

Southwick Village News

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Dexter Jones took this brilliant aerial picture of Southwick on a training flight with the Air Cadets recently.

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Editorial & copy for Southwick Village News - Let us have your stories, notices, news, information, events and items of interest for the next edition (June) by 15th May, please. **Items received by the due date will take precedence over those received later.** Send to the Raye Johnson, Editor, by e-mail to johnson.raye@gmail.com (if sending an attachment please use a DOC file for text, or BMP or JPG file for photos/images) or by snail mail in my letter box at 3 Fairfield Meadows, Southwick, BA14 9RT. My phone number is 01225 753865.

Useful Contacts

<p>Southwick Parish Council has eleven elected members and meets on the third Tuesday each month in the Village Hall. Council meetings are open to the public and copies of the minutes may be seen on both PC Notice Boards, one situated by the bus stop near Meadow View and the other at the entrance road to the Village Hall.</p> <p>Members of the Parish Council Chair: Mr S D Carey, Longfield, Frome Road, Southwick, BA14 9NJ Vice Chair: Mrs K Noble, 230 Chantry Gardens, Southwick, BA14 9QX Mr A Doel, Upper Poles Hole, Southwick, BA14 9PP Mrs Z Grant, 17 Fairfield Meadows, Southwick, BA14 9RT Mrs J C Jones, c/o 28 Blind Lane, Southwick, BA14 9PQ Mr S Jones, Home Farm, Hoggington Lane, Southwick, BA14 9NR Mrs G M Masters, Overcourt Farm, Silver Street Lane, Brokerswood, Westbury, BA13 4EY Mr F Morland, Dead Maids Close, Chapmanslade, Westbury, BA13 4AD Mr E G Pomeroy, 14 Hollis Way, Southwick, BA14 9PH Mrs S Shave, 8 Blind Lane, Southwick, BA14 9PQ Mr D West, 52 Chantry Gardens, Southwick, BA14 9QU</p> <p>County Councillor: Mr Horace Prickett, 2 Hawkeridge Road, Yarnbrook, Trowbridge, BA14 6AD</p> <p>Parish Clerk Mr Roger Coleman, 2 The Laurels, Westwood, BA15 2AX E: Roger.P.Coleman@btinternet.com</p> <p>Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN: To contact all departments Environmental Services Highways/Electric Street Lighting (Clarence) Dog Warden Planning Enforcement Team Trading Standards</p> <p>Trowbridge Town Council Police (non emergency) including Harrassment Team Police & Fire Service - Emergency Fire Service – Trowbridge Fire & Rescue Safety Checks Selwood Housing Crimestoppers Benefit Fraud Team (National) Citizen's Advice Bureau Good Neighbour Co-ordinator—Lise Griffiths The Link (transport for people in need)</p>	<p>01225 764210</p> <p>01225 352503</p> <p>01225 761400</p> <p>01225 752911</p> <p>01225 764223</p> <p>01225 756844</p> <p>01373 822352</p> <p>07981 948348</p> <p>01225 755541</p> <p>01225 767872</p> <p>01225 753059</p> <p>01225 767685</p> <p>01225 862770</p> <p>0300 456 0100</p> <p>01225 713000</p> <p>0800 232323</p> <p>01225 776655</p> <p>01225 770344</p> <p>0845 404 0506</p> <p>01225 765072</p> <p>101</p> <p>999</p> <p>01225 756530</p> <p>01380 723601</p> <p>01225 715715</p> <p>0800 555111</p> <p>0800 3286340</p> <p>0844 499 4106</p> <p>07557 922031</p> <p>07969 347042</p>	<p>Local Services</p> <p>Dentists ADP Trowbridge Dental Centre Colman, Mike, Timbrell Street Cottage Dental Care, Roundstone Mortimer Dental Practice Oasis Dental Care, Stallard Street Seton J. Dental Surgery Health Centre, The Halve, Dental Help line</p> <p>Doctors & NHS Adcroft Surgery Bradford Road Med Centre Lovemead Group, Roundstone NHS Direct (if you need health information at any time of the day or night) Trowbridge Community Hospital Widbrook Medical Practice</p> <p>Wiltshire Council RUH Hopper Service</p> <p>Opticians Boots Opticians & Hearing Centre Carter & Harding, Fore Street Haine & Smith, The Shires Specsavers, The Shire RD White, Roundstone Street</p> <p>Chemists/Pharmacies Boots the Chemists, Adcroft Boots the Chemists, Roundstone Boots the Chemists, The Gateway (open until 12 midnight) Lauder & Gamlin, Wingfield Road Lauder & Gamlin, Bradford Road Lloyds, 33/34 Fore Street Superdrug, The Shires Tesco Extra, County Way (open until 10pm)</p> <p>Local Schools</p> <p>Primary & Junior Schools Southwick CE Primary, Hollis Way St John's Primary, Wingfield Road</p> <p>Secondary Schools Clarendon College, Frome Rd St Augustine's, Wingfield Rd St Lawrence, Ashley Rd, BOA The John of Gaunt, Wingfield Rd Wiltshire College, College Rd</p>	<p>01225 351333</p> <p>01225 753198</p> <p>01225 754638</p> <p>01225 765116</p> <p>01225 777170</p> <p>01225 752423</p> <p>0845 581926</p> <p>01225 435757</p> <p>01225 767849</p> <p>01225 759850</p> <p>111</p> <p>01225 711300</p> <p>01225 757120</p> <p>01985 212213</p> <p>01225 719055</p> <p>01225 752143</p> <p>01225 776871</p> <p>01225 775434</p> <p>01225 753172</p> <p>01225 774643</p> <p>01225 775543</p> <p>01225 752068</p> <p>01225 775030</p> <p>01225 753104</p> <p>01225 752069</p> <p>01225 777835</p> <p>01225 497447</p> <p>01225 763325</p> <p>01225 752006</p> <p>01225 762686</p> <p>01225 350001</p> <p>01225 309500</p> <p>01225 762637</p> <p>01225 766241</p>
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Forthcoming Southwick Parish Council Meeting dates are:

