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### South East In Bloom

Swanley has proudly won five top awards in the prestigious 'South East In Bloom' competition – a regional competition with hundreds of town and parish councils participating every year.

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a list of our  
Christmas  
Parties



The Alexandra Suite and The Olympic are now fully open. With the closure of the venues due to the Government's pandemic instructions, we took advantage and refurbished both venues.

We are please to welcome back our regular bookings after a difficult time for us all.

The Alexandra Suite is currently fully booked every Saturday until February.

The Alexandra Suite and The Olympic host Weddings, Ceremonies, Birthday Parties, School Proms, Funeral Receptions, Sports Presentations and Christmas Themed Party Nights.

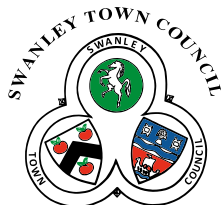
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# A word from the Mayor Councillor Paul Darrington

As summer turns to autumn, now is a good time to reflect over the highlights over the past four months.

Due to travel restrictions, many people decided not to holiday abroad, and hence their chosen staycation location appears to be Swanley Park.

It has, over the summer proved to be an excellent venue particularly for families with children to keeping them entertained. Both the new splash pool and soft play areas have proved to be extremely popular.

With this in mind, advance bookings are strongly recommended.

Additionally, the Swanley Community Tennis, officially opened by myself on the 4th July, has seen membership soar, attracting people of all ages and abilities. This is very encouraging.

If you are interested in joining, please contact our council officers who will be happy to provide you with contact details.

Last year due to COVID-19, we were unable to hold our 1812 event.

I believe this being the first time in 25 years that it had not been held.

This year we were fortunate to enjoy excellent weather together with brilliant entertainment from Ashton Harley, The Rock Choir and the Eynsford Concert Band, all of whom have entertained us for many years.

The firework display provided by Phoenix was nothing less than spectacular.

The 1812 remains free entertainment for Swanley residents.

While at around 2,500 people in attendance this was understandably a little down on previous times. However, this was more than compensated by the considerable enthusiasm and appreciation shown by all present.

During this summer, volunteers from Swanley Town Council and your local councillors have been picking up general litter from many of our streets.

On every occasion, a quantity of bags have been collected. When encountering fly tipping this was reported separately.

The public spirit of all involved must be congratulated.

We have secured many prestigious awards for the South and South East in Bloom competition.

Everyone involved should be congratulated for their hard work to make this possible.

Please stay safe and if you have not already done so, ensure that you all get your COVID-19, vaccinations and your flu jab.

This will be the last edition before Christmas, so I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*Paul Darrington*  
Mayor of Swanley Town Council

## Our CEO

What a great recovery from COVID-19 the town has had in my first year as Swanley Town Council's CEO. It has been a challenging year for all, but the resilience of this town never fails to amaze me.

The Alexandra Suite is now back in full operation and busier than ever before.

Saturday's are fully booked in advance right through to February.

The vaccination campaign moved from this venue to St Mary's Church at the start of September, meaning the facility was a vaccine hub for nine months in total. During this time around 100,000 jabs were administered.

By offering this site in Swanley, hundreds if not thousands of lives have surely been saved and pressure on local hospitals greatly reduced.

The Olympic has enjoyed a bumper summer! Swanley Rugby Club now regularly use the bar as their clubhouse.

The club recently invested £14,000 into renovating the Civic Centre's changing rooms.

Elsewhere at The Olympic, the Noypichef is continuing to be the huge success story of 2021.

His talent and desire to produce only the best quality service, has allowed the business to grow and customers simply cannot get enough of his dishes!

Food is now served inside The Olympic, with the takeaway service complimenting this.

At the back of the site, work has begun on converting the disused golf driving range into a rugby facility at the back of the venue.

Swanley Park has had another busy season, which is now drawing to a close. However, this year will see the Cafe remain open throughout the winter due to popular demand and the newly launched Soft Play Centre named The Barnyard.

## Our CEO *Continued*

Work has begun on improving the paths around the park, which will help improve the inclusivity of the amenity.

