



### VILLAGE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2015

*March hails the start of Spring so lets hope that's the end of the wintery weather and the start of some warmer sunshine, longer days and our gardens coming to life. Hey Kids (and big kids too) . . . don't forget it's MOTHERS DAY Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup>. You may be lucky enough to witness the expected eclipse of the sun on the 20<sup>th</sup> (but remember not to look straight at the sun) and the 29<sup>th</sup> is Palm Sunday with a Donkey procession through the village.*

### QUIZ NIGHT – 7pm SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2015



Quiz tickets are on sale NOW – tickets includes a two course meal (sausage and mash with onion gravy and a desert, a vegetarian option is available with prior notice). Don't worry if there are only a few of you – you can join fellow village quizzers to bolster your numbers or bring your own team along with you. It's great fun, a fabulous social gathering & a great way to catch up with your neighbours.

The bar opens at 7pm, the quiz starts at 7.30pm commencing with a few picture quizzes to ponder during the evening.

**BOOK NOW - TICKETS ARE GOING QUICKLY - TO RESERVE TICKETS CONTACT JEAN BARNETT ON 01529 421 317 OR LIZ HARBOROW ON 01529 421 217. PAYMENT IS NEEDED TO SECURE TICKETS. UNPAID TICKETS CANNOT BE HELD INDEFINITELY AS THE QUIZ IS A POPULAR ACTIVITY AND NUMBERS ARE LIMITED.**

### SATURDAY MORNING CAFE - 9.30AM TO 12PM

**A great way to start the weekend.** Every Saturday morning your hut becomes 'Swaton Café' – a place to catch up with friends & fellow villagers. Come along for breakfast – you can purchase a bacon roll (eat in or take away) and enjoy a freshly brewed cup of tea, coffee (decaf & filter available) or hot chocolate.



Had enough of your post-Christmas diet - you can also treat yourself to a delicious cake from a selection of freshly baked treats – and why not, after all it is the weekend !

**This is also your chance to collect your Saturday newspaper** (which must be ordered in advance from Liz – 01529 421 217).

### CINEMA CLUB

#### SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – 3.30PM



On the first Saturday of each month the hut becomes Swaton Cinema. The afternoon is for kids of all ages *and all are welcome*. This month's film is 'Percy Jackson, Sea Of Monsters' which is an American fantasy adventure film directed by Thor Freudenthal. It is the second installment in the *Percy Jackson* film



series and is based on the novel *The Sea of Monsters* by Rick Riordan. The film continues the adventures of Percy Jackson (Logan Lerman) and his friends, as they search for the Golden Fleece at the Sea of Monsters. The plot centres on Percy and his friends as they journey to the eponymous Sea of Monsters to retrieve the Golden Fleece in order to save their safe but dying haven. **Entrance is £2.50 per person which includes the film, a hot dog, drink & a pack of sweets.**

**Hey Kids . . . Forget your homework for a few hours - come along to the hut and bring a friend or two (or three !!!)**

#### ADULT'S CINEMA CLUB – 7.30pm SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH



March cinema club is showing the award winning **12 Years A Slave – 2014's Oscar Winner for Best Picture** with a fab cast including Brad Pitt, Benedict Cumberbatch, Lupita Nyong'o and Chiwetel Ejiofor. It's a highly recommended film, screen written by John Ridley depicting Director Steve McQueen's adaptation of Solomon Northup's 1853 memoirs which is a raw and searing indictment of slavery. McQueen depicts the horrific experiences of Solomon Northup, a free man who is kidnapped and sold into slavery in an utterly unflinching fashion. The film's strength lies in its frankness and avoidance of either sentimentality or Quentin Tarantino-style irony.

Pay on the night is £2 per person (£20 per year per person) or pay your annual membership in one go and save money - its only £10 per person for the year. The bar opens at 7pm, the film starts at 7.30pm with an interval to purchase hot dogs, ice creams, chocolates or sweets as well as an opportunity to top up your glass at the bar.

**Future films include Rush and Belle. Recommendations for future films are welcomed – speak to Nicola on the night of cinema club. It's a great night out, AND you don't need to use the car !**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUPPORT  
'YOUR VILLAGE HUT' - USE IT OR LOSE IT !!**

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

### VILLAGE LUNCH - MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - 12PM TO 1.30PM

**2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month.**

You'll always find a choice of hearty soups on the menu (often made from locally grown produce from the village allotment).



For those with a bigger appetite there is a second course (or if you prefer just have a main course) of Jacket Potatoes with beans &/or cheese and a fresh side salad.

It won't break the bank to come along . . . a bowl of soup &

bread is £1.50 or have two bowls for £2.50. A jacket spud with fillings and salad is also £2.50.

