

August

SWATON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2015

August has to be the most favourite time of the year bar Christmas for most kids. As Alice Cooper sang “*Schools out for summer*” . . . well if we can call it summer – hopefully Kids – the weather will be better for you this coming month.

We can all be big kids this Saturday . . . due to much interest being shown by the adults when the kids watched the film ‘Paddington’, the big kids (OK adults !) are getting a chance to watch it too at this weekend’s cinema club – 7.30pm Saturday night in the hut.

In this month’s edition we have the usual features including a coffee break Crossword and Sudoku and John Lukjaniec’s Gardeners Corner. It makes me quite jealous when I walk through the village and see my fellow neighbours and friend’s gardens and their resulting produce, tomatoes as big as my fist and an abundance of fruit popping up where as my strawberries have yet to materialise and my tomatoes – well let’s say a magnifying glass wouldn’t go amiss when you’re in my garden ! Hope yours are doing better than mine :- (

By the way, our Village ‘Hut’ has seen a few changes this past month – the latest is a new loft ladder which has been installed in the entrance hall so please excuse the need of a lick of paint to the ceiling and the new loft hatch. The other addition is a fab new surround-sound system and movie projector which can only enhance cinema evenings and quiz nights etc – so why not come along this Saturday and see for yourself.

An interest of mine is Etymology (no not insects – that’s Entomology) – it’s the history of words and how they’ve changed. As with many months in our calendar which are named after a God or an renowned leader, August was named in honour of Augustus Caesar in 8BC. The month was originally named Sextilis as it was the 6th month of a 10 month Roman Calendar when the year way back then began in March, but 700 BC January and February were added. As well as March and May, August (despite a slight change in the way it’s pronounced) is a word used in general English. An *adjective* meaning the likes of respected, impressive, distinguished and so on. Interestingly enough, Linguists think that the word *august* did not descend from the same root as the month August . . . where as others disagree. The slight difference in sound is the ‘month’ has the accent on the first syllable where as on the ‘adjective’ is emphasised on the second.

The Editor

CINEMA CLUB:

Once a month Swaton Village Hut becomes ‘Swaton Cinema Club’ – always on the first Saturday of the month. Its a great way to catch up with friends and neighbours before, during and after the film. So why not forget about Saturday night repeats (this week we’ve got Raiders Of The Lost Ark on BBC1 and Mumma Mia on 3 (oh save me from that one !) and come along and support the Hut Cinema. The bar opens at 7pm and hot dogs and ice creams are available during the interval.



PADDINGTON is a comedy film that was released at the end of 2014. It is based on Michael Bond’s books with Ben Whishaw as the voice of Paddington Bear & starring Julie Walters, Nicole Kidman, Hugh Bonneville, Sally Hawkins, Matt Lucas etc. The special effects are fabulous, particularly a flood, and the essential hat, duffle coat and marmalade are all present and correct.

The film follows the young Peruvian bear who has a passion for all things British & travels to London in search of a home. Finding himself lost and alone at Paddington Station, Paddington begins to realise that city life is not all he had imagined – until he meets the kind Brown family, who read the label around his neck “Please look after this bear, Thank you and offer him a temporary haven”. It looks as though Paddington’s luck has changed until this rarest of bears catches the eye of a museum taxidermist.

Membership – £2 on the night or annual membership £10 pp (try getting in to a cinema for that !). The bar stocks wines, spirits and cold drinks. Hot dogs, hot drinks & ice creams are also available during in the interval.

Future Films:

- **September:** Mr Turner
- **October:** What we did on Holiday
- **November:** Theory of Everything

NO KIDS CINEMA CLUB

Sorry Kids, due to it being holiday season there is no Kids Cinema Club this month. If you have any suggestions of films for September’s Cinema Club please contact Saff on 01529 421 487 – she’ll happily listen to your ideas.

