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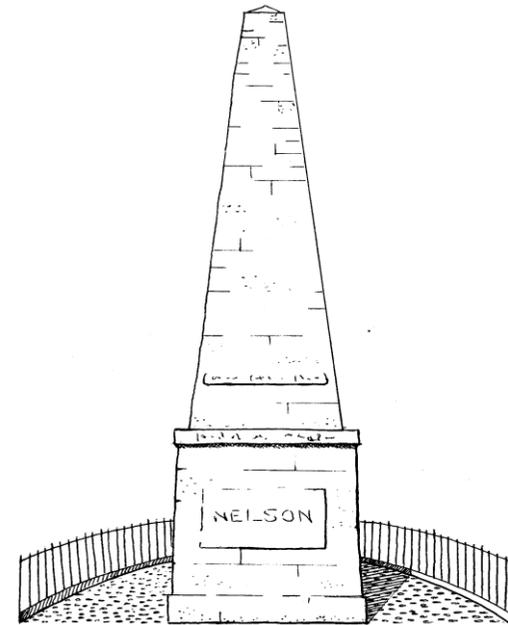
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**Unless some others come forward to organise the
Parish Clean-up this year SVA will not be able to
run this. Contact the Editor if you can help.**

Welcome to your first issue of **The Column** in 2016 and if you're new to the area, welcome to you too. We hope you have had a pleasant Christmas break and wish you all the best for 2016. If you wish to put something into the next issue **please supply it for inclusion in the April issue by Wednesday 23rd March 2016.**

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

Swarland Village Action

Spring Parish Clean-Up

On behalf of SVA and the community I would like to thank Ken Walters for doing the bulk of organising the parish clean-up each spring for many years. Sadly without help and a suitable vehicle / trailer we cannot go ahead with a clean-up this year.

Please contact me if you would be prepared to organise it – there will be help available.

Ed.

Swarland Moor Local Heritage Group

Once again we enjoyed a memorable Christmas dinner at the Golf Club where the staff gave us a superb evening. It really was the perfect start to Christmas and judging from the number of emails I have since received, all those present thought so too. Many, many thanks to Kayley, Liam, Chef and those behind the scenes.

As we start 2016, I would like to thank the Swarland Working Men's Club very much indeed for making us so welcome each month and allowing us to use the concert room for our meetings.

Our next speaker, on **Tuesday 9th February** will be Mr Bob Harrison and his talk entitled "**Anecdotes of the Napoleonic Wars**". Last year you may remember, Bob, who was Head Forester for the Duke of Northumberland, gave us a most enjoyable evening on the subject of forestry. I'm sure this will be another good evening.

On **Tuesday 8th March**, Mr Andy Griffin will be talking on "**Wallington, Hall of Fame**". One of our members, Andy has a great love of history and detail and I'm sure this will be another evening not to miss.

Looking further ahead, our speaker on **Tuesday 12th April** will be Mr W. Ricalton. The title of his talk already has me riveted! "**WWII - A Secret War - Swarland in mortal danger!**" Eat your heart out 'Starwars'!

New members are always warmly welcomed but we are equally pleased to welcome those who wish to listen to just a particular talk or speaker. Rates for visitors are £2.50 per person and membership from February to and including June will be £6.25.

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in Swarland Village Club. Any enquiries about the Heritage Group please ring 01670 787 121. Looking forward to seeing you.

Caroline Thomas

Neighbourhood Watch Update: November / December 2015

Swarland / Longframlington

***Longframlington** - Damage to a garage door occurred between 18/12/15 & 20/12/15 at Cairn Park.

***Brinkburn Priory** - The theft of a phone occurred between 18.00 & 20.00hrs Saturday 12/12/15. It was removed from an unattended bag at a wedding event.

***Swarland Old Hall** - A child's sports bag and sports equipment was removed from the boot of an unattended vehicle between 29/11/15 & 05/12/15.

Swarland, Nelson Drive - An iphone charger & £2.45 cash was taken from an unattended, insecure vehicle parked on a residential drive between 30/11/15 & 01/12/15.

