

JUNE

Swaton Newsletter - June & July 2018

The summer is finally here . . . we've had some fab weather and May Bank Holiday was certainly better than anyone expected. Let's hope 'The Hut BBQ' and 'Swaton Park' fund raisers are also blessed with plenty of sunshine but regardless of the weather please come along and support YOUR village – everyone's welcome.



Swaton Park Fete – Sunday June 10th 2pm-5pm - in the Park



Swaton PC is hosting its first summer fete to officially open the park & to raise some much-needed funds to complete the next phase – the installation of football goal posts and a ball-stopping net which is going to cost around £2,500.00.

There will be plenty of activities for the kids as well as mums and dads so please come along and bring some friends and family too. The afternoon will be packed with live music plus two very talented singers, horse riding & face-painting as well as tasty treats on offer from the tea tent or ice cream van and you can bag a bargain at the bric-a-brac & book stalls.

Hopefully the afternoon will bring out your competitive spirit too with you challenging the kids to a game of skittles, ball-in-a-bucket, welly-wanging, hook-a-duck, tin-can-alley or at the coconut shy. There'll also be a tombola & a wine & water game (see if you can find the hidden bottles of wine amongst those refilled with water !).

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED: If you are able to make or donate cakes, contribute goods or books for the bric-a-brac & book stalls or can pass on unwanted gifts/tins of food/bottles of booze etc for the tombola or can donate wine (including empty wine bottles with lids) then contact one of the team - all donations are much appreciated. If anyone can help on the day to set up the park in the morning or help with the games & activities in the afternoon please contact Elaine Penketh 421769 (for cake & Tombola) Alan Wilson 421 334 (re helping set up) or John Lukjaniec (421294) who is coordinating the park area clean-up on the 8th June as well as the bric-a-brac & book stalls.

Co-op - last year Swaton won over £9000 from the Co-op, this year as part of their clean up programme they are helping us clear the park of nettles & plant flowers ready for the fete – if you can give us a hand on **Friday 8th June** between 10am & 2pm please come along with spade, wheelbarrow or trowel.

SWATON COMMUNITY TRUST - JUNE & JULY

SATURDAY MORNING CAFÉ – 9.30am – 12 noon.



Every Saturday, 9.30am until 12 noon.
Tea, coffee, bacon rolls, homemade cakes and chat. Newspapers (available by pre-order only from Liz 421217). **We are looking for more people to help in the kitchen – please let us know if you are able to volunteer!**

SWATON SWIGGERS – 8.30pm EVERY FRIDAY

With a good selection of wines, beers, soft drinks and snacks available at very reasonable prices the Friday night bar is an ideal place to meet friends & neighbours for a catch-up chat and it's only a short walk home. Please come along and support the Swiggers bar – use it or lose it !



SOUP KITCHEN – 2nd MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH



Next dates are **11th June, 9th July & 13th August**. There is a choice of delicious homemade soups with fresh bread and /or jacket potatoes with various fillings. Its great value and very social. Forget that boring lunchtime sandwich – come along for a tasty, hot lunch amongst friends and support your Hut.

CINEMA CLUB – 2nd June, 7th July & 4th August.

First Saturday of the month is Cinema Club – you'll find full details of the films being shown on display in the hut or film and membership information can be obtained from Nicola Arnold (421 566). Doors open 7pm, film starts at 7.30pm. The bar will be open and refreshments available.



CRAFT CLUB

Every Tuesday morning from 9.30am. If you enjoy arts and crafts then come along on a Tuesday morning and work on your project amongst friends. It's a great opportunity to share your knowledge or learn a new skill. For more detail please contact Liz (421 217).

SWATON COMMUNITY HUT

FRIDAY 25TH MAY 2018

BBQ

HOT DOGS AND BURGERS

6.30pm – 8.30PM

BAR OPEN Until late

COME ALONG FOR A RELAXED, FUN EVENING

ALL THE FAMILY WELCOME !

