



Swallowfield Parish

# Newsletter

**Winter 2021**



## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Well, we are fast approaching Xmas, the clocks have gone back and the evenings are drawing in. The years seem to pass by so quickly.

This autumn has seen the return of various groups to the halls whilst appropriate safeguards remain in force. The medical practice has continued to run vaccination clinics at the Parish Hall and those vaccinations continue to do the heavy lifting of keeping us as safe as we can be from COVID-19. However, the pandemic is far from over and we shouldn't become complacent.

There were two Remembrance Day commemorations this year which makes up for the limited ceremony that was possible last year. The memorial was adorned with knitted and crocheted poppies to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the Royal British Legion. It looked wonderful. There was an additional ceremony on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November which was recorded by ITV Meridian and edited highlights broadcast on Meridian South. Then there was the usual ceremony on Remembrance Sunday.

Despite the restrictions of COVID-19, the Parish Council has completed a number of substantial projects.

The project to resurface the Parish Hall car park including improved drainage designed to reduce the impact of flooding and general improvements has now been fully signed off following some minor remediations after the 12 months maintenance period expired.

The project to resurface two of the tennis courts and fit new fencing has also been completed. The soffits and rainwater goods have been replaced on the Memorial Hall and Sports Pavilion. Both these projects were funded by money from the Duke's Field development and had to be spent on these specific items.

In July 2019 WBC declared a climate emergency and has committed to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030. The Parish Council needs to work alongside WBC on this and has appointed Cllr David Lamont to provide an interface with WBC and act as a focal point for our own decarbonising initiatives.

Further investment is planned for all the council's buildings as part of a phased programme of improvements. A contract has been let to instal new double-glazed windows and doors to replace the single-glazed units in the buildings at Riseley which will improve energy efficiency and reduce their carbon footprint.

This is the time of year when the Parish Council starts to consider its plans and budget for the next financial year and a number of further projects are in the pipeline.

The council has been working for some time with an architect who has extensive experience of updating public buildings and village halls. The aim has been to resolve various shortcomings of the Parish Hall that hall users and a fire safety inspection have identified. A phased programme of work is in the late design stages and it is proposed that the first phase of implementation, yet to be approved, would start in the next financial year. The overall programme aims to include addressing fire safety recommendations and providing a service counter for the Parish Office facing into the atrium to improve the security of staff in the Parish Office who frequently work on their own.

In addition, a passageway would be created to connect the atrium to the main hall without having to pass through the kitchen and the main kitchen would

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undergo a complete refit. Various measures would be taken over a period of time to make the building more disabled friendly by improving accesses and providing disabled toilets for the Davies Room and Rose Room. The atrium would get a new insulated roof to improve energy efficiency and make it a more usable space.

### LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

You will have received a card from WBC notifying you of a public consultation which is underway as part of the Local Plan Update. If you want to influence how development takes place in our parish, it is important that you respond to the consultation. In addition, the parish needs to develop its own Neighbourhood Plan as most other parishes in the borough have already done or are in the process of doing. This is a formal planning policy document that supplements WBC's policies. The Parish Council can only do so much and this is a sizeable task that needs to be resourced and managed through active community involvement. It requires members of the community to step up and form a group (a bit like the Flood Resilience Group). A small number have expressed interest thus far but many more are needed. So, if you value the environment in which you live and/or have been incensed by inappropriate and poorly designed developments in our neighbourhood you need to volunteer. Contact the clerk or any councillor in the first instance.

As is customary at this time of year I would like to thank the Council staff – Liz, Sue, Derek and Stephen – for their hard work and dedication over the past year. I would also like to thank those in the community who have voluntarily assisted the council in doing its work, including: the Flood Resilience Group which has been working on options for a natural flood management project to alleviate the effects of rainwater runoff from the Swallowfield bypass at Riseley; the group of Riseley Commoners for their work on the Marshes Nature Reserve; and the group tending to the community orchard. Put simply, the council would not be able to do all of these things without such support.

Finally, on behalf of all members and staff of Swallowfield Parish Council I would like to extend seasonal greetings to you all and wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

**John Anderson**  
**Chairman**

## TRAFFIC CALMING UPDATE

I am pleased to announce formation of the **Swallowfield Community Speedwatch Group**. Our Group is officially recognised by Thames Valley Police and the national Community Speedwatch Program.

Following enthusiastic support for Community Speedwatch, expressed by our parish in the recent traffic calming survey, the council has acquired the latest technology for both covert traffic surveillance and active speedwatch recording. These technologies ensure data accuracy, reduce the manpower overhead, and expedite the processing of speedwatch records. Meanwhile, new and innovative systems implemented by Thames Valley Police mean that offending motorists can expect a prompt and fully automated response to their actions.

Active Speedwatch sessions on speed restricted roads will begin shortly. Covert surveillance of traffic movements has already started in Riseley and Swallowfield. While covert surveillance does not capture individual vehicle registrations, the data collected will guide deployment of speedwatch teams and provide data in support of further moves by Thames Valley Police and Wokingham Borough Council. In due course, covert surveillance will be extended to other roads around the parish, where national speed limits currently apply, but residents have raised their concerns about dangerous and excessive speeding.

In order to be effective, community speedwatch requires your continuing support. It is, fundamentally, a *community* initiative in support of the safety of our roads and the peace and quiet of our parish. This initiative is encouraged and fully supported by the police but only the police will ever engage with offending motorists.

For more information on the national Community Speedwatch Program, please visit [www.communityspeedwatch.org](http://www.communityspeedwatch.org). To join, or for further information on the Swallowfield Community Speedwatch Group, please contact me, Ian Fullerton, at [ian.fullerton@swallowfieldpc.gov.uk](mailto:ian.fullerton@swallowfieldpc.gov.uk).

**Ian Fullerton,**  
**Transport Lead**



## **COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP AND SURVEY**

Swallowfield Parish Council has appointed Cllr David Lamont as the new lead councillor for the Communications Working Group.

Our recently adopted Communications Policy explains our current approach in more detail. This document is available on the Parish Council website or from the Clerk upon request.

The group is undertaking a review and will continue to develop how we engage and communicate with residents and others in our local community.

The Parish Council has started this process by inviting residents across the Parish to respond to our communications survey which can either be completed online using the link on our website and Facebook page or in hardcopy if preferred using the form being distributed to all households.

The group will be examining the results of this survey as part of a wider review of our current approach to communications. The results will help us to prepare a plan to enhance and further develop our communications approach to engage with and listen to residents and others in our community.

