



Swanbourne Village News

Newsletter No. 164 September – November 2023



Swanbourne welcomes free WiFi to the Village Hall (see P.2)



Free Gigaclear WiFi in Swanbourne Village Hall, contd.

Free full fibre ultrafast WiFi is now available to all Swanbourne residents thanks to the initiative led by the SCA with Broadband providers Gigaclear.

Betsy Duncan Smith kindly led the ceremony to launch the Gigaclear Community Hub on Sunday, 23rd July at Swanbourne Village Hall with SCA and VH Committee members, Parish Cllr. Mike King and many other Swanbourne residents who had gathered for this very special occasion. A special “thank you” goes to Roger Parker - who was the primary negotiator with Gigaclear.

How does it work?

This facility provides free WiFi 24/7 for anyone using the Village Hall and is also accessible in the front garden area when the Village Hall is closed.

To use the free Wi-Fi on your phone, tablet or laptop, look for the **SWANBOURNE GUEST** network. The password is **FREMANTLE4**.

SWANBOURNE VILLAGE HALL

MOVIE NIGHT



UPCOMING FEATURES

23RD SEPTEMBER - BRIDESMAIDS

**28TH OCTOBER - GHOSTBUSTERS
(1984)**

25TH NOVEMBER - *SINGING IN THE RAIN*

16TH DECEMBER - **Nativity!**

**£5 ENTRY DONATION, INCLUDES SOFT DRINK & SNACK.
LICENCED BAR AVAILABLE.**

DIARY DATES

Sun 27th August – Beer Festival, 3pm until late at the Betsey Wynne (See P12)
Mon 4th September - SCA Afternoon Tea 2.30pm in Village Hall (See P6)
Tues 19th September – Book Club, 8.00pm at the Betsey (See P9)
Wed 20th September - Drop in for coffee at the Chapel, 10.30am (See P6)
Sat 23rd September - Woodland Dinner and Dance for Ukraine (See P9)
Sat 23rd September - Film Night in Village Hall; Bridesmaids, 7 p.m. (See P2)
Mon 2nd October - SCA Afternoon Tea 2.30pm in Village Hall (See P6)
Sun 8th October – Harvest Lunch at St. Swithun’s (See P 12)
Wed 18th October - Drop in for coffee at the Chapel, 10.30am (See P6)
Sun 22nd October – Swanbourne Endeavour (See P16)
Sat 28th October - Film Night in Village Hall; Ghostbusters, 7 p.m. (See P2)
Mon 6th November - SCA Afternoon Tea 2.30pm in Village Hall (See P6)
Sat 11th November – Swanbourne History Evening 7.30pm in V. Hall (See P16)
Sun 12th November – Remembrance Sunday (See P12)
Wed 18th November – Share a pudding at St. Swithun’s (See P. 12)
Wed 22nd November - Drop in for coffee at the Chapel, 10.30am (See P6)
Sat 25th November - Film Night in V. H., Singing in the rain, 7 p.m. (See P2)
Mon 4th December – SCA Christmas Lunch; 12.30pm for 1.00pm (See P6)
Sun 10th December – Annual Carol Service at St. Swithun’s (See P 12)
Sat 16th December - Film Night in Village Hall; Nativity! 7 p.m. (See P2)

Parish Council News: September – November 2023

#makeachange

As always, we would love your help and for you to be involved in any way you are interested and feel able. There is always a lot going on in our village and as the Parish Council we specifically want to hear your ideas about how we can help to make Swanbourne the best place it can be – for all of us.

Please keep in touch via the website and write to tell us anything you’d like us to know via clerkswanbournepc@gmail.com (or drop a note in to the Village Shop addressed to us).

- **Council Vacancy**

Roger Hatcher has moved away to make the most of a very exciting new opportunity in Kent, this means his position on the Parish Council has become vacant.

If you are interested and would like to apply the deadline is 1st October. The new Councillor will then be co-opted during the November Parish Council meeting.

Details of the vacancy and how to apply are on the poster below, are posted on the PC website and are on our Noticeboard (outside the village shop).

We are very grateful to Roger for all he has done for us during his time as a Councillor and in particular for the attention and expertise he has given us regarding the playing field and play equipment and his enthusiasm for keeping Swanbourne tidy and litter-free. We will miss you, Roger.

- **MP Greg Smith – Constituency Tour** *(Also see P. 14 – Editor)*

On 14th August Greg Smith was in Swanbourne as part of his constituency tour.