Park fund raiser BBQ - Saturday 21st July - 4pm to 8pm



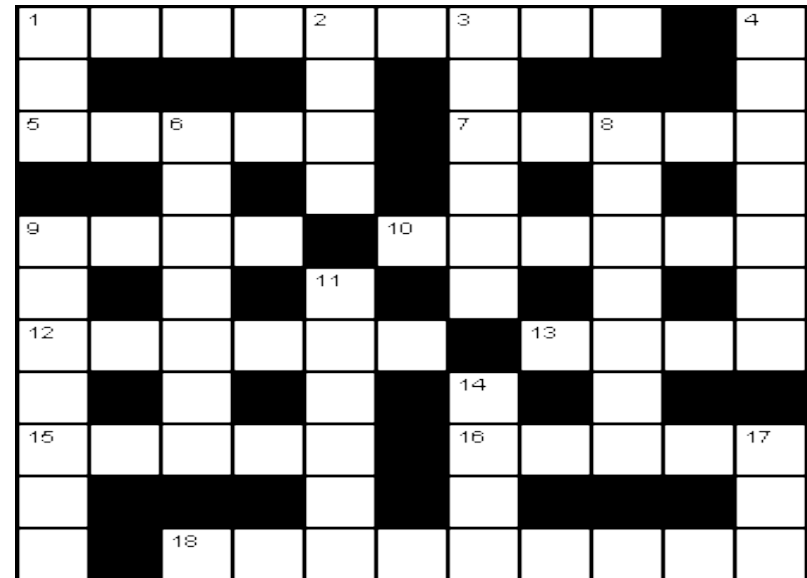
The park committee are working through the plans to have an evening BBQ for all the family in the park with a bar and music – date likely to be 21st July – more news soon when plans are finalised.

THANK YOU

To hold the fete, The Park Committee have had to beg, borrow & obtain various items to include blagging a large quantity of wood to renovate the fete games so a massive **THANK YOU** to **JEWSONS** who had their arm severely twisted & buckled under the pressure of charity. Also, a big thanks to everyone who has promised to buy or make cakes, given or giving bric-a-brac, donated goods, unwanted gifts, paint, gardening skills & grass mowing or simply giving up time on the day to help in the setting up or running of the fete – we couldn't do it without you.

We still need bottles of wine, bric-a-brac & books (in good condition) and items / tins / bottles / unwanted gifts for the Tombola etc as well as help on the day – if you can spare a few hours in the morning to set up or run a games stall in the afternoon or can help with the weed clearance & planting on the 8th please contact Elaine, Alan or John.

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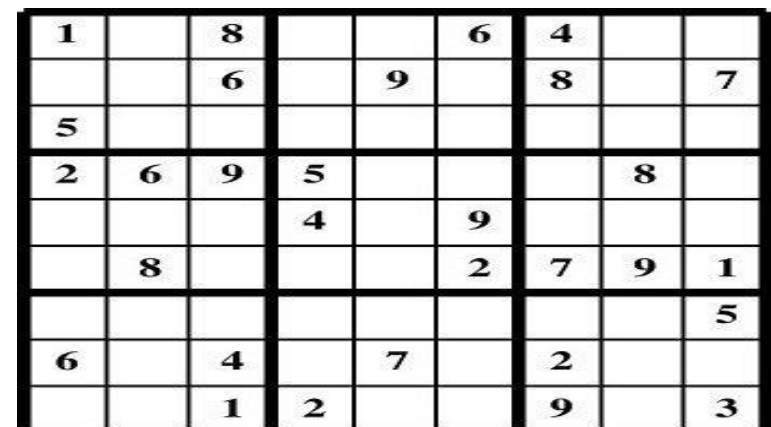


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1. Oily or greasy (9)
5. Bet (5)
7. Young eel (5)
9. Land measure (4)
10. Sultry (6)
12. Dairy product (6)
13. Hex (4)
15. Crowd scene actor (5)
16. Hidden drawback (5)
18. Accumulated (9)

Down

1. Cutting tool (3)
2. Remedy (4)
3. Wildcat (6)
4. Contradiction in terms (7)
6. Article of clothing (7)
8. Findings of a jury (7)
9. Of times long past (7)
11. Attack (6)
14. Dull pain (4)
17. Concealed (3)



NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY May 15th 2018



PRESENT: Cllrs A Deptford, (Chairman), Mrs E Penketh, A. Wilson, Cllr Mrs Murphy-Mann and Mrs S McIntyre - The Clerk

Apologies for Absence - Cllr Richardson. Cllr Cook
Police representative: PCSO Patrick Welby-Everard

Village representatives: Mrs J Patrick and Mr. C Campion were present.

Council Officers: Cllr Andrew Deptford remains as Chairman of Swaton Parish Council, but warned that this will be his last year. Cllr Alan Wilson was elected Vice Chairman.

Village Representatives: Swaton's representatives for village issues are: Cllr Richardson - Flood liaison. Cllr Mrs Penketh - Police & speeding issues, as well as play area & grants. Cllr Wilson - Play area, roads, paths lighting, footpaths & bridleways. Cllr Mrs Murphy-Mann - Fire, Health & safety issues. The Councillors will be supported by Village Representatives, Mrs J Patrick & Mr C Campion. If anyone sees any problems, please contact the appropriate Councillor or the Clerk – details on the website.

