



### **Swaton Newsletter - February & March 2018**

#### **Queen Elizabeth Park**

The Park Committee's plan for Phase 3 was to enhance the park with equipment for the younger members of the village. This stage was completed just after new year with the addition of a double-seated foal springer, two cradle swings & the trim trail consisting of 4 hanging tyres, 4 hanging steps, a wobble board and a netted bridge each



one connected by wooden steps and can be added to over the years subject to funding. These items were purchased via Playdale & installed by AMG who have done an excellent job placing them on rubber mulch which helps keep maintenance low and grass cutting easier. These items were bought courtesy of grants from The Coop (£9402) and Tesco (£1000) and discounted by Playdale to help us keep to a very tight budget. We are still a long way off finishing the park but already have our sights set on Phase 4 which will be the installation of a football goal backed by a high net to prevent balls being kicked in to the neighbouring field or trees.

Fundraising via grants will continue but will become less available to us as the park becomes more established and Swaton is therefore less disadvantaged so the Park Committee are looking at localised fundraising through village activities such as a summer fete & BBQ to be held in the park later this year – further news of this will be given in the next newsletter. Any ideas to raise funds for your park or donations will both be gratefully received.

#### **SWATON COMMUNITY TRUST - FEB, MARCH & APRIL IN THE HUT**

##### **SATURDAY MORNING CAFÉ – 9.30am - 12 noon.**



Every Saturday morning you'll find Tea, coffee, bacon rolls and homemade cakes on offer in the hut. Newspapers can be purchased (only available if pre-ordered from Liz 421217)

##### **SWATON SWIGGERS – 8.30pm EVERY FRIDAY**

Come along for drink and a chat. A good selection of wines, beers, soft drinks and snacks available at very reasonable prices.



##### **SOUP KITCHEN – 2<sup>nd</sup> MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH**



Next dates are 12<sup>th</sup> Feb, 12<sup>th</sup> March & 9<sup>th</sup> April. 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 – SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> FEB, 3<sup>rd</sup> MARCH & 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL.**

Cinema Club starts again in Feb - full details of the films being shown are displayed in the hut or 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. For more detail please contact Liz (421 217)

## IN THE HUT - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



### TABLE TOP SALE

Bric-a-brac & household items for sale

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2-5pm**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 10am-4pm**

To book a table contact Nicki on

01529 421566

Table hire £5 per day

### QUIZ NIGHT - Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Tickets can be purchased for teams of up to 6 people or come along on your own or as a couple and make up a team with others.

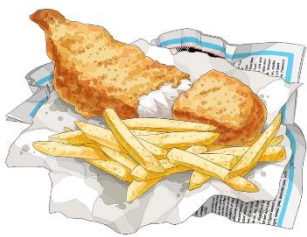
Tickets are £8 per person to include a delicious homemade 2 course supper.

For more information or to pre-book tickets contact Liz on 01529 421217



### FISH & CHIP SUPPER – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March

Pre-ordered fish and chips will be delivered to the hut for you to enjoy along with your friends and neighbours. The Bar will be open too! (Further details, pricing and an order form will be delivered next month)



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 adults 'get together' as it has a licensed bar . . . so if you're looking for a location to hold an event why look any further than Swaton. To book the Hut contact Jonathan on 01529 421663

### A word from our Rev

For those who can remember, during & after the Second World War, farmers were seen as the heroic providers of the nation's food. Today sadly they are often portrayed as the destroyers of the countryside, the killers of flora and fauna, who restrict access to rural areas, and are paid large sums to produce food, about which, there are occasional doubts to its safety. But let's not forget that without farmers we would starve. We need to thank God for their knowledge of the land, their skills, their inventiveness, their resilience and perseverance to keep going when times, are difficult, challenging, and uncertain as they are at present. On Plough Sunday in January we stop and remind ourselves of the important role farmers play in our country. We pray for them, and ask for God's blessing upon them and their endeavours in the year ahead. As an Anglican vicar I often feel an affinity with farmers as they too have a vocation that is mapped by the pattern of the seasons, dwell in accommodation that comes with the farm or parish where they are called to become rooted and grow a harvest to the glory of God. With daylight hours slowly beginning to lengthen, the beginning of February marks the end of the Christmas & Epiphany season for the church as we celebrate the feast of 'Candlemas', the presenting of Jesus in the Temple at Jerusalem by Mary & Joseph, which was a requirement in Jewish Law at that time. There, Mary & Joseph were met by Anna & Simeon, who declared that this child 'Jesus' was the Light that will bring God's revelation to a dark world.