Incidents in other areas

***Rothbury** - Fraud by false representation. Theft of a lady's watch from a cupboard behind the bar area of a Rothbury public house.
Criminal damage to a vehicle & Common Assault by a 21 year-old female.
Criminal damage to a window at the Coquetvale Hotel.

***Alwinton** - Burglary at a holiday cabin.

***Shawdon Hall** - Burglary other than dwelling.

***Glanton** - Theft of work tools from a secure vehicle.

The following link provides useful home and personal security information:-
[http://](http://www.northumbria.police.uk/advice&information/crimeprevention/index.asp)

www.northumbria.police.uk/advice&information/crimeprevention/index.asp .

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

Jubilee Hall, Newton on the Moor

Every **Tuesday** is Bowls Club with lots of matches coming up with other villages in the area. New members are always welcome.

Friday 12th February - Dance to the music of Terry Deane.

Saturday 13th February - 10am to noon. Coffee morning with bacon and sausage rolls as a winter treat, so don't have breakfast before you come! Also we'll be having a Valentine raffle.

Sunday 21st February - Meeting of St. James' Church at 12pm.

Saturday 12th March - 10am to noon, coffee morning with bacon and sausage rolls. Also an early Easter raffle.

Friday 18th March - Dance to Terry Deane's music.

Judy Williams, Jubilee Hall Treasurer

Swarland Village Action

Sale of Golf Balls

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

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 meetings are:

15th February: Graeme Young: “Excavations of the Pre-historic Wetlands at Bamburgh.”

21st March: AGM & Eleanor George: “The Pumphreys - Newcastle Quakers & Tea & Coffee Dealers”.

18th April: Ken Hutchinson: “Newcastle behind the scenes - artworks, sculptures, plaques and memorials”.

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

Red Squirrels update

Our application for a grant to help develop a website to keep the local community informed as to what's happening in the area, and provide another way to report Red or Grey sightings, has unfortunately not been successful. We hope we can still go ahead with the website asap.

There have been very few sightings since before Christmas - there have been two reports of Greys which seem to have been passing through and TWO reports of a Red where others have been seen before. It is a constant and ongoing challenge, but with our collective efforts, there can be a brighter future for our native Red Squirrels.

You can continue to help by reporting 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 we 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).

Bryan Stanley

NotM & Swarland Parish Council (December - January)

Parish Council Budget

With no monthly meeting in December, the Parish Council met on 27th January, to settle the budget for 2016/17, a major part of which would be the budget for the new Vyner Park Charity. We welcomed the enormous progress that was being made at Vyner Park: not least, the sports activities, Nelson's, the Shepherd's Hut, the fireworks and the Village Show. The VP Charity is planning to generate an additional £1,000pa operational income next year, and the Charity's call on the Parish Council's resources is due to reduce significantly. County Cllr Trevor Thorne is looking to apply much of his NCC 'small schemes' allowance to some VP improvements. We have increased our provision for the two village halls, and we expect to make significant savings on the cost of our commissioned weekly bus service. The outcome is that the Parish Precept will be reduced from £20,000 to £18,000. We are all very grateful for the enthusiasm and support which has been given by the VP trustees, Nelson's, the Show and Fireworks volunteers, Percy Wood and others.

Dial-a-Ride Bus Service

We will continue to commission a Dial-a-Ride bus service in 2016/17 for local residents every Thursday, taking them to Alnwick for several hours. Quotes are being sought at present from several operators. If residents would like any more information about the service, please contact the Clerk.

Superfast Broadband

Residents and Councillors are concerned that the promised installation of Superfast Broadband in Newton on the Moor still hasn't appeared although a planning notification for a new 'green cabinet' has been submitted to NCC. We will be contacting BT and our MP to maintain the pressure.

Parish Boundary Review

Residents in and just outside the Parish boundary are to be asked their opinions on potential boundary changes to the Parish.

First Aid Training for local volunteers

The Show Committee is planning to run some accredited first-aid training which will be open to anyone who is willing to volunteer for first aid duty at any community events within the Parish. The Parish Council is looking to part-fund this training. If you are interested in participating in the scheme, please contact the Parish Clerk.

If you have any queries please contact the Parish Council Clerk, Jan Anderson at 16 Newton on the Moor, Morpeth NE65 9JY.

