

Swanley Village News

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The Quarterly News Sheet for the residents & friends of Swanley Village



Wishing you a Happy Christmas and New Year

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FACEBOOK

We have a community page on Facebook. To see and to tell others what is going on in the village, plus photos and news, search for '**Swanley Village News**' community page. We are also **@swanley_village** on Twitter

Dates For Your Diary

Saturday 26th November 3- 6pm

St Paul's School Christmas Market at St Peters Church

Saturday 3rd December 4.00pm

Lighting village Christmas tree at the top of School Lane. Please bring along a bauble to decorate the tree.

Sunday 18th December noon to 3pm

Festive Fare at The Old Vicarage, School Lane.

St Peter's and St Paul's Services

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WELCOME PACK – If you are new to the village and would like an introduction to all the activities and information regarding all your surroundings, please email

Swanley_Village_Trust@yahoo.co.uk

Glebe Gate: Volunteers (perhaps dog walkers?) are still being sought to join the group to lock and unlock the Glebe Gate, a.m. & p.m. and in School holidays.

If you wish to join this band of volunteers for a short Rota period, please contact Barbara Ramsey ☎666668

Swanley Village Residents' Association



Included with this newsletter is a two-sided document that is, at this stage, an informal consultation about establishing a 20mph speed limit though a large part of the village, including past the school. The proposal represents an important step towards making our village a safer place for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. Please use this opportunity to respond to the consultation. We need to

demonstrate support within the village for this proposal to progress to a 'formal' consultation. Each person in any village household can respond.

The Residents' Association Committee met on Monday 7 November and discussed the Speed Limit Proposals; footpaths; road flooding, culverts and drainage; anti-social behaviour including inconsiderate parking; power supplies and dangerous trees; bin collections; replacement of the planting around the village; a Coronation event next year; and two Christmas trees in the village! With Town and County Councillors present we also asked about what support is available to help people who may be struggling with the cost of living and with the cost of fuel. Details of where to find support are included in this newsletter.

Swanley Village Residents' Association pays for the distribution of this newsletter; makes a contribution to the planting and floral displays around the village; and pays for the litter pickers and some other sundry items that help keep the village looking its best. A small contribution of £5 per household per year helps us make these things happen. If you haven't got round to it yet, here are the details:

Drop your payment to 5 Hogs Orchard (cheques payable to Swanley Village Residents' Association); or if you wish to pay by bank transfer the details are:

Sort code 30-98-97

Account number: 82997563

Please use your name as a reference for the payment and send an email to SwanleyVillageRA@outlook.com to let us know you have paid

Bob Wallis – Chair, Swanley Village Residents' Association and Swanley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group member.

Swanley Village Trust

There were one or two doubts in the minds of the hardy souls who were helping to set up ready for the fireworks and barbecue in the drenching rain. Fortunately, by the evening of Sunday November 6, the skies had cleared and the moon was out, providing a stunning background for the bonfire and rockets! Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the event. Thank you even more to the helpers on Sunday and on Monday – we couldn't have done it without you!

The annual Firework Night on the green is one of the highlights of the village year. It is one of a number of things that are paid for by Swanley Village Trust: upkeep of the village green; the dog waste bins; and this year's Jubilee Party are other things which are paid for by the Trust. The Trust is able to afford to run these things because of the generosity of villagers who support its fundraising events; and those who contribute to the village 100 Club.

You still haven't joined the 100 Club? It costs a pound a week (payable in a lump sum in advance) and every two months prizes are drawn for those months and funds given out. A list of recent prize winners is printed below. It is a simple way to support the village green and village events. Renewals happen every year in August, so drop Steve or Keith a line or give them a ring to ask them to get in touch next time!

Keith Rowland, Mistover, 01322 662415, mistover1@aol.com

Steve Hunt, The Ark Cattery, 01322 668584, steve.103hunt@googlemail.com

Swanley Village 100 Club

Winners of the last draw:

Donna Fong ; Keith Curtis; Donna Hoy; Matt Wallis; Keith Rowland: Phil Swinfen; Ian Beale; Grace Friend; Peter Catt; Linda Lees; and Lauren Weller.

