

JANUARY

SWATON NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2016

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...



THURSDAY 7TH JANUARY – DISRUPTION TO SWATON POWER SUPPLY

Western Power have said there could be disruption to the village electricity supply due to having to cut the power off whilst trimming trees.

TUESDAY 19TH JANUARY - PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Everyone is welcome to attend Parish Council meetings, in fact, you are encouraged to do so – after all it is YOUR VILLAGE. The first 15 minutes of any Parish Council meeting is an 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...

Future Parish Council meetings for 2016 are

- Tuesday 15th March Tuesday 17th May
- Tuesday 19th July Tuesday 20th September
- Tuesday 15th November



MONDAY 18TH JANUARY - HUT COMMITTEE MEETING

The newly formed Hut Committee is holding its first meeting since it's November AGM during which some new committee member were elected. If anyone has any suggestions for the continued success of the Hut or ideas for social events or village activities, please contact Jean Barnet (Secretary) on 07557 853088 or pop a note in to the Hut letter box which is situated adjacent to the Hut's front door. The Hut committee meetings are not public meetings so please do get your ideas and suggestions in to us asap so can be discussed on the night. Many Thanks.

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REGULAR ACTIVITIES IN THE HUT



SATURDAY MORNING CAFE - 9.30AM TO 12PM

Kick start your weekend in The Hut – enjoy a bacon roll, freshly brewed cup of tea, coffee (decaf & filter) or hot chocolate and treat yourself to a delicious cake from a selection of freshly baked treats. Don't let the New Year diet stop you – just come along for a cuppa and a chat. You can also collect your Saturday newspaper (which must be ordered in advance from Liz Harborow – 421217).

MONTHLY VILLAGE LUNCH - MONDAY 11TH JAN 12 TO 1.30PM - 2ND Monday of every month.

You'll find a choice of soups made with the freshest of seasonal ingredients on offer as well as Jacket Potatoes with beans &/or cheese and side salad - it won't break the bank either . . . a bowl of soup with bread is £1.50 or have two bowls for £2.50. Jacket spud with fillings and salad is also £2.50.



EVERYONE IS WELCOME – NO NEED TO BOOK - So bring a friend or two along and let someone else do the cooking!

SWIGGERS BAR – 8.30PM TIL WE CLOSE



The bar is open every **Friday evening from 8.30** so come along for a drink and support YOUR VILLAGE HUT. The bar has a good selection of 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 ... so 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 Harborow for more info – 01529 421 217



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**SATURDAY 6th FEB – (in the Hut café)
RECREATIONAL PARK CONSULTATION**

Alan Wilson and Elaine Penketh (Swaton Councillors) are forging ahead with the plans for the Village Recreational Park. Their next stage is to hold a consultation with as many villagers as possible so please pop along on Saturday 6th Feb and have a chat about the current status and the updated design and equipment ideas.

Some grants require consultations as part of the process so this really is a vital part of the planning stage - aside from the importance of consultations for the grant applications they want to hear your ideas and opinions. Everyone is encouraged to pop along especially the kids . . . hey kids, don't forget to bring mum and dad and grandparents along too. There is also the opportunity to be part of the Park Committee and be more involved in its development – Let Alan or Elaine know if this is of interest to you, especially the kids as they will be the main users.



CINEMA CLUB

First Saturday of every month (Feb to November)

Cinema club returns February 6th. The film starts at 7.30, the bar opens at 7pm and is well stocked with red and white wines, variety of beers, spirits and cold drinks. Hot dogs, hot drinks & ice creams are available during in the interval. **Contact Nicola Arnold re membership for 2016 (07905 155 359).**

NEED A VENUE FOR A PARTY OR MEETING



The HUT is an ideal location for a get-together, group activity, kids party or business meetings.

To book 'The Hut' please **contact Elaine or Peter Penketh on 421769 / 0785 222 3535. . .** discount given to Swaton residents.

**REMEMBER TO PLEASE SUPPORT THE HUT
IT IS A VITAL PART OF YOUR VILLAGE**

LOCAL NEWS

SPEEDING

Unfortunately despite us all knowing there is a speeding problem in the village a recent survey wasn't enough to confirm this to the powers that be. However, we do now have 2 SLOW signs painted on the road near to the park area...BUT many road users going through our village obviously cant read !! and sadly some of those drivers are local – local to Swaton in close by villages or worse, actually resident in Swaton so if you are one of those people who disregard the maximum speed (or in a car with someone who does) then please, please slow down - the 'maximum' speed through Swaton is 30 miles per hour not 31, not 35 nor 40 or 50 ! so drive safely through Swaton and respect other villages speed restrictions too.

BROADBAND SPEEDS

Swaton now has Superfast Broadband, Yes! you can get superfast BT Infinity FIBRE BROADBAND. You could get estimated 79Mb-80Mb download (accurate to within 1 or 2Mb "speed range) and should get be around 72-74Mb minimum. I believe an upgrade of your current supply is not automatic - you need to check with your supplier to upgrade and if not with BT then again contact your provider.

LITTER

Henk Bujis (with the help of a few other villagers) have diligently spent time tidying up our village by collecting vast amounts of litter that thoughtless people seem to think it is OK to throw out of their car windows or scatter on the A52 at the top of our village rather than take it home to their own bins. So a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who was involved in last year's litter picks.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Unfortunately, Neighbourhood Watch in our region has been significantly scaled down or suspended but we are still operating as usual . . . as NHW says **CRIME CANNOT FLOURISH IN A COMMUNITY THAT CARES** so still be vigilant and if there is anything that appears to be suspicious either contact Peter or Pat or ring 999 in an emergency, or 101 if the matter is less urgent.

