

**Swanton Morley Warm Space
Swanton Morley Village Hall,
Mon—Thurs 10am—2pm**



Norfolk Community Foundation have provided a grant for Swanton Morley Village Hall to fund a 'Warm Space' through the winter months.

There will be hot drinks and soup on offer in the Village Hall bar lounge.

It is a warm and safe environment for the community to come and enjoy.

There are board games and books available as well as a television.

Don't be alone, don't suffer the cold.

Come along to the Village Hall



The Mardler

Swanton Morley Parish Council's Newsletter

Winter Edition 2022

Welcome to the fifty third edition of The Mardler. Swanton Morley Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to wish all its parishioners a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year!

A Message from your Parish Clerk;

"2022 has been another busy year for the Parish Council and the Village Hall.

We started the year off with a presentation for a specially commissioned plaque to the village for the communities resilience to the Covid-19 pandemic., Climate Action for Swanton Morley was relaunched and has been carrying out various climate activities throughout the year including planting a tree nursery., a blessing box was donated and installed in the Village Hall carpark for donations of food and toiletries, lots of planning went into the Jubilee Festival held in June which saw me ending up in the stocks!, new footpaths were installed in the burial ground, we said a sad farewell to HM The Queen and then became the first 'Mindful Village' to name a few.

Throughout this year, our Parish Councillors have supported the staff and the ongoing efforts of the community. We have a fantastic team.

Looking ahead to 2023 I am looking forward to continuing the work in the community and the Coronation of King Charles III.

As always, our door is open. I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year"

Kelly Pickard - Clerk to Swanton Morley Parish Council



Dear Resident ,

Welcome to the 2022 Christmas and Winter edition of The Mardler

Looking back on 2022 it has felt like the year when we could really put the worst of the Covid 19 pandemic behind us and resume some sense of normality with social distancing becoming a thing of the past. I would like to place on record my sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed in some way to our village life this year.

It has been a very eventful year. One of the main highlights was the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth which we celebrated with a series of events here in the village.

Sadly, after only a few short months we marked her passing and the Accession of King Charles III.

We have also had three different Prime Ministers and the outbreak of war in Ukraine. These momentous events will ensure that the year 2022 is long remembered for its historic significance.

To coin a phrase used by a well known supermarket brand in its Christmas TV advert, there is currently a 'joy shortage' perpetuated by the ongoing cost of living crisis. In an effort to try and provide some seasonal cheer, the Parish Council has once again installed its Christmas lights display which we hope you enjoy. Due to successive years of bad weather we decided to change our regular 'Carols on the Green' concert into 'Carols in the Church'. We were delighted with the large number of people who attended again this year. Our thanks go to Father Christmas, Rev Paul Cubitt, Dereham Brass Band and Swanton Morley Butchers, Swanton Morley Stores and Squilla & Squidge who between them provided free of charge all of the food and hot drinks on the night. It was a very enjoyable evening.

Looking to the future, on 6th May 2023 the Coronation of King Charles III will take place and here in Swanton Morley I am sure we will play our part in celebrating an occasion no one has seen in this country for 70 years.

2023 will be challenging for many people but I am hopeful that as a community we can support one another and especially our most vulnerable residents. If you or someone you know is struggling and perhaps needs some assistance, please do not hesitate to contact in confidence the Parish Council staff on 01362 637166 or myself as your Breckland Councillor on 07841 488860. We are happy to talk to you over the phone or over a cuppa. We can put you in touch with organisations who might well be able to support your wellbeing.

On behalf of the Parish Council I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Roger Atterwill
Chairman



Swanton Morley Village Hall - Regular Clubs and Groups

Little Swans	Monday - Friday (term time)
Brownies	Monday evening
Table Tennis	Monday evening
Community Café	Tuesday 9am—2pm
Move It or Lose It	Tuesday morning
Primary Paws (dog training)	Tuesday & Wednesday (6 week blocks)
Gardening Club	Last Tuesday of month
Pilates	Wednesday morning
BAM Fitness	Wednesday evening
Scarning Art Club	Thursday morning
Kung Fu	Tuesday afternoon
Galaxy Twirlers	Thursday evening
Swanton Morley FC	Various weekday and Saturday morning
Cockers FC	Tuesday & Saturday afternoon



Swanton Morley Village Hall

For all of your private hire and regular hire needs

*Competitive hire rates * good value packages
discounts * fully staffed bar*

Swanton Morley Village Hall has had an excellent year, it was fantastic to be fully reopen following the pandemic.