The events calendar at the park has once again proved popular. 1812 was a fabulous event, and it was great to see the community come out in force to support this free event.

The town itself was once again dressed in an award winning floral display.

In fact, Swanley Town Council received a record breaking collection of awards!

Three golds, one silver gilt and one bronze award was a fantastic achievement.

This compliments the three Green Flag park awards which have been received.

In addition, Swanley has also become the first Council in the United Kingdom to be awarded the coveted Disability Confident Leader accolade.

The next Town Crier publication will be out in the new year. So I will use this article to wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

*Ryan M Hayman*

CEO



## South East In Bloom Competition

The competition assesses town council land for its management, appearance and community usage. This year the Town Council entered five categories.

Overall, our town was awarded with a 'Silver Gilt' – the second highest award the competition gives. Swanley Recreation Ground was called out as a gold 'category winner', and Swanley Park and Swanley Nature Reserve also were awarded the top gold award.

The maintenance of St Mary's Churchyard, which the Town Council support, was also awarded a bronze award.

This could not have been achieved without the huge amount of work put in by Swanley Town Council staff and of course the help of numerous volunteers, including the members of SWAN who look after and maintain the Nature Reserve.

This is located in Swanley Park. It is well worth a visit if you have not yet been.

Toni Roast, Assistant Town Clerk, said "I am ecstatic that not only have we received five awards but we are category winners.

I would like to thank the whole team and our volunteers for their hard work and commitment which has resulted in us receiving these awards."

Swanley Town Council's CEO Ryan Hayman said "I am delighted to have received these awards and we are improving year on year which is amazing, rewarding and recognising the truly amazing team we have here at the council."

Swanley Town Council's Mayor Cllr Paul Darrington added "Swanley's floral display is once again superb and provides a much needed lift after the difficulties we have been experiencing since the pandemic hit in March 2020.

Thank you and well done and thank you to all involved in making this happen."

**Toni Roast, Assistant Town Clerk**





## Kent PCC Matthew Scott's Police and Crime Plan Survey 2021

The consultation is really important because it will help determine the priorities for Kent Police.

I would be most grateful if you could complete this survey and share it with your friends and family, so that we get the broadest response possible.



Over the past five and a half years, progress has been made in tackling crime and antisocial behaviour in our county.

- I've helped recruit 665 more police officers and 50 more PCSOs.
- Crime fell by 5% last year.
- 101 waiting times are down.
- Gangs and violent criminals are being brought to justice.
- The cadet programme for young people has come back.
- And there's more help for victims of crime.

I'm really keen to hear your views.

If there is anything that isn't covered by this survey that you would like to contribute, please email [haveyoursay@kent.police.uk](mailto:haveyoursay@kent.police.uk)

These responses will shape the next Police and Crime Plan, so you'll be helping make a big difference:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/PCC2021/> or use the QR Code opposite.



## Barclays Swanley Update

Swanley Town Council has held discussions with both Barclays and Kent County Councillor Perry Cole, following the disappointing announcement that the Swanley Barclays Branch will be closing on Thursday 4 November 2021.

In these meetings we expressed our regret at the decision made, and outlined our concern for customers who are dependent on the local branch.

Swanley Town Council and Cllr Perry Cole asked for a number of key concessions to be made by Barclays to help smooth the transition for users.

Barclays have committed to having a staffing presence at the Swanley Link for up to eight weeks after the closure of the branch.

This will help guide customers to bank at the Post Office desk within the building.

Barclays are also hoping to host a 'Fraud Awareness' event during this period which will be free to attend.

All customers can withdraw or pay in cash and check balances using their Barclays debit card and PIN at the Post Office.

Customers can also pay cheques into a Barclays account using a personalised paying-in slip and a cheque deposit envelope.

However, you will need to allow two extra working days for cheques to reach your Barclays accounts using the Post Office.

When questioned on the bank's closure, Cllr Perry Cole said "It is bitterly disappointing that this local branch will be closing.

I have been working with Swanley Town Council, and together we have managed to make sure the transitional period will be supported by familiar faces from the Barclays branch.

