

VILLAGE REPORT FOR SWILLAND IPSWICH SUFFOLK

2025

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30TH January

Murder Mystery held at the Moon and Mushroom “on the piste”



8th February

Villagers knocked down the old boiler house at the church in preparation for the new kitchenette and toilet extension.



February

A leaflet drop and door knocking exercise throughout the village regarding the proposed Quarry at Westerfield.

April

Beginning of construction of very large extension at Low Farm House, Kirby Lane.



Planning application for 3 bungalows and garages at Browngates Swilland IP6 9LJ was not objected to by Swilland and Winesham grouped parish council.

May

Christian Aid Collection throughout the village raised £237.38.

2nd May Huntville High Road IP6 9LP, 3 bedroom Semi put on market , offers in excess of £450,000

22nd May

Emily Nightingale from Nightingale vets Ashbocking gave a very informative talk.

31st May Andrew and Joe Pratt held their wedding reception on the Poors land.

May

A Swilland and Witnesham Community project survey was conducted.

13th July

Music for a Summer Afternoon was held at St Marys Church. Concert was by the Village Voices and David Stainer. This was a fund raiser for the kitchenette and toilet project. £1037.06 was raised.



25th August (bank holiday) Silburys played out side the Moon and Mushroom.



13th September

Suffolk Ride and Stride. The Church received 6 Cyclists, 4 Striders and 2 drivers. Gill Reidy was the only rider from Swilland.

21st September

Swilland Dog Show, held on the Poors Land next to the Moon and Mushroom.

1st November

Daffodil planting along the High Road. Brian Williams, Gina Wilden, Paul Sharples. Bulbs donated by the Parish Council.

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Swilland Pumpkin Competition held at the Moon and Mushroom. There were 10 entries and the winners were Camilla Easton in the 11 year and over category and joint winners of the under 11 were Luna and Lyra Keen. Trophies were given to the winners and lots of sweets for all. Brian Williams was the Judge.



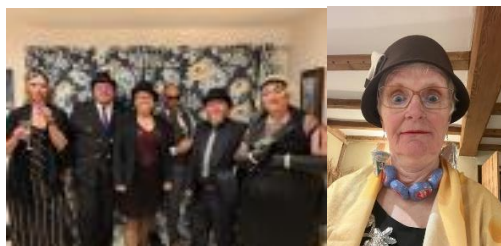
8th November

Church Yard Clean up

9th November

Remembrance service at the Memorial in the church yard.

13th November Murder Mystery at the Moon and Mushroom Mafia murder under the moon.



November

Works started on the Church Kitchen extension.

12th December

Christingle Service for Swilland and Witnesham school children. 99 people in attendance .

19th December

Carols through the village. Starting at 7 High Road for Mulled Wine and Mince Pies , walking from Gibraltar cross roads and finishing at the Moon and Mushroom. £226.85 was raised for East Anglian Childrens Hospice.

Quizzes are held at the moon and Mushroom 2nd Wednesday of every month , hosted by David Stainer .

Village Coffee Mornings are held most months on a Saturday in Villagers homes. The attendance is often poor.

A mens Group is held every 2 months at the Moon and Mushroom. A speaker gives a talk followed by supper.

Farming and weather News.

Swilland had 3 confirmed heatwaves before the 6th July.

Hottest May and June on record.

1 inch fell on the 6th July

Winter Barley and Rape harvest started 8th July- wall to wall sunshine.

30th July was the start of the wheat and bean harvest.

Harvest ended 8th August.

Footpaths were cut by contractors in June and 21st August.

Thanks also goes out to Derek Stennett, The Middletons, The Kemps and Kents for keeping footpaths accessible between times, especially before the 1st cut.