SWATON NHW COORDINATORS

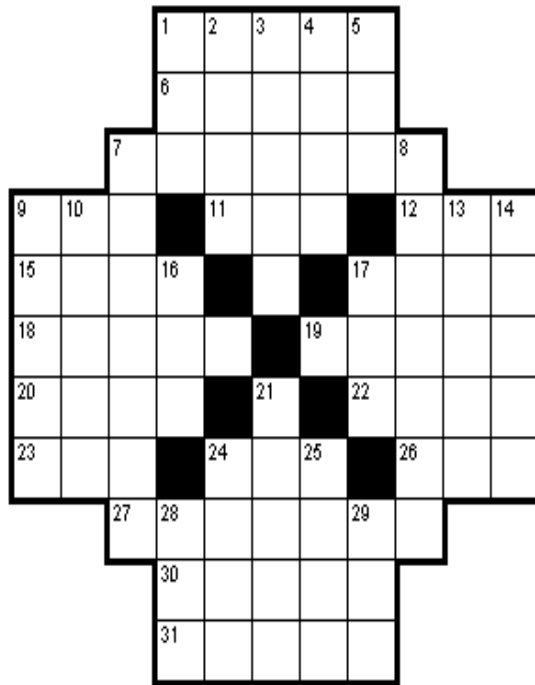
Peter Penketh – High Street (421 769)
Pat Kempster - West End (421 840)

COFFEE BREAK CROSSWORD

(Solution on page 7)

Across

- 1. Oversight (5)
- 6. Stadium (5)
- 7. Teach (7)
- 9. Soaked (3)
- 11. Chart (3)
- 12. Taxi (3)
- 15. Pay close attention to (4)
- 17. Large and scholarly book (4)
- 18. Mistake (5)
- 19. Frozen region (5)
- 20. Railroad track (4)
- 22. Exude (4)
- 23. Small vegetable (3)
- 24. Was seated (3)
- 26. Obtain (3)
- 27. Sweepstake (7)
- 30. Type of farm (5)
- 31. Stingless male bee (5)



Down

- 1. Man or boy (3)
- 2. Type of starch (4)
- 3. Nut (5)
- 5. Consume (3)
- 8. Branch of biology (7)
- 10. Spooky (5)
- 14. Cloth cap (5)
- 17. Also (3)
- 24. Celestial body (4)
- 28. Peculiar (3)
- 4. Break suddenly (4)
- 7. Endless (7)
- 9. Pup (5)
- 13. Astound (5)
- 16. Female deer (3)
- 21. Paved area (5)
- 25. Small gull (4)
- 29. Cereal grass seed (3)

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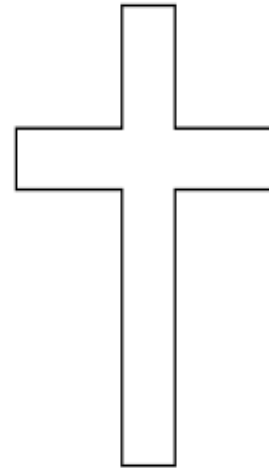
A MESSAGE FROM CHRIS HARRINGTON - OUR REV

Monday 18th January at 10.30am

There is a meeting to review the response to the recent Good Neighbour Scheme survey at the Wesleyan Chapel in Heckington. If you have yet to respond, then please send your completed survey asap to Rev Chris at 10 Cameron Street, Heckington, Lincolnshire, NG34 9RW.

Sunday 17th January at 11am

With the refurbishment of the church organ at Heckington now finished, the new Bishop of Grantham is coming to re-commission it at a service of Holy Communion at Heckington Church on Sunday 17th January at 11am. **All are welcome.**



Sunday Services - January

The Sunday services in January at St Michael's Swaton are;
 'Morning praise' - 10th Jan at 11am
 Holy Communion - 24th Jan at 9.30am.



Rev Chris Harrington
 Rector of Heckington & Helpringham Group of Parishes
 The Rectory, 10 Cameron Street, Heckington, NG34 9RW
 01529 460904 / c.r.harrington@btinternet.com

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L.I.V.E.S. & VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR

THANK YOU - LIVES products were sold in the Hut prior to Christmas and along with some money dropped in to the collection tin we banked £82 – every penny helps, HOWEVER . . . can you help with a little more - there is a lonely **TEDDY BEAR** sitting in the Hut awaiting a new home! For only a £1 entry you could win the Teddy. Please write your name & phone number in one of the empty numbered boxes and we will draw the name of the winner when all the boxes are filled in. (please pop your £1 in the collection tin on the table near the bear). Swaton LIVES group is self-funding and we have new equipment to purchase such as a Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar testing machines (the latter for call outs to diabetics) as well as simply refilling oxygen tanks which costs around £30 a time so every penny in to our LIVES account really does help.



Swaton is very fortunate to have an active LIVES group manned by volunteers who use some of their free time to support the ambulance service typically dealing with medical emergencies if an ambulance is delayed and oxygen or a Defibrillator is needed. LIVES is a very worthwhile activity - If you would like to hear more about becoming a First Responder with Swaton L.I.V.E.S please speak to Elaine or Pete Penketh on 421769 or Andy Dunlop on 421877 who can tell you what it's like to volunteer.



VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR - If you're not familiar with using the village Defib (positioned on the side of the hut and would like to know more (just in case!) please contact Andrew Deptford on 421 111.



The Hut Committee, Parish Council and Church wish everyone in Swaton a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.