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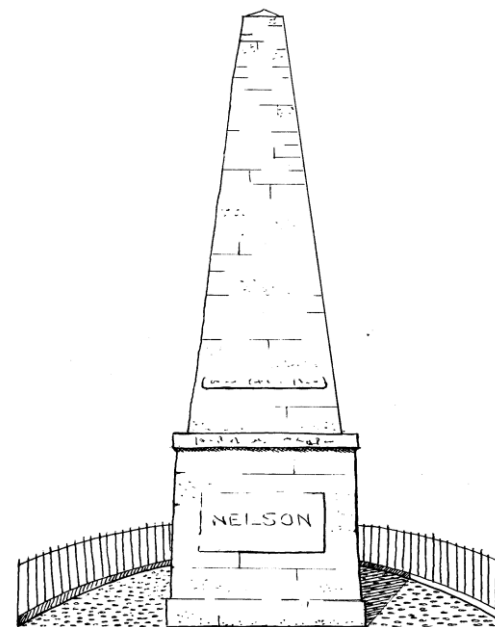
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**Swarland Village Action
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The Pre-submission Draft of the Northumberland Local Plan Core Strategy is out for consultation at present. Don't forget to have your say on what you think should happen in our area..

Welcome to your October issue of The Column and if you're new to the area, welcome to you too. I hope all Council Tax-paying households receive The Column; if not please let me know. Thinking ahead, if you wish to put something in the next issue **please supply it for inclusion in the December issue by Wednesday 25th November.**

Send to: the Editor, Bryan Stanley, on 01670 787 916 or by email at maxitoby1@gmail.com .

Love Northumberland Award for our Community

Swarland Wood Amenity Group (SWAG) was delighted to come second in the Best Coast or Countryside Project category for upgrading Public Footpath 17 in Swarland Wood. Thanks to Sue Richardson for suggesting we enter, PC Clerk Jan Anderson for putting the application together and Sheila Rutherford, Ben and Neil Mansfield, and Suzanne Stanley for attending the award ceremony at Alnwick Garden on 17th September as representatives of the whole team of volunteers. The framed certificate is now on view in Nelson's and £100 prize money is winging its way to SWAG.

Felton & Swarland Local History Society

We meet in the Coquet Room, Felton Village Hall at 7.30pm on the 3rd Monday of each month between September & May. The Society aims to spread an appreciation of history at the local, rather than national, level with a series of talks by noted, and often entertaining, speakers. It also has a small research group for those who prefer a more active approach to local history – anyone is welcome to join this group. Annual Membership is £15. Non-members are welcome to attend any of the meetings for a small charge of £2.50 a meeting. Tea / coffee and biscuits, for which we ask a small donation, are served at the end of each meeting.

The next talks are:

19th October: "Voices of Stannington Sanatorium" by Dr Liz O'Donnell.

16th November: "Vote for me! Radicalisation & Reform in Northumberland 1826" (a humorous tale!) by Ian East.

21st December: Christmas Meal & Social Evening.

For further information, please contact Philip Cotton, 01670 787 228 or philipandwendycotton@yahoo.co.uk.

Local Computer Classes

Do you want to learn how to use a computer? Are you curious about the Internet? Why not book a one-to-one session at Alnwick Library with our Digital Champion? The sessions are free of charge and you can attend as a one-off or for a few weeks.

Whether you have a goal in mind or just want to find out more about computers, our Digital Champion can help. Learn what you can do on the Internet – how you can save money and time online, find useful information, research your family history, keep in touch with your friends and much more. Our sessions are tailored to what you want to learn.

To book a session contact the Library on 01670 622 154.

Neighbourhood Watch Update: July / September 2015

Due to the vigilance of our residents there is very little to report during the above period; the most local police reports have been:

- ▶ Overnight between 18th & 19th July a car battery was removed from a scrap car within an insecure compound in Old Swarland.
- ▶ Overnight between 16th & 17th July a report was received of some money unaccounted for at an address in Longfram.
- ▶ A 19 year-old male smashed both headlights as well as damaging the bonnet of a vehicle outside his former home in the Felton area. He also caused damage to a window in the house. Enquiries are continuing to locate him.

