



SWATON NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2017

Co-op Community Green Space Grant



Thank you to **EVERYONE** who took time out of their busy week to attend the Co-Op's Community Green Space meeting in Sleaford on Thursday 2nd March. The attendance was beyond expectations - parents, grandparents and children had turned up to support the park as well as a few people from neighbouring villages – the presenter said that it looked like most of Swaton were there !

For those who didn't attend, the Co-Op presented it's advances in making sure their stores are running as 'Green' as possible, news of their food donation initiative as well as other community programmes prior to announcing the proposed funding projects across 5 Lincolnshire regions. We heard how there had been 100s of applications so felt lucky to have been whittled down to be one of 3 regional finalists.

Upon arrival, the audience were given electronic keypads on which to vote for a winner out of each of the 3 projects presented within each region. When it came to Swaton's Park we were up against 2 worthy projects but won 60 votes to 20 - if you hadn't been there the outcome would have been very different.

So what happens now - unlike other grants that award an immediate and known amount of money, the Co-Op grant takes 3 months to raise the funds post vote. The grant money is raised through the sale of plastic bags as well as a percentage of shop sales between June and September. Based on historic data, we hope to receive in excess of £5,000 but we really won't know until the autumn.

The five Co-Op stores in our region that will fund our park grant are Grantham, Heckington, Methringham, Ruskington & Sleaford (not Billingborough).

If you aren't already a Lincolnshire Co-Op member, please do sign up and use your membership card every time you shop as 1% of your purchases goes in to their funding programme (5% goes back to you in dividends) and you'll also be offered seasonal discounts, member-only offers and promotions.



NEW RUBBISH BINS. Due to the amount of rubbish and dog poo dumped with total disregard along the verges & fields of Swaton, and the complaints to the Parish Council, 4 new bins have been acquired. Three will be positioned around the village (subject to various authorities permissions) – one along West End near Pepper Lane, another at the north of the High Street near North Drove and the third near the bridge on the eastern side of the village. The 4th will be placed in the park. Lets hope dog walkers and litter-bugs use them ! NKDC will empty these bins free of charge.

Do you sing? Would you like to sing?

If so, the Group Choir has been re-named Dulciana (meaning sweet sound) under the leadership of Brian West.



This small friendly choir sings a range of music. Meeting on a Thursday evening in Screddington Church between 7-30 to 8-30pm and would welcome new members of any age. No previous experience or knowledge necessary. Come along and give it a try --- Singing really does lift the spirits !

For more info contact Wendy Kerby on 421930

MESSAGE FROM WENDY KERBY and HECKINGTON & VILLAGES CHURCHES

Thank you to all who contributed to the success of the Heckington Appeal for Aid for Syrian Refugees, in support of the charity Samara's Aid Appeal.

Thank you to everyone who donated used items of clothing, bedding and medical equipment, who knitted beautiful new clothes and blankets and who bought essential items of new underwear and toiletries for strangers in need.

We are very grateful for the use of the Heckington Methodist Church Hall, the hub of the operation, where donations were received and processed.

Many thanks to those who gave of their time to sort, pack and label the items for their long journey.

We are also grateful for the use of the large van, lent to us for the purpose of transporting the donations to the shipping container in Beverley. We were able to fill the vehicle to the brim with boxes and bags of high quality clothes, bedding and toiletries plus several pairs of crutches and other medical equipment. The goods are now safely stowed in a container which will be shipped out from Immingham. Thank you also for the cash donations, which exceeded £1,500 which will go towards the transport of the items to Syria and also to the running of Samara's Aid medical facilities in Syria.

Our thoughts and prayers must now be with Samara's Aid Appeal's volunteer partners on the ground, most of them Syrians, who will risk their own lives driving through a warzone to distribute our gifts to those who need them.

With many, many thanks and best wishes,
Heckington & Villages Churches Together Appeal for Syrian Refugees

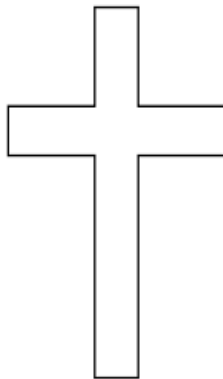


A word from our Rev

How time flies. It has been five years this Easter since my time as Rector of the Heckington and Helpringham Group began.

On the whole, they have been five enjoyable years which has seen both growth and decline in the eight churches within the group. What I have come to appreciate is that church, like much of life, is both far more fragile and resilient than we think.

Some congregations have grown and then due to serious illness, death and people moving away, have declined and then sometimes to bounce back again. It could be disheartening if it were not for the fact that I trust Jesus to build HIS church rather than mine. I often say I consider myself just a bricklayer in the Master's firm as it were. The Scripture says that we are living stones being built into a temple for the Lord. I suspect this is something that looks quite different to the ideas we might have about what HIS church looks like.



