am (See P13)

FUTURE DATES (details in next issue)

- Mon 4th September – SCA Afternoon Tea 2.30pm in Village Hall
- Wed 20th September – Drop in for coffee at the Chapel, 10.30am
- Sat 23rd September – Estate help for Ukraine; Woodland Dinner/Dance
- Mon 2nd October – SCA Afternoon Tea 2.30pm in Village Hall
- Wed 18th October – Drop in for coffee at the Chapel, 10.30am
- Sun 22nd October – Swanbourne Endeavour – details closer to the time
- Mon 6th November – SCA Afternoon Tea 2.30pm in Village Hall
- Wed 22nd November – Drop in for coffee at the Chapel, 10.30am
- Mon 4th December – SCA Christmas Lunch; 12.30pm for 1.00pm

Community names, websites, email and telephone contacts

Swanbourne Village Hall – Please contact Hugo Gilbert to find out more and to book: telephone 07754181522.

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Village information via email circulation – Information is circulated by email by Peter Hampton. If new to the village, you may add your name to the list. Notices should be forwarded to Peter at the following email address: - swanbournemail@gmail.com

Swanbourne Community Association – Tel. Anne Parker (Chair) on 07709222792. Website: - www.swanbournecommunityassociation.com

Swanbourne Facebook Village Community Group: - Administrator:

Deborah Barrow. Direct message via Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/44360210626000/>

Swanbourne Estate - The Estate Manager is Tom Finchett. Tel. 720256 email:

office@swanbourneestate.co.uk

Swanbourne History Group - Tel. Ken Harris (Chair) on 720454, email

ken.kelston1@gmail.com History Website: - www.swanbournehistory.co.uk

History Webmaster is Clive Rodgers, email Swanbourne13@gmail.com

The Store and Post Office - Jean-Claude and Julie Blanc are the proprietors. The Store is open from 8.30am to 6pm on Monday to Friday and is now closed on Saturdays. The Post Office is normally open from 9.00am until 1.00pm from Monday to Friday swanbourne.store@gmail.com Tel. 720288

Betsey Wynne Pub - www.thebetseywynne.co.uk Tel. 720825 Reservations for dining are usually made on-line.

Swanbourne Parish Council - Parish Clerk (Jo Tudor) Email: -

clerkswanbournepc@gmail.com Parish Council Website:

www.swanbourneparishcouncil.co.uk

Play Out and Sports Swanbourne - Sasha Dalwood, Vicki Price and Ria Deane.

Call Sasha on 07949973626 www.facebook.com/playoutswanbourne

Playing Fields - Please contact the Parish Clerk if issues arise.

Church Wardens - St. Swithun's Church; David Blunt and Jon Walker

Swanbourne Burial Authority - Swanbourne Parochial Church Council, tel. David Blunt 720397 email: david.blunt@hart-house.net

Medical Prescription Deliveries from Winslow Dispensary - The online system for requesting repeat prescriptions is now through the Evergreen Life system.

If there are any queries you may email: - 3whealth.patientaccess@nhs.net

Alternatively, you may telephone 713434 to request a repeat or email: - prescriptions.norden@nhs.net listing the medication requested.

Norden House maintains a patient delivery service for prescriptions the over 60s in Swanbourne (except for patients who collect from Lloyds Pharmacy) which is not available if registered at Whitchurch.

Winslow Community Bus - Normally, you can get the Community Bus in Winslow any Friday or Saturday morning at 9.15am to get to Aylesbury for just after 10 o'clock

- dropping off by Sainsbury's or the bus station, then return 12.15pm depart from bus station (+ High St pick up on a Friday). Free with a bus pass. Full details on the website:

[Bus Services - Winslow and District Community Bus - Winslow and District Community Bus, Winslow, Buckingham \(winslowbus.com\)](http://www.winslowbus.com)

Alternatively, telephone Lynne King on 07483 336440.

Newspaper and Magazine Deliveries - Get newspapers and/or magazines delivered in the morning to your home anywhere in Swanbourne!

