



**Swaton Newsletter**  
**April & May 2018**

**Queen Elizabeth Park - FUND RAISERS**

I'm sure everyone will agree that Swaton's park is coming along nicely but we still have some way to go. The next phase is to install a much-needed goal post and a ball-stopping fence to prevent balls from being kicked in to the neighbouring field or across the park. Unfortunately, like everything else in the park, this phase also has a hefty price tag amounting to circa £2,500.00 plus the need for planning permission. As the park becomes more established, and therefore Swaton becomes less disadvantaged, our opportunities of fundraising via grants will become fewer so the Park Committee have planned a few fundraising events in June and July – please put the dates in your diary and come along – we need everyone's help to make these events a success and Phase 4 a reality.



**SUMMER FETE - SUNDAY JUNE 10<sup>th</sup> - 2pm to 5pm – IN THE PARK**



Let's hope the sun is out for a good-old fashioned summer fete and official park opening. Plans are still in the making but there will be various games & activities for big and small kids as well as refreshments (teas, coffee, traditional lemonade), a cake stall, face painting as well as Bric-a-Brac, ice creams etc. The idea is to have a fun day for all as well as

raise much needed funds for the park. If you are able to make/donate cakes, contribute goods for the bric-a-brac stall or can offer other activities that could raise funds then please contact Elaine Penketh on 421769 or Alan Wilson on 421334. More info nearer the day.

**BBQ - Saturday 14th July - 4pm to 8pm**

The park committee are working through the plans to have an evening BBQ for all the family in the park with a bar and music – further details nearer the time.

Any further ideas to raise funds for your park and any donations will both be gratefully received.

**SWATON COMMUNITY TRUST - APRIL & MAY**

**SATURDAY MORNING CAFÉ – 9.30am – 12 noon.**



Every Saturday morning in the hut you can purchase freshly made bacon rolls accompanied by a nice hot cup of tea or coffee & homemade cakes. Newspapers can be purchased (only available if pre-ordered from Liz 421217) – so why not pop in for a catch up with friends and neighbours and support the hut.

**SWATON SWIGGERS – 8.30pm EVERY FRIDAY**

With a good selection of wines, beers, soft drinks and snacks available at very reasonable prices the Friday night bar is an ideal place to meet friends & neighbours for a catch-up chat and it's only a short walk home. Please come along and support the Swiggers bar – use it or lose it !



**SOUP KITCHEN – 2<sup>nd</sup> MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH**



Next dates are **9<sup>th</sup> April & 14<sup>th</sup> May**. There is a choice of delicious homemade soups with fresh bread and /or jacket potatoes with various fillings. Its great value and very social. Forget that boring lunchtime sandwich – come along for a tasty, hot lunch amongst friends and support your Hut.

**CINEMA CLUB – 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL & 5<sup>th</sup> MAY.**

First Saturday of the month is Cinema Club – you'll find full details of the films being shown on display in the hut or film and membership information can be obtained from Nicola Arnold (421 566). Doors open 7pm, film starts at 7.30pm. The bar will be open and refreshments available.