As Easter is on 1<sup>st</sup> April this year (recalling the original meaning of being an April Fool – those who believed in the Resurrection became 'Fools for Christ'), the church season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 14<sup>th</sup> Feb. Shrove Tuesday or Pancake day is the day before in order to use up all the tempting fat as Lent is a season of fasting prayer and study. To that end we will be running a Lent course at the Wesleyan Chapel, Eastgate, Heckington called 'Finding a Voice' based on the film 'The Kings Speech' which will run for six Tuesday evenings. The film will be shown on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7pm. All are welcome. Popcorn provided !

We are looking forward to two **visits by the Bishop of Lincoln**. On **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb** where he will be coming for working lunch at the **Hut in Swaton** to meet people from around our group of parishes. Then on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb** he will be celebrating the Eucharist at Heckington as part of an Episcopal review of my ministry here in the Heckington & Helpringham Group of Parishes. Palm Sunday marks the sixth anniversary of my first service in the group, and which this year is on 25<sup>th</sup> March when I hope we will be having a donkey procession to the church with palm crosses & songs.

**Sunday Services** - All are welcome. Come and experience our new under pew heaters

Morning Praise - 11<sup>th</sup> Feb & 11<sup>th</sup> March at 11am.

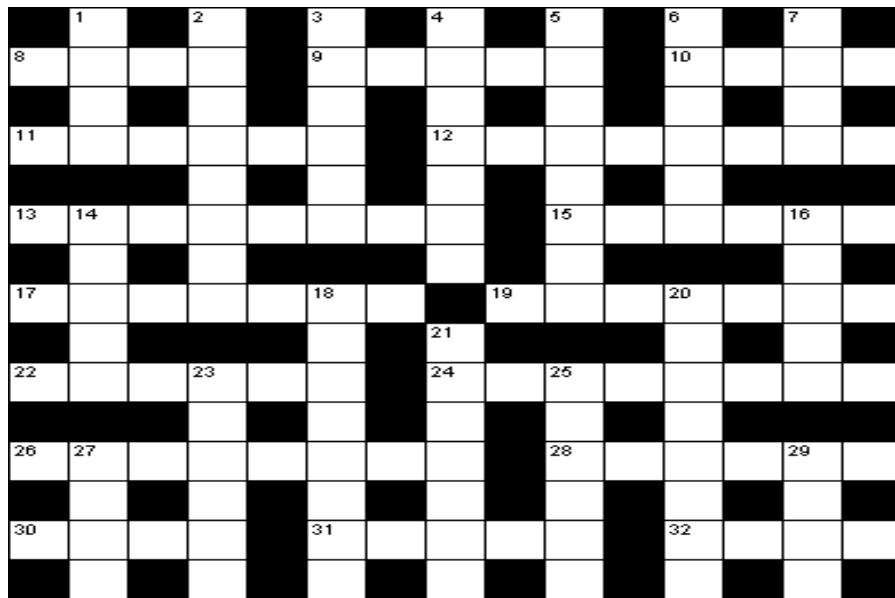
Holy Communion - 25<sup>th</sup> Feb & 25<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am.

**Every blessing, Rev 'Captain' Chris**

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**Across**

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| 8. Modify (4)                      | 9. Positive pole (5)          |
| 10. Leave out (4)                  | 11. Perplex (6)               |
| 12. Encirclement (8)               | 13. Breaking and entering (8) |
| 15. Ascribe (6)                    | 17. Not an art (7)            |
| 19. Violent rotating windstorm (7) | 22. Scant (6)                 |
| 24. Fury (8)                       | 26. Marine crustacean (8)     |
| 28. Termagants (6)                 | 30. Learning method (4)       |
| 31. Well-known (5)                 | 32. Make do (4)               |

**Down**

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| 1. Border (4)                 | 2. Fight (8)                   |
| 3. Photographic necessity (6) | 4. Cattlemen (7)               |
| 5. Speed (8)                  | 6. Come up with (6)            |
| 7. Discover (4)               | 14. Open, as a bottle (5)      |
| 16. Basic belief (5)          | 18. A type of curved shape (8) |
| 20. A black candy (8)         | 21. Outcomes (7)               |
| 23. Eluted (6)                | 25. Dwell (6)                  |
| 27. Affirm (4)                | 29. Sponge (4)                 |