***David Lamont***  
***Communication Lead***

## **LOCAL MEMBER UPDATE WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL HELP SHAPE OUR BOROUGH'S FUTURE**

Residents of Wokingham Borough are being urged to share their views on where new homes and a wide range of supporting services and amenities should be built over years to come. At a special meeting on Friday 12th November, Wokingham Borough Council's Executive agreed to launch a public consultation on a revised growth strategy for its new local plan. This began on Monday, 22 November and runs until 24 January next year after being extended by a week from the initially proposed date to ensure everyone has a chance to take part.

The Council wants as many people as possible to respond because the finished document, which will be drawn up in accordance with Government approved planning processes, will help meet future demand for housing, schools, roads, green spaces, community

and leisure facilities and much more. It has suggested following the same principles as its existing local plan, which concentrated development in four major new communities at Shinfield Parish, Arborfield Garrison and North and South Wokingham alongside significant investment in infrastructure.

This strategy is proving a success, as shown by the fact that the Borough's property values are growing faster than anywhere else in Berkshire and it has topped several lists for its residents' quality of life, including a recent study by the Legatum Institute research group. Unlike the previous draft local plan, which people were consulted on last year, a new town of about 15,000 homes at Grazeley is no longer being put forward. This is now unachievable following an extension of the emergency planning zone around AWE Burghfield to include the area.

The Council therefore suggests an alternative approach which will continue to reflect residents' preferences, expressed in earlier consultations, for most development to be built in carefully planned major new communities with suitable infrastructure.

### **NEW HOUSING ALLOCATIONS**

The revised growth strategy includes a new garden village with generous green space on land south of the M4, between Shinfield, Arborfield and Sindlesham. This would comprise about 4,500 homes, of which at least 2,200 would be built during the plan period to 2038 while the rest would help meet demand beyond then. Of these, 35 per cent would be affordable housing for local people.

The area, which includes land at Hall Farm and in the Loddon Valley, would accommodate a substantial amount of the Borough's housing and employment needs in a sustainable way and on a scale which meets the challenges of climate change sustainably. New jobs in a range of sectors would be created in the area near the Thames Valley Science and Innovation Park, which might accommodate a full or partial relocation of the Royal Berkshire Hospital in Reading, subject to funding decisions. There would also be new walking and cycle routes, primary schools, a secondary school, sports facilities and neighbourhood centres. A major public green space or park would be created along the River Loddon, offering scope to improve biodiversity by restoring and enhancing habitats.

The revised growth strategy also proposes an additional allocation of about 800 homes within the Council's existing South Wokingham major development, to the south of the railway line and Waterloo Road. This is in addition to the 2,500



dwellings allocated to South Wokingham in the current local plan. Under this proposed revision, Gray's Farm off Heathlands Road would be developed for outdoor and indoor sports and community uses.

### **BENEFITS BEYOND HOUSING**

These larger allocations help the Council to provide new homes by allocating fewer sites overall, protecting the vast majority of the Borough. However, some smaller scale development is also needed to support the vitality and viability of smaller communities and create opportunities for local people to stay in their area.

The Council therefore also proposes about 2,700 homes across 46 smaller sites in Wokingham town and the parishes of Arborfield and Newland, Barkham, Charvil, Finchampstead, Hurst, Ruscombe, Shinfield, Sonning, Swallowfield, Twyford and Winnersh. So please comment via link below, I will be consulting the Parish Council and will personally comment accordingly.

The revised growth strategy is also looking to designate more than 70 additional areas as local green space, far more than the eight proposed in the previous draft plan, so it wants people's views on this too.

The draft local plan included clear commitments, which will be retained, to tackling the climate emergency through sustainable development policies, protecting valued landscapes and providing affordable housing quotas of up to 50 per cent on most new developments.

Like other local authorities, we're legally required to produce policies that guide planning decisions on where development is supported and where it isn't. Our current policies still effectively manage development across the Borough while delivering high-quality infrastructure but were only written to do this until 2026. The new ones must therefore look further forward while taking that same successfully proven approach. Without valid and effective planning policies, developers could easily challenge any decision to refuse permission and the Council could lose its say over where or how new housing and other development would take place. This could lead to homes being allowed in unsuitable locations, being of lower quality, and in places where infrastructure can't be improved to serve residents properly.

We want as many people as possible to respond to this consultation. Sharing your views gives you the chance to help shape the plan to your needs, and those of your loved ones, for generations to come.

### **HOW TO HAVE YOUR SAY**

There will also be four virtual meetings, again requiring advance booking, on December 2 and 6, two on each date running from 6pm to 7pm and 7.30pm to 8.30pm, one of which will be recorded for viewing on demand.

For more information about the revised growth strategy and the success of our current local plan, or to respond to the consultation or book a place at an information meeting, visit [engage.wokingham.gov.uk](https://engage.wokingham.gov.uk).

### **CAMERAS PUT UP TO HELP KEEP BOROUGH'S ROADS CLEAR**

Traffic levels around Wokingham Borough are now being measured to help predict the exact impact of new housing on its road network.

Contractors for Wokingham Borough Council have installed almost 80 temporary video cameras on street furniture at various locations including junctions 10



and 11 of the M4, the B3270 in and around Lower Earley, the A329M and parts of Shinfield, Winnersh and Amen Corner.

These will stay up for a month and will help the Council to understand where people are travelling to and from, in turn allowing it to forecast demand more accurately and plan measures to tackle congestion before it becomes a problem.

The work, which also includes the installation of tube loops to measure traffic volumes and speeds, is being carried out in partnership with neighbouring Councils and National Highways as part of the Borough Council's Local Plan Update.

### **HELPING FIGHT CONGESTION**

The Council is already rolling out a series of innovative traffic management schemes including the installation of "smart" signals whose timings can be adjusted from a virtual control room according to vehicle flows as I reported in the last magazine.

Other improvements will include electronic message signs explaining road works and alternative routes ahead of time and sensors to provide live updates on available parking spaces, which are already operating in our two biggest car parks.



## FREE PARKING THIS FESTIVE SEASON



I am pleased to confirm the return of its free parking scheme in the lead up to, and over, the festive period.

Now in its 19<sup>th</sup> year, the Council has announced the dates that visitors can park for free in Council owned car parks, a popular scheme for shoppers and local businesses.

Parking will be free every weekend in December and the first weekend in January. December dates for free parking are 4, 11, 18, 25, 26, 27 and 28, whilst an extra two dates have been added in January this year, on the 1 and 3.

