



Swanbourne Village News

Newsletter No. 152 September 2020 – November 2020

Pebble Fairy campaign lifts village morale during the
Coronavirus lockdown (see P. 4)



Millennium Wood - During the lockdown David Thrower kindly offered to maintain the existing grassy clearings with the picnic benches (which were providing a popular rest for walkers and joggers). As we entered the main growing season, sections of undergrowth elsewhere in the wood were preserved in order to help maximise species diversity. It was also Dave who originally helped to finance these new picnic benches and seating after securing a grant towards their purchase from the Freemasons some two years ago.

Interestingly, Dave is a close relative of Percy Thrower MBE. Percy was born at Horwood House (where Percy's father worked as Head Gardener). Percy Thrower became nationally known when presenting gardening programmes, including establishing and presenting *Gardeners' World* and the *Blue Peter garden* on BBC TV (until 1987). Alan Titchmarsh credited Percy with originally inspiring him to take up gardening.

As well as ongoing maintenance of Millennium wood, Dave is also strimming and mowing verges within the village (where needed between council cuts) and Toby Terry has been mowing the playing field over the summer.



Dave Thrower (right) with Roger Ovens

DIARY DATES

Mon 7th Sep – Afternoon tea in Swanbourne Village Hall outside in garden (see P.17)

Sat 12th Sep – Ride and stride from 10am (See P.17)

Wed 30th Sep – Parish Council meeting (See P. 6)

Mon 5th Oct - Afternoon tea in Swanbourne Village Hall outside in garden (see P.17)

Sun 18th Oct - Swanbourne Endeavour - CANCELLED DUE TO COVID 19 (see below).

Mon 2nd Nov – Afternoon tea in Swanbourne Village Hall outside in garden (see P.17)

Future Dates

Mon 7th Dec – SCA Christmas Lunch in Swanbourne VH (Covid permitting, see P.17)

ENDEAVOUR IS CANCELLED - Sadly, a decision has been made to cancel the Swanbourne Endeavour this year, due to the complications from Coronavirus. Obviously, there is currently a limit on numbers at gatherings in any event. We do plan to host a number of small “Squad Runs” for up to 30 people during week day evenings, whereby we can maintain social distancing, but still enjoy the trials, the wet and the cold of the Endeavour course.

For more details contact Tom Finchett on 07974 029961.



An old Squad Run

Swanbourne Post Office and Stores re-opened on Monday 24

August. Until further notice the opening hours are:

Monday: 10:00 – 13:00 & 14:00 – 17:30

Tuesday: 10:00 – 13:00 & 14:00 – 17:30

Wednesday: 10:00 – 13:00

Thursday: 10:00 – 13:00 & 14:00 – 17:30

Friday: 10:00 – 13:00 & 14:00 – 17:30

Saturday: 10:00 – 12:30

Sunday & Bank Holidays: Closed

Pebble Fairy Campaign (continued from page 1)

Early in July and the lockdown seems as though it has been going on forever. Negativity and boredom is now commonplace. Work is cancelled, holidays are cancelled, we have to stay in and distance ourselves. Just as the village needs a morale boost some beautiful artwork painted on pebbles provide a real treat to so many people as we welcome the mysterious Pebble Fairy! The sudden appearance of beautiful pebble art on our doorstep cannot fail to bring a smile! Thank you so much Rosemary Andrew for helping to facilitate the work of the Pebble Fairy via some helpful hints on the Swanbourne Community Facebook pages. Rosemary is not the actual Pebble Fairy but she has helped as a facilitator. The true identity of the Pebble Fairy must remain a secret, but this is clearly a person of considerable artistic ability who has spent a lot of time doing pebble artwork. A surprise when we found them by our houses and while exercising as well as on verges, in the War Memorial etc. and all had such a wonderful variety of themes.

You couldn't help but smile – and with some excitement we look forward to finding the next unexpected pebble!

Thank you, Pebble Fairy.!



