

# Southwick Village News

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*Southwick Entertainers Present...*

# Aladdin



*A Magical Pantomime Adventure*

**Southwick Village Hall**

**26, 27 & 28 January 2017**

**7.30pm incl. Saturday 2.30pm**

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# Village Organizations

<p><b>Southwick Parish Council</b> 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 outside Teeside and the other at the entrance road to the Village Hall.</p> <p><b>Members of the Parish Council</b> <b>Chair:</b> Mrs K <b>Noble</b>, 230 Chantry Gardens, Southwick, BA14 9QX <b>Vice Chair:</b> Mr D Jackson, Mutton Marsh Farm, Southwick, BA14 9NJ Mr S D <b>Carey</b>, Longfield, Frome Road, Southwick, BA14 9NJ Mr A <b>Doel</b>, Upper Poles Hole, Southwick, BA14 9PP Mrs J C <b>Jones</b>, c/o 28 Blind Lane, Southwick, BA14 9PQ Mr S <b>Jones</b>, Home Farm, Hoggington Lane, Southwick, BA14 9NR Mrs G M <b>Masters</b>, Overcourt Farm, Silver Street Lane, Brokerswood, Westbury, BA13 4EY Mr F <b>Morland</b>, Dead Maids Close, Chapmanslade, Westbury, BA13 4AD Mr E G <b>Pomeroy</b>, 14 Hollis Way, Southwick, BA14 9PH Mr D <b>West</b>, 52 Chantry Gardens, Southwick, BA14 9QU</p> <p><b>County Councillor:</b> Mr Horace <b>Prickett</b>, 2 Hawkeridge Road, Yarnbrook, Trowbridge, BA14 6AD</p> <p><b>Parish Clerk</b> Mr Roger <b>Coleman</b>, 2 The Laurels, Westwood, BA15 2AX E: Roger.P.Coleman@btinternet.com</p> <p>Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN: Customer Services All Planning Matters Highways/Electric Street Lighting (Clarence) Dog Warden Trading Standards</p> <p>Trowbridge Town Council Police (non emergency) including Harassment Team Police &amp; Fire Service - Emergency Fire Service - Trowbridge Fire &amp; Rescue Safety Checks Selwood Housing Crimestoppers National Benefit Fraud Team Citizen's Advice Bureau Good Neighbour Co-ordinator—Lise Griffiths Trowbridge Community Area Link (Transport for people in need)</p>	<p>01225 352503</p> <p>07837 154517</p> <p>01225 764210</p> <p>01225 761400</p> <p>01225 764223</p> <p>01225 756844</p> <p>01373 822352</p> <p>07981 948348</p> <p>01225 755541</p> <p>01225 753059</p> <p>01225 767685</p> <p>01225 862770</p> <p>0300 456 0100 0300 456 0100 0300 456 0105 0300 456 0107 0845 404 0506</p> <p>01225 765072 101 999</p> <p>01225 756530 01380 723601 01225 715715 0800 555111 0800 854440 03454 040506 07557 922031 07969 347042</p>	<p><b>Local Services</b></p> <p><b>Dentists</b> Colman &amp; Starkey, Timbrell Street Mortimer Dental Practice, Mortimer Street, Trowbridge. Oasis Dental Care, Stallard Street Dental Care, The Halve, My Dentist, Unit 2, Meadow Court, Staverton.</p> <p><b>Doctors &amp; NHS</b> Adcroft Surgery Bradford Road Med Centre Lovemead Group, Roundstone <b>NHS Direct</b> (if you need health information at any time of the day or night) Trowbridge Community Hospital Widbrook Medical Practice</p> <p><b>Wiltshire Council RUH Hopper Service has ceased.</b> <b>Now use: A and G Minibuses known as "Hospital Rover Service"</b></p> <p><b>Opticians</b> Boots Opticians &amp; Hearing Centre Carter &amp; Harding, Fore Street Haine &amp; Smith, The Shires Specsavers, The Shire RD White, Roundstone Street</p> <p><b>Chemists/Pharmacies</b> Boots the Chemists, Adcroft Boots the Chemists, Roundstone Boots the Chemists, The Gateway (open until 12 midnight) Lauder &amp; Gamlin, Wingfield Road Lauder &amp; Gamlin, Bradford Road Lloyds, 33/34 Fore Street Superdrug, The Shires Tesco Extra, County Way (open until 10pm)</p> <p><b>Local Schools</b></p> <p><b>Primary &amp; Junior Schools</b> Southwick CE Primary, Hollis Way St John's Primary, Wingfield Road Busy Bees Preschool</p> <p><b>Secondary Schools</b> 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 753198 01225 765116</p> <p>01225 777170 01225 430545 01225 351333</p> <p>01225 435757 01225 435711 01225 759850 111</p> <p>01225 711300 01225 757120</p> <p>01985 212213</p> <p>01225 719055 01225 752143 01225 776871 01225 775434 01225 753172</p> <p>01225 774643 01225 775543 01225 752068</p> <p>01225 775030 01225 753104 01225 752069 01225 777835 01225 497447</p> <p>01225 763325 01225 752006 01225 753262</p> <p>01225 762686 01225 350001 01225 309500 01225 762637 01225 766241</p>
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As it states above, the RUH Hopper service has ceased due to funding issues. A new service is now in operation, run by A and G Minibuses and will be known as the "Hospital Rover Service".  
Unfortunately the bus service will be less frequent and the fares will be higher. Please ring 01985 212213 for details.



