



# Swanbourne Village News

Newsletter No. 149 December 2019 – February 2020



**Inside: All the latest  
Swanbourne News and Events**

*Photo: Carol Singing last year*

**Please put Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December into your diaries, for it is the evening of the traditional Swanbourne Carol Singing around the village, on tractor and trailer.**

However, we are introducing some changes this year, which we hope will make it more enjoyable for all, whether singing, collecting or just listening from the warmth of home.

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## **Carol Singing around the village, Contd.**

We will be starting at 6.30 p.m. from Nearnton End rather than Ridgeway Cottages as in recent years, then going up Tattams Lane and calling on Ridgeway Cottages, Breakfast Field and The Betsey Wynne, around 7.30 p.m. We will then carry on round the rest of the village, finishing up at Charlton Close, for mince pies and mulled wine served by Dorothy and Peter Bowden. There will be further details in due course, but we are anxious to get more singers and collectors, so please ring Frankie Fisher on 720454 if you want to be part of the action.

This year, we will be collecting for the Aylesbury Homeless Action Group, and it would be good to have more collectors as well as singers. We have been promised that this year we will also be joined by Father Christmas, but we cannot guarantee he will not bring the snow with him!

### **DIARY DATES**

**Tues 26<sup>th</sup> November - Book Club, at the Betsey by 7.45pm for 8pm start**

**Sun 1<sup>st</sup> December - Coffee and mince pies at St. Swithun, Swanbourne, 11am (see p 3)**

**Sun 1<sup>st</sup> December - Advent Service at St. Swithun, Swanbourne, 5pm (see p 3)**

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> December - SCA Christmas Lunch, 12.30pm in the Village Hall (see p 13)**

**Tues 10<sup>th</sup> December - Swanbourne Country Flowers workshop (see p 15))**

**Thur 12<sup>th</sup> December - Swanbourne Country Flowers workshop (see p 15)**

**Thur 12<sup>th</sup> December - Giocososo Band Christmas music from 7.30pm at St. Swithun**

**Thur 19<sup>th</sup> December - Swanbourne Country Flowers workshop (see p 15)**

**Sun 15<sup>th</sup> December - Carol Service at St. Swithun, Swanbourne, 11am (see p 3)**

**Tues 24<sup>th</sup> December - Crib service at St. Swithun, 4pm. (see p 3)**

**Wed 25<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Day Communion at St. Swithun, 11am (see p 3)**

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> January - SCA Afternoon Tea, 2.30pm in the Village Hall**

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> February - SCA Afternoon Tea, 2.30pm in the Village Hall**

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> March - SCA Lunch, 12.30pm in the Village Hall**

**CHRISTMAS MUSIC** - On Thursday 12th December the Giocososo Concert Band will perform an informal evening of Christmas Music in St Swithun's Church from 7.30 pm onwards . Feel free to drop in have a cup of tea/coffee and mince pie and listen to this wonderful music .

*Hugo*

You

are warmly invited to be part of something this  
Christmas Season

**Conversation, Coffee and  
Mince Pies**

Swanbourne Church  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December  
11 o'clock to 12 o'clock

All Welcome



**Advent Service**  
Swanbourne Church  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December  
5:00pm

By Swanbourne House School



All Welcome

**Village Carol Service**

St Swithun Church Swanbourne  
15<sup>th</sup> December  
11am

Come and join in the Christmas story  
with songs and words



All Welcome

Miniature Nativity Scene Competition



Create a nativity scene in a shoebox.  
Drop it off in Swanbourne Church by the  
15<sup>th</sup> December.  
Judging will be at the crib service on the  
24<sup>th</sup> December.

Winners will be informed in the New Year

Categories:

Primary school

Secondary school

Adult



**Crib Service**

Join with St Swithun Church and the  
Methodist Chapel for this family friendly  
opportunity to hear and participate in the  
story of the first manager.

Swanbourne Church  
24<sup>th</sup> December  
4pm



All Welcome

**Christmas Day**

Swanbourne Church  
25<sup>th</sup> December  
11am

Family Communion



All Welcome

# SWANBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Ms Vanda Bennett is Parish Clerk. Any enquires about Parish Council business should be made by email in the first instance to: [clerkswanbournepc@gmail.com](mailto:clerkswanbournepc@gmail.com), or telephone Vanda on 728392.

## Parish Councillors

**Clive Rodgers** – Chairman, strategic planning, liaising with SCA, maintenance overview, newsletter, liaison with Swanbourne Estate. *Emails will be forwarded via the Parish Clerk.*

**Helen Cleaveley** – Traffic issues, MVAS and Speed watch. *Emails will be forwarded via the Parish Clerk.*

**Linda Sirett** – Dog related issues, playing field committee liaison. *Emails will be forwarded via the Parish Clerk.*

**Steve French** – Local Authority Funding (LAF) meetings, local planning applications. *Emails will be forwarded via the Parish Clerk.*

**Rosemary Andrew** – Bus shelters, bus stops, liaison with passenger transport. *Emails will be forwarded via the Parish Clerk.*

**Deborah Barrow** – Highway defect reporting to BCC and litter issues. *Emails will be forwarded via the Parish Clerk.*

**Mike King** – PC website, standing orders, transparency compliance. *Emails will be forwarded via the Parish Clerk.*

## Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.00pm, on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020, in Swanbourne Village Hall.

## PC Transparency

The Parish Council Website [www.swanbourneparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.swanbourneparishcouncil.co.uk) follows government transparency guidelines, containing all the Parish Council news and documentation (e.g. agenda and minute records as well as all financial information).

## Village Planning News

19/02073/ Old Nearton Farm - erection of detached garage, ancillary workshop, gym and storage – *Refused.*

9/04074/AGN Buxlow Farm - Erection of new barn – *Pending.*

## **Second Bus Shelter – now completed**

The Parish Council is pleased to announce the completion of our second bus shelter, located at the top of New Walk. Dangerous trees next to the site were rendered safe in September (see story below). This will be particularly welcomed by the schoolchildren (and their parents) who have been getting soaked on an almost daily basis as a result of exceptional levels of rainfall over the Autumn. Constructed in hardwood by James Tattam, the shelter is a duplicate of the first bus shelter, completed last Spring. Thanks also go to Phil Timmins who completed the foundation work and the relocation of the John Price Memorial bench to a position immediately to the left of the new shelter (when viewed from the road). Despite the additional costs, we are pleased to have been able to complete the design and positioning of the shelter fully in accordance with the consensus opinion expressed by members of the public at the Parish Assembly last May

*Trees near the bus stop (photo, September)*



**The trees** A quote from last September:- “Yikes, what’s happening to those trees?” A good question, so the story goes something like this: -

In late summer, Swanbourne Estate’s arboriculturalist identified a serious disease within the beech tree roots next to the bus stop at the top of New Walk. Tom Finchett contacted TfB (who act for BCC) and their arboriculturalists confirmed there was a real problem. The tree was a danger to the public. As their roots could no longer support the tree properly, an emergency order went out to fell it. This took place within a week. At the same time two neighbouring lime trees were pollarded by BCC so some dangerously overhanging branches were removed. They will start to grow back in the Spring, and we are assured they will soon look fine again. *Clive*



*The new bus shelter is situated in front of the felled beech tree.*

*Photo above: The second bus shelter was erected at the top of New Walk on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> November. In due course, BCC Passenger Transport intend to replace the old bus stop pole and timetables; the latter will be relocated inside the bus shelter.*

*Clive*

## **Traffic Calming**

Fed up of speeding traffic? Just too many cars on Swanbourne's roads? **Definitely**, which is why the Parish Council is 50% funding (jointly with 50% Winslow Local Area Forum funding) a feasibility study to investigate the traffic challenges being faced in the village. This follows on from the Traffic Surveys the PC commissioned last year. The initiation meeting with Transport for Bucks and contractors 'Ringwell Jacobs' kicked off the process early in November. They agreed that we are already carrying out as many 'soft' traffic control options as we are able, and that we are correct to be seeking definitive and long-term interventions. Further updates will appear in this newsletter as matters progress. *Jtelen*

## **Oxford – Cambridge Expressway proposals**

The government body 'Highways England' were due to publish their preferred route option report in mid-October, followed by several weeks of "consultation". However, the decision was made to postpone it until January 2020 - after the election. That helps to prevent it becoming a political issue. Unfortunately, previous petitions are cancelled, so anyone who is opposed has to sign a new petition all over again.

**To defend the village, we would encourage you to sign this new petition:-** <https://www.noexpressway.org/petition-signup>

We have grounds to be very concerned indeed, as we already know that some of the possible routes are close to Swanbourne - and it would be so awful if we ended up with a full-sized motorway passing close to the village boundary. This is a real threat to our rural way of life. The NO EXPRESSWAY GROUP are challenging all party candidates to declare their position with regards to the Expressway via a letter (partly reproduced overleaf).

*Map produced by the 'No Expressway Group' suggests two possible routes. The southerly route would completely trash our rural environment between Swanbourne, Mursley, Winslow and Granborough.*



*Reproduced below is an extract from a challenge sent by No Expressway Group to all MP candidates along the Oxford to Cambridge Arc.....*

“Congratulations on being selected by your Party as a Candidate in the 12th December general election!

We believe the top issue in your constituency is the **Oxford to Cambridge Expressway**, which includes aspirations for inappropriate housing targets (3-6 times ONS national average growth rates by 2050).

The scale of development and urban sprawl will cause devastation to the environment and increased congestion that will harm local communities and wildlife. It will also create levels of air pollution that will damage our health now and into the future. We demand the government shifts investment from



private, car-dependent transport to public transport systems such as fully electrified East-West Rail instead.

**Build the railway. Stop the expressway!**

Will you agree to support our call for this to be scrapped and allow us to list you as a supporter on our website?

Please confirm your support by sending a letter or email to [www.noexpresswaygroup@gmail.com](http://www.noexpresswaygroup@gmail.com) “

*It will be interesting to find out the stance to be taken by our local parliamentary candidates. If our fears prove justified once the detailed route proposals are published in January, Swanbourne Parish Council is likely to hold a public meeting in the VH to discuss our combat strategy.*

### **East West Rail Link will be delayed**

The second phase which will lead to the opening of the Winslow Station and revival of the currently disused line from Bicester to Bedford has been postponed from 2020 to 2023 due to funding issues. We believe this to be worthwhile, as it will eventually provide train links from Winslow Station to Oxford or going the other way to MK and Bedford following old routes without using up any farmland. However, the old link from Bedford to Cambridge was quarried away so that section will require a completely new line which will take much longer.

### **HS2 will still go ahead**

The leaked review of the HS2 high-speed railway (starting from London and slicing through Buckinghamshire to the West of Swanbourne) to Birmingham and the North concludes it should be built, despite rapidly rising costs. The review says the project (first costed at £33 billion) might cost even more than its current price of £88bn. However, the review Deputy Chairman disagrees, and intends to bring out his own report later. The trains are not intended to stop in Bucks - we can't use them.

# SWANBOURNE HOUSE SCHOOL – VACANCIES FOR DINNER LADIES

<b>Posting Date:</b> 13 November 2019	<b>Closing Date:</b> 27 November 2019
<b>Position Start Date:</b> 8 January 2020	<b>Salary:</b> £9 per hour
<b>Contract Type:</b> Mon – Fri, term time only Shift patterns: 11:15am – 1:15pm & 11:30am – 1:30pm	<b>Contract Term:</b> Permanent

We are looking to appoint two Dinner Ladies who will be working in our new Coach House dining room with our Nursery – 6s children serving lunch across two lunch sittings.

#### **Duties include;**

- Setting up dining area
- Basic food preparation
- Serving
- Washing up
- Cleaning

#### **How to Apply:**

Please submit your CV along with the online declaration form, which can be found on [www.swanbourne.org](http://www.swanbourne.org)

For any further information, please contact [personnel@swanbourne.org](mailto:personnel@swanbourne.org)

School visits are encouraged and welcomed.

#### **Closing and Interview Dates;**

Completed application forms must be submitted by 3 December 2019. Interview date to be confirmed.

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION CONTACTS

### **SWANBOURNE NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COUNTRYSIDE WATCH**

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

### **REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

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](mailto: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  
Giocosco Concert Band; Tel. David Sharp 01908 503461 or email

[d.sharp@open.ac.uk](mailto:d.sharp@open.ac.uk)

Friday am Pilates - Helen Stephenson – Tel. 075483666

### **MORE WEBSITE, EMAIL & TELEPHONE CONTACTS**

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**Village information via email circulation** - Newer village residents  
may like to know that information is regularly circulated by email,  
previously by Marion Lowe. However, Marion left the village some years  
ago and recently handed this over to **Peter Hampton** (who has a new  
Swanbourne Mail email address). The address to use is as follows:-  
[swanbournemail@gmail.com](mailto:swanbournemail@gmail.com)

**Swanbourne Community Association** –Website:-

[www.swanbournecommunityassociation.com](http://www.swanbournecommunityassociation.com)

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

Swanbourne History Group – [www.swanbournehistory.co.uk](http://www.swanbournehistory.co.uk)

The Shop – <https://www.facebook.com/SwanbourneStores/> Tel. 720288.

Betsey Wynne Pub - [www.thebetseywynne.co.uk](http://www.thebetseywynne.co.uk) Tel. 720825.