April

7th – Parish Council Planning Meeting, Village Hall
6.30pm*

21st - Full Council Meeting, Village Hall 7.30pm

May

5th – Parish Council Planning Meeting, Village Hall
6.30pm*

19th – Full Council Meeting, Village Hall 7.30pm

*Planning Meetings are subject to demand and will be cancelled, if no plans are received. Please refer to the Noticeboard for confirmation.

Parish Council News from the February/March Meetings.

Neighbourhood Policing Team.

PC Hough of the Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) gave the following report to the Parish Council: There were 60 reported occurrences in the Trowbridge Rural NPT Area over the last month of which 16 were in Southwick. Anti-Social Behaviour – 4, Burglary – 1, Theft – 2, Violence – 1, Criminal Damage – 0, Animals – 0, Drugs – 1, Traffic – 4, Domestic – 3,

Highways and Environment.

The Chairman presented a possible scheme for a village gateway at Firs Hill at the village boundary when travelling from Trowbridge to Frome and he presented photographs to illustrate his proposal. He commented that such a scheme would improve road safety at that accident spot and a sympathetically designed gateway scheme could be an attractive feature. The scheme involved the installation of a picket gate on the verge, improved signage and the creation of a 'rumble strip'. Councillors discussed this subject at some length and resolved that the proposed scheme be fully designed and costed and presented to the CATG meeting for approval.

Councillors reviewed the issues involving road safety along the A361 Frome Road and concluded that 'speed' was the main culprit. PC Hough stated that he fully supported the work of the Community Speed Watch (CSW) team in encouraging lower traffic speeds in Frome Road and he would undertake further patrols in the area and work with the CSW team.

Cllr. Carey stated that he and Cllr. Pomeroy had met with Wiltshire Council, Mark Banks, to review and to identify tasks for the next Community Day. Cllr. Carey invited councillors to propose additional tasks to be undertaken. The following tasks were proposed:

- Road sweeping of Frome Road between the Wynsome Street junction and the village boundary.
- Drain and gully clearance in Church Lane.
- Litter collection in Wynsome Street.
- Identifying and removing the cause of flooding in Poles Hole Road.
- Clear the culverts and drains at Silver Street Lane.
- Cut back trees at the Fairfield Meadows/Frome Road junction.

Planning.

The Clerk reported that Selwood Housing had stated that the planning application (13/03347/FUL) for the nine parking spaces at Arnold Noad Corner had not been implemented because an area originally planned for one of the parking spaces had been sold to a private occupier of one of the properties and no funding had been forthcoming from the other private occupiers to match fund the contribution to be made by Selwood Housing in respect of their tenants for the construction of the remaining parking spaces. Cllr. Noble stated that the Parish Council had only ever requested parking spaces for the Selwood Housing tenants and that she was unaware that any financial contribution from the private occupiers had been requested. The Clerk was requested to contact Selwood Housing and to enquire whether the private occupiers had ever been asked for a contribution.

The Clerk was asked to contact Selwood Housing and/or Wiltshire Council for a street light to be erected at Arnold Noad Corner to replace the one removed from a property that had now been sold by Selwood Housing to a private resident.

Wiltshire Council Report.

Wiltshire Council, Cllr. H Prickett gave the following report to the Council:

- The First Bus service No. 234 is vulnerable and could be withdrawn or be subject to a significantly reduced frequency. A similar service is provided by the X34 Monday to Friday.
- The T1 bus service cannot meet the staffing levels required nor can it meet the timetable requirements.
- The Solar Farm application in respect of Brook Hall Farm has been withdrawn.
- It is hoped to obtain defibrillators for Southwick Country Park and for Squirrels Café.