Don't forget, if someone is suffering a cardiac arrest, the chances of survival are increased if the patient is given treatment by defibrillation. A defibrillator can be found on the wall of the Farmhouse Inn.  
The Farmhouse number is 01225 764366 if you wish to contact them.

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## **Edited Minutes - Southwick Parish Council (PC) meeting of 18 October 2016**

**Present:** Cllrs. K. Noble (Chairman), S Carey, D Jackson, J Jones, S Jones, G Masters, F Morland, E Pomeroy, D West. Roger Coleman (Retiring Clerk), Leon Karas (New Clerk), Wiltshire Councillor (WC) H Prickett. Seventeen members of the public initially.

**Apologies for non-attendance:** from Cllr. Doel, PCSO Ellie Porter, Mr King.

**Welcome & Introduction:** The Chairman introduced Leon Karas as the new Clerk (taking over from Roger Coleman).

**WC Report:** Cllr. Prickett gave a brief report; (a) warning on the possible capping of PC council tax increases and need for a referendum should the increase be more than 2%. Cllr. Morland stated that the anticipated Southwick Parish precept was below the threshold and hence considered that the PC did not need to respond to the consultation. (b) Cllr. Prickett gave a brief report concerning the shortage of schools and grammar schools across the country and that within two years the schools would be full. He advised the PC that it should be watchful of the situation and put forward its own proposal sooner rather than later, as to what it wanted.

**Planning:** RESOLVED 16/08614/FUL Wren Farm, Hoggington Lane. Demolition of poultry sheds & associated agricultural buildings & the erection of two dwellings with access, parking, garaging & landscaping. (Resolved to support this application).

RESOLVED 16/08842/FUL Forge House, 8 Wesley Lane. Construction and use of a Climbing Frame. (Resolved to support this application).

RESOLVED 16/08728/FUL 96 Frome Road. Conversion of Ground Floor Shops to 4 Flats. (Resolved to support subject to the following conditions, "The vehicle entrance to the whole site is to be maintained in good order, the side wall is to be rebuilt and all debris removed from the site and the pavement.)

**Finance:** (Full details available on request from the Editor) The Parish Council Funds stand at £27,452.30, the Solar Farm Community Fund is £19,993.00 and the Playing Field Management Committee Funds stand at £6,478.65. The retiring Clerk stated that he had distributed the Financial Statement for September 2016 and identified to the PC a number of additions and changes that needed to be made. (The new Clerk's note: An updated copy of the financial report was attached to the minutes).

**Highways/Environment:** The retiring Clerk reported that he was in possession of a letter from Selwood Housing regarding parking at Arnold Noad Corner and the "missing" streetlight that had previously been removed. The letter stated that as Selwood Housing were a charity they were unable to fund the full cost of extra parking and that the (approx. 70% of the residents) were private owners were not prepared to make a contribution, the scheme was dropped. Cllr Prickett stated that he would follow up with WC the matter of the "missing" street light.

Cllr. Carey suggested that the need for PC representation at the Open Flood Working Group should be included on the next month's agenda, the PC resolved to do this.

Cllr. Carey stated that overgrown vegetation was encroaching the footpath between the two entrances to Hoopers Pool and Cllr. Jones reported that vegetation needed cutting back at 100 Frome Road to improve sight lines for drivers.

**Local Crimes:** Criminal Damage: Chantry Gardens, rock & brick thrown through two separate windows in a property. Vehicle tyres slashed & windscreen smashed in Frome Road. Fence cut in Hoggington Lane causing horses to escape.

Public Order: Male suspect approached IP in a public place brandishing an axe, damage caused to gate at the premises.