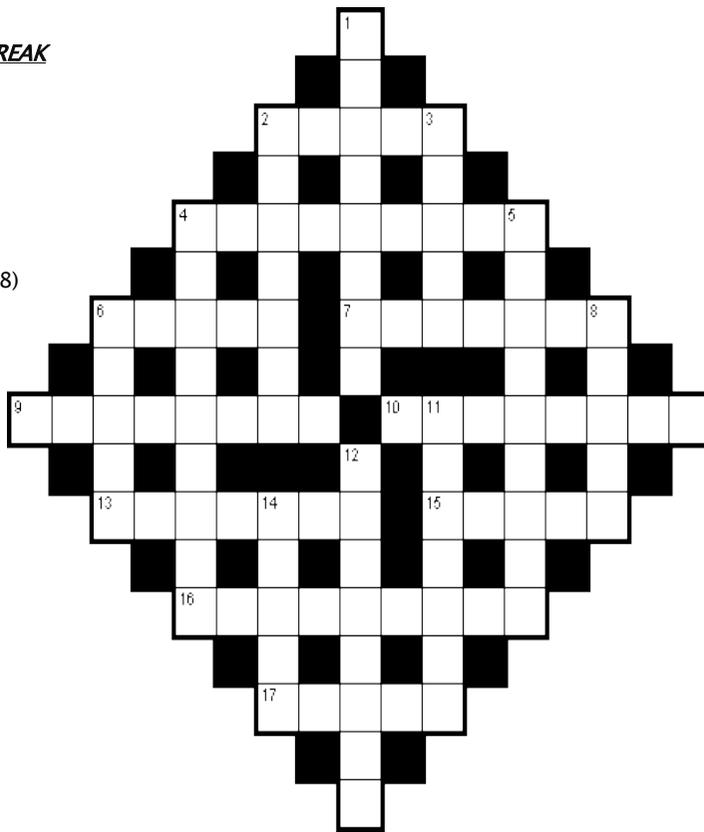
TIME FOR A CUPPA AND A BREAK

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- 4. Egg-laying (9)
- 6. Inexpensive (5)
- 7. Allegiance (7)
- 9. First public performance (8)
- 10. Deduct (8)
- 13. Earnest (7)
- 15. Pertaining to birds (5)
- 16. Clarify (9)
- 17. Ridge (5)

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- 1. Appropriate (8)
- 2. Sea captain (7)
- 3. Tropical tree (5)
- 4. Compliance (9)
- 5. Card game for one (9)
- 6. Board game (5)
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PARISH COUNCIL & COMMUNITY NEWS

SWATON PARISH COUNCIL – MEETING JULY 2015

Police Issues: Reports of dangerous dogs fighting in Swaton are being investigated by the Police. The police are also using the hand held speed gun on a regular basis in the village. On a recent visit, 3 drivers received tickets for driving in excess of 40mph through the village. Various agencies are being approached for assistance and or signage to improve awareness of the dangers of speeding.

Play Area: There were reports of litter and some damage on the new recreation area. Those responsible have been spoken to and the litter removed. This will be monitored regularly. Some broken or damaged second hand equipment will be disposed of. A grant application for some new equipment will be revised and brought up to date ready for submission as soon as possible. A working group will be formed to deal with this. The future formation of a management committee will be considered for taking over the day to day management of the site.

Broadband: The promised upgrade to super-fast broadband in Swaton by the end of July has not happened. The council meeting heard that the box known as 'Swaton 1' is actually placed in Helpringham, and that has been upgraded. The installers were made aware of this, but now cannot say when the boxes actually in Swaton will be upgraded.

Hole in the Road: Irrigation works alongside and under the road to the south of Swaton had concerned the Council. It was discovered that some of the relevant documentation was not in place for this. A new Farm Manager is establishing a different type of irrigation and the Council believe that the necessary permissions have been or are being sought.

