



SWATON NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2016

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY . . .

QUIZ NIGHT - 7.30pm SATURDAY 22nd OCTOBER.

One of the most popular events in the Swaton calendar – the village quiz. Ticket are priced at £7 and includes a delicious 2 course supper. The bar opens at 7pm and the quiz will start at 7.30pm.

For tickets contact Liz Harborow on 01529 421 217.

Maximum team size of 6.



HUT AGM - FRIDAY 25th NOVEMBER at 7.30pm (bar opens after meeting)

Everyone is welcome to attend the Hut's AGM when a new committee will be elected following a voting process. If you want to take an active part in the running of the Hut and stand as a committee member, then contact Jean Barnett at jeanbarnett2@icloud.com. Please come along to cast your vote for the new 2017 committee. If you are unable to attend the AGM but still wish to vote, contact Jean for a proxy vote form.



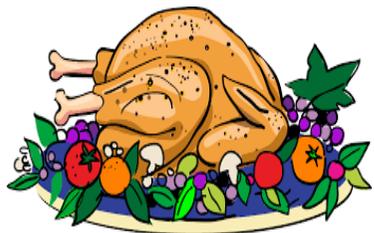
CINEMA CLUB - 7.30pm SATURDAY 1st OCTOBER AND 5th NOVEMBER.

Cinema Club is the first Saturday of each month between February & November. A listing of films is on display in the Hut & on the village notice board. The bar opens at 7pm & the film starts promptly at 7.30. Hot dogs, ice creams, hot & cold drinks are available during the interval. Membership £10pa or £2 on the night.

The cinema club will re-open Saturday 4th February 2017.

For membership information please contact Nicola Arnold on 07905 155 359 / 421 566 or email her at nicolasdrc@ymail.com.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH-1.30pm SUNDAY 11th DECEMBER.



Another sell out date in the Swaton calendar is the Christmas Lunch . . . a delicious roast turkey dinner with all the trimmings followed by traditional Christmas pudding or trifle and tickets are still only £5 each. Tickets always sell out quickly and space is limited so please pre-order your seat by contacting Nicola Arnold on 01529 421 566



SOUP KITCHEN - MONDAY 10th OCTOBER, 14th NOVEMBER & 12th DECEMBER

12PM TO 1.30PM - Second Monday of every month.



You'll find a choice of delicious soups & bread for a starter or main course as well as freshly baked jacket potatoes with beans, cheese, coleslaw and side salad. As always the Hut offers excellent, freshly prepared food at great value so forget the tin opener that day and pop along. **EVERYONE WELCOME – NO NEED TO BOOK . . .**

SATURDAY MORNING CAFE - 9.30AM TO 12PM

A range of delicious cakes are on offer as well as freshly made bacon rolls and hot beverages - *a great way to start the weekend!* You can also collect your Saturday newspaper (which must be ordered in advance from Liz Harborow – 01529 421 217).



SWIGGERS BAR – 8.30pm TIL WE CLOSE



The bar is open every **Friday evening from 8.30pm** so come along for a drink and support YOUR VILLAGE HUT. The bar has a selection soft drinks, bottled / local beers & chilled lagers, red / white wines and a variety of spirits. Crisps, chocolate and snacks are also available - all offered at competitive prices.

CRAFT GROUP - EVERY TUESDAY 9.30AM IN THE HUT

If you're creative and enjoy any form of art or craft why not come along and work on your creative project amongst friends, have a chat, enjoy a cuppa and share, exchange or improve skills . . . if its Crochet or Tatting, Beadwork or Cross Stitch, Lace or Patchwork or you're simply a dab hand with a pair of knitting needles or a paint brush and canvas then don't be shy – after all you'll be amongst friends. **Contact Liz for more info – 01529 421 217**



STEEL BAND WORKSHOP - WEDNESDAY EVENINGS



Saff Murphy's Steel Drum Group holds rehearsals for her steel pan band in the Hut every Wednesday evening. For more info contact Saff 0784 11 44 193.

DECEMBER DATES . . .

CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAYRE – SATURDAY 10th December at 9am till 12 noon in the Hut with the usual coffee morning goodies being served.