Village Events

Thank you to everyone who helped with **Bonfire Night** on 6th November and for clearing up the following day. It was good to see such an excellent turnout enjoying the amazing fireworks and BBQ etc. Thank you to Liz at **The Lamb Inn** for the beer tent. Also, a big thanks to **Block & Cleaver** who supported us by providing the delicious sausages for the BBQ!

Lighting the Christmas Tree Saturday 3rd December 4pm

This year there will be a tree positioned at Wood Street and one at the top of School Lane. As in previous years everyone is welcome to come along to the switching on of the lights and to bring along a bauble to decorate the tree. We hope that there will be a few people in fine voice to sing a few carols around the tree at the top of School Lane as a traditional opening to the festive season.



Festive Fare at The Old Vicarage Sunday 18^h December Noon to 3pm

As in previous years, Barbara and Vivian Ramsay have extended an invitation to everyone to join them for mulled wine, drinks, canapes, mince pies at The Old Vicarage.

All welcome! RSVP barbara_ramsey@aol.co.uk Or just turn up.



Message from Leader of Swanley Town Council



Free help with energy bills and home energy efficiency

Swanley Town Council has partnered with UK charity Groundwork's 'Green Doctor' programme, which offers free advice and support with energy bills. You can register for a free chat with a Green Doctor for advice on saving energy, free energy efficiency upgrade measures and if needed access to financial help with your energy bills or debt relief. Green Doctors will be holding a face to face surgery in Swanley Link on 12th December which you can book a free appointment at: <https://south.greendoctors.org.uk/in-person-bill-surgeries/>.

Alternatively you can email greendoctorsouth@groundwork.org.uk or telephone 0800-233-5255 to book a telephone appointment.

Could you help give a room to a Ukrainian refugee?

Many will have been moved by the plight of Ukraine following the illegal and brutal invasion of its country by Russia. In some Ukrainian cities, air raid sirens, rocket attacks, power cuts and water cuts have become a daily occurrence, which anyone would agree are incredibly distressing for anyone, particularly those who have young children. Understandably some have chosen to apply to come to the UK for safety. As someone who has had three guests in my home since May, I can honestly say it's an amazing experience of sharing cultural habits, food and entertainment, as well as the satisfaction of knowing you are helping to keep women and children safe here in the UK whilst their fathers, husbands and sons fight for Ukraine's independence back home.

Hosts are asked to sign up for six months and you will also receive payment from Kent County Council for anyone you support. KCC has recently increased its tax-free payments to sponsor families to £400 per month for one person who joins you, £500 for two people and an extra £100 for every additional person per month. There will also be an additional £500 'thank you' payment if you complete the six months. Payments will not affect any Council Tax discounts you receive or any other social security benefits.

Sharing your home may not be for everybody, but we have developed an amazingly strong network in the Swanley area for local sponsor families and their guests, to help support you every step of the way. If you are interested and want to talk about what it entails, and if I can answer any questions you might have, please don't hesitate to drop me an email at mhorwood@swanleytowncouncil.gov.uk or telephone 07815 483891.

Cllr Michael Horwood
Swanley Town Council Leader

Cost of living support

Need Help with the Cost of Living or know someone who does? Kent County Council has lots of support available. Search online for 'Kent Together' or follow this link:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/cost-of-living-support>

Report by Cllr Tony Searles



The Town and Village Neighbourhood plan has now been submitted to Sevenoaks, this is called the Regulation 14 submission and once adopted will need to be considered in all future planning applications. The overall District Local Plan has been given a new timetable and is due to be examined in winter 2024, there will be various periods of consultation during the next two years.

After a lot of effort on various fronts, you will find within this newsletter a paper regarding the consultation on the proposal to make the village a 20MPH zone, I would strongly ask you to reply to the consultation.

In these times of increasing prices and cutbacks there are a few schemes I would like to draw to your attention to. The Household Support Grant, UK Power's free energy upgrades and The Warm Spaces Initiative details available on Swanley Town Council and Sevenoaks District Council's websites.