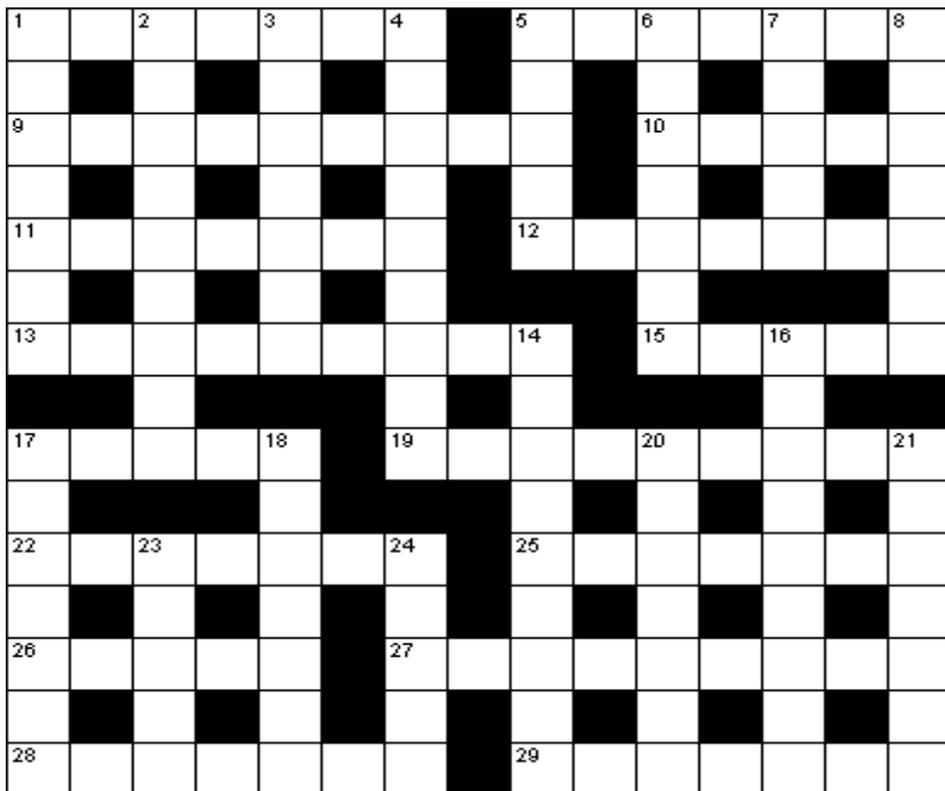


**CRAFT CLUB**

Every Tuesday morning from 9.30am. If you enjoy arts and crafts then come along on a Tuesday morning and work on your project amongst friends. It's a great opportunity to share your knowledge or learn a new skill.

For more detail please contact Liz (421 217)

### QUICK CROSSWORD



#### Across

1. Instill (7)
5. Poetic rhythm (7)
9. Highly offensive (9)
10. Supply sparingly (5)
11. Dead (7)
12. Consultant (7)
13. Writing table (9)
15. Rubs (5)
17. Accumulated (5)
19. Instruction (9)
22. Sidelong (7)
25. Gleam (7)
26. Temptress (5)
27. Elaborate (9)
28. Duke's wife (7)
29. Royal house (7)

#### Down

1. Sickness (7)
2. Pragmatic (9)
3. Better (7)
4. Very short biscuit dough (9)
5. Pincer (5)
6. Deny (7)
7. Wood fasteners (5)
8. Loses validity (7)
14. Child (9)
16. A capsule filled with water-soluble dye (9)
17. Dear (7)
18. Perturb (7)
20. Skill (7)
21. Convent (7)
23. Poisonous (5)
24. Groin (5)



**There is NO poop fairy!**  
**Please pick up after your dog.**



Dog mess is an eyesore and a health hazard and yet despite the Parish Council having installed new bins at both ends of the village there are still a few dog walkers who consider it's not their place to clean up after their furry friends !

Aside from dog poo left along North Drove, Parsons Drove, Pepper Lane and the pathway along the A52, there have been complaints of dogs fouling the grass verges directly outside resident's houses. If you are a dog owner, you have a legal duty to clean up every time your dog messes in a public place unless you are registered blind and own a guide dog.

Please remember to keep a few poo bags in the car or your dog walking coat – it's an offence not to and not clearing up after your dog could cost you an 'on the spot fine' between £50 & £80 or even an appearance in court and a £1000 fine.

#### **IT HAPPENED IN APRIL QUIZ**

- 1 Considered the greatest playwright of all time, which English dramatist died on 23rd April 1616.
- 2 Apple Computers was founded in California on April 1st – of which year?
- 3 The writer of Jane Eyre was born in April 1816, what is her name?
- 4 12th April 1941 was the birth date of an English footballer and captain during the team's finest achievement. Name him.
- 5 One of the great Hollywood actors, born in April 1916 and starred in To Kill a Mockingbird. Who is he?
- 6 An armed uprising against British rule happened in Dublin between 24th and 29th of April and became known as The Easter Uprising. In what year?
- 7 In April 1956 Elvis Presley had his first number one in the USA with which record?
- 8 In April 1946 which current war-torn country gained it's independence from France?
- 9 In April 1956 this Hollywood actress famously married and became a Princess. What was her name?
- 10 In April 1966 the author of The African Queen, and Horatio Hornblower novels, died. What was his name?

