



SWATON NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2015

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY . . .

CHRISTMAS LUNCH - SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER



"Everyone loves Christmas...
except the turkey!"

Swaton's Christmas dinner is always a sell out and this year is no different. If you have tickets, make sure the date is in your diary and if you don't then contact Nicola Arnold now as there are very few tickets left ! **You can call or text Nicola on 07905 155 359.**

The bar opens at 1pm and a full turkey lunch with all the trimmings will be served promptly at 1.30pm with desert and Lucky Ticket Prize Draw to follow.

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. You can also collect your Saturday newspaper (which must be ordered in advance from Liz Harborow – 421217).



MONTHLY VILLAGE LUNCH - MONDAY 14TH DEC 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 will be open **Friday 4th, 11th and 18th December** as well as **Thursday 24th and Thursday 31st** so come along for a festive drink and support YOUR VILLAGE HUT - feel free to bring board games and CDs on New Years Eve. 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.



KIDS CHRISTMAS WORDSEARCH



Santa's Reindeer



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Prancer

Vixen

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www.ActivityVillage.co.uk - Keeping Kids Busy



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

CINEMA CLUB

First Saturday of every month (Feb to November)

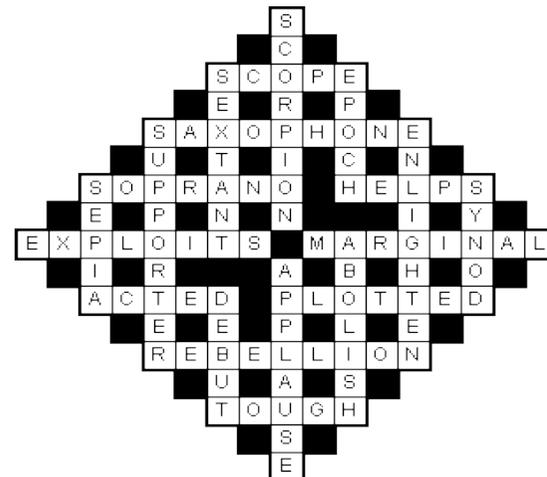
Cinema club returns in the new year commencing February 6th. The film starts at 7.30, the bar opens at 7pm and is well stocked with red and white wines, variety of beers, spirits and cold drinks. Hot dogs, hot drinks & ice creams are available during in the interval. **Contact**

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. . .** discounts given to Swaton residents.



CROSSWORD SOLUTION

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE . . .

November’s Parish Council meeting was attended by various members of Swaton village who wanted an update on the recreational park and also thanked the Parish Council for the placement of the new village benches.

The next PC meeting is **7.30pm Tuesday January 19th 2016** – all are welcome to attend. The first 15 minutes of every Parish Council meeting is open for members of the public to ask questions after which the PC meeting officially opens and members of the public are permitted to stay and listen.

SWATON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING . . .

PLAY AREA

The new Swaton Recreation area is progressing. Quotes are being obtained for some tree work and Crown Estates and Western Power have been notified about an overhead power line – between them this could be moved with no charge to the parish. Quotes for new play equipment are being updated. The Council discussed forming a working group to involve members of the parish and also organising a consultation once the various enquiries have been made.

It is hoped that a draft grant application will be brought to the January meeting.

FLOODING ISSUES.

The role of Flood Wardens will be changed at the end of this year. All parish emergency issues, including flooding, will come under an Emergency Plan with contacts and action plans listed within it.

The previous Emergency Plans have been replaced by a newer template. Councillors agreed to approach the members of the previous Plan to see if they will update the details.

BUDGET: Swaton council agreed to keep the amount of precept to be requested from NKDC for 2016/17 to £2500, the same as for the current year. This will be formally approved in the January meeting to allow for last minute information coming from NKDC.

PARISH COUNCIL SHORTS.

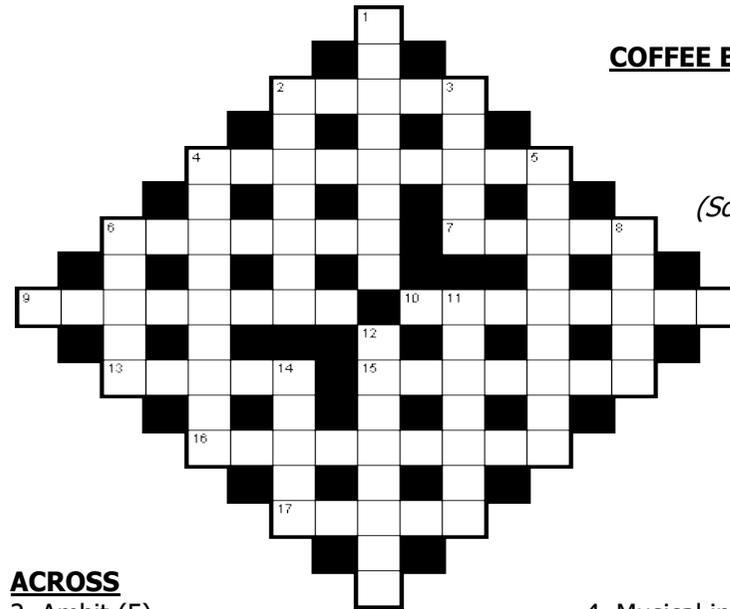
Newsletter: The parish council discussed various options for producing it’s village newsletter, which would publish information from all organisations. Cllr Mrs Penketh said she will continue to liaise with other groups who may help.