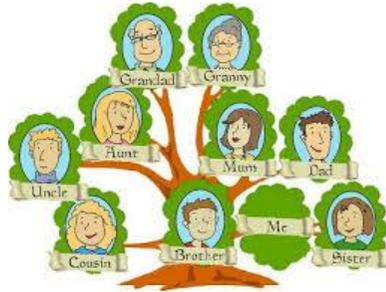
CAROL SERVICE – 6.30PM SATURDAY, 17th December. in church with seasonal refreshments served in the Hut after the service – everyone is welcome.



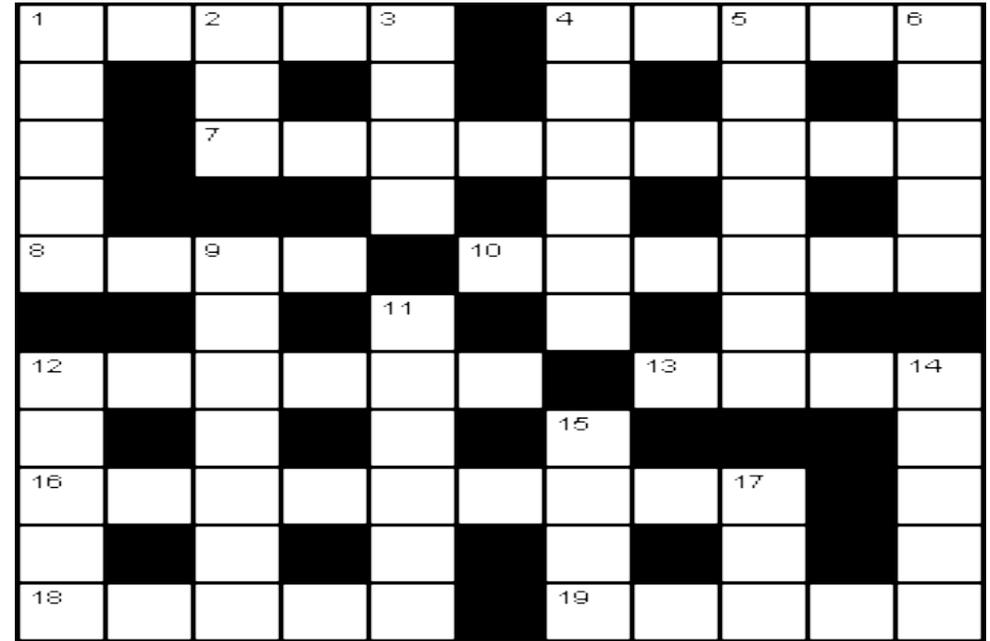
TRACING A FAMILY TREE . . .

Julie Sinclair lives in Peterborough, she is researching her family history and shares a family link with a WW1 soldier who died during that war. The soldier's name was Richard Jilks. Julie believes he had relatives in Swaton and is trying to contact anyone connected with that family name.

If you know of anyone or are yourself related to a JILKS family line, then please contact Julie by email at julie.sinclair@ymail.com



COFFEE BREAK CROSSWORD & SUDOKU (Solutions on last page)

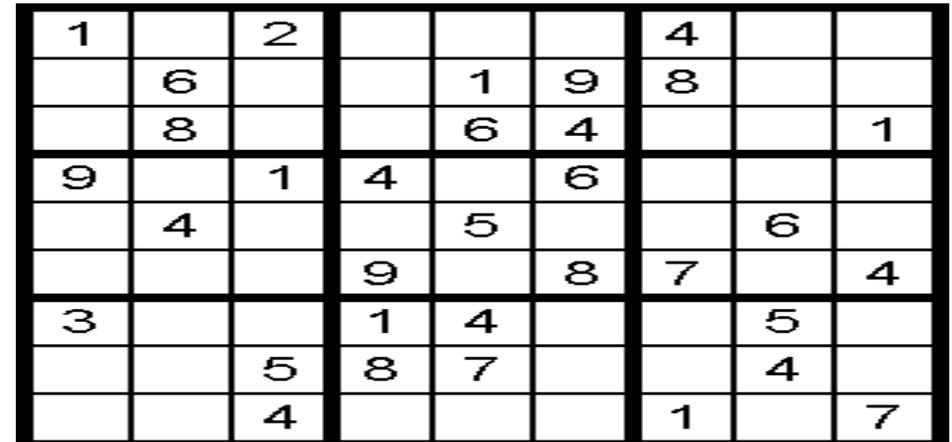


Across

- 1. Twelve (5)
- 4. Hoard (5)
- 7. Unaware (9)
- 8. Gape (4)
- 10. Wore away (6)
- 12. Birds of prey (6)
- 13. Notion (4)
- 16. Large spider (9)
- 18. The lowest point of anything (5)
- 19. Implied (5)

Down

- 1. Journal (5)
- 2. Menagerie (3)
- 3. World's longest river (4)
- 4. Secret or hidden (6)
- 5. Bustling (7)
- 6. Abated (5)
- 9. Placed a bet (7)
- 11. Thinner (6)
- 12. Consumed (5)
- 14. Proficient (5)
- 15. Female relative (4)
- 17. Part of a circle (3)



THE RECREATION PARK

The park is coming along . . . albeit slowly !