To encourage all young people to enjoy different activities in our town, Swanley Town Council have begun works to provide a new £225,000 skate park at the recreation grounds in St Mary's Road. The funding coming from different grants and Swanley Town Council contributing around £30k.

The old site of Harrington's Nursery has been sold to Bellway and now called Highlands Grange, hopefully we should see some movement on the building now.

Should you wish to contact me my Mobile number is 07769686100 and email tony@searles.com

Cllr Tony Searles

Working for you

St. Peter's, Hextable & St. Paul's, Swanley Village

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A message from Vicar Johnny Douglas

Christmas is a time to celebrate the unconditional and enduring love of God; a love so great that He came to live among us as a baby, born in poverty, to be our saviour, redeemer, and friend. We are so glad this year to be able to let you know about a full programme of Christmas events without all the Covid restrictions that dominated the last two.

You'd be most welcome at any of the Christmas services outlined here, or at other times.

Wishing you a great Christmas and a most wonderful year ahead! Should you ever wish a cuppa and a conversation, I would gladly welcome you in the vicarage in Hextable.

Blessings,



vicarjohnny@gmail.com 077990 72845. Church office: 01322 662320

Special Events in December

Sunday 4th December 10:30am - Nativity Service St Peter's

Our Sunday school will be presenting a very familiar story in a very engaging way for all to enjoy.

*Thursday 8th December 4:00pm - 5:30pm Kids Christmas Party * St Peter's*

Christmas themed crafts, games, snacks and more for primary school aged children.

Sunday 11th December 6.30pm - Contemporary Christmas Carols St Peter's

Familiar and joy-filled carols to help get you in the festive mood. Refreshments afterwards.

Saturday 17th December Carols on the Green 5:00pm - opposite St Peter's, followed by refreshments in 'Next Door', Hextable.

Get to know your community by joining together on the Green to sing a carol or two

Sunday 18th December 4:30pm & 6:30pm - Carols by Candlelight *St Paul's,

Join us in the stillness and tranquillity of St Paul's for a candlelit carol service at 4:30pm and 6:30pm with mulled wine and mince pies served between services. Don't forget to book your place.

Wednesday 21st December 11:30am - Christmas Communion St Paul's,

Fed up with Christmas music, busyness, pressures and to do lists? This is the service for you! Take time to reflect on this season of advent, its true meaning and the peace which we can all receive especially during challenging times.



Saturday 24th December 3:30pm - *Christingle Service * St Paul's and 5:30pm St Peter's

Targeted at ages 0-99!! We really hope you can join us and be reminded what the oranges are all about! Don't forget to book your place.

Saturday 24th December 11:30pm Christmas Eve Communion. St Paul's

'O little town of Bethlehem' tells of light shining in the darkness. Oh, how relatable this seems over 2,000 years later and how encouraging that our hopes and fears are wrapped up in the love of Jesus.

Sunday 25th December 8:30am Christmas Day Celebration St Paul's and 10:30am St Peter's

Christ is born, Alleluia! Join us at either service where there might be a chocolate or two!

**** Bookable event – please see our website www.stph.org.uk. More details from bea@stph.org.uk A Christmas card with details will also be delivered to your door.***

Regular services

St Paul's and St Peter's are one church family in two locations giving different expressions of Christian worship in the parish. You are so very welcome at any of our services:

Sundays 8.30am - spoken Holy Communion at 8.30am (about 45mins) at St Paul's

Sundays 10.30am - informal service of band-led worship, teaching and ministry, with a programme for children during the service (about 75 mins) at St Peter's

First Sunday of the month 6.30pm 'Overflow' - a contemporary-style service of worship (about 75 mins) at St Peter's (NB in January to be held on the 8th)

First Wednesday of the month 11.30am - mid-week Communion service at St Paul's (about 45mins)

Swanley Village Home or 'Life' Group

The Swanley Village Home or 'Life' Group take a Christmas break and recommence in the second week of January. Meetings are usually on Thursdays at 7.45pm, at the Old Vicarage in School Lane, but also in other homes in the village.