Councillors Mike King, Chris Wright and Meghan Myers met with Greg and had a very constructive discussion that focussed on issues that are a priority for all of us – speeding, potholes and the EW rail development. In particular Greg also spoke about the benefits of sustainable carbon neutral fuels which are his passion at Parliamentary level.

There will be a full update and discussion on all of this at the next Parish Council meeting.

In the meantime, we can update you with the following:

- **Potholes**

We know that potholes are still awful and share your frustration at how long it is taking for them to be fixed. We have no say or control over when work like this is done but are continuing to put pressure on the Council in any and all ways we are able.

As other local roads have now been repaired, we are hopeful that Swanbourne will reach the top of the priority list very soon.

- **Speeding**

This remains a significant and frightening issue.

Please be assured that we are acutely aware of the problem and of the potential dangers of the speed at which cars drive through our village, and the Parish Council continue to press forward and explore all options available.

What can we all do to make a difference?

- Drive with particular care and attention ourselves (and abide by the speed limits)
- Park on the roadside rather than on curbs or verges (this has been shown to slow traffic speed)

- Keep verges tidy and trim, and lines of sight clear
- Allow extra time for the start/end of our journeys during school drop-off and pick-up times

When the schools go back in September our roads will be very busy again and parking will again be a problem – this is highly frustrating, and we all want it to be different - but it is a reality at the moment. Please take particular care and be patient.

- **Pavements**

A gentle reminder to keep our pavements clear so that buggies, wheelchairs, and dog-walkers can pass easily. In particular please keep hedges well-trimmed, bins off the pavement and park on the road rather than on the curb or verge.

- **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
- **Please make sure that all your neighbours are aware of this**
- 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.

- **Out and about**

In spite of the unusually high rainfall, we hope that you have been making the most of our beautiful village, the playing fields, Millennium Wood and our many footpaths when weather has allowed.

Please do consider seriously whether you would like to join the PC – a really good Parish Council team needs people like you. It is a worthwhile and valuable thing to do, is a way of giving back to our village, and means working with a group of likeminded, fun people who care about Swanbourne as much as you do. Please see the poster below and get in touch to find out more

clerkswanbournepc@gmail.com

We wish you a happy rest of the summer!

Swanbourne Parish Council



"Your Parish Council Needs YOU"

Swanbourne Parish Council has a councillor vacancy. We would love you to join us.

All enquiries and applications please contact the Parish Clerk, Jo Tudor clerkswanbournepc@gmail.com

More information can also be found on the Parish Council website
and on the PC Noticeboard outside the Village Shop

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We all have a stake in our village and have opinions and ideas about it. It is us who know our community best – we know what is great, what needs fixing, what could be done better and what could be done differently.

The sort of person who notices and cares about these things, and who wants to make a difference is the sort of person who becomes a Parish Councillor.

Being involved does not mean being political, it does not mean endless bureaucracy, and it does not even mean endless meetings. It certainly doesn't mean being of a certain age, background, experience or shoe size.

It does mean being part of a fun and constructive team of people who care about Swanbourne and want it to be the best it can be, who want to support and serve our community, who want to keep our village safe and to protect what is important to us.

If you would like to know more about what is involved or have any interest in applying for the position please get in touch with Jo Tudor, the Parish Clerk: clerkswanbournepc@gmail.com

A hugely satisfying voluntary role. Over 18s only. Approx 6 meetings/year. Application deadline: 1st October 2023.

SCA Tea in the Afternoon

SCA Tea in the Afternoon will be once a month on Mondays. The dates are 4th September, 2nd October and 6th November. All are at 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Please also note that the SCA Christmas Lunch is planned for Monday, 4th December 12.30pm for 1.00pm

Ken and Frankie

Methodist Chapel - Drop in for Coffee

Drop in for Coffee at the Methodist Chapel 10.30 am to 12 noon – held on Wednesdays. See you on 20th September, 18th October and 22nd November. All are welcome.

Ken and Frankie

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/443602106260000/>

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 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 NHS App. 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 \(winslowbus.com\)](#)

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

The Tonym Trust

Help if you are struggling financially....

The Tonym Trust is the name being used for a Swanbourne charity which has existed since the enclosure of the village fields in 1763. At that time, a parcel of land was allotted to the charity, which included the Rev. Charles Tonym as one of its first trustees, in his role as Vicar of Swanbourne. There have been many changes over the intervening years, but the land still provides the charity with a regular annual income, which can be used to give one-off grants to people who are struggling financially. If you are in need of some financial assistance, then please talk with one of its current trustees who will be able to help you in deciding whether you are eligible and how to make an application.

Current trustees are: Ken Harris (chair), Jill Bailey, Mo Gray, Trudy Timms and Rev Yvonne Mullins.

