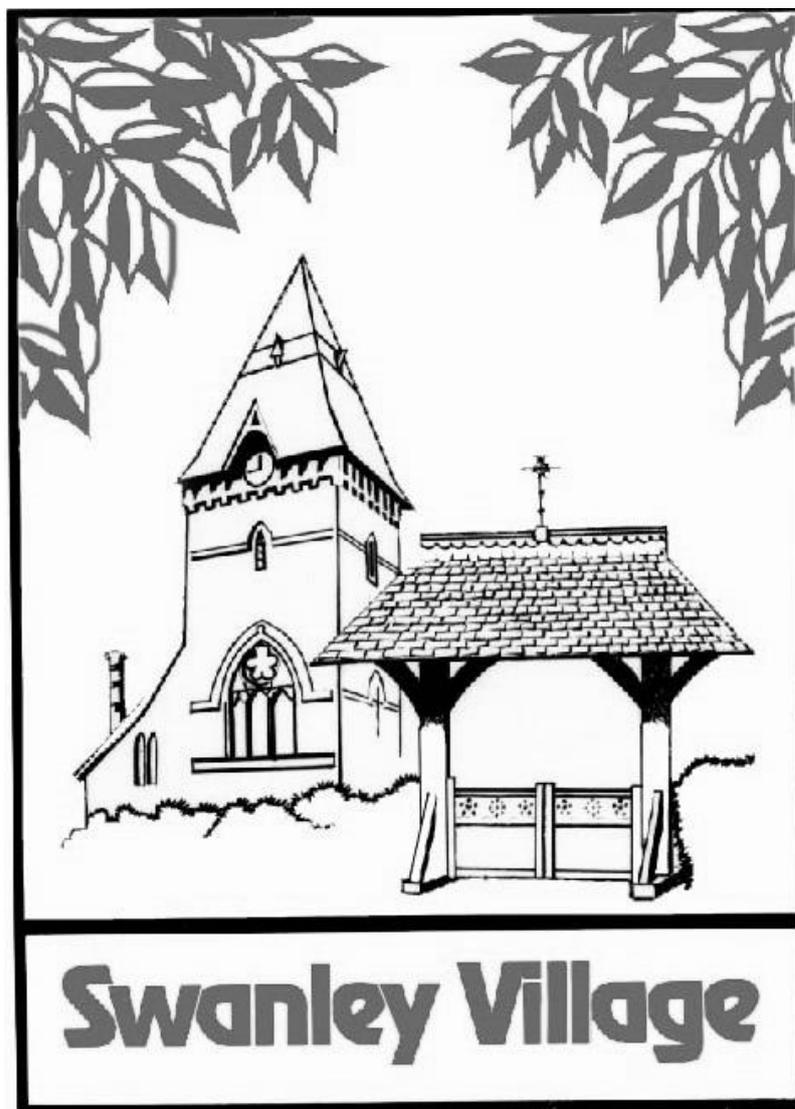


# *Swanley Village News*

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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

## Coffee on The Village Green

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 10.30am

## Quiz Night

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm  
Five Wents Hall

## Open Garden

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September  
Old Vicarage

## Bonfire Night

Saturday 6th November from 6pm Swanley Village Green

**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](mailto: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

With hope in our hearts Swanley Village Trustees have booked two events for this Autumn! We have a quiz planned at Five Wents Hall on Saturday 11 September; and a firework company engaged for Saturday 6 November, Bonfire Night. We hope you will support these occasions if you possibly can – apart from any other reason so that we can enjoy getting back together again! If the quiz has to be cancelled, we will of course refund in full.

For those of you who noticed the grass was getting longer on the village green, this has been deliberate to try to allow not only the grass but also the bee orchids to return. With the community payback team also restarted we hope to keep the paths and brambles under control. Thanks to Donna and her team for maintaining the wildflowers on the old pétanque court.

The Residents' Association has been working with Swanley Town Council to place hanging baskets around the village after some of the lampposts failed their stress tests. We have a visit from some Swanley in Bloom judges in the next few weeks, so please keep your front gardens looking lovely! SVRA has also been ramping up the pressure on Kent County Council to slow traffic around the village with a 20mph limit and make life safer for pedestrians, horse riders and cyclists. Please email accounts of accidents or near-misses to [SwanleyVillageRA@outlook.com](mailto:SwanleyVillageRA@outlook.com) or post them on Swanley Village News Facebook page or @swanley\_village on Twitter.