Swanbourne Village Community Facebook Group

This has continued to provide helpful advice and information throughout the current crisis e.g. concerning local food sources and services and provides a platform for local businesses. Particularly helpful during these difficult times with the local shop and post office closed. It also provides moral and practical support for Swanbourners who live on their own. Positive comments are more helpful to the community and tend to improve a sense of wellbeing. Negative comments tend to drag down community morale and usually don't achieve very much. It's also polite to show respect and kindness to others and in return you will also be respected. Deborah and Rosemary are continuing to do a fantastic job as administrators, ensuring the discussion remains appropriate and ending discussion threads as needed.

Traffic consultation

Thanks go to all members of the public who completed the Survey Monkey consultation. We will be using the information gathered from the survey to argue the case for more effective traffic controls and intend applying for grants as and when suitable sources of finance become available.

Public Rights of Way Map

The Editors are pleased to be able to include with this edition of the Swanbourne Newsletter an A4 sized paper copy of the Swanbourne map which shows all public rights of way. Walking and jogging the footpaths of Swanbourne and neighbouring parishes has become an important source of exercise during the Coronavirus crisis. As well as inspiring a greater amount of interest in the natural world, these activities also provide physical and mental health benefits. Studies have shown that walkers, joggers and runners boost their level of vitamin D, increase the amount of norepinephrine (a chemical that can moderate the brain's stress response), reduce fat by burning off calories and improve their confidence and sleep patterns.

Walkers' responsibilities

It's common sense, but please ensure that any access gates along the public footpaths are closed shut so that livestock doesn't escape. Please also make sure your dog is kept under control and does not chase farm animals. Apart from it being illegal to drop litter, it's also very important not to leave any litter because farm animals can die from eating plastic and polythene rubbish.

Please follow the marked paths and avoid trespassing across farmland where there are no footpaths marked in the field or on the map.

Landowner responsibilities

The maintenance of public rights of way is basically the responsibility of the landowner. Here is a link to the guidance provided by H.M. government: - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/public-rights-of-way-landowner-responsibilities>

When a public right of way crosses farmland the owner should not deliberately obstruct it. The route must be marked, kept visible and should not endanger users. Similarly, where there are stiles, kissing gates and wooden bridges the landowner should maintain and replace them where necessary and ensure that vegetation does not encroach upon the route from the sides or above.

In certain circumstances landowners may be able to reclaim up to 25% of repair costs back from Buckinghamshire Council Highways.

Alastair McVail is the Buckinghamshire Area Rights of Way officer, so if members of the public or farmers wish to make enquiries, please email: - Alastair.McVail@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Landowner permissive paths

There are also a small number of Swanbourne Estate permissive paths but these cannot be added to the main map for copyright reasons. These are extra routes chosen by a landowner (and can be subject to change). Swanbourne Estate offers the following permissive routes: -

- The permissive bridleway shown on an air photo in the previous Newsletter from Avey Lane to The Lodge. This now has improved, clearer signage.
- A short link between the permissive bridleway and footpath 4/2 which means walkers can access the permissive bridleway from the footpath, without - walking along the road.
- The link between the Betsey Wynne and footpath 11/1 towards Mursley.
- There is then a loop of a permissive path running through the wood and back towards the road along the track between Kelston and the Old Swan.
- The link between 7/1 and 16/3.

Parish Council Meetings

Parish Councillors are unpaid volunteers who live in Swanbourne and freely give up their time to help improve life for the people of Swanbourne community. During the current crisis meetings have been held by video conference instead of the Village Hall - but we are hoping to return to a meeting in the Village Hall on 30th September (starting at 7pm) but only if government rules allow and all Parish Council members are happy to do that. The alternative would be another remote meeting.

Parish Council Transparency

The Parish Council website follows government transparency guidelines and contains all the Parish Council news and documentation (e.g. agenda and the Parish Council's minute records as well as all financial information).

www.swanbourneparishcouncil.co.uk

Parish Councillors

Parish Clerk – Vanda Bennett, email clerkswanbournepc@gmail.com telephone enquiries to 728392 are welcome.

Parish Councillor (Chair) - Clive Rodgers, email swanbourne13@gmail.com. Strategic planning, liaising with SCA, maintenance overview, Newsletter (joint editor), liaison with Swanbourne Estate, websites and bank signatory. Enquiries to the following Parish Councillors will be forwarded via the Parish Clerk - Helen Cleaveley (Traffic issues, MVAS and Speedwatch, bank

signatory); Linda Sirett (Dog related issues, playing field/verge advice); Steve French (Community Board meetings, local planning applications advice); Rosemary Andrew (Bus shelters, bus stops, liaison with passenger transport, joint Facebook community moderator); Deborah Barrow (Highway defect reporting to Buckinghamshire Council, litter issues, joint Facebook community moderator); Mike King (Standing orders, transparency compliance, help with Parish Council website, bank signatory).

