



## PARKING

Parking on paths and causing an obstruction for pedestrians, parents with buggies and disabled vehicles has been brought up in several areas of the village. Car owners are asked to give consideration to those people using the paths. People wishing to drop off to post a letter or buy a stamp have been unable to park by the post office due to long term parking on Kemp Road/ West End and on the double yellow lines outside. Once again the Parish Council asks for help and consideration of others. RJJ



## EMERGENCY PLAN

In the event of an emergency we keep a register of items that could be of essential use and of those people most needy or vulnerable if an emergency should arise. We need the names and addresses of those at risk, especially those who are house bound, elderly or disabled and could need help. We also need to know what you have tucked away that could be helpful from generators to wind up torches, primus stoves to calor heaters, the list is enormous. If you have any special skills that could be called upon in an emergency, that too would be important. Your details will be kept on file and covered by Data Protection rules. Contact numbers:- Councillor Dumsday 01482 634863 or Councillor Richardson 01482 631069.



**PLAYING FIELDS** - The multi use games area is progressing well and hopefully will be completed by the end of November. JR

## CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

The Parish Council is once again organising **Father Christmas on the Pond**. Everyone is welcome to come and bring your families, enjoy the music and the fun of the evening

**Start 6.00 pm on the 22nd December. Santa arrives at 7.00pm.**



**Merry Christmas everyone!**



*Very best wishes for the New Year*

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## SWANLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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### LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN



It seems a long time since our summer holidays but I was reminded of home when I picked up the local information magazine from the Mairie in the village in France where I was staying. In it three issues were being highlighted - parking of cars, loud music, and the amount of dog dirt on the pavements. You never see any one in France walking a dog and carrying a plastic bag at the same time. Perhaps that's what those handbags with dogs in are for!! It seems that these sorts of problems are universal.

One of the main things that the Parish Council does is to feed back comments on planning applications to the Local Planning Authority. Swanland Parish Council has no power in this area but our views are listened to and we take great care to put forward arguments on your behalf which follow the latest planning guidance. The government in its drive to reduce red tape and the clogging of the planning system has made changes to the requirement to seek planning permission for small scale developments in private houses. This is called Permitted Development and it is now possible to build an extension to a house up to certain dimensions without planning permission. The advice is detailed but as an applicant it will be easier to extend your property as you will only have to comply with Building Regulations. However, the downside is that the neighbours of the property will have no opportunity for comment or objection provided the proposed development fulfils the criteria laid down. You can access the interactive guide through the Parish Council website's Planning Page and then the ERYC Public Access Page. There you will find a link to the Government Planning Portal.

In the last newsletter I talked about the pressures for development in Swanland and the views of the Parish Council in trying to preserve the character and appearance of the

village. The Village Design Statement was written after an intensive consultation process and is now used by the ERYC Planners as guidance on what the people of Swanland want for the future look of their village, we have put this document on the website and I would recommend you read it in relation to any planning matters that arise.

Finally, as this will be the last newsletter before Christmas may I wish everyone a happy Christmas and hopefully a prosperous New Year - credit crunch notwithstanding.

**Geoff Chapman.**

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### THE POND

The continuing problem of bread being used to feed the ducks is being addressed by the Swanland Wildlife Group who has made **free grain** available at the Florists, McCall's store and the Swan & Cygnet. The cost of the grain comes from a legacy from Mary Lister which is in the care of the Parish Council. Villagers are asked not to feed bread to the ducks as it has no nutritional value to them and it encourages vermin.

Also a reminder that introducing unwanted fish into the pond could bring disease and the offenders could be prosecuted as it is illegal to release animals in to the wild. This has already happened and there are some very large carp visible in the summer which makes the establishment of new vegetation difficult.

As part of the improvements to the pond it is hoped that we will be able to supplement the water supply to the pond by diverting water from the Village Hall roof.

There was a problem of diesel washing into the pond from road works, but this was soon contained. A pollution kit for future use will be kept at the Village Hall. CL



### CRIME IN THE VILLAGE

The crime rate in Swanland has been low this year with mostly minor crimes being reported but September was unusually high. The Police ask people to remain vigilant especially over the holiday season. The main problems are thefts from parked cars and garden sheds. RE

Thanks are sent out to the unknown person who cleaned graffiti from two of the village seats.



### HONOURS BOARD

The Honours Board, as suggested by Ex-Chairman Colin Hotham and showing all the previous Chairmen of the Parish Council, has been completed. There are many familiar names of long-time Swanland residents on the board which many people will recognise. It will be hung in the Village Hall. GC



### ALLOTMENTS

The allotments run by the Parish Council are looking particularly well tended. During the year there was a problem of a virulent weed and through the diligent attention of 2.

Councillor May it looks as though it could be under control. Once clear the two plots affected will be made available next year but it will depend on whether there has been any re-growth next spring. All tenancies apart from these two plots are filled and the waiting list is quite long. We hope that a further car parking area can be formed at the chalk pit end of the allotments. RJJ



### NEW BUS ROUTE STARTING TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2008

A petition from local residents of North Ferriby and Swanland, and supported by Councillors has been successful. The service will run Tuesdays and Fridays between North Ferriby and Beverley. It will include, Swanland Pond, Kirkella, Willerby Square and Shopping Park, Castle Hill Hospital, Cottingham Green, and Sow Hill in Beverley. The Service number is 144.

The times are Depart Swanland Pond 9.38 a.m. Arrive Beverley 10.24 a.m. returning from Beverley at 12.30 p.m. and arriving back in Swanland at 1.16pm.

We hope you make good use of the new service and give it plenty of support so that it will continue. If we don't use it we will lose it! JA



## TREES AND HEDGES

From time to time Swanland Parish Council receives complaints from residents about tree and shrub branches overhanging the pavement or hedges that have grown so thick that they are taking over pedestrian walkways.

Now is a good time to look at your boundaries to see if you may be causing problems. Imagine walking two abreast or being in a wheelchair or pushing a pram - is there enough leeway? However, before you get out the loppers and saws though, may we offer a few cautions. These trees, bushes and, in particular hedges, supply cover, food and homes for much of our local wildlife so, please, only cut back if necessary. It is illegal to prune or fell during the nesting season (1st March to 30th September) so winter is the best time to do this.

Another consideration is that you may live in a Conservation Area or own trees on which there is a Tree Protection Order (TPO). Before you remove any branches from these, permission must be obtained from East Riding of Yorkshire Council. YD. 3.