Benches. Two new benches have now been installed in the village. Various permissions from Highways and utility companies were finally obtained.

Speeding issues continue to be a concern. The results of a recent Archer survey were discussed. Cllr Mrs Penketh will be registering with Community Speed Watch which could allow for volunteer groups to monitor speeding.

The proposed **Local Plan** for the District. Councillors and the Clerk attended various events during the consultation period

COFFEE BREAK CROSSWORD



(Solution on page 7)

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- 2. Ambit (5)
- 6. Singing voice (7)
- 9. Makes good use of (8)
- 13. Performed (5)
- 16. Insurrection (9)
- 4. Musical instrument (9)
- 7. Assists (5)
- 10. Borderline (8)
- 15. Schemed (7)
- 17. Very difficult (5)

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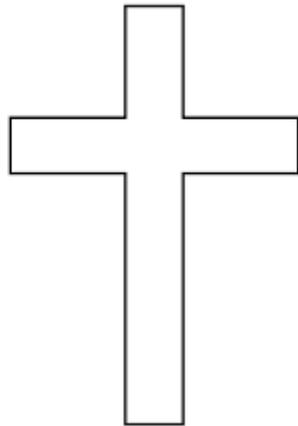
- 1. Has a sting in the tail (8)
- 3. Era (5)
- 5. Elucidate (9)
- 8. Ecclesiastical council (5)
- 12. Clapping (8)
- 2. Navigational instrument (7)
- 4. Protagonist (9)
- 6. Reddish brown (5)
- 11. Do away with (7)
- 14. First appearance (5)

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Instead of numbers 1-9 it's the word **CHRISTMAS!**

Pondering the Mystery

Earlier in the year on a visit to Walsingham in Norfolk I saw a statue of Mary in a shop. Although I'm not usually attracted to such images there was something about her plain, peasant like, appearance that touched me. There was also no baby in her arms. Instead she was just sitting with her arms laying in her lap as if she was praying.



Praying for what I wondered? Had this image captured the moment after Gabriel the Archangel had appeared to her to announce that she had been chosen by God to bring his Son into the world as a human being? Was she pondering what to tell Joseph her fiancé, or how to tell her parents she was pregnant? Was she quietly thanking God for this special blessing? Or was she asking for the strength to bear such a burden that may cost her life?

The stories of the birth of Jesus in Luke's gospel say that, "Mary pondered these things in her heart". Christmas can be a time of pondering once again the mystery of the Incarnation – 'God with us', that Mary helped to bring about by saying "Yes" to God. So stop and take a moment amidst the busyness of it all to ponder God's love for you. What will your response be? Yes?

Nativity Festival - Friday 11th to Sunday 13th Dec

To help you ponder this sacred mystery, come and see the different Nativity sets from around the world on display at the Nativity Festival being held at Heckington Church, including ones being made by pupils at Heckington School. It's open from 10.30am till 4pm. Refreshments available.

Christmas Tree Festival – 12th December

Great Hale Church is holding it's Christmas Tree Festival in church on Saturday 12th Dec from 10.30am. There are plenty of stalls, Christmas trees and hot turkey baps will be on offer at lunch time plus a visit from Santa at around 1pm

Concerts A Plenty

- 5th Dec** – Heckington Singers Christmas Concert at Heckington Church at 7pm
- 11th Dec** – Pop Rock & Blues Charity Concert by the Rocking Revs - Heckington Village Hall 7.30pm
- 11th Dec** – Musicals concert at Great Hale Church at 7pm to mark the beginning of their Christmas Tree Festival.

Christmas Dates

- Saturday 12th Dec** – **St Michael's Christmas Fayre at the Hut 9.30am till 12noon**
- Sunday 13th Dec** – **Advent Praise at St Michael's at 11am**
- Saturday 19th Dec** – **Carol Service at St Michael's at 6.30pm with refreshments in the Hut after.**
- Thursday 24th Dec** – Children's Crib service at Heckington Church with the Swaton Donkeys at 4pm
- Thursday 24th Dec** - **Midnight Mass at Heckington Church at 11.30pm**
- Friday 25th Dec** – **Christmas Day Service at St Michael's at 9.30am**

Church Services at St Michael's in the New Year

- Sunday 10th Jan 2016** – Morning Praise at 11am
- Sunday 24th Jan 2016** – Holy Communion at 9.30am

May God bless you and your family this Christmas.
Rev 'Capt' Chris