Ken Harris, 'Kelston', Mursley Road, tel: 720454,
email: ken.kelston1@gmail.com

SWANBOURNE BOOK CLUB

Greetings Book Clubbers,

Hope you are all well. It was good to see everyone who came on Wednesday.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 19th September at 8pm at the Betsy Wynne and the book we will be discussing is *The Remains of the Day* by Kazuo Ishiguro. Everyone is welcome whether you have read the book or not.

WINNER OF THE BOOKER PRIZE BY THE NOBEL-PRIZE WINNING AUTHOR. ONE OF THE BBC'S '100 NOVELS THAT SHAPED OUR WORLD'

'In the summer of 1956, Stevens, the ageing butler of Darlington Hall, embarks on a leisurely holiday that will take him deep into the countryside and into his past . . .

A contemporary classic, *The Remains of the Day* is Kazuo Ishiguro's beautiful and haunting evocation of life between the wars in a Great English House, of lost causes and lost love.'

We need books for future meetings so if you have any ideas, please let me know.

Jane

DINNER & DANCING

SWANBOURNE, SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2022, 7PM-11PM

**FOOD, DRINK
AND LIVE MUSIC
IN A MAGICAL
WOODLAND SETTING**



**COTTESLOE CHARITABLE TRUST IS
RAISING FUNDS FOR UKRAINE
ALL PROCEEDS TO SIOBHANS TRUST**

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Siobhans Trust is a UK charity who have the ability to respond rapidly to humanitarian crises. They are currently on the ground in Ukraine distributing food to hospitals, orphanages and others who are in desperate need.

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Doggy Diaries Autumn (Sept – Nov) 2023

♪ Summertime and the living is....very, very wet !!!

How are you all? I hope that the weather over the last few weeks hasn't dragged you down too much. It hasn't been great for a canine that doesn't like to get my feet wet and that really, really doesn't like the wrap-around towel thing Ma makes me wear so I can't shake muddy water all over the house. A walk is still a walk though, and a sniff opportunity is still a sniff opportunity (did you know having a sniff is the ultimate stress relief for dogs?) and I'll not turn my back on either of those!

I've been super busy since I last wrote to you and just for fun, I thought I'd put a few more pictures in this time so you could see for yourself ☺



I've been a ring bearer at the eldest sister's wedding (I know; lucky), attended and helped celebrate a graduation, helped keep Ma company and given her comfort at a funeral and interment of ashes, helped with a house clearing (I'm good at carrying things, and very good at finding Ma's phone when she has lost it – again – under a pile of something or in a box), helped baby-sit two cats (#selfcontrol), have been to my Mother Ship (Canine Partners HQ) a couple of times for meetings and we have had a busy house because all the siblings have been coming and going (my favourite thing), and we've had visitors too. Phew.

I have loved it all. I hope you have been having a wonderful time as well.

See you in December - next stop Christmas! Look after yourself, and each other until then.

Lots of love from Barry



SCA Lottery Draw Results

The summer lottery draw results were as follows: - First Prize, £200 – Megan Aris (no. 120). Second Prize, £100 – Philip Alderman (no. 121). Third Prize, £50 – Mo Gray (no. 162). Congratulations to the winners.

SWANBOURNE'S AUTUMN REFUSE COLLECTION DATES

<i>Date</i>	<i>Food waste</i>	<i>Recycling Bin</i>	<i>Waste Bin</i>	<i>Garden waste</i>
<i>Wednesday Aug 30</i>	COLLECTION	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION
<i>Tuesday Sep 5</i>	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION	No Collection
<i>Tuesday Sep 12</i>	COLLECTION	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION
<i>Tuesday Sep 19</i>	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION	No Collection
<i>Tuesday Sep 26</i>	COLLECTION	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION
<i>Tuesday June 27</i>	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION	No Collection
<i>Tuesday Oct 3</i>	COLLECTION	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION
<i>Tuesday Oct 10</i>	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION	No Collection
<i>Tuesday Oct 17</i>	COLLECTION	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION
<i>Tuesday Oct 24</i>	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION	No Collection
<i>Tuesday Oct 31</i>	COLLECTION	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION
<i>Tuesday Nov 7</i>	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION	No Collection
<i>Tuesday Nov 14</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.