Village Issues: Swaton Councillors & County Council representatives had a village drive-about in May. Dangerous potholes were pointed out & urgent work promised. The Parish has also joined with 5 neighbouring parishes to write a joint letter to Councils, agencies & MP's about serious Highways issues. Some faulty or missing lighting has also been reported to NKDC & is being chased up as necessary. Parishioners are reminded to report issues such as potholes & faulty street lights directly to the appropriate council using their reporting procedures.

Annual Parish Meeting: The public who attended the Annual Parish Meeting heard the annual report from the Chairman & also the financial report. These can be seen on the Council website. PCSO Patrick Welby-Everard attended & said that NKDC had the lowest crime rate in the County. He said Swaton's rate was particularly low, & this was mainly due to the vigilance of the people in the village. He said that 'Hare Coursing' had declined by 30% mainly due to more specialist policing & stricter penalties. The Police are now recruiting more PCSO's & hoping to re-instate the Beat Manager & Neighbourhood policing system again. Funding is available for Community Speedwatch schemes & encouraged these as being effective.

Data Protection: Swaton Parish Council has to comply with the new Data Protection Regulations. Some new policies have been adopted & the Council's documents will be checked to ensure compliance with what should be retained. In due course, details of the policies will be on the website.

Audit: The 2017/18 audit information for the Parish Council has been completed & prepared for submission to the external auditor. The last meeting approved the various sections, which will be published on the website. Details of the availability of the information for a public inspection will be published.

Date of Next Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday July 17th, 2018. There is an open public session at 7.30pm followed by the meeting at 7.45pm.



VINTAGE DAY AND THE WORLD EGG THROWING CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY 24th JUNE 2018

There can be very few people around these parts that haven't heard of Swaton's Vintage day and the World Egg Throwing Championships.



Every year, as part of Swaton's Vintage Day, many thousands come to watch the challenge that takes place between competitors - some of whom travel from distant parts of the world to participate in the Egg Russian Roulette or to catapult an egg with the help of a trebuchet in to the hopefully steady hands of their team mates.

Swaton Vintage Day has lots to see including stalls selling a varied range of goods including plants & crafts as well as a tea tent, live music, steam engines, vintage cars & classic bikes, fairground rides. giant tortoises and lots more.

Swaton Vintage Day is a great day out for all the family and raises many thousands of pounds for worthy causes both local and national so don't have egg on your face and forget to pop along - put the date in your diary, tell all your friends and family and join in the fun. You can book space to have a stall to sell your products or simply spend a few hours watching the fun.



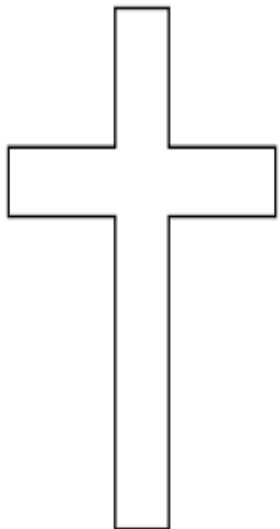
If you can spare a few hours and help out Charles Campion (The Chairman) still needs helpers and Liz Harborow (421217) is looking for people to make or donate cakes as well as help serve in the tea tent – please make contact if you can help in any way.

There is NO poop fairy!
Please pick up after your dog.



Dog mess is an eyesore and a health hazard and yet despite the Parish Council having installed new bins at both ends of the village there are still a few dog walkers who consider it's not their place to clean up after their furry friends !
Aside from dog poo left along North Drove, Parsons Drove, Pepper Lane and the pathway along the A52, there have been complaints of dogs fouling the grass verges directly outside resident's houses. If you are a dog owner, you have a legal duty to clean up every time your dog messes in a public place unless you are registered blind and own a guide dog. Please remember to keep a few poo bags in the car or your dog walking coat – it's an offence not to and not clearing up after your dog could cost you an 'on the spot fine' between £50 & £80 or even an appearance in court and a £1000 fine.

WORD FROM OUR REV:



Time to take a break

After sixteen years in full time ministry as either Church Army Officer, Curate or Rector I have been granted a Sabbatical by the Diocese. A period of three months break from current duties as Rector of the Heckington and Helpringham Group of Parishes in order to do some theological study, prayerful retreat as well as to take some holiday and to rest.

My Sabbatical will begin on 18th June and finish at some unfixed point in the middle of September. It is unfixed because at some point I am hoping to go to Israel to study in Jerusalem and that is likely to be some time in September.

I am also planning to have a week of study at Gladstone's Library, a theological and political residential library in North Wales.

