

TOWNCrier

Christchurch • St Mary's • Swanley Village • White Oak Wards

Swanley Town Council was very saddened by the death of Her Majesty The Queen and we offer our condolences to our residents, and the whole royal family. Your Majesty, we owe you a debt of gratitude for the 70 years of public service as the longest-serving monarch in British history. Thank you for your long, loyal, and selfless services.

We welcomed flowers outside of The Alexandra Suite and was very grateful for everyone that paid their respects. A book of condolence was opened at Swanley Link by Swanley Council Leader and Deputy Mayor Cllr Michael Horwood and CEO Ryan Hayman. The book was available to sign and has since closed.

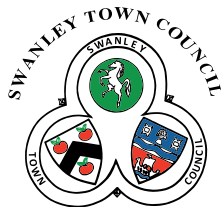
We turned the front of The Civic Centre and Alexandra Suite deep purple which was supplied and fitted for free by 48VEngineering and was well received by residents.

In line with national protocol, the Union Jack was lowered to half-mast. On the 10th of September at 11am the flag was raised to full mast in honour of our new King, King Charles III. The flag returned to half-mast for the mourning of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II until the day after her funeral.

On September 11th, the local proclamation was read out by The Mayor Cllr Lesley Dyball at then followed by prayer by Father Dane.

We wish that King Charles III has a long and successful Reign.





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A word from the Mayor Councillor Lesley Dyball

I am sure, like me, you were shocked and saddened to learn of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Our sincere condolences have been formally sent to the royal family by way of a letter signed by me. The vast majority of us have never known another ruling monarch in our lifetime, and the Queen held a special place in so many hearts as she fulfilled her promise to dedicate her whole life to the service of the nation and Commonwealth. It is indeed the end of an historic era, as we now see the line of succession pass to King Charles III, with his coronation expected to take place in 2023.

A matter of weeks earlier we had been celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee across the town, culminating in the Jubilee Firework Night in Swanley Park on 26 August. It was a fantastic night and good to see so many people in the park that evening enjoying one of the last warm, dry evenings of the summer. I am delighted to announce that the bucket collection that evening for the Mayor's Charity this year, Home Start North West Kent, raised £545.20. Thank you so much for your generosity.

We were thrilled to receive a record number of awards this year in the South and

South East in Bloom competition, and also pleasing to see that a number of Swanley residents were presented with awards at the Sevenoaks District In Bloom 2022. Given the searing temperatures for weeks on end I feel that those achievements are even more significant this year. Despite the lack of rainfall over the summer months the magnificent floral displays around the town were kept well watered and in peak condition. My sincere thanks to all of the local businesses who sponsor our displays which brighten up our town, and also to our fantastic groundsmen who work so hard all year round to keep the town looking its best.

With the onset of autumn, we'll be turning our thoughts to Firework Night on Friday 04 November, our annual Remembrance Day Parade and Service on Sunday 13 November, and our Light Up The Town event in the town centre will be taking place on Saturday 03 December. You will find more details of these events in this Town Crier. I look forward to seeing many of you at these upcoming events.

In the meantime, as this is the last edition of the Town Crier before the end of the year, I will take this opportunity to send you greetings for the festive season.

With all good wishes

Lesley Dyball

Mayor of Swanley
Town Council

Our CEO

Before I start my normal update, I must pay tribute to Her Majesty The Queen and express my condolences to our residents, and the whole of the royal family. She gave us 70 years of public service for which we all owe her a debt of gratitude. The moment the Queen died, the throne passed immediately and without ceremony to the heir, Charles, the former Prince of Wales. I would like to express my appreciation to King Charles III for all he has done and will do as our new monarch.

Capturing the nations mood, it was perhaps appropriate that a record-breaking summer has made way to a rainy Autumn. This has thankfully and significantly reduced the risk of field fires which had been a problem at the Swanley Town Council managed sites of; Swanley Recreation Ground; The Olympic; and Swanley Park. Of course, this problem also effected land owned by other organisations, and we thank the emergency services for their heroic responses throughout the heatwave and at all other times. As we work our way through

wetter seasons the attention switches often to flood prevention. Although this is the responsibility of other organisations Swanley Town Council has assisted in forcing through infrastructure changes at various sites across the town. At Pinks Hill we achieved just that by selling a small parcel of land which has allowed Highways England to extend their balancing pond to help handle the increased flash flooding events we had been experiencing.

Operationally, the Council has been busier than ever. Swanley Park enjoyed a bumper year aided by the excellent summer. The new leisure boats have proven to be a massive hit and we look forward to providing further upgrades at the park ready for next season.