The majority of crime reports in our police updates currently relate to the Rothbury area.

N.B. Please be aware that **telephone fraudsters are targeting people in the county.** They pretend to be police or bank officials. They say that your bank account is at risk of being hacked and you face having money stolen. I suggest that you put the phone down immediately and inform the police on 101 ext. 69191.

Please inform me if you have any problems regarding **cold callers.** Recently there has been a spate of these in the village. They are completely undeterred by the warning stickers most of us display.

If you wish to contact your local officer, please contact: Sergeant 1883 Graham Vickers, Coquetdale Neighbourhood Policing Team, Rothbury Police Office, Front Street, Rothbury, NE65 7TZ. Tel. 101 Extension 61353.

Harold Hinchliffe, 2 Nile Drive, Swarland. Tel. 01670 783 669 Mob. 07713 097 250

Swarland Village Action

Sale of Golf Balls

Golfers please note that golf balls are still available at the excellent price of 20p each. **Please knock at No.5 The Square.**

Swarland Craft Group, Swarland Village Hall, Wednesdays 1.30-3.30pm.

Why not come and visit the Swarland Craft Group. You can take part in many crafts: glass-decorating, card-making, painting, knitting, lacemaking and much *more*. Both men and women are welcome; it is a good way to learn new skills and meet new friends.

The cost is £1 to cover refreshments and to keep out the riff-raff!

In addition to the Club afternoons, there are special trips to events throughout the year. In 2015 we have been to York and will go to Pins & Needles at Gosforth Park. We have our own Christmas Fair and our Christmas meal out.

For further information please contact Margaret, Tel 01670 787 705, or Joyce, Tel 01670 787 855.

Swarland First School News



The children of Swarland First School have settled in well to their new term and we are pleased to welcome ten new starters to our school. Any prospective parents wishing to have a look around the school are more than welcome to make an appointment to come and see all of the fantastic things that go on at our school.

In the last week before we broke up for the Summer holiday, Swarland First School was awarded the Silver Eco-Schools Award. This was to acknowledge the fantastic work carried out by our children and staff, led by our school Eco-Council. They have worked hard this year creating an eco-code, nominating energy monitors, auditing their provision, creating an action plan and involving the school community in a fantastic eco-art project which is displayed in our hall. Well done to everyone who helped us achieve this award.



In our cultural topic we studied the country of China. The whole school visited the Oriental Museum to learn about the culture, handle artefacts and take part in a traditional dragon dance. We worked with artists to collect recycled materials and create a wonderful Chinese Dragon.

Loiuse Fletcher, Head Teacher

Mobile Library Dates

The mobile library comes to the parish every other Wednesday morning. It stops in **Swarland** opposite **The Square** from **10.00 - 11.00** and in **Newton on the Moor** from **11.10 - 11.30**. If you miss these it's also in **Guyzance** from 11.40 – 12.00 and **Old Felton** from 12.15 – 12.35.

The next few dates are as follows: **7th & 21st October, 4th & 18th November and 2nd & 16th December**. We value the service, so “use it or lose it”.

Newton on the Moor & Swarland Parish Council

Superfast Broadband in Newton on the Moor

Parish Councillors are still hopeful that the promised superfast broadband will be installed by BT by the end of 2015 as part of this stage of the iNorthumberland project. Officers at NCC confirmed this is the current plan.

Parish Boundary Review

Prompted by a recent planning application in Felton Parish but which is on the edge of Swarland, Parish Councillors have started looking at the possibility of a review of the Parish Boundary. The seven Parish Councils that border our Parish have been contacted and invited to join in discussions, and residents will also be consulted. If you have any views on this please don't hesitate to contact the Clerk.

Bus Service

The item in the last Column on the provision (or rather the lack) of a regular bus service prompted a number of residents to voice their opinions and all emphasised the desperate need for the reinstatement of regular public transport in the Parish.

Currently the only service is that provided by the Parish Council (PC) which runs on a 'dial a ride' basis to Alnwick and back on Thursdays (for details contact the Clerk). The funding for this provision runs out in February 2016 so alternative support is to be sought to allow it to continue.