The Council resolved that the Bus Service No. 234 through Southwick on a Saturday is important as it is the only bus service serving the village on that day and that representations to maintain it should be made to Wiltshire Council on behalf of Southwick Parish Council.

The 'missing' minutes from the December and January meetings are on Page 13 (in an abbreviated form due to lack of space)

Southwick Parish Council

Having Your Say

The annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Village Hall Annex at 7.30pm on Tuesday 28th April 2015. Come along and have your say. We need your views.

Alternatively send your comments or questions to the Editor of the Newsletter and I will answer them in the next edition of the Newsletter – Stephen Carey – Chair Southwick Parish Council.

At a recent meeting, Councillors reviewed our achievements as a Parish Council and considered some major ambitions for the coming year as listed below.

Achievements during 2014

1. Secured “106” planning gains money for the Village crossing, School and Field
2. Puffin Crossing in Wynsome Street
3. Ongoing funding and support of The Playing Field eg hard surface ball area
4. Good attendance at Parish Council Meetings
5. Visited all planning application sites
6. Regular attendance by the Police and our Wiltshire Councillor at Council Meetings
7. Funded the Southwick Newsletter
8. Supported the development of the new Car Showroom to improve our Built Environment
9. Regular Speedwatch sessions operated by a team of volunteers
10. Participated in the Remembrance Service which was held at St Nicholas Church, North Bradley
11. Purchased a Memorial Photograph for The Village Hall committee room to which names will be added
12. Achieved miscellaneous improvements to verges, potholes, pavements and hedges
13. Village Caretakers employed to pick up litter etc
14. Lobbied Selwood Housing to apply for planning permission to increase parking provision at the Arnold Noad Corner estate, off Hoggington Lane
15. Maintenance of the Blind House site

Ambitions for 2015

- To effectively represent Village interests to all external stakeholders
- Improve Community Engagement within the Village
- Develop a Southwick Parish Council community website to complement the printed Southwick Village News
- Improve the approach from Trowbridge into Southwick near the Frome Road milestone to discourage speeding and improve the visual appearance of this 'gateway' into Southwick
- Respond appropriately to any proposals to change the Village Settlement Boundaries

Southwick Parish Council community website: southwickwilts.co.uk

This started on the 1st April. In it there are Parish Council pages, details of planning applications, maps and walks in Southwick, a Community page of Village organisations, a News page and of course copies of The Southwick Village Newsletter. If you have news items that you wish posted please email the Website Editor using the Contact button. Likewise if your community group wishes to have its own page within the website please contact myself using the Contact button.

Family Bingo Evenings

At Southwick Village Hall on

Wednesdays



8th, 22nd & 29th April

13th & 27th May

Eyes Down 7.45 pm

Everybody welcome

GROUP SUPPORTERS CLUB

Many thanks to everyone who attended the Family Bingo on February 25th at which the end of year draw was made.

The lucky winners were;

No. 6	Mrs Katie White	£100
No. 156	Mrs Sheila Jones	£50
No. 146	Miss Jenny Pinchin	£10

Also a big thank you to everyone who has joined again for another year and a special welcome to the new members who have taken the vacant numbers.

ANNUAL SUMMER EVENT

Plans are now being made for this years event which is to be held on the Playing Field and in the Village Hall on **Saturday June 20th** starting at 2pm.

There will be the usual car Boot Sale, Raffle, Refreshments and hopefully a Vintage Vehicle Gathering which will be open to all types of vehicles including agricultural, commercials, motor cycles, military and stationary engines.

Please watch for further details and information.



**TEA &
COFFEE
MORNING**

SAT 11 Apr & 9 May
10am – 12:00 pm

**The Southwick & North Bradley
Scout Headquarters
Frome Road. Southwick**

Support your local Young People

Various Stalls and Sales Tables
Free Admission

Everybody welcome

1st Southwick Brownies

Last term the Brownie Sixers picked their own choice of badges. The badges they chose were Cook, Agility and Toymaker. This was a task in which they needed to work as a team and take control on what they wanted to do. We gave the badges out at the last week of term and invited the parents in for tea and coffee to show the hard work they had put in.

This term we have celebrated Thinking Day with North Bradley Brownies. Also the Brownies have made cat masks using wool and lots of glue which was very sticky and fun to make.

We congratulate Brown Owl on passing her camp licence and look forward to many enjoyable trips away.

The Brownie Leaders

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

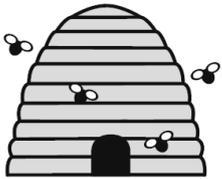
Community Speed Watch is a scheme which gives local people the power to help reduce traffic speeds and improve the quality of life in their community.

Speeding is a real problem in our village and by training as a CSW volunteer local residents will have the opportunity to make our roads safer.