Two thousand years ago, Jesus left eleven close friends and many other disciples to go and proclaim the 'good news' message of his life, death and resurrection. As they went, and were faithful to that commission, the world was gradually transformed. Despite the opposition, they often met and the violent times of persecution the church has often endured, and sadly also misguidedly participated in, the number of people who count themselves a Christian has continued to grow worldwide. It seems that life, death and resurrection is both the message, and at times, the pattern of the Church. Death will never be the end of the story.

Easter is the time we celebrate that victory which Jesus won over all that life and humanity can throw at us. When it was thrown at Him he embraced it in love and held onto it on the cross and all the way to the grave. What looked like weakness, defeat and failure to those who were there, was actually the victory of love over the hatred, anger, fear, pride, envy, greed, and jealousy that darkens the human heart. The brightness of the resurrection just a few days later was a light which darkness has never and will never be able to put out. As we embrace that light we choose life over death, hope over despair, love over hatred, beauty over the ugliness of evil and anything that tries to deface that beauty. That is why for me it is always a GOOD Friday and a HAPPY Easter.

Every blessing, Rev Chris Harrington
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CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL 2017.

5th Sunday of Lent - 2nd April

9am Great Hale Church – Holy Communion

11am St Andrew's Heckington – Holy Communion

Palm Sunday - 9th April

9.30am Screddington Church – Holy Communion

10.30am Donkey Procession in Swaton from Helpringham end of the village to church

11am Swaton Church – Morning Praise

11am St Andrew's Heckington – Morning Praise

11am Helpringham – Holy Communion

7pm St Andrew's Heckington - Come & Sing 'Stainer's Crucifixion' choral service (Rehearsal at 2pm all singers welcome)

Good Friday - 14th April

9.30am Great Hale Church - 'Stations of the Cross' service of prayer and meditation

10.30am Walk of witness with the cross from Great Hale Church to Heckington village green

11.15am Open service on Heckington village green

7pm St Andrew's Heckington – A Requiem Mass

Easter Sunday - 16th April

9.30am St Michaels, Swaton – Holy Communion

9.30am Burton Church – Holy Communion

11am St Andrew's Heckington - Holy Communion

11am Helpringham Church – Holy Communion

6pm Great Hale Church - Holy Communion

Easter Monday - 17th April

2pm Emmaus Walk from Howell Church to Asgarby Church

3pm Easter praise at Asgarby Church

St George's Day – Sunday 23rd April

9.30am Swaton Church – Holy Communion

11am St Andrew's Heckington – Holy Communion

11am Helpringham Church – Morning praise

4pm Great Hale Church – St George's Day Tea & Proms

3rd Sunday of Easter – 30th April

11am St Andrew's Heckington – Healing Service

11am Helpringham Church – Songs of Praise



STAY OUT OF FARMER'S FIELDS



A problem with horse riders, walkers and dog walkers intruding on to the edges of grass and crop fields has been raised up to the Parish Council.

Areas around farmer's fields especially in the Cardyke / Parsons Drove areas are being used without permission.

Horses are churning up the sides of the field and causing damage to crops as well as the issue of dog poo being left by thoughtless dog walkers. These areas are part of working farm land - we live in a farming community and dog poo is being taken in to the fields and farm yards on the tractor tyres.

Dog poop on the crops is not something anyone wants.

Please take notice of where you are walking – if it is private land or you're unsure if it's a permitted footway then please **DO NOT ENTER** without the express permission of the land owner.

FIELD MARGINS ARE NOT PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

And to all dog walkers – please remember to take poo bags with you on every walk and to 'Pick Up After Your Dog'.



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CLERK'S NOTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY MARCH 14TH 2017

The next meeting is the **Annual Parish Meeting – Tuesday May 16th 2017 at 7.30pm** followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at 8pm. The APM is the annual opportunity for you to come along and hear brief reports about the Council's last year and give your views and comments.

PUBLIC FORUM - A member of the public congratulated everyone involved in the Co-op funding evening & the success of the bid.

A problem with horse riders and walkers who are using the grass field edges. Horses are churning them up. These are part of working farm land and are private property. Notices have been placed. Also the problem with dog mess being left on verges, which is being brought into the farm land by tractor tyres.

1. The PLAY AREA UPDATE. Cllrs Mrs Penketh and Wilson updated the meeting on progress. Swaton won the Co-op Community Champion bid for this area and should receive around £5k in the Autumn. Other grants are being applied for.

Quotes for an inclusive (DDA) roundabout and basket swing are being negotiated but many exceed the funds available.

It was noted that the Swaton Playing Field account had been established and that there was £1,740 in this to be used for the youth shelter – deadline for the installation of this July 1st. Volunteers will be needed to build the shelter and prepare the land. Project will be run by Cllr Wilson who also spoke of the recent mole problem – no moles had been caught but the ground had been flattened.