Drug offences: Frome Road, during a police search, two small bags of cannabis found.

Vehicle offences: Frome Road, scratches made to parked vehicle. Chantry Gardens, damage caused to manoeuvring vehicle by van driver.

Non-dwelling burglaries: Frome Road, strimmer stolen from shed. Forced entry to tack room, untidy search but nothing taken. Entry to two insecure lorry containers and a vehicle but nothing taken.

Cllr. West reported that he had heard that 20 sheds on the allotments had been broken into with some damage, but very little stolen.

**Any Other Business:** None.

## **Edited Minutes – Extraordinary meeting of Southwick Parish Council (PC) 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016**

**Present:** Cllrs. K. Noble (Chairman), S Carey, A Doel, D Jackson, J Jones, S Jones, G Masters, D West. Leon Karas (Clerk). Four members of the public initially.

**Apologies for non-attendance:** from Cllr. Morland & E Pomeroy.

**Review of Solar Farm Fund – Grant Applications.** 12 applications were discussed, 6 were approved and 6 declined, a full list is available on request of the Editor or can be found on our website [www.southwickwilts.co.uk](http://www.southwickwilts.co.uk)

**Any Other Business:** None.

## Edited DRAFT Minutes - Southwick Parish Council (PC) meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016

**Present:** Cllrs. K. Noble (Chairman), S Carey, A Doel, D Jackson, S Jones, G Masters, F Morland, E Pomeroy, D West, Leon Karas (New Clerk), Wiltshire Councillor (WC) H Prickett and PCSO E Porter. Thirty members of the public initially.

**Apologies for non-attendance:** Cllr. J Jones.

**Welcome & Introduction:** The Chairman noted the presence of residents and it was resolved to hold an Open Forum for a 15 minute period. The Chairman asked the PC to consider an Agenda item at the next meeting to discuss drawing up a written statement to parishioners explaining how the PC is working to protect the Parish from non-sustainable developments. The PC resolved by a majority vote to add such an item to the next Agenda.

**WC Report:** Cllr. Prickett reported; (a) Bus timetables were missing from bus stops at Hogginton Lane and Frome Road due to vandalised fittings. (b) The Clerk has agreed to provide Cllr. Prickett with details of a request for a bus shelter near Chantry Gardens. (c) Cllr. Prickett had been advised that as the Trowbridge Area Housing requirement had been fully met, it was likely that Wiltshire Council would declare that there should be no development in Southwick and that the Southwick SHLAA would be discarded. (d) Cllr. Prickett reported that there had been complaints about heavy vehicles coming through the village and heading towards the solar farm, villagers are to report any vehicle registration numbers and dates of any offending vehicles spotted. (e) Discussions have been had with Highways regarding heavy traffic on Wynsome Street, little chance of changing the solutions proposed in the Atkins report.

**Planning:** No new planning applications to report. The relationship with Save Our Southwick (SOS) group was discussed. It was resolved that the PC will ask SOS to provide a written monthly report to include a list of actions they wanted the PC to consider.

**Finance:** (Full details available on request from the Editor) The Parish Council Funds stand at £27,186.42, the Solar Farm Community Fund is £19,993.00 and the Playing Field Management Committee Funds stand at £6,478.65.

**Highways/Environment:** (a) The Clerk presented his findings regarding parking at Arnold Noad Corner, the only solution might be for residents to fund the project themselves. (b) Cllr. Prickett is to take the matter of the "missing" street light at Arnold Noad Corner to Wiltshire Council as it their facility. (c) Repair work to Wynsome Street will only be carried out after two utility companies have completed their work. (d) Request for bus shelters were determined by usage and that it might be appropriate to apply for funding from the Trowbridge Area Board grants. The chairman said that she would look into the matter. (e) The PC resolved to ask Mrs Johnson if she would be prepared to attend the next meeting of the Operational Flood Working Group on behalf of the PC and report back.

**Local Crimes:** Burglaries: Damage to back door of property in Fleur de Lys Drive. Dwelling entered in Wesley Lane with several items stolen, entry made via cat flap.

Criminal Damage: Deep scratches to parked vehicle in Frome Road

Public Order: Victims verbally abused outside their home.

Vehicle crimes / RTCs: Incident between vehicle and motorcycle. Attempted entry to motor vehicle in Chantry Gardens. 3 vehicle RTC in Bradley Road, luckily non injury.

Other: Two young boys followed by a small white van, they were approached by a male, the boys ran & cycled off.

**Any Other Business:** Cllr. Jackson noted that the Post Office no longer appears in the village hall, The Village Hall Management Committee were looking into the matter.