Obviously, we would prefer for Barclays to reverse their decision but given the circumstances I am pleased we could secure some concessions from the bank."

# Great British September Clean



Once again Swanley Town Council Staff, Councillors and Residents took to the streets of Swanley with their litter picks and black sacks.

They set about picking up some of the huge amounts of litter which had been dropped.

Students from St Pauls' School, Swanley Village Residents Association and Swanley Scout Group also got involved in the four day event.

It took well over an hour to clean up the area around Aldi, the Fire Station and Swanley Link alone!

Lilly Hendry-Lewis who organised the event said "It's been a very successful four days and it was great to see the community coming together to keep Swanley looking it's best.

Thank you, thank you to everyone who got involved!"



If you interested in taking part in future litter picks please email Lilly at [lhendry@swanleytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:lhendry@swanleytowncouncil.gov.uk) or call 01322 665855.





# Working in partnership to keep Swanley clean!

On the 20th September, as a joint partnership between Swanley Town Council and Crockenhill Parish Council, we took to the streets again with our litter pickers in hand to tackle Wested Lane.

The lane would normally be too high risk for pedestrians, however as it was closed for works we took full advantage.

This resulted in a safe and efficient litter pick!

Both Crockenhill and Swanley staff were joined by volunteers as well as some of the community payback team.

Parish Clerk at Crockenhill Parish Council, Kirsty Lane, said "It was lovely to work with Swanley Town Council's team on today's joint effort.

Thank you to the volunteers for coming, it was a great turn out."

Swanley Town Council's CEO Ryan Hayman said "Working closely with neighbouring parishes means we can tackle areas which are across boundaries that residents might not even realise are there!

I welcome these partnerships and hope we can achieve other success stories such as this."



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# Patient Voice

Patient Voice is running a Virtual Health Event on behalf of The Oaks Surgery, on 11th November at 19:30 hours. This will be in conjunction with the One You Health Team at Sevenoaks.

We will be talking about how to move forward after COVID and how to stay healthy physically and mentally.

As it is Remembrance Day we will be remembering those of our community that have died during the last 18 months.

We will also be paying tribute to those people who have helped during the pandemic.

This will include our NHS workers and also those who volunteered within the community to help others and those who were involved with the vaccine rollout.

Our Mayor Cllr Paul Darrington will be attending and leading the tributes along with his wife Cllr Glynnis Darrington.

Please see The Oaks website for further details and how to book for this event. We hope to see many of you there.

Flu vaccination clinics have now opened, please book when you receive your invitation to do so.

This also applies to booster doses for COVID.

Please wait for your invitation which may be by telephone, text or letter before booking.

It is important to accept these invitations so as to avoid high levels of flu during the winter months which could lead to more pressure on our NHS.

The vaccination hub for COVID-19 is now located in the Church Hall at St. Mary's Church, St Mary's Road, Swanley for Swanley Town residents.

Please continue to be careful and stay safe and well.

**Jackie Griffiths**  
Chair Patient Voice



**Do join our Patient Voice virtual health event on Zoom**  
**Maintaining health as we move forward from the COVID-19 pandemic**



## **The Oaks Partnership Health and Well-being Event ONLINE** **Thursday 11th November 2021 from 19:30 to 21:00**

**Look out for the programme advice from early October**  
**Register by email to [patientvoiceoaks@gmail.com](mailto:patientvoiceoaks@gmail.com)**

**The event is organised jointly by patient voice and the medical staff of The Oaks**  
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**It is open to all Swanley District residents.**

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## Grant secured from KCC!

Swanley Town Council was successful in securing a grant from Kent County Council (KCC) to install a hatch in Swanley Link for Piccalilly's Café.

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This will allow for food and drink to be served to the outside seating area, which will be located to the side of the building.

This makes best use of an underutilised green space.

Due to COVID-19, the Café was unable to have a takeaway service due to the location.

Therefore, Piccalilly's Café asked if Swanley Town Council could help secure a £2000 grant from KCC towards a serving hatch.

This would allow the business to operate even if restrictions came back into force.

Piccalilly's will fund the additional costs involved.

Rebecca from Piccalilly's Café said "We are really excited for this to happen.

