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Armed Forces Day Success

Swanley Town Council held its first Armed Forces Day celebrations in June which was well attended by several thousand people throughout the day.

Cannon fire rang through the air at regular intervals as Nothe Fort Re-enactors from Weymouth put on displays of military drills and yelled warnings to 'cover your ears'.

In addition, the Lord Lt of Kent Mrs R Dymond attended and inspected cadets taking part in a Drum Head Service Parade accompanied by the Mayor of Swanley Councillor Laurence Ball and the Leader of Sevenoaks District Council, Councillor Lawrence Abraham.

Throughout the day people could enjoy displays, food and drink and listen to music.

Vintage and classic vehicles added another element to the show while young and old enjoyed a fun packed day and said thank you to the men and women of our armed forces.

Organiser and Civic Manager Mrs Toni Roast said 'it was a great day and I am very pleased with the turnout and will be looking to double the size of the event for 2018'.

The event was supported with funding from the National Lottery and Ministry of Defence along with Kent County Council and many local sports clubs and volunteer groups also attended.

There are attempts to get an aerial display organised for next year and bookings are already being taken for available pitches.



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1812 NIGHT

Friday 25th August

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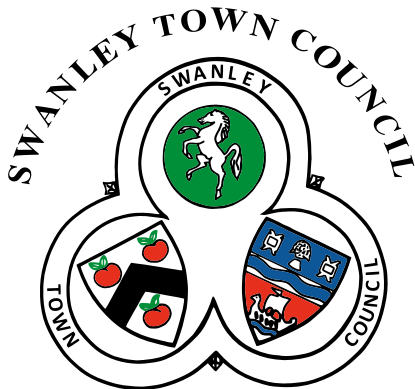
- ★ FIREWORKS DISPLAY ★ LIVE MUSIC ★
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Rock Choir: 6:30pm

Eynsford Concert Band 7:30pm, at Swanley Park

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A word from Steve Nash - CEO

I have been in post for 6 months now and have very much enjoyed the challenges of being in a new area and taking on new responsibilities. There is a great community spirit in the town and I am eager to work with local groups and organisations to help provide more opportunities for local people and I know I am supported in this by our councillors. For the first time in 30 years the Town Council has taken over the operation of Swanley Park Activities such as the boats and bouncy castle and wet areas. We have added new activities to this including: mini boats, survival parties and archery and we will continue to provide additional entertainment throughout the holidays with balloon modelling, face painting, live music and sports.

Swanley got its first Football Team last year and this year I am very pleased to say the town now has its first Rugby Team along with its very own pitch and storage area. They are now looking for a club house so keep watching how things develop.

While residents and community organisations are vitally important for the vibrancy of any town, so is local business and with councillor support I hope to support some new initiatives. We have recently set up a Swanley Chamber of Commerce with the help of Sevenoaks Chamber of Commerce and I hope that within the not too distant future it will be a completely independent organisation. Having gone through some changes ourselves we now have spare office space and I am hoping to create a Business Hub in this empty space where micro businesses can hire space for drop in or long term. More details will come out on this as we get closer to actual provision.

While the town has lost an impressive building as the Woodlands is set to be sold, the revenue this will generate for the town will allow us to do even more to support local residents and improve facilities. I hope we are demonstrating our activities in a fair and transparent way and I welcome questions about our plans for the future and our current strategy.

I look forward to meeting more of our Swanley residents as I spend more time here.



Message from the Mayor of Swanley Cllr Laurence Ball

July, that time of year that tantalises us with some Sun and a possible promise of a super summer. Wimbledon dominates our TV screens, renews our hopes for another Andy Murray win and reminds us that strawberries are growing in our gardens again.

The flower beds around the Town are looking particularly colourful at the moment and many gardens seem ready for the annual Swanley in Bloom event. It is good to see the Park busy, the new boats being used on the lake and most people having a good time.

Recently several Swanley residents were honoured at the Sevenoaks District Volunteer awards. Congratulations to those prize-winners - and others who were nominated - it really does make you proud to be a Swanley resident. We also recently had our inaugural Armed Forces Day in Swanley and salute the many people involved in making the event a very successful one.

A reminder that the Company U&I will shortly be re-presenting their proposals for the development of the Swanley Town Centre. If you wish to put forward your views I would suggest that you attend the Development Control meeting in Swanley when the matter is to be discussed or email the District Council accordingly.

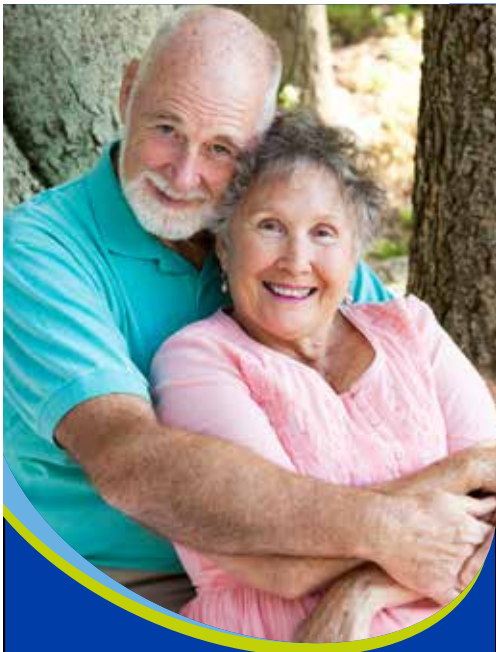
I look forward to seeing many of you at the 1812 night on 25 August and hope that you all have an enjoyable summer holiday period, be it in Swanley, Kent or elsewhere and that good weather follows you .