Volunteers are provided with special equipment and trained by police officers in the use of hand-held speed devices so that they can record the speed of passing vehicles.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or would like further information please contact Kath Noble on 01225 352503 or email kathnoble@live.co.uk

BEEHIVE SOUTHWICK CRICKET CLUB



As the 2015 season approaches we would like to remind everyone that we play at Southwick every Saturday, most Fridays & some Sundays from April through to September. We will be re-assembling the practice net very soon which is available for anyone to use and if you don't fancy playing then watching from the Bar balcony is an option too!

This season we are launching some Youth Coaching at the Primary school and on the field (Tuesday evenings). We are aiming for this to be the beginning of a permanent youth section and would love for the village to get involved, especially 'behind the scenes'. If you have an interest in cricket, in youth development or in community involvement please get in touch with club; your input could help make this initiative a permanent feature. J.Taylor (Chairman)



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- Grass Cutting, Weeding, Hedge Trimming, Pruning Etc
- Cleared, Cleaned.

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Neighbourhood Watch is one of the biggest and most successful crime prevention initiatives ever. Behind it lies a simple idea, and a central value shared by millions of people throughout the country. Getting together with your neighbours in the local community to take action can cut local crime. Everyone knows that the Police are there to fight crime, but they need your help to do an effective job, even more so under current financial restraints, in partnership with the Police and Neighbourhood schemes, everyone can make a difference. Your help can:

- Cut crime, and opportunities for crime.
- Help and reassure those who live in fear of crime. (The elderly and vulnerable)
- Encourage neighbourliness and closer communities.
- Provide a better place to live, work and play.

Neighbourhood Watch is not just about reducing burglary figures-it's about creating communities who care. It brings local people together and can make a real contribution to improving their lives. The activity of Watch members can foster a new community spirit and a belief in the community's ability to tackle problems. At the same time, you feel secure, knowing your neighbours are keeping an eye on your property. In these days of having such busy lives and involving ourselves, in our free time, on electronic equipment, how many of you can say you have very much, if any, interaction with your neighbours? Perhaps if you think the elderly couple next door or just down the road were your parents, would you like someone to be looking out for them when you couldn't?

To join these days you only have to email me and if applicable I will forward you any Police information as and when it is passed to me, also if you have any incident in your area inform me and I will pass the details on. There is also a new messaging service you can sign up to, it cost's nothing and keeps you informed of crime activity or concerns throughout the county. It is www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk It will only work if you join, i.e. the more people signed up to it then the more efficient the system becomes. Southwick as a village has had a low crime rate over the past few years, as compared with the neighbouring villages, with everyone's help we may keep it this way but the Community Policing Teams are stretched and need our assistance more than ever. The village has once again been blessed with minor incidents over the past months, with only a few antisocial behaviour incidents and a few domestic problems. There have been a couple of minor traffic accidents and one serious one, not on the bend in the village that one would expect this to happen. The most recent trends show that there has been an increase of door to door traders, some legitimate and others not so. Always check their credentials and if in doubt shut the door on them whilst you phone their company, if genuine they will not mind, if not they will soon disappear. Remember the Police non-emergency number 101, and immediate action required is still 999. The next Co-ordinators meetings will be 25th June and 15th October. I trust to those concerned that as many of you as can will attend.

Jim Jilbert 763314 or wjjilbert@hotmail.co.uk

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Southwick Seniors



The programme* for next few months is as follows:

2nd April	A talk on the NHS by Dr Steve Rowlands
16th April	Annual General Meeting
30th April	'You can chose your friends' Speaker Susan Marshfield
14th May	Trip to Weston Super Mare & Cadbury Garden Centre
28th May	Speaker to be advised
11th June	Summer Buffet 1pm followed by bingo

Meetings are normally at Southwick Village Hall on alternate Thursdays at 2.30pm (except meals, 1pm) and outings which depart at **9.00am (please note new time)** from the Village Hall, and usually back by 6.30pm. Subscriptions – £5 due on 1st April. Meetings – £1 per session. Members need to book in advance for the outings (temporarily) with the Chairman. And also to book in advance for the meals through the Chairman, and ideally please bring their own cutlery. For further information contact Chairman Doug Male on 01225 755043.

* Programme subject to change.

Southwick Seniors

The village group for Senior Citizens
which has been in existence for 41 years
urgently needs your help!
if we are going to continue

We hold regular fortnightly meetings on Thursdays with speakers, meals and outings.

We currently have over 80 members but many are unable to help due to age and infirmities. The group desperately needs help organising the programme including booking speakers, catering and trips etc:

Can you please help us with any of these tasks.

Please telephone: Doug Male. Chairman
on 01225 755043

Thank you

New members always welcome



A1 Aerials

R J Browning

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THE PLAYING FIELD AT SOUTHWICK

You are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 5th May at 7pm in Southwick Village Hall.