This year the Village Hall has been a venue for many children's parties, birthday parties and weddings.

We have also been host to the ever popular Dog Agility show, Tractor Rally, Fireworks display and of course the Platinum Jubilee Festival.

During the course of 2022 the Village Hall bar area has been revamped to create a wellness nook including a sofa, magazine rack and a wonderful collection of artwork from Scarning Art Group.

The facility has also opened 4 days per week 10am until 1.30 to create a warm and welcome space for any resident that would like to use it.

There has been a very welcome installation of a blessing box in the carpark and we are now visited weekly by the Breckland Food bus.

The Village Hall is centre to the community and we welcome anyone who would like to pop in.

Plenty of information is available in the building on the noticeboards but if you have any queries please do not hesitate to ask.

There are still many regular hire groups that continue to use and enjoy the facilities so we would like to thank every one for supporting the amazing facility.

Contact Rachel or Kelly for more information

Tel: 01362 637166

Email : admin@swantonmorley.org

Website: www.swantonmorleyvillagehall.co.uk



Your Parish Councillors

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Please contact us with your concerns or ideas for the village using any of the above methods...we look forward to hearing from you.

Our office hours are:

9am – 12pm Monday - Friday



Christmas Crinkle Cookies

60g cocoa powder, sieved
200g caster sugar
60ml vegetable oil
2 large eggs
180g plain flour
1 tsp baking powder
2 oranges, zested
2 tsp mixed spice
1 tsp cinnamon
50g icing sugar



Method

1. Mix the cocoa, caster sugar and oil together. Add the eggs one at a time, whisking until fully combined.
2. Combine the flour, baking powder, orange zest, mixed spice, cinnamon and a pinch of salt in a separate bowl, then add to the cocoa mixture and mix until a soft dough forms. If it feels too soft, put in the fridge to chill for 1 hr.
3. Heat the oven to 190C/170C fan/gas 5 and tip the icing sugar into a shallow dish. Roll heaped teaspoons of the dough into balls (about 20g each), then roll in the icing sugar to coat. Put the balls on one large or two medium baking trays lined with baking parchment, ensuring they're evenly spaced apart.
4. Bake on the middle rack of the oven for 10 mins, then transfer to a wire rack to cool – they will firm up as they cool, but still be fudgy in the centre. Will keep for up to four days in an airtight container



WORD SEARCH CROSSWORD

Christmas day



Winter Support

As the weather grows colder and the evenings grow darker, help is still available if it is needed.

Household support fund—Residents in financial hardship can self-refer to the Household Support Fund for support with food and energy vouchers, or alternative financial support. Applications can be made to the Norfolk Assistance Scheme or through your Breckland Councillor Roger Atterwill on 07841 488860.

Breckland Food bus—access affordable, nutritious food and household essentials, plus an information, advice and guidance service to support with the issues you are experiencing.

Food banks in Breckland welcome and support everyone who is referred to them, always acting with respect and without judgment. Volunteers will give a minimum of three days' emergency food and offer support to resolve some of the difficulties you might be facing.

In order to get help from a food bank you will need to be referred with a voucher, which can be obtained from Breckland Council. Call 01362 656870 or e-mail communitysupport@breckland.gov.uk

Universal credit—If your circumstances have changed due to job loss or reduced hours, you may be eligible to apply for Universal Credit, find out how to claim by calling the Universal Credit helpline: 0800 3285644

Pension Credit is available to residents of State Pension age and on a low income, to help with living costs. Pension credit is a 'passport' benefit which allows access to other support such as Warm Homes Discount and NHS dental treatment

The Vulnerability Registration Service [VRS] gives vulnerable people a single place to register their status, helping them avoid repeating the same difficult conversations each time they engage with organisations such as lenders and creditors. The service aims to help vulnerable consumers protect themselves against the financial, social and personal hardship suffered as a result of debt and financial problems