Councillor Training: The two new Swaton Councillors and their Clerk attended some recent training seminars. Councillors Mrs Elaine Penketh and Alan Wilson said the new councillor training was very useful as was a full day training on the law and management of play areas and their safety.

Planning: Swaton councillors heard that planning permission had been granted for the demolition of a single storey and rear side extension at Bridgeside Cottage, Swaton Lane. It will be replaced with a single storey extension. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

Everyone is welcomed to attend PC 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 you can stay and hear what is happening in Swaton...



Future Parish Council meetings for 2015 are

- Tuesday 15th September
- Tuesday 17th November

MESSGAE FROM OUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR MRS KATE COOK

Osournby Ward Councillor Kate Cook has responsibility for 24 villages dealing with a range of local issues. Kate is a regular visitor and supporter of Swaton – both officially at Parish Council meetings and informally at the Saturday Morning Café and village events such as The Village Quiz and Vintage Day.

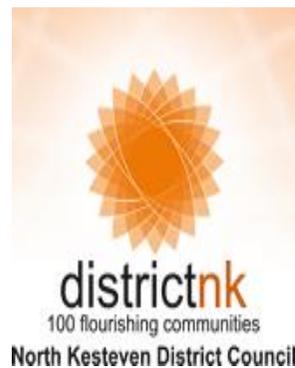
I have had a very busy few weeks as my in-depth training at the District Council has continued and I have been attending lots of Parish Council meetings and various events throughout the Ward including fêtes at Swarby and Silk Willoughby, the St Thomas of Canterbury Church Open Day in Aunsby and of course Swaton's Vintage Day.



I enjoyed helping in the tea tent but have to say I was rather relieved that Andrew Deptford appeared to have forgotten our egg roulette challenge....! but it was fun to watch everyone else get splattered this year ! It really was a wonderful day and again *well done* to all the organisers and to everyone who came along to support it.

I have had several meetings and discussions with Stephen Phillips MP QC over various issues affecting the Ward including **improving mobile phone coverage** (the Parish Council and I are still trying to find out when Swaton's mast will be upgraded); the Highways Agency at Lincs County Council to resolve some of the issues with **potholes and pathways** that have been brought to my attention and also speaking to Lincolnshire's Broadband Programme Manager, Stephen Brookes in , regards to broadband issues within the local area. I am specifically aware of the delay with **Swaton's broadband** but the Parish Council and I have been assured by Stephen Brookes that it will be sorted out soon !

I am still working with others to try and find a solution for the future of the **Heritage Centre** in Osournby and I have been very involved with the recent fire at Barkston Heath that affected Wilsford in Osournby Ward.



I have recently become a member of the Tenant Liaison Panel as I would like to learn more about the **housing service** at the District Council, especially as there are 13 council homes in Swaton.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have an issue you would like to discuss with me either by telephone on 07986 262852 or by email to Cllr_Kate_Cook@n-kesteven.gov.uk. I am also on Facebook (kate.cook.9465) and Twitter (@CllrKateCook) so please feel free to follow me to find out what I have been up to! **Thank you** once again for your support.

Kate Cook

NEWS FROM OUR LOCAL PSCO . . .



I do hope you are all well and enjoying the summer holidays. At the time of writing this we have had several incidents called into us with regards to males selling chainsaws and power tools from the back of their van. I would urge anyone who wants a chain saw not to buy from these people. You may find that are a bit cheaper than the local DIY shop but you will not get a guarantee and they do tend to be of low quality or even damaged stock.

There have also been incidents of "Day Time Burglaries" As the weather warms up people seem to forget to shut doors and windows giving sneak in burglars an easy opportunity to get into your properties while you are out enjoying the garden.

This also gives me a quick opportunity to speak to you about the speeding in the village, Swaton suffers from this as does most of the other villages in the Sleaford area, However you do tend suffer more as it's a long road through the village. We have been out with the speed gun, this was done very early one morning and several tickets were issued. We will continue to do this on an ad hoc basis and as some of the people we stop are local to the village please remember to slow down in you're own village.