I guess I am in one of those rare professions where those who are called to it still live in tied accommodation and have these occasional periods of study rest and retreat known as Sabbaticals - It is a

privilege, for which I thank God, but in the mean time I am busy arranging cover for services, weddings, baptisms and pastoral visits etc before it starts.

For most of the time I will be resting, reading and studying at the Rectory, and spending time with Julia. Although the Archdeacon of Lincoln will be in overall responsibility whilst I am off, day to day tasks and weekly services will be done by my team of Church Wardens, Authorised Lay Ministers and the retired clergy who have been helping out with services during the past year.

I will still be playing a bit of music, with a few gigs booked over this summer period with 'The Rocking Revs' here in Swaton Church on Saturday 14th July at 7pm who play songs from the 50's 60's & 70's. I am also playing with 'Smuggler Jack' who perform their own songs as well a few covers in a pop rock vein. Smuggler Jack will be playing at Heckington Village Hall on 9th June at 7pm and at Heckington Show on 28th & 29th July. Last year we produced a CD of original songs which was satisfying, and that will be on sale too.

For more details about who to contact etc whilst I am away will be on our website:

www.heckingtonandhelpringhamgroup.org.uk

CHURCH NEWS: SPECIAL EVENTS & SERVICES

Confirmation Service at Heckington 17th June

Bishop Nicholas - the Bishop of Grantham - is coming to St Andrews on Sunday 17th June at 6pm to celebrate Holy Communion and to conduct a Confirmation Service for those who wish to be confirmed.

If you, or someone you know who lives within our group of parishes who wants to be confirmed in their faith then please get in touch with me ASAP (01529 460904) so I can arrange some preparation.

Services in St Michaels in June

Throughout the summer, our usual services at St Michael's will be on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 11am (Morning Praise) and the 4th Sunday at 9.30am (Holy Communion) except on June 24th when it is the Vintage Day.

Refreshments are served after each service next door in the Hut.

Enjoy your summer & try and get a rest yourself.

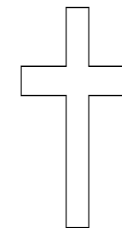
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HIRE THE HUT

The Village Hut is an ideal place to hold a group activity. The Hut can hold up to 60 people. It's a great place to have a business meeting or a kid's birthday party as well as an adult 'get together'. Tables and chairs are supplied and there is a licensed bar and kitchen. If you're looking for a location to hold an event why look any further than Swaton. Very reasonable charges. To book the Hut contact Jonathan on 01529 421663.



South West Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group

Swaton Parish Council has been contacted by the Head of Engagement and Inclusion for NHS South West Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) based in Grantham. Over the last few months, the

Head of Engagement has visited 22 parishes in our area to talk to the inhabitants about it's five-year plan for NHS services called The Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP). The CCG has found it has been very beneficial to meet local residents and find out local views regarding their plans.

The CCG's Head of Engagement is continuing with these visits in order to meet with residents and local councillors of parishes across her region to ensure that local views are collated which will help shape future services of the NHS, especially within rural communities. With this in mind, she would welcome the opportunity to come to a Swaton parish council meeting where she can give an overview of the five-year plan and offer a chance to ask questions and give feedback.

If this is something that would interest you, please contact either Andrew Deptford (Chairman) 421111 or Elaine Penketh 421769 to log your interest – if we have enough of a response we will allocate some time for the CCG to attend during a PC meeting later in the year.

AED TRAINING

It's been around 4 years since we've had Defibrillators in the village and around 3 years since we've had any formal training on the use of one.

An automated external defibrillator (AED or defib for short) is not something any of us want to ever have to use nor have used on us but should the occasion ever arise we would want the person operating the equipment to be confident in its use as well as knowledgeable of CPR. Similarly, we would want to be confident if we ever needed to perform these life-saving techniques on family or friends.



As there is not an active LIVES team in Swaton we thought it would be a good idea to offer all Swaton residents of all ages a chance to be part of a reminder session on 'Bystander CPR and the use of an AED'. The plan is to run a training session on a Saturday morning in The Hut with a team of CPR trained L.I.V.E.S responders.



It would be helpful to know how many people are interested in attending a Saturday morning CPR session so LIVES can allocate enough time and trainers – please contact Elaine 421769 or Alan 421334. A date will be confirmed as soon as possible.

DON'T FORGET FATHERS DAY
SUNDAY 17th JUNE



SOMETHING FOR THE LITTLE ONES

Join the letters in the right order and colour in the picture.



What is it? Can you spell it: E _ _ _ _ _

Some more colouring in for the kids.
Can you name them?