Council owned car parks included in this offer are:

### Wokingham

- Carnival Pool Multi Storey
- Cockpit Path,
- Denmark Street,
- Easthampstead Road (East and West)
- Rose Street
- Shute End

### Woodley

- Crockhamwell Road
- Headley Road
- Lytham Road (East and West)

### Twyford

### Wargrave

- Polehampton Close,
- School Lane

Supporting our residents and local businesses is really important, so WBC are once again offering free parking to enable people to shop locally this Christmas.

We have a great range of shops, café's, restaurants and facilities and we hope that the free parking will encourage people to enjoy themselves and shop locally this festive season.

As I write this brief update, autumn and winter is clearly with us, with some colder spells and sunshine. I hope that you all have an enjoyable and festive Christmas break, a prosperous 2022 and beyond and that you and all of your families are keeping safe and well.



**Stuart Munro**  
**Member for Swallowfield,**  
**Wokingham Borough Council**

## SWALLOWFIELD LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Our first meeting for many, many months was a great success, with Richard Marks giving us his Presentation of 'Reading and the 3B's'. As he proceeded to enlighten us – just how many B's had he found in Reading? The questions flowed fast and furious at the end which showed how much the audience was engaged in his talk.

We finished the evening off with mulled wine and mince pies which gave a festive feeling to an important 'beginning again' of the Swallowfield History Society.

We don't meet in December but on 20th January we have booked our New Year Dinner at the Mill House Hotel – always a delightful evening, time to chat and absorb new ideas and have discussions about anything and everything.

On February 17th Barbara Stanley is giving us a talk on 'A Life in Education'. She's a great speaker so we know we will have a good evening with a Presentation created out of personal experience. March 17<sup>th</sup> is our AGM when the Agenda will be planning our future and how we move forward.

If you would like to be added to our mailing list and receive information about the Society please let Maggie know by email: [kcuttley@aol.com](mailto:kcuttley@aol.com) or by telephone : 0118 988 2954.

Do come along to our meetings you will be most welcome.

**Maggie Uttley - Secretary**





## SWALLOWFIELD'S COFFEE CORNER

At long last it's a great pleasure to say that Coffee Corner is up and running again, after a long period of dormancy. We have had to make a few changes, so we are now meeting on Wednesday afternoons in the main Parish Hall from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. You will be invited to take a place at one of the tables, and be served at the table by one of our lovely volunteers! There is tea and coffee, and a variety of cakes, and we aim to have a gluten-free option available each week. The suggested donation is £2, and as always any surplus after costs have been taken out goes to local charities.

You'll see that we now have three volunteers on duty each week, in order to manage the new arrangements smoothly. Since we closed during the first phase of the pandemic last year, a few of our volunteers have stepped down for various reasons. A warm thank you to Sue, Tessa and Amanda for their invaluable contribution to Coffee Corner in its previous format. In addition, a couple of our current volunteers are currently out of action for health reasons, and we look forward to seeing them back with us again soon. If there's anyone out there who would like to join the rota, please do make yourself known. We can help out if you feel your baking skills are a bit rusty!

We plan to have our usual festive Coffee Corner on Wednesday December 22nd, with all our favourite Christmas treats. We hope to see you then, if not before.

***The Coffee Corner Team***



### **The Pantomime Goldilocks, Three Bears and the Detectives by Juliet Devon.**

Auditions have been held, parts have been allocated, the sets designed and the rehearsals are underway. The preparations have begun for the Russell Players 2022 pantomime, Goldilocks, Three Bears, and the Detectives. This promises to be another entertaining production directed by the

creative, Maggie Uttley.

The pantomime will be performed in Swallowfield Parish Hall on the following dates:-

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February - 2.30pm and 7.30pm**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February - 2.30 pm**

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February Charity Night - 7.30 pm (doors open at 7.00 pm)**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February - 2.30pm and 7.30pm**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February - 2.30 pm**

Tickets will be available in early January priced at £12.00 per adult and £5.00 for children under 18. Large parties will be offered one free ticket for every ten purchased (available from our box office only).

Tickets can be obtained from our Box Office number 07555 073 597, Swallowfield Parish Stores, or online at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/russellplayers>.

Here's a synopsis to whet your appetites:

*With Goldilocks in the dock charged with three serious offences, and Papa Bear, an upstanding, well-respected member of the community swearing under oath that Goldilocks was the perpetrator, things are not looking too good for her.*

*Her somewhat incompetent barrister who would rather be on the golf course than defending her, has strongly suggested she plead guilty; add a wicked and cunning aunt to the mix and it is clear, Goldilocks has little to be optimistic about.*

*Despite the compelling evidence against her and the different working practices of the two detectives assigned to the investigation, both strive to prove her innocence in a race against time. In your role as the jury, will you, the audience, find her guilty or not guilty? Will she be released or face a stay at Her Majesty's pleasure? **Goldilocks'** future lies in your hands. This is a pantomime you can't afford to miss.*

### **The Charity Night.**

This year the Russell Players will be hosting the Charity Night. Fifty percent of the ticket price for the Charity Night will be donated to Pulmonary Fibrosis Trust. The Trust provides support to people affected by this debilitating and life-limiting illness and raises awareness of its challenges and its effects. Pulmonary Fibrosis is a condition in which the lungs become scarred and breathing becomes increasingly difficult. Although it's not always clear what causes it, several treatments can help reduce



the rate at which Pulmonary Fibrosis gets worse, but there's currently no treatment that stops or reverses the scarring of the lungs. This charity is close to our hearts as one of our members is suffering from the condition.

The Charity Night will be on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February and will include a two-course meal.

The price of the Charity Night tickets is £20.00 per head.

Tickets are available through the outlets mentioned above.

The Russell Players would like to thank their audiences and friends for their support and we wish them a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you at our 2022 pantomime.

Do visit the Russell Players website [www.russellplayers.co.uk](http://www.russellplayers.co.uk) for up-to-date information about our activities. If you would like to join the Russell Players please contact Juliet Devon via our email address [russellplayers@gmail.com](mailto:russellplayers@gmail.com)



*Juliet Devon*



## RISELEY VILLAGE TEA ROOM

How the days have flown since we reopened in July. We've had a mixed time either feast or famine, with plenty of quiet days amongst the busy ones. Now as we head to the end of the season we hope and pray that next year we will be back to our "normal".

Every day I give thanks for our wonderful staff without whom we couldn't continue. This year has been tricky with various issues, and each and every one has come riding to the rescue. Bless em.

**We close on December 5th** with a Birthday Party that was cancelled last year, it's for a smashing Riseley lady. We will make it special for her and her lovely family.

**A Grand reopening is planned for February 10th** with a Valentine theme for Valentines week. Each month we will have a theme continuing right through the year. We are very excited and have some

fabulous plans afoot.