Thanks and hope to see you in the Hut on August 22nd

PCSO 2089 – Patrick Welby-Everard

Saturday Morning in 'The Hut'

Patrick will be holding a regular **Saturday morning drop in at the Hut**, this will coincide with his Saturday morning day shifts and he'll be in the hut between 10am & 11am should anyone need to discuss anything with him although times may vary slightly should an incident come in that he needs to attend to, however, Patrick intends to book these slots in his diary so its protected against routine incidents.

Come and meet Patrick on:

- August 22nd
- September 19th
- October 17th
- November 14th
- December 12th
- January 9th 2016



(Before)

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VILLAGE & COMMUNITY NEWS



VINTAGE DAY – ANOTHER SUCCESS

End of June’s weather wasn’t great but that didn’t stop this popular event from having a good turnout. The Vintage Day and World Egg Throwing Competition raised around £8000 for good causes including Lincolnshire and Nottingham Air Ambulance, LIVES, British Red Cross, Leukaemia Research and Shelterbox. During the day there were various events including an attempt to launch an egg in to space –

Members of the South Kesteven Amateur Radio Society launched the egg on board Madhen Eggsplorer-1, which soared beneath a weather balloon to a height of 35000m, before bursting and the egg is believed to have ditched in the sea near Hull.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

As Patrick has already said, its summer, windows and doors are open so be careful and if you’re in the back garden don’t leave the front door or front windows open or valuables in the open where they can easily be taken – that goes for the car too.



Recent NHW warnings include

- Fraudulent sales of Rugby 2015 World Cup tickets – don’t get stung ! Only buy from the official Rugbyworldcup.com site (look for ER2015)
- A rogue trader knocked on the door of an elderly women and said he was a stand in for her gardener, He then took payment and did a runner. Unless you’ve booked it don’t let anyone in, look at ID and don’t part with any money until you’re happy with their work.

REMEMBER – ring 999 in an emergency, or 101 if the matter is less urgent.

SWATON NHW COORDINATORS

Peter Penketh – High Street (01529 417404) & Pat Kempster – West End (421 840)



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

Swaton is fortunate enough to have an active **LIVES (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 Defibrillator is needed breathing difficulties, cardiac arrest etc. Full training is given. **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 Pete Penketh on 417404 or Andy Dunlop on 421 877 who can tell you what it’s like to volunteer. **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.



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 Grade 5 Ballet - 5:30 to 6:30 pm
 Ballet / Body Conditioning - 6:30 to 7:15 pm

Tuesday - Leasingham Village Hall
 Baby Ballet - 4:00 to 4:30 pm
 Pre Primary Ballet - 4:00 to 4:30 pm
 Pre Primary Tap - 4:30 to 5:00 pm
 Grade 1 Tap - 4:30 to 5:00 pm
 Primary Ballet - 5:00 to 5:45 pm
 Grade 1 Ballet - 5:00 to 5:45 pm
 Grade 3 Ballet - 5:45 to 6:30 pm
 Zumba / Fitsteps - 6:00 to 6:45 pm
 Grade 5 Ballet - 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Heckington Studio
 Adult Tap - 7:30 to 8:15 pm

Wednesday - Heckington Studio
 Yoga - 9:30 to 10:45 am
 Yoga - 11:00 to 12:15 pm
 Baby Ballet - 3:45 to 4:15 pm
 Kids Hooping - 4:15 to 5:00 pm
 Grade 3 Tap - 5:00 to 5:45 pm
 Cheerleading - 5:45 to 6:30 pm
 Street Dance 7yrs+ - 6:30 to 7:30 pm
 Zumba / Fitsteps - 7:30 to 8:30 pm

Friday - Heckington Studio
 Grade 6 Tap - 4:45 to 5:45 pm
 Intermediate Modern - 5:45 to 6:45 pm
 Grade 6 Ballet - 6:45 to 7:45 pm
 Pointe Work - 7:45 to 8:15 pm