Parish Councillors are once more working on a case to put to Arriva. It is vital for the PC to have as much evidence of support as possible to back this. If you could add your comments please contact the Clerk.

Action to be taken on speeding

An issue has been raised by a Swarland resident regarding Nelson Drive, Kenmore Road and Percy Drive where roads are being damaged by builders' trucks that are also speeding. It was agreed that more evidence is needed to see how widespread the problem is. If any residents have any information please contact the Clerk.

Shepherd's Hut in Vyner Park

It was agreed in principle that a local resident would be allowed to operate a mobile flower, fruit, veg and tinned essentials shop in the form of a Shepherd's Hut sited in Vyner Park. Details have to be worked out but it is hoped it will open in November this year, complementing the services already provided by Nelson's and the Club in Swarland.

Finally, the Parish Council's website has been relaunched and is up and running in a simple form. Further development of the site is planned and suggestions for improvement are welcomed. You can visit the site at: <http://newtononthemoorandswarlandparishcouncil.org.uk> .

If any residents would like further information on any of the issues mentioned please contact me.

Jan Anderson, PC Clerk: janandersonpc@gmail.com 01665 575 145. 16 Newton on the Moor, Morpeth, NE65 9JY

Swarland Moor Local Heritage Group

1945 returned to Swarland for the Village Show and the exhibition and 'tasters' provided by the Heritage Group seemed very popular. A huge thank you to all those ladies in the Group who baked wartime recipes for the tasters and also to Audrey who though not a member brought us a delicious lentil bake; to the Bailiffgate Museum who allowed me to cherry pick their wartime collections; to Doreen and Eddie Davison who loaned actual artefacts from Eddie's wartime flying ops - it was both meaningful and a real privilege to be able to salute our own village hero. Finally, my heartfelt thanks to those members of the group who stayed longer than planned and helped clear up. I simply could not have done without you. You were all brilliant and so supportive.

Our new season began on **8th September** with a most interesting talk by John Turner on the POW camp at Darras Hall. Not only did he give us a photographic and detailed idea of what the camp was like, he also introduced us to and followed up on some of the inmates; it was surprising how many POW's either settled here in UK or made frequent returns.

On **13th October**, we are in for a treat. In 2013, Anne Taylor, a Swarland resident, had a well-written and exciting first novel set during WW2 published. She is coming to talk to us about how she came to write the book, where she found her inspiration, characters and plot, and will no doubt give us an insight into the difficult world of publishing. It promises to be a very entertaining evening. One lucky person will win a copy of her book and others will be available to buy. Ideal stocking fillers! I may even persuade her to do some signings! They say there is a book in all of us but, if like me you have got as far as the title and no further, this evening may be just the inspiration you need.

On **10th November**, Mr Geoff Hughes will tell us about the "Rise and Fall of Delaval Hall". The Delavals are a colourful family, so I'm sure this will be another unmissable evening.

We always look forward to new members but equally welcome those who just want to come for a particular evening. Rates for visitors are £2.50 and we meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Club. Look forward to seeing you.

As a footnote, many people enjoyed some of the wartime recipes which came from a variety of sources including Marguerite Patten's book 'We'll Eat Again', the Duchess' School Cookbook of Vera Vaggs and the Imperial War Museum.

Here are two of the popular ones which you may care to try for your families.

Kitchen Front Ginger Cake

300g/11oz melted margarine. 1 egg. 130g/4½ oz plain flour. Pinch salt. 400g/14oz golden syrup. 225g/8oz self raising flour. 1 rounded tsp cinnamon. 110g/4¼oz soft dark brown sugar 1½ tsp bicarbonate of soda.

Heat oven to 150C/130c fan/ Gas 2. Grease and line a 26cm cake tin. Gently melt the marg and syrup in a pan. Beat egg. Place flours, ginger, cinnamon, salt and sugar into a food mixer. Mix at slow speed. With mixer running, pour in the marg and syrup, then add the egg. Dissolve bicarbonate in 175ml warm water, then pour into the bowl with mixer running. Spoon into tin, smooth over top. Bake 1 hour (or until cocktail stick comes out clean). Turn onto rack to cool.

