



# Swanbourne Village News

Newsletter No. 159 June – August 2022

*To celebrate*



## **Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee** after 70 years of service

**Join us for an afternoon and evening of celebrations  
to commemorate this special occasion!**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022 from 12 noon**

**The Estate Marquee**

**Located in the Park paddock with beautiful views over  
parkland** access via Home Farm and Swanbourne House School

**Lunchtime music and family entertainment**, including a  
brass band. Bring your own buffet/picnic ~ and chairs ~ although  
some tables and chairs provided ~ bring your own picnic blankets  
and gazebos if you wish

**Evening Live music, food and celebrations from 6pm**

Food & bar (details to follow) but 'BYO' is also fine *Dress for the  
occasion....but bring your 'brollies....bring your picnic blankets....and gazebos  
welcome for that element of fine dining!*

**Evening Tickets Adults: £15 each / Children U16: £5 each.**

**Tickets available in advance from Swanbourne Stores and the  
Betsey Wynne.** *Evening music features "Rondeau" and "The  
Authentics"*

## Charity event for Ukraine

**FUN Day at The Farm**

UKRAINE

SWANBOURNE ESTATE

Lions Club of Milton Keynes Central

Come and visit me and my Friends on Sunday  
28<sup>th</sup> August 2022  
11am to 5pm .

Ride me and help to raise money for Ukraine Charity

Venue : Swanbourne Estate : Close up experience with farm Live Stock  
Swanbourne House, Free parking at School Car park.  
Swanbourne . MK17 0HZ Great Food, Drinks & Trade Stalls onsite.

ADMISSION : Adults £2 Children 16yrs and under £1

## Gardening – Can palms thrive in my Swanbourne Garden?



Photo of *Trachycarpus wagneriensis* in the Editors garden

Yes! Two species of fan palm will thrive in Swanbourne.

*Trachycarpus fortuneii* and *Trachycarpus wagneriensis* will be fine even with winter temperatures as low as minus 15 degrees C. However, no other fan palm species are likely to survive really low temperatures.

## DIARY DATES

Tues 24<sup>th</sup> May - Book Club, 8pm at the Betsey (See P14)

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> May - Parish Assembly, 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> May - Coffee at the Methodist Chapel (See P13)

Sat 4<sup>th</sup> June - Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations (See P1)

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> June - SCA Afternoon Tea 2.30pm in the Village Hall (See P8)

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> July - SCA Afternoon Tea 2.30pm in the Village Hall (See P8)

Sun 28<sup>th</sup> August - Fun Day at the Farm (See P2)

## Palms *continued*



Photos: - Edittor's garden

*Trachycarpus fortunei* is very similar except the fan leaf tips are less rigid so they often droop. Available in most garden centres.

*Cordyline*, the cabbage palm, will also do well in Swanbourne, but in the most severe winters the main stems might die. However, the roots do not die and should give rise to new small palms once again the following year. Small examples are sometimes confused with yucca plants.



# Parish Council Update and News

## *#MakeAChange*

**The Parish Council is always looking for people to help out, and to be involved in making Swanbourne the best place it can be – for us all.**

Swanbourne is a wonderful place – we are very lucky.

Everyone who lives and/or works here has a stake in our village. We all have opinions and ideas about our village too, and are involved in any number of different ways – from living here, parking here, exercising here, attending events here, dog walking here, shopping, eating and drinking here, to running and using businesses here.

It is us who know our community best and we all have ideas about what is great, what needs fixing, what could be done better and what could be done differently.

In order to be effective, the Parish Council needs to hear and understand all of this.

Please do get in touch, tell us your ideas, let us know how you would like to be involved, ask questions, or find out about how you could help out. We would love to hear from you.

## *#MakeAChange*

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- **Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Parish Assembly**

By the time you read this we will have held both our AGM and the Parish Assembly, and we hope that many of you will have joined us.

- The AGM is when we review the past year, look forward to the next 12 months and discuss what is next for us as a Parish Council.
- The Parish Assembly is a particularly important community occasion. It is a gathering organised by the Parish Council for all of the Electorate as an

opportunity for us all to be kept up to date with what goes on in Swanbourne, to share ideas and to discuss concerns.

We will update you on both of these in the next Swanbourne News.

- **Verges**

- We have had an extremely positive community response which is wonderful.
- The verges are our collective responsibility and something many of us can impact directly.
- There is still more to do. Please have a look, and let's work together to make the difference.
- Many thanks to those who have offered ideas and taken action - most verges are now looking good and damaged ones are recovering well.
- We are aware that there has been an issue with grass cutting – please be assured that this is in hand and remember that the weather can interfere with the best laid plans!

