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New Season Ch

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Another exciting year has begun at Swanley Park. New for 2019 saw the opening of 'The Plunge' a large inflatable waterslide which is located within the Water Park. This has proved to be an immediate hit.

A refurbishment of the splash pool was undertaken in March with completely new flooring installed. Two new Playground pieces, which are disabled friendly, are in place as part of an extension to the already popular Play Park. This is part of Swanley Town Council's continued improvements programme for making the Park inclusive for all.

attraction. Discussions are already on-going to consider a future

A wide variety of smaller changes have also been undertaken, which range from; themed bins, clearing of the Island, paving refurbishments, pergola area, new and replacement fencing, additional allotment plots, larger party area, railway track works and a purifying air system for the toilets.

Last year the Park produced a profit, the first in its 35 year long history. This money is being invested into renovating and growing the Park for all to enjoy. Park Director, Ryan Hayman said "This is a really exciting time at Swanley Park, we are overseeing widespread improvements at a

Last year we introduced ten new attractions and services for visitors to enjoy. However, we are determined to improve the Park in every aspect further still. All I can say is keep coming to the Park to make sure you do not miss out!"

A warm April Bank Holiday meant in excess of 15,000 visitors enjoyed all the amazing new changes at the Park. Nevertheless, there is still plenty of time left to enjoy these new additions. The Park is fully open (Weather Dependent) on Weekends and School Holidays, but there is still plenty to enjoy during the week.





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A word from the Mayor Councillor Lesley Dyball

It is a huge pleasure to have been elected to serve a second consecutive term of office as your Town Mayor, and this year looks to be as busy as last year when I carried out over 130 engagements.





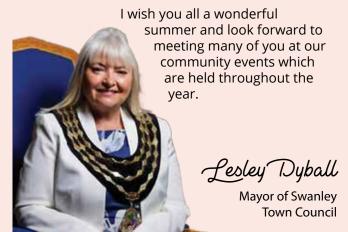
My chosen two charities this time round are Hi Kent, which supports deaf and hard of hearing people across Kent, and the Polyposis Registry based at St Mark's Hospital in London. I will be fundraising throughout the year and hope that you will support my events.

Following the particularly heavy rainfall recently which I know affected many homes in Swanley, I hope that better weather is now with us for the rest of the summer.

Our award-winning Swanley Park has undergone some major work during the winter months and is now ready for the ever-increasing number of visitors.

As I write this we are still awaiting the outcome of the Public Inquiry from the Planning Inspectorate concerning the U+I development proposals for our town centre.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the residents who attended. As soon as we are notified of the outcome we will let you know.



Mayor chosen charities
Visit Hi Kent: hikent.org.uk and
St Mark's Hospital Polyposis Registry:
polyposisregistry.org.uk to find out more

A word from the CEO

We have had some wet weather lately which has shown some flaws in some of our facilities, but which have been quickly rectified so that normal business can proceed.

Everyone at the council is looking forward to the summer and particularly activities and events which will be taking place in Swanley Park and the Recreation Field.

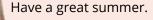
Our events are there to provide activities for all ages and there is some cross generational work which will be taking place later in the year which will help bring local residents closer.

As we grow our events in size there are opportunities for groups, individuals, organisations local business and other agencies to join in and showcase themselves and tell people about what they do.

There are great opportunities for volunteering all around the town in a variety of settings and I know those that can will step forward to assist.

Our Junior Park Ranger Scheme will be available again this year which provides work experience for 11-15 year olds in the park and may lead to future employment as a Ranger.

Please look at our web site and social media pages to keep up with our activities.





WHAT'S YOUR OPINION?

Swanley Town Council is currently taking on all the play areas and open spaces within the town from Sevenoaks District Council. One of these areas is Bartholomew Park which we believe is underused and many people are not even aware.

Swanley Town Council is considering taking out the front hedge of this park and just leaving the open railings so that people can see the park and importantly see into the park. We believe this will make the park safer, more welcoming and encourage more use by residents and those who work in the town centre.