Trevor's Bit

Grass cutting along our roadsides is still unsatisfactory with some verges still waiting to be cut for the first time. However, the administration has undertaken to conduct a review of this service. This situation has occurred following this operation being taken in-"house" to save money, but lack of plant and machinery has resulted in a very poor service.

The County Council together with partners made an excellent job of hosting the Tour of Britain cycle race. I attended this event in Alnwick in mid-September when cyclists rode from Kelso to Blyth – the operation was very well organised and the atmosphere in Alnwick Market Place was electric. New charges have been introduced for soil, building materials and rubble at or Household Waste Recovery Centres. There is a real worry that this will lead to an increase in fly-tipping across the county.

The Country Life Magazine has launched a campaign to clean up our countryside to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. I support this crusade to clean up our countryside and hope that parish councils in my patch might embrace this movement.

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Trevor Thorne

County Councillor for Shilbottle Ward

01665 570 249 trevor.thorne@northumberland.gov.uk

Alnwick & District Choral Society

Remembrance Day Concert

John Rutter

Requiem & Motets for Remembrance Day

Conductor Peter Brown

with Alan Gidney on the Organ and Deborah Thorne on the Cello

Sunday 8th November

7.30pm in St Paul's Church, Alnwick

Admission £10 at the door / Students free

The charity benefitting from this concert will be the North Northumberland Hospice group.

Don't forget our very popular **Christmas Concert** with the **Reg Vardy Band**, to be held in the Alnwick Playhouse on **Saturday 19th December at 7.30pm.**



Fiona's Spanish Culinary Hots

Hello my Dears. Humour (in Spanish 'humor' with a silent 'h') varies hugely across Europe. The Brigadier, in splendid English fashion with just a hint of clipped military overtones, loves his double entendres but he's finding it somewhat tricky trying to pass them off in Elche. A lot of Spanish humour can be quite crude but they have some insightful phrases like 'Tener una empanada mental' – 'to have a mental pasty' (to be absent-minded or confused). Then there's 'Cantarle uno el pozo' – 'one's well is singing' (to have bad breath). Finally 'Estar metido en el ajo' – 'to be inside the garlic' (be aware of or involved in a secret or private matter). Great linguistic fun!

The Brigadier and I have survived the very hot months of July and August. August saw Elche celebrating the catholic festival of 'The Assumption of our Lady' with endless processions and firework displays. For days we didn't make bed till 2 or 3am! Our language skills progress. Without noticing, we appear to have crossed a Rubicon in our spoken Spanish and there is more of a flow and understanding in our communications, the result of increased confidence and making new friends. Summer produces a huge variety of fresh fruit and vegetables and the tomatoes are just fantastic. Practically every day for 4 months we have enjoyed all meals outside on the terrace.

Here's a recipe for one of those exquisite Arab pastries we come across in this part of Spain. I tracked it down in Claudia Roden's 'Tamarind and Saffron':

Almond Fingers. Ingredients: 250g ground almonds, 120g caster sugar, 3 tbsp orange blossom water, 250g Filo pastry, 90g unsalted butter, icing sugar to decorate. Mix the almonds, sugar and orange-blossom water. Cut the sheets of filo into four strips and pile them up so that they do not dry out. Brush each strip lightly with melted butter and put 1 heaped tsp of the almond mixture at one end. Roll up into a cigar shape, folding the longer sides slightly over the filling midway. Place on a buttered baking tray and bake in a preheated oven at 160°C for 30 minutes or until lightly golden. Serve cold, sprinkled with icing sugar.

Despite two sessions of yoga a week, cycling, walking and swimming, the Brigadier and I have surely slowed down. I'll be 70 in January 2017 - no chance now of a glittering career in genetic engineering!!!! Janet Caird's poem "Ageing" says it all; "It crept up gradually, no dramatic leap, but was there curling round legs hindering steps, laying a lethargic paw over fingers, brushing fur across the eyes. One learns to live with it. It sits on the hearth purring cosily, but the claws dig deep and the bite is mortal".