2. LCC GRASS CUTTING. A partial grant has been applied for – any areas which will need cutting will be identified as the season progresses and some residents will continue to cut the grass. The bankside may be a problem. It was agreed to wait to see where the funding should be best used.

3. SPEED INDICATOR SIGNS. Mr John Lukjaniec is now responsible for the SIDs. New batteries have been installed and tested. The SIDS are currently deployed in Burton Pedwardine and Helpringham.

4. WASTE BINS. After various complaints and consultation, it was agreed 4 new village bins will be purchased. NKDC will empty the bins weekly and replace the bin bag. The Chairman (Cllr Deptford) provided details of an agreed bin for which he negotiated a good discount. Litter/dog waste signs will be placed on the bins. The bins will be sited in areas that are known for litter and dog poo as well as the park.

5. CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATES:

* **Cllrs Deptford & Mrs Penketh attended a Cluster meeting** on Fri.10th March, both said it was a good meeting & were impressed with Dr Caroline Johnson, MP, however there was no answer about Swaton's broadband issue.

* **Swaton's** additional lighting is being considered once costs are known.

* **Viking Link.** Updates and emails have been circulated.

* **NKDC** will not be raising objections to the removal of the **phone box**.

* **Lincs2Advice.** Health and Wellbeing event April 5th at St George's Academy.

* **Boundary Commission.** Published responses from the 2016 consultation and further comments have been received.

* **LCC** – See Hear & Live Well event April 6th 11am-2pm Bishop Grosseteste University.

* **Lincoln City Council** funding forum event was attended by Cllr Mrs Penketh.

* **PLANNING:** Erection of two storey side & rear extension at 2 Cardyke Cottage, Parson's Grove. This had been amended and the amended plan was approved.



Easter Sunday

Sunday following the first full moon after the Spring equinox

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SWATON COMMUNITY TRUST – SOCIAL CALENDAR

FISH AND CHIP SUPPER – GOOD FRIDAY - 14th APRIL



Pre-order your fish and chips – we will deliver to the hut for you to enjoy along with your friends and neighbours. The Bar will be open too! Please fill in the order form found within the newsletter or from the hut and return with your payment by 10th April or contact Nicky 421566

SATURDAY MORNING CAFÉ

Every Saturday, 9.30am until 12 noon. Tea, coffee, bacon rolls, homemade cakes and chat. Newspapers can be purchased but only available by pre-order from Liz)



FRIDAY NIGHT SWATON SWIGGERS



Every Friday from 8.30pm – please support the bar and come along for drink and a chat. Good selection of wines, beers, soft drinks and snacks at very reasonable prices. We will also be holding BBQ evenings during the summer – more details nearer the time.

CRAFT CLUB

Every Tuesday morning from 9.30. For more detail contact Liz



SOUP KITCHEN – Monday 10th April

2nd Monday every month. Choice of homemade soups & bread as well as jacket potatoes with various fillings.

CINEMA CLUB – Saturday 1st April 2017.

1st Saturday of the month. Full details of the films are displayed in the hut or obtained from Nicky. Doors open 7pm, film starts at 7.30pm. Bar and refreshments available.



BANK HOLIDAY BREAKFAST – Monday 1st May

Come and enjoy a full English breakfast – tickets £5 each. Please fill in the order form found in the newsletter or from the hut and return with your payment by 26th April - contact Nicky 421566

If you have any ideas or suggestions to encourage more people to use The Hut or would like to book it for a party, meeting or event please let us know

Hut Committee.

Chairperson: Nicky Arnold – 01529 421566
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 Treasurer: Abi Eaves - 07950 663226
 Hut Bookings: Jonathan Forbes - 07710 782943
 Committee: Vicky Webb; Kate Brown; Mike Kempster

SWATON COMMUNITY TRUST

FISH AND CHIP BAR NIGHT

6.30pm FRIDAY 14th APRIL 2017

Supplied by *The New Inn, Folkingham*



Pre order from the menu below and we will deliver to The Hut for you to enjoy! The Bar will be open.

Please return your order form with the correct money to Nicki Arnold by Monday 10th April.

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NAME/S:

Menu	Price	Quantity
HADDOCK & CHIPS	£6.50	
Smaller HADDOCK & CHIIPS	£5.00	
SAUSAGE (3) & CHIPS	£6.50	
Smaller SAUSAGE (2) & CHIPS	£5.00	
STEAK & ALE PIE and CHIPS	£7.00	
Mushy Peas	20p	
Baked Beans	20p	
Garden Peas	20p	
	TOTAL	£

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BIG BANK HOLIDAY BREAKFAST

MONDAY 1ST MAY 2017



Come and enjoy a full English breakfast (including a toast and a mug of tea/coffee) at The Hut for just £5pp.

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NAME/S.....

Please choose preferred time slot below

TIME	QUANTITY
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Please return your order form with correct money to Nicki Arnold by Wednesday 26th April.

Vegetarian option also available – please let us know