**Cutting hedges and trees back**

As spring approaches, it is wise to trim back any tress, bushes and hedges that border your property which are likely to overhang adjacent roads and footpaths later on in the growing season. The official guideline is to do this before 1<sup>st</sup> March or after 1<sup>st</sup> September so as not to disrupt nesting birds or damage their nests. Swaton PC had a number of complaints last year about overhanging branches which are a danger to pedestrians especially children and toddlers in prams.

# Public Consultation



North Kesteven District Council is undertaking a Community Governance Review for the parish of Swaton to consider increasing the number of parish councillors from five to seven. This follows a formal request from Swaton Parish Council.



In this consultation, we are asking for people's views on the proposals to;

**Increase the number of parish councillors on Swaton Parish Council from five to seven**

**This phase of the consultation runs until 5.00pm on Thursday 30 March 2018**

To have your say and comment on the proposals please either submit your comments using our website [www.n-kesteven.gov.uk](http://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk) or email [elections@n-kesteven.gov.uk](mailto:elections@n-kesteven.gov.uk) or put your comments in writing to:



North Kesteven District Council, Electoral Services, Kesteven Street, Sleaford, NG34 7EF



### CHARITY SNOWDROP WALK

**Date:** Sunday 11<sup>TH</sup> February 2018

**Time:** Between 12 & 3pm

**Where:** Whisby Nature Park

Come along and plant a Snowdrop to remember those loved ones that are no longer with us.

The walk is to give people the chance to remember someone who has died and raise funds for bereaved families.

The event is in aid of Child Bereavement UK. The charity supports families and educates professionals when a baby or child of any age dies or is dying, or when a child is facing bereavement.

It trains 7,000 people a year to help them better understand the needs of grieving families.

A small donation to the charity will give you a snowdrop to plant in a specified area of remembrance. [www.facebook.com/SnowdropWalk](http://www.facebook.com/SnowdropWalk)

For more information please email [partnershipsteam@n-kesteven.gov.uk](mailto:partnershipsteam@n-kesteven.gov.uk)



### Crossword solution

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### REPORT FROM SWATON PARISH COUNCIL

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Mr A Deptford, (Chairman), Mr C Richardson, Mrs E Penketh, Mrs S Murphy-Mann and the Clerk Mrs S McIntyre.  
**Absent:** A Wilson



**The Play Area:** Phase 3 has been completed and part funding for new goal posts is being investigated by Cllr Penketh. Other ways of installing goal posts including being made by villagers are also being investigated.

**Increase in Councillors:** Swaton parish council is looking to increase the number of Councillors from 5 to 7. A period of consultation has now started and details of this can be found on the Parish Council website. [Swaton.org.uk](http://Swaton.org.uk)

**Finance.** Swaton's 2018/9 budget will remain the same as the current year. Councillors agreed to request a precept of £2500 from NKDC to support the parish for the next financial year. The direct grant from NKDC has been reduced to just over £21. There will be a small Band D Increase of 30 pence.

**Planning:** Swaton Parish Council had no objections to a planning application for a two-story rear extension at Eau Farm.

**Data Protection:** New Data Protection regulations are coming into force in May & will affect all parish councils. Information is coming through from the various advice organisations. A Data Protection Officer may have to be appointed and various rules and regulations regarding the storage of information will have to be adhered to. The Clerk, Mrs Shelagh McIntyre is noting information and will be undertaking relevant training.

**Flooding:** Information concerning the Black Sluice and the Environment Agency may have no direct impact on Swaton's flood plans. Cllr Chris Richardson is keeping abreast of developments of future flood control and water usage in the surrounding area.

### Next PC meeting -

Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7.45pm.

The meeting commences promptly at 7.30pm with the first 15 minute given over to a public speaking and question session.



**GRASS CUTTING** - Hopefully we have seen the worst of the winter behind us which means our gardens, lawns and verges will start to grow again. Please remember, due to budget cuts, the grass verges are no longer being cut by contractors so do help keep Swaton neat by mowing the verges to the front of your property.