If you have an opinion on this then please e mail snash@swanleytowncouncil.gov.uk or ring 01332 665855 or write in to the council offices at Civic Centre, St Marys Road, Swanley BR8 7BU



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Local schools took part in our annual Just Bin It competition to help educate the children to keep the environment tidy and not drop rubbish.

Photo are winners from age categories 4 - 6, 7 - 9 & 10+ certificates were presented by The Mayor of Swanley Councillor Lesley Dyball and Deputy Mayor Councillor John Barnes









Winners in the Council Chamber



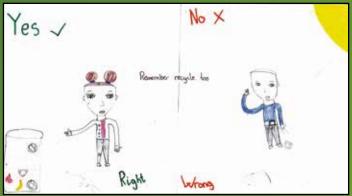
Just Bin It Winner 2019



4 - 6 Highly Commended



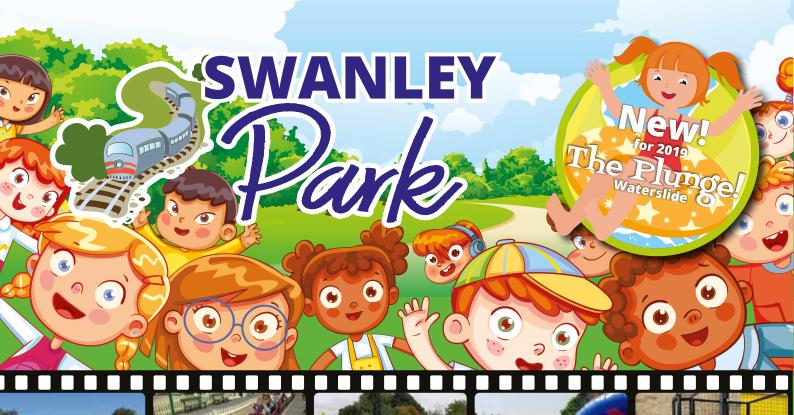
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JUST BIN ITA



STANDAY OF STANDAY

Friday 2nd August
Punch & Judy Magic Show
12:00pm

Wednesday 7th August
Treasure Hunt
Making Miracles

Wednesday 14th August
Amazing Animal Encounters
11:00am - 2:00pm

Wednesday 21st August
Friday 30th August
Bird Display Shows
12:00pm & 2:30pm

Friday 23rd August 1812 Festival Stalls, Live Music, Fireworks at 8:30pm

Friday 24th August
Folk Festival
Stalls, Live Music,
Punch & Judy

Friday 23rd August to Sunday 1st September Bouncy Kingdom 2019
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SWANLEY PARK

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Wednesday 24th July - Sunday 1st September 2019
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Swanley Park, New Barn Road, Swanley, Kent, BR8 7PW

Swanley Netball Team

On the 7th June 2019, Civic Manager Toni Roast was privileged to be invited to present awards at Swanley Netball Clubs annual awards night.

Christine Lauder from Swanley Netball Club advised that they have received funding from Sports England/National Lottery.

This funding will be used to ensure that all coaches, primary carers, together with the club safeguarding Officer hold the correct First-aid and Safeguarding Young People qualifications to meet the Sport England Clubmark directives.

It will provide an opportunity for its younger members and volunteers to develop their skills as umpires and coaches to increase the club's workforce, and allow them to open our doors to new members by running a 10 week introductory netball course and mentoring into the club environment.

They will be able to enhance the development of all club players in helping them reach their full potential, move into academies / performance netball and raise Swanley Netball Club's profile in the local community and netball arena.

Once the project is completed; Swanley Netball Club will have a strong and robust workforce, holding the correct First aid and Safeguarding Young People certificates to comply with Sports England Clubmark accreditation directives, which will allow us to submit our completed folder to England Netball and upgrade to a Silver CAP Club.

Holding a Silver CAP will demonstrate that we have met the minimum operating standards required for Clubmark but have also demonstrated a further commitment to ensuring a club environment which



provides a higher quality of coaching, officiating, leadership and offers volunteering opportunities for the young people, raising Swanley Netball Club's profile in the local communities and netball arena, while providing Swanley Netball Club with a lasting legacy.