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the AGM held on 29th April 2014
3. Matters arising
4. Chairperson's Report
5. Treasurer's Report and Accounts
6. Appointment of Auditor
7. Election of Officers - Chairperson
Treasurer
Secretary
8. Election of Representative Members - Parish Council
Village Hall M.C.
Beehive Southwick C.C.
Women's Institute
9. Election of Ordinary members

KNITTED BLANKET SQUARES

I received a thank you card from Heather who sews the squares together to make cosy blankets for the needy:
 'To Raye and all the knitters in Southwick,
 Last year we made 32 blankets, the best year ever with all your efforts. They were made up from 2,816 squares!!!
 However I had the sad news that Operation Christmas Child didn't want them anymore. I knew that God wanted our blankets to go somewhere and last Friday met the organiser of "Mission Paraguay" who said he'd love to have them. So they will be taken to Paraguay this July and distributed to needy families in the Chaco (where the indigenous tribes still live) and the poor in towns like Asunción.
 Many, many thanks for all your knitting, Heather'

RJ

Planning your holidays? Thinking of travelling by Train?

The current electrification of the Great Western Mainline from London Paddington to Bristol Temple Meads is the largest project since the war. It is due to reach the Wiltshire area during July and August this summer, causing major disruptions to all services operating through Trowbridge and Westbury. Full details are still being worked out but many services will be replaced by buses which will inevitably mean longer journey times and probably poor connectivity with onward services. The section of the mainline most affected will be from Chippenham to Bath, which will be closed in two stages. Stage 1 is presently planned for the 18th. July to the 31st. July and will mean severe disruption of the line from Chippenham to Bath whilst electric cables are strung through Box tunnel. Therefore travelling to London via Bath, the route used at the moment, will be via Bath, Bristol Temple Meads, Bristol Parkway and the South Wales mainline, via Swindon, to reach London or an hourly service from Bath to Chippenham by an alternative route and then onwards to London. During Stage 1 the current Bristol to Waterloo service, three trains per day, should run as timetabled, as will the Portsmouth to Cardiff, but with some possible delays. Westbury to Bath should be a near normal timetable. Westbury to London Paddington should not be affected to any great extent either. The TransWilts Line via Melksham/Chippenham to Swindon will be operated by buses. The Hearts of Wessex line connecting Bristol via Trowbridge and Westbury to Weymouth will also continue during this period but with some inevitable disruption.

During Stage 2, from 1st. to 31st. August, the Avon Valley line, connecting Westbury to Bath, will be closed entirely. Replacement buses will operate to the stations from Westbury to Bath along that line. Westbury to Cardiff trains after Trowbridge will be diverted to Swindon, with alternate trains calling at Melksham. The Bristol to Waterloo service will not run during August but may start from Westbury. This has yet to be determined. All of this is yet to be worked out in detail, but please be warned of considerable disruption from July 18th. to August 31st, especially if you are expecting to book rail journeys connecting with holiday flights. I would not want you to miss your suntan!

As details become clearer, look out for the actual running times and don't be caught out! More information will be provided as it becomes available.

Clrr. Horace Prickett.

Passenger Transport Portfolio Holder, Wiltshire Council.



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 9th & 23rd April
 7th & 21st May

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Guide News

This term the Guides have been completing their own activities based on their "Go for It" ideas, on the themes of "Globalistic", "Experiment", "Camp Out" and Parties. The guides have been busy learning cooking skills including, boiling eggs, preparing vegetables, making pancakes and cooking on camping stoves. They have also taken part in "Ready Steady Cook" Challenges including a competition between the patrols to get a winning team to represent Southwick Guides in the next round against other local guide units.

The guides enjoyed a trip Ice Skating at Swindon with the Brownies and were pleased that five new members made their guide promise on the ice. We have welcomed **Francesca** to the unit and further new members are joining after Easter. The guides are now making plans for summer camp, which this year will be held near East Grinstead in West Sussex.

Fundraising and Switzerland

Southwick Guides are joining up with members from Southwick Senior Section unit to go to Switzerland in 2016. This will be the most amazing opportunity for the young people to experience international travel and we are planning lots of fundraising throughout the next year to help subsidise the trip. Further details regarding the fundraising will be available shortly and will be advertised around the village.

The guides are also collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers and these may be left at the Southwick Scout HQ.

Sparky (R Cadby) Guide Leader



Southwick Senior Section unit have been busy practising for the "ready steady cook" competition being held in the county for all senior section units. The unit has enjoyed an evening of Zumba and an evening finding out about the opportunities available in Guiding to girls aged 14 to 20, especially as 2016 will be 100 years of senior section. There are plenty of activities planned to mark the occasion, including our exciting trip to Switzerland.

Members of the unit are also planning Duke of Edinburgh award expeditions this summer, walking for three days carrying all of the necessary equipment and camping for two nights.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Our **Sunday morning services** are held at the Chapel and start at 10.30 a.m. At these services we share in contemporary worship, led by our own speakers and music group, with regular support from visiting local speakers. We end the morning with refreshments and fellowship.