Our venues are busy all year around, this summer was no exception. The Alexandra Suite hosted the M.N.D.A spectacular gala, which helped raise over an eye watering £12,000. The venue also offered a fitting acknowledgement to Her Majesty, hosting floral tributes and turning the building purple the colour of mourning the sovereign. We thank 48V Engineering for providing this display. The Olympic has hosted a plethora of functions and sporting events, most recently with Swanley Bowls Club hosting their inter-club finals day.

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Our CEO

At Swanley Link, the news of a new 'cash hub' which will help business banking within the town was welcomed after the recent bank closures. However, more is needed to cover the wide-ranging issues caused after the branches left Swanley. A meeting to discuss the larger 'bank hub' alternative was cancelled the day after Her Majesty's death as a sign of respect, but a new date is already being discussed.

Swanley Link played an important role in the passing of The Queen. The book of condolence hosted within the facility was signed by hundreds of residents. This will now be archived as a piece of Swanley historical importance.

Over the coming months at Swanley Recreation Ground our new Skate Park will be getting built. This should be ready for Spring, and I look forward to providing further updates in due course. As this is the last magazine before the festive period, I should like to wish all a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Ryan M Hayman
CEO

12:00PM - 6:00PM



LIGHT UP THE TOWN

SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2022

SWANLEY TOWN CENTRE

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Swanley Town Council Christmas Carol Service



**Sunday 18th
December**
4.00pm

**St Mary the
Virgin Church**
St Mary's Road, Swanley,
Kent BR8 7AQ

All the family welcome!
Mulled wine & mince pies
to be served afterwards
at the Alexandra Suite,
St Mary's Road, Swanley BR8 7BU



**Family
New Year's Eve
Party**

The Olympic
Beechenlea Lane, Swanley, Kent BR8 8DR

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NEW Skate Park for Swanley

Swanley Town Council are delighted to announce that work has begun on delivering a new Skate Park facility for the town.

Work started on the 3rd of October and is due to for completion just before Christmas!

In the new year the official opening will be held with an event supported by Maverick who are constructing the new facility.

Swanley Town Council have applied successfully for various grants to help fund this project and are also supporting it by allocating £30,000.

Concrete Wave have also raised crucial funds needed to make this dream Skate Park a reality. In total the project will cost £250,000.

The idea for a new park was made after an online petition to replace the facility reached hundreds of signatures.

Shortly afterwards, Swanley Town Council organised an artwork design project and this is when Concrete Wave got involved. A real team effort has helped this project to get this far and we cannot wait to see the Skate Park bustling with users.

A special thanks to our grant funders; National Lottery; Veolia; Kent County Council; Fidelity International.



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WHAT IS PARKRUN?

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You will find our amazing team of volunteers setting up around the play park every Saturday morning ready the start at 9am.

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If you want to take part you will need to register at parkrun.com and bring along your barcode to ensure you receive your time and to allow you to track your progress.



A CELEBRATION OF WALKING AT PARKRUN



OCTOBER 2022

PARKWALK IS HERE

Parkwalk is the perfect way to start your parkrun journey.

We understand that it can be difficult to start new things. Get in touch and let us know your coming and we can introduce ourselves and explain how it works. Or simply come along on Saturday and see what its all about.

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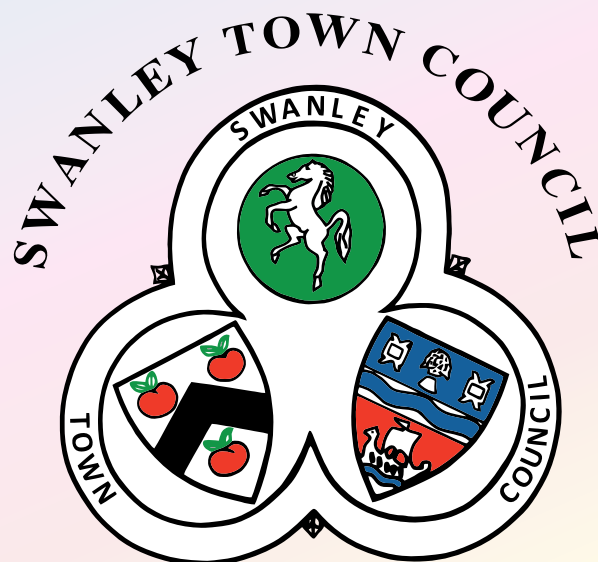
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Swanley Town Council

