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SWANBOURNE VILLAGE NEWS

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You're Invited...

to the Teddy Bear's picnic at Swanbourne May Fest

Monday 6th May 2024
Swanbourne Village Hall
1-4.30pm

Bring your favourite teddy and join in the fun

Drinks and snacks including sweet treats

**Make some new friends, or even bring some old ones
along.**

Bouncy Castle and games in the garden too!

*Any questions contact Laura Hogarth (Swanbourne Village Hall) or
Frankie Fisher 720454*

DIARY DATES

| | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Wednesday 24th April | SCA AGM Village Hall |
| Sunday 5th May | Live Music Betsy Wynne |
| Monday 6th May | Teddy Bear's picnic Village Hall |
| Wednesday 8th May | Swanbourne AGM Village Hall |
| Monday 20th May | Swanbourne Parish Assembly Village Hall |
| Tuesday 21st May | Book Club Meeting Betsy Wynne |
| Sunday 2nd June | Disco Bingo Betsy Wynne |

Celebrating Our New Roads: A Testament to Improvement

In our village, a positive change has occurred. **Winslow Road**, previously burdened by pot-holes and wear, now appears refreshed, thanks to recent repairs by the highways agency.

The roadwork, completed efficiently within a week, is a testament to the efforts and expertise of the agency's team. Through their dedication and attention to detail, they have revitalized our streets.

Winslow Road, once rough to traverse, now offers a smoother journey with its improved surface and finish.



Addressing Station Road: A Continued Effort

Plans are underway to address similar issues on **Station Road**, though a timeline has yet to be confirmed.

As we celebrate **Winslow Road's** makeover and await improvements on **Station Road**, let us appreciate the progress made possible through our collective effort to address this.

Cheers to our newly refurbished roads, emblematic of our village's commitment to progress and community well-being.

Temporary improvements on Station Rd

"Thanks to the team who worked through the night to improve our roads"



NEWS from the PARISH COUNCIL

Planning applications

For residents with an interest in planning, on the Swanbourne Parish Council website are details of past planning applications and applications awaiting a decision. The information can be found at:

<https://www.swanbourneparishcouncil.co.uk/planning-applications>

[Click here](#)

New Parish Councillors

At the last meeting we welcomed two new councillors **Jonathan Pieterse** and **Isabel Swain** and agreed their areas of responsibility. Every councillor has responsibility for aspects of the Parish Councils work. On the website information about each councillor's responsibilities and their contact details can be found at:

<https://www.swanbourneparishcouncil.co.uk/planning-applications>

[Click here](#)

Speedwatch

In the last Newsletter we encouraged villagers to consider setting a Speedwatch group. A reminder that if you would like to be involved and would like further information email mike.

[king@swanbourneparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:mike@swanbourneparishcouncil.co.uk)

Pot holes and fly tipping

The Parish Council continues to raise the blight of potholes and fly tipping in and around the village with Buckinghamshire County Council. Villagers can support this by reporting sites of potholes and fly tipping to [fixmystreet.com](https://www.fixmystreet.com)

Parish Council Meetings

Wednesday 8th May (AGM)

Wednesday 22nd May (Parish Assembly)

Meetings will be held in the Parish Hall, starting at 7pm. Details will be posted on the Parish Council website.

At the March meeting Councillors will be considering the budget for the upcoming financial year.

The draft minutes of the last meeting held on 10th January are available on the Parish Council website and the Parish noticeboard by the village shop.



DOGGY DIARIES



Pictured: Barry

Hello Swanbourne,

How has this year been for you? I hope you have been having a nice time....

It seems to have been a tough one for lots of people all over the place, including around here. I find that when I just focus on what is in front of my nose it makes everything much easier, and calmer too. Did you know that having a good old smell is a stress reliever for us canines?

It's true. In our training Ma and I were taught that if I had been working very hard and having to focus for a long time, she should take me outside to a convenient lamp post or a verge and let me have a sniff. It works every time. You should try it. It might be that lamp posts or verges don't do it for you of course, a but I'm sure you'll find something.