Every 2nd **Sunday at 4.00 p.m.** we hold a traditional **Communion Service** at the Chapel followed by refreshments.

We are always very pleased to welcome visitors to any of our services and meetings.

YOUNG PEOPLES' GROUPS

meet at the Chapel Sunday mornings from 10.30 a.m.
Activities for all ages
Theatre Group - Crafts
Interactive Bible teaching
Family Services
Faith, Friendship and Fun

MID WEEK MEETINGS at the Chapel:

No Limits (special needs group) meet 1st 3rd & 4th Tuesdays 7.00-9.00 p.m.
Harmony Ladies' Group meet 2nd Tuesday, 7.30 - 9.00 p.m.
Mens' Breakfast Group meets 3rd Saturday 8.00 - 9.30 a.m.

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2nd Sunday: 11am Congregational Service
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5th April Easter Sunday 11am Parish Communion

Vicar: Revd Julian Parker
62 Church Lane, North Bradley (01225 752635)
Lay Minister: Richard Havergal (01225 762668)
Lay Pastoral Assistant: Nigel Simpson
(carnaneoin-church@yahoo.co.uk)



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At St Thomas Church, Southwick.
From 10:30am until 12 noon

On

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9th June and 14th July
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Non-Emergency Patient Transport

Patient information leaflet



Do you have a non-urgent appointment at the RUH or other hospital in Wiltshire? Having problems getting there? Did you know that there is a now a bookable free service for non-emergency appointments at Wiltshire hospitals? Well there is! For some time now Arriva Transport Solutions have been providing a door to door service which is bookable through your GP or clinic/surgery or, in some cases, directly by the patient through the Arriva call centre. Your medical practitioner will tell you if they have booked a service for you or if you need to ring the centre yourself. If you need to ring, your call will be answered by one of the expert call advisors who will first assess whether you are eligible to use patient transport by asking you a few simple questions about your medical condition and mobility needs. Your answers to these questions will determine whether you are eligible.

You will need to have the following information to hand:

Date of Birth (DOB)

Your NHS number

Full address with postal code

Your mobility needs – are you in a wheelchair for example.

Once your trip is booked, you will be given a booking journey reference number. You should keep this number in a safe place in case you need to contact the centre to make any changes.

If you need more information on the service, you can contact HealthWatch Wiltshire on 01225 434 218 or through their website www.healthwatchwiltshire.co.uk

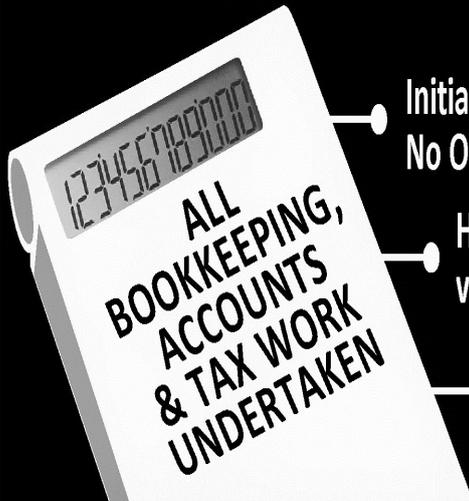
Leaflets giving a full explanation of the service are available at your local surgery. If you have any difficulty in getting hold of a copy and live in the West Ashton, North Bradley or Southwick villages, or anywhere in the Southwick Division of Wiltshire Council, please contact me on **07888 99 70 50** and I'll deliver a copy to you.

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The Village Hall AGM Tuesday 14th April 7.30pm

The hall has been a great asset to the community since its opening in 1973 and more so, since its extension providing Social Club and other facilities in 1989. The provision of changing rooms and showers for playing field activities at a later date added to the facilities. It has been used by a multitude of village organisations and others for regular club meetings, entertainments private parties, anniversary celebrations, educational classes, skittles, badminton and other activities all of which full meets its charitable objectives as prescribed in its trust deed.

Some of the long-serving officers and committee members (the charity trustees) are of advancing years (to put it kindly) and it is becoming essential for more volunteers to be found to share in the task of ensuring the hall's continued prosperity. Can you help?

This year's Annual General Meeting takes place in the hall annex at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 14th April when a new committee will be formed. Your attendance would be very welcome. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to help, please notify the present Secretary, Kath Noble on 01225 352503.

Southwick Women's Institute



The programme for the next three months is:

- 16 April: Miniature Musical Instruments. Speaker R T Scammels
20 May: Resolutions. Speaker Blood Bikes
17 June: Flying for Life. Speaker Dr Andrew Steele
15 July: A bird's eye view of an investiture. Speaker Sue Roberts

Meetings are held every third Wednesday in the Village Hall, 7.30 to 9.00pm.