Dates for your diary:-

The Mayor of Swanley Charity Ball is to be held on 21st
October 2017

Alexandra Suite, St Marys Road Swanley,
Tickets available from the venue
Dress Code Black Tie
Chosen Charity - HBO Therapy Centre

Further information on the Charity can be found
by visiting the following website
<https://www.hyperbaricoxygentherapy.org.uk/>



Swanley Town Council

We now opening the
Senior Passport to Leisure scheme
to the neighbouring villages
of Hextable, Crockenhill
and Farningham

Eligibility Criteria

To qualify members must:

- Be over 60 years of age.
- Reside within Christchurch, St Mary's, Swanley Village and Whiteoak Swanley wards.
- Complete the registration form attached.
- Provide identification and proof of address documents to Swanley Town Council.

Senior Passport to Leisure

Over the past 12 months Passport to Leisure members have enjoyed a variety of day-trips. In March members visited a Wine Estate this seasonal vineyard tour comprised a history of the estate and tasting of wines with locally grown produce.

A day trip to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard was arranged in April this included the opportunity to explore HMS Victory, The Mary Rose and a boat tour around the harbour.

In June a river cruise from Abingdon to Oxford will provide members with the opportunity to explore the medieval town of Oxford and its prestigious university.

The seaside resorts of Southend-On-Sea and Broadstairs will be explored during the summer months.

Members have been entertained with a number of musical theatre productions including; 'Motown', 'Beautiful' and '42nd Street'.



The Swanley Link, London Road, Swanley, Kent BR8 7AE

Telephone: 03000 421 270 or 03000421 254

E-mail: csa@swanleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Knit one; purl one for our poppy project

A KNITTED poppy appeal is being launched for a Remembrance Day commemoration in Swanley.

The Swanley Link is working with the Royal British Legion to create a carpet of knitted or crocheted poppies.

We are hoping for more than 7,000 that will be needed to cover an area outside the Swanley Link.

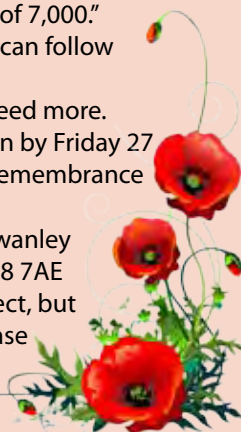
We are calling on people of Swanley to get their knitting needles out and get knitting for this worthy community project.

Swanley Link Manager Claire Cormack, said: "This is such a lovely idea and one which we hope people will get involved in. Even if you can only make one poppy it will help towards our target of 7,000."

The poppies can be any size and you can follow any pattern.

So far we have 100 poppies but we need more. The poppies will need to be handed in by Friday 27 October ready to be launched for a Remembrance Day commemoration in Swanley.

Please hand your poppies in to the Swanley Link, London Road, Swanley, Kent. BR8 7AE. If you're unable to help with the project, but have any spare red or black wool please also get in touch so that it can be passed on to other active knitters.



Swanley In Bloom Competition

Swanley In Bloom was launched in March 2017 in partnership with Coolings Garden Centre.

Judging is taking place throughout July and a presentation to the winners is planned for 27th July 2017. We are sure you will agree it is a vast improvement on last year.

Swanley Town Council would like to thank the sponsors

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'Just Bin It' Poster Competition 2017

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Introducing Swanley Rugby Club

After initial support from Sir Michael Fallon and Swanley Town Council CEO Stephen Nash, Swanley RFC have become a fully affiliated Kent RFU club.

Preseason training has already begun at Swanley Park under the stewardship of Head Coach George Morris. George, a former Royal Navy serviceman is a level 2 qualified coach with an extensive playing history and is planning ahead for our inaugural season in the Kent Dragonfire League. If you would like to get involved with this exciting new team, you can email George directly at coach@swanleyrfc.co.uk

Swanley RFC recently supported the local Armed Forces Day at the recreation ground where there was a public touch rugby session open to all. More recently Swanley RFC became an official partner of the Wooden Spoon Charity who are the children's charity of rugby. From sensory rooms, specialist playgrounds and sports activity areas to respite, medical and community care, they fund around 70 projects each year that support disadvantaged and disabled children.

Since being founded in 1983, the charity has distributed in excess of £24 million, helping over 1 million young people. The club is already 81 members strong and continues to grow. You can keep up to date with all the latest news, fixtures and results at our website www.swanleyrfc.co.uk or join our Facebook page by searching Swanley Rugby Club.

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