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## SWAFFHAM TOWN COUNCIL

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### THY KINGDOM COME...

Having survived 2007, like any other year we find ourselves at the festive season in reflective mood. So when we look back in years to come what will we remember 2007 for, will it be our 'losing the plot' allotments, the infamous hanging baskets, the re-opening of the Museum, the threat to our Community Hospital, moving the TIC, Stephen Fry's Kingdom, local Council elections, or perhaps the winner of the X-factor, Strictly Come Dancing or the fall and rise of Norwich City F.C. ???

So what would be on our new-year wish list for 2008? A swimming pool perhaps; a new Community Hospital, grant funding for 'The Rec', hanging baskets in the town centre, Plowright Place and the Shambles joining in with the town centre regeneration, more Market stalls, re-launch of the Farmers Market, new business investment in the town, more jobs for local people and promotion via the play-offs for the Canaries...

The Town Council have made a start with a positive budget agreed in December, and who knows if we all pull together now, then a lot of these things may well be possible. The general idea is that your Town Council try as always to make a difference. They are often frustrated by not having the funds to carry out everything on their wish list, or by seeing Swaffham in a different light to the grant funders who hold the purse strings. We need more answers in a similar vein to the man from Del Monte because he says - YES!

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

Enjoy your read.... Richard Bishop Town Clerk

### COPY DEADLINE for next issue

N.B. Your copy DEADLINE for the next issue due out in April 2008. All copy in by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at the latest. Thank you to all contributors of the newsletter, new contributions always welcome.

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## FROM THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR

Dear Residents,

With Christmas drawing in so quickly, I would like to take advantage of the Season to thank all the voluntary workers in this small market town of ours who use their spare time helping others in so many different ways. We have a huge number of clubs and societies and someone has to take the responsibility of running them. So from your town council, for your work in adding to the community spirit of Swaffham, a huge Thank You.

Also I would like to thank the businesses for their splendid Christmas decorations again this year. Perhaps in passing I could also mention the care and politeness with which one is served in the shops here, it makes shopping which I hate more of a pleasure.

Let us not forget our 5 Church Leaders, our Doctors and Nurses especially those in the Cottage Hospital, our Ambulance and Firemen who will be on hand 24/7 to tend our dilemmas over this Christmas period.

Also, our wonderful Swafham Players will be performing "Sinbad the Sailor" from 27<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> December and 2 performances on 1st January at Hamonds. Give them a try; it is good clean fun.

Let us rejoice we live in a delightful market town like ours and it is certainly the people that make it so. From me then, may the spirit of Christmas be with you all.

Mayor of Swaffham - Councillor Shirley Matthews

Under the Buttercross  
**SWAFFHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

This page will show who your Town Councillors are and what organisations are located at the Town Hall.

**THE TOWN COUNCIL**

**Mayor - Shirley Matthews - 01760 723205**  
**Deputy Mayor - Frank Sharpe - 01760 721412**  
**Councillors**

Carol Baker	01760 723733
David Butters	01760 722949
Paul Darby	01760 724479
Charles Gunner	01760 336119
David Harman	01760 336536
Terry Jennison	01760 720608
Sheila Lister	01760 720114
Ian Sherwood	01760 725550
Jill Skinner	01760 723978
Pippa Wade	01760 7725229
David Wickerson	01760 725741

Breckland Councillors are Shirley Matthews,  
Ian Sherwood & Frank Sharpe.  
County Councillor is Shirley Matthews.

**WHAT IS LOCATED AT THE TOWN HALL?**

**Swaffham Museum Office**

Services such as genealogy, research and archives are available. Open via the Town Hall main entrance or telephone 01760 721230

**Breckland Council**

Room 1 - Office open 9.00am - 4p.m. every Monday & 9.30am - 1.00pm every Tuesday.

For all your Council Tax, benefit enquires as well as bus passes.

**Registrar - Births, deaths & marriages**

Room 3 - Office open 9.30am - 12noon every Tuesday for appointments only. For more information contact 01842 754115

**Age Concern**

Room 1 - Information Office open 10am - 1pm every Friday. Information on Wills, Pensions, Agencies and much more on important issues.

Call in, no appointment is necessary.

**Town Hall Opening Times**

Monday 8.45am - 2pm  
Tuesday 8.45am - 2pm  
**Wednesday Closed**  
Thursday 8.45am - 2pm  
Friday 8.45am - 1pm

**Town Council Chamber**

This is where the Town Council holds it's meetings including committees. This room is also available for hire to the general public.

The rates for the Council Chamber are as follows: -

Commercial Rate	£30 per hour inclusive of VAT
Charitable Groups	£15 per hour inclusive of VAT

There is an 8 person meeting room on the ground floor to hire. The rates are as follows: -

Charity, Local Gov & Non Profit organisation: -	£16.50 per session of 4 hours inclusive of VAT
Commercial rate: -	£33 per session of 4 hours inclusive of VAT

There is also a small office available on a Monday and the rates are as follows: -

Charity, Local Gov & Non Profit organisation: -	£9.50 per session of 4 hours inclusive of VAT
Commercial rate: -	£19 per session of 4 hours inclusive of VAT

All offices can be hired on an hourly basis if wished. For further information on either room please contact Swaffham Town Council on 01760 722922

The Town Council also administers the **Allotments** (there are vacant allotments available), the **Saturday Market** (there are vacant spaces on the Saturday Market) and the **Cemetery**.

If you would like more information on any of the Town Council services contact: - 01760 722922

e-mail - [enquiries@swaffhamtowncouncil.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@swaffhamtowncouncil.co.uk)

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The Town Council has its Full Council Meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month except August. They are held in the Assembly Rooms and start at 6.45pm. At the beginning of each meeting there is a 15 minutes public session to allow members of the public to ask any questions.

Town Council meetings will be held on: -

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 6.45pm  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 6.45pm  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 6.45pm

Please come along to a meeting to air your view!

## Swaffham Youth Council

The Youth Council is for 11-18 year olds who live or go to school in Swaffham and it is planned that there will be 22 Youth Councillors that have come from: -

Swaffham Sixth Form  
Community Group  
Hamond's High School  
Sacred Heart School

Students from Hamond's High School, Sacred Heart and the Community have been put forward. The Steering Group of the Youth Council will meet on the 14<sup>th</sup> January in the Town Hall to allow all the nominated members to meet. The first official Youth Town Council meeting will be in 18<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

If you want to find out what a Youth Town Council will do why not come along to the meeting or you can telephone: -

Sally Palmer Norfolk Youth Worker - 07795302373  
Michelle Meyrick - 01760 722922  
(michelle@swaffhamtowncouncil.co.uk)

### RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE

The Recreation Ground Committee's Sensory Garden Project was on ITV's People's Millions programme which was aired on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Unfortunately not enough votes was generated for Swaffham to beat the Norfolk Deaf Association, we even lost out on the bonus award that was available on the Friday night. The project was to create a Sensory Garden that would enable people of all types of abilities to use the garden to relax, enjoy and to meet friends. The project is one of eight that will enhance the Recreation Ground, these are: -

- Toddler/Junior Play area
- 8 - 12 Year old Play area
- Teenage Assault Course
- Multi Use Games Area
- Sensory Garden
- Toilets
- Dog Walking Area
- CCTV/Lighting

The committee will be looking at the Sensory Garden Project in detail to see what the next step forward will be. The Committee submitted an application the Big Lottery via the Breckland Council for the toddler/junior play equipment and the decision is imminent, we will keep our fingers crossed.

If you would like to find out more please contact: -

Michelle Meyrick - 01760 722922  
michelle@swaffhamtowncouncil.co.uk

### FRIENDS OF THE REC

The Friends of the Rec are a group of volunteers who are raising money to help enhance the Recreation Ground. There are already 60 members who have signed up but the Friends are looking for more. They would like people, who can help with events, come up with new ideas or anything else they can offer. If you would like to find out how to become a Friend telephone Anne on 01760 725191 or Sheila on 01760 720114

The Friends have raised around £1450 so far from events that took place last year. Detailed below is a list of dates for the forthcoming Craft/Car Boot Sales.

6<sup>th</sup> April

8<sup>th</sup> June

10<sup>th</sup> August

5<sup>th</sup> October

There will be craft sales in the Assembly Rooms and a car boot, plants and produce stalls on the market square. Refreshments will be available including a bar-b-que. If you would like more information on these events please contact either Anne or Sheila.

### Honorary Citizen - Nominations by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2008 at the latest

The length of time has been changed for residents of Swaffham to be Nominated to be a Honorary Citizen of Swaffham. This has changed from having to live in Swaffham for 25 years to 10 years. The Town Council have received some nominations which will be under consideration at the February full Council meeting. If there are any further nominations then these must be received by 31<sup>st</sup> January at the Town Hall. Please write to the Town Clerk giving as much detail as you can regarding the person you are nominating.

### PUBLIC TOILETS CLOSING DOWN

The toilets are closing down for refurbishment early in January as contractors have been appointed to carry out the much needed improvements. Work will commence in the week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> January 2008 and should take 10 weeks to complete. The aim is to be re-opened again in week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> March just in time for Easter. The contractors will be Evergreen Builders who are based in the town. Temporary public toilets will be provided whilst work is in progress. If anyone has any queries regarding this project please contact the Town Clerk.

## ALLOTMENTS

The final submission has been made to Go-East regarding proposed disposal of surplus allotment land at Days Field and Shoulder of Mutton. Prior to this submission the Town Clerk met on site at the allotments with the Chairman of SCALGA, Secretary and Open Spaces Committee representative. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the work in progress on the allotments and the way ahead, this would be beyond the GO East deadline of 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov.

Undertakings agreed by the Town Council as follows:-

1) That manure be supplied to each allotment holder moving across to alternative allotment sites at an appropriate time before 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008. A choice be given of animal manure, fertilizer or organic fertilizer. This could be arranged through a token system via Chalk Farm and delivered to the allotment where required.

2) That sites still vacant be kept at a reasonable condition until such time that they are required by a new allotment holder. The new tenants would be given the option of having the allotment ploughed at the cost of the Council or taken on as seen. The ploughing is a one-off opportunity and would not be repeated in future years.

3) That the two remaining sites at Tumbler Hill are kept as part natural and part as turn round points for cars. This would be until such time that there is a demand in allotments, then they should be brought up to spade diggable standard.

4) That two small vacant allotments at the Shoemakers Lane site and one large vacant allotment at Tumbler Hill be leveled and used as car park or turn round areas. These could be developed in the future as communal areas to serve both allotment sites, or if demand increases could be taken back as allotments as appropriate.

5) That security gates be erected at Tumbler Hill as at other allotment sites. Improvements to accesses on Shoemakers Lane be considered by the Council as funds allow.

6) That now most heavy vehicles have completed their work at the allotments hardcore be rolled into all access areas at Tumbler Hill and Shoemakers Lane to improve the graveled road/tracks.

SCALGA confirmed its agreement with these proposals. SCALGA wished for four other proposals to be considered as follows:-

1) The Tumbler Hill plots adjacent to the old railway line are in places insecure and present easy access to possible interlopers. That additional fencing is required there. AGREED

2) That the present spending, making the remaining sites reasonable for the relocation of plot-holders, is not taken from the revenue due to be received at the time of sale of the land. This is seen as making up for the lack of maintenance in the past. NOT AGREED as the shortfall would then increase Council Tax.

3) That there be an undertaking by the council to establish a continuous maintenance plan for the future from revenue received from tenancies. This to include regular maintenance of the roadways, especially the cutting of grass roadways. AGREED

4) That there be an undertaking to make substantial improvements to the town's allotments in future using some of the vast sums of money expected from the sale of two sites. This is in accordance with Section 32 of the Smallholdings and Allotments Act 1908 requiring that any revenue obtained from the sale or exchange of allotment land be spent on discharging debts associated with the acquisition of allotment land, in acquiring new land for use as allotments or on improving the existing stock of allotments. These could include improved security, the provision of community huts, provision of regular skips for rubbish, provision of bays for future manure deliveries, the possible provision of wood chip pathways. Model allotments would also possibly have toilets, sheds and water butts. AGREED in principle for the Council to invest a substantial sum from the sale proceeds in allotment regeneration.

Finally, it was AGREED to further undertake that the Open Spaces Committee work with SCALGA on an allotment review to determine how the allotments can be fully regenerated and use maximized in the foreseeable future.

### SWIMMING POOL LAND

The swimming pool land purchase has been imminent for so long now it is beyond a joke. When it is finally owned by the Town Council it will be one of those things that will almost be an anti-climax. Perhaps we should argue the case as it has been so long to see if a swimming pool comes free with the land!!!

Well if you don't ask...

## Swaffham Relief in Need Charity

Relief in Need is a Registered Charity offering grants for a specific purpose for the relief of persons resident in the area of benefit (ie Swaffham) who are in need, hardship or distress: or providing or paying for goods, services or facilities for them.

Application Forms are available from the Town Hall, you may call in during office open hours or by Telephoning 01760 722922.

### Swaffham Police Station open times are:

8.00am - 3.30pm

Monday to Saturday and Tuesday to Friday  
Alternating weeks

Norfolk Constabulary 01953 424242

Non Emergencies 0845 456 4567

Crimestoppers 0800 555111

### Remember 999 is for real emergencies

Police & Post Office Ltd Partnership

Access to Police facilities at

98 London Street Post Office are

Monday to Saturday 6.00am - 6.00pm &

Sunday 6.00am - 1.00pm

There is a direct line to the Police outside the shop via the police telephone/help point available 24 hours a day.

A copy of the Timetable for the  
Western Area Mobile Police Office  
is on the notice board at the Town Hall.

## Swaffham Arts

The first 3 events of the new year .

All programmes start at 3pm in the Swaffham  
Assembly Rooms .

Tickets - £7 members, £9 non-members, £5 children  
Box Offices prior to event Ceres Bookshop & The  
Green Parrot.

### Sunday January 27th 2008

Efthymios Papatzikis, Andree Back and Brian Davis  
*Trio - Violin, Voice and Harp.*

### Sunday February 24th 2008.

Hilgay Silver Band.  
*Brass Band Music.*

### Sunday March 30th 2008.

Sheringham Shanty Men  
*Sea Shanties and Folk Music.*

## Bingo Bingo Bingo - Valentine Barker Court

Every Thursday 7.00pm for 7.30pm start  
Small Prizes - Pleasant atmosphere  
Tea and Biscuits 50p --- All Welcome

## Join Age Concern!

Are you 50 years old, or more? If you are, then joining Age Concern is for you. We are a fast growing group with over 150 members drawn from Swaffham and the surrounding villages.

Our aim is to provide entertainment, outings, talks and information for our members. We welcome all nationalities so if you are 50+ and are Portuguese, Lithuanian, Russian or from Africa, Asia, Australia anywhere in the world, please come and see what we have to offer. We are aiming to provide some of our information in different languages, according to demand. You will be warmly welcomed.

The subscription to join is only £1 a year. We usually meet in the Assembly Rooms on the last Tuesday of every month, at 2.00p.m. unless we are going on an outing. Details are shown on the notice boards in the Town Centre.

We have an information office in the Town Hall every Friday morning from 10.00a.m. to 1.00p.m.

This month we are starting a foot clinic for our members with a trained chiropodist and at regular intervals we hold a Tea Dance in Suffield Court for Age Concern members and Suffield Court residents. Please give us a try. Come and find out how interesting, entertaining and friendly the experience will be.

Don't forget to visit the Age Concern shop which is stocked with plenty of bargains.

For more information please contact:

Barbara Clarke on 01760 720140 or  
[jake@jacee.demon.co.uk](mailto:jake@jacee.demon.co.uk) or James Dean on  
01760 720756 or [dean994@btinternet.com](mailto:dean994@btinternet.com)

## Women's Section of the

## Royal British Legion

Ex-service women, wives, daughters, granddaughters, sisters and dependents of past or present service women or men - come and join us.

We meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in the month at Valentine Barker Court, Courtfields, Swaffham at 2.30 pm. Contact: Frances on 01760 724445 or Jean on 01760 722566.

## PUBLIC TOILETS - EXTRA

When the toilets are re-opened in the spring next year there will be a charge of 20p entry fee.

**The Swaffham & Watton Club  
for the  
Visually Impaired**

On the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month  
1.30p.m. - 3.30p.m. £2 each

at Swaffham Community Centre, Campingland  
Contact: April, Robert or Diane at Norfolk & Norwich  
Association for the Blind 01603 629558

**Bridge Club**

Would you like to enjoy an evening's entertainment  
playing a game of cards amongst friends.

The cost is only £2.00 including refreshments.

If so; why not come along to the

Swaffham Bridge Club

any Tuesday or Thursday evening,

6.30pm for 6.45 start,

at The Church Rooms, Campingland.

All levels of play are welcome

Partner not necessary

For further information ring

Peter - 01760 725406 or Kevin - 01760 441166

**Holmwood House** is happy to announce the opening of its new EMI Wing next month. (Elderly Mental Infirm). They will be able to provide Respite Care, Residential Care, Nursing Care and the ultimate EMI Care which will happily provide continuity of care to those who will eventually need constant help. With the shortage of such beds, it is an advantage for residents of Swaffham to have such a facility here on our doorstep.

**SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING**

Our new season has already started and we meet in the Parish Church Rooms (Campingland) each Friday from 8pm to 10pm. We are fortunate enough to have the services of a friendly and experienced teacher who is more than happy to assist absolute beginners as well as 'old hands'.

Do come along and give it a try; we are sure you will find it great fun. Everything is very informal and you don't need to bring along a partner. All that is required is comfortable, casual dress and a pair of soft slippers or shoes, ideally with thin soles. The evening costs £2.50 per head and includes refreshments.

Contact: James or Elizabeth Dean 01760 720756

**Recycling isn't limited to just your black bin**

Apart from the items you place in your black bin - paper, cardboard, food and drinks cans, aerosol cans and plastic bottles - you can also recycle a wide variety of other items at all recycling centres. These are as follows: batteries, cardboard, paper, fridges and freezers, electrical goods, shredded paper, fluorescent tubes, used engine oil, metals, glass, textiles, green waste (tree pruning's, grass cutting, leaves, small shrubs and trees), drink cartons (Tetra Pak), tin foil, gas bottles and books.

To make things easier you no longer need to climb steps to dispose of unlimited amounts of non-recyclable household waste and green waste. You will also find trained recycling advisors at all centres.

There are now six main recycling centres where you can take paint free of charge and unlimited amounts of DIY waste on a pay as you throw basis. DIY prices are as follows: car £15, people carrier or four wheel drive £20, single axle trailer £30 and a double axle trailer £40. Remember! You can take up to one 80 litre bag, or one item, of DIY or garden waste (e.g. soil and turf), per week, to all sites.

The six main recycling centres are Caister, Hempton, Ketteringham, King's Lynn, Mayton Wood and Thetford. Your nearest recycling centres are Ashill, Thetford, Snetterton and Hempton. If you are in doubt about whether you can take something to the recycling centre it's better to "Know before you Throw" so please contact Norfolk County Council on 0844 8008004.

Don't forget to use the recycling banks which are located throughout Breckland, normally at supermarkets, car parks or village halls, where either glass, textiles, cans or paper can be recycled.

**For information about household waste and recycling please call the Street Scene Helpline on 01362 656878, [streetscene@breckland.gov.uk](mailto:streetscene@breckland.gov.uk) or write to Breckland Council, Street Scene, Elizabeth House, Walpole Loke, Dereham, Norfolk NR19 1EE.**

### **SWAFFHAM PLAYERS**

#### **EASTER MUSICAL "CAROUSEL"**

on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> April 2008 at Hamonds High  
School, Brandon  
Box Office - 01760 721899  
Adults: £7.50 - Concessions: £6.50

#### Anyone wishing to start a **Home Watch Scheme**

in the Breckland area should in the first instance  
contact: Colin Hodge  
hodgec@norfolk.pnn.police.uk  
Home Watch Administrator  
The Police Station, Norwich Road, Thetford  
Norfolk. IP24 2HU  
01842 222608

#### **Why not have a 'night in' with a DVD from the library?**

If you think the library is just about books then think again. At Swaffham Library there's a range of DVDs for hire to suit all needs. From recently released blockbusters to Saturday evening family films. The library is open :-

Tues 10am to 8pm

Wed 10am to 1pm

Thurs 10am to 6pm

Fri 10am to 8pm

Sat 9am to 1pm

Tel 01760 721513 [www.library.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.library.norfolk.gov.uk)  
Norfolk County Council Library and Information  
Service

#### **Street Scene Helpline**

Telephone: 01362 656878

Email: [streetscene@breckland.gov.uk](mailto:streetscene@breckland.gov.uk)

Fax: 01362 699096

Write to: Breckland Council, Street Scene, Elizabeth  
House, Walpole Loke, Dereham, Norfolk. NR19 1EE  
Information is also available on our website  
[www.breckland.gov.uk](http://www.breckland.gov.uk)

#### **Swaffham Evening W.I.** meets every 1<sup>st</sup>

Wednesday of the month in the Church Rooms,  
Campingland, Swaffham at 7.30pm. All visitors  
welcome - £1.00 - for further information Telephone:  
01760 723492

### **Friends of Swaffham Museum**

We have a wonderful asset in our town - namely Swaffham Museum. It is in the Market Place between the Co-op and the White Hart - you can't miss it. It has a big banner hanging from the roof and almost to the ground.

This museum brings tourists into the town because one room is dedicated to Swaffham's most famous son, Howard Carter. His name is known all over the world. Many people come to the Museum to find out more about him and his roots. It's also a great place for children to come in school parties to learn about Ancient Egypt, a big part of their curriculum. There is much more, of course, including a well-stocked shop.

Since this is an independently run museum, it has to pay its way. The main aim of the Friends of Swaffham Museum is to support the Museum by providing equipment, , stewards, stock for the shop, research work, repairs, decorating where necessary and much more. We raise funds by holding events, such as a Mulled Wine party at Christmas, a barbecue in the Summer, inviting donations from supporters and well-wishers, subscriptions from members, tombolas and car boot sales.

We would welcome new members (subs are £5.00 per year, £8.00 for a couple) And the benefits? You get to be involved in the very active life of the Museum, **which is of course free to Friends**, to go on interest trips at rock bottom prices (next March the friends are organising an outing to the great King Tutankhamun exhibition at O2 -booked up, but if we get a surge of interest we'll look at organising another later in the year. You'll meet new people, interact with the general public and have fun. You can develop new skills, IT, photography, genealogy, and research.

If you'd like to join the Friends of Swaffham Museum, contact John or Barbara Clarke on 01760 720140

#### **List of Clubs, Societies, Groups & Sporting Events**

If there are any corrections, omissions or additions please inform Rosie Noble on 01760 722922, or e-mail: [rosie@swaffhamtowncouncil.co.uk](mailto:rosie@swaffhamtowncouncil.co.uk)

## **Community Events**

### **January, February & March 2008**

If any organisation wish to include an event, information may be left at the Town Hall or email [rosie@swaffhamtowncouncil.co.uk](mailto:rosie@swaffhamtowncouncil.co.uk) Please indicate the nature of the event together with date, time and venue, your name and telephone number.

#### **January**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>** Lioness Club Meeting, George Hotel at 7.30pm

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>** Swaffham Methodist Church, Coffee Morning for general church funds, 9.30a.m. - 12 noon

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>** Swaffham Spiritual Awareness Group, Mark Smith, Community Centre, 6.30p.m. £2.50

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>** Full Town Council Meeting, Assembly Rooms, 6.45p.m.

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>** Horticultural Society Meeting, Relax & Enjoy Organic Gardening by Karen Kenny, Assembly Rooms 7.30p.m.

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>** Pensioners Coffee Morning, Assembly Rooms 8.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>** Swaffham Methodist Church, Coffee Morning for general church funds, 9.30a.m. - 12 noon

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>** Swaffham Methodist Church, Coffee Morning for general church funds, 9.30a.m. - 12 noon

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>** Swaffham Spiritual Awareness Group, Trish Drewery, Community Centre, 6.30p.m. £2.50

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup>** Swaffham Twinning Association, AGM. Community Centre.

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>** Horticultural Society, Bingo, Assembly Rooms, 8.00p.m.

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>** Swaffham Arts, Efthymios Papatzikis, Andree Back and Brian Davis, Assembly Rooms

#### **February**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>** Save the Children, Coffee Morning with Stalls, Assembly Rooms, 9.00a.m. - 12 noon

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>** Swaffham Spiritual Awareness Group, Malcolm Bockley, Community Centre, 6.30p.m. £2.50

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>** Swaffham Methodist Church, Soup & Pancake Lunch 11.30a.m. - 1.15p.m.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>** Lioness Club Meeting, George Hotel at 7.30pm

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>** Pensioners Coffee Morning, Assembly Rooms 8.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>** Swaffham Methodist Church, Coffee Morning for general church funds, 9.30a.m. - 12 noon

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>** Horticultural Society, Bingo, Assembly Rooms, 8.00p.m.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>** Swaffham Twinning Association, Curry Night, Community Centre, 7.30p.m.  
Contact Stan Sole 01760 724413

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>** Full Town Council Meeting, Assembly Rooms, 6.45p.m.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>** Horticultural Society A.G.M. Members night, Assembly Rooms, 7.30p.m.

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>** Swaffham Spiritual Awareness Group, Andrew Clack, Community Centre, 6.30p.m. £2.50

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>** Swaffham Methodist Church, Coffee Morning for general church funds, 9.30a.m. - 12 noon

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>** Swaffham Arts, Hilgay Silver Band, Assembly Rooms

#### **March**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>** Swaffham Spiritual Awareness Group, Cheryl McKay, Community Centre, 6.30p.m. £2.50

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>** Lioness Club Meeting, George Hotel at 7.30pm

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>** Pensioners Coffee Morning, Assembly Rooms 8.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>** Swaffham Methodist Church, Coffee Morning for general church funds, 9.30a.m. - 12 noon

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>** Horticultural Society, Bingo, Assembly Rooms, 8.00p.m.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>** Full Town Council Meeting, Assembly Rooms, 6.45p.m.

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>** Horticultural Society Meeting, Head Gardener for the National Trust - Graham Donachie. Assembly Rooms, 7.30p.m.

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>** Save the Children, Coffee Morning with Stalls, Assembly Rooms, 9.00a.m. - 12 noon

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>** Swaffham Spiritual Awareness Group, Pat Smith, Community Centre, 6.30p.m. £2.50

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>** Swaffham Methodist Church, Coffee Morning for general church funds, 9.30a.m. - 12 noon

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>** Swaffham Lioness, Craft Fair, Assembly Rooms 9.00a.m. - 3.00p.m. Free entry. Refreshments available.

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>** Sheringham Shanty Men, Sea Shanties & Folk Music, Assembly Rooms

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>** Swaffham Spiritual Awareness Group, Ron Reardon, Community Centre, 6.30p.m. £2.50