

Swinton Village Events

SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2021

WELCOME

Swinton Gala Day 2021

Whilst our Gala Day has not been able to go ahead as usual on the first Saturday in June, an open meeting will be held to plan an outdoor event for late summer (details below!), where we will be able to get together as a community, dance, laugh and have fun.

Hogs having fun again!

Homemade Poppies

Moira Mathewson has suggested the great idea of having a display of homemade poppies this year at either the War Memorial or Village Green Monument for Remembrance Day and the British Legion. These can be knitted, crocheted, made from fabric or any other materials.

Poppies are easily and quickly made, so hopefully lots of people will be interested in making some. For patterns, please contact Moira on 01890 860 244 or Lynn on 01890 860 634

A huge, warm, summery welcome to our beautiful Swinton Community! As we are finally beginning to look beyond the pandemic, to once again feel the comfort of loved ones, and to enjoy life and love in the presence of others, it seems as though the summer of 2021 will be for appreciating every precious moment and making memories. It is SO nice to be seeing so many of your lovely faces again!

Please see our village news below. If you have any questions or would like to become more involved with local events, please do not hesitate to contact us on swintonvillageevents@gmail.com

Swinton and Ladykirk Community Council

A grant has been allocated from the SBC Small Schemes Fund so that the part of the Bus Shelter in the middle of the village can be converted into a 'Swinton Swap Stop', for books, jigsaws, plants etc.

Families are now moving into Laidlaw Avenue in the new development near the school.

Community consultation is underway to identify the level of support for Swinton refreshing its 'No Cold Calling Zone' scheme. Flyers have been circulated, with which villages can register their support.



Swinton Craft Group

The craft group are hoping to start meeting again outdoors soon if the weather remains good and the restrictions unchanged. They are desperate to meet up again, but erring on the side of caution! If anyone has any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Lynn on 01890 860 634.



Swinton Church

As restrictions continue to ease, hymn singing, with hymnbooks, has returned to Sunday services at Swinton Church on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 11:15am. We hope that further lifting of the restrictions will enable teas and coffees to be provided before too long.

The Leavers in Primary 7 at Swinton School recently rang the Church bell- the Flodden Bell- as a traditional mark of their passing on to Secondary School.

Swinton Choir

Swinton Choir's online performances featured as a part of online festival DunsPlayFest. A huge well done and thank you to everybody involved! It was AMAZING to see everybody up on the screen and to see the efforts and talent of our choir being showcased.

As restrictions are easing, face to face rehearsals have been able to take place on Swinton Green, and more recently, in Swinton Church. It has been so much fun to get together in person again! Cameron is now having a (very) well earned break; we plan to meet again after the summer and to hopefully (restriction dependent!) work towards some live performances.



Swinton Primary School

A message from Mrs Berrett, Headteacher

As we come to the end of yet another challenging year, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for the support you have given your children, the staff and school over these past few months. The year has presented itself with so many uncertainties, changes, and challenges. As always, we continue to place the children at the heart of every decision we make and every action we take, and it has never been more important for home and school to work together to ensure the very best for the children and the school. We are extremely grateful for your support during these unprecedented times and we look forward to continuing to work with you in partnership in 2021-22.

Goodbye and Good Luck

We have been delighted to work with our P7 group over the course of the last few weeks to prepare them for moving beyond the security of their primary school. They were set a series of challenges through their staycation week and then were able to access a transition presentation and booklet from BCYT to enable the pupils to discuss their move and what it means to them as an individual and a group. We have been working closely with our linked secondary schools to ensure as smooth a transition as possible with virtual sessions and a visit to their high school and some children participating in an enhanced transition by working outdoors on the newly established Berwickshire Bees project. We have decided to plant some nectar producing flowers around school next year so that local bees can make the best possible honey coming from Berwickshire.

We wish every one of our leavers the very best of luck as they move on and we look forward to hearing about their future accomplishments and achievements in the coming years.





Open Now
Swinton Primary School ELC
Monday to Thursdays 8:40 am - 3:25 pm
Fridays 8:40 am - 12:25 pm
Kind - Safe - Challenged - Teamwork



Any Enquires
Please contact
the School office
on 01890 860237



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As our primary 7s were unable to enjoy the usual residential week, we put on a 'staycation' where the children enjoyed den building, a Ready, Steady, Cook! pizza day, toasted marshmallows and an inflatables fun day.

Sports Day was a little different this year, but it was no less fun. Children competed in their class bubbles within the school grounds and the competition was as fierce as always.

Our p2/3/4 class have been learning all about the Union Chain Bridge. They had a fantastic day dressing up like people from the Georgian times and recreated the grand opening of the Union Chain Bridge before enjoying an afternoon picnic in the school garden.

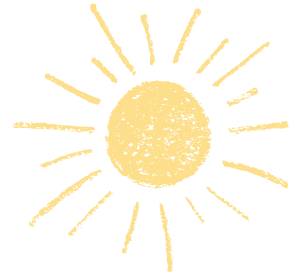
Our ELC is still accepting applications for the 2021/22 school year. Please visit https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20038/school_and_nursery_places/528/apply_for_a_pre-school_nursery_place for more information.



Swinton Horticultural Society

The Horticultural Society are confident that the difficult decision to cancel the annual Flower Show because of the pandemic, was certainly the right one.

The seeds sown at the end of the village earlier this year are now starting to flower. It is hoped that as these grow and blossom further, it will create an attractive display for butterflies and wildlife, as well as villagers and visitors.



Planning Village Recovery - Open Meeting

Open Meeting at **Swinton Church**

Thursday 5th August - 8pm

Hand sanitiser will be available, and we ask that attendees wear face masks where possible.

Come and enjoy refreshments, meet neighbours and plan a programme of events and action to restore supportive and enjoyable village life.

No need to book, just come along, enjoy and support.

Together, we can make village life better for everyone.

- Finlay Mitchell

- Late summer party on the Green.
- Gala Day 2022
- Swinton Choir- Christmas Concert
- Village environment
- Community interest in Glebe Field
- Book Club
- Craft Group
- Horticultural Club Meetings