Saturday - Heckington Studio
 Grade 4 Ballet - 9:00 to 10:00 am
 Juicy Fruits Preschool Dance & Music Class - 10:00 to 10:30 am
 Grade 3 Modern - 10:30 to 11:15 am
 Grade 2 Ballet - 11:15 to 12:00 pm







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LASTING POWERS OF ATTORNEY (LPA)

Other than a Will, an LPA is singularly the most important document that every adult ought to have. Without it, if incapacity strikes you down, your family will have to deal with the Court of Protection – a body which has been called evil by many people for how it's decisions destroy families all under the guise of the Mental Health Act. The expense alone of dealing with the Court of Protection makes the cost of setting up an LPA positively miniscule in comparison.

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GARDENER'S WORLD - Plant and Grow

My plants are loving the warm weather we are having at the moment. They seem to be growing really well and establishing themselves in the ground and, in my containers/hanging baskets. I am having to water every day all the young plants that have still to establish



themselves and hope the occasional rain we have had is sufficient for the other mature plants to live on. In addition I add plant feed to the water I use every week just to make sure the plants are not starved of nutrients which help them grow. I do this each Sunday to make it part of a regular routine to look after my plants.

Whether you grow vegetables, flowers, shrubs or trees, it is advisable to make

sure your plants are well fed whether using a liquid feed, solid fertiliser or other compound such as rotted compost, leaf mould or well rotted down horse muck etc. Growth will be much improved, you will get better flowering and of course better yields from your vegetables.

Being an amateur gardener can be quite time consuming. If you don't put the effort into your garden you will not see the benefits of your work. I was reminded just lately that I was not attending to a plot of ground in Henk's allotment I use and sure enough when I finally went over to see what was happening the weeds had taken over and had suppressed the growth of the existing plants. The ground was as dry as a bone and nothing really was doing well. Weeds I had never seen before were growing alongside the usual culprits. Weeds which were true monsters and needed to go. So after putting in the time with a little help from my friends the plot is clear again and being prepared for winter planting.

So what jobs should you consider for the rest of the month. I would suggest dead heading flowers regularly and cutting out old growth on perennial geraniums and bi-annuals to encourage a second growth. If you have spuds in the ground some of these will be ready to dig out together with other seasonal vegetables. I'm picking strawberries and raspberries at the moment. Lastly start looking out for seed on your plants. Collect as necessary for next year and store in paper envelopes. It's surprising how much money you will save by growing your own plants. Any excess can be shared with your neighbours.

John Lukjaniec, Applestone Hse, High Street, Swaton

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COOKERY CORNER – Italian Spaghetti with chilli prawns

Although I've been a veggie for many years I still love cooking my hubby a good fish or meat meal . . . this one really is so very quick and easy to make and it doesn't disappoint. I've made it a number of times and the feedback is always very good – in fact the last time I was told they'd happily pay good money for it in a restaurant so give it a try, after all Jamie Oliver and I can't both be wrong. I sometimes adapt it slightly, I've used fresh chilli instead of dried, kept the tomatoes whole & also added some cod which gives a different texture and bulks it up if you have a few more mouths to feed. What is great about this dish is that after a little prep, you can get everything else cooked just in the time it takes to cook your spaghetti – a great recipe to have up your sleeve. Oh, and rocket in a hot meal may sound odd but it's an excellent addition



Ingredients

2 cloves of garlic	1 dried red chilli
1 lemon	2 handfuls of cherry tomatoes
500g dried spaghetti	Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
Olive oil	500g raw fresh prawns, peeled, deveined, tails left intact
1 x 100g bag of wild rocket	2 heaped tablespoons tomato puree

Preparation method

Peel and finely chop the garlic. Crumble the dried chillies. Finely grate the zest of the lemon and halve the cherry tomatoes and put both aside til later.

