

# November

## SWATON NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2016



### QUEEN ELIZABETH RECREATION PARK

One of the grants that has been applied for is the **AVIVA COMMUNITY FUND**. The only way to be awarded the AVIVA grant is to be one of the top voted projects in a section. Some projects are only asking for £1000, others are in the £5k - £10k category. Swaton has entered in to the highest group at £10k - £25k so we need everyone to help by registering on the AVIVA

website and voting for our project. There are only a limited number of projects who'll win the maximum award so PLEASE HELP YOUR VILLAGE. You can register using as many email addresses that you have - use work and personal email addresses and maximise our chances. Ask your friends, family and colleagues to help too.

The link is -

<https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/16-1372>

To register use the link above, enter in your email address and name. A link will be sent to your in-box, click on the emailed link and you'll be returned to the AVIVA page. Tick the relevant box (which asks if you're an Aviva customer and age range), type Swaton or Lincolnshire in the location box and click on Queen Elizabeth Recreation Park, then simply add 10 votes to our project - it really is very easy and takes no more than a few minutes.

This money will help towards the purchase of a variety of equipment including a wheelchair friendly roundabout (that's £8,300 on its own), adaptive swings (disabled-friendly chair style with straps) & baby / toddler park equipment as well as the much-requested shelter. Every vote & every penny counts.

Voting opened Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October & closes in a few weeks so there is only a small window in which to vote - please find 2 minutes to register and vote.

If you don't have access to a computer but would like to register / vote or need help to register please contact Elaine Penketh on 01529 421 769 who can assist you or ask a friend or neighbour,

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED THIS WEEKEND – 29<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup> Oct (weather dependant)**

Alan Wilson would like volunteers to help with some more play area preparation ahead of the first equipment installation. Alan plans to tackle the overhanging branches, cut the grass in the areas where the equipment will be installed, cut back nettles along the hedged boundary and front fence and depending on the collective skills available also tackle the broken and overhanging tree. If you can help, contact Alan on 07949 615 982.

Swaton Parish Council has purchased the first three of the 11 items planned for the playground. The Zip-Wire, flat seat swings and a 4-person See-Saw will be installed in November . . . but we have a long way to go so don't forget to vote on the AVIVA site.

### **DIARY DATES**

#### **CINEMA CLUB - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in February to November**

Cinema Club commences again in February 2017.

For membership info or suggestions of films for next year please contact Nicola Arnold on 07905 155 359.



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



Bacon rolls, tea, coffee and cakes are all on offer every Saturday morning in The Hut – a *great way to start the weekend!* You can also collect your Saturday newspaper (which must be ordered in advance from Liz Harborow - 421 217).

#### **SOUP KITCHEN - MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 12PM TO 1.30PM.**

A choice of soups as a starter or main course & freshly baked jacket potatoes with beans &/or cheese & side salad. Super value, great food freshly prepared.



**EVERYONE WELCOME – NO NEED TO BOOK . . .**

#### **SWIGGERS BAR – EVERY FRIDAY 8.30PM TIL WE CLOSE**



The bar is open every **Friday evening from 8.30pm** so come along for a drink and support YOUR VILLAGE HUT. There is a selection of soft drinks, bottled / local beers & chilled lagers, red / white wines and spirits.

#### **CRAFT GROUP - EVERY TUESDAY FROM 9.30AM**

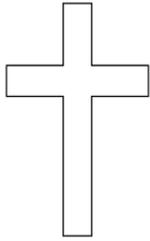
For those who enjoy creative activities why not be part of the Craft Group. **Contact Liz for more info – 01529 421 217**



#### **CHRISTMAS LUNCH-1.30pm SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER.**



Another sell out date in the Swaton calendar is the Christmas Lunch . . . a delicious roast turkey dinner with all the trimmings followed by traditional Christmas pudding or trifle and tickets are still only £5 each. Tickets always sell out quickly and space is limited so please pre-order your seat by contacting Nicola Arnold on 01529 421 566



### **SERVICES AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, SWATON**

Swaton Services are twice a month – the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 11am for Morning Praise & on 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9.30am for Holy Communion - everyone is welcome to attend & have tea & coffee in the Hut after the service.

*NOTE:* on **Remembrance Sunday (13<sup>th</sup> November)** there will be no service at Swaton Church as we will join Helpringham to read out the names inscribed on the war memorials, remembering the loss endured by Swaton and Helpringham, do come and join us that day at 10.45am on Helpringham village green.

For those of you already planning your Christmas diary the **Christmas Fayre at Swaton** will be on **10<sup>th</sup> December at 9am till 12 noon in the Hut.**



The carol service will be on the following Saturday -17<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm in church with seasonal refreshments served afterwards in the Hut.

**Rector - Rev Chris Harrington. Tel: (01529) 460 904**  
**Web: [www.heckingtonandhelpringhamgroup.org.uk](http://www.heckingtonandhelpringhamgroup.org.uk)**

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 7.30pm Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER.**

All Swaton residents are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings. The first 15 minutes of every PC meetings are 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, if you wish you can stay and hear what is happening in Swaton...



### **HUT AGM - FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER at 7.30pm (bar opens after meeting)**

**ANNUAL  
GENERAL  
MEETING**

Everyone is welcome to attend the Hut's AGM when a new committee will be elected following a voting process. If you want to take an active part in the running of the Hut and stand as a committee member, then contact Jean Barnett at [jeanbarnett2@icloud.com](mailto:jeanbarnett2@icloud.com). Please come along to cast your vote for the new 2017 committee. If you are unable to attend the AGM but still wish to vote, contact Jean for a proxy vote form.



### **GREAT VENUE FOR A PARTY OR MEETING**

The HUT is an ideal location for group activities, parties and celebrations, wakes, reunions or a business meeting. To book 'The Hut' contact Liz on 421217

Discount given to Swaton residents.



Lincolnshire Integrated  
Voluntary Emergency Service

Swaton is lucky to have an active L.I.V.E.S group manned by a few volunteers who use some of their free time to support the ambulance service, typically dealing with medical emergencies within a 6 mile radius of Swaton when an ambulance is too far to respond quickly.

A L.I.V.E.S responder carries oxygen & a defibrillator and attends incidences such as breathing difficulties, cardiac arrest, falls etc. Full training is given and 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 Elaine & Peter Penketh on 01529 421 421.

### **THANK YOU**

Alan Wilson would like to extend a massive thank you to Andrew Deptford, Mick Holmes, Peter Penketh and Andy Dunlop (who came all the way from his new home in Yorkshire). They all responded to Alan's request for help in the park on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

It's not easy to see (unless you look closely at the ground) but everyone worked very hard in digging out the areas around the pedestrian and vehicular entrances to lay 'Bodpave' in order to protect the ground and tree roots. Despite the lack on the day of volunteers, the task was completed before the rain set in. The ground had to be dug out, membrane and hardcore was laid under the Bodpave and then it was backfilled using the removed soil which will allow the grass to regrow over it.

This work had to be done to adhere to planning permission BodPaving is a recycled, safe & sustainable eco-friendly product made up of interlocking cellular paving grids for grass and ground reinforcement, usually seen where there is regular pedestrian or vehicle use such as car parks and play grounds.

### **SPEED SIGNS**



You may have noticed that the SIDs don't seem to stay on that long, that's due to the internal batteries being past their sell-by-date (not that many drivers respect our village speed limit). To remedy this problem, the Parish Council have ordered new batteries and shared the cost with the other Parish Councils who share the use of the SIDs. The new batteries aren't in stock yet but in the meantime we will persevere with what we have !