We're soon visiting Seville, Madrid and Valencia, and then in December, Edinburgh, Belfast and Dublin. We are planning a visit to see my sister in Australia next year, maybe via Japan, returning via Hong Kong. But we're looking forward to winter here - it's more like a good British summer!

The Brigadier and I are pleased that we've set out on this new journey in our lives wherever it may take us. It has been a physical and emotional challenge but I think Mark Twain got it right when he said "Years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did".

Hasta luego.

Fiona

Carrot cookies (12-15 cakes)

1 tbsp marg. 2 tbsp sugar and a little extra for sprinkling on tops. Few drops vanilla, almond essence or orange flavouring. 4 tbsp grated raw carrots. 6 tbsp SR flour or plain flour + ½ tsp baking powder. (to get a full tbsp of marg, plunge spoon into boiling water, then cut out the fat with the hot spoon. In this way a piece just the right quantity will be obtained). Cream marg and sugar till fluffy. Beat in flavouring and carrots. Fold in flour or flour and baking powder. Drop spoonfuls into small greased patty tins. Sprinkle tops with sugar. Cook in brisk oven(190c) for 20 minutes. Enjoy!

If you want any details about the Heritage Group please ring 01670 787 121.

Caroline Thomas

Show Piece: October 2015

Hello to all who visited the Show on Saturday 29th August. We hope you enjoyed yourselves despite the occasional downpour. It was a Northumberland Summer Production after all and we certainly continued right up to the end.

We are very grateful to everyone who has helped us in big ways and small. We can't name everyone but without the support of Avril Plumpton, Robert Brotherton, Frank Preston, Suzanne Stanley, Richard Millican, Lynn, Kelly, Sheila Woolfrey and the staff from Nelsons, Ernie Hill, Adam & the guys from Percy Wood, the show would have struggled to get off the ground and certainly might not have been under cover.

We are also very grateful to the local businesses who gave prizes for the raffle, including Rix, Cook & Barker, Percy Wood, Nelson's and the Running Fox as well as those a bit further afield. All prizes have been claimed.

Thanks also to Caroline Thomas and her colleagues from Swarland Moor Local Heritage Group for a fantastic display of WWII information and memorabilia. In true wartime spirit Caroline coped with a lot of preparation despite her house undergoing a major refurbishment. It was certainly worth the effort as lots of show visitors enjoyed sampling foods made with wartime ingredients, a great example of bringing history back to life.

The Clankpreston - Have a go Agility & Fun Dog Show, was very popular and Alnwick Playhouse Concert Band played great music as usual. Those with enough energy even managed to join our Scottish dancers in a bit of Highland fling and the array of Classic Cars including lorries and motorbikes made a stunning sight. Kids made full use of the bouncy castles, laser quest, bungee trampolines and lots more, free after paying their £2 entry.

Thanks also to Madam Elena Murphy, a show stalwart who again twirled her tarot cards, and to all our other stall holders and exhibitors who helped to make the show such a lovely and enjoyable event. We welcome any feedback provided it is complimentary!

Photographs are now available on Facebook "Swarland Show" and updates will continue to be posted throughout the year. The Show AGM will be held in January – Date tbc, all welcome.

Signing out for 2015: Sue Brotherton, Claire Preston, Helen Handyside, Greg & Jan Anderson, Elizabeth Hilton, Harold & Jackie, and Jenny.

Red Squirrels update

Great news: a unique new project to secure the future of the native nutkin in the UK is set to receive £1.2million from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). The much-loved, endangered native Red Squirrel and its habitat will be protected and promoted through *Red Squirrels United*, a new 4 year programme bringing together 8 partners from across the UK.

Red Squirrels United will operate directly in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and work with the Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels partnership on cross-border conservation action and skills-sharing to achieve the development of a truly UK-scale Red Squirrel conservation initiative for the first time. The project will deliver key national conservation objectives with the aim of protecting Red Squirrels through communication, education and conservation activities. It is supported by Government nature conservation agencies and the 32 organisations within the UK squirrel accord group.