EVENTS CALENDAR 2022

Remembrance Day Parade

Sunday 13th November

Light Up The Town

Saturday 3rd December

Civic Carol Service

Sunday 18th December

Dick Whittington

Pantomime

Tuesday 20th December

For information or tickets
Call 01322 613 900



Remembrance Day Parade

Sunday 13th November

Meeting point 2:15pm next to savers

Parade leaves Town Centre at 2.30pm

Wreath laying at 2.45pm at War Memorial

Church service at St. Mary's Church

St Mary's Rd, London Rd, Swanley BR8 7AQ

Refreshments to be served
afterwards in the Pavilion
St Mary's Rd, Swanley, Kent BR8 7BU

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Dick Whittington

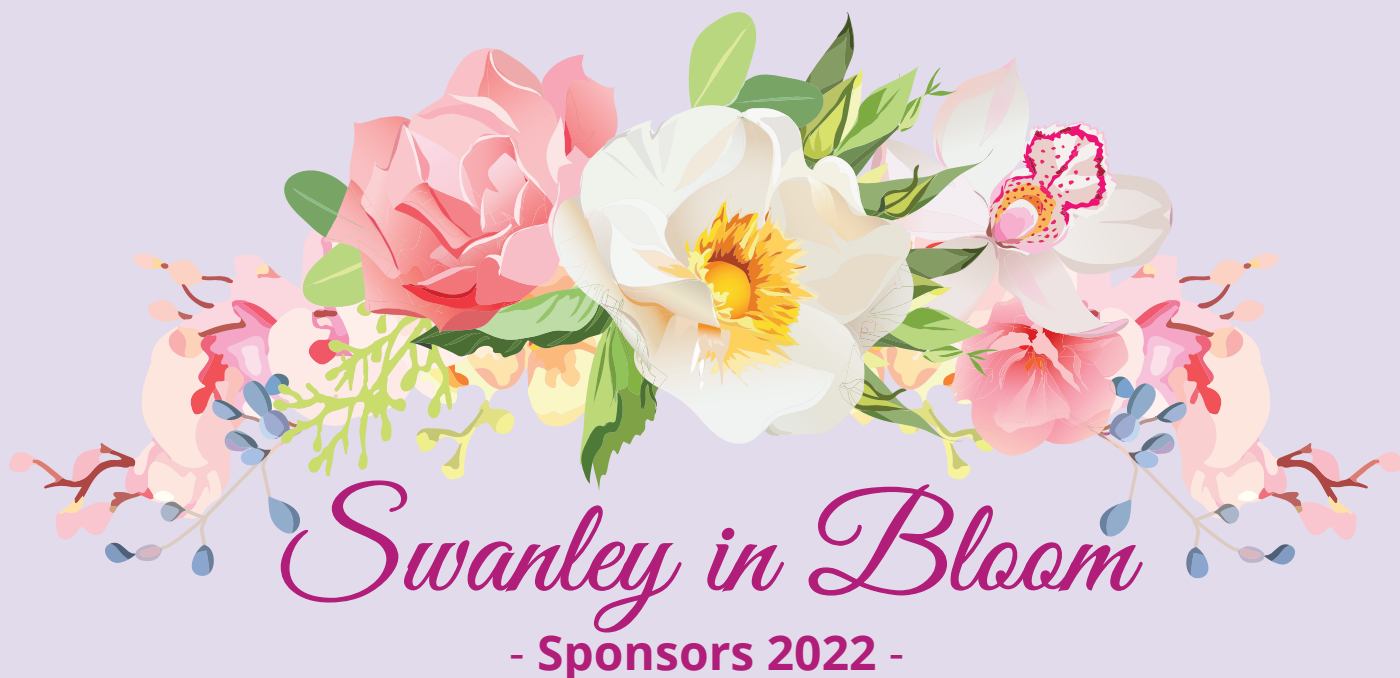
The Alexandra Suite, St Mary's Road,
Swanley, Kent BR8 7BU

Tuesday 20th December

Matinee: 2.30pm OR Evening: 7.30pm

Tickets £10 - Ages 2 & Under Go Free

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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.

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Established in 1892, has been manufacturing paper Catering supplies in Swanley for over seventy years.

The group has grown substantially over the years and now employs over 230 people across its four UK sites.

As well as being a major UK catering supplier we make four billion napkins per year, Swan Mill annually manufactures forty million metres of gift wrap, fifty million greeting cards and twenty five million crackers in the UK and overseas, supplying these to all major UK retailers and exporting to over 30 countries.