Tel. 01665 575 145 or janandersonpc@gmail.com.

**Pest Management
Services**

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Contact Rory Brotherton
01670 788 174 or 07769 176 666

Mobile Library Dates

The mobile library comes to the parish every other **Wednesday** morning. It stops in **Swarland** opposite **The Square from 10.00 - 11.00am** and in **Newton on the Moor from 11.10 - 11.30am**. If you miss these it's also in **Guyzance** from 11.40am – 12.00 and **Old Felton** from 12.15 – 12.35pm. The next few dates are as follows: **3rd & 17th February, 2nd, 16 & 30th March and 13th & 27th April 2016**. Value the service? "Use it or lose it".

Swarland Village Hall Activities

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 on Monday evenings till **end of March 2016**. 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.freeserve.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 a group or private use **please contact Bryan Stanley**, details at the front of The Column.

**Deadline for items for the April issue of
The Column: Wednesday 23rd March 2016.**

Northumbrian Water & the Old A1

Before Christmas a great many residents were puzzled by all the work going on along the old A1 between Leamington Lane and the Guyzance crossroads: traffic lights, diggers, a moler, big lorries etc, not to mention all the mud and frustration as you just missed a green light and had to wait for two changes before you could proceed. Northumbrian Water Ltd had not told the Parish Council or any residents about this work. It has been established that NWL has been installing a new southern trunk water main, which serves no function for our community but is merely passing through it. AOne had agreed that spoil from the moleing could be stored near the Guyzance cross roads. After a number of complaints it was agreed that FastFlow should try to keep the roads a bit cleaner during the rest of the work. The site was left over the Christmas break and the remainder of work to make various connections to the main and finish tidying the area were then completed in the New Year.

Let's hope we're told in advance when the next utility company plans to undertake some work in the parish and that it is completed more tidily and quickly.

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 small donation as above. Thank you to the recipient of 6 Boxes of Gutter Gard, for a donation to SVA to help support The Column.

Horse Manure – free to good home – various load sizes delivered within the Parish. Spring is just round the corner so time to stock up. Contact: Robert on 07927 588 864.

Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) "The Garden" magazine, back copies, monthly from March 1999 to December 2014. Anyone interested in some or all of these copies should contact Bryan on 01670 787 916.

FOR SALE: 4 x Lassa Snoways WINTER tyres. Only 31% used (ie 6mm tread left). Tyre size 175/65R14. £25 o.n.o. each.

Reason for sale: car has just been replaced and replacement has bigger wheels. If interested, 01670 787 121. *"I really hope someone in the village will want them because they have made me feel very safe during the winter and would do someone else a good turn at this time of year."*

Vyner Park

Don't forget to use the sports facilities. Until May 2016, membership is free so download your VP Bowls and Tennis Subscription form from www.vynerpark.org.uk or contact us at vynerpark@gmail.com .

WINEFEST 2016

**By popular request we intend to hold a 'WINEFEST' at
SWARLAND VILLAGE HALL on
SATURDAY 19th March 2016 7.30pm**

As regulars know this is a FUN NIGHT, For those who have not previously attended a Winefest you will find the evening an excellent opportunity to meet friends and neighbours in an informal and relaxed atmosphere.

You will sample a number of wines red, white or rose depending upon the colour of wine you have submitted.

Although you will be asked to give a mark for each wine sampled (prizes awarded for the best wines) we don't take the evening too seriously. The emphasis is certainly on having fun. There will be a raffle and a pooled supper. Looking forward to seeing you there. All proceeds go to Swarland Village Hall.

**TICKETS (£3.50)
are now on sale from
NELSONS in the Park
or from
Steve & Sheila Woolfrey Tel 01670 787 883**

Collection of papered royal Mail stamps

Don't throw your old envelopes away, I am collecting used stamps (still on a small area of envelope) to sort into UK and Rest of the World, to be bagged up as kiloware and sold to raise money for Lower Coquetdale Red Squirrels.

Anyone willing to pass on their used stamps (even on much of the envelope) to help, please contact Bryan Stanley – details elsewhere.

Vyner Park Tidy-Up Sunday 13th March 10 am start

Come along to Vyner Park for a couple of hours and help us do some weeding / gardening.