We have been wanting a serving hatch for a while now.

We are grateful that we have the chance to open an outside space, which will better serve the community."

Swanley Town Council will also continue to support the Café as it hopes to attract new customers.

A advert will be included in the next Town Crier and a banner has also been provided.

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## Monday and Thursday Clubs ARE BACK AT LAST!

### MONDAY CLUB

When we said adieu in March 2020 for a 13 week "lockdown", little did we know it would be almost 18 months before we would be able to meet again. We celebrated with a banner, balloons and lots of cake!

Our Social Club meets every Monday from 10.30am to 12.30pm in The Alexandra Suite (part of the Civic Centre) in St. Mary's Road, Swanley BR8 7BU and we are always ready to welcome new members to the club.

If you enjoy meeting and making new friends, with time for a cuppa and a chat, news of what's going on in the town, a bookstall, two raffles and a few games of Bingo – then our Club is just for you.

We also have monthly outings to the seaside from May to October and a visit to a Christmas Market.

We celebrate our birthday each year with a Summer lunch and always have a good Christmas Party.

We are a friendly bunch – why not come and try us out.

**Christine – 07864 807 670**

### THURSDAY CLUB

We are back and pleased to be up and running again. Our club meets every Thursday in the Clocktower Pavilion, St Mary's Road, Swanley BR8 7BU from 1:30pm – 3:00pm.

No need to book!! if you are over 50 and would like to meet new friends over a cup of tea, biscuits, raffles, game of bingo, why not pop along.

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**Pat – 07714 686 995**

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**Evolve Estates**, acquired the Swanley Square shopping centre at the start of this year. In conjunction with the reopening of businesses following lockdown, the new owner has taken the opportunity to apply some much needed TLC to the day-to-day management regime through cleaning, drainage, canopies, decoration & lighting. The retail units are all fully occupied including a new optician & men's barber and planning consent has also been obtained for new residential to complement the existing provision. Plans are also being explored to expand the market from one to two days a week.

**The Door and Window Centre Ltd** was formed in February of 1989 by two Brother-in-laws with excess of 30 years experience within the industry. Now into our 32nd trading year The Door and Window Centre Ltd has developed and grown whilst remaining a family run business in the same shop in the heart of Swanley. Covering all the major surrounding areas, please feel free to contact us on 01322 666 547 or visit [www.doorandwindowcentre.co.uk](http://www.doorandwindowcentre.co.uk) for a no pressure, free quotation.

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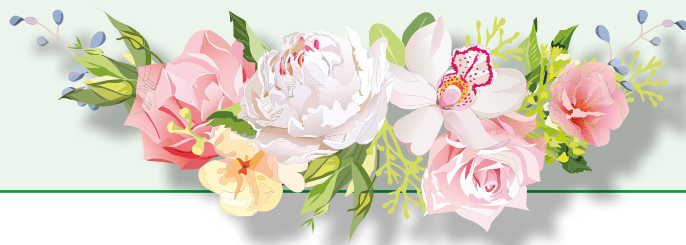


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# Free help to tackle your energy bills



Swanley Town Council has partnered with charity Groundwork South to bring their energy saving 'Green Doctor' programme to the town and tackle fuel poverty locally.

The Green Doctor programme helps individuals save money through switching energy supplier to find the cheapest deal; help claim the Warm Home Discount; provide prepayment meter support; tackle energy or water debt; and potentially offer some basic energy efficiency measures, such as free LED lightbulb's.

Leader of the Council, Cllr Michael Horwood, secured the free support after requesting Groundwork UK bring the programme to Swanley. Michael commented:

"With winter on its way, it's important to make sure you're not paying over the top on your energy bills. The advice, support and any follow up from Green Doctors is completely free, even the call to their number is free.

I would highly recommend any resident interested in seeing if they can save on their bills to contact Groundwork South's Green Doctor programme on 0800 233 5255."

Swanley Town Council will be promoting the scheme to local residents in the Town Crier, Facebook pages and will be holding free 'energy pop in surgeries' at Swanley Link.