St Swithun's Church, Swanbourne

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

8TH OCTOBER HARVEST LUNCH

TICKETS £7.50 FOR ADULTS £2.50 FOR UNDER 12

SUPPORTING *THE FARMING COMMUNITY NETWORK AND SEND A COW/RIPPLE.*

TICKETS FROM

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WILMA GILBERT wilma@fir-tree.co.uk OR 728283

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER

12TH NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

18TH NOVEMBER SHARE A PUDDING

10TH DECEMBER ANNUAL CAROL SERVICE

BETSEY WYNNE PUB – BEER FESTIVAL



Nick Holloway – New Headteacher at Swanbourne House School

New Headteacher Nick Holloway starts at Swanbourne House on 1st September. A graduate Archaeologist, Mr Holloway was previously Deputy Head at Brambletye School in Sussex and before that was Head of Science at Cothill School in Oxfordshire. He is a keen sportsman and outdoors enthusiast who enjoys mountaineering and sea kayaking. Joining Mr Holloway at Swanbourne House will be his wife, Emily, and three children. For further details, see the Swanbourne House website: - www.swanbourne.org



Anglian Water Investigation – Station Road

Reports of a “burst water main” to Anglian Water were the cause of sudden closures of Station Road during July. However, emergency excavations close to the Winslow Road junction could find no trace of chlorine in the water. Neither was this waste water. It’s actually very pure, of spring water quality.

It's not coming from Anglian water pipes, but most likely has a geological cause.

This was actually very old news to me because during my 7 years on Swanbourne Parish Council, we went through this saga several times before - with exactly the same conclusion. When patched up with fresh tarmac over the top, fresh spring water continues to bubble through the tarmac join.

Examination of a hundred year old photograph of Station Road shows traces of water in the same position as today. A wet July has probably raised the water table slightly, resulting in increased flow.

Before the advent of mains water, most households depended on local well water - the extraction of which would have lowered the water table. As this no longer happens, it also adds to the strength of the spring. *Clive Rodgers*



Local MP visits Swanbourne

As reported on page 4, Greg Smith's "Landy Tour" visited Swanbourne, outside the Betsey Wynne on Monday 14 August. We were asked to "Drop by to say hello and tell Greg your views on national or local issues, from the comfort of the bench seats of a classic Series 3 Land Rover powered by sustainable carbon neutral fuel from P1 Fuels". Thank you, Greg.



Greg Smith takes questions
(photographed
by Roger Parker)

Christmas Jumpers

It's still August/September – but hot off the press, the Si Swanbourne social network have provisionally agreed with Rodolfo (Manager at the Betsey Wynne) to a repeat of the 2022 Xmas Jumpers in the Snug evening for Xmas 2023; courtesy pizza for all in our community. Further updates will be posted on Swanbourne Facebook, email and Si Swanbourne WhatsApp! *Dee Thomas*

French Lessons at Swanbourne Stores

In June, Yr4 from Swanbourne House School went to the Swanbourne Stores to practise their shop conversation. Jean-Claude welcomed the children in the shop for a truly authentic experience. We were able to buy, for example, “un paquet de bonbons, un croissant et un jus de pommes”. All pupils spoke with confidence and enjoyed the challenge of using their French outside the classroom. Bravo, tout le monde! Here are some testimonies of our outing.

Hari said: “I thought it was fun because we got to speak French and use euros to pay like in France”

Chloe said: “I really liked it because it felt like we were really in France, and Jean-Claude was very nice and taught new words like “des fleurs”!

We would like to thank Jean-Claude and Julie for their time and warm welcome. ggrimble@swanbourne.org

Madame Grimble et Monsieur Baines

Jean-Claude helps school students with French conversation



Sign up now (it's cheaper before 1st September). Tom



BRITISH OCR

ENDEAVOUR SWANBOURNE

A gutsy, gruelling and traditional Obstacle Course Endurance Race. A test of determination, spirit and camaraderie, but above all – SPIRIT

Sunday 22nd October 2023

This year we are hosting the first ever GB OCR JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Swanbourne Endeavour is an event for all fitness levels, but it is TOUGH! From different waves of the GB OCR Championships from 6+, to the Kids Endeavour at 5K and the slightly longer 5(ish)K or 10K of the adult Endeavours – there is something to challenge all

Sign up as a team, a corporate challenge; run with a friend or run against yourself. AND, it is all for charity. All proceeds go straight to our excellent chosen charities.

Our wonderful sponsors:



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Swanbourne History Evening – Saturday, 11th November

“The growth of Swanbourne since the Middle Ages”

The evening will be led by Clive and Linda Rodgers and will start with the archaeological evidence which suggests that the original village was concentrated from the Church area to Smithfield End. Growth of housing eastwards has progressively increased the area of the village. Includes a PowerPoint presentation with historic photographs/maps showing how the village has changed over time. Starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Entry £3 paid on the door.