Community-based rapid response teams will be created involving 1,250 volunteers who will be trained to conserve key Red Squirrel populations threatened by their interaction with non-native Grey Squirrels. These volunteers will be supported by partner organisation staff, building the large networks of Red Squirrel champions essential for conservation success. Partners will maintain Grey Squirrel-free habitat where it already exists, e.g. on the island of Anglesey and in Kielder Forest in northern England, extend current Red Squirrel protection zones in mid-Wales and Merseyside and implement a new whole-country approach in N Ireland. All conservation work will be rigorously monitored, contributing to robust scientific research and evaluation to be undertaken by academic partners.

You can help by continuing to report Red or Grey Squirrels (alive or dead) anywhere in the area. **Please phone 07779 69 40 06 or 01670 787 916 or email lowercoquetdaleredsquirrels@gmail.com (ideally with an OS Grid Reference or at least a precise location) so that I can pass your sighting(s) on for recording as part of the RSNE region's figures.**

If you'd like to get more involved, please contact Bryan on 01670 787 916 (or maxitoby1@gmail.com) or Rosie Mould on 01665 570 129 (or rosiemould@hotmail.com).

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Jubilee Hall, Newton on the Moor

Saturday 10th October: Coffee Morning **10am – noon.**

N.B. **This will be in the main hall, as the Reading Room is now too small.** Other regular events continue as usual. The Hall can now offer an extended stage as extra stage blocks have been acquired.

Saturday 17th October: Harvest Supper Night with **The Border Tarts** (singing group) and **Fiddlezonly** (the Village Hall Fiddle Band). **7.30pm.** Pay at the door, £6 includes tea or coffee with a supper. **We may have a BAR.** Come and enjoy an evening of entertainment from the singers and fiddlers. Book a table 01665 575 232. All proceeds in aid of the Village Hall funds.

Saturday 31st October: We are holding an informative **Wine Tasting Evening at 7.30pm**, featuring the wines of South America. Suzanne Lock from Advintage Wines will be educating our palates with a selection of red & white wines, together with a commentary on their regions of origin. Cheese & bread will be provided.

The cost will be £10.00 per head at the door, and all are welcome. **Please contact Dudley Williams (01665 581 531) in advance** so that we shall have an idea of the numbers wishing to attend.

Saturday 14th November: Traditional Music Night and Supper with Andrew Davison (champion piper) Ian Scott, Jimmy Little, compered by Bob Bolam. Come and hear a feast of traditional tunes. £6 at the door. Book a table 01665 575 232.

Saturday 21st November: Coffee Morning and Crafts **10am – noon.** Contact any Committee Member for more information.

Saturday 12th December: Coffee Morning and songs with the Silver Singers **10am – noon.**

Susan Clarke, Jubilee Hall Chairman

Bonfire Night Fun for the Parish

Bonfire and fireworks as usual at Vyner Park, Swarland
on **Friday 6th November.**

Bring a torch – it's dark on the Park. Pay at the gate.
Refreshments.

and

Build-a-Guy Competition

Entries please **by 30th October** for judging before 6th
November. Please sit them in the changing room area of the
Pavilion,
labelled with your name(s) and a contact number.

Swarland Craft Group Christmas Fair

Saturday 7th November

10am to 12 noon

Swarland Village Hall

Locally-made craft goods will be on sale including toys, knitwear, cards, cakes, paintings and much more.

Entry £1; accompanied children free.

Entry fee includes tea, coffee or squash and a biscuit.

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The Hall offers seating space for up to 120 people, a stage with lighting and a modern sound system (plus hearing loop), a kitchen and toilets.

Current activities in the Hall include the following:

Archery Practice starts again on Monday evenings from **5th November**. Taster sessions, beginners' course and coaching are available at very reasonable costs. The Club can supply all equipment. Contact Steve Woolfrey on 01670 787 883 or sands@swoolfrey.freesevice.co.uk.

Karate Classes every Tuesday **5.30 - 8.30pm**. Contact Gary Davidson on 07930 838 872.

Swarland Craft Group on Wednesdays **1.30 – 3.30pm**. £1.00 per session includes refreshments. New members always welcome. For further details ring Margaret 01670 787 705 or Joyce 01670 787 855.