Our 2022 diary is open and we have already taken bookings including A Golden Wedding in September, so all looking positive.

The answer machine is on and the messages are checked regularly, we are happy to return your calls.

Our heartfelt thanks go to everyone who has been so positive and has given us such good advice and help as we go forward, you know who you are and we will always appreciate your support.

Until next time, all at Riseley Village Tea Room wish you all **A Very Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year.**

*Pam Wright, Manager*  
Riseley Village Tea Room  
**01189967375**



## SWALLOWFIELD PARISH ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Autumn at the Allotments has seen us all busy harvesting and tidying ready for winter. The weather has played a significant role in the levels of activity, with many waterlogged and soggy plots and very damp working conditions making work very difficult. But overall, it has been a good year for most crops. September and October were very colourful with many late flowering plants giving us a great display.

Many of the plots are now gradually being covered over for the winter and a working group was busy in October clearing a plot ready for a new person to take it over. We still have a waiting list of keen gardeners wishing to take on a plot – probably a sign of the renewed interest in growing your own fruit and veg during the pandemic. SPAA has never had a waiting list before and we will do our best to accommodate people as soon as a plot becomes available.

**DECEMBER** can still produce many crops! Brassicas are coming to their peak now and you can also harvest Brussels, autumn and winter cabbages and the indestructible kale. Fresh root vegetables, such as parsnips, celeriac, swedes, turnips and Jerusalem artichokes should still be in good supply. Lift leeks carefully with a fork and use immediately. Harvest the





last of your kohlrabi by the end of the year as their flavour does not improve if left in the ground too long. Similarly, lift carrots and store in sand in a shallow wooden box, taking care that the roots do not touch each other. Solid-headed winter cabbages can also be stored, hung up in nets or spread on wooded slats covered with straw. Maincrop potatoes should be stored in thick paper sacks, and pumpkins and squashes, having been 'cured' in the sun, should be dry enough to store well. They need good ventilation and should be placed on straw or shredded paper to keep until needed. Lay out any haricot and other beans to dry out completely before podding them and then storing in a screw top jar. String up onions and garlic once thoroughly dried, or stack them in single layers in wooden boxes or on slatted shelves.

**PLANT OUT** garlic and rhubarb sets, but not if the ground is waterlogged. Bare rooted raspberries and blackberries can also be planted out now if you didn't get round to it last month.

#### **JOBS FOR DECEMBER:**

- Divide rhubarb crowns, if your original plant has grown too big, by using a sharp spade to cut the root in two. Each section must have a bud. Replant each section, with the bud just showing, in a well manured spot.
- Continue winter digging if the ground is not too waterlogged or frozen, and dig in your manure or compost.
- Check your spring cabbage and Brussels, removing decaying or yellow leaves and earth up the sprout stalks against winter gales.
- Winter prune gooseberries and thin established blueberry bushes, removing about a third of older wood from blackcurrants.
- Prune grape vines now.
- Clean pots and trays ready for the new season!

The SPAA Committee wishes you all a very Happy Christmas!

**Want to know more?** Have a look at the website on [www.swallowfieldallotment.org](http://www.swallowfieldallotment.org)

Please contact the SPAA Secretary to find out more about the Allotment site.

**Enquiries to SPAA Secretary, Claire Hamilton**

[secretary@swallowfieldpaa.org](mailto:secretary@swallowfieldpaa.org)

*Sue, Plot Holder*

The Pre-School continues to be an amazing place for the children of local families to come to play, explore, discover and learn. The extended conversations and shared excitement of the children with their peers and the staff team are testament to the experiences on offer – cooking, arts and crafts, outdoor exercise sessions, collaging and junk modelling, musical instruments, playdough and sensory play, dressing up, small world characters and scenes, construction, nature walks, yoga, books, role play, mathematical resources, weighing, measuring and counting, accessible technology, writing, phonics games, the garden and mud pit....and so much more!



The children have formed strong friendships and their enthusiasm, energy and eagerness to get involved is infectious. We continue to offer the EYFS curriculum in a stimulating way based on each individual child's

interests, helping to prepare each young person for primary school and beyond.



This term we have spent time talking about the seasons, collecting leaves on nature walks and using them in our play and artwork. We have focused on a range of books – both contemporary favourites and classic tales, reading the text, acting out the stories, painting characters and using small world scenes to recreate and embellish the stories.



We have made firework pictures with teabags and paint, space pictures with marbles, carefully crafted still life drawings of pieces of fruit, made touching poppy wreaths and moulded clay light holders for Diwali. We have played in the mud pit, planted bulbs for the Spring, and practiced road safety on the patio. We have also enjoyed learning new songs and performing the actions, listening to a variety of different music genres.

We are looking forward to celebrating Christmas with a song performance which will be shared on-line with parents and a Christmas party!



If you would like to know more about starting your child's educational journey with Swallowfield Pre-School, please do get in touch.

For more information, to receive a Prospectus or to register for a place, please contact us at [info@swallowfieldpreschool.org.uk](mailto:info@swallowfieldpreschool.org.uk) Swallowfield Pre-School offers morning sessions, Monday-Friday at Swallowfield Parish Hall 9.15 - 12.30. We are a fully inclusive and have been rated 'Good' by Ofsted.

**Helen Coulter,**  
**Manager**



**ALL SAINTS CHURCH  
SWALLOWFIELD**



All Saints is there for everyone and our congregation and the villages are closely intertwined. The very welcome return of Coffee Corner (albeit in its current more covid-secure guise akin to Afternoon Tea Time) is a good example.

By the time you read this, the Christmas Market will have given the village a festive morning, while the Farley Singers will bring Advent Music to the church on 12 December (5pm).

The Poppy Project is our most recent high profile community collaboration. It has been a delight to experience a wide range of people working together on different aspects of the same initiative and supporting so well our Acts of Remembrance and church service. Thank you all very much.

The churchyard takes a few months of relative hibernation at this time of year but it won't be long till the snowdrops appear in late January/early February so look out for a Snowdrop Sunday open afternoon.



***Barbara Stanley  
Churchwarden***

## SWALLOWFIELD FISHING CLUB

Some local residents may have been aware of some recent activity with machinery in Swallowfield Park. This was due to the completion by the Swallowfield Fishing Club of a project to reinstate part of a section of historic river channel on the River Loddon. As a result a new stretch of backwater has been opened up which is intended to give juvenile fish in particular, some additional refuge to be used during times of flood. The freshly dug backwater is less than 60cm (2 feet) deep, at low river level, and was constructed using funds obtained through an environmental grant.