The Clerk drew the Councillor's attention to a letter from the Internal Auditors that recommended changes to the accounts, particularly for the managing of the Playing Field component. The PC resolved to add this as an Agenda item in future.

**Date of Next Meeting:** 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016, commencing at 7.30m – Ordinary PC Meeting

### Two Key Dates

"The Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment" (SHLAA) provides information on a range of potential housing sites and gives an indication of how dwelling requirements could potentially be met. Wiltshire Council will close submissions to the SHLAA map in mid December 2016 and will report in mid January 2017 on any changes that they propose to make to the existing map.

Wiltshire Council has a statutory duty to consult The Parish Council and we currently have an adopted policy of not wishing to see any large housing development within our Village. Unfortunately Planning Inspectors have recently within West Wilts granted permissions to build on green field sites because Wiltshire Council has not been able or willing at Public Enquiries to demonstrate that it has a five year housing land supply plan.

However you can be assured that we will continue to be vigilant and will work with others like "Save Our Southwick" to stop large scale housing developments encircling our village.

Stephen Carey  
Southwick Parish Councillor

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Well here we are steaming towards Christmas and another year. Everything in the stores seems to arrive earlier and earlier. As soon as we get to September Christmas items start appearing in the stores and garden centres.

This year has been a quiet year for crime in the village, and I hope that the silly season of Halloween and Bonfire night has passed by with minimal trouble in the area.

The latest craze seems to be this idea of dressing up as clowns and scaring people, you can say that someone, somewhere in the village will be doing it thinking it is funny. I certainly do not and I know that the Police have better things to do with their time and resources than chase someone who wants to be that stupid to follow this new craze from America.

Crimes reported over the past two months for the Southwick area are:

Public Order x3. Possession of a weapon x 1. Arson or Criminal damage x3. Violence against a person or persons x6. Domestic incidents x3. Drug offence x2 Missing persons x3. ASB x1. Burglaries x3. Theft x1. Road Traffic Collisions x3. Miscellaneous x4.

As usual at this time of the year I remind you all to be vigilant against petty crime, which always increases as we build towards Christmas. Everyone has extra cash on them for shopping and are probably stressed as they trudge around the stores. Secure your cash, perhaps place it in two or three places on your person, so that if one is taken you have not lost everything. Also secure your cards and protect against people obtaining your PIN by watching you type it into a machine. Secure purchases out of sight in the boot of your vehicle and not on the back seat. Be aware of what you place on top of your vehicle whilst opening and loading the shopping into it. Many a person drives off with items left on the roof especially handbags.

In the home a would be thief knows that there are rich pickings to be had in every home, so lock doors when out and ground floor windows. Do not leave presents in view of windows especially if you have left them in a pile awaiting wrapping. Just use common sense and be aware of who is around you.

In this day and age of the extremists who have one idea in his head of causing carnage. Be vigilant wherever you are for unattended packages and anyone who looks out of place. If you are not sure then report to the police or security, they would rather deal with something that turns out to be innocent than have numerous casualties through everyone ignoring something, because of the idea "It wouldn't happen here".

I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a Crime free and happy Christmas, also good health and a prosperous New Year for 2017.

Jim Jilbert 763314  
wjilbert@hotmail.co.uk

## **Trowbridge Rural—Local Officers PCSO's Porter and Badder.**

### **COMMUNITY MESSAGING**

We have been talking a lot publically about Community Messaging over recent months and I have included the link below and would continue to encourage you to spread the message to your communities, encouraging as many people as possible to sign up. We have seen a 20% growth over the recent months and this is to be commended and I want to say thank you for this and the work you have done within your communities to assist us in getting the key messages out there to the right people at the right place at the right time. Please help us take this even further. We are continually reviewing the content of our messages, so if there is any feedback for us, please let us know.

<https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/>

The sector has seen an increase in non-dwelling Burglaries in the last month with sheds and garages being attacked. Please ensure that you secure your outbuildings with a suitably efficient lock.

There have also been steady stream of stolen cycles in the sector. Most of the cycles stolen were insecure. Please remember to lock up your bikes!

Many thanks,  
Maria

## Southwick Sports and Social Club

The Village Hall, Southwick, Trowbridge, BA14 9QN Tel 01225 753667

The Club, which is based at Southwick village hall, is open to all whether you live in the village or not. We have a nice spacious club room with both table and bay seating; see the web site gallery for photos. We now have Sky Sports and BT Sports, so you can enjoy the friendly ambiance while you watch various sporting events on the our big screen TV (HD projector). Now the football season has started, you can watch most Premier League and Championship League matches as well as boxing, motor racing plus many other sports along with various music video sites.