## Swanley Village 100 Club

*The 100 club is run by Swanley Village Trust and all profits go towards maintaining the village green and to help pay for other activities in the village including projects like the wonderful free firework display that we all enjoy.*

*Winners of the last draw: Steve Wells, David Watkinson, Rachel Watson, Bob Wallis, Clive Howell, Daphne Davis, Katherine Cheschlesch, Linda Barham, Emma Pickard, Marion Lee & Mrs Johnson.*

*Cheques £52 for the full year or £26 for half year payable to 'Swanley Village Trust 100 Club'; or cash for the same amounts should be delivered to one of the addresses below. Alternatively, you can pay direct into the bank (60-21-10, a/c 96898321) using your full name and 100 as a reference e.g., Keith Rowland 100. Please email us and let us know if you use this option.*

***Please note that membership renewals are due by 14<sup>th</sup> August 2021.***

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## County Councillor's Report Roger Gough

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, Kent Highways carried out traffic surveys in the village earlier in the year. The data indicate the scale of the speeding problem and in this vindicate residents' concerns. The speeds appear to be sufficiently high to question whether a 20-mph zone reinforced only by signs would be effective, but that certainly does not mean that nothing can be done. I am taking this further with KCC officers and will report back.

On fly tipping, KCC's county-wide lead officer is working closely with Sevenoaks District Council's enforcement lead, and the problems in Swanley Village are well recognised. As has been reported in the media, there are an increasing number of cases where Sevenoaks DC, often working with KCC, is successfully carrying out enforcement and prosecutions.

In the recent County Council elections, I was delighted to be returned as Member for Sevenoaks North and Darent Valley (and so for Swanley Village). I am very grateful for the strong support I received and will do my best to serve the Division. The Conservatives retained control of the County Council and I was re-elected Leader of the Council at our post-election Annual Meeting (held, because of social distancing, in a leisure centre sports hall, with councillors sitting at rows of desks like 16-year-olds taking exams).

As ever, I can be reached by phone (01959 525109) or by email, [roger.gough@kent.gov.uk](mailto:roger.gough@kent.gov.uk) My website, [www.roger-gough.blogspot.co.uk](http://www.roger-gough.blogspot.co.uk) reports on what I'm doing across the Sevenoaks North and Darent Valley Division, and I am on Twitter [@RogerGough2](https://twitter.com/RogerGough2) and on Facebook [www.facebook.com/RogerDVKent](https://www.facebook.com/RogerDVKent)



## Swanley Town Council to support 20mph for Swanley Village



Further to comments fed back to us from the SVRA, I have tabled a motion for Swanley Town Council to formally endorse the general 20mph aspirations for part of the village. As you may be aware, Kent County Council, whose responsibility it is to implement a 20mph zone, have been dragging their feet as to why a 20mph zone cannot be brought in, despite it being proven and endorsed by KCC itself of the environmental, health and safety benefits. As well as lobbying KCC for a 20mph zone, we have also committed to investigate how we can lobby KCC to also create a suitable pathway down to Swanley Lane.

**CLlr Michael Horwood, Leader of Swanley Town Council**



*Dear Residents,*

*As life begins to return to a new normal, we still need to be cautious, anyone not yet vaccinated I would urge you to do so.*

*Planning applications in the village continue to be lodged although taking much longer to determine.*

*Swanley Park which has new attractions open has free parking for Swanley Residents submit a copy of your V5 logbook and Council Tax demand or visit the link to register [csa@swanleytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:csa@swanleytowncouncil.gov.uk) is a great place to visit.*

**Fly Tipping continues to be a problem in the village any registration numbers of any suspicious vehicles should be given to our PCSO.**

*Should you wish to contact me my Mobile number is 07769686100 and email [tony@searles.com](mailto:tony@searles.com)*

**Cllr Tony Searles**

**Working for you**

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

## **One Church in two locations**



### **A message from Revd. Johnny Douglas**

*For well over a year now the church has been pleased to serve many hundreds of people on their doorsteps in our two villages over the course of the pandemic. Certainly, this has helped us to engage with and understand more the needs of residents and the community. Though there have been some promising developments with numbers being vaccinated and hospital admissions falling etc, we do not forget the losses, pain, suffering and loneliness which many have experienced and of which I have been acutely aware as we have stood alongside so many in our villages. If you need assistance in any way, please do contact me on 077990 72845 and we will gladly seek to help.*

*Some weeks ago, we recommenced three weekly Sunday congregations; in-person services - 0830 at St Paul's, Swanley Village and 1030 at St Peter's Church, Hextable, each with social distancing in place, as well as continuing with our online congregation at the earlier time of 0930.*