We will have additional lead/assistant coaches and umpires will allow Swanley Netball Club to increase the number of club members, and provide more opportunities for the under 18s to take part in competitive leagues, friendly matches and tournaments, as club will have a bigger pool of qualified coaches and umpires to accompany the young players.

Training sessions will also benefit from the larger workforce and allow the lead coaches to be better equipped to mentor new players on joining the club environment, and the transition from junior to adult netball for the younger (14-17 year olds) players, and provide one to one training for players.

The experience that coaches will have gained from attending the Masterclasses and/or CPD workshop will enhance the training sessions and assist in the development of all players in helping them reach their full potential and move into academies/performance netball.



SWANLEY PARK FOLKFEST

Saturday 24th August 2019

*Over 15 RIDES AND ATTRACTIONS OPEN BAR, FOOD VENDORS & TRADE STALLS BOUNCY KINGDOM PUNCH & JUDY / BALLOON MODELLING 11:00am & 1:00pm



Echo Feathers 2:00pm - 3:00pm



Emma Langford 5:45pm - 6:45pm



Chris Greve 3:15pm - 4:15pm



Sam Winston 7:00pm - 8:00pm



Pete Cogavin 4:30pm - 5:30pm



Thomas Ashby 8:15pm - 9:15pm

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Swanley Park TripAdvisor Award

Swanley Park announced that it has received a TripAdvisor® Certificate of Excellence.

The achievement celebrates businesses that are rated as excellent, having earned great traveller reviews on TripAdvisor over the past year.

Only a minority of listings receive this award and Swanley Park joins other popular UK visitor attractions such as; Coca-Cola London Eye, Hyde Park, Madame Tussauds Blackpool and Paultons Park in receiving this accolade.

Certificate of Excellence recipients include restaurants, accommodations and attractions located all over the world that

have continually delivered a quality customer experience.

"TripAdvisor is excited to announce the recipients of the 2019 Certificate of Excellence" said Neela Pal, Vice President of Brand, TripAdvisor.

"This recognition allows us to publicly recognise businesses that are actively taking into account customer feedback to help travellers confidently experience the most highly reviewed places to eat, stay and explore."

The Certificate of Excellence accounts for the quality, quantity and recency of reviews submitted by travellers on TripAdvisor

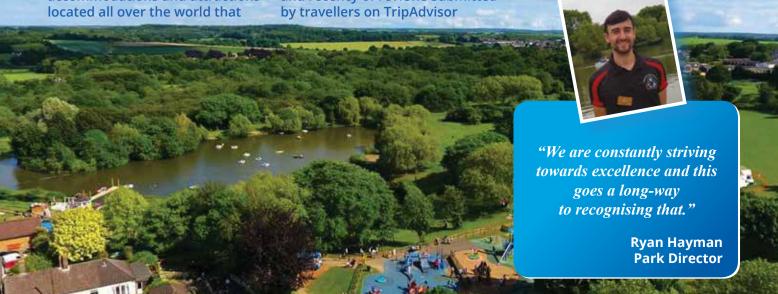
over a 12-month period.

Swanley Park achieves this award with a 4.5/5 rating.

Park Director Ryan Hayman said "We are constantly striving towards excellence and this goes a long-way to recognising that.

2019 CERTIFICATE of EXCELLENCE

The Park has transformed over the last two years, but we are not resting on our laurels and we know that we have to keep the momentum."



The Mayor of Swanley Cllr Lesley Dyball makes a Presentation to her Cadet CWO Thomas Longbon



On the 19th June Cadet Warrant Officer Thomas Longbon, from the 593 Air Training Corps, was appointed as the Mayor Cllr Lesley Dyball cadet for 2019 -2020.

Thomas has been an Air Training Corps cadet since 2014 and where he has undertaken many activities including First Aid Courses, Assault courses, Battlefield Communications, Battle Management Field Craft and Regional competitions for both the Pentathlon (5 disciplines) and the Decathlon (10 disciplines).

Cllr Dyball said "I am very pleased to offer this very talented young man the position of Mayor's Cadet for the coming year. Thomas's first engagement was to accompany me at The Armed Forces Day held on the 29th June on Swanley Recreation Ground".

CWO Longbon said "I am honoured to have been chosen as the Mayor's Cadet for 2019-2020 and look forward to my duties in this new role".

If you would like more information about becoming an Air Cadet come and visit the detachment at: Air Training Corps, Crawfords, off Dawsons Drive, College Road, Hextable, Kent, BR8 7LT

They Parade on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 19:00pm - 21:30pm and staff will be happy to have a chat.









Friday 6th December

The Olympic

Saturday 14th December

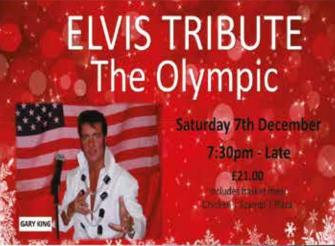
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SWANLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN MOVES FORWARD ADOPTS THE UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The group of residents leading the development of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) for Swanley has adopted a vision and objectives for it based on globally agreed goals to protect the planet, particularly the goal for Sustainable Cities and Communities "Make cities and communities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable".

The results of a survey of all residents, done earlier in the year, showed their concerns:

- Workspace to reduce the need for travel in the area
- Keeping all development low rise and suitable for the rural setting of Swanley
- Protecting the parks, Green Belt, community and leisure facilities of the town.



These concerns will guide the development of policy and proposals in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Despite the distraction of the planning inquiry into the U&I proposals for Swanley Town Centre, the Steering

Group and its working groups have been busy.

A Questionnaire for businesses has been started to collect key evidence about employers and their need for space in Swanley if they are to grow and employ

PLEASE ENCOURAGE BUSINESSES LOCALLY TO FILL IT IN ON THE TOWN COUNCIL WEB SITE OR COLLECT A PAPER COPY FROM THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES.

The Steering Group and Working groups pulling together the plan are always looking for input and help from residents.

When it has been completed and agreed via an Independent Examination and ballot of everyone in the Town, the Neighbourhood Plan will be a legally enforceable document.

Sevenoaks Council will have to take it into account when it assesses planning applications for development.

Getting a Neighbourhood Plan agreed provides a real opportunity to influence what development goes where, what it looks like and ensure that the negative impact of development can be minimised.

This will mean working within Central Government Policy and with Sevenoaks Council who also have to accommodate what Central Government wants.

So, if you want to get involved, contact the Town Council and if you want to see notes of meetings and other relevant documents, visit the Neighbourhood Plan section of the Town Council web site at swanleytowncouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/

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Charity Colour Dash

In excess of 700 participants enjoyed a charity colour run at Swanley Park on Sunday.

Entrants of all abilities and ages tackled the 5k route with colour stations positioned throughout the park to add a little fun to the race.

The run also raised crucial funds for We Are Beams which is a local charity that supports disabled children, young people and their families. Funds received have already surpassed £11,000 with sponsorships still yet to be processed!

Park Director, Ryan Hayman said; 'What an honour it has been to be the host venue for such a brilliant event for such an amazing cause. He added, 'I believe that participant numbers were up by over 100%, which is just incredible.' Swanley Town Council's Mayor, Cllr Lesley Dyball opened the event alongside fellow Councillor John Barnes, the Deputy Mayor.

The event then preceded by an energised warm up session, prior to the main event.

The event was a huge success for all those involved however, the run would not have been possible without the tireless work the volunteers put in and it would have certainly not been possible without Caroline and Julia from We Are Beams.





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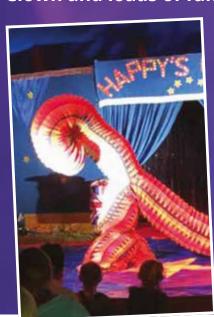
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26th July to 28th July 2019

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