With regard to facilities, we have a pool table, which is only 40p per game, along with a pool team in the Trowbridge league. There is **free pool** on Monday & Friday evenings and Sunday lunchtime. Players meet on Monday nights and either play matches or practise. We also have a ladies darts team who play on Monday nights.

We also host the Beehive cricket team who usually play on Friday evenings and Saturdays during the summer . Now the cricket season has ended and the football season has started, you can relax on our balcony on a Sunday afternoon and watch a match on the playing field with a nice cold pint with views of the White Horse. The skittle season has also started and this year the Club are hosting three teams. If anyone is interested in joining one of the teams you can get further information in the Club.

The Club has run various events this year, including excellent quiz nights which are held on the first Sunday of each month. All our functions can be found on the Club web site. We also have a weekly Sunday meat draw where you can win various meat joints, chicken, steaks, etc. for the low price of one pound a strip of 5 tickets. Membership of the Club is gradually increasing as news of our facilities filters through the village. As a reminder, membership of the Club is still only £5 a year, or for non-members 50p a visit. With reasonably priced drinks, it means you can save the cost of the membership fee with one or two visits!

So, if anyone is interested in joining the Club with its friendly, relaxed atmosphere and excellent facilities (families welcome), then either pop into the Club or contact any of the committee members, phone the above number on any evening or email us. We have a wide range of beers & spirits, a pool table, dartboard and are open Mon to Thu from 5pm to 11pm; Fri and Sat from 12 noon to 11pm; Sun 12 noon to 10:30pm.

Web site : [sssc.southwick.org.uk](http://sssc.southwick.org.uk)

Email : [sssc@southwick.org.uk](mailto:sssc@southwick.org.uk)

**H. Milburn, Secretary.**

## Southwick Seniors



The Village group for Senior Citizens has been in existence for 42 years.

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

**New members always welcome.**

**8th December Christmas Tea with Southwick School Choir and Pat Connor on the keyboard.**

**Please Note Start Time 1.15pm**

The programme for the next few months is as follows:

5th January	Speaker from Trowbridge Museum
19th January	New Year lunch followed by a quiz
2nd February	200 years of Trowbridge shops with Roger Newman
16th February	The "Emerald Isle" with Linda Dowsett.

Programme subject to change.

Meetings are normally at Southwick Village Hall on alternate Thursdays at 2.30pm (except meals at 1.00pm).

Subscriptions – £5 due on 1st April. Meetings – £1 per session

Members need to book in advance for the meals with the Chairman and ideally please bring their own cutlery.

Further information from the Chairman Stella Allan on 01225 767780.

**SOUTHWICK & NORTH BRADLEY  
SCOUT GROUP**  
(Registered Charity No.279324)



**End of Year Review**



As we come to the end of another year, it is pleasing to report that the membership of all our units has remained fairly constant. This is due in no small way to the dedication and commitment of all our leaders, helpers and executive committee members. There is however, still a need for a lot more adult helpers for all our sections.

During the year our young people have been able to enjoy a programme of exiting and in some cases adventurous activities which have included camps, hikes, sleepovers, archery, canoeing, caving and rifle shooting.

Special mention should be made of the fact that this year has seen the 30th anniversary of Beaver Scouting and the centenary of the Cub Section which originally of course were known as Wolfcubs. Both sections have taken part in a large number of extra events which have been held throughout the District and County.

On the social side, the group has once again organised two family quiz evenings, the regular fortnightly Family Bingo evenings, a summer event, which unfortunately was far from it's usual success and of course they have continued with their very successful recycling of various waste materials, including newspapers, magazines and aluminium cans.

**Autumn Quiz**

Despite a lower number of teams than usual, many thanks to everyone who took part in what was another enjoyable evening. Congratulations to the overall winners "Two plus One" whose members were Alan Cranfield, Sylvia Jackson and Kath Noble.

**Christmas Family Bingo**

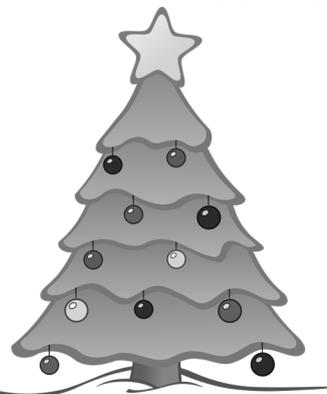
**Wednesday December 7th  
In the Village Hