



JANUARY 2015 - VILLAGE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

The 'Swaton Village Hut Committee' would like to wish everyone a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year and looks forward to seeing you at 2015's social gatherings. Please remember to support 'YOUR VILLAGE HUT' - use it or lose it !!



New Year in in Swaton style !

**NEW YEARS EVE GET TOGETHER
31ST DECEMBER 2015 / 8PM TIL LATE**

The Hut Bar will be open from 8pm for everyone to come along & celebrate the passing of the old year and welcome in the New Year. Come alone, bring friends or family and of course bring the kids (there's soft drinks, wine, beer or spirits) - everyone is welcome. Spend the evening among friends & neighbours, bring your favourite board games and CDs to listen to (we have a fab new sound system) – lets raise the roof & see the

ROCK SALT FOR SWATON

Thanks to a **Neighbourhood Watch** initiative in conjunction with Lincolnshire County Council, Swaton had just over ton of Rock Salt & some snow shovels delivered which have been shared around the village. A majority of Swaton houses have now received circa 20kg of 'Rock Salt & Sand' for use on their own pathways, drives & surrounding pavements – the idea being to keep the village clear and safe in the case of snow and ice which is cheaper than the NHS



fixing a broken hip and it's a scheme that seems to be working – thanks to some considerate villagers during the recent Boxing Day snowfall the footways were safe to walk. Big **Thank You** to everyone who shovelled the snow off the pavements. Let's hope we don't get too much snow in 2015 (sorry kids !!)

L.I.V.E.S.

Swaton is lucky to have an active L.I.V.E.S (Lincolnshire Integrated Voluntary Emergency Service) group manned by volunteers who use some of their free time to support the ambulance service typically dealing with medical emergencies if an ambulance is delayed and oxygen or a Defib is needed such as breathing difficulties, cardiac arrest etc.



Full training is given. **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 **Andrew Deptford on 01529 421 111.**

TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN 2015 - in March & October there will be the hugely popular Quiz (with 2 course meal which is always a sell out). Cinema Club will recommence in Feb (first Saturday of every month until December) plus more events are planned so watch this space !

If you would like to play an active part in the Village events or have any ideas to enhance the Village social scene then please contact any of the Village Hut Committee (usually found at any of the previously mentioned events).

AND LASTLY . . .

If you would like some Village News mentioned in the Village newsletter please contact Elaine Penketh on 01529 417404

**20TH JANUARY 2015 - IMPORTANT NOTICE
HAVING INTERNET PROBLEMS OR NO INTERNET - COME TO THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Many houses in Swaton have poor or at times no internet connection so Andrew Deptford in his capacity as Head of the Parish Council has invited Stephen Brookes who is the ' Lincolnshire Broadband Programme Manager ' to answer your questions as to how this vital service is going to be improved & in what time frame . . Sick of feeling second best when it comes to the advancement of technology in our area – well come along, listen, ask and ideally challenge Stephen – lets not let him off the hook !



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IMPORTANT NOTICE - 20TH JANUARY 7.30PM

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Aside from issues with the Internet there are many other topics in regards to the your village that are raised and discussed - its your chance as a villager to raise those issues that affect you whether that be street lighting, flooding, the proposed children's play area or speeding traffic etc so come along and be heard or just listen !! Everyone is welcome.



VILLAGE LUNCH - MONDAY 12TH JANUARY 12PM TO 1.30PM

EVERYONE IS WELCOME AND NO NEED TO PRE-BOOK



You'll always find a choice of hearty soups on the menu (often made from locally grown produce in our village allotment) accompanied by freshly baked bread made by our very own local baker 'Shrub and Grub'. For those with a bigger appetite there is a second course (or if you prefer just the main course) of Jacket Potatoes with beans &/or cheese with a fresh side salad. It won't break the bank to come along . . . a bowl of soup & bread is £1.50 or have two bowls for £2.50.

A jacket spud + salad is also £2.50. **So for one day a month let someone else cook for you whilst you chill out and enjoy a delicious, nutritious lunch amongst friends.**

SWATON BAR – EVERY FRIDAY EVENING IN THE HUT – 8.30PM TIL WE CLOSE



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.

There is a dart board too for those who can throw an arrow straight !! See you Friday

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 and improve your 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 for more info – 01529 421217



SATURDAY MORNING CAFE -

EVERY SATURDAY FROM 9.30AM TO 12PM

Every Saturday morning the hut becomes Swaton Café – a place to catch up with friends & fellow villagers, you can order delicious bacon roll (to eat in or take away) washed down with a freshly brewed cup of tea, coffee (decaf and filter) or hot chocolate.

It's a great way to start the weekend.



You can also purchase cakes & bakes and collect your **Saturday newspaper** (which must be ordered in advance from Liz – 01529 421 217).

POKER NIGHT

(USUALLY SECOND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH):

A social game of Texas Hold'em for anyone who enjoys playing cards. If you want to learn Poker or are a seasoned player all are welcome - You don't have to be an expert to join in, it's fun for all levels of card playing ability and a very good night out !

The bar is open and the stake is only £5 with excellent prize money.

For more info please contact Nathan Eaves on 07919 520 654 or 421 748.