Meetings are open to all, whether or not people have a church affiliation. They provide not only an important spiritual focus, but also help with the more practical issues of everyday life. These groups in people's homes have an important place in the church programme, enabling people to keep in touch with each other, providing an opportunity of catching up on each other's news, praying for each other and studying the Bible.

For further information contact David and Pauline Pearson (Pine Cottage, Beechenlea Lane - 01322 614237 or 07836 376803) or any member of the group for further information.

The Glebe

Following some safety, access challenges, and safeguarding issues, from January 2023 the Glebe gate will be kept closed during school hours to prevent vehicular access through the school site between 08.30am -3.30pm. The gate will be opened by agreement for specific events, such as church funerals. Pedestrian access to the churchyard and the village green will remain open. Dog walkers are encouraged to keep dogs on a lead on the Glebe and village green at all times and to use the waste bins provided. Thank you for your cooperation in the enjoyment and stewardship of our shared spaces

St. Paul's CE Primary School



Term 1 at St. Paul's, has seen a plethora of activity and learning, throughout all classes. We started the term with a whole school art exhibition on a shared text called The Storm. The book is a wordless book, which deals with the concept of calm to a storm and the re-building of a family home. Our parents and carers enjoyed seeing their children's work on display and the beautiful artwork they had produced.

Our children have been enjoying daily collective worship assemblies with Mr Johnson, as well as visiting St. Paul's church every Tuesday, to take part in collective worship sessions with Bea. We have also enjoyed a CRiBS assembly with Steve, underpinning the spiritual, moral, social and cultural values of our school. We look forward to welcoming CRiBS back, for our Christmas story.

We ran a charity day, where children and staff donned their favourite denim outfits, in exchange for a £1 donation for the charity Jean for Genes, which supports families with children born with genetic conditions. Children and their families also brought in bags of much needed food and household items as part of the Harvest Festival, to donate to Swanley Food Bank. In the current climate we find ourselves in, these donations are needed more than ever! We are also looking forward to wearing a spotty or colourful outfit at the end of November, to support the Children in Need charity.

Our children have enjoyed some fantastic visits out of school, to bring to life their learning in school. Birch class travelled to Eagle Heights as a shared visit with St. Edmunds, to see birds of prey in their natural habitats. Maple class travelled to the Horniman Museum in London, to discover artefacts on the Benin Kingdom and Beech class visited Kent Life, to enjoy a Roman day. Our children have also visited Thorpe Park as part of a nationwide free day out organised by STEAM, an organisation that aims to increase collaboration and widen educational opportunities. Our children also visited Swanley Town Council to discuss issues such as re-cycling, the new skate park and what the role of the mayor entails.

Forest school has been running each week at St. Paul's since the start of September, with specialists from Medway Valley Countryside. Each class will enjoy a whole day's session for a term throughout the academic year. The ethos of Forest School is to promote the children's self-esteem through outside play, creativity, independence, exploration and child-centred learning, with nature at its heart!

Our Year 4's have just returned from a weekend at PGL in Sussex, where they enjoyed activities such as the giant swing, aeroball, archery and the zip wire. We look forward to our next overnight stay for our Year 2's to Kingswood in February and Stubbers in Essex for our Year 6's, during next years summer term.

Sporting fixtures have continued to be enjoyed, with a mixed football tournament at St. Michael's Prep School and a boys and girls competition at Dartford Football club. With the recent success of the Lionesses, we hope to inspire the next generation of young football players. Our next fixtures are a TAG rugby festival at Horizon school, with the main theme of enjoyment and taking part, followed by an International World Cup Football celebration at Princes Park, where St. Paul's will be representing Scotland.

St. Paul's will be running a Christmas Market at St. Peter's Church, on Saturday 26th November between 3-6pm. Please come along to support our school and enjoy stalls supporting our local community. Please contact the school office if you would like to run a stall at the market.

Ben Hulme – Executive Headteacher



Mary's memories of Hextable and Swanley Village

by Mary Thomas.