Medical Prescription Deliveries from Winslow Dispensary

Due to the merger between Winslow, Whitchurch and Wing surgeries, the EMIS online system for requesting repeat prescriptions no longer works. It will be necessary to register with the new system and at the time of writing most patients will have been contacted concerning this process. If there are any queries you may email: - 3whealth.patientaccess@nhs.net

If you are still waiting for the new system to be set up you may telephone 713434 to request a repeat or email:- prescriptions.norden@nhs.net listing the medication requested. Norden still maintains a patient delivery service for the over 60s in Swanbourne (except for patients who collect from Lloyds Pharmacy) which is not available if registered at Whitchurch.

Village Planning News

20/02468/APP | Creation of menage | Nearnton End Farm MK1 OSL - *Pending*

19/04412/DIS | Details relating to conditions 3, 5 and 7 (tree protection, boundary and drainage) concerning planning approval 19/04412/APP for new detached house at the Old Swan, Mursley Road - *Pending*

20/01957/APP | Erection of stable | 3, Old Drovers View, MK17 OSL - *Pending*

Swanbourne Artist has painting exhibited at the National Gallery

Martyn Burdon (of Mursley Road, Swanbourne) has a new painting of Sir Lenny Henry which has been selected for the BP Portrait Award show (the most prestigious portrait painting award in the world).

Lenny Henry sat for Martyn last year and his painting of Lenny is currently exhibited at the National Portrait Gallery in London.

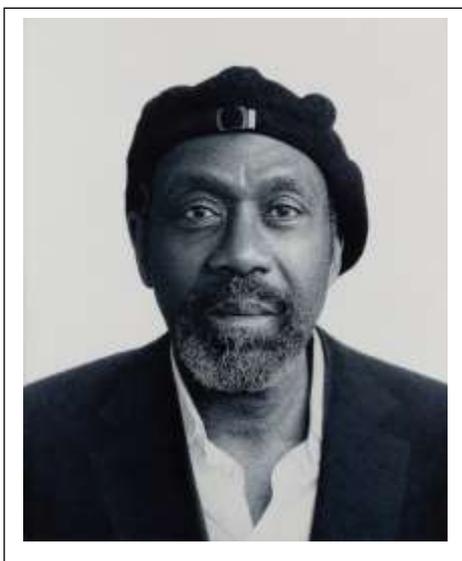
Because of the Coronavirus lockdown the opening was postponed, but the gallery has made the exhibition available to view online, using a virtual 3D model. The exhibition is due to run for 12 months, and will be shown at a

number of different locations around the country (assuming the Coronavirus pandemic remains under control and museums and galleries are allowed to be open).

This was Lenny Henry's response to the painting "What an honour it is to be presented at the National Portrait Gallery with such a fine picture. Martyn Burdon has captured elements of the way I am, in a way that I don't think has ever been seen by the public before. I owe him a debt of gratitude". Members of the public are able to follow this link to see the exhibition and can vote online for their favourite painting.

<https://www.npg.org.uk/whatson/bp-portrait-award-2020/exhibition/>

Here is a link to Martyn's website: - www.martynburdon.com



This is a reproduction of Martyn's black and white painting of Lenny Henry. It is not a photograph!

Doggy Diaries September – November 2020

Well Hello Swanbourne,

I hope that you are all extremely well, and that you are settling into the extra-new 'new normal' as life changes again and school gets going. I don't know about you, but I liked it when everyone was at home and going for lots of walks, and when everything was quieter, including the roads.

As far as I am concerned the extra-new 'new normal' is not yet normal at all. Some of my Canine Partner friends have hardly been out of the house at all for months – it's a big deal for us to go back out into the big world again, and to focus on our work with all that noise and distraction around us. We have all been practising wearing our jackets in our homes so that we are used to it when we go out. I hope folk realise this and are kind and respectful – I know everyone wants to give us love, but imagine how hard it is for us if they do! Ma and I are rather enjoying being out and about a bit more 😊. The biggest and best thing yet though is that we can go to the Betsey again, my favourite place! I do love it there; I get love, and cuddles and snoozes and drinks and snacks – perfect! I haven't been to a Village Tea yet – but I am SO looking forward to them too.