*Given the demand, COVID restrictions and government guidelines, it is necessary to book ahead for the 70 places at St Peter's by Wednesdays each week.*

*[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1030am-service-at-st-peters-hextable-tickets-121831361883](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1030am-service-at-st-peters-hextable-tickets-121831361883)*

*No advance booking is needed for the 8.30 service at St Paul's. The online service is available on [www.facebook.com/STPHexSV](http://www.facebook.com/STPHexSV)*

*Swanley Village Life group continues currently via Zoom, with more frequent interaction via other social media is for anyone in the village of any church or none. With an inability to physically meet, the group has proved invaluable in sharing news and needs in the village and beyond. Please contact us if you would like further details.*

*Feel free to contact me by email on anything raised here or wider:*

*[vicarjohnny@gmail.com](mailto:vicarjohnny@gmail.com) or by phone: 077990 72845 if I can assist in any way or David and Pauline Pearson, leaders of our Life Group in the Village - 07836 376803  
[pearsondavid45@gmail.com](mailto:pearsondavid45@gmail.com)*

# ***Your Local Police Newsletter***

*June 2021 Newsletter - Swanley & Hextable*

*I hope you are all well. Here is what has been happening in your local area.*

## **Swanley White Oak:**

*While on patrol PCSO WILLIAMS has noticed three males known to him, one male quickly made off on an off-road motorbike, the other two males were spoken too and handed over catapults which they were carrying on them, WOA were given to them around use of catapults, they were booked in to be destroyed and the male who made off details have been passed to are intel team. PC JOHNSON and I have attended the address of the two males with the catapults to give one a CPW and another a CPN.*

*We had a report of a theft from a local store, an area search was conducted for the suspects and even though they were not found at the time, we have their images, and we believe that they are local, the investigation is ongoing.*

## **Swanley Christchurch, and Swanley Village:**

*A male was verbally abusive towards PCSO WILLIAMS and PC JOHNSON while on foot patrol, we attended the male's address later in the week, and spoke with his parents who were horrified by his actions and will be dealing with this themselves.*

*While PCSO WILLIAMS was working with a PC, a vehicle was stopped and spoken to for not having an MOT, and later that evening another motorist was dealt with due to being on his phone while driving.*

## **Swanley St Mary's:**

*PCSO WILLIAMS attended an address where a couple have been defrauded of large amount of money, they originally had a male knock on their door telling them he could carry out work he could see needed doing, after he completed this job, he noticed other additional work which needed completing. Once he had received the money up front for the work he never returned, currently the investigation is ongoing. PC JOHNSON and I had completed house to house in the local area to give them advice with regards to rogue traders.*

*Further help and support can be found: [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk) or [www.tradingstandards.uk](http://www.tradingstandards.uk)*

**Hextable:**

*PCSO WILLIAMS and PC JOHNSON attended a call where a young male had been verbally abusive towards a female, after conducting an area search, we located the male in question, we took details for a crime report and spoke to his parents about what had happened, they were shocked and shall be also addressing his behaviour.*

**Sevenoaks district update:**

*We have had some reports of ongoing ASB issues in the local area of Swanley, and we have identified the school where some of these youths attend, PCSO PAPWORTH (Youth engagement officer) has made the school aware of are concerns and that pupils from there school have been involved in these ASB issues, the school shall be relaying this back to their students.*

*We have also been doing additional work relating to Covid calls we currently have teams working through the week covering these calls and concerns.*

*We have attended a location to where we believe that catapults are coming from, as this currently seems to be an issue throughout the whole of the Sevenoaks district.*

*We have noticed an increase in vans being targeted for tools in several areas of the Sevenoaks district, if possible, park your vehicle close to your house, ensure all doors are locked and if possible, remove your tools.*

*Remember you can follow some of our activities on twitter, go give us a follow - @kentpolice7oaks*

**PCSO WILLIAMS, PCSO VINCENT, PC JOHNSON**



**Kent  
Police**

Call **101** for non-urgent issues.

Call **999** in an emergency.

If deaf or speech impaired text '**police**' and your message to **60066**.