Swarland Carpet Bowls Club on Thursday evenings. New members are always welcome. If you would like to give it a try, just come along. For more information, contact Jack Dobson on 01670 787 836.

If you wish to book the Hall for group or private use **please contact Bryan Stanley**, details at the front of The Column.

Vyner Park Update

After the initial success of Nelson's, the Vyner Park Committee is looking for new ideas and people to help make them happen. If you have any ideas that might help to improve the Park further, and you have the ability to organize them, then we want to hear from you.

Please contact us by email at vynerpark@gmail.com by **3rd Nov**.

Also, don't forget membership is free until May 2016, so download your VP Bowls and Tennis Subscription form from www.vynerpark.org.uk.

**Deadline for items for the December issue of
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Recycling Corner:

Why not recycle your unwanted items through The Column? Recipients of free items are asked to make a small donation towards this newsletter's running costs. Items for sale? – If successful, the seller is asked to make a donation.

Approximately **12m of 10cm black plastic land drain**. Free to a good home, but a contribution to The Column would be appreciated. Phone 01670 783 441.

Folding golf trolley (not electric) free to a good home. 01670 787 007.

Swarland First School

The Governors of Swarland First School require a **Part-time Lunchtime Supervisor**. This is an opportunity to work as part of our team in this happy school, supporting pupils during lunchtimes. We are looking for someone with excellent interpersonal skills who can communicate positively with children and respond to the needs of each individual child, encouraging their personal, social and emotional development.

The role will include supporting children in the dining hall and leading games in the playground.

This is a permanent part time post. Term time only. 6 hours a week.

Band 1 Point 5-9 £12,435 to £13,725 per annum pro rata.

Required from **1st September 2015** or as soon as possible thereafter.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS disclosure is required for this post.

For further details and an application pack, please contact Mrs Hall in the school office on 01670 787 346 or e-mail us at

admin@swarland.northumberland.sch.uk.

Further information about the school can be found on our website:

www.swarland.northumberland.sch.uk.

NCC Consultation on proposals for Schools in the Alnwick Partnership

Consultation continues on proposals for schools in the Alnwick Partnership area. The consultation document which sets out the purpose of the consultation is available on the NCC's website at: northumberland.gov.uk/alnwickconsult.

The consultation period runs until 22nd October 2015. Hard copies of the consultation documents are available from Lorraine Fife on 01670 624 050. Needless to say we are all very concerned about the future of Swarland First School.

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Why not recycle your unwanted items through The Column? Recipients of free items are asked to make a small donation towards this newsletter's running costs. Items for sale? – If successful, the seller is asked to make a donation.

Approximately **12m of 10cm black plastic land drain**. Free to a good home, but a contribution to The Column would be appreciated. Phone 01670 783 441.

Folding golf trolley (not electric) free to a good home. 01670 787 007.

Swarland First School

The Governors of Swarland First School require a **Part-time Lunchtime Supervisor**. This is an opportunity to work as part of our team in this happy school, supporting pupils during lunchtimes. We are looking for someone with excellent interpersonal skills who can communicate positively with children and respond to the needs of each individual child, encouraging their personal, social and emotional development.

The role will include supporting children in the dining hall and leading games in the playground.

This is a permanent part time post. Term time only. 6 hours a week.

Band 1 Point 5-9 £12,435 to £13,725 per annum pro rata.

Required from 1st September 2015 or as soon as possible thereafter.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS disclosure is required for this post.

For further details and an application pack, please contact Mrs Hall in the school office on 01670 787 346 or e-mail us at

admin@swarland.northumberland.sch.uk.

Further information about the school can be found on our website:

www.swarland.northumberland.sch.uk.

NCC Consultation on proposals for Schools in the Alnwick Partnership

Consultation continues on proposals for schools in the Alnwick Partnership area. The consultation document which sets out the purpose of the consultation is available on the NCC's website at: northumberland.gov.uk/alnwickconsult.

The consultation period runs until 22nd October 2015. Hard copies of the consultation documents are available from Lorraine Fife on 01670 624 050. Needless to say we are all very concerned about the future of Swarland First School.