Unfortunately, these are austere times we live in and funding isn't easy to find - although it might seem like there are lots of grants and funding out there (which there is) many of those grants aren't open to Parish Councils or small villages wanting a play park but to bigger, more deserving causes such as the homeless or are dedicated grants that does not include parks or large scale projects so therefore we

don't fall in to their criteria but that's not stopping us pursuing what and where we can. Some of the grants are small but it doesn't make the paperwork any less nor how long we'd have to wait for approval. Some grants have 3 or 4 rounds and take many months between each round other grants aren't currently open for applications! One grant that has just been applied for is only £500 and quality park equipment isn't cheap - a simple roundabout can cost around £8,500 so it will take time to get the park fully populated with the right equipment.

Due to funding restrictions, the park will have to be created in phases as and when funding becomes available. The first 3 pieces of equipment have been purchased and we will start to install them as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, the park area is open for everyone to enjoy, there is a goal post in there and the grass around the goal is mowed by Charles (THANKS CHARLES) so please do use the space, Oh, and please remember to take your litter home with you.

GREAT VENUE FOR A PARTY OR MEETING

The HUT is an ideal location for a get-together, a group activity, a kids party, anniversary celebrations, an exercise class, children's play group or a business meeting.

To hire 'The Hut' please contact Liz Harborow on 421217.

Discount given to Swaton residents.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS – SEPTEMBER MEETING



All Swaton residents are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings. The first 15 minutes of a PC meeting is open for the public to make comment or raise concerns, it is your chance to voice your opinion, ask a question or make suggestions after which if you wish you can stay and hear what is happening in Swaton...

NEXT PC MEETING - Tuesday 15th Nov.

Emergency Plan: Swaton's Emergency Plan is in its final stages before adoption. This will set out actions and contacts for Swaton in the event of a flood or other emergencies.

Play Area: The first phase of the new Swaton playpark has been priced and approved. The last parish council meeting looked at the funds available and four quotes for items and surfacing. All agreed to the option provided by Play-Ground supplies. This will be for a double swing, a seesaw, a 20m zip wire and safety flooring. Enquiries for grants available for the next phase of the play park will continue

LCC Grass Cutting: Swaton Parish Council agreed not to employ a contractor to cut the County Council's highway verges in the village next year. Currently, the County Council awards a grant to parishes to organise grass cutting of their verges. This funding will stop at the end of this year. The parish council had received little feedback from parishioners as to whether they would agree to a raise in precept to cover the costs or if they would cut their own verges.

In view of the lack of response, the Councillors agreed not to renew the grass cutting contract and see what happens next year. A section on the south side of the bridge was considered to be dangerous if it wasn't cut so this was reported to LCC for their attention next year.

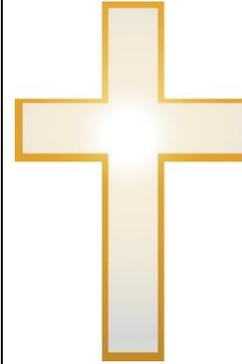
Traffic Calming: Speed Indicator signs in Swaton are too expensive for the Parish Council to fund. The last meeting heard that these, seen in villages and towns in the area, would cost £3,000 - £5,000. The Council has no funds available for these and the idea had to be suspended until funding may be available. The present devices, managed by Swaton on behalf of a cluster of parishes need new batteries and these will be costed.

Lighting: Swaton parish council will not request the lighting through the village to be switched off overnight. Two ideas were discussed – applying for an additional light for a dark area along High Street, or by contrast – switching the all off for a trial period. The first proposal was resolved, nearby residents will be consulted and if agreed, the extra light will be requested.

Neighbourhood Plan: Swaton parish council discussed the idea of having a Neighbourhood Plan in order to have some future input into the future of the village. Councillors agreed that if parishioners wanted to move this forward, then it had to be a community led initiative.