**GRASS CUTTING** - Hopefully the 'Beast From The East' is history and Swaton can start to look forward to a pleasant Spring which means our gardens will soon be in bloom again. Please remember, due to budget cuts, the grass verges to the front of our houses need attention too as are no longer being cut by contractors. Help keep Swaton neat and tidy by mowing the grass to the front of your property.



## NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY MARCH 20<sup>th</sup> 2018



**PRESENT:** Cllrs A Deptford, (Chairman), Mrs E Penketh, C. Richardson, A. Wilson, Cllr Mrs Murphy-Mann and the Clerk, Mrs S McIntyre

**Apologies for Absence -** There were none.

**Village representatives:** Mrs J Patrick and Mr. C Campion were present.

\* **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST / DISPENSATIONS –** Block exemption granted by the Clerk for matters in connection with the Swaton Play area and also the Precept. Cllr Wilson – Planning (Goosegate House)

\* **SIGNING OF THE MINUTES -** Clerks' Notes from the meeting of January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Cllr proposed and Cllr Mrs Penketh seconded that these be approved as a true record. All agreed, the Resolution was passed, the Chairman signed the Minutes.

\* **COUNTY/DISTRICT/POLICE MATTERS -** District Cllr Mrs Cook was delayed due to a prior meeting. No other representative present. The Chairman reported that PCSO Welby-Everard was investigating a local report of crime but had reassured the Chairman there was no need for concern.

\* **PLAY AREA UPDATE.** Block Dispensation. There is just over £2000 in hand for the play area. A Park Committee meeting was set for March 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss fund raising. An application has been submitted to The Greggs Foundation to fund some football equipment. Cllr Mrs Penketh had met with representatives from the Lincs Rural Housing Association (which had donated previously) to discuss future funding. Grant funding for the park is currently very limited.

\* **LITTER PICKING -** Annual report received, circulated and submitted to NKDC. Two new grabbers were requested and have been received.

\* **RECENT SNOW/THAW.** Two vehicles had been stuck in drifting snow in side roads. Otherwise no major problems reported.

\* **FLOODING –** Cllr Richardson reported spoke about his meeting with Black Sluice. There is bank strengthening work going on along the Forty Foot & may be some work regarding flood control. There may also be some work upstream of Swaton – the EA has a winter 2020 deadline to carry out some flood works.

\* **DATA PROTECTION -** The Chairman said the deadline for compliance was May 25<sup>th</sup>. He said there may be a volunteer to be a DPO if needed, Cllr Mrs Penketh is attending a DP meeting in April through her other interests. The Clerk undertook an SLCC webinar last month. There was a general discussion about possible implications. There will be some new policies to adopt in due course. The various Council advice organisations are still preparing these. The Chairman advised a "Watch and Wait" approach. The Clerk will keep the Councillors informed of relevant DP advice received. The May meeting is in advance of the May 25<sup>th</sup> deadline so Resolutions and action can come from there.

## \* HIGHWAYS MATTERS

**Walkabout with Highways Representatives** in the afternoon of **May 1<sup>st</sup>** - Cllr Murphy-Mann and the Chairman are plotting various highways problems within the village and a map is being produced. **Potholes at West End** was covered & reported to LCC. **Dangerous overgrown hedge approaching A52 was discussed** and **Grass verge cutting for 2018** - LCC has been informed the verge cutting will be done by the village as per last year.

## \* FINANCE:

**Monthly report** from RFO was explained and questions answered. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Murphy-Mann and seconded by Cllr Mrs Penketh that the report be accepted, and the BACS payment approved

**External Auditor –** The External Auditor will change. Due to grants received for the play area, Swaton will be liable for a higher-level audit than usual. Details will be circulated as and when they are known. An **Internal Auditor** is being appointed for the May meeting (Agenda May)

## \* CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

**Hare Coursing.** The Chairman's correspondence with the PCC had been circulated. **Street Lighting.** Various faulty lights have been reported and chased up where necessary and where the telephone box was, a promised new light is being chased.

## \* CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATES.

**Increase in Councillor numbers -** Community Governance Review is underway, no information regarding progress has been received.

**LCC Community Resilience Group –** Email 2/3/18 circulated for flooding / snow / emergencies should it be necessary.

**DEFRA (through LALC) –** Consultation on tackling crime – circulated.

**Anglian Water –** South 40foot pilot consultation – circulated.

**Best Kept Town/Village.** There was no interest in taking part this year.

**Western Power –** investment plans 20/3/18 at Grantham. No one attended.

**Lincs PCC –** Newsletter details – Cllr Mrs Penketh replied

## \* LALC NEWS and TRAINING.

**Annual Training Scheme –** After discussion it was agreed to join the Training scheme this year and all Councillors were encouraged to undertake refresher training plus anything relevant during this year

**Training Undertaken:** New Cllr Training Jan 31<sup>st</sup> – Cllr Mrs Murphy-Mann, Mrs Patrick. Mr Campion attended. They reported this was generally useful, but some Councillors present dominated some of the discussions with their own concerns.

**SLCC webinar on Data Protection –** Clerk participated. This was very professional and useful. Support documentation very thorough.

**PLANNING:** Erection of 2 storey side extension & rear single storey orangery at Goosegate House. Cllr Wilson declared an Interest. He did not wish to speak & left the meeting. It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Richardson that 'No Objections' should be returned to NKDC.

## NEXT MEETINGS – Tuesday May 15<sup>th</sup>

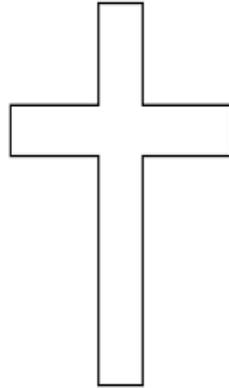
\* **Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm, followed by**

\* **Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at 8.00pm.**

May 2018						
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### ***A word from our Rev***

How time flies. This Easter marked my 7<sup>th</sup> Holy Week in the Heckington & Helpringham Group of parishes. The biggest change since March 2012 from my point of view, is that we are now blessed to have several retired clergy living in the group which has helped me enormously and given a lot more variety to our worship services in having different people lead our worship. This has also helped when both Wendy Kirby and I have either been unwell, on holiday or unable to come due to helping carers. Canon Beverley kindly led the Donkey procession and Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday services this year, which included an Easter Egg hunt too. We have also had help from Rev Stephen, Rev Peter and Rev David to whom I am most grateful for their help. We also have a new organist Brian West who has also brought the choir along to add to the joyful singing.



There have been a number of changes to St Michael's itself which has made worshipping in Swaton more comfortable. These include under-pew heating which has been installed in the chancel, a new sound system with a loop facility has been fitted throughout the church which will help the hard of hearing thanks to a very generous bequest from the estate of June & Bill Harborow, the chancel has been redecorated inside and new guttering fitted on the outside thanks to the Crown estate, and John Wilkinson has made the pews in the Nave safer thanks to his excellent craftsmanship. A number of new people have made Swaton their home and have joined us at St Michaels on a regular basis. So, as you can see there is much to give thanks for at the church this Easter as well as the life changing news that Jesus Christ has risen from the dead and through him we now have access to God and the assurance of sins forgiven. Glory to God.

### ***Happy Easter Everyone***

#### **Services in St Michaels in April & May**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month - Morning Praise at 11am  
The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month Holy Communion at 9.30am.

Refreshments are served after each service next door in the Hut.



#### ***Every blessing, Rev 'Captain' Chris***

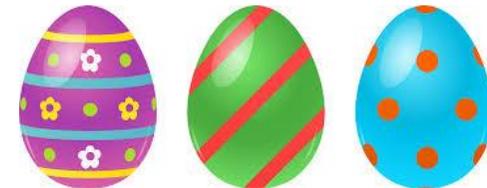
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### **PUZZLE SOLUTIONS**

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#### **It Happened in April Quiz**

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| 1 William Shakespeare | 2 1976          |
| 3 Charlotte Bronte    | 4 Bobby Moore   |
| 5 Gregory Peck        | 6 1916          |
| 7 Heartbreak hotel    | 8 Syria         |
| 9 Grace Kelly         | 10 C.S.Forester |



#### **HIRE THE HUT**

The 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 meeting or a kid's birthday party as well as an adult 'get together'. Tables and chairs are supplied and there is a licensed bar and kitchen. If you're looking for a location to hold an event why look any further than Swaton. Very reasonable charges. To book the Hut contact Jonathan on 01529 421663.