Parish Council and Village Hall Trust Meetings

Parishioners always welcome

- 9th January 2023 - 7.30pm - Parish Council
- 13th February 2023 - 7.30pm - Parish Council
- 13 March 2023 - 7.00pm - Village Hall Trust
- 13 March 2023 - 7.30pm - Parish Council

The agenda for each meeting will be displayed on the notice board at the junction of Woodgate Lane and Greengate and published on our website at: www.swantonmorleypc.info/minutes-and-agendas

Winter Warmer Packs

Warm packs are once again available from the Parish Council office at The Village Hall for any resident that needs one. They include a thermometer, hot water bottle, thermal blanket, mug, thermal socks, thermal hat and thermal gloves.

If you would benefit or you know someone who would benefit from one of these packs please contact 01362 637166 or email parishcouncil@swantonmorley.org / admin@swantonmorley.org



Planning News

At the behest of the Government, Breckland Council has embarked on a review of its Local Development Plan. When completed this will shape development planning and growth in the district until 2046.

In Spring of this year Breckland Council issued a call for possible development sites across the district. Swanton Morley is not immune from this process. The call for sites was extended to 1st December but below is a weblink to where you can find the information relating to sites put forward as at September. As you will see there are 15 sites which have been put forward so far. We will be informed early in 2023 if any more sites have come forward as a result of extending the deadline.

<https://brecklandlocalplan.commonplace.is/en-GB/proposals/development-responses/step1>

It must be stressed that just because a site has been put forward by a landowner does not mean that the site will be considered acceptable by Breckland Council in terms of potential development. Upon reviewing the sites put forward so far, some have previously been submitted and rejected and some have extremely poor road and footpath connectivity meaning that they are likely to be deemed as unsustainable locations. Our Swanton Morley Neighbourhood Plan is something the planning officers will also have to take great care to consider as part of their conclusions as far as Swanton Morley is concerned. I have emphasised this fact to the Director of Planning.

One brownfield site looms larger than all others and this is Robertson Barracks which is scheduled to close in in a few years time. The Defence Infrastructure Organisation has put forward the site for mixed employment and housing use with up to 2000 homes. The largest part of the site which is the airfield is in the neighbouring parish of Hoe & Worthing. The existing homes on the site are already earmarked to be sold off. Given the possibilities to generate employment on the site making use of the many existing technical buildings and the available brownfield land on which to build new homes, it is highly likely that this site will be developed especially as it will no doubt be driven very hard by Whitehall.

In 2023 the Parish Council will be actively engaging with Breckland Council to help shape the Local Development Plan review. We will submit our formal comments on each site once Breckland officers have carried out their analysis. I have also spoken to George Freeman MP specifically concerning the Robertson Barracks site and the need for Breckland Council and MOD to engage with the local community at the earliest opportunity. The Parish Council will provide updated information to residents as it becomes available.

This process will run until 2026/27 and will be a marathon and not a sprint. It will require patience and attention to a great deal of detail. I am confident that the Parish Council and if required its planning advisors including legal advice, can meet this challenge.

Roger Atterwill

Chairman

Community Speedwatch Volunteers

Swanton Morley Parish Council are looking for volunteers to join the Community Speedwatch team.

After training this would amount to one hour a week of your time to help combat the speeding in the village.

If you would like to volunteer for this initiative please contact the Clerk on parishcouncil@swantonmorley.org



Village Volunteers

The Parish Council are also looking for volunteers to help with projects in the village.

The Parish Council are supporting a warm hub at the Village Hall and we undertake tree planting, working parties and litter picks in the village!

If you would like to become a volunteer and make a difference to your community, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council.

01362 637166

"Volunteers give their time and talents for free but are worth their weight in gold"

Councillor Brenda O'Dowd

THE SWANTON MORLEY **SHED** PROJECT



We're looking to set up a 'Men's Shed' in Swanton Morley.

A space for men to gather, talk, build, learn, support and encourage.

A space filled with ideas, challenges, tools, materials and fun.

