

March

SWATON NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2017



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED - QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK

Swaton's Recreation Park is being built bit-by-bit with donations and grant money. Grants are competitively fought for, hard to obtain, complex and time consuming to complete and disappointing when we don't win one - we've been lucky with some and not so lucky with others. Once an application has been submitted it's often a matter of a board of directors or a panel agreeing that the applicant is a worthy contender, but sometimes it's down to a voting system. Swaton PC has applied to the CO-OP's Community Green Space Grant and has been shortlisted to the final 3, but unlike the Tesco grant where the final 3 all received a varying amount of money, the COOP grant has only one winner . . . and to win **WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP** including the kids . . .

The next stage is an 'Environment Forum' and the winner will be chosen by people attending the meeting - this is the **ONLY** way we will get this money hence needing your help. We lost out on AVIVA's £25k (which would have completed the park) due to being out-voted - it is vital that we don't lose out on this money as grant opportunities are becoming less and less.

The forum is an open & free meeting for everyone to attend. The 3 projects will be presented then a vote will be taken by a show of hands - if you're not there we won't stand a chance.

The meeting is being held . . .

Thursday 2nd March at 7pm
at Sleaford New Life Church, Mareham Lane, Sleaford, NG3 4 7JP

The Parish Council appreciates that this is taking time out of your evening but it really is the only way to get the money for YOUR PARK, for the kids, for your grandchildren . . .

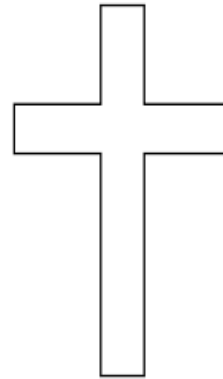
To attend, simply register at <https://lincolnshire-coop.digitickets.co.uk/tickets> or call 01522 544 632 during office hours. It's very easy - you don't need coop membership numbers, just type yours and other attendee's names in the name box and complete the booking. You'll be given a reference number to take to the meeting. Refreshments will be served & tickets are free.



HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE

PLEASE DON'T leave it to others or assume they'll go
PLEASE DON'T underestimate your help
PLEASE help fill the hall with Swatonites !

EVERY VOTE REALLY WILL COUNT



SWATON CHURCH SERVICES

Services for March at St Michael's Church are

- Morning Praise with Wendy
Sunday 12th March at 11am

Holy Communion & Mothering Sunday with Rev Chris

- 26th March at 9.30am

Future events

- 9th April - Palm Sunday
Donkey procession from Helpringham end of the village to church. Meet at 10.30am for service at 11am in Church.

Every blessing,

Rev Chris Harrington

Rector of Heckington & Helpringham Group of Parishes
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SWATON COMMUNITY TRUST – SOCIAL CALENDAR



QUIZ NIGHT – Saturday 25th March

A really great evening out and excellent value - ticket price includes a 2-course meal but they're selling fast so please contact Liz ASAP to book.

SATURDAY MORNING CAFÉ

Every Saturday, 9.30am until 12 noon. Tea, coffee, bacon rolls, homemade cakes and chat. Newspapers can be purchased but only available by pre-order from Liz)



FRIDAY NIGHT SWATON SWIGGERS

Every Friday from 8.30pm – please support the bar and come along for drink and a chat. Good selection of wines, beers, soft drinks and snacks at very reasonable prices. We will also be holding BBQ evenings during the summer – more details nearer the time.



CRAFT CLUB

Every Tuesday morning from 9.30. For more detail contact Liz



SOUP KITCHEN – 13th Monday March

2nd Monday every month. Choice of homemade soups & bread as well as jacket potatoes with various fillings.

CINEMA CLUB – Saturday 4th March 2017.

1st Saturday of the month. Full details of the films are displayed in the hut or obtained from Nicky. Doors open 7pm, film starts at 7.30pm. Bar and refreshments available.



BANK HOLIDAY BREAKFAST – Monday 1st May

Come and enjoy a full English breakfast – tickets £5 each. More details nearer the time from Nicky.

If you have any ideas or suggestions to encourage more people to use The Hut or would like to book it for a party, meeting or event please let us know

Hut Committee.

Chairperson: Nicky Arnold – 01529 421566
Secretary: Liz Harborow – 01529 421217
Treasurer: Abi Eaves - 07950 663226
Hut Bookings: Jonathan Forbes - 07710 782943
Committee: Vicky Webb; Kate Brown; Mike Kempster

DOG POO AND LITTER

TO ALL DOG WALKERS – PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG

It really is unfair to everyone in the village (as well as against the law) not to carry poo bags and clean up after your dog.



There have been complaints made about dog poo not being picked up. Dog poo can be disposed of in ordinary waste bins so there is really no excuse not to **SCOOP THE**

POOP – so please take it home (after all, you don't live that far from your walk) or put it in one of the village bins.



LITTER - A variety of waste is constantly being left littering the streets of our village including discarded cigarette packets, drink bottles, crisp and sweet wrappers etc – please take your rubbish home or use the bins that are by the bus stops and in the park.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting is **Tuesday March 14th 2017**. There is a 15-minute public open session at 7.30pm, followed by the parish council meeting. All agendas and other details can be found on the Parish web site (<http://swaton.org.uk/>). Future PC meetings are Tuesday May 16th, Tues July 18th, Tues Sept 19th & Tues Nov 21st



AN APPEAL FOR HELP - The churches within our group are appealing for help on behalf of thousands of Syrian refugees displaced by war and now living in tents & enduring terrible conditions. Children, the elderly, families - all in need of the basics we take for granted. If you can help by donating new or used (in good clean condition) items to make their lives a little easier it will be appreciated – things you don't want or were going to throw away or leave at a charity shop will be put to very good use. **WANTED items are clothes for men, women and children, shoes, boots and wellies as well as much needed blankets and sleeping bags.** If you can help, please contact Wendy Kerby (421930) or Jill Abbott (421278)

**HAPPY
St. Patrick's
DAY!**