Bring some work gloves and hand tools.
All ages welcome.

If people want to know more, please contact the PC Clerk,
Jan Anderson: janandersonpc@gmail.com 01665 575 145.
16 Newton on the Moor, Morpeth NE65 9JY.

Swarland & Newton on the Moor Show 2016

The few returning members of the show organising team have met and against their better judgement have committed to doing one last show.

This is scheduled to take place on Bank Holiday Saturday i.e. 27th August. Sadly, due to the lack of new volunteers, this is likely to be the final Show, bringing to an end a long-standing event in our community.

We intend to go out in a spectacular fashion, so keep an eye on our Facebook page for news and updates (Facebook – Swarland Show, or email swarlandmoorshow@gmail.com).

If you want to get involved please do not hesitate to contact us (Sue on 01670 787 078 or Claire on 01670 787 475). We need people to support us in a range of ways and would welcome anyone willing to get involved.

Sue Brotherton – on behalf of Swarland & NotM Show team

New Year, New Look For Vyner Park

The Vyner Park Committee is working on a fresh new logo to spruce up the look of Vyner Park and to help promote what it has to offer to the wider community.

The options are on display on the website (www.vynerpark.org.uk) and at Nelson's, where you can cast your vote.

Please be a part of choosing a new brand and get involved with what we hope will be an exciting year for the Park and for Swarland.

As always, please keep your ideas and suggestions coming, by emailing vynerpark@gmail.com.

Alnwick & District Choral Society

Presents

Mainly Mozart

A Concert to Welcome Spring

Conductor Peter Brown, Organist Alan Gidney.
Claire Boulter - Soprano, Jeanie Larkin - Alto,
Paul Rendall - Tenor, Paul Gibson - Bass.

Sunday 6th March 2016 at 7.30pm.

St Paul's Church, Alnwick.

Admission £10 at the Door. Students Free.



First Aid Training

Would you be interested in basic first aid training
and defibrillator use?

If so, contact Jan Anderson on 0665 575 145 or
janandersonpc@gmail.com .

Felton Park Greenhouse

Felton Park, an 18th century house set in an ancient wooded estate on the edge of Felton village, is home to a curvilinear greenhouse from an original design by John Claudius Loudon. With its potting shed to the rear, it has recently undergone restoration and conservation under the supervision of architects Spence and Dower. During an on-site tour at a seminar in September, Robin Dower explained to us the Grade II listed building's structure and the restoration work. Owner Tim Maxwell obtained help for the project from the Heritage Lottery Fund and Historic England.

The greenhouse is the familiar "lean-to" type against a heated wall for the growing of exotic and tender plants, but is unusual as one of the earliest surviving to use such slender curved wrought iron glazing bars and fish-scale glass (8500 panes) set into its cast-iron frame. W & D Bailey, a London company established 1810, developed the Loudon system, though it isn't clear if Felton is one of theirs. It would have been sold as a "flat pack" manufactured off-site – quite different to vernacular building which relied on local craftsmen using local materials in situ.

The first requirement on-site was therefore a precision-built plinth on which to erect the pre-formed frame. The kit came as sills with pre-formed sockets into which would drop interlocking vertical posts, with uniform casements to form the shallow vertical walls between them, gutter sections, and glazing bars for the gables, roof and internal partition. The glass is structural – it stabilises the otherwise flexible metalwork. The doors on this example are cast-iron plate, and the back wall with its heating vents was lime-rendered. The original maintenance ladder, shaped to follow the curved roof profile, is still in use, to the distress of health and safety specialists as it fits into the gutter rather than standing on terra firma.



Work under way – repainting all metal parts

Harry Beamish, archaeologist and garden historian, carried out a study nationally to see how unusual Felton's greenhouse is, and found the chief distinguishing features to be the flattish roof profile with its sudden drop, the existence of the access ladder, and the casements with their small corner rebates.

Robin Dower considered it a huge challenge to restore this almost derelict 90' x 30' building. The gutter alone was a major task after coping with centuries of rainwater and condensation. However the work was finally completed in late October 2015. You can find out more about the project on the greenhouse's own website: www.feltonparkgreenhouse.org .

Suzanne Stanley