Shirley Huscroft

Southwick Show

We are already beginning to plan Southwick Show 2015. If we could plan good weather, we would be quite happy.

Last years very damp Show Day was followed up by an Autumn Fayre in October. This gave us a modest profit, which enabled us to give donations to the Royal British Legion, as a Thank You for their continued support each year. A donation was also sent to Southwick School, towards their new outside Patio area. Also of course, there was a new slide for the Playgroup. (As shown in the last Newsletter).

Once again we always welcome new people and ideas for the show. And if you would like to be involved, or have new ideas for the show, please contact Chairman Chris Rawlings Tel 01225 344258, or Secretary Mary Ricketts Tel 01225 761105.

Mary Ricketts On behalf of Southwick Show Committee.

Parish Council News from the December/January Meetings

Highways and Environment

The Puffin Crossing at Wynsome Street has now been installed although it was reported that the fixing bolts on the new crossing posts had been removed or become loose thereby causing the light standards to be unstable and to require repair.

The state of the road at Hoggington Lane/Arnold Noad Corner was described by councillors as a disgrace and councillors urged the Parish Council to take the initiative and press Selwood Housing and Wiltshire Council to take action. The Clerk was asked to contact Selwood Housing and to seek confirmation that the proposed parking spaces were to be constructed soon in accordance with the planning permission granted some time ago. Wiltshire Council has decided that Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) will be withdrawn, although it is possible that some SID deployments may be reintroduced as a result of a community initiative. Wiltshire Council is investigating a request from the Parish Council to impose a 'waiting restriction time' at the two laybys in Wynsome Street.

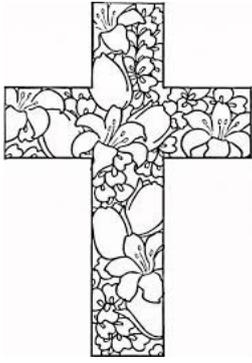
Finance

The Council discussed the proposed full programme of work planned for FY2015/16 and resolved to adopt the Budget as proposed at the Parish Council meeting held in January subject to a resolution to request an amount of £17,000 from Wiltshire Council for FY2015/16. The Council resolved to request a Precept of £16,477.04 noting that when added to the Wiltshire Council 'Top Up' Grant of £522.96 it will ensure that Southwick Parish Council receives a total sum of £17,000 from Wiltshire Council for FY2015/16.

Village Website

Councillors supported the idea of creating a Village Website and the Chairman asked councillors to view other village and Parish Council websites in order to inform a detailed discussion on how best to proceed at the next Parish Council meeting. Meanwhile, he asked the Clerk to forward website addresses of village/Parish Council websites with which he is familiar to assist councillors in their research.

Editor's Note: This is an abbreviated version due to lack of space.



Villagers will have been saddened to hear of the deaths of five long standing residents from various parts of the village:

PAM BLISSETT OF HOOPERS POOL, SHARON AND JIM HUNTER OF FROME ROAD, ROY JACKSON OF CHANTRY GARDENS AND LYN PARNELL OF SOUTHFIELDS.

Pam Blissett (family tribute)

Pam moved to Hoopers Pool in September 1955 almost 60 years ago having just married Roy. Most people will remember her best as the milkmaid which she was for over 30 years. She delivered milk in all winds and weathers, and she didn't miss a day, even making sure customers got their milk by collecting from the Post Office when weather conditions were bad. She will be remembered for being a wonderful Mum, mother-in-law, Nan and great Granny who worked hard all her life and gave love and joy unconditionally. She will be greatly missed by the whole family. God Bless you Mum, Rest In Peace.

Linda (Lyn) Parnell (13 June 1944 to 1 February 2015 family tribute)

Died suddenly and peacefully at home. Lyn and husband Chris moved into Southfields during March 1975. Many in the village will remember Lyn during the late 1970s while with other friends locally she was a part time barmaid at the then very popular Axe & Cleaver. Later she organised the football pools collection around the village and also organised the distribution of the 'Star' advertising paper. Cremation was held at Semington on February 18th. Sadly missed by family and friends.

Condolences are expressed to the members and friends of all the families and also to those of any others of whom we are not aware.