The digging of the backwater will have the additional benefits, of enhancing biodiversity and very slightly reducing local flood risk. Roughly 250 tonnes of spoil removed has been used to provide a further challenge for riders participating in the Farley Hall Horse Trials.

*Martin Moore*



**The banks have been left to colonise naturally, although monitoring and removal of Himalayan Balsam will take place**

## CONGRATULATIONS, SWALLOWFIELD!



Knitted and crocheted creations are not new to Swallowfield. Julia, Sandie and Annette started it for the Armistice Centenary and each year Liz, our Parish Clerk, has placed 42 crocheted poppies under our Forgotten Soldier. But this year's project was much larger and community-wide. 'Knit or crochet a red poppy' led to so many of you producing such a wide range of shades, styles and sizes that I cannot name you all and we were able to cover the war memorial in 1120 poppies (give or take about 10. Have you ever tried to count up to that number in a purposely randomly devised layout?). This year's Forgotten Soldier 42 encompass most of the varieties produced and will remind us for a year both of the sacrifices of our forebears and of the creative ways our current generation remembers them.

I floated this idea, not at all sure what the outcome would be. The poppies are sewn onto half metre wide bands, so that a few bands could be

widely spaced to make the war memorial look fully adorned. But you came up absolute trumps and we could even have covered the cross at the top, though decided not to. I don't think I am alone in seldom having looked upwards and noticed that cross.



It also turned out that there was much more to it than knitting.

Thank you very much to the working parties who spent hours sewed poppies onto backing and to Graham, Pete and Roger who erected the structure.

The finished result, both physical and social, surpassed our expectations. It was wonderful to see so many people turning out for what was a special televised Act of Remembrance, with less than 24 hours notice.

That it did not affect the quality of the Remembrance Sunday events at the memorial and in church is a testament to you all. Thank you to



everyone who read, declaimed, carried flags or laid wreaths. We especially commend our dynamic troop of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and of course 'show stealer' George Winter, our valued 95 year old Arctic Convoy veteran.



It could have been counterproductive if we had not remembered the charities supporting our armed forces past and present. Through our JustGiving page, our community has raised £1028 plus gift aid for Help for Heroes and the Royal British Legion.

***WELL DONE, SWALLOWFIELD!***

**P.S.** Please note that the war memorial Act of Remembrance each Remembrance Sunday is at 10.15am, followed by the church service which includes the 11.00 Two Minute Silence.

***Barbara Stanley. Churchwarden***





## SWALLOWFIELD ART GROUP

The autumn term has been a busy and stimulating time for us as we covered a range of subjects and techniques with our tutor, Elizabeth Baldin. We have been able to relax the restriction on numbers a little and it has been lovely to welcome some new faces to the group.

Among the subjects we painted were some very cheery bees. The technique requires was to create the impression of fuzziness without going into too much detail. I think we were all surprised to observe the very complicated structure of a bee's leg.



Artist Tom Shepherd Tom paints a wide variety of subjects, but he is always drawn back to painting wildlife, in particular birds. For this subject he prefers to work in watercolour because "The free flowing and immediate nature of watercolour seems to lend itself so well to capturing the fleeting moments of wildlife; along with their movement, character and colours". You can see examples of the work produced in class here, where we have attempted to recreate his splashy, loose style.

Janet Whittle proved our next source of inspiration. Janet uses vibrant colours to capture the beauty and glory of flowers. This class exercise was demanding, requiring very careful colour mixing and blending,

using wet in wet techniques. This is very easy to get wrong, resulting in muddy colours and 'cauliflowers'.



One of our recent classes focussed on for creating reflections in water, using a range of different skills including dry brush, wet in wet, and wet in dry.



We all worked in single colour so that we were not distracted by colour mixing, instead concentrating on tonal values and techniques. By doing four mini-paintings on a single sheet, it was easy to compare the results.

Most recently we have been working from real foliage





to paint impressionistic studies of leaves, pine cones and sprays. Once satisfied with our efforts, we painted them in the form of a Christmas wreath, highly appropriate to the festive season.

We will be meeting for the spring term in January. If you are interested in joining the group, please call Jenny Boddington on 0118 988 5804 further details. We meet at Swallowfield Parish Hall on Mondays from 2pm to 4pm

**Patricia Taylor**



The first meeting after the COVID restrictions were lifted was held on Monday 6th September, when the Master initiated his son. Not only was it a very special occasion, but it was a joy to renew old friendships in the special camaraderie associated with Freemasonry after a period of 18 months. When it came to confirming the minutes of the last meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020, very few of the members were able to

remember what actually happened!

Following the first meeting after the lockdown we had a backlog of work with four Initiates waiting to progress through their second and third degrees. However, using the facility to hold additional meetings by dispensation and engaging the assistance of the Provincial Grand Stewards' Lodge in Sindlesham, all our Initiates will have taken their second step in Masonry by the end of November. To this end we held an emergency meeting on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October and after a double ceremony entertained our ladies and non-masonic guests to dinner. Another extra meeting is scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 when we hope to welcome another candidate to the Order.

The Lodge normally meets four times a year on the first Mondays in February (Installation), September (Ladies' Dinner Night) and November and the second Monday in May in the Wedding Marquee at the Mill House Hotel, Basingstoke Road, Swallowfield. Any local Mason that would like to joining us, or any man interested in being initiated into the Fraternity should contact Tim Double (Mobile No: 07703 254350, or email: [timpac5261@live.co.uk](mailto:timpac5261@live.co.uk)) for further information. We can offer them a fascinating experience in our excellent local venue with warm fellowship and good food.

**Dr Roger H. Jago**



## SWALLOWFIELD BADMINTON CLUB

**Mondays 8-00 to 10-00pm**

We are a friendly group based around the Swallowfield, Riseley, Spencers Wood and Shinfield region who would warmly welcome new members. Our playing standards are varied and we are a non-league club.

Joining a badminton club is an ideal way to keep fit safely through low impact exercise and make new friends. We hope to see you soon.

Mondays: Please contact Daphne  
tel: 07745180108  
e-m: [daphne\\_seamark@hotmail.com](mailto:daphne_seamark@hotmail.com)

P.S. \*Ask about our first free 'taster' evening!

**Note:** A separate group of friends play on Thursdays, details as above, they would also welcome new members:

Please contact Malcolm, tel: 0118 988 2736



We are grateful that Swallowfield Village Hall has provided a home for us for the last 4 years and thank the Parish Council for their helpful co-operation.