A space to trust, to try, to talk, to laugh - or sometimes just to sit and drink coffee and relax with friends.

Swanton Morley Parish Council are supporting The Shed Project as part of our becoming a 'Mindful Village', looking out for each other's wellbeing.

Come and find out more - the Village Hall, Sunday January 15th at 3pm - or contact Bob Almond, bob@revbob.org, 01362 637266



CASM

Making Swanton Morley Sustainable



CASM (Climate Action for Swanton Morley) is a group of Councillors and parishioners, who meet to consider what small steps we can take as a village to combat climate change and improve our environment to benefit both people and wildlife.

Following a prolonged interlude, due to Covid, the Climate Action Swanton Morley group was relaunched at an event held in the Village Hall on St George's Day. Konnect Buses and pupils from Northgate School gave presentations and villagers had an opportunity to state their concerns relating to climate change.

We have been successful in receiving a grant from Norfolk County Council to establish a tree nursery. This will enable us to grow on trees for planting out giving them a better chance of survival. In keeping with the ethos of recycling, an old village notice board has been reused for the tree nursery. Many thanks to Alasdair Monteith and Jim Venworth for the work they have put in in setting up the nursery.

We had a visit to the Norse Environmental Waste Services centre at Costessey. All the household recyclable waste in Norfolk is sorted at this centre for onward processing. Please remember to recycle as much as you can; bring your glass to the Village Hall bottle bank as this is a more effective way to recycle glass as it does not need to be sorted.

For Big Green Week at the end of September a litter pick was organized and 9 bags of litter were collected from roads in the Village. Please be conscious of our local countryside and do not throw litter from your car window or drop it whilst out and about.

Climate Action Swanton Morley has demonstrated its medial presence through two interviews held with BBC Norfolk and also on our revamped Facebook that we hope will point to useful links locally and globally.

The Climate Action Group meets once a month, check the Facebook page for dates for 2023.
<https://www.facebook.com/ClimateActionforSwantonMorley/>



Geoffrey Curran

Public Footpaths, Byways and Permissive Footpaths

This year the landowner and I erected new posts and signage for all but one of the Permissive Footpaths in the parish. This remaining path is quite uneven underfoot with exposed tree roots.

It is unlikely that this Permissive Way will remain in use, as access to Harkers Lane from Hoe Road East can be made via the Swanton Vale development when completed. To replace this the landowner has agreed to create a new Permissive Way linking Greens Lane to Hoe Road North. New posts and signage will be installed there shortly.

There is one final note and that is on the subject of dog poo. It applies to all the Footpaths and Permissive Ways around the village and is a huge problem, particularly for those who live nearby. If your dog goes to the toilet on a walk, bag it up and put it in one of the numerous Poo Bins around the village, or take it home, rather than selfishly leave it on the ground.

Village Information Map

You will have noticed that this was removed by the Parish Council and has been absent for some time. The old map was outdated and showing signs of wear, but that's not surprising as it had been up for over 20 years. Together with Scarning Art Club, who use the village hall every Thursday morning, we have been producing an updated version. Not only does it give more information but has artwork relating to all the interesting features of our village.

Jim Venworth



The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to thank all the residents and volunteers that have supported the village in the last year. Here is a selection of some memories from 2022



A special thank you to Bernie Marsham for the donation of the lovely Xmas trees, with help from Seamus O'Dowd, Dave Turner, Jim Venworth and Roger Atterwill putting them up around the village



Burial Ground and Churchyard

The main change in the past year is the improvement to the burial ground achieved through funding from Breckland Council, this has enabled two additional pathways to be laid which paves the way for further expansion of burial ground. To improve the growth of roses in the memorial garden, following the thinning of some trees a water supply is to be installed that will allow relatives to care better for the roses planted in memory of loved ones.

In the Churchyard the main issue has been controlling moles that were very active last winter and spring.

In both the Churchyard and Burial ground a major issue has been the quality of the grass cutting by our contractors; a new contract and service level agreement is being prepared for 2023 that sets out the standards with which your Parish Council expects in these sensitive areas. This year the grass suffered from the dry summer, but following the autumn rains is now growing vigorously along with some weeds. There are times when we have to make a decision on whether we prefer a manicured "bowling green" look or a more environmentally diverse naturalist appearance to the grassed areas of these locations.