Put a large pan of salted water on to boil, once boiling add the spaghetti and cook according to packet instructions. When your pasta has about 5 minutes to go, add a couple of lugs of olive oil to a frying pan on a medium heat.

Add the chopped garlic and crumbled chilli, as soon as the garlic starts to turn golden, add the tomatoes and stir for a few minutes, then add the prawns and stir for another minute. Scoop out a ladle or two of the pasta water (the starch helps make a sauce) and add it to the prawns with the tomato puree – stir and simmer for a couple of minutes.

When the pasta is ready, scoop out another cupful of the cooking water then drain in a colander. Tip the spaghetti into the pan of sauce, squeeze in the juice of the lemon then tear in half of the rocket and toss well. If the sauce is a bit thick, add a splash of the reserved cooking water to loosen it. Have a taste and season with salt and pepper then divide between your plates.

SHARE YOUR FAMILY FAVOURITE RECIPES.
How do you use seasonal fruit and veg? Share your ideas here
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REGULAR ACTIVITIES

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 or sausage & egg roll (to eat in or take away) and enjoy a freshly brewed cup of tea, coffee (decaf & filter available) or hot chocolate.

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).

VILLAGE LUNCH – MONDAY 10TH AUGUST – 12PM TO 1.30PM

(2nd 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

**REMEMBER TO SUPPORT 'THE HUT'
IT'S A VITAL PART OF OUR VILLAGE
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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 Tattling, 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 is a great way to socialise as well as edify yourself – the 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. Everyone gets a chance to pick the group's choice of read. There isn't a set date the club meets but if you enjoy reading, like a good meal and a glass or two and want to be more socially active this is a great way to combine the two so contact Saff on 01529 421 487 or Sally on 01529 421 748 and find out more – its not too late to get in on the book for July or August !

BOOKING SWATON VILLAGE HALL



Your 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 or group 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 – discounts given to locals. To book the Hut contact Mike Kempster on 01529 421 840

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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 is a great way to socialise as well as edify yourself – the club meet monthly to discuss the book of the month and enjoy a meal together that is themed around the subject of that month's book. Everyone gets a chance to pick the group's choice of read. There isn't a set date the club meets but if you enjoy reading, like a good meal and a glass or two and want to be more socially active this is a great way to combine the two so contact Saff on 01529 421 487 or Sally on 01529 421 748 and find out more – its not too late to get in on the book for July or August !

ITS YOUR VILLAGE TOO . . .

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

Do you have unwanted items that you'd like to sell or recycle to others who can make good use of it or want to ask for something you need. Maybe the garage or garden shed is a little cluttered with the kids unwanted toys & long forgotten tools – it's a good time to have a clear out ! Contact Elaine if you want to advertise it here – 01529 417 404

VILLAGE & COMMUNITY NEWS

Due to the lack of space in the roof void because of a water tank , roof struts etc the Village Hut couldn't go for a standard off the shelf type ladder. The Hut Committee took the advise of a local carpenter who has now fitted a new wooden, fold-away ladder that attaches to a new loft hatch. It's easy to use and will make life a lot easier when it comes to getting the Christmas tree down – yep the dreaded word 'Christmas' – only 21 weeks to go ! !



When you visit the hut look up – we now have a wired in projector and speakers. I've been

advised that you'll notice the difference at cinema club, supposedly great when it comes to action films. The next project is a re-dec to spruce up our Village hall.



BEFORE AND AFTER

After much cajoling and nagging by the Chairman of Swaton Parish Council Mr Andrew Deptford, Swaton finally saw some weed clearing action in July which obviously helps to alleviate the potential risk of flooding.

Swaton's Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Andrew Deptford went in to battle on behalf the residents of Swaton and said he would hold The Environment Agency, Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board and Lincolnshire County Council liable to all costs involved if Swaton was flooded and before we knew it someone was here clearing out the channels.

Power to the people ! !