Miracles do happen – even in Swallowfield! Defying all odds (and words of doubt by critics), we held our jazz event, and it was very well attended. Yes, it was a miracle, but it didn't just happen overnight. We advertised in the Parish Council Newsletter and Village Eye. We also distributed flyers in the neighbouring villages. During the event, we shared the secret of why we believe we had such a good turnout – prayer. As a fellowship, we spent time to pray for everyone living in Swallowfield, Spencers Wood, Three Mile Cross and Riseley. Some members walked along the streets, some drove by and others parked on corners. Our prayers were that all in the area would be blessed, experience God's grace, love, hope, peace, etc. We also prayed that people would come to experience not only a wonderful evening of listening to jazz music but also listen to the Christian gospel in a non-invasive way. It was a fantastic evening, remarkable and electrifying with amazing musicians. We had 76 signed up and over 60 people were there on the evening. We believe our prayers for the event were answered.

We would like to take this opportunity to share our future programs which may be of interest to you.

1. Sunday services at 10.30 am if you are free.
2. Christmas Carols on Sunday, December 19th at 6.30 pm (with all the well - known carols loved by many) at Swallowfield Hall.
3. Christmas day short nativity service at 10.30 am at Swallowfield Hall for just an hour.
4. Christianity Explored - a special relaxed course to pursue Biblical truths with opportunities to ask questions in a family atmosphere.

We would love to meet with you at any of the programs mentioned.

A happy Christmas and a blessed 2022.

For more information: Tel 0118-3215153 or e-mail [info@arkcf.org.uk](mailto:info@arkcf.org.uk)

We would like to thank everyone for their patience over the last few months. We have seen a huge increase in demand for appointments from patients which is reflected nationally across General Practice. This increase in demand has meant the waiting time for some appointments has lengthened and call waiting times when contacting the practice has been high. This is even following the installation of a new telephone system earlier this year.

There has been a lot of media attention in the last few months about GP's and face to face appointments. If you have visited us recently you will have seen that we are seeing a lot of footfall into the practice with patients coming for appointments or coming to pick up medication. Our GP's are currently seeing over 90% of patients face to face whilst overall our whole clinical team are seeing over 75% of patients face to face. We continue to use telephone appointments where appropriate.

We have continued to recruit new members of staff including 2 new receptionists, an additional paramedic and a care coordinator. We have been advertising for a new GP for a while now with no applicants at all. This unfortunately appears to be an issue across the country.

We will continue to serve all our patients as best we can through these challenging times and provide the best care to you all as possible.

***The Team at SMP***

## WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THE SHINFIELD VOLUNTARY CAR SERVICE?

"We *will* be back, but we can't be sure when exactly" says Stevie Horton Manager of the Shinfield Car Service. "It's very frustrating and disappointing not to be able to give a clear date yet for re-opening, but clients are being very understanding and patient."

There are many key factors for the Trustees to consider including, for example, members views, Government Guidelines & figures, Charity Commission Regulations, and Clinical Guidance. So, the Car Service may remain suspended for a while longer.

"Once the Car Service is able to re-open as safely as possible," continues Stevie, "our Bookings Teams will be busy contacting registered clients individually, either by phone or post. They'll let them know the opening date and explain any of our new safety measures such as PPE for drivers & passengers and sanitising cars between journeys. We look forward to when we can begin taking bookings and to getting started again"

Around 240 clients were regularly using Shinfield Voluntary Car Service (SVCS) in the 12 months leading up to the first lockdown so, understandably, things have been feeling very strange since then. Some of us who 'work behind the scenes' have been making the most of an opportunity to work from home updating administrative work.

As the Spencers Wood Pavilion was completely rebuilt during lockdown, the contents of the SVCS Office were totally dismantled and are still being stored off-site in packing cases. When the Car Service Office does open again, we'll be working from a lovely new office and building.

We'll keep everyone posted about the re-opening of Shinfield Voluntary Car Service.

The Car Service will then be reached on the same phone number as before:

0118 9883400 between 10.00 – 12 noon Mondays to Fridays.

Take care and keep safe

**Sandy Smith**



### Local charity seeking volunteer Trustees

Connecting Communities in Berkshire (CCB) is an independent charity with over 48 years' experience in community development work, originally found in 1973 as a Rural Community Council. Based in Wyvols Court in Swallowfield CCB's **vision** is for all communities in Berkshire to be strong, resilient, sustainable and able to take control of their own futures. Our **purpose** is to inspire action at a community level that improves people's quality of life. We work across Berkshire, with a particular focus on rural areas. We run projects that provide advice, support and training that improves rural health & wellbeing, reduces rural poverty & disadvantage and increases digital inclusion & social connectedness. To find out more about us please visit our website; [www.ccberks.org.uk](http://www.ccberks.org.uk)

We are seeking enthusiastic individuals that have an interest in working to improve community life in Berkshire to join our **Board of Trustees**. This is a non-remunerated post however out of pocket expenses are payable. We are particularly interested to hear from people that have a financial background or experience in human resources, or someone interested in poverty issues or someone that loves networking and meeting new people.

The benefits of becoming a Trustee on our board include an opportunity to learn about what the most important issues affecting people living in rural communities, experiencing great team work with a stable staff and trustee team working together and developmental in that you can build new connecting and confidence. If you'd like to be sent details of the posts please email [admin@ccberks.org.uk](mailto:admin@ccberks.org.uk)



*Farley Singers Present*  
**Sleepers, Wake!**

**Music for Advent**

*Bach, Caccini, Goldschmidt, Handel, Praetorius, Boston,  
Purcell, Rachmaninov, Wood*

**All Saints Church, Swallowfield**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm**

**Entrance free, retiring collection in aid of church funds**

## **CALICO TRUST**

### **Do you need help?**

For people living in the Swallowfield Parish (includes Riseley, Swallowfield, Farley Hill, Stanford End and Loddon Court Farm) the Calico Trust can provide financial help to anyone who may be struggling or in difficulty, especially during these uncertain times.

Please don't suffer in silence. We are here to help.

You can call one of us, in confidence.