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Village Organizations

Organization	Meeting Place	Operating Times	Contact	Telephone or email
1st Southwick Rainbows	Scout Headquarters	Tuesday 5.30 – 6.30pm	Mrs A Aland	01225 767671
1st Southwick Brownies	Scout Headquarters	Wednesday 6.00 – 7.30pm	Mrs S Kingwell	01225 767671
1st Southwick Guides	Scout Headquarters	Monday 6.30 – 8.15pm	Mrs R Cadby	01225 767671
1st Southwick Senior Section Unit	Scout Headquarters	Monday 8.15 – 9.30pm	Mrs R Cadby	01225 767671
Allotment Association	Village Hall	As required	Mrs Ceri Lambdin	01225 761026 Email:cerilambdin@hotmail.co.uk
Badminton Club	Village Hall	Thursday 8.30 – 10.00pm	Mrs Linda Coles	01225 761470 E: linmc@live.co.uk
Baptist Church	The Chapel	Sunday 10.30am	Donia Ceato	01380 870279 Email:hughanddonia@btinternet.com
Beehive Southwick Cricket Club	Village Hall, field & Social Club	All year round	James Taylor	07780 782058 Email:earthworks60@yahoo.co.uk Club Website: http://behivecc.webs.com/
Busy Bees Pre-School	The Hive, Hollis Way	Weekdays 8am – 3pm	Mrs C Harford	01225 753262 Email: busy_bees@tiscali.co.uk
Early Birdz Parents & Toddlers	Baptist Chapel	Tuesday 10.00 – 11.30am	Mrs C Bendell	01225 761315
Entertainers	Village Hall	Monday 7.30 – 10.00pm	Mr J Bendell	01225 761315
Family Bingo	Village Hall	2nd & 4th Wednesday 7.45pm	Mr E Pomeroy	01225 755541
Friends of Southwick Country Park	Village Hall	As required	Mrs J Jones	01225 764223
Harmony (Ladies Group)	Baptist Chapel	2nd Tuesday 7.30 – 9.00pm	Annie Horspool	01225 761789
Hope Nature Centre	Squirrels Tearooms	Daily 8.30am – 4.30pm	Mrs Hazel Jackson	01225 759075
National Women's Register	Members' Houses	From 8.00pm	Mrs Molly Carey	01225 764210 Email:careylongfield@hotmail.com
Neighbourhood Watch	Village Hall	Quarterly	Mr Jim Jilbert	01225 763314 Email: wjjilbert@hotmail.co.uk
No Limits	Baptist Chapel	Tuesday 7.00 – 9.00pm	Mrs J Newman	01225 762337
Playing Field Committee	Village Hall	Tuesday 8.00pm quarterly	Mrs K Noble	01225 352503
Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall	Tuesday 2.15 – 4.30pm & Friday 7.30 – 9.30pm	Mrs K Noble	01225 352503
Skittles (Sports & Social)	Village Hall Annexe	Friday 8.30pm	Mr J Bygraves	01225 766393
Southwick & N Bradley Scout Group	Group Headquarters, The Old School	Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – times various	Mr E Pomeroy	01225 755541
Southwick School Parent Teacher Association	Southwick School	Monthly as required	The School	01225 763325
Southwick Seniors	Village Hall	Alternate Thursdays 2.30pm	Mr Doug Male	01225 755043
Southwick Show Committee	Village Hall	As required	Mr Chris Rawlings	01225 344258 Email: chris.rawlings@blueyonder.co.uk
Sports & Social Club	Village Social Club	Mon – Sat 7 – 12pm, Sun 12 noon – 3pm & 7 – 11pm	The Club	01225 753667
St Thomas Church	St Thomas Church	Services as listed	Rev J Parker	01225 752635
Trowbridge & District Amateur Radio Club	Village Hall	1st & 3rd Wednesday 8.00pm	Mr Ian Carter	01225 864698 (evenings & weekends) Email:tdarc@btinternet.com
Village Hall Lettings & Bookings			Roy Butt	14 Church Street, Southwick 01225 753057
Whist Club	Village Hall	Thursday fortnightly 2.30pm	Sid Vine	01373 464642
Women's Institute	Village Hall	3rd Wednesday 7.30pm	Mrs S Huscroft	01225 766551

Any errors, omissions or amendments in above listings? Please notify Editor on 01225 753865. Thank you.

Aircraft crashes in Southwick during World War 2



On April the 25th 1944 at 14:40 hours, an Armstrong Whitworth Albemarle of 511 squadron RAF Brize-Norton, crashed landed on the field of Home Farm, Hoggington Lane Southwick. The crash was reported to RAF Keevil, and the Royal Air Force was sent out to guard the wreckage of the aircraft. There were four crew on board, when the crew were removed from the aircraft they were carried away on stretchers presumed in a critical condition, it is not know if the crew survived. When the aircraft came down it only just missed the house of Sunnyside which is next to the field where my grandfather's great auntie and great-grandparents were living, and that speculations went around the village that the aircraft hit the house and killed the residents inside, which of course was not true, because if it was, I would not be writing this today! Ever since I was a small child I have been fascinated to know more about the aircraft that crashed in the field next to which is still my great auntie's house, and thanks to the Wiltshire and Swindon History Society I am able to tell this story.

George Beavis.

Editor's Note: George's story intrigued me, and being interested in history I investigated the crash a little further. Both the aircraft's engines failed due to fuel mismanagement and belly-landed in the field on 21st April 1944 (a slightly different date to George's description). It's registration number was V1739 and it was written off (damaged beyond repair). These details were found on web site aviation-safety.net RJ

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