- **Dog fouling**

- Please be warned that Bucks County Council now has a number of dog wardens patrolling locally - they can levy on the spot fines of £1000 if you don't pick up your dog's poo immediately.

- **School parking**

- We know that this is an ongoing issue and are continuing to work with the Primary School to resolve it. We are also seeking external expert advice on the best courses of action.

- **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

- Please join in with Swanbourne's wonderful Jubilee Celebration on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June.
- There is a flier with full details on the Newsletter front page.

- **Feedback and Ideas**

- Thank you very much for all the feedback you have given – keep it coming, we rely on you telling us!

- We have been sent some great community ideas too including about setting up a Book Exchange – watch this space...
- If in doubt, please always send ideas and feedback to us - if it is not specifically related to the Parish Council, we are very happy to forward it on to the relevant person, group or organisation.
- After the Parish Assembly we will have more to report about idea collection and new ways to be involved in our community. Watch out for this in the next Swanbourne News.

- **Summertime in Swanbourne**

- There is a lot to enjoy in our Village, especially over the summer including:
  - Tennis court, playing field and playground
  - Millennium woods
  - Coffee, pastries, ice creams, lollies etc. – in the lovely seating area outside the Village Shop
  - The Betsey Wynne Garden
  - Walks – a list of footpaths and permissive paths can be found at [www.swanbourneestate.co.uk/swanbourne-estate-footpaths.html](http://www.swanbourneestate.co.uk/swanbourne-estate-footpaths.html)
- Please remember that we are all responsible for our village and countryside – stick to marked paths, pick up dog poo and use the bins provided, and take litter home.

- **Goodbye and a huge thank you to Rosemary Andrew!**

- Rosemary is stepping down from the Council as she is moving away from the village to be closer to her family.
- Always smiling, she has been a very active and valuable member of the council for a number of years.
- Rosemary - we are very grateful, and we are going to miss you a lot.

- **New member**

- Roger Hatcher has been co-opted onto the Parish Council to replace Rosemary.
- Roger has lived in Swanbourne since 2017 and is an active member of the community.

- In particular he has a special expertise and experience in playgrounds and playground equipment so we are very grateful that he will be sharing that with us.
- Welcome Roger!

The minutes of our meetings are always posted on the website – please have a look if you are interested.

We wish you a wonderful Summer.

Swanbourne Parish Council

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

## BOOK CLUB

Greetings Book Clubbers,

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 24th May at 8pm at the Betsy Wynne and the book we will be discussing is *The Mayor of Casterbridge* by Thomas Hardy, chosen by Deborah & Frankie.

'Subtitled 'A Story of a Man of Character', Hardy's powerful study of the heroic but deeply flawed Michael Henchard is an intensely dramatic work, tragically played out against the vivid backdrop of a close-knit Dorsetshire town. Its events are set in motion when, in a fit of drunken anger, Henchard sells his wife and baby daughter for five guineas at a country fair. Over the course of the following years, he manages to establish himself as a respected pillar of the community of Casterbridge, but behind his success lurks the shameful secret of his past.'

The book for the next meeting, date to be fixed, is *The Night Tiger* by Yangsze Choo, chosen by Jo.

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

*Jane*

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**SCA LOTTERY** – If you wish to buy tickets, please don't forget to return your forms to either 'Kelston' (Mursley Road) or The Barn (Nearnton End).

First prize: - £200; Second prize £100; Third prize £50.

## Village Planning News

**22/00370/ALB | Listed building application for 3 new exterior doors** | 15 Smithfield End Swanbourne, MK17 OSP - *Pending.*

**22/00051/CPE | Certificate of Lawfulness** for existing use as garden land | Glebe House, Swanbourne, MK17 OSH - *Approved.*

**22/00244/ATC | G1 Leylandii Hedge-** reduce height by approx. 50% and trim sides | Goodwyn 15 Winslow Road, Swanbourne, MK17 OSW - *Approved.*

**22/00102/APP | Demolition of redundant farm buildings and erection of four dwellings | Hensmans Farm,** Nearton End, Swanbourne, MK17 OSL - *Pending.*

**22/01261/ATC | Front Garden and rear garden several trees (pruning and removal) The Old Vicarage** 2 Winslow Road Swanbourne Buckinghamshire MK17 OSW – *pending.*

**22/01435/APP | Householder application for demolition of existing detached double garage, enlargement of existing rear driveway and extension to existing single storey outbuildings to form new garage and garden store | The Old Vicarage** 2 Winslow Road Swanbourne Buckinghamshire MK17 OSW– *pending.*

**22/01387/APP | Installation of new play equipment | Swanbourne House School** Winslow Road Swanbourne Buckinghamshire MK17 OHZ – *pending.*

### SCA LUNCH AND TEAS THIS SUMMER

Please join us for After our SCA Afternoon Teas on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June and 4<sup>th</sup> July starting at 2.30pm. Residents of all ages are most welcome. Swanbourne Play-Out and Sports Day are being investigated and notification of any dates agreed will be via Facebook.

**Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity** are seeking temporary volunteers to help in their shops across Bucks. See: [www.fnhospice.org.uk/summertemps](http://www.fnhospice.org.uk/summertemps)



## **Activities held at the Village Hall**

There are currently no ongoing regular weekly reservations for the Village Hall.

Monday to Friday am and pm – Currently available for hire.

(Please note that for Wednesday pm evening's preference is given to any planned PC and SCA meetings).

Please note that all regular weekly slots for the Village Hall are now available.

## **Community names, websites, email and telephone contacts**

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

**Swanbourne Neighbourhood and Countryside Watch**

Email [swanwatch7@gmail.com](mailto:swanwatch7@gmail.com) or tel: - Mo on 720269 or Doody on 728161.

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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](mailto:swanbournemail@gmail.com)

**Swanbourne Community Association** – Tel. Frankie Fisher (Chair) on 720454. Website: - [www.swanbournecommunityassociation.com](http://www.swanbournecommunityassociation.com)

**Swanbourne Facebook Village Community Group:** - Administrators: Deborah Barrow and Rosemary Andrew. Please email via the Parish Council website [www.swanbourneparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.swanbourneparishcouncil.co.uk) or direct message via Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/443602106260000/>

**Swanbourne Estate** - The Estate Manager is Tom Finchett. Tel. 01296-720256 email: [office@swanbourneestate.co.uk](mailto:office@swanbourneestate.co.uk)

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

History Webmaster is Clive Rodgers, email [Swanbourne13@gmail.com](mailto: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 from 8.30am to 12.30pm on Saturdays. The Post Office is normally open from 9.00am until 1.00pm from Monday to Saturday [swanbourne.store@gmail.com](mailto:swanbourne.store@gmail.com)

**Betsey Wynne Pub** - [www.thebetseywynne.co.uk](http://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](mailto:clerkswanbournepc@gmail.com) Parish Council Website: [www.swanbourneparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.swanbourneparishcouncil.co.uk)

**Play Out Swanbourne** - Ellie Markland Tel. 720454, Website: - [www.facebook.com/playoutswanbourne](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:3whealth.patientaccess@nhs.net)

Alternatively, you may telephone 713434 to request a repeat or email: - [prescriptions.norden@nhs.net](mailto: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). All for free with a bus pass. Full details on their 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](mailto: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](mailto:hakagurekarate1@gmail.com)

**Book Club** - This is organised by Jane Rowe; for further details email: [jane.rowe101@btinternet.com](mailto:jane.rowe101@btinternet.com)

### **Drop in for 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 Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.

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

### **Doggy Diaries June – September 2022**

Happy Summertime Swanbourne!!

So, I have news.... I have discovered ice cream!

I think it is my new favourite thing.

No, not people-food ice cream (which I am sure I would love if I was allowed it, but I am not allowed it because it is bad for me, apparently) - DOGGY ICE CREAM!

Ice cream made especially for me and my canine friends. It comes in a little tub which Ma says is really cute. As for me, I don't give two hoots

about the tub, but the contents...a different matter – delicious. It takes for ever to eat and gives me tongue cramp – both a novelty for me (I'm a Labrador; we don't do eating slowly or licking at our food) but I don't care.

H.A.P.P.Y.



If I am a very good boy (which I am all of the time, obviously ;) ) Ma buys me a tub at The Betsey when we go. I am even allowed to get it from the bar myself sometimes. Perfect.

And it is summer, and summer in Swanbourne is wonderful.

I wish you a very gentle and happy time and look forward very much indeed to seeing you around (with an ice cream perhaps?).