Having a good stretch helps too. Ma loves to do a sort of stretching thing - I do it with her sometimes (it sends me to sleep). There you are there's another idea for you.

I have a new favourite thing to do. I LOVE wiping my feet. Only when I'm asked obviously, and only on a mat. It has taken me a little while to get to grips with only doing it when I'm asked, not just when I feel like it, and not getting too excited about it (especially difficult as it IS exciting) but I'm now pretty good. It's just a bit disappointing when it isn't mucky outside, and I'm not asked to do it. I do have a solution for that though - I just have to sit and give her that look. You know exactly what I mean don't you. It never fails to prompt her. Probably best if you don't take that as a tip from me, or at least don't tell anyone where you heard it first - we'll get into trouble ;)

And now I am looking forward to my favourite times of year - anything from now on is my favourite. Other than wiping my feet I am not a fan of wet and cold. Soon it will be warmer, and the days will be longer, and we will have the door open more so I can lie in the sun on the doorstep - it is bliss. You should try it...

Happy everything Swanbourne - look after yourselves please, and each other.

Lots of love

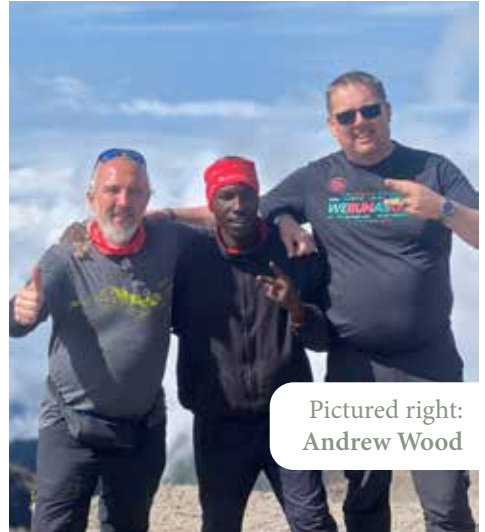
Barry



Local Councilor Conquers Kilimanjaro in Honour of Friend and Willen Hospice

In a remarkable testament to determination and compassion, our very own councilor, Andrew Wood, recently undertook the challenge of a lifetime by scaling the majestic heights of Mount Kilimanjaro. This endeavor, which took place in February, saw a group of 23 individuals, led by Councilor Wood, embark on a grueling journey to conquer Africa's tallest peak, all in support of the Willen Hospice.

The climb, spanning several days of arduous trekking, culminated in a triumphant summit victory, where Councilor Wood and his companions stood atop Kilimanjaro, not only as conquerors of nature's might but as champions for a cause close to their hearts. Their collective efforts resulted in a remarkable achievement, with over £70,000 raised in support of the Willen Hospice.



Pictured right: Andrew Wood

passing away in 2017. It is a testament to the enduring bonds of friendship and the power of community in rallying together for a cause that touches the lives of so many.

Councilor Wood's dedication to this endeavor serves as an inspiration to us all, reminding us of the importance of supporting those in need and honoring the memory of loved ones who have left an indelible mark on our lives. Through his actions, he has not only raised vital funds for the Willen Hospice but has also raised awareness of the invaluable work they do in providing compassionate care to individuals and their families during challenging times.

As a community, let us join in celebrating Councilor Wood's remarkable achievement and continue to support the Willen Hospice in their mission to provide comfort, dignity, and support to those facing life-limiting illnesses. Together, we can make a difference and ensure that the legacy of compassion and generosity lives on.



The significance of this climb goes beyond the physical challenge; it is a poignant tribute to a cherished friend of Councilor Wood's who received care from the Willen Hospice before

Discover the Swanbourne Community Association: Building Community Together

What is the Swanbourne Community association (SCA)

Nestled within the heart of Swanbourne lies the Swanbourne Community Association (SCA), an indispensable pillar of our community's vitality. As a voluntary organization, we extend an open invitation to all Swanbourne residents to join us, with no membership fees required. Our inclusivity extends to our younger members, who are welcomed as Junior Members without voting rights, while those residing beyond our village borders can participate as Associate Members.

