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## SWAFFHAM TOWN COUNCIL

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### CHANGE AND DISRUPTION...Is upon us, big time...

There have been many times in the past few months when the words CHANGE and DISRUPTION have been placed before meetings of the Town Council and even the Town Assembly. It is very strange when we spend our lives striving for something better or to improve, but in getting to that point we all face some kind of change and disruption. Moving house and changing jobs are good examples, but in a similar way the Town Centre Regeneration Scheme is another prime example. On the one hand the Town Council receive complaints about the wide variety of tarmac, paving stones, cobbles and different materials used to repair the Market Place in particular, but when there is the chance to bring some kind of order to it, paid for with a once in a lifetime chance of Grant Funding, some still manage to criticise.

There is no doubt that Swaffham is facing a prolonged period of change and disruption, as work has just begun on the Town Hall Extension, and will move on to the Museum enhancement later this year. By the time you read this newsletter the Community Centre at Campinglands will be closed, it is soon to be demolished and rebuilt. Then at the end of the year the Assembly Rooms will close for refurbishment, add all of this together with work in the Town Centre. Many have expressed their opinion one way or the other on all these schemes and yet the major concern is all about what will happen during the time when the work is being carried out. It is pleasing to note that most people have now accepted that these projects are not a major conspiracy to make Swaffham look worse or really mess it up once and for all...

Each project needs to be finished as soon as possible, but in the meantime there are businesses to run, community groups to relocate and to keep going. It really won't be an easy period and everyone in the Town has an important part to play during this time. The Town still has to function, taking each day as it comes and dealing with problems as they occur. PLEASE try to help us get through it then we really can look to the future with confidence. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding..

Enjoy your read.... RB Town Clerk

### **COPY DEADLINE for next issue**

**N.B. Your copy DEADLINE for the next issue due out in October 2004. All copy in by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2004 at the latest. Thank you to all contributors of the newsletter, new contributions always welcome.**

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## FROM THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR

*Thanks to Ian for his year as Mayor. He worked hard for the Town, Swaffham was very well represented by him and his wife Julie, at the many functions they attended and duties they performed.*

*I am delighted to have the privilege to take on the position as Town Mayor for a second time and to have a deputy of the calibre of Jerome Stockdale. It promises to be a very exciting year with major building projects taking place throughout the Town. We have already made the first moves on the new health centre for Plowright Surgery and the Town Hall extension and look forward to the new Community Centre and the enhancement of the Assembly Rooms, the Museum and Hamond's High School.*

*Thanks to the Icen Partnership we have been able to gain extra funding and to hold public consultations on Norfolk County Council's plans for the Town Centre improvements. The views and suggestions put forward recently are currently being considered before the final scheme is presented. All of these improvements still leave us with a Swimming Pool to work for. SPA continues to fund-raise to add to the promises of the Town Council and Mr & Mrs Dennis and is contributing towards a feasibility study into the best site.*

*The Recreation Ground at Haspall's Road is also a subject for thought at the moment. We have the Skateboard Park which is still having the final touches for safety and security before the Town Council takes over. The young people are to be congratulated for gaining their first aid certificates and for doing their best to deal with unwanted litter. We now want ideas and opinions about the whole area.*

*There are many interesting activities planned in Swaffham over the Summer and I look forward to seeing many of you at these.*

*Pam Buxton, Mayor of Swaffham*

## **Underneath the Buttercross** **SWAFFHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

The past three months have passed by and things are starting to move at last. And we are not talking about the bouncing up and down of the first bungee jump at the Swaffham Funday in May by the Deputy Town Clerk (really well done to Michelle by the way). We have movement on all the project fronts...read on..

### **TOWN HALL EXTENSION**

Work has finally begun at the rear of the Town Hall on the long awaited extension. There has been a great deal of debate, discussion and varying opinions on the Town Hall. It is therefore good to see things starting on site. The contractors are Veltshaw Builders Ltd of Narborough. This project has been designed to fit the budget and hard negotiations have taken place to obtain the best value for money for the building. The extension should be finished in December, building works should take approximately 22 weeks, and will allow work to commence on the Museum in the latter part of the year. Every effort will be made to keep all Town Hall services going throughout the building programme, it is hoped that apart from when a few days are required to move into the new offices things should continue as normal as they can be under the circumstances.

### **COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The Community Centre is due to close on 29<sup>th</sup> June and will be demolished at some point in the summer to allow a magnificent new building to be built. The building will accommodate all current users of the building who are being temporarily accommodated at the Eco-Tech business park whilst the work is carried out. The new Community Centre should be available for use in the summer of 2005. The Town Council are salvaging various bits and pieces from the old building including the existing wooden floor. This will be re-used in the public area of the Town Hall.

### **ASSEMBLY ROOMS**

The Assembly Rooms will be closed at the end of December for the long overdue refurbishment. Details are being finalised for a much scaled down scheme than was originally envisaged. There are no offices or business suite, everything will be located on the ground floor. It will have a much larger public space, a functional kitchen, new toilets, an entrance to the building to allow access for everyone through the front door and many features of the old building will be retained, enhanced or refurbished. The building will be out of use for the whole of 2005.

### **TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION:**

The big issue to come out of the consultation for Town Centre Improvements was the proposed loss of car parking. This matter has now been addressed and an amended scheme has taken account of all comments made. The net loss of parking has been reduced to just the illegal parking, all parking restrictions will be enforced. There was concern about the disruption during the programme of works and

Mott Macdonald have assured everyone that lessons have been learned from places like Downham Market, work will be carried out in much smaller bite size chunks to avoid chaos. This project has progressed from a highways maintenance budget that was added to by European funding to achieve a higher quality finish for our Town Centre. There has been concern expressed by Market Traders again mainly about what happens when the work is going on, whatever happens the Saturday Market will be going back in exactly the same place when it is all done and dusted.

### **FARMERS MARKET**

Swaffham's first Farmers Market took place on April 7<sup>th</sup> and subsequently two more have followed in May and June respectively. Despite not attracting the best of the weather our first attempt at running a Farmers Market seems to be going along quite nicely. It is a different atmosphere to the Saturday Market and it does bring people to Swaffham on days when they don't normally come. The traders are pleased with the response so far and fears that this would take any trade away from any business in the town were unfounded. Many businesses have reported to the Town Hall that in fact on the day of the Farmers Market their trade increases.

### **RECREATION GROUND**

The Council have a project sub-committee for the Recreation Ground who have started to put together their plans for the future. There is a consultation process going on at the present time, culminating in an open day at the Assembly Rooms on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. A competition has been organised in Swaffham's four schools to try and bring out the ideas from children of all ages of how they would like to see the Recreation Ground in the future. It is important that adults have their say too and in particular the residents in that area of the town. The sub-committee are looking for willing residents to join them. When all the ideas are finally taken account of, a project will be put together, fully costed out and presented to the full council for consideration. The Town Council have a match-funding budget and this project would be a prime candidate for this, in addition grants will be required and sought from a variety of organisations. It is hoped that whatever scheme is finally agreed upon will be implemented next year.

### **THE PEDLARS SIGN**

It has been agreed by your Town Council to refurbish the Pedlars Sign in the Autumn. The sign still look fine from a distance, but up close it does look a bit shabby. Some of the wood is beginning to rot and it needs some major attention. Wayland Prison have built up a good reputation in recent years for their work on Town & Village Signs, they have now completed work on over 40 signs in the past five years. The Town Council believe that they will do a good job and therefore the sign will be dismantled and taken to the prison at the end of September for refurbishment. In return for carrying out this work the Council will have to make a donation to a charity of the Governors choice.

## **SKATEBOARD PROJECT – Haspall’s Road**

This project has aroused many strong opinions for and against the Skateboard Park. The initial novelty value of something new increased the anti-social problem at the Recreation Ground. Concern has been expressed by residents living in the area and has been taken account of. Just as the skateboarders themselves have been taken account of, as those that want to use the facility properly should be allowed to do so. The associated problems are being dealt with and will continue to be dealt with until they are resolved. The Town Council have agreed in principle to provide CCTV cameras and security lighting at the Recreation Ground to tie in with other schemes in the Breckland District to allow the police the opportunity to monitor any problems and to react quickly. Side issues such as Breckland Council dealing with increased litter in the area on a daily basis. The SK8 Mob who recently held one of their meetings at the Town Hall is reporting vandalism or damaged equipment daily, some members also received their first aid certificate. It is important to build up confidence and trust in order to manage this new facility. By the time this newsletter reaches you the final adjustment works should be complete to allow a successful ROSPA inspection, the facility will then pass from the Icen Partnership to the Town Council for maintenance etc.

## **TWINNING**

The plans are well advanced for the visit of our two twin towns Hemmoor and Couhe Verac over the weekend of 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> September. It will be a chance to catch up with some good friends from both towns. Hosts living in the town will accommodate a party of approximately 30 visitors from each town. The Twinning Association are always looking for local people who are prepared to act as hosts for this visit, please get in touch with Chairman Ben Emmerson on 720982 if you are interested. A full programme is being organised including a civic meeting between officials of all three towns, a civic function at Lynford Hall, a Twinning Association event at the Rugby Club and a Swaffham Michaelmas Fayre in the Market Place on the Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September to include a Town Criers Competition hosted by our Town Crier Kerry Hart, a Farmers Market and a Swaffham Lions Pram Race more details will follow on this event, as this is designed to involve everyone in the town in order to share the cultural exchange and to show just what Swaffham can do.

## **ASSEMBLY ROOMS, SATURDAY MARKET, FARMERS MARKET or ALLOTMENTS**

*All bookings or enquiries to the Town Hall Council Offices open daily Monday to Friday 9am – 1pm*

## **THE BUS SHELTER**

Just like the buses, you wait and wait for funding for one bus shelter, then you get funding for three all at once. A scheme is due to be presented to the Council at their July meeting for replacing the temporary shelter close to the Tourist Information Centre, also to improve the shelter on the other side of the road and provide a new shelter at Safeways Store (soon to be Waitrose).

## **NEW WEB SITE**

The new web site is now on-line. You will find it at: [www.swaffhamtowncouncil.co.uk](http://www.swaffhamtowncouncil.co.uk) The site is still under construction, as more features will be added throughout the year. But already you will find the last six copies of this newsletter, details of your councillors, some historical facts on the Town, details of clubs & societies, minutes and agendas, various reports, a gallery of events, some booking forms and frequently asked questions. The Council believe that a web site is an essential communication tool in order to remain as transparent as possible in their decision making.

## **THE BUDGET FOR 2004/05**

The Precept was increased this year by £5,000 to £130,000 for the year 2004/05. A moderate increase compared with other councils of a similar size. The full budget was covered in great detail in the last edition of 'In Touch' and you will see a breakdown of some budget headings in the information circulated with your Council Tax bill. There has been a higher than average increase in a Band D property as the Council Tax base went down. This is the number of actual council taxpayers in the town. The Band D rate is now £55.37 whereas last year it was £50.52 an increase of £4.85 per year. The income derived from Swaffham's successful Saturday Market does help to subsidize the councils' precept requirements.

## **WHO ARE YOUR TOWN COUNCIL ??**

Your Councillors are listed below:-

<i>Mayor</i>			
Pam Buxton	01760	724741	
<i>Deputy Mayor</i>			
Jerome Stockdale	01760	724091	
<i>Councillors:-</i>			
Carol Baker	01760	723733	
David Butters	01760	722949	
Dave Cannon	01760	720900	
Paul Darby	01760	724479	
Ben Emmerson	01760	720982	
Anne Greaves	01760	725191	
Sheila Lister	01760	720114	
Frances Mann	01760	720403	
Shirley Matthews	01760	723205	
Ian Sherwood	01760	725076	
Les Wise	01760	723825	

Your three Breckland Councillors are as follows: Paul Darby, Shirley Matthews and Ian Sherwood.

Your County Councillor is Shirley Matthews.

## **NEW TOWN GUIDE**

The new Town Guide is in draft form and should be available very shortly from the Town Hall and Tourist Information Centre. If any other organisation would like to take copies to distribute to members of the public on demand please let us know at the Town Hall. We hope that the new guide will bring more visitors to Swaffham and guide people around the town when they get here.

## **TOWN HALL SERVICES**

**Breckland Council** – located in the Museum Education Room  
9.30am – 2.00pm every Monday

**Registrar for births, deaths & marriages** – located in the Town Clerk's office 9.30am – 12noon every Tuesday

**Iceni Partnership** – located in the Sampson Room – all weekdays except Monday mornings

**Swaffham Museum** – open from Easter through to 8<sup>th</sup> September  
10am – 4pm Tuesday – Saturday

**Swaffham Museum** office, genealogy, research, archives – open  
Monday – Friday 9am – 4.30pm

**Citizens Advice** – located in the Sampson Room once a fortnight on a Monday morning

**Town Council** – open Monday to Friday 9am – 1pm

## **FRIENDS OF SWAFFHAM MUSEUM**

The Friends' main fund-raising event of the year was the Swaffham Fun Day. It was held on May 9<sup>th</sup> and raised over £3,000 for the Museum. More than 2000 people visited the show on the Recreation Ground and set a level which we're aiming to equal and exceed next year.

**The Friends Barbecue will be held on Saturday July 24<sup>th</sup> at 45 Watton Road.** The afternoon's events begin at 3.00pm with a Croquet tournament, followed by the Barbecue itself at 6.00pm. Tickets are £5.50 – Everyone is welcome. If you'd like to come, let the Museum know. Tel: 01760 720140

## **SWAFFHAM MUSEUM LTD:**

News on the Museum front in recent months has been all about what could happen or what might be happening in the future, but things are now changing as we prepare for our bigger and better Museum next year. We are at last moving forward and are delighted to announce the following:-

A new Museum Manager/Curator has been appointed by the Directors, starting work on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June PHILIP SMITH brings the experience of being a volunteer in the Museum over the past three years, with a sharp learning curve over the past two years as voluntary administrator. He has already steered the Museum through a difficult period as others walked away and were eager to criticize. He was an integral part of putting together the funding package that will mean so much to the Museum in the next few years. Philip was chosen for many positive reasons and has earned the right to lead the Museum into this new and exciting venture. There were 25 application forms sent out, 13 high quality applications returned, six short-listed, five of which were finally interviewed for the post. It was fair to say that all applicants interviewed would have brought something different to the Museum. Philip has the utmost respect and support of everyone at the Town Hall & Museum, he has nothing to prove on that score, the Directors firmly believe that he will also go on to demonstrate to everyone that he will be an excellent Museum Manager/Curator.

The next appointment is the Education Officer which will be advertised shortly. The Museum is due to close on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September and the task set these two new employees is to oversee putting the collection and contents of the Museum into storage, then putting together the new displays in time for the July opening next year. Working behind the scenes to set down a solid foundation for the future, meeting the outputs for the grant funders, attending training events and generally getting things done for the benefit of the Museum.

Richard Bishop, Company Secretary.

## **AGE CONCERN SWAFFHAM & DISTRICT**

Just a reminder that we have altered our afternoon entertainment dates to the **last Tuesday in each month**. For most events, the venue is the Methodist Church Rooms, London Street, Swaffham at 2.30pm. However, during two of the summer months and by popular request, we are arranging coach outings as follows:

**Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>** Visit to Norfolk Lavender at Heacham. Meet at the Information Centre at 1.00pm.

**Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>** Boat trip on the Broads.

Please note that Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July is **not** an "outing day" and we will hold our usual entertainment afternoon in the Methodist Church Rooms. The Autumn season of entertainments will start on Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.

We look forward to meeting everyone on these occasions and invite any newcomers to join us.

We are also pleased to confirm that our new befriending scheme is about to start under the leadership of our Volunteer Co-ordinator, Sheila Lewis. Sheila has now recruited seven volunteer visitors, the idea being that lonely people are visited in their homes perhaps just for a chat. The opportunity will be taken to identify any specific needs and the appropriate contacts made. We already have quite a list of people who could benefit in this way but we hope to grow further and take on more clients.

If you know of anyone who might be prepared to become a volunteer visitor or of anyone needing visiting perhaps you could contact me in the first instance.

James D Dean ( Chairman) Tel: 01760 720756

## **The Pension Service**

The Pension Service holds regular advice and information surgeries for over 60's on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at Suffield Court, London Street, Swaffham from 1.00 pm – 3.30 pm. For an appointment please call 0845 6060265.

## Swaffham & District St. Raphael Club

The St. Raphael Club, an organisation for the entertainment and support of the physical disabled under 65 years of age is holding its Annual Bazaar and Craft Fair on Saturday August 28<sup>th</sup> in the Assembly Rooms, refreshments will be available from 9.00am.

This is our main fund-raising event of the year, money raised goes towards providing outings and entertainment for our members.

If you would like to become a member, please ring 01760 720140. We have our meetings on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.00pm in The Barn, Convent of The Sacred Heart, Swaffham.

Barbara Clarke

# 'Days of Destiny' in Swaffham

Hosted by Breckland Christian Fellowship  
July 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> 2004

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>** – Watch out for the Carnival Float

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>** – 'Destined to Win' Celebration (1)  
7.30- 9.30pm at the Oasis Centre, Cley Road. *God has a plan for our lives, come and join people whose lives have been transformed by the saving and healing power of God. Jesus Christ can do the same for you.*

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>** – 'Destiny' Barbecue and Fun  
**Night** for everyone at Swaffham Recreation Ground  
6.30 – 8.30pm. Fun, games, competitions, music and sports.

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>** – 'You Have a Destiny' 12noon –  
2.00pm Ladies Lunch with guest speaker Anniece  
Buchman, Florida, USA at Oasis Centre, Cley Road.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup>** – 'Destiny for Youth' with Andy and team  
at Oasis Centre 7.30 – 9.00pm. Live Band, drama,  
tuck shop and fun (celebrate the last day of term, and  
the beginning of the summer holidays!) for ages 11-16.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>** – 'Men of Destiny' Men's breakfast at  
Oasis Centre 8.00 – 9.00am Guest businessmen  
share how God has changed the direction of their  
lives.

For more information: telephone 01760 723175 or  
01760 725008



Website: [www.wissey.co.uk/SwaffhamArts/](http://www.wissey.co.uk/SwaffhamArts/)

## Swaffham Arts Week Programme 2004 September 17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>

Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm Methodist Church THE PHOENIX SINGERS
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm Hamond's School HONOR BLACKMAN "WAYWARD WOMEN"
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm Hamond's School THE DANIEL SMITH BLUES BAND
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm Lydney House Hotel DELIA PATON GERTRUDE JEKYL
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm The Convent OPERA ORANGE
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6.30pm Lydney House Hotel BILL BROOKMAN Puppet Show "Beauty & the Beast"

There will be two workshops on circus skills for pupils during the day at the Convent.

Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	7.30PM Lydney House Hotel HENRY SHUKMAN POETRY
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For further information and booking form contact Brian Elliott on 01760 723088 or e-mail [brian@peacefullyways.co.uk](mailto:brian@peacefullyways.co.uk)

## Bingo Bingo Bingo

### Valentine Barker Court

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

## Swaffham Library

opening hours are:

Tuesday	10.00am – 8.00pm
Wednesday	10.00am – 1.00pm
Thursday	10.00am – 6.00pm
Friday	10.00am – 8.00pm
Saturday	9.00am – 8.00pm

## Swaffham Carnival

### New Events & Old Favourites

Here we are, Year Two of the revamp of the Carnival, with the change of date and some new events, as well as old favourites.

The change of date to July is aimed at encouraging more participation by the young people of Swaffham and the surrounding villages.

We are starting a day earlier this year, on a Saturday, with a Beer Fest at the Rugby Club, with food and music.

Other new events include a Family Sports and Fun Day with a Barbecue.

The Monday evening when the Carnival Queen is crowned will include a Talent Competition, and the following evening we have a Candle-lit Concert by the Downham Swing Orchestra.

The Carnival has a dual purpose of, firstly, raising money for good causes and, secondly, providing fun entertainment for local people.

This year's proceeds will go to the East Anglian Air Ambulance, the Swaffham and District First Responders and the Lions Charities.

I would like to thank the committee for all their hard work and extend a big thank you to our sponsors. Without them we would not be able to put on the Carnival.



Dennis Tallon

## CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Drop in sessions will be held at Swaffham Town Hall every other Monday and will run from: 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

5 July, 19<sup>th</sup> July,  
2<sup>nd</sup> August, 16<sup>th</sup> August,  
6<sup>th</sup> September, 20<sup>th</sup> September,  
4<sup>th</sup> October & 18<sup>th</sup> October

### C.P.G.

#### Campingland, Swaffham.

Meetings at the Surgery at 7.15pm

July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Mark & Sue Holmes

September 24<sup>th</sup> – Quiz Night

## Bridge Club

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

The cost is only £1.50 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 Nicholas-01760 722076

If you have never played, but are interested in learning, ring Barbara on 0

We look forward to seeing you!

## Local Information Support Team

L.I.S.T. is for older people and people with a disability who are generally well but worried

THE LOCAL INFORMATION SUPPORT TEAM CAN GIVE YOU THE ADVICE, HELP AND SUPPORT YOU NEED.

Tel/Fax: 01553 774525

Email: [list.project.socs@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:list.project.socs@norfolk.gov.uk)

# Breckland Home Watch

## USEFUL INFORMATION

Norfolk Police 01953 424242  
Crime Stoppers 0800 555111  
Trading Standards 0800 328 6471  
PACT 01953 424727  
[www.norfolkhomewatch.info](http://www.norfolkhomewatch.info)  
[www.neighbourhoodwatch.net](http://www.neighbourhoodwatch.net)  
[www.crimereduction.gov.uk](http://www.crimereduction.gov.uk)  
[www.norfolk-pa.gov.uk](http://www.norfolk-pa.gov.uk)  
[www.norfolk.police.uk](http://www.norfolk.police.uk)

## Age Concern County Office

Age Concern Norfolk maintains a database of clubs and groups for older people in Norfolk. The database is used for two main purposes; To enable us to communicate with as many older people as possible by sending our quarterly newsletter and invitations to participate in events etc. To advise individuals about social opportunities in their area.

We also use the data to help organisations such as Social Services and the Pensions Service to communicate with older people by providing some information from the database. I would like to make it clear that we do not give or sell the information to commercial organisations.

We are inviting all groups that would like to be on the database to contact Rachel Collyer at Age Concern Norfolk, 300 St Faiths Road, Old Catton, Norwich, NR6 7BJ. Tel. 01603 785222. Rachel will then send out a form to those who wish to register. We already have approximately 600 groups across the county on the database and all of these have been sent an update form in the last three months and we would encourage anyone who has yet to complete it to do so.

If there are people who would like to form a group for older people and need a little bit of support to get started our Community Development Manager, Eamon Mc Grath may be able to help. You can contact Eamon on the address above or by Tel. 01603 785222 or e-mail [eamon.mcgrath@acnorfolk.org.uk](mailto:eamon.mcgrath@acnorfolk.org.uk).

Eamon McGrath  
Community development Manager

**The Swaffham Evening W.I.** extends a warm welcome to any lady of any age group.

If you are new to Swaffham and would like to make new friends, do come along and meet us in The Church Rooms, Campingland at 7.30pm the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month.

See our notice board beside Boots the Chemist for up-to-date information or telephone 01760 722052.



We look forward to the events planned in the near future to raise funds for our cause. It is important that we keep our enthusiasm

going and our profile high if we are to continue in our campaign to get Swaffham swimming.

The Swaffham and District Swimming Pool Association has a dedicated band of people who organise many events throughout the year and we are present at most Town activities. We will be at the Carnival on 11<sup>th</sup> July, when we shall be delighted to see you at our stall and will answer any questions you may have. Coming up later is a Coffee Morning at the Methodist Church Room on 14<sup>th</sup> August. Guaranteed home baking will be on the menu!

We now have car stickers available to all who are willing to display one in their vehicles, and we shall have these at our future events. It would be great to see as many "Get Swaffham Swimming" stickers as we have recently seen flags supporting England in the European Cup!

New members are always needed and most welcome – an annual subscription will make a huge difference. Come on everyone, take the plunge!

## **F.W.A. Family Welfare Association**

Well Family Service based at Swaffham Community Hospital.

Family support service for individuals of all ages who are registered with Swaffham, Litcham and Great Massingham providing advice, information

For more information contact:

Geraldine Walsh – Project Manager  
Tel. 01760 720302

**Forthcoming events to be held at**

## **SWAFFHAM METHODIST CHURCH**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 10.45am**

Church Anniversary Service

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Aug. 10am–4.00pm**

Exhibition of Local Art by the Swaffham Art Group.

Light refreshments will be available on Saturday and Monday during opening hours.

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Aug. 11.30am –1.30pm**

Ploughman's Lunches will be served, price £2.75

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> Aug. at 7.30pm**

Welcome and induction to the Ministry in the Dereham and Swaffham Methodist Circuit of the Rev Heather Snape.

The preacher will be the District Chairman, the Rev Graham Thompson.

**July 3<sup>rd</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>** arranged by and supporting the work of **Swaffham Methodist Church.**

**August 28<sup>th</sup>** arranged by and supporting the work of **Swaffham Methodist Church.**

**September 4<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>** arranged by and supporting the work of **Swaffham Methodist Church.**

**October 2<sup>nd</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>** arranged by and supporting the work of **Swaffham Methodist Church.**

**October 9<sup>th</sup>** arranged by and supporting the work of **Dereham & Swaffham Methodist Network.**

**October 16<sup>th</sup>** arranged by and supporting the work of **Beetley Methodist Chapel.**

**Coffee Mornings** will be held in the Methodist Church Hall on the following **Saturday's from 9.30am – 12.00noon.**

# **Community Events**

## **July, August & September**

*+ some in October to cover the overlap in distribution*

Any organisation wishing to include events in the Swaffham Diary should leave information at the Town Hall. Please indicate the nature of the event together with date, time and venue, your name and telephone number. For details see boards at the Town Hall or Tourist Information Centre.

### **July**

- 1<sup>st</sup> 10.00am-12.00noon Icen Partnership Meeting, Assembly Rooms.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 1.30pm-4.00pm Friends & Neighbours Meeting, Assembly Rooms.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 9.00am-5.00pm Town Council Consultation Day for the Recreation Ground, Assembly Rooms.
- 4<sup>th</sup> 9.00am-12.00noon Lions Carnival, Children's Painting, Assembly Rooms.
- 5<sup>th</sup> 12.00noon-2.00pm Baptist Church, Prayer, Assembly Rooms.
- 6<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm-4.00pm Pensioners Meeting, Assembly Rooms.
- 8<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm-9.30pm Lions Carnival Disco, Assembly Rooms.
- 9<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm-4.00pm Friends & Neighbours Meeting, A. Rooms.
- 10<sup>th</sup> 9.00am-12.00noon Swaffham Community Hospital League of Friends Coffee Morning, Methodist Church.
- 10<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm-10.00pm Lions, Bingo, Assembly Rooms.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Carnival on the Recreation Ground.
- 14<sup>th</sup> 6.45pm-9.30pm Full Town Council Meeting, Assembly Rooms.
- 15<sup>th</sup> 10.45am-8.30pm Blood Donors, Assembly Rooms.
- 16<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm-4.00pm Friends & Neighbours Meeting, A. Rooms.
- 17<sup>th</sup> 9.00am-1.00pm Save the Children, Assembly Rooms.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 10.45am-8.30pm Blood Donors, Assembly Rooms.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> 1.30pm-4.00pm Friends & Neighbours Meeting, A. Rooms.
- 24<sup>th</sup> 9.00am-12.00noon Bowls Club Coffee Morning, A. Rooms.
- 24<sup>th</sup> 9.00am-5.00pm Icen Partnership, Assembly Rooms.
- 24<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm-9.30pm Horticultural Society Bingo, Assembly Rooms.
- 27<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm-10.00pm Ornithologists Meeting, Assembly Rooms.
- 28<sup>th</sup> 6.45pm-8.00pm Town Council Finance Meeting, A. Rooms.
- 30<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm-4.00pm Friends & Neighbours Meeting, A. Rooms.
- 31<sup>st</sup> 8.00am-5.00pm Horticultural Society Show, Assembly Rooms.
- 31<sup>st</sup> 2.00pm Swaffham Hospital League of Friends Fete at the Community Hospital.

### **August**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> 12.00noon-2.00pm Baptist Church, Prayer, Assembly Rooms.
- 6<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm-4.00pm Friends & Neighbours Meeting, Assembly Rooms.
- 7<sup>th</sup> 9.00am-12.00noon, Pensioners Coffee Morning, Assembly Rooms.
- 13<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm-4.00pm Friends & Neighbours Meeting, A. Rooms.
- 14<sup>th</sup> 9.00am-2.00pm Conservative Assoc. Craft Fair, A. Rooms.
- 17<sup>th</sup> 8.45am-6.30pm Blood Donors, Assembly Rooms.
- 20<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm-4.00pm Friends & Neighbours Meeting, A. Rooms.
- 21<sup>st</sup> 8.30am-12.00noon Swaffham Players, Assembly Rooms.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> 10.00am-12.00noon Access Group Meeting, A. Rooms.
- 27<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm-4.00pm Friends & Neighbours Meeting, A. Rooms.
- 28<sup>th</sup> 8.00am-3.00pm St Raphael Summer Bazaar, A. Rooms.
- 28<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm-9.30pm Horticultural society Bingo, Assembly Rooms.
- 31<sup>st</sup> 7.00pm-10.00pm Ornithologists Meeting, Assembly Rooms.

### **September**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> 1.30pm-4.00pm Friends & Neighbours Meeting, A. Rooms.
- 7<sup>th</sup> 12.00noon-2.00pm Baptist Church, Prayer, Assembly Rooms.
- 8<sup>th</sup> 6.45pm-9.30pm Full Town Council Meeting, Assembly Rooms.
- 9<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm-9.30pm Horticultural Society Meeting, A. Rooms.
- 10<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm-4.00pm Friends & Neighbours Meeting, A. Rooms.
- 11<sup>th</sup> 8.00am-12.00noon Pensioners Coffee Morning, A. Rooms.
- 17<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm-4.00pm Friends & Neighbours Meeting, A. Rooms.
- 24<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm-4.00pm Friends & Neighbours Meeting, Assembly Rooms.
- 25<sup>th</sup> 8.00am-12.00noon Bowls Club Coffee Morning, A. Rooms.
- 26<sup>th</sup> 9.30am-2.00pm Eastern Federation of Bird Fanciers Meeting, Assembly Rooms.
- 28<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm-10.00pm Ornithologists Meeting, Assembly Rooms.

### **October**

- 4<sup>th</sup> 12.00noon-2.00pm Baptist Church, Prayer, Assembly Rooms.
- 5<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm-4.00pm Pensioners Meeting, Assembly Rooms.
- 8<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm-4.00pm Friends & Neighbours Meeting, A. Rooms.
- 9<sup>th</sup> 9.00am-2.00pm Oxborough Circuit Bazaar, Assembly Rooms.

## **REGULAR ACTIVITIES**

Would organizers and secretaries of clubs and societies please check the current list in the Town Hall for their accuracy. If there are any corrections or omissions please inform Rosie at the Town Hall on 722922.