(Published by kind permission of Sarah Lewis and Peter Thomas in conjunction with Swanley History Society)

My husband, David and I and our baby son, Peter, moved to near St David's Road, Hextable, to a house we named "Shandems" at 7 Top Dartford Rd. I remember the sound of childrens' shoes kicking the wooden back of the bus shelter as they swung their feet waiting for the 477 bus (much to David's annoyance). Our daughter, Sarah Anne, was born at Shandems and I too remember the winter of 1963 – all the snow and ice and walking through biting cold wind as I pushed my pram past the fields and greenhouses to the Memorial Hall at Five Wents. I hadn't yet learnt to drive. The Hall was used for post-natal care once a week. It was also used by the WI once a month and as a kindergarten.

I remember John O'Conner, the Chemist in Hextable. All those years ago I recall him telling me that the new wonder drug antibiotics would become over-prescribed and that would lead to mutations and antibiotic resistance. A far thinking gentleman!

We lived in Hextable for about four years before moving to the old school house, Jasmine Cottage, in Swanley Village. It was our home for about thirty years.

Jasmine Cottage held many delights, such as a long garden, big trees (the horse chestnut with large shiny conkers, tall elm trees and a huge lime tree with sweet smelling summer blossom – the children loved playing in this tree as it was a perfect place for attaching swinging ropes), home grown fruit and vegetables and very rambling cottage style gardens. Plenty of space for our family and our two dogs.



Our cottage was situated down School Lane on the corner to the private road that led to the village school (St Paul's C of E) and on to St Paul's Church. The park-like grounds next to the school were owned by the church and locally known as "The Glebe". The Glebe was used by the school children as their playing field and it was also the site for the village fete held once a year. Often on weekends it was also used by the archery club. The Glebe was very beautiful. I remember a large copper beach tree in the middle and large pine trees leading down to the church.

During those early years after our move, the Village still had its own butcher's shop, which had sawdust on the ground and was famous for its quality meat. The village store, sold just about everything and I recall smelt of paraffin. Our children loved spending their pocket

money on the large selection of sweets, such as black jacks and fruit salad chews, and sherbet fountains to name a few. These were the only two shops in the Village.

David was Church Warden at St Paul's and it was his job to oversee the church tower belfry and wind up the clock...I thought it was a hair raising climb up that metal ladder, but as you can imagine, our kids loved accompanying their dad to climb this ladder to the bells...I didn't!! But I did like our "blackberrying".

Blackberries grew on the land adjacent to the church grounds and made the most delicious pies and jam. We'd return from blackberrying with tongues dyed purple from the juice. We also harvested wild plumbs from School Lane – buckets full of them!

Whilst living in Swanley Village, British Rail planned to extend their line to Dover and run freight trains on it. This would adversely affect Hextable and part of Swanley Village. So the vicar led a protest march through the fields. Nearly all of Swanley Village and some of Hextable residents plus their dogs and ponies marched....and WE WON!! British Rail changed their route and the villages were saved. That was a great victory for the district.

I also remember Canada Heights at the other end of the Village, a favourite place to walk with our dogs and to collect delicious chestnuts. Our children loved to find tadpoles in the ponds and our Jack Russell terrier would run excitedly around the rabbit warrens. I remember his high-pitched yapping underground only to reappear up another tunnel. My heart in my mouth as I hoped he wouldn't get stuck. He never did!

The front of our cottage overlooked the large hill between Swanley Village and Hextable and I recall the derelict little house in the wood at the top of the hill. Our children always thought that area and the ruins were a bit spooky and no doubt they created stories of who might have lived there and why it was left to crumble away. The wood often smelt damp and of the rotting turnips and parsnips discarded from the surrounding farmland.

By 1990, The Avenue of Limes had returned to their former glory and are amongst my most treasured memories. I can still recall the scent of the lime blossom and the majestic beauty of the trees. At the end of the Avenue was New Barn Park, created by Swanley Town Council and very successfully too. So as I draw to a close on this trip down memory lane, for the moment, I think I will put down my pen and paper, close my eyes and just for a little while longer continue down that lane.

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Although David and Mary Thomas are no longer alive (Mary passed away in 2020 just short of her 87th birthday) her family were pleased that this article was to be included in the newsletter. Mary would have loved share her memories of life in Swanley Village with others who knew the family. If you have some history to share please email the editor of the newsletter at: swanley_village_trust@yahoo.co.uk

After some years of neglect it is lovely to see the work Laura and Steve have put in to restoring the very lovely Jasmine Cottage!