Any resident can turn up without an appointment and bring their energy bills,

The dates for The Link drop-in sessions are:  
Monday 1st November - 10:00am - 3:00pm  
Tuesday 9th November - 10:00am - 3:00pm  
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# CAREGiver Knitting for Dementia

Local home care company Home Instead Shoreham has been knitting 'twiddle muffs' for those living with Dementia. CAREGiver Sylvia Lear has been creating the therapeutic hand knitted muffs to donate to local care homes.

Sylvia has so far knitted 20 twiddle muffs which have been gratefully received by care homes Nesbit House in Halstead and Frognal House in Sidcup.

The residents have loved the cool and quirky designs along with the sensory benefits they provide.

Twiddle muffs are knitted woollen muffs with different visual, tactile and sensory items embellished within the design.

They were created for those living with Dementia to keep their hands active and busy. People with Dementia often have restless hands and the muffs provide a source of sensory stimulation while keeping hands warm and snug at the same time.

Sylvia Lear, CAREGiver for Home Instead Shoreham commented: "It's been a really rewarding experience knitting the twiddle muffs and I'm delighted that we are able to donate them to a good cause."

The simplest of gifts can have the largest of impacts on those living with Dementia and we hope to create and donate more in the future."

Jag Yogarajah, owner of Home Instead Shoreham said: "At Home Instead we understand the challenges people living with Dementia face. So, it's amazing to make a positive effect and continue our CAREGivers' amazing work in brightening people's lives."

Home Instead specialises in the care of the elderly in their own homes with a companionship-based approach. CAREGivers are matched with clients based on similar interests, hobbies, and their specific needs. Whether it's helping round the house, cooking or just a friendly chat, Home Instead's CAREGivers are always on hand to support their clients.



Lauren (Marketing Assistant) donating twiddle muffs to Julie (Frognal House)

A promotional graphic for Home Instead. It features a woman in a purple sweater holding a small cup. The text reads: "I worked in customer services, but now I provide *care*". Below this is a search bar with "YouCanCare" entered. At the bottom, there are four bullet points: "Excellent training", "Variety of hours", "Great rates of pay", and "Make a difference". The Home Instead logo is in the top left corner.

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A promotional graphic for Home Instead. It features a woman in a purple sweater smiling. The text reads: "If you're compassionate, caring and love people then *#YouCanCare.*". Below this is a paragraph about joining the team and a phone number. The Home Instead logo is in the top left corner.

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## Whiteoak Netball League Charity Netball Rally

Whiteoak Netball League hosted a fun packed day of netball in Swanley on the 5th September 2021.

Our aim was to raise as much money for our chosen charity MIND.

MIND supports people with Mental Health disorders which affects all age groups young and old, and has been more apparent during the pandemic.

We as a committee would like to say a special thanks to both Swanley Town Council who donated free court usage for the whole day and our Umpires who donated their time for free.

We had a number of fantastic raffle prizes donated such as The View from The Shard who kindly donated 2 tickets, The Spa Pamper and Groom in Dartford who donated a dog groom voucher, Rosefragrance who donated a beautiful chocolate hamper and Rebecca from Blue Rocket Mortgages who kindly donated £100.

Thank you also to the generosity of all our players who attended the day and for donating some fantastic prizes.

It was a truly amazing day even the weather was on our side.

We had cakes, sweets and water on sale which all added to the grand total of what we raised which was a staggering £1266.50!

Whiteoak netball league started in 1978 and is still going strong 43 years later.

The league is affiliated with England netball, and we would encourage anyone who would be interested in joining our league to make contact

for more information.  
<https://www.facebook.com/white.oaknetballleague>  
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# Upgraded Changing Rooms for Swanley

Sports teams in Swanley are set to benefit from a £14,000 investment, with funding secured by former Swanley Kent County Councillor Michael Horwood, alongside a donation from Swanley Rugby Club.

Swanley Rugby Club and its members undertook all the renovation work themselves, ensuring every penny went into creating modern and revamped changing rooms.

The facility, based at Swanley Recreation Ground, will reopen in September and ensures clubs can once again use the previously closed changing rooms.

