



Swinton Village Events

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2021



WELCOME

Swinton Craft Group

The craft group have resumed their meetings on Wednesdays at 2pm, having now found the new venue of Swinton Church. New members are welcome! If anyone would like any more information, please do not hesitate to contact Lynn on **01890 860 634**.

Homemade Poppies

Moira Mathewson and Lynn Blythe are still working hard to collect homemade poppies for a display at the War Memorial/Village Green, for Remembrance Day and the British Legion. We would love as many people as possible to be involved! Poppies can be knitted, crocheted, made from fabric or any other materials. For patterns, please feel free to contact Moira on: **01890 860 244** or Lynn on: **01890 860 634**

The nights are drawing in, the air is growing crisper, and lots of us are beginning to look towards a happy autumnal and festive period as a community. Please see our village news below - we have lots of exciting things going on just now!

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

- Main Street in Swinton is to be closed between 9.00am and 5.00pm each day, from Tuesday 28th September to Friday 1st October, for much needed repairs.
- The Everly Meadow development now has nine of the houses occupied with all eleven detached ones sold. The timber frames of the semi detached pair are being erected.
- They also now have permission from SBC Planning Department to start the groundworks for Phase 2, which consists of the remaining thirteen houses (eleven detached and two semidetached).

Swinton Choir

Face to face rehearsals have now resumed after our Summer break. All are welcome to join us at 7pm in Swinton Church, as we start preparing for our Christmas concert. After so long without any live performances, we hope to end this year this a bang!



Swinton Primary School



We would like to extend a warm welcome back to all our pupils, families and staff, and especially to our new pupils in our ELC and Primary 1. They are so proud to wear their new school uniform and eager to learn through everything that our school and ELC has to offer.

Our playground has been recently decorated with bright and colourful markings. The children are thoroughly enjoying the new games and activities these bring to playtime.

Early Learning and Childcare

We have spaces available in our ELC. If you would like, or, know of a parent or carer who would like their child to have the opportunity of a place then please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school. You may also find the following link to the ELC handbook useful.

https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/downloads/file/7767/swinton_elc_handbook

Our new website is now live. You can find us at:

www.SwintonPS@scotborders.sch.uk

It's Good to Grow with Morrisons

Can you help us get free gardening equipment for our school? It's easy to do. All you need to do is sign up to the Morrisons app between 6 September and 24 October and head to the 'It's Good to Grow' section and select Swinton Primary School. You will get one Grow Token for every £10 spent in store or online and you can donate these to the school via the app or website. We can then redeem these tokens against a wide range of gardening equipment for our school.



Swinton Horticultural Society



After the success of the flowers sown at the end of the village last season, George Blythe, Chairman of Swinton Horticultural Society, has planted a wide range of more flowers and bulbs for a winter and spring display, to attract wildlife, bees and butterflies, as well as provide a beautiful welcome as people enter the village. We can expect to enjoy some colour from these between February and May next year.

George is also hoping to give away homegrown Poppy seeds, with growing instructions, to villagers and residents residing in and around Swinton Village, with the intention of creating a wonderful display next year. Poppies can be sown in pots, containers, window boxes, hanging baskets, or meadows.

Please get in touch with George Blythe on **01890 860634** or **george.blythe1@yahoo.co.uk** to get involved. We are keen for as many villagers as possible to get involved- the more, the merrier!!

Hort Soc's Hearty Autumn Soup Recipe:

You Will Need:

- Olive oil
- Chopped celery
- Chopped carrots
- Sliced Onion
- Crushed garlic or garlic granules
- Diced potatoes
- Spinach
- Bay leaves
- Chicken or vegetable stock (Quantity your choice for thickness)
- Lentils
- Salt – optional



How To Make:

- 1.Heat the oil in a pan. Add the celery, carrots, onion, and garlic and cook until tender.
- 2.Add the stock, lentils and bay leaves.
- 3.Cook over medium heat for about thirty minutes.
- 4.Add potatoes and cook for another fifteen to twenty minutes.
- 5.Add spinach and salt and cook until tender. Remove from heat and serve.

You can mix and match all the ingredients or add other vegetables as per your own and child's taste and preference and if you don't like lentils, you could add rice, or just leave them out.