We have done some fun stuff at home recently – like Ma teaching me to peel a banana. I 'got' it much more quickly than she thought I would ;) Now every time I hear, see or smell banana I'm right there. Beside the banana. Just like that. Just in case they need me to peel it!

We still have my human brother and sisters living at home with us full-time which I love (more cuddles). I really don't understand the talking to people on a screen thing they do though – when I look behind the screen, the people they are talking to aren't there. I can't make out their smell properly either which is very confusing, AND none of those people has ever given me a treat or a cuddle like any normal person would. Very odd. Ma and the others seem to think it's ok though, so I suppose I must be content with that.

Can you believe that the next time I write to you it will be nearly Christmas – how completely bonkers is that. Stay safe, well and happy until then, please, and look after each other, as always -

With love,

Barry



PS Here is a picture of me in action, peeling a banana (previous page) and also one of my best friends – Minnie, also with me ☺



REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
Some of these may have resumed by September. Please telephone the contact numbers to confirm.

Monday am and pm – Currently available for hire.

Tuesday Yoga classes – Paul Blissett daytime and evening yoga classes
– Tel. 680454 for further details or email to:

paulblissett@hedgelayer.co.uk

Wednesday am Pilates – Tel. Phil Nuttridge Tel. 01280 817200

Pm evening preference is offered for PC and SCA meetings.

Thursday am Body Sculpt - Tara Hughes 0787 2449019. Evening pm
Giososo Concert Band; Tel. David Sharp 01908 503461 or email

d.sharp@open.ac.uk

Friday am and pm - Currently available for hire.

COMMUNITY WEBSITE, EMAIL & TELEPHONE CONTACTS

Swanbourne Village Hall – To make a booking please contact Simone on 07582967171 and leave a message – then she will get back to you within 24

hours. The Village Hall Committee Chairman/Treasurer is now Hugo Gilbert. hugogilbert@fir-tree.co.uk Other Committee members are: Wilma Gilbert and Mo Gray.

Swanbourne Neighbourhood and Countryside Watch

Email swanwatch7@gmail.com or tel: - Mo on 720269 or Doody on 728161.

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Village information via email circulation - Newer village residents may like to know that information is regularly circulated by email by Peter Hampton. If you are new to the village you may be interested in adding your name to the list. Notices should be forwarded to Peter at the following email address:- swanbournemail@gmail.com

Swanbourne Community Association – Tel. Frankie Fisher (Chair) on 720454 Website: -www.swanbournecommunityassociation.com

Swanbourne Facebook Village Community Group: - Moderators: Cllr. Rosemary Andrew and Cllr. Deborah Barrow.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/443602106260000/>

Swanbourne Estate- The Estate Manager is Tom Finchett. Tel. 01296-720256 email: office@swanbourneestate.co.uk

Swanbourne History Group – Tel. Ken Harris (Chair) on 720454, email ken.kelston1@gmail.com Website:- www.swanbournehistory.co.uk

The Shop – Jan and Magda Bos Tel. 720288, Website:-

<https://www.facebook.com/SwanbourneStores/>

Betsey Wynne Pub - www.thebetseywynne.co.uk Tel. 720825.

Swanbourne Parish Council – Parish Clerk (Vanda Bennett) Tel. 728392.

Website: www.swanbourneparishcouncil.co.uk

Play Out Swanbourne - Ellie Markland Tel. 720454, Website: -

www.facebook.com/playoutswanbourne

Playing Field Committee – Vanda Bennett Tel. 728392.

Winslow Community Bus - Tel. 01296 715786. 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). All for free with a bus pass. **However, please note that this service was suspended due to Covid 19 and at the time of writing is still inoperative.**

Housing Histories – Ridgeway Cottages

This summary history (compiled by the Editors) is based on conversations with local people, archive information, historic PC records, Estate records and Land Registry information. More detailed research continues and any further information is welcome.