Wedelivernews.com ltd. is based at 52, High St., Winslow. If you wish to go on their delivery list, phone or text Sue on 07834902196 or email info@wedelivernews.com

Karate Club - The club is run by Sensei Tom Finchett a 2nd Dan British Karate Association, with over 30 years of experience in Karate, tel. 07974 029961 or hakagurekarate1@gmail.com

Book Club - This is organised by Jane Rowe; for further details email: jane.rowe101@btinternet.com

BOOK CLUB

Greetings Bookclubbers

Hope you are all well. Our last meeting went well and it was agreed that the Beekeeper of Aleppo was a good and thought provoking read. Thanks to Anne and Ken for their reviews.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 23rd May at 8pm at the Betsy Wynne and the book we will be discussing is Frederica by Georgette Heyer. Everyone is welcome whether you have read the book or not.

'Vernon Alverstoke sees no reason to put himself out for anyone. But when a distant connection asks for help, he is quickly plunged into one drama after another by the disorderly Merriville family.

Surprisingly, he finds himself far from bored - especially when he encounters their strong-minded daughter, Frederica.

However, she seems far more concerned with her family's welfare than his romantic advances...'

'A rollicking good read that will be of particular joy to Bridgerton viewers' - Independent, January 2021.

If you have any suggestions for books for future meetings, please let me know.

Jane Rowe

HELP FOR UKRAINE Swanbourne Estate will be hosting a Woodland Dinner and Dance on Saturday 23rd September, 6.30pm to 11.30pm, at Endeavour Woodland, Swanbourne.

The event is in aid of Siobhans Trust, who run pizza vans to help feed soldiers, displaced residents and refugees in Ukraine. Look out for further details (to follow).

Tom Finchett

Doggy Diaries Summer 2023 (June – August 2023)

Hello Swanbourne 😊

Summertime...and the livin' is easy 🎵

You didn't know I could sing, did you? I can't actually, but I like listening which is just as well as there is a lot of it in our house!

It feels like a lifetime since I last wrote to you. Such a lot has happened. I have been very good, obviously, and very busy, obviously, and working very hard, obviously. Work=play=work=play for me though so all in all I have had a very nice time.

I spent a weekend in Brighton which was excellent though I am not at all sure about seagulls. They kept on shouting at me and I have no idea what they were trying to say. All I could think was to get out of their way - Ma said that there wasn't much she could do to protect me, but I felt safer behind her chair.

There were a lot of dogs in the place we stayed, and to be honest I wasn't sure about that either. They didn't know I was working and needed to concentrate which made it very difficult. Doggy politics means smelling each other's smelly places (you know exactly what I mean...), but when I am working I am not supposed to do that – you can imagine how difficult it is to let my bits be nosed and not to nose back.


Have I told you that I help Ma plug her car in to charge? When we have parked and are out of the car, I fetch the plug for her so she can pop it into the socket. It's a tricky one as the cable is heavy and often not in the position I need it to be; I have to work out which way to pick the plug up so the cable falls correctly for Ma.

I've been supporting Ma and all my family in a different way recently too. Ma's Ma died and everyone has felt so sad. My way of giving love and comfort is to get as close as possible and lean in – everyone says it makes a real difference. I just go to whoever I can see needs it most and stay with them for a bit. I always know who that is, even when it is not Ma.

And now we are looking towards summertime-☀️-I hope the livin' is easy, and happy too - we all deserve that don't we?

Look after yourselves, and each other – as always.....

With love,

Barry xxx 



Swanbourne Community Association Lottery

The first of the two draws for 2023 will take place at Tea in the Afternoon on Monday 5th June in the Village Hall, from 2.30 p.m. onwards. The draw will take place at around 3.30 p.m. It costs £10 for each entry to the two draws, with prizes of £200, £100 and £50 at each draw. Any surplus funds raised go to SCA funds in support of village activities. Another tea is planned for 3rd July and lunch on 7th August. See page 8 for future Autumn dates.

If you have not already joined in this year's lottery but wish to do so, please contact Ken Harris on (01296) 720454 or email: ken.kelston1@gmail.com or come to the Tea itself before 3 p.m.

Swanbourne Chapel Barn Service will be on Sunday June 25th at Brises Farm, Nearton End, starting at 5.00pm. Includes a Cream Tea during the afternoon just before the service.

The music will be provided by Secklow Brass and the service led by Rev. Noreen Daley-Lee. All friends and visitors will be welcome.

There are hay-bales to sit on, or you can bring a chair.

Parking is at the farm. If you have not joined us before, do come if you can; it will be a happy, friendly occasion!