At the helm of our endeavors is the dedicated Executive Committee, currently led by Chair Anne Parker, Vice Chair Frankie Fisher, and Secretary/Treasurer Linda Rodgers. Together, they steer our collective vision, ensuring that the SCA remains a beacon of community spirit and collaboration.

Central to our mission is the publication and distribution of the quarterly Swanbourne Village Newsletter, a cherished resource that keeps our residents informed and connected, we have recently revamped the newsletter - we hope you like the new look. Additionally, we take great pride in curating a diverse calendar of events throughout the year. From the convivial gatherings of our

monthly Teas and Lunches to the intellectually stimulating village Quizzes and the cherished tradition of Christmas Carol Singing, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

But our impact extends beyond these events. The SCA proudly lends its support to various community groups, including the Swanbourne History Group and the Film Club, recognizing their invaluable contributions to our village's cultural tapestry. Moreover, we stand ready to assist with village-wide initiatives such as the Coronation Events, ensuring that Swanbourne continues to thrive and evolve.

To sustain our efforts, the SCA manages the Swanbourne SCA Lottery, a testament to our commitment to self-sufficiency and community-driven support.

As we look to the future, the Swanbourne Community Association remains steadfast in its commitment to fostering connections, celebrating diversity, and enriching the lives of all who call Swanbourne home. For those eager to join us in our mission, we invite you to explore the opportunities outlined on the back of this leaflet.

Together, let us continue to build a Swanbourne that we are proud to be a part of.



NEXT AGM

The SCA AGM will take place in the Village Hall on Wednesday 24th April at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome.

Chair report

Every year we publish the Chair Report that is distributed to the village in our SCA newsletter. Below is an extract for your information.

Extracts from the Chair's Report on 2023

The last year saw the continuation of most of the SCAs regular community activities.

- Teas or Lunches were held in the Village Hall each month during the year, usually on the first Monday of the month and they have continued to be well-supported.
- The Village Newsletter continued to be delivered to every house in the Village every three months. But Clive Rodgers has now stepped down as editor after 10 years and Jonathan Pieterse is taking over as the new editor.
- Two successful quizzes were held in February and October and were much appreciated by all those who took part.
- The History Group held one meeting in November - a talk on the development of the village over the centuries. Articles continued to be added onto the history website: www.swanbournehistory.co.uk
- The Christmas Carol-Singing around the village raised £313.13 for the Florence Nightingale Hospice.
- The Film Club was supported in applying for a grant to pay for equipment, managing its finances and assisting with publicity. The Club put on 7 film evenings in the Village Hall.
- Free Internet. Roger Parker liaised with Gigaclear and the Village Hall Committee in getting free wifi installed in the Village Hall. This enabled two live screenings – of the Coronation and the Women's Football Final
- Unfortunately, the Annual Swanbourne Sports Day was cancelled due to the inclement weather.

SCA Accounts for 1st January to 31st December 2023

| | Income | Expenditure |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Quizzes | 503.1 | 112.06 |
| Carols round the village | 313.13 | 732.38(1) |
| History Group | 55 | 168.78 |
| Tea/Lunch | 456.65 | 197.01 |
| Film Club | 1,105.46 | 1557.37(2) |
| Lottery | 1,270.00 | 720 |
| Coronation Event | 1,801.25 | 1,060.96 |
| Women's Football Final | 124 | 52.01 |
| Donations and other | 112.99 | 307.08 |
| TOTALS | 5,741.58 | 4,907.65 |
| Less Expenditure | 4,907.65 | |
| Surplus for 2023 | 833.93 | |

(1) Includes donations for 2022 to MK Food Bank (£419.25) and 2023 Florence Nightingale Hospice (£313.13)

(2) Most of the expenditure relates to a grant received during the previous financial year.

Our Newsletter

We have a new look!