Audit: The 2015/16 audit for Swaton Parish Council has been signed off. Details of this can be found on the website: www.parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Swaton

A MESSAGE FROM CHRIS – OUR REV



Hope you all had a good summer. The weather has now turned cooler and there is the Autumnal feel to everywhere. I love Autumn, and after Spring it's my favourite month. I love seeing the changes of colour in nature and it's a chance to wear a jumper or fleece and get the old coat out once again.

Life is constantly changing and yet in many ways familiar in the changes it brings. . . in the church we have our own liturgical seasons, which help to re tell the old, old, story.

Each season has a change of colour too. 23rd October this year marks the end of 'Ordinary Time' – the twenty or so Sundays after Trinity, and the liturgical colours change from green to white for All Saints Sunday (30th October) and then change to red for the season of Remembrance and the run up to Advent (27th November) where the colour changes to purple during the preparations for Christmas. Each season has its own particular feel and themes.

SERVICES IN ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, SWATON

We meet as a church twice a month on 2nd Sunday at 11am for Morning Praise usually led by our Authorised Lay Minister Wendy Kerby and on 4th Sunday at 9.30am for Holy Communion usually led by me, or one of the retired clergy in our team.

Everyone is welcome and coffee is usually served afterwards in the Hut. However, on Remembrance Sunday (13th November) there will be no service at Swaton Church as we will be joining with Helpringham and reading out the names inscribed on the war memorials, remembering the loss both Swaton and Helpringham suffered in the first and second world wars and the continued futility of war in our world. Do come and join us at 10.45am on Helpringham village green that day. The service will be led by John West, another of our Authorised Lay Ministers, and refreshments are usually served afterwards in the memorial hall.

For those of you already planning your Christmas diary the Christmas Fayre at Swaton will be on 10th December at 9am till 12 noon in the Hut with the usual coffee morning goodies being served. The carol service will be on the following Saturday -17th December at 6.30pm in church with seasonal refreshments served afterwards in the Hut.

Enjoy the changes the seasons bring.

Rev Chris

www.heckingtonandhelpringhamgroup.org.uk
Rector - Rev Chris Harrington (01529) 460904





SPEEDING

It is astonishing how many vehicles speed through our village (and other villages) and most of those speeders live locally or in nearby villages that also have restricted speeds zones.

As part of a cluster group of villages we have 2 SIDs (Speed Indicators), one is currently in Burton Pedwardine and the other in Swaton along the High Street. Sometimes both SIDs are lent out to other villages, rarely do we have both. It is surprising how many people ignore them, other drivers apply their brakes when they realise they're speeding and thankfully around 50% of drivers are adhering to, or below the speed limit.

A recent survey (and bear in mind the authorities think we don't have a problem) showed nearly 3000 vehicles sped through Swaton between 7am and 7pm from the Wednesday to the Saturday, unbelievably some of them 20mph or more over the 30mph. Add on the vehicles

before and after the 7am / 7pm time frame and the other days that weren't monitored and it's probably closer to double that. What does it take for people to slow down, a child to be killed !

The Parish Council has been asked by a number of residents to place the type of speed signs that are more permanently fixed to lamp posts but they are expensive and we would have to raise the funds ourselves. If you have any ideas how to raise the money for permanent SIDs then please contact the Parish Council.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN – October 31st

If you are planning on going Trick or Treating please do be careful kids, the nights are closing in, costumes are often dark and the street lighting isn't consistent – make sure you can be seen.

We all love a pumpkin, whether that's cutting one up and illuminating it with candles or making pumpkin pie or a nice

warming soup for the family to enjoy upon their return from trick & treating . . . but there is so much more you can do. You can puree it and add it to soups and other recipes such as bread, muffins or biscuits, make a pumpkin butter, snack on the roasted

seeds (a handful of roasted pumpkin seeds is a delicious way to get iron, magnesium, zinc, potassium and a healthy dose of fiber). You can pickle pumpkin or add it to some onions and carrots to make a veggie stock, you can make yourself a healing face mask and benefit from vitamins A, C & E, or bake a tasty pumpkin lasagne. You could even use the shell as a festive casing - hide the vase inside the pumpkin and put flowers in it and for the dedicated gardeners, it makes great compost to help your crops next year.



Whatever you decide to do, have fun !

COFFEE BREAK CROSSWORD & SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

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