Swanbourne Parish Council – [www.swanbourneparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.swanbourneparishcouncil.co.uk)

Play Out Swanbourne - [www.facebook.com/playoutswanbourne](http://www.facebook.com/playoutswanbourne)

**Winslow Community Bus** Tel. 01296 715786 (Sue) 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) **FREE** with bus pass.

### SWANBOURNE'S WINTER REFUSE COLLECTION DATES

<i>Date</i>	<i>Food waste</i>	<i>Recycling Bin</i>	<i>Waste Bin</i>	<i>Garden waste</i>
<i>Tuesday Nov 26</i>	<b>COLLECTION</b>	<b>COLLECTION</b>	No Collection	<b>COLLECTION</b>
<i>Tuesday Dec 03</i>	<b>COLLECTION</b>	No Collection	<b>COLLECTION</b>	No Collection
<i>Tuesday Dec 10</i>	<b>COLLECTION</b>	<b>COLLECTION</b>	No Collection	No Collection
<i>Tuesday Dec 17</i>	<b>COLLECTION</b>	No Collection	<b>COLLECTION</b>	No Collection
<i>Tuesday Dec 24</i>	<b>COLLECTION</b>	<b>COLLECTION</b>	No Collection	No Collection
<i>Thursday Jan 02</i>	<b>COLLECTION</b>	No Collection	<b>COLLECTION</b>	No Collection
<i>Wednesday Jan 08</i>	<b>COLLECTION</b>	<b>COLLECTION</b>	No Collection	No Collection
<i>Tuesday Jan 14</i>	<b>COLLECTION</b>	No Collection	<b>COLLECTION</b>	No Collection
<i>Tuesday Jan 21</i>	<b>COLLECTION</b>	<b>COLLECTION</b>	No Collection	No Collection
<i>Tuesday Jan 28</i>	<b>COLLECTION</b>	No Collection	<b>COLLECTION</b>	No Collection
<i>Tuesday Feb 04</i>	<b>COLLECTION</b>	<b>COLLECTION</b>	No Collection	<b>COLLECTION</b>
<i>Tuesday Feb 11</i>	<b>COLLECTION</b>	No Collection	<b>COLLECTION</b>	No Collection

**ALL ABOUT SWANBOURNE** is a booklet which will accompany this issue of the Newsletter. It has been put together by the SCA to give residents information about village organisations and activities. It will be updated on a regular basis. If there are any errors, corrections or additions to be made, please contact Linda Rodgers by email: [CLMRodgers@btinternet.com](mailto:CLMRodgers@btinternet.com) or telephone 720062.

# HISTORIC CHRISTMAS PHOTOGRAPH



*Above:- Father Christmas emerges from the Old House, December, 1908*

**SCA - Please join us for Christmas Lunch  
at 12.30pm on Monday 2nd December in  
Swanbourne Village Hall.**



All are welcome. *Frankie*



# OLD DROVERS VIEW –

FOUR NEW HOUSES IN NEARTON END



This development at Nearton End Farm is being marketed now by Wilkinsons Estate Agents, and the new close of four houses will be known as Old Drover's View. All will have 5 bedrooms. For further details see:-

<http://www.qualityhomes.co.uk/>

At the time of writing (late November 2019), three out of four houses are sold subject to contract.

Plot 1 – £850,000 For sale

Plot 2 – £950,000 Sold STC

Plot 3 – £895,000 Sold STC

Plot 4 – £950,000 Sold STC

**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](mailto:hugogilbert@fir-tree.co.uk)  
Other Committee members are: Wilma Gilbert and Mo Gray.

# Swanbourne Country Flowers

invite you to our Christmas Workshops

## Christmas Wreath making

Tuesday 10th December,

9.30am—11.30am and

Thursday 12th December,

7pm—9pm.



## Christmas Table

### Decorations

Thursday 19th December,

1pm—3pm.

Venue: The Old House, Mursley Road, Swanbourne.

Wreath workshops £30    Table Decorations £30

All materials and seasonal refreshments are included.

To book call 07927 919717 or message via our Facebook or Instagram pages



Well Hello Swanbourne,

I'm just dropping by with a quick note this time - to say that I am thinking of you all and to send you my season's greetings

**~ Merry Christmas, and a very, VERY Happy New Year ~**

Whatever 2019 has been like for you, may 2020 be better in every way.

Until next time, make sure you look after yourselves, and each other, and be sure to keep warm....

With Love from Barry 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾

PS I chose this photo especially for you; it is of me celebrating the season early, and in some style (I hope you agree). Ma says to tell you that I was remarkably patient ☺