Please let us know what you think, we are open to new ideas and changes - but we need good stories!

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Each edition of the Newsletter covers three months.

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



2024

SWANBOURNE SCA LOTTERY



ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN

| | |
|-----------|------|
| 1st Prize | £200 |
| 2nd Prize | £100 |
| 3rd Prize | £50 |

 Swanbourne Village Hall

 Monday 3rd June

 Monday 2nd December

 Lunchtime

£10 per entry

Entry into the two draws.



SCA members will call on each house within the village to request participation, or if you prefer please contact Ken Harris:

Email: ken.kelston1@gmail.com

Phone: 01296 720454

Entrants must be aged 16 or over and can have 2 entries into each draw if they wish. Any surplus raised will be held by the SCA to support village activities.

Local Council Small Lottery

Promoter: Roger Parker

Registration Number 861029

ABOUT THE LOTTERY

The Swanbourne Lottery began in the 1990s, known then as the 200 Club, as a way of raising funds for village amenities, particularly the Village Hall and the Playing Field. However, changes in both the law and in the way that the SCA is organised have meant that, in recent years, it has become a lottery registered with the Buckinghamshire Council.

In 2023, there were 127 numbers in the draw. £700 was paid out in prizes and £20 for a licence, leaving £550 to fund future village activities.

Swanbourne refuse collection dates

| | DATES | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Food | 23/04 | 30/04 | 08/05 | 14/05 | 21/05 | 28/05 | 05/06 | 11/06 | 18/06 | 25/06 | 02/07 |
| Recycling | 23/04 | | 08/05 | | 21/05 | | 05/06 | | 18/06 | | 02/07 |
| Refuse | | 30/04 | | 14/05 | | 28/05 | | 11/06 | | 25/06 | |

If it is a bank Holiday the refuse day will fall on the following day!

[Click here](#)

Click the link for refuse dates in your area



What's on at The Betsey Wynne

[Click here](#)

Live Music under the Tent
FabulousMiss

Date: Sunday 5th May at 5pm

Live Music under the Tent & Beer festival
Razorz

Date: Sunday 26th May at 3:30pm



Book Club Meeting

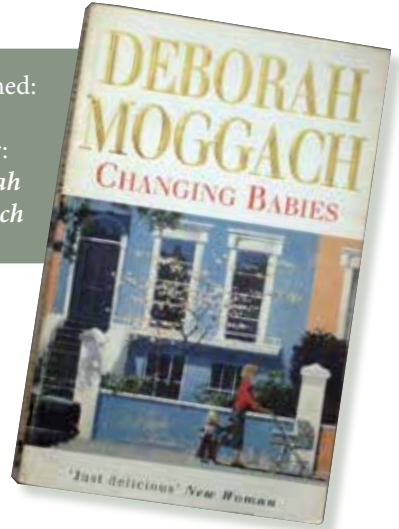
Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 21st May** at 8pm at the **Betsy Wynne** and the book we will be discussing is **Changing Babies** by **Deborah Moggach** chosen by Anne. Everyone is welcome whether or not you have read the book.

‘**Changing Babies** will delight both die-hard fans of **Deborah Moggach**’s books and those readers new to her charm and wit. In it she writes of a woman who thinks she has found the perfect man until he becomes too mysterious for words; of a rock star writing his memoirs who can’t remember a thing; of harassed teenagers and haranged fathers; of opera lovers, Belgian lovers, young lovers and romance on the Costa del Sol courtesy of Sunspan Holidays. Here are fifteen brilliant stories - all sharp, funny and painfully accurate.’

As this is quite a short book, we will also be having a discussion on our favourite and most inspiring books. Hope to see you there.

Story by Jane Rowe

Published:
1995
Author:
*Deborah
Moggach*



Parish Council Vacancies

The Parish council has a vacancy would you like to join us?

We have two vacancies available, if you are interested in supporting your communities please email clerkswanbournepc@gmail.com to find out more.