# **St. Paul's CE Primary School**

***The past 18 months has been a trying one for both school and community, as we have navigated the difficulties that COVID-19 has presented to us. We were incredibly proud to be one of the first schools to open to all year groups, back in June 2020 and made local and national press for this.***

***Since September, we have tried to run school in a normal fashion, although again, this has proved to be tricky - with bubble closures, changing Government guidelines and limited space at school! However, I am proud of the work that has been achieved and how as a school community we have worked tirelessly, together. Much has been made in the national news about gaps in our children's learning - of course, for some children there are gaps, but we are also incredibly fortunate to have supportive parents and families that did their very best during school closures, to continue their child's education. Can I take this opportunity to thank staff, children and parents for everything they have done.***

***In July 2020, we were asked to provide leadership support to West Kingsdown Church of England Primary School, with me acting as an Executive Headteacher across both schools. This has proved to be extremely beneficial for both schools and the relationship will continue into the next academic year.***

***Since our return to school in March, we have introduced music and French specialists across the school. This has seen djembe drumming for Years 3 and 4 and French for Years 3 to 6. This is part of our drive to ensure that we remain as a school, at the forefront of education for all our pupils.***

***We are trying to return to as much normality as possible during the final term of school. This includes trips for all classes, a planned whole school trip to Swanley Park and our normal end of year activities, sports day and musical concerts. This is very exciting for the whole school and for our youngest pupils, the first chance to see what being a member of the St. Paul's family is all about!***

***Ben Hulme  
Executive Headteacher***

**SWANLEY VILLAGE TRUST**

**(fundraising)**

**WANTED:**

**Items for raffle prizes**

***Do you have anything suitable which we could use as prizes at our forthcoming events (perhaps any unwanted or duplicate presents)?***

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT***



**Coffee on the Village Green  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 10.30 am**

***It is some time since many of the groups in the village have got together and we thought we should set aside a date to have a coffee morning on the village green. It is, however, “do it yourself” so please bring a chair, coffee and cake and weather permitting it will be good to see you all.***



## SWANLEY VILLAGE PETANQUE TEAMS

Due to Covid Liz at The Lamb needs our pistes or pitches for customer tables. For health & safety reasons the gravel has been covered in grass, so the team has lost its home after 10 successful years. Originally, we were two teams comprising 18 players and were promoted seven times. A Petanque Cup Final appearance was originally played at the Red Lion, The Olympic and The Village Green. Swanley no longer has a place for us to play so I have built Pistes in Dartford and Crockenhill to enable us to continue to play albeit not as locally as previously. In total we had 40 different players in the Lamb Team.

I would like to thank Liz at the Lamb for her support over the years and all the ex-players who made The Lamb Petanque one of the most popular teams and venues in the Kent League. I must also say we had the best buffet by far of any team!

Good News: The Lamb Petanque Team has now been allowed to relocate to the Sydney Arms in Chislehurst and going forwards will be known as the Sydney Lambs. We will continue in division 4 and hope to be playing again as soon as Covid restrictions allow. The league previously had 63 teams, but this is now reduced to 40 but we hope more teams will return as and when times get back to normal.

Many thanks for all your support over the years.

Steve Wells

07368 687744

**SWANLEY VILLAGE TRUST  
FUND RAISING EVENT**

**\*\*\*\**DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES*\*\*\*\***

**QUIZ NIGHT**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September  
with Fish and Chip Supper**

**FIVE WENTS HALL**

**7.30 pm**

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW**

**£10 p/p – organise a team (max 8) or come  
on your own and get to know some new  
people!**

**Bring your own drinks & glasses**

**Email the Trust at  
[swanley\\_village\\_trust@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:swanley_village_trust@yahoo.co.uk)**

**Or drop a note through the door with your  
contact details and payment by cheque or  
cash please to**

**5 Hogs Orchard**

**Tickets are limited and we always sell out!!**



# ellenor Glorious Gardens

## The Old Vicarage

Sunday 12  
September  
2-5pm

School Lane,  
Swanley Village  
BR8 7PJ

Gather your green-fingered friends and join us at our exciting Glorious Gardens event!

Visit [www.ellenor.org/events](http://www.ellenor.org/events) to purchase tickets. Tickets: £5  
To find out more about Glorious Gardens, call Melissa Bourne on 01474 320 007 or [Melissa.bourne@ellenor.org](mailto:Melissa.bourne@ellenor.org)



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## **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  
**September** Newsletter, please contact the Editor  
SwanleyVillageRA@outlook.com  
by **4<sup>th</sup> September at the latest.**

This newsletter is also published on the web site. **[www.swanleyvillage.com](http://www.swanleyvillage.com)**

**Thanks to all those villagers who post this  
Newsletter to your door**

## **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.

This pays for the cost of printing the newsletter which is kindly done by St Paul's School. This year we have been able to pay for new signs and donated towards the hanging baskets in the village we will be replacing the barrels at the top of School Lane.

If you wish to contribute 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** 07-00-93

**Account number:** 33333334 quote ref 0627/703345565

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation: £5/other amount \_\_\_\_\_