Ros on 9882014 or Celia on 9884661 (or 07946654424)



## Parish Council Members and Areas of Responsibility

<b>Parish Council</b>	John Anderson - Chairman Jonathan Wheelwright - Vice Chairman Mark Binns, Catherine Drew, Laura Edmonds, Ian Fullerton Angela King, David Lamont, Margaret McDonald
<b>Planning</b> Applications, borough planning, core strategy, design statements	Jonathan Wheelwright – Chairman  All members of the Parish Council are on this committee

### Working Groups and Areas of Responsibility

Area	Members
<b>Climate Emergency</b>	David Lamont—Lead
<b>Communications</b> Newsletter, Website, Annual Report Media communication – press, television, radio How do we communicate face-to-face	David Lamont—Lead Jonathan Wheelwright
<b>Environment &amp; Rural Affairs</b> The Marshes, Van Demans, Swallowfield Meadow, Community Orchard Links with WBC, Biodiversity Plan, Footpaths, Waste, NAG, RCAG	Angela King - Lead Mark Binns David Lamont
<b>Finance</b> Budgets, Investments, Sinking Fund, Grants Asset Management, H/S Risk Assessment, Insurance	John Anderson – Lead Catherine Drew Laura Edmonds Jonathan Wheelwright
<b>Halls</b> General maintenance Marketing Group, Involvement with User	Margaret McDonald - Lead Angela King
<b>Health and Well-Being</b> Local health and well-being issues Medical practice WBC – Health and Social Care, SCAS, Responders, Heartstart, Clinical Commissioning Group, CAB, Calico Trust, Relate	Angela King—Lead Margaret McDonald
<b>Human Resources</b> Members of staff Appraisal, recruitment, staff training	Margaret McDonald—Lead (Interim) John Anderson
<b>Property</b> Fieldfayre, Hall Buildings, Land	John Anderson – Lead Catherine Drew, Jonathan Wheelwright
<b>Recreation</b> Play areas; Swallowfield, Riseley, Farley Hill, skateboard park; Recreation grounds; Swallowfield, Riseley Football pitches	Jonathan Wheelwright— Lead (Interim) Angela King
<b>Resilience</b> Flooding issues, ditches, rivers, sewerage Wider involvement with issues relating to public safety.  Sub Group: Flood Resilience Group	Ian Fullerton—Lead Angela King Margaret McDonald  Ian Fullerton, Graham Stanley (Co-chair)
<b>Transport</b> Road issues, speeding traffic, public and private transport	Ian Fullerton – Lead Jonathan Wheelwright

# YOU CAN NOW MIX IT UP

You no longer need to separate your empties by colour. We will do it for you.



From now on, you can mix up all bottles and jars and put them in any bank at the glass recycling sites without the need to separate your empties by colour.

This change is possible due to the introduction of colour sorting technology at the glass recycling facility and we hope it will make glass recycling easier, quicker and more efficient, achieving the same results as when supplied with pre-sorted colour glass material.

This new system will also allow re3 to rationalise containers and optimise collection schedules, which can help to reduce costs, overflows and its carbon footprint. To help you notice this change we will be gradually adding stickers to the bank collars at each site.

## Fines for fly-tipping at recycling banks

Did you know that leaving items beside recycling and bottle banks is classed as [fly-tipping](#) and carries a £400 fixed penalty notice if caught?

Unfortunately, we have seen an increase of people leaving their unwanted items at these locations, including furniture, large glass items, black bags, cardboard boxes and other small items. This waste can end up being blown around as litter, encouraging rats, maggots, flies and foxes.

We are reminding residents to only dispose of items specifically for these banks and to not leave waste behind as this is costing us extra money to collect.

There are many ways you can dispose of your waste safely, including visiting your local re3 recycling centre in Bracknell or Reading ([booking slots available online](#)), using WBC's [large unwanted items service](#) or by seeking an alternative recycling or bottle bank if the ones you have visited are full.

## Recycling

**Weekly Collection:** [recycling](#) (green bags), [food waste](#) (black box), [general waste](#) (blue bags).

Residents who are elderly or infirm can apply for an assisted collection.

**All waste types:** Take to the household waste recycling centres at Smallmead, Island Road, Reading, RG2 0RP or Longshot Lane, Bracknell, RG12 1RL where up to 80% of waste can be reused or recycled

**Garden waste:** This can be home composted or residents can opt into the [bi-weekly](#) kerbside garden waste collection scheme.

**Bulky household items:** You can organise a collection by calling Veolia on: (0118) 909 9360, or email [wokingham.enquiries@veolia.co.uk](mailto:wokingham.enquiries@veolia.co.uk)

## LOCAL INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

Parish Office:	0118 988 5929
Parish Stores:	0118 988 5138
All Saints' Church, Swallowfield:	0118 988 5923
Benefice secretary, (Mrs Karen Eaves)	
	email: <a href="mailto:office@loddonreach.org.uk">office@loddonreach.org.uk</a>
Nutbean Cemetery: all enquiries	See above
Swallowfield Medical Centre:	0118 988 3134
Appointments:	0118 988 3473
	<a href="http://www.swallowfieldmedicalpractice.co.uk">www.swallowfieldmedicalpractice.co.uk</a>
Swallowfield Community Responders:	0118 988 4384
Citizens Advice, appointments:	0118 988 3134
Royal Berkshire and Battle Hospital Trust or	0118 987 57111 0118 322 5111
Wokingham Hospital:	0118 949 5000
Police general non-emergency:	101
Emergencies:	999
Thames Water emergency:	0800 714 614
24hr Floodline Service:	0845 988 1188
Southern Electricity emergency:	0845 770 8090
Gas Emergency:	0800 111 999
Farley Hill Primary School	0118 973 2148
Lambs Lane School:	0118 988 3820
Spencers Wood Public Library:	0118 988 4771
Local Cinema, Winnersh Triangle:	0118 974 7711

## CONTACTING THE PARISH COUNCIL

Councillors can be contacted through Liz Halson, the Parish Clerk.

Telephone 0118 988 5929,

Email [clerk@swallowfieldpc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@swallowfieldpc.gov.uk)

Website: [www.swallowfieldpc.gov.uk](http://www.swallowfieldpc.gov.uk)

## CONTACT DETAILS FOR CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

<b>Art Group</b> Jenny Boddington	988 5804
	email: <a href="mailto:jenny.swallowfield@btinternet.com">jenny.swallowfield@btinternet.com</a>
<b>Badminton</b>	
Monday Evening (Daphne):	07745180108
Thursday Afternoon, Ladies (Val Payne):	988 3594
Thursday Evening (Malcolm Stewart):	9882736
<b>Bell Ringing</b> - Tower Captain/Secretary	988 5312
(Stephen Jenkins)	<a href="mailto:s-jenkins@live.co.uk">s-jenkins@live.co.uk</a>
<b>Calico Trust</b> , Celia Adams:	988 4661
Ros Riddell	988 2014
<b>Farley Hill Bowls Club</b> (Bill Dowling):	
	01344 772130
email: <a href="mailto:billdowling@farleyhillbowlsclub.org.uk">billdowling@farleyhillbowlsclub.org.uk</a>	
<b>Farley Hill Cricket Club</b>	07594 110592
	<a href="http://www.farleyhill.play-cricket.com">www.farleyhill.play-cricket.com</a>
<b>Farley Hill Toddler &amp; Baby Play &amp; Sensory Group</b> (Zoe-meister@hotmail.co.uk)	07745564703
<b>Farley Hill Village Society:</b>	web: <a href="http://www.fhvs.org.uk">www.fhvs.org.uk</a>
	email: <a href="mailto:events@fhvs.org.uk">events@fhvs.org.uk</a>
<b>History Society (Maggie Uttley)</b>	988 2954
	email: <a href="mailto:slhsoc@yahoo.co.uk">slhsoc@yahoo.co.uk</a>
<b>Horticultural Society</b> (Val Payne):	988 3594
<b>Riseley Village Tea Room</b> (Pam Wright):	996 7375
<b>Russell Players</b> (Juliet Devon):	
	<a href="mailto:russellplayers@gmail.com">russellplayers@gmail.com</a>
	<a href="http://www.russellplayers.co.uk">www.russellplayers.co.uk</a>
<b>RSF Tennis Club</b>	
	<a href="https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/RiseleyTennisClub">https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/RiseleyTennisClub</a>
Membership	<a href="mailto:membership@rsftennisclub.co.uk">membership@rsftennisclub.co.uk</a>
<b>Swallowfield Church Choir</b> (Judy Gillis)	988 2437
<b>Swallowfield Parish Allotment Association</b> (SPAA): Claire Hamilton, secretary	9734415
<b>Swallowfield Scout Group:</b>	
Beavers (Paul Cobbold)	988 3369
Cubs (Paul Harrington)	976 0506
Scouts (Paul Cobbold)	988 3369
Waiting list (Tanja Maskell)	988 6582
<b>Swallowfield Pitt Bridge Lodge</b> No. 9970	
Tim Double: 07703 254350	<a href="mailto:Timpac5261@live.co.uk">Timpac5261@live.co.uk</a>
<b>Swallowfield Pre-School</b>	
Helen Coulter:	0777 1184982
	<a href="mailto:swfpreschool@googlemail.com">swfpreschool@googlemail.com</a>
<b>Yoga (Bridget Jenkins):</b>	07714 326549
<b>Zen Kyo Shin Taijutsu</b> (Jim Hey):	01494 525403



## TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**Travel Enquiries:** 0871 200 2233  
Calls cost up to 13p per minute 7am-10pm 7 days a week

### Local Buses

Stagecoach 0845 1210190  
Enquiries 0871 2002233  
[www.stagecoachbus.com/south](http://www.stagecoachbus.com/south)

Reading Bus 0118 959 4000  
Horseman Coaches 0118 975 3811

### Park and Ride

#### Mereoak Lane/Reading Station

For further information 0118 9594000  
[www.reading-buses.co.uk](http://www.reading-buses.co.uk)

#### Madejski Stadium/Central Reading

Fares Information Line 0118 974 680  
0118 974 6813

#### The Loddon Bridge/Central Reading Park and Ride:

For full details  
[wokingham.gov.uk/transport/parking/park-and-ride](http://wokingham.gov.uk/transport/parking/park-and-ride).

### Trains

National Rail Enquiries: 03457 48 49 50  
[www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)  
[www.southwesttrains.co.uk](http://www.southwesttrains.co.uk)

**Keep Mobile** 0345 544 0850

#### Information :

Keep Mobile offers to provide transport for all your needs that is accessible for people who find ordinary buses or trains difficult. The service offers:

Dial a ride up to 15 miles from home - fixed fares.

Day Excursions, Shopping Trips

Community Group Hire, Disabled access

Readi-Bus: 0118 931 0000

### Airports

**Heathrow Airport:** 0844 335 180

**Gatwick Airport:** 01293 535 353

## SWALLOWFIELD PARISH HALL

For bookings call Sue Howorth on 0118 988 5444  
or email [finance\\_officer@swallowfieldpc.gov.uk](mailto:finance_officer@swallowfieldpc.gov.uk)

### HALL FEE RATES

**FROM 1st JANUARY 2022**

£/Hour

#### MAIN HALL — capacity 200 (130 seated)

Monday-Friday up to 6pm	£27.00
Sat, Sun up to 6pm and Sun-Thurs after 6pm	£41.50
Fri and Saturday after 6pm	£51.00

#### DAVIES ROOM — capacity 40 (20 seated)

Monday-Friday up to 6pm	£12.00
Sat, Sun up to 6pm and Sun-Thurs after 6pm	£14.50
Fri and Saturday after 6pm	£21.00

#### ROSE ROOM - capacity 14 boardroom (30 seated theatre style)

Daytime up to 6pm	£20.50
Evening 6:00pm to mid- night	£18.50

### Victory Hall, Farley Hill

Contact details:

The Victory Hall [hire@victoryhalltrust.com](mailto:hire@victoryhalltrust.com)

or leave a message on 0118 324 6600 (Allow at least 24h for a response please.) or go to [www.victoryhalltrust.com/hiring-the-hall/](http://www.victoryhalltrust.com/hiring-the-hall/) for comprehensive information, hire fees and hire contract.



# Swallowfield Parish Hall

Swallowfield Street, Swallowfield, RG7 1QX

## Main Hall

Great for parties and weddings



Round tables & wall dressing supplied by caterer

## Davies Room

Good for meetings, smaller parties, exercise & craft activities



## Rose Room

Perfect for more formal meetings, workshops or theatre style presentations/training



- Upholstered chairs / rectangular tables
- Well equipped kitchens for each room
- Private car park

For more details and availability please contact our Parish Office

Tel: 0118 9885444

Email: [finance\\_officer@swallowfieldpc.gov.uk](mailto:finance_officer@swallowfieldpc.gov.uk)



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All Saints' Church,  
Swallowfield

Carols  
by  
Candle Light

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December

4:00pm

Please note the  
new time



A warm welcome for everyone

## Christmas

At All Saints' Church, Swallowfield

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
4:00pm Carols by Candlelight

**Christmas Eve**  
4:00pm Crib Service  
A favourite for the whole family  
11:30pm Midnight Mass

**Christmas Day**  
8:00am Communion  
10:30am Family Service

\* Please note the new times



You will get a warm  
welcome at any of  
these services



Swallowfield Village Carols

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm  
outside The Crown Public House  
and inside if the weather is  
**“uncomfortable”.**

Please bring a friend, your voice and a  
torch to read the words!

Mince pies and mulled wine available in  
The Crown following the singing.

**Fred Holloway**

## CAROLS ON THE GREEN

THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER

AT 6.30pm

followed by  
MINCE PIES AND MULLED  
WINE AT  
THE BULL PH

Bring your lanterns, jingle bells and  
torches but most of all bring your voices.