Frankie Fisher

SWANBOURNE'S SUMMER REFUSE COLLECTION DATES

<i>Date</i>	<i>Food waste</i>	<i>Recycling Bin</i>	<i>Waste Bin</i>	<i>Garden waste</i>
<i>Tuesday May 23</i>	COLLECTION	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION
<i>Wednesday May 31</i>	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION	No Collection
<i>Tuesday June 6</i>	COLLECTION	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION
<i>Tuesday March 13</i>	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION	No Collection
<i>Tuesday June 20</i>	COLLECTION	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION
<i>Tuesday June 27</i>	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION	No Collection
<i>Tuesday July 4</i>	COLLECTION	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION
<i>Tuesday July 11</i>	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION	No Collection
<i>Tuesday July 18</i>	COLLECTION	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION
<i>Tuesday July 25</i>	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION	No Collection
<i>Tuesday Aug 1</i>	COLLECTION	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION
<i>Tuesday Aug 8</i>	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION	No Collection
<i>Tuesday Aug 15</i>	COLLECTION	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION

Note: The collection day following a bank holiday will normally change to a Wednesday.



Right: - QR code access to Buckinghamshire Council Refuse collection details.

Drop in for morning coffee at the Chapel

These monthly coffee drop-ins at the Methodist Chapel in Nearton End have been a growing success and our next one is on 19th July followed by another on 23rd August. We meet at 10.30am. See page 8 for Autumn dates.

We enjoy coffee, biscuits and chat in an informal gathering and everyone is very welcome.

Frankie and Ken

Walking Group

A small village Walking Group has recently started up, meeting each week at the Church corner at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays. Walks use the many different footpaths that we have in and around Swanbourne Parish, and to date have lasted between one and a half and two hours, covering around 4 to 5 miles. If you would like to join us, then please be at the Church corner by 2 p.m.

For more information, phone Ken Harris on 720454.

SWANBOURNE MOVIE NIGHT

VILLAGE HALL



PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN

THE CURSE OF THE BLACK PEARL

SAT

27 MAY

7PM FOR

7:30PM START

VOLUNTARY £5 ENTRY

LICENCED BAR

BEER, WINE, SOFT DRINKS
OR BYO.

RAFFLE AT THE END OF
FEATURE.

TABLE BOOKINGS AVAILABLE
CONTACT DEE ON: 07903 695757

CASH AND CARD PAYMENTS ACCEPTED

DRESS TO IMPRESS ME HARTIES!!

Conservation – Save the British Bluebell



May is a beautiful time of the year for seeing bluebells but somehow those garden centre bluebells don't seem to have the same magic that you see with a carpet of bluebells in our native woodlands. That's because most garden centre bluebells belong to a different subspecies – the Spanish bluebell – which has bigger flowers on twiggy, taller stems with no scent. Garden centres sell Spanish bluebells simply because their flowers are bigger. There's no other reason. English bluebells are smaller with a nodding stem and have a stronger blue colour compared with the Spanish subspecies. As the Spanish type becomes more widespread, they are hybridising with the native bluebells and changing their form. Most bluebells in Swanbourne are Spanish or hybrids. Refuse to buy Spanish invaders – order English bluebells online instead!



History -

A 100-year-old post card based on a photo of Mursley Road (left).

Pre-dating the advent of colour photography, this old post card is based on a black and white photo, coloured by hand.

Bucks Art Week Open Studios - Art Exhibitions

BUCKS ART WEEK
is from **Thursday,**
15th June, 2023.

Two Swanbourne
exhibits will be
open (but at
different venues)
with Katie Blunt and
Michele Greene.

**VENUE 1 - Katie
Blunt - running
from 15th June
until Tuesday 20th
June from 10.00am
to 5.30pm at St.
Swithun's Church,
Swanbourne. Open
later (until 7.30pm) on
Saturday, 17th June.**

KATY BLUNT AT ST SWITHUN'S
SWANBOURNE FOR BUCKS
ART WEEK



15TH-20TH JUNE
10.00-5.30PM
MURSLEY ROAD,
SWANBOURNE
MK17 0SH

open late Saturday till 7.30pm
0780 358 1749



**VENUE 2 - "Sculpture in the
Garden" by Michele Greene;
running from Thursday 15th
June until Wednesday, 21st
June 11.00am until 4.00pm
at: 1, Holcombe Cottages,
Christmas Gorse Lane,
Winslow, Bucks MK18 3LE
*All are welcome***