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME – NO NEED TO BOOK - So for one day a month let someone else cook for you whilst you chill out and enjoy a delicious, nutritious lunch amongst friends.**

### SWATON BAR – EVERY FRIDAY EVENING IN THE HUT – 8.30PM TIL WE CLOSE

The village 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.

**There is a dart board too for those who can throw an arrow straight !! See you Friday**



### 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 421217**



### BOOK CLUB

The Book club meets monthly to discuss the book of the month and enjoy a meal together that is themed around the subject of that month's book - if you enjoy reading, like debating or putting your opinion forward and want to be more socially active contact **Saff on 01529 421 487 or Sally on 421 748. March's book is The Miniaturist by Jessie Burton.**

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## PARISH COUNCIL & LOCAL NEWS

### Parish Council Elections.

The General Election may seem ages away and Downing Street a hundred or so miles from Swaton but the election is actually far closer to home than that . . .

At the same time as the General Election (May 7th 2015), your Parish Councillors are obliged to step down and offer themselves for re-election if they wish to do so.

If more than 5 qualified persons apply to become Parish Councillors, then a Parish Council Election must be held and paid for by the Parish, alongside the General Election on May 7th. This is YOUR opportunity to apply to become a Parish Councillor

Nomination forms to become a Parish Councillor are available from NKDC, Andrew Deptford (01529 421111) or our Parish Clerk (Shelagh McIntyre on 01400 262090).

These must be filled in and hand delivered to NKDC Offices between the dates of March 23rd 2015 and 4pm on 9th April 2015.

More information will be available in the next newsletter and will be published on the Parish Council notice board.



### LITTER & DOG POO

There have been incidents of littering in and around the village and unfortunately a more serious case of fly tipping in the A52 layby as well as the road in to Thorpe Latimer. Swaton bus stop in particular was cluttered with bottles and packets yet there is a bin nearby - littering isn't pleasant, please remember to take your litter home and keep our village tidy. Henk

Bujis works hard in keeping your village clean so those who throw litter please do think of others and use a bin or better still take it home.

Also those people with dogs - and you know who you are ! Please take poo bags with you on your doggie walks and clear up after your dog – it is the LAW !



### FOOTPATH CLEARING

Have you noticed the foot paths around Swaton village ? Henk Bujis and a team of volunteers have recently carried out work to clear the foot paths by removing the grass that was encroaching across the pavements and made them wider and safer to walk.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in this activity especially to Henk for organising it.



### LIGHTING SURVEY.

A survey / questionnaire concerning villager's thoughts on the street lighting within Swaton has now been circulated and the results will be compiled over the next few weeks –it's important the Parish Council knows the views of the parishioners if they are to make representations to the various agencies. If you have been on holiday and missed the end of

Feb deadline or forgot to post your survey response in the hut letter box (newly positioned to the left Hut door) there may still be time to drop it in to John Lukjaniec at Applestone House, High Street. Swaton – everyone's view matters.

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### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

All are welcome to attend PC meetings. the first 15 minutes is an open meeting for the public to make comment or raise concerns, its your chance to voice your opinion or make a suggestion or simply hear what is happening in your village . . .

- **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March**
- **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May** – Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm, and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council First of the new Council term).
- **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July**
- **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September**
- **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

**Your Council:** **Clerk:** Mrs Shelagh McIntyre. **Chairman:** Cllr Andrew Deptford; 01529 421 111. **Vice Chairman:** Cllr Andy Dunlop. (H&S, Fire, Police/speeding, footpaths / bridleways.). **Responsible Finance Officer:** Cllr Chris Richardson. Cllr Mrs Liz Harborow: (**Road and path lighting; Play area**) and Cllr Mrs Jayne Wilkinson; (**Grants and Youth**.)

### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH:

Neighbourhood Watch is *not* just about alleviating the risk of crime . . . it is also about encouraging community spirit such as watching out for your others so if you have an elderly or vulnerable neighbour please do check on them now and again & make sure they're OK.



The recent snow (which wasn't that long ago) is a great example of our community coming together - the village paths were kept safe and clear of ice and snow – the recent distribution of snow shovels to 35 houses saw a number of villagers diligently clear the snow away so the whole village was safe to walk so **THANK YOU** TO ALL those people who braved the chilly weather for the sake of others.

### RECENT ALERTS, NEWS & ADVISE INCLUDES

\* The main thing for Swaton is to be aware of thieves – there has been a number of break-ins in the localised region especially from sheds, garages and out buildings and Swaton has not escaped this with at least 2 residents having experienced break-ins and loss of property from garages – remember to lock your out-buildings when not in use and not to keep things on display .