The history of Ridgeway Cottages begins with a petition which was presented to Swanbourne Parish Council on March 24th 1933 as follows: -

We the undersigned, having regard to the shortage of housing accommodation in the Parish, respectfully request the Parish Council to take any necessary steps with the Local Housing Authority with a view to getting a sufficient number of houses erected at the earliest opportunity: -

Signed: - W. G. Walker, E. Colgrove, E. Endell, J. H. Bonham, J. G. Brooks, W. W. Brigginsshaw, C Boughton, N. Harris, J G. Viccars.

Swanbourne Parish Council referred the petition to the Rural District Council (which was then based in Winslow). With no immediate progress, on 22nd June 1938 (5 years later) a second petition was made and the Clerk was requested to communicate with Lord Cottesloe.

At their next meeting on July 13th 1939, Mr. Gadsden (PC Chairman) reported that the District Council were making arrangements for 6 dwellings for agricultural workers and allied occupations to be erected in the village.

The subsequent destruction of houses by German bombing in World War 2 led the government to further encourage the building of more council owned housing. A larger Ridgeway Estate would go ahead.

At the Council meeting on January 13th 1948, a letter was read from the Clerk to the Winslow Rural District Council, asking the Parish Council to recommend suitable tenants for the first 4 Houses and 2 Bungalows now under construction and enclosing a list of applicants received to date.

For the 4 Houses: - Mr. William G Campbell, Swanbourne, Mr. James G. Bonham, Swanbourne, Mr. John Edward Campbell, Swanbourne, Mr William George Cowell, Granborough. For the 2 Bungalows: - Mr. Thomas Morgan and Mrs. Catherine Soton, Swanbourne.

Subsequently, the Parish Council also decided to make the following recommendation: *That for the Parish of Swanbourne, there is not likely for a long time to come, to be any requirements for more Housing than the 16 Cottages and 4 Bungalows which were contemplated two years ago. Carried unanimously.*

These were the first new houses to be built for some years and the accommodation was quite spacious. They had running water and flush toilets at a time when some parts of the village still relied on well water and earth closets. This was achieved by using a local waste water system (basically cesspits with soakaways) the remnants of which can be seen within a strip of Estate land at the bottom of the track on the right running

from an old double garage to cesspit remnants emerging above the ground in Mr Oven's allotment with ducks. Once a village-wide full sanitation system was operating from 1961, this local system was no longer needed.

By the 1960s car ownership was becoming widespread, so in 1965 a request was made from the District Council to the Playing Field Committee (who rented the neighbouring field from the owner, Swanbourne Estate) to consider granting a right of vehicular access to the rear gardens of the Ridgeway houses on the East side of the Ridgeway Estate via a 10 foot wide track ending 330 feet from the Mursley Road. It seems that a track was already in use both for playing field access as well as from the years when vehicles needed to service the cesspits at the bottom. The request was considered, and a legal framework was agreed which allowed access from the playing field track for a motor vehicle to park in the rear garden of each respective house or within a garage to be constructed within their rear gardens. This was also approved by the Hon. John Fremantle, the owner of the playing field and track (who was also Chairman of the Parish Council by that time) and the agreement runs until 2054.

By the 1980s the government had introduced the "right to buy" for Council tenants, a right which was taken up by about half of the Council tenants. Then about 15 years ago, the remaining Ridgeway houses still owned by AVDC were transferred as a block to the Vale of Aylesbury Housing Association.