Love to you all, from me and my Ma

Barry 🐾🐾🐾 XXX

## Swanbourne Home Farm News May 2022

I was asked to do a mini 'news' update from the Farm, for those in the village who might not be connected to farming but interested in what is happening at the moment. There is far too much to write on one page, so here are a few facts and ditties:

David E., Stuart G. and Stewart B. have been busy with fencing, particularly at Church Farm. The farm is now part of Swanbourne Home Farms and is within a conservation scheme (Countryside Stewardship Scheme.) Work will include gapping up hedges and planting new hedges. The recently cultivated land is for the planting of a legume and herb rich sward (if we get more rain) – great for wildlife and better for locking in carbon. There are also some field areas which have been fenced off and allowed to grow wild, in order to protect the water courses. None of these fields are fertilised, following the organic regime from when the land was farmed by Stephen Alderman. Taking of fertiliser – there has been much in the news about costs to farmers. Fertiliser costs rose from £250 per tonne last year, to £1,000 this year, with agro-chemicals rising significantly, and of course fuel (of which tractors use quite a bit!)

Some people have asked why we no longer grow oilseed rape. Rape seed used to be treated with a chemical (Neonicotinoids) to deter flea beetle. This was banned as it can affect bees, but this means that our rape crops are decimated by the pest, and generally not viable. So we grow bread making wheat (as opposed to animal feed,) milling oats (for cereals and muesli bars,) beans (for animal feed or export to the Middle East – mostly Egypt, for cooking, falafel etc.) We are also growing rye for the first time. This is for pig feed – the pigs digest rye more slowly, keeping them satisfied and less aggressive.

Last autumn we also planted up quite a few areas of less productive arable land with grass and wildflowers, which will take a little time to establish, but will be good for bees and wildlife.

What about food prices? There is much in the news at the moment concerning the cost of food. Dairy, grain and meat prices have been very competitive for consumers over many years in the UK, and usually below the cost of production for most farmers. UK wheat is often the cheapest in the world. However bad weather with successive poor harvests, and with land being used for environmental use, building etc, the UK is becoming a net importer of most types of food. A growing number of crops are being used for fuel and other uses, meaning demand is now greater than supply. Throw in the cost of fuel and fertiliser, and the cost of production is even higher. Then

– Russia and Ukraine export around 35 million tonnes of wheat, putting a hole in the supply (which will particularly affect north Africa.) It means that most countries will want to hold on to their commodities for strategic stocks – so less supply, and higher prices.

Still – the sun is shining as I write this!

*Tom F*

## 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 31</i>	<b>COLLECTION</b>	No Collection	<b>COLLECTION</b>	No Collection
<i>Wednesday June 08</i>	<b>COLLECTION</b>	<b>COLLECTION</b>	No Collection	<b>COLLECTION</b>
<i>Tuesday June 14</i>	<b>COLLECTION</b>	No Collection	<b>COLLECTION</b>	No Collection
<i>Tuesday June 21</i>	<b>COLLECTION</b>	<b>COLLECTION</b>	No Collection	<b>COLLECTION</b>
<i>Tuesday June 28</i>	<b>COLLECTION</b>	No Collection	<b>COLLECTION</b>	No Collection
<i>Tuesday July 05</i>	<b>COLLECTION</b>	<b>COLLECTION</b>	No Collection	<b>COLLECTION</b>
<i>Tuesday July 12</i>	<b>COLLECTION</b>	No Collection	<b>COLLECTION</b>	No Collection
<i>Tuesday July 19</i>	<b>COLLECTION</b>	<b>COLLECTION</b>	No Collection	<b>COLLECTION</b>
<i>Tuesday July 26</i>	<b>COLLECTION</b>	No Collection	<b>COLLECTION</b>	No Collection
<i>Tuesday August 02</i>	<b>COLLECTION</b>	<b>COLLECTION</b>	No Collection	<b>COLLECTION</b>
<i>Tuesday August 09</i>	<b>COLLECTION</b>	No Collection	<b>COLLECTION</b>	No Collection
<i>Tuesday August 16</i>	<b>COLLECTION</b>	<b>COLLECTION</b>	No Collection	<b>COLLECTION</b>
<i>Tuesday August 23</i>	<b>COLLECTION</b>	No Collection	<b>COLLECTION</b>	No Collection

## Wildlife watch – protecting our pond life

Great crested newts need ponds and their habitats are fully protected under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended). It is therefore illegal to deliberately capture, injure, kill, disturb or take great crested newts or to damage or destroy breeding sites or resting places. Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) it is illegal to intentionally or recklessly disturb any great crested newts occupying a place of shelter or protection, or to obstruct access to any place of shelter or protection (see the legislation or seek legal advice for full details).

Local wildlife trusts advise that dogs should not be allowed to go into ponds, as they may well damage their delicate ecosystems.



## Wildlife watch – protecting our pond life *contd.*



*Frog tadpoles photographed in local ponds during May*



Archive photographs of Swanbourne celebrating the Silver Jubilee in 1977

*Remembering a previous Jubilee*