In August a detailed inspection was made of both areas and there are plans to budget for repairs and improvements when the 2023/24 budget is set early next year.



Swanton Morley Allotments

There is something very satisfying in being able to grow your own fruit and vegetables.

Swanton Morley Allotments have certainly proved popular against this year. There have been new tenants taking on a plot and the site has become a vibrant area together with a new tree nursery.

Currently there is a waiting list for any available plots, if you would like to be added to this please contact the Clerk.

Open spaces

The Parish Council are responsible for a number of open spaces in the Village including the Village Green which is once again alive with colour for the Christmas display.

We maintain Gooseberry Hill play area and have been carrying out maintenance and repair work through the year while we work on a project for this area behind the scenes. We hope to have more information soon on a possible new piece of equipment.

Davidson Park will soon see some new trees being planted and new posts being installed towards the upkeep of the area.



Thanks to generous funding by The National Lottery Community Fund, Swanton Morley Parish Council and Wensum Valley Electrical, The Swanton Morley Platinum Jubilee Festival began on Thursday 2nd June with a 'Family Fun Sports Day' at Swanton Morley Village Hall. Four days of celebration and competitions concluded with Dereham Band's 'Brass on the Grass' in the village hall on Sunday 5th June.

We had 16 wonderful entries to the Best Wreath Competition and 10 magnificent and inventive entries for the Royal Themed "Build a Scarecrow" competition

All events over the Jubilee weekend were family-friendly and FREE to attend for all parishioners. On Thursday 2nd June, the Family fun sports afternoon was well attended with rounders, sack race, tug of war and an egg and spoon race held at Swanton Morley Village Hall from 12 noon. Who knew that both adults and children could be so competitive!

The evening continued with Lighting the Beacon at Swanton Morley Village Hall. The children's lantern parade was stunning as dusk fell. We paused to listen to the amazing peals from Swanton Morley Bell Ringers ringing the special Jubilee celebration changes. At precisely 21:35, in common with hundreds (thousands?) of other communities across Great Britain and the Commonwealth, Pipe Major John Welton played one of many special Jubilee compositions, "Diu Regnare". This was followed at 21:40 by Brenda O'Dowd playing the bugle call, "Majesty". Our Parish Chair, Roger Atterwill lit the Jubilee Beacon at 21:45 as we listened to the Commonwealth Song.

On Friday 3rd June, All Saints Church held an open day for quiet prayer and an opportunity for parishioners to sign the Jubilee memorial book



On Saturday 4th June, Judging took place of the scarecrow and wreath making competitions. Thank you to Andrea Elsdon for her time and independent judgement of the incredibly high standard of entries. In the evening, Darbys Freehouse held a music evening.

On Sunday 5th June The Jubilee Service at All Saints Church was the perfect and most appropriate way to begin this day of greatest celebration. As the afternoon began, so did the rain and we moved indoors where Swanton Morley Village Hall hosted the Big Jubilee Picnic with indoor garden games, face painting, crafts and music. We were treated to a performance from the RockaVox Choir to open the picnic. Then the Galaxy Twirlers gave a spectacular demonstration of their artistry. This was followed by Alistair Monteith and his Kung Fu Company with their thrilling and breath-taking display of Chinese Martial Arts.

The City of Norwich Pipe Band made a dramatic entrance to give us the stirring sound of the wonderful virtuoso piping. We were very lucky to be able to book the band as they are always in demand.

Dereham Band's Brass on the Grass closed the Festival with their concert of traditional and modern patriotic music. The band were privileged to be able to accompany 4 pipers playing Highland Cathedral, which many members of audience agreed made the hairs on the back of the neck stand on end.

Thank you to our sponsors, The National Lottery Community Fund, Swanton Morley Parish Council and Wensum Valley Electrical, without whose financial backing this Festival could not have happened.

Thank you to all our volunteers and contributors (too many to name!) whose constant and unceasing support and hard work made the Festival events possible.