Fly Tipping in Avey Lane

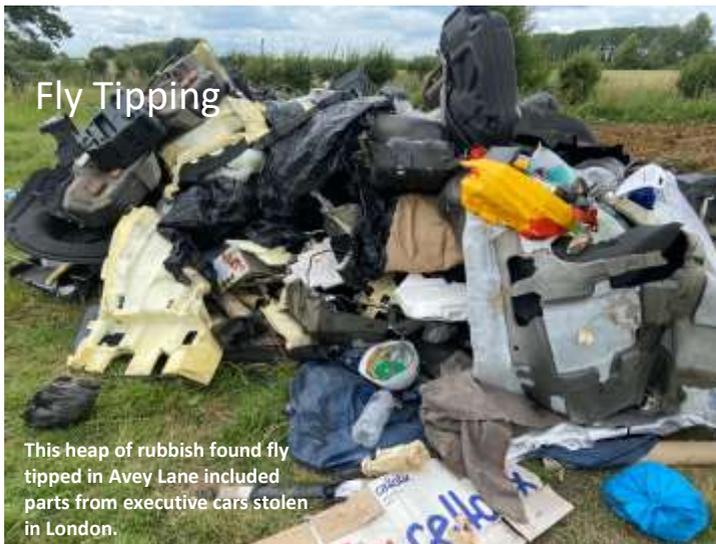
Avey Lane is a public bridleway passing through land owned by Swanbourne Estate, and it is the starting point from the Neptune Road for the permissive path which runs through Estate land, ending at the Lodge (the route was shown on an air photo on the back page of the previous Newsletter).

At the end of July an enormous heap of rubbish appeared overnight at the entrance to Avey Lane. Buckinghamshire Council say they will not remove this, so it is down to the Estate (although it is understood that most of the rubbish is car parts from stolen Lexus cars from around London).

I am waiting to find out if the police have an involvement in this before the rubbish is removed. The Estate is discussing with the Rights of Way Officer whether anything can be done to prevent vehicle access (whilst maintaining footpath and bridleway access), such as bollards or gates.

It is surprising how much unauthorised access takes place down there (including the hiding of stolen vehicles in the past).

Tom Finchett



Harvests and Pigeons

Pigeons – one of the many pains in farming.

Many of you may have noticed that we have grown less oilseed rape in recent years (the crop with bright yellow flowers in the spring.) Oilseed rape is a brassica, part of the cabbage family, and thus is at risk from a pest called Cabbage Stem Flea Beetle.

In the past, we have treated the rape seed to keep these pests at bay. Unfortunately, the treatment contains a substance called neonicotinoids – chemically similar to nicotine. Research has shown that these treatments might kill bees or change their behaviour, and has now been banned. This has led to the failure of most oilseed rape crops in recent years, and means most farmers do not plant.

Last year, we budgeted to sell 400 tonnes of oilseed rape... but only harvested 7 tonnes! What is left of rape in the spring is often hit by pigeons who begin to flock in January and February, and hit the crops in ever increasing numbers.

For 2020, some of our rape survived the Cabbage Stem Flea Beetle, and was available to feed the pigeons! We are planting oilseed rape at the moment, as the thunder storms give it a good chance of growing faster than the flea beetle can damage it. If we can establish a crop, then we will be controlling the pigeons over the winter.

We will never beat the pigeons – but we might persuade them to visit elsewhere!

Tom Finchett

Nick and Linda Sirett's fresh vegetables and flowers

So, this is how our story begins.....



Firstly, let me introduce ourselves. We are Nick and Linda Sirett and we work as Gardeners for Swanbourne Estate working at The Old House. As part of our role, we produce fruit, vegetables and flowers grown in the garden and in the walled garden next to the Village Hall.

Life became very different for us, as with most people in recent months. We had previously provided, amongst others, the Betsey Wynne with fresh seasonal vegetables and flowers. However, when lockdown came upon us, we had to think what to do with the produce we had grown. That's when we came up with the idea of supplying the village and surrounding area with our veg boxes. These have proved very popular and along with fresh flowers, wild flowers, fruit, jars of Betsey's Best award-winning Honey, apple juice and Swanbourne Gin, have provided a life line for many, some would say especially the gin!

We have decided to continue with this service, as it has proved so popular and from September we will be delivering in the village once a week on a Thursday afternoon.

We are proud to say that all our produce is grown without the use of pesticides or chemicals. By not using these it has encouraged insects into the garden and along with the wild flowers has welcomed species of dragon flies, bees and butterflies.

If you would like to purchase from us or would like more information about what we do please do not hesitate to contact us on 07736 233778 or email nick.sirett27@gmail.com or comment on our posts in the Swanbourne Village Community page on Facebook.

May we finish by saying a huge thank you to all those who have bought items from us. We really appreciate your kind words and support.

Nick and Linda

East-West Rail Progress

A start has been made on the new Winslow Station which is expected to be completed and operational from summer, 2023. This will facilitate train journeys from Winslow on the upgraded railway line both towards Oxford and West/South, or towards Milton Keynes and the East/North.