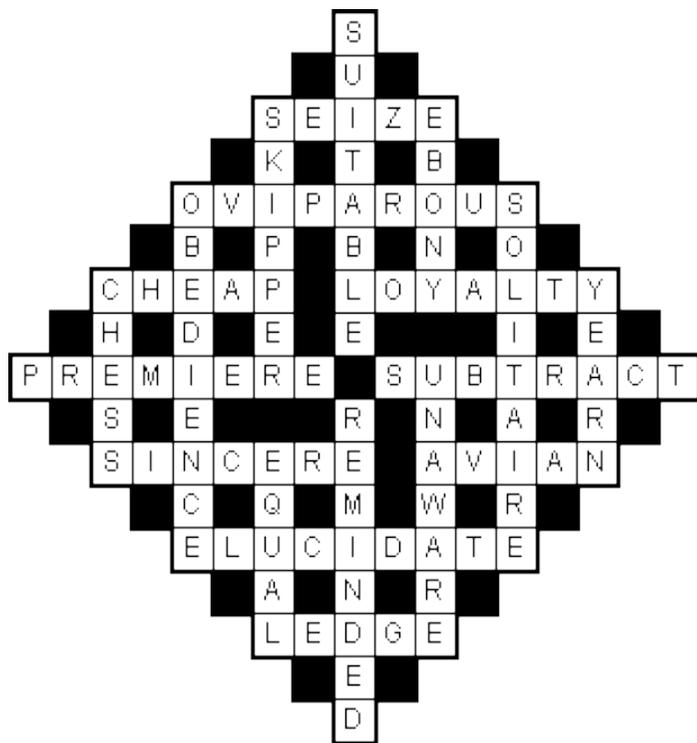
Lets hope they keep listening ! !



Puzzle Page Solution

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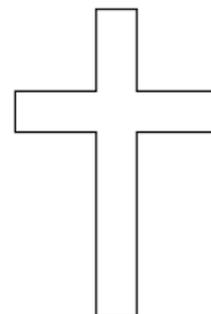


A MESSAGE FROM CHRIS HARRINGTON – OUR REV

Historical Talk at Swaton

On Saturday July 18th the Historian and guide at Lincoln Castle, Nigel Burn, gave a very interesting talk at St Michael’s Church here at Swaton about Nicola de la Haye, wife of Gerard de Camville, who was Lord of the Manor of Swaton. This remarkable lady was the Constable of Lincoln Castle between 1215 and 1217 and successfully defended the castle against a French invasion. Nigel told us how her history entwined that of the producing of Magna Carta and of the political intrigue and dealings of the time. However he failed to tell us how she came to be buried in the church and so we may be able to invite him back for a second sitting to tell us if there is enough interest.

Everyone enjoyed a sumptuous supper in the wonderful atmosphere of the church. The social team at the church did a wonderful job in feeding over 80 people and all had a great night.



Trip to Walsingham in August has been cancelled.

We were planning to run our annual day trip to Walsingham in Norfolk in August but there has not been the take up we were hoping for and so have decided to not have the coach trip this year. Sorry for any disappointment that may have caused.

Rectory Garden Fete

On Saturday 15th August our group of parishes will be holding its annual garden fete at the Rectory in Heckington – 10 Cameron Street. There will be plenty of stalls, games and refreshments should you wish to venture north! All are most welcome it is from 2pm until 4pm.

Church services at St Michael’s

Sunday 9th August at 11am Morning Praise led by Wendy Kerby,
 Sunday 23rd August at 9.30am Holy Communion led by Rev Chris

Healing service at Heckington

On Sunday 30th August there will be a healing service at St Andrew’s Heckington with anointing with holy oil and the laying on of hands for healing. Led by Rev Chris.

If you like stories then over the summer we are looking at the lives of some of the saints at our **services at St Michael’s Church on Sunday 9th & 23rd August.**

Enjoy the summer, every blessing.

Rev Chris