Swanley Town Councillors voted to create a new rugby pitch on the Recreation Ground, and gave permission for the club to move to the site.

Without this the club may have folded, due to them finding themselves without both a pitch and suitable facilities for the promoted league the Rugby Club finds itself in.

The work undertaken is comprehensive and each room has had a significant transformation.

There are also new additions, such as a physio room and toilets for spectators on match days.

Swanley Town Council CEO Ryan Hayman said "These changes will benefit all the teams that use our site.

The Recreation Ground is home to an array of facilities such as; a Playground, Skate Park, Rugby, Football, Croquet, Netball, Basketball and Tennis."

Swanley Rugby Club commented "We are excited to move to Swanley Recreation Ground.

The facilities are great and we would like to thank both Cllr Michael Horwood and Swanley Town Council for this great partnership we have."



## Swanley and North Downs Lions Serving the community in North West Kent **Bike around Brands 2021**

On the evening of Friday 13th August, Swanley & North Downs Lions staged their charity cycling event at Brands Hatch for the fifteenth time.

Post COVID-19 lockdown enthusiasm for outdoor events resulted in a splendid 289 cyclists taking part, 241 of which were new to the event, showing it to be as popular as ever.

Assuming all pledges are honoured, and after track hire costs, and other expenses are met, a rewarding total of some £7,000 will have been raised by the participants.

That is the third highest amount ever generated by the ride and it will be used to benefit those cared for by Ellenor Hospice team, and others in need for a variety of reasons.

Lions President David Mayes, and the club members and helpers, would like to thank all those who took part, together with Jonathan Palmer and the staff at Brands Hatch, for their continuing support.

Since it was first run, this important annual fund-raising event has raised over £75,600 to help folk in need.

Colin McRobert MBE Swanley & North Downs Lions



# Your Local Sports Clubs

## Swanley Rangers Football Club

Swanley Recreation Ground,  
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Telephone: 07553 518 236  
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## Swanley Football Club

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swanleyfc@gmail.com  
<http://www.fcswanley.co.uk/>



## Swanley Bowls Club

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Swanley  
BR8 8DR

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Email: info@Swanleybowlsclub.co.uk



## Swanley Netball Club

Recreation Ground (netball courts)  
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Swanley  
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## AFC Green Court Football

Green Court Sports Club,  
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## Swanley Rugby Club

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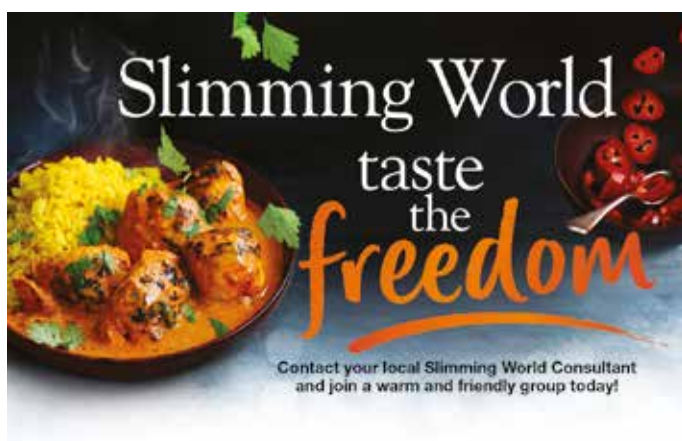


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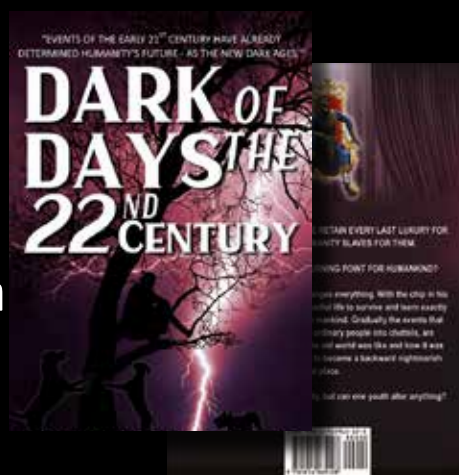
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