Swanbourne Village Cricket Team (See back page photograph)

Thanks to all who played for, helped and supported the Swanbourne Village Cricket Team at short notice this year. It was great to be able to play cricket during such an unusual time and hopefully it provided some enjoyment to all involved!

Our first of two matches against regular cricketing sides was with ongoing rivals Mursley. Swanbourne elected to bowl and got off to a great start as Rob Rooney took an excellent catch to remove one of Mursley's opening Batsmen. Lots of tight bowling meant that we restricted Mursley to 88 runs, a great effort all around but mentions must go to Oliver Hudson and Pete Barrow for some particularly stingy bowling!!

Swanbourne started our innings well, with Brian Knaves and Ethan Craig notching up the runs.

Unfortunately, Mursley's well-trained bowlers rose to the occasion and 3 wickets in a single over left Swanbourne reeling. Rob Rooney then suffered his typical comedic 'run-out', some people just never have any luck... As the match looked like it was coming to an early finish, Dave Thrower struck up great batting partnerships with Sam Greenwood and then Charlie Collins (who batted and bowled superbly on debut) and the final pair were able to bat out the remaining overs, falling narrowly short of Mursley's score.

After a quick refuel (no match teas provided this year due to Covid-19 restrictions), the second match began versus Drayton Parslow with Swanbourne batting first. Again, early wickets fell before Stuart Craker and Jonathan Waugh began to rebuild the innings, each smashing powerful 6s off the Drayton Parslow bowlers! This time at the end of the innings, a superb Father-and-Son partnership from Dave Thrower and Harry Thrower (also on debut; him and Charlie are definitely future stars of the team) left Swanbourne with a chance of winning the match; Drayton Parslow needing 85 to win.

Dave Thrower and Jonathan Waugh then took early wickets, before Ethan Craig and Stuart Craker backed them up with accurate bowling to restrict the runs for Drayton Parslow. Drayton Parslow had to start taking risks and a couple of eventful overs left them requiring just 6 runs off the final 3 overs, but with only a couple of wickets left. Under huge pressure, Pete Barrow's unbelievable bowling spell (10 consecutive dot-balls!) took the match into the final over for a nail-biting finish. With a few balls to go, Drayton Parslow managed to hit a boundary to win the game and record a narrow victory.

Although we did not win our matches, we came very close to some unlikely victories in tricky conditions. Our opposition now play and train every week, whereas most Swanbourne players come out of cricket-retirement for a couple of weeks a year!

It's always a great day and played in good spirits which is important now more than ever.

We look forward to next year.

Ashley Sherwood

Swanbourne Teas

After our enforced break, we held our first tea on July 13th. We laid out tables and chairs, suitably distanced in the Village Hall garden, collected our disposable cup, helped ourselves to milk and sugar, then tea was served to all in their seats. We had some home-made cakes and some individually wrapped from the shops. It was great to see everyone again!

We met again on Aug. 3rd, in the garden.

There is hand sanitizer and paper towels by the door. If the weather is wet it will be necessary to bring your mask, though you can take it off to eat and drink. We'll keep the front door and garden door open to allow air to circulate. Do come if you can!

Our dates for the rest of the year are: Sept. 7th, Oct. 5th, Nov. 2nd and Dec. 7th. This last will be a Christmas Lunch, this time taking the form of a Christmas Buffet. Save the dates if you can and Keep Safe!

Frankie Fisher

Ride + Stride 2020 will take place on Saturday 12th September 10am to 6pm.

Dear Swanbourne,

How about taking part in the Ride + Stride this year?! It does make a great day out!

Work out a route to see how many churches you can visit, sign in at each church and get sponsored, for each church maybe, or miles travelled! A group ride, lunch 'en route'? I have the official sponsor forms and all details. Just get in touch!

Dee Blunt, 01296 720397, dee.blunt@hart-house.net

RADIO FREMANTLE WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Listen to Phil and Sylvia Dalton's grandson (Dan Dalton) who broadcasts on this Western Australian community radio station on 107.9 FM every Saturday morning at 10am (UK time) with music known as SOUL PURPOSE.