**"Your Parish
Council Needs
YOU"**

Swanbourne HISTORY CROSSWORD



Top Tip: Explore the Swanbourne History website

[Click here](#)

Down:

1. This boat was commanded by Captain Cook:
3. Home farm was once occupied by a Major of this family:
5. Thomas Fremantle was married to this lady:

Across:

2. The ghost of Elizabeth Adams is called:
4. A famous Swanbourne Thomas is called:
6. This Swanbourne local was a Prime Minister that represented Buckingham:

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 open from 9.00am until 1.00pm from Monday to Friday

Email: swanbourne.store@gmail.com
Tel. 01926 720288



Embracing Nature: The Swanbourne Estate's Tree Planting

Exciting news for our village! The Swanbourne Estate will be bolstering community spirit with a forthcoming tree planting initiative. This autumn, we can anticipate the welcome addition of new trees, including a number of Oaks and Lime trees.

These plantings not only promise aesthetic enhancement but also potential noise and traffic calming benefits. The proposed placements of these trees can be found on the map (*see right*).



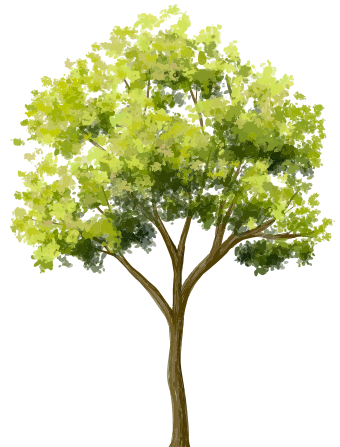
OAK TREE FACTS

Kids
feature



Here are some fascinating insights into Oak trees:

- Some trees have trunks that are very smooth, but the trunk of an oak tree is ridged and wrinkly.
- Oak trees produce acorns. Acorns are green when they appear in spring, but they turn brown in autumn, when squirrels, badgers and mice like to eat them!
- Oak trees have been growing here on Earth for about 45 million years.
- Every oak tree started its life as a tiny acorn. It seems incredible that something so big can come from something so small — but it's true!
- The wood from oak trees is very hard and strong. People use it to make chairs, tables and even big ships!



Community names, websites, email and telephone contacts

Swanbourne Village Hall

Please contact Laura Hogarth to find out more and to book:

Tel: 07825 711482.

email: swanbournevillagehall@gmail.com

Betsey Wynne Pub

www.thebetseywynne.co.uk

Tel. 01926 720825

Reservations made on-line.

[Click here](#)

Facebook Village Community Group



Administrator:

Deborah Barrow.

Direct message via Facebook

[Click here](#)

St. Swithun's Church

Church Wardens -

David Blunt and Jon Walker

Swanbourne Community Association(SCA)

Tel. Anne Parker (Chair) on:
07709 222 792.

Swanbourne Burial Authority

Swanbourne Parochial Church Council,

Tel. David Blunt 01926 720397

Email: david.blunt@hart-house.net

Swanbourne Estate

The Estate Manager is Tom Finchett.

Tel. 01926 720256

email: office@swanbourneestate.co.uk

Swanbourne History Group

Tel. Ken Harris (Chair) on 01926 720454,

email: ken.kelston1@gmail.com

History Website:

www.swanbournehistory.co.uk

History Webmaster

Swanbourne13@gmail.com

[Click here](#)

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: 01926 713434 to request a repeat or email: - prescriptions.norden@nhs.net listing the medication requested.

SWANBOURNE MAYFEST 2024

FOOD | FUN | FRIENDS | FAMILY

A chance to embrace May Day and see and make new friends and neighbours and learn about village going-ons

- Tea, Cake & Pimms
- Bouncy Castle & Teddy Bears Picnic
- Local Community Group Information
 - Plant Sale
 - Tombola

...and so much more!

6th May 2024 1.30-4.30PM Swanbourne Village Hall

FOR ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT LAURA HOGARTH AT
SWANBOURNEVILLAGEHALL@GMAIL.COM OR FRANKIE
FISHER FRANKIE.KELSTON@GMAIL.COM