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Looking for a space for a meeting or event in the village?



For many, St Paul's is a beautiful church building in a lovely setting used for worship and special celebrations like christenings, weddings and funerals, but we want it to be more than that. For most of the week it stands empty, and we would love to share the facilities we have with the village.

There is a space at the back (near the entrance) which is available for small group meetings, up to 30, with flexible seating. The larger church area might suit a display or performance in keeping with the church and its limitations, in terms of its fixtures e.g. pews and altar area.

If you are interested in discussing possibilities, please ring the church office on 01322 662320 and speak to Sue Haward or email office@stph.org.uk

Contact Details Swanley Village Residents' Association

If you have stopped receiving updates/messages by email
HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?

You can update your details and/or if you wish to add your name to the
email list for regular updates please contact:

Bob Wallis (swanley_village_trust@yahoo.co.uk)

It is **FREE** for all Swanley Village residents to advertise, sell items or
contribute to the Swanley Village Newsletter. Costs to 'outsiders' are
£5 per issue or £15 for the year (4 issues).

If anyone would like an article to be included in the
Spring Newsletter, please contact the Editor
SwanleyVillageRA@outlook.com
by **20th February 2023 at the latest.**

This newsletter is also published on the web site.

www.swanleyvillage.com

SWANLEY VILLAGE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Each year we ask each household to donate £5 to Swanley Village Residents Association. Thank you for all the payments received so far. If you haven't already donated it is not too late to do so.

Donations pay for the cost of printing the newsletter which is kindly done by St Paul's School. Contributed to new signage and the floral displays in the village.

If you wish to donate, please complete the attached form and return it with your donation to:

Rachel Wallis, Treasurer, SVRA, 5 Hogs Orchard, Swanley Village

Cheques to be made payable to Swanley Village Residents Association

If you wish to pay by bank transfer the details are:

Sort code 30-98-97

Account number: 82997563

Please use your name as a reference for the payment.

Please send an email to ***SwanleyVillageRA@outlook.com*** to let us know you have paid

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Chief Executive Officer: Ryan Hayman

INFORMAL CONSULTATION

Proposed 20 mph speed limit – Swanley Village

As your town council we are seeking your views on our proposals to help improve road safety through Swanley Village.

What are we planning to do?

In conjunction with Kent County Council we are proposing a 20 mph speed limit be implemented in Swanley Village on Highlands Hill, School Lane, Swanley Village Road and Beechenlea Lane. A plan is included overleaf.

Why do we want to do this work?

The scheme is designed to enhance the feeling of safety within the village by helping to keep traffic speeds low. A 20mph scheme will also be in-keeping with the village environment and with its status as a conservation area.

What will the scheme involve?

To ensure this is an effective 20 mph speed limit, it may be necessary to consider some traffic calming which would likely to be in the form of virtual / psychological measures such as gateway treatments, visual narrowings using road markings and coloured surfacing as well as other 'light-touch' measures such as upright speed limit repeater signs and roundel road markings. There are no plans to remove any parking.

Informal Consultation

We have been working closely with Kent County Council who have requested that, as a first step, we carry out an informal consultation with residents to gauge the level of support for the proposed 20 mph speed limit.

How can you help?

Should you wish to support or object to these proposals, or if you have any other comments that you feel are appropriate as part of the consideration of this scheme, please let us know.

Letter: Swanley Town Council, Civic Centre, St Marys Road, Swanley, BR8 7BU

Email: towncouncil@swanleytowncouncil.gov.uk

The deadline for responses is 06/01/2023

Next Steps

We shall collate the responses to the informal consultation and feed back to KCC. If there is sufficient support for the proposed 20 mph speed limit, KCC would then arrange for the proposals to go out to formal consultation, which will include notifications on their website, on-site notices and notices in the local paper, as well as informing statutory consultees such as the police.

Again, if the proposed scheme is favourably received, KCC will arrange for the speed limit signs and road markings to be installed.