You could even blitz all your ingredients in a blender to form a puree and start your baby off the right way, with their 5 a day. The options are endless!

Go ahead and make this easy vegetable soup recipe for adults and kids over the weekend.

Swinton Church

This year's **Harvest Thanksgiving Service** will take place on **Sunday, 10 October** at **11.15am**. All are welcome.

Remembrance Sunday is **14 November**.

There will be a wreath-laying ceremony at Swinton War Memorial at 11.15am, followed by a Service across the road in the Church. Afterwards, a wreath will be laid at the War Memorial at Ladykirk Church. A wreath will also be provided for the War Memorial at Whitsome.

Covid regulations:

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**. Unfortunately, the wearing of face-masks at Services is still a legal requirement.

Extension Project:

It has been necessary to reduce the scope of the Project considerably in view of delays caused by planning and other difficulties and, more especially, in light of recent Church of Scotland plans to close 40% of Church buildings by 2025. The future of Swinton Kirk has become very uncertain.

What we intend to do now is to repair the Vestry walls as they are and to renovate the inside of the Vestry. Instead of installing an exterior septic tank and an oil tank, we intend to put in a 'caravan' style toilet, a 'caravan' style kitchen unit, and an electric boiler. It is expected that all of this work will be completed by Christmas. The rubble and spoil heaps beside the Church should be removed very soon, the excavations filled in, and fresh gravel laid on the pathway leading from the village.

Strawberry Field

Hair and Beauty Salon

New local business, based in Swinton.

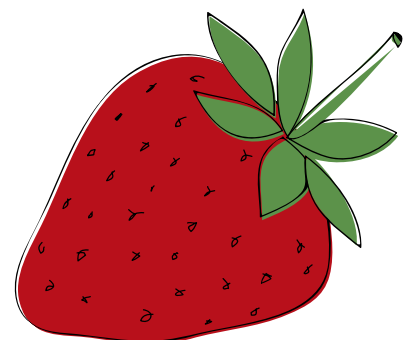
Strictly by prior appointment only.

Appointments and enquiries can be made through

Facebook **@joolsstrawberryfield**,

phone **07471202931** or

email **strawberryfieldsalon@yahoo.com**



Planning Village Recovery - Open Meeting Minutes

Village Environment

- Village Enhancement Group. Initial meeting to plan and discuss ideas for the future. If you would like to be involved, please get in touch with Finlay Mitchell on swintonvillageevents@gmail.com.
- Swinton Swap Stop – Grant allocated to SBC Small Schemes Fund to convert part of the Bus Shelter for swapping books, plants, jigsaws, plants etc.

History Group

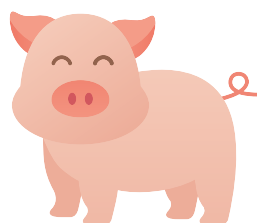
- History Group – had previously had a presence in the village, interest in starting this back up again.
- We are looking for somebody to lead this project. If you would be interested in leading the group or being a part of it, please get in touch with Finlay Mitchell on swintonvillageevents@gmail.com.
- Discussed ‘Destination Tweed’, potential audio tour of village.

Community Asset Development

- Glebe Field
- Potential of establishing a ‘living church’. Allotments/Community Gardens– Abundant Borders?

Other

- Horticultural Society- George Blythe hoping to be able to contribute wild seeds to the Swinton Swap Stop.
- Housing Development Community Funding – hoping to engage local parents to discuss how this funding could be spent on play/park equipment for children on the Village Green.



Village Bonfire

Village Bonfire on the **Field behind the War Memorial**

5th November at **6pm**

Strictly **NO FIREWORKS**

Bonfire and Barbeque to warm the community spirit

Free of cost

Please come along to join us with singing and chatting around a fire in an old fashioned way

Christmas in the Village...

Open Meeting at **Swinton Church**

14th October at **7pm**

Please come along to engage with the community, keep plans moving forwards, and to help plan Christmas in the village.

- Christmas Light switch on with Santa, mulled wine and mince pies.
- Carol singing - musicians.
- Swinton Choir- Christmas Concert in the Church.
- School service.
- Festive walk up to and around Swinton House, led by Finlay Mitchell.

