



SWATON NEWSLETTER - AUTUMN 2017

Queen Elizabeth Park



At a presentation held in September at The Hartsholme Country Park in Lincoln by the Coop to award all their Community Champions, Elaine Penketh collected a cheque for £9,402. The money was raised by the sale of plastic bags at the COOP's Grantham, Heckington, Methringham, Ruskington & Sleaford stores as well as a percentage of shop sales between June and September.

The Coop grant wouldn't have happened had it not been for so many from the village attending the vote night way back in March – **MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO ATTENDED.**

Swaton PC has also been awarded £1,000 from Tesco Bags of Help so we have a tidy sum to progress in to the next Phase.



A big thank you to Alan Wilson, John Wilkinson, Charles Campion, Tim Pugh, Simon, Joff, John, Nigel, Michael, Aden, John Lukjaniec, Jonathan Forbes and everyone else for combining their engineering, carpentry and hands-on labouring skills to complete our superb shelter - it's an excellent feature to our park. The next phase should see the addition of 2 new pieces of equipment (possibly 3 if we can stretch the finances) all thanks to money recently received.

QUIZ NIGHT - Saturday 28th October

Always a popular event – book now to avoid disappointment. £8 per person to include a delicious homemade supper. Teams of up to 6 people. Contact Liz on 01529 421 217 for tickets



SWATON COMMUNITY TRUST - DIARY DATES FOR 2017



SATURDAY MORNING CAFÉ – 9.30am - 12 noon.
Every Saturday morning you'll find Tea, coffee, bacon rolls and homemade cakes on offer in the hut. Newspapers can be purchased (only available if pre-ordered from Liz 421217)

SWATON SWIGGERS – 8.30pm EVERY FRIDAY

Come along for drink and a chat. A good selection of wines, beers, soft drinks and snacks available at very reasonable prices.



SOUP KITCHEN – 2nd MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Next dates are 9th October and 13th November. Choice of homemade soups with bread and /or jacket potatoes with various fillings.

CINEMA CLUB – Saturday 7th OCTOBER & 11th NOVEMBER

Full details of the films are displayed in the hut or from Nicki (421 566). Doors open 7pm, film starts at 7.30pm. Bar open and refreshments available.



CRAFT CLUB

Every Tuesday morning from 9.30. For more detail please contact Liz (421 217)

****** FUTURE EVENTS ******

HUT AGM – Friday 17th November 7.30 - Details to follow



LADIES NIGHT - SATURDAY 25th November 8pm

Back by popular demand - come along for a fun, informal get-together and meet the neighbours! Bar open. Bring a plate buffet. Contact Vicky for more details: 07539 179855.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH - Sunday 10th December

2 course homemade Christmas lunch £5.50 per person. Limited number of tickets – contact Nicki 421 566 to book.

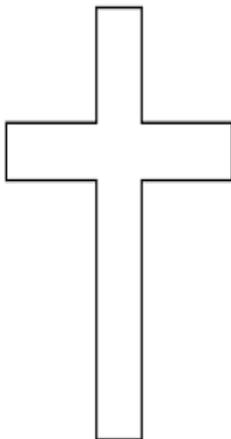


A word from our Rev

Swirling leaves go round and round but history marches on.

Autumn is my second favourite time of year after Spring. It brings back so many memories of childhood with its fallen leaves and conkers and has a kind of mystery to it like the fog that often covers the landscape.

Although we witness the annual death of the garden plants and trees we know that in God's providence, death is never the end only of that particular season, like a chapter in a book by the fireside. However, in Christian thought life is not circular in nature like the seasons but unfolding like a history book with a start and a beginning. However, like the seasons, the Christian year is cyclical as we need to keep revisiting that unfolding history so that we learn its lessons. Harvest, which we have just celebrated at the church, reminds us to be thankful for God's extravagant provision for us. Memorial services and Remembrance Day in November reminds us to be thankful for those lives who personally touched ours with love and for those who gave themselves to protect us and our the world from evil powers that throughout history emerge to destroy our peace and way of life. And, as we move towards winter and the darker days we remember that there is always light at the end of the tunnel as prepare to celebrate the coming of the Christ child, the Light of the World. Until then pull up your chair closer to the fire and enjoy that book you have been looking forward to reading. The weeds are now dying back its getting darker at night so you can relax and let nature do its thing in your garden. It will soon start all over again.



Church services for this Autumn are:

Sunday Oct 8th - Swaton St Michael at 11am Morning praise led by Wendy
Sunday Oct 22nd - Swaton St Michael at 9.30am Holy Communion led by Rev Chris
Sunday Oct 29th - Heckington Church at 11am Healing Service led by Rev Chris
Sunday Nov 5th - Heckington Church at 6pm All Souls Memorial Service led by Rev Chris
Sunday Nov 12th - Scredington Church at 9.30am or at Helpringham at 10.45am
Remembrance Sunday Nov 26th - Swaton St Michael at 9.30am led by Rev Stephen

Every blessing,

Rev 'Captain' Chris

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REPORT FROM SWATON PARISH COUNCIL 26th SEPTEMBER 2017



PRESENT: Cllrs A Deptford, (Chairman), A Dunlop, Mrs E Penketh, A Wilson, and the Clerk Mrs S McIntyre.
Apologies for absence: C Richardson

Play Area: Swaton's play park now has a new youth shelter and further equipment has been made possible due to grants. There was a discussion about a goal post area with fixed surround including a basketball hoop. Fencing behind the goal post may be needed. Enquiries will continue and results will go to the Play Park committee.

Speed Indicator Signs: The parish council found that providing two fixed speed indicator signs would cost between £6,000 and £14,000 for supply and fitting. This may be too expensive for the parish council to consider at this time. Some stick on 30mph signs for wheelie bins are being looked at to give through traffic an awareness of the speed limit.

Finance: Swaton's 2016/17 audit has been signed off and the relevant notices and documents are on the web site at swaton.org.uk

Planning: A plan to erect a new dwelling with detached garage off Parson's Grove has been approved by the District Council. The Parish Council had no comments about plans for the Viking Link Interconnector Project – which will bring power from off shore wind farms to the Bicker sub-station. Councillors did comments about the amount of papers and documents received – two large boxes full which was sent out to all the consultees.

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY. HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO YOUR VILLAGE

Due to the resignation of Councillor Dunlop, the Parish Council has a vacant chair to be filled. If you would like to stand as a candidate, there are certain qualifications that must be met: You must be 18 years old or over on the day you submit your nomination and either a UK or Commonwealth citizen, citizen of the Irish Republic or member state of the EU. In addition, you must also have lived, worked or been registered in the district or parish for the whole of the previous 12 months.

You're not allowed to stand as a candidate if: you already work for the parish council, are subject to bankruptcy restrictions, have within the last five years been sentenced to a prison term of three months or more.

The Council only meets once every two months, but you will be expected to be involved between meetings - mainly by email.

Please apply by contacting the Clerk (Shelagh McIntyre) on 01400 262090 or send an email to shmcintyre@tesco.net - or you can make contact with any of the Parish Councillors.

