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Neighbourhood Plan

The neighbourhood plan is coming along nicely, if you still want to be involved, then let us know, a consultation document should be available in the summer, all houses and businesses in Swanwick will receive notification about the plan and will have the opportunity to comment upon. It is then revised if necessary, and then an Independent Examiner will consider the validity of the document, if it passes the independent examination it then becomes a legally binding document that Amber Valley Borough Council has to consider alongside their own Core Strategy document. The Parish Council have received £7000K of grant funding from the Community Development Foundation.

Dog Waste Bags – Are Free

The Village Caretaker has a free supply of dog waste bags on his street barrow, just ask him if you would like some bags, or drop into the Old School House to see the Clerk and pick some up, (Tues & Thurs 10am – 12noon). This year the Parish Council have issued nearly 20,000 dog waste bags, remember these are free, so there are no excuses for not picking up and getting rid of your dog waste responsibly.

Recently, we have received a lot of complaints about dog fouling, particularly on the way to schools, this is not acceptable, remember, that there are potential health hazards associated with youngsters and dog waste. We have asked the Amber Valley Borough Council Dog Warden to attend and prosecute anyone who allows their dog to foul, and we encourage anyone to report the people who don't collect waste and bin it.

There is no excuse, dog bags are provided and dog waste can be put into any normal litter bin, so don't leave it behind grit bins, at the end of peoples' drives or chucked over a wall. There is nothing worse than treading in it, or having to clean your child's buggy wheels every time you get home.

Speeding & Parking in the village

Concerns continue about the speeding of vehicles through the village, and also the inconsiderate parking of cars, this is particularly on High Street, Derby Road near to the new Tea Rooms and down The Green.

Crematorium and Natural Burial Ground

Work has commenced on the crematorium and burial ground, this should be completed December of this year and open in January 2015.

If you experience any problems with the works, please look on Amber Valley Borough Council's website and complete and Planning Enforcement Form, these are found on the Home Page on the Right Hand Side about half way down. If you do not have Internet access then I am afraid a good old fashioned phone call will do.

Have Your Say:

Come along to a Derbyshire County Council Member Surgery. County Councillor Steve Marshall-Clarke is holding a surgery on the following dates:

Saturday 19 April 2014

Time 12.30pm until 2.00pm at The Old School House 22 The Green Swanwick.

Any change to this date will be advertised in the Ripley & Heanor News.

Swanwick Photography Competition

We held the competition again, this year, results and presentations will be available after 16 April when the presentation evening will have taken place. These results will be on the website and also in the noticeboards.

Schoolchildren and their Safety

Recently there has been one or two incidences of near misses with children and motorists, particularly in the part of Swanwick where the pavement is very narrow just below The Gate. If you do experience any incidences where children run, fall or are pushed into the road, then let the school know. It is really only a matter of time before a serious accident occurs, and it will be unfair on the motorist involved.

Well Dressings

This years well dressing is taking place on Saturday 17 May 2014, at Swanwick Hall School as usual. There will be Six Wells as last year, and the theme will be 'Derbyshire Landmarks'. If you want a stall and are local to Swanwick then contact the clerk about this.

The attractions will be Pantonics Steel Band, Pinxton Puppets, Climbing Wall, Henna Tattoist.

There will be the 'Colouring Competition' once again, where plates will be decorated using felt tips or crayons, this will be mainly through the schools, but if you want to enter and don't go to a Swanwick School then look on the website and see what to do or contact the clerk. As

with the Well Dressings the theme is 'Derbyshire Landmarks'. The Closing Date is 2 May 2014.

Swanwick Caretaker's Retirement

Brian Downes, who has been one of the Village Caretakers' for 25 years, has decided to call it a day at over 70 years of age.

Brian has served the parish well and with good humour, he has been a pleasure to work alongside. We all wish him well in his retirement which we hope will be long and fulfilled, his main hobby is train spotting and many a happy hour has been spent with his friends on a rainy, windy platform waiting for something to come along and we hope he will continue to get blown and battered by the elements for a long while to come.

As a retirement gift Brian has chosen to have something connected to his beloved railways, which will be a constant reminder of his time spent pounding the streets, clearing the rubbish and generally being helpful to all who have come into contact with him.

Easter Church Services

Maundy Thursday 17th April

6.00 pm Bring & Share supper, Old School House, 22 The Green

7.00 pm Passover Meal, Swanwick Baptist Church

Good Friday 18th April

10.30 am Service at Swanwick Baptist Church

12 noon Meet at St. Andrew's Church at 12 noon to proceed to short service at the top of The Green

2-3 pm An hour at the Cross in St. Andrew's Church

Easter Saturday 19th April

8.30 am United Prayer Breakfast at Swanwick Baptist Church

1.00-4.00pm Easter Fun Day with Games, Crafts, Music & Story at Swanwick Baptist Church run by Christians Together in Swanwick and Valley CIDs

Easter Sunday 20th April

8.00 am Holy Communion at St. Andrew's Church

9.00 am Easter Prayer Breakfast at Swanwick Methodist Church

9.45 am Early Birds for young children and families at St. Andrew's Church

10.45 am Family Service at Swanwick Baptist Church

10.45 am Holy Communion at Swanwick Methodist Church

11.00am Holy Communion at St. Andrew's Church

6.00 pm Evening Service at Swanwick Baptist Church