**REMEMBER - ring 999 in an emergency, or 101 if the matter is less urgent.**  
**SWATON NHW COORDINATORS – Peter (417404) or Pat in West End (421840)**

## SWATON CHURCH NEWS



**ST MICHAELS CHURCH, HIGH STREET, SWATON, NG34**

### CHURCH SERVICES

FAMILY SERVICE – 11AM ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
HOLY COMMUNION – 9.30 ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

### ***A MESSAGE FROM CHRIS HARRINGTON - OUR REV***

We are now in the period called Lent, a time of preparation for Holy Week and Easter. It is usually thought of as a time of giving up some bad habit or something that is bad for you. In one sense it's usually a welcome opportunity to kick start the diet and give up or at least cut down on the chocolate, mince pies and what ever else we may have over indulged in during the festivities of Christmas and Epiphany.

Lent however is not just about giving up and turning from (repentance) but of starting something good and beginning a new good habit (turning to) of remembering that Jesus calls us to go and do likewise and follow the example of the good Samaritan. Why not try your hand at Random Acts of Kindness, or instead of 'paying someone back' for an unkind act word or attitude try 'paying forward' a kind act or word to a stranger or enemy. What a wonderful world this could be, or at least a Happier New Year.

The universe is designed to reward kindness with a feel good factor and more. As Jesus promises, "Give and it will be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over. The measure you give will be the measure you receive" (Luke 6:38).



## What's on in our group of Parishes during March?

### Puddings and Prizes at Heckington village hall

Friday 13th March at 7pm at Heckington Village Hall Roger Webber our local Hank Marvin will be playing his array of Fender guitars and recreating the sound of the Shadows. Our compare for the evening, Paul Sharman, will be comparing and entertaining us with his own blend of humour, as we gaze longingly at the puddings being served in the intervals and wondering if our lucky tickets will be drawn in the big raffle. Tickets are £7.50 inc puddings galore. Available from Chris Cullen (01529 460 272)

### Daffodil Tea at Great Hale Church

The church of St John the Baptist Great Hale is holding a 'Daffodil Tea' on Saturday 14th March from 3pm to 5pm in the church. Don't worry it's not a variation on the carrot cake recipe, but a traditional afternoon tea in a lovely setting. Come and taste and see ...

### Mothering Sunday

There will be special services for Mothering Sunday on 15th March at 11am Heckington and Helpringham. Traditionally it was when those working in service returned to their home church and to visit Mum too. There will be posies for the ladies and Simnel cake afterwards, so can I encourage you to visit your local home church, especially if you haven't been for a while. You will be most welcome.

### Smuggler Jack at Screddington

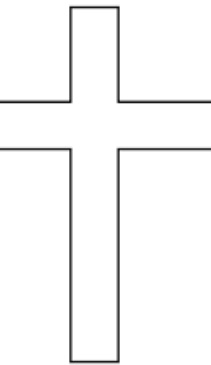
On Sat 21st March at 7pm Rev Chris is playing with 'Smuggler Jack' at the Community Centre at Screddington. It should be a good night with a mixture of original songs and pop rock covers. Tickets are £7.50 inc buffet supper are available from Chris Pywell (414269). The bar will be open too.

### Donkey Procession for Palm Sunday

There will be another donkey procession through the village on Palm Sunday (29th March). We meet at Sally's dress shop at the Helpringham end of the village at 3pm and process down to the church for a service of readings, hymns and songs and prayers at about 3.15pm as we remember Jesus riding into Jerusalem all those years ago as people waved palm branches and shouted 'Hosanna'.

Do bring children along to meet the donkeys again and enjoy the fun of the procession.

*Every blessing  
Rev Chris*



## **L.I.V.E.S**



Swaton is lucky to have an active L.I.V.E.S (Lincolnshire Integrated Voluntary Emergency Service) 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 Defib is needed such as breathing difficulties, cardiac arrest etc.

Full training is given. **It's a very worthwhile activity.**

If you would like to hear more about becoming a First Responder with Swaton **L.I.V.E.S** please contact **Andrew Deptford on 01529 421 111.**

***For medical emergencies always ring 999 – your emergency will filter down to the local team but you must go through the proper channels.***

***Swaton is fortunate in having a defibrillator on the outside wall of the Village Hut in the event of Cardiac Arrest – if you aren't familiar with how to use the defib or how to access it please contact Andrew Deptford on 01529 421 111***

### **BECOME INVOLVED**

***If you would like to play more of an active part in Village event or have any ideas to enhance the Village social scene then please contact any of the Village Hut Committee (usually found at any of the previously mentioned events)***

### **AND FINALLY . . .**

***If you would like some local news or an event mentioned in the newsletter or advertise your business or services that the localised community would benefit from knowing then please contact Elaine Penketh on 01529 417 404.***