It is broadcast 8km from Swanbourne, Australia and can be received right here in Swanbourne, England. Check out their website: -

www.radiofremantle.com

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>Tuesday Aug 25</i>	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION	No Collection
<i>Wednesday Sep 02</i>	COLLECTION	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION
<i>Tuesday Sep 08</i>	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION	No Collection
<i>Tuesday Sep 15</i>	COLLECTION	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION
<i>Tuesday Sep 22</i>	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION	No Collection
<i>Tuesday Sep 29</i>	COLLECTION	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION
<i>Tuesday Oct 06</i>	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION	No Collection
<i>Tuesday Oct 13</i>	COLLECTION	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION
<i>Tuesday Oct 20</i>	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION	No Collection
<i>Tuesday Oct 27</i>	COLLECTION	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION
<i>Tuesday Nov 03</i>	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION	No Collection
<i>Tuesday Nov 10</i>	COLLECTION	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION
<i>Tuesday Nov 17</i>	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION	No Collection

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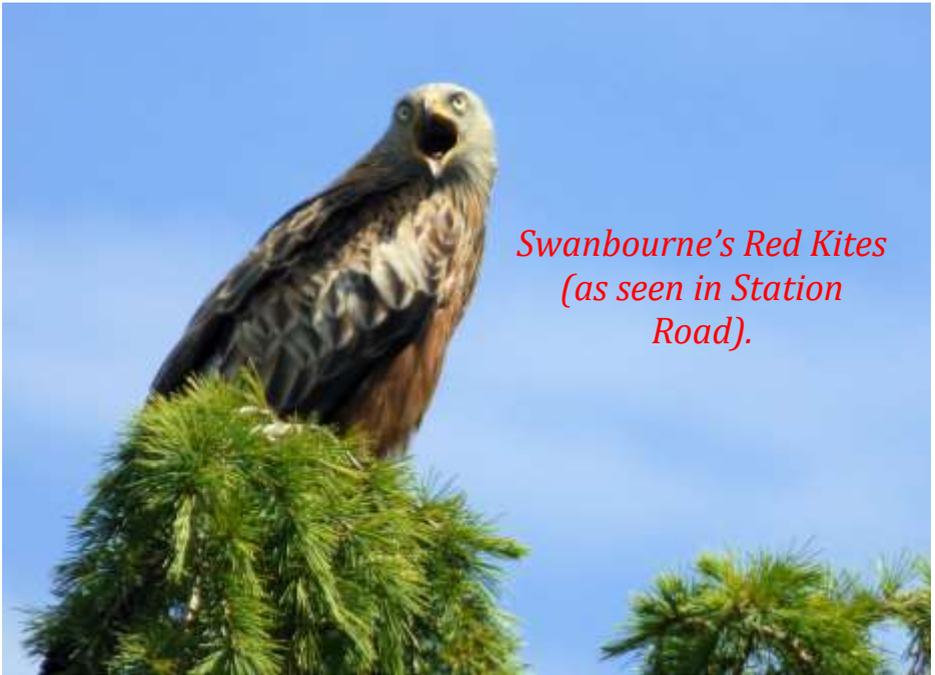
Swanbourne's Red Kites

Red kites were once persecuted, and during the 20th century their UK breeding population was reduced to just a handful of pairs in South Wales. However, over the last 20 years the Welsh population has been supplemented by re-introductions in England and Scotland. Locally, four Swedish and one Welsh bird were re-introduced to the Chilterns in Bucks and several from Spain were re-introduced to Rockingham Forest, Northants.

Thankfully, several more viable populations have been successfully re-established across the UK. However, with a total population of around 4,000 birds, the red kite is still one of the rarest birds in the UK.

The Swanbourne population is likely to be derived from a branch of the successful Chiltern Hills reintroduction. In Swanbourne they may be seen soaring on thermals anywhere above the village (especially over Smithfield End, Ridgeway and Millennium Wood). The photographs of red kites on page 19 were taken in Station Road during July, 2020.

Olive Rodgers



*Swanbourne's Red Kites
(as seen in Station
Road).*



Kite photographs, Clive Rogers, July 2020.

Swanbourne Cricket Team (see P. 16)



Harvest time in Swanbourne's fields (see P.14)



Photograph, Tom Finchett, August 2020