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Swanley Village Residents Association, Formerly Swanley Village Conservation A Society, established in 1969, which aims to encourage high standards in the architecture and planning of the Village, to eliminate neglect and to stimulate interest in and care for the character and historic value of the Village and surrounding countryside.

For more information visit www.swanleyvillage.com

Evolve Estates, acquired the Swanley Square shopping centre in 2021.

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.

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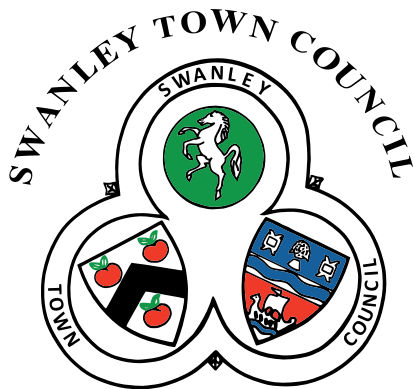
Investing in the community

As part of our commitment to the local communities in which we work we create opportunities and provide solutions that directly impact and support individuals, local businesses and suppliers alike.

We provide employment opportunities and training courses which means those individuals who join our team have a vested interest in the local area, developing a true partnership approach to how we operate. Employing a local team means our operation is not only sustainable but provides financial and social benefit to that community.

We regularly engage in initiatives to support community events and projects including litter-picking for Remembrance Services and raising money local charities.

We take pride in supporting the communities in which we work and strive to build our business based on a collaborative approach that is mutually beneficial.



Swanley Town Council

"Just Bin It" Competition 2022

Swanley Town Council held its annual "Just Bin It" competition in May.

There are three age groups for this competition 4 – 6, 7 – 9 and 10 and over.

Entries for this competition are via the primary schools who request the posters from Swanley Town Council.

As there were more entries than in previous years it was decided to have a Platinum award in addition to Bronze, Silver and Gold.

The Mayor of Swanley Cllr Lesley Dyball had a very difficult time choosing the winners for each category and the overall winner.

The winning students and their families were invited to attend the presentations on the 11th July in the Council Chamber.

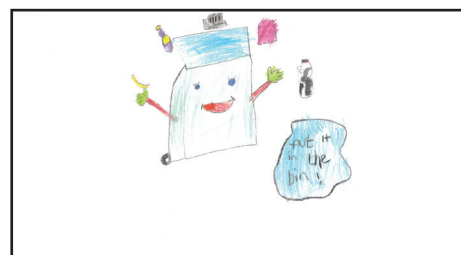
All of the finalists are shown here alongside the winning entry.



Just Bin It Winner 2022 - Platinum 7 - 9



Platinum 10+



Platinum 4 - 6



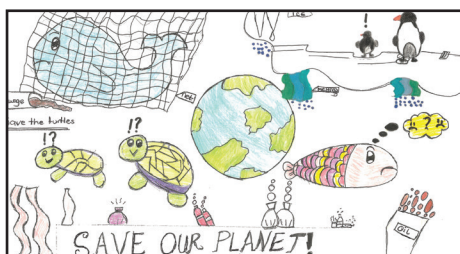
Gold 10+



Gold 7 - 9



Gold 4 - 6



Silver 10+



Silver 7 - 9



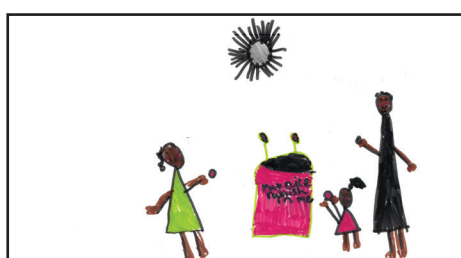
Silver 4 - 6



Bronze 10+



Bronze 7 - 9



Bronze 4 - 6

THE ALEXANDRA SUITE

SWANLEY



CHRISTMAS PARTY NIGHT

Friday 25th November
8pm - Late / Tickets £10.00

CHRISTMAS BASKET MEAL & DISCO

Friday 2nd December & Friday 16th December
7:30pm - Late / Tickets £22



Frankie Valli

Live Tribute & Late Disco - 3 Course Dinner



Friday 9th December
7:00pm - Late Tickets £45

CHRISTMAS CASINO DINNER & DISCO

3 Course Dinner - Saturday 10th December
7:00pm - Late / Tickets £42



NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER & DISCO 18+ 4 COURSE DINNER

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Adults £15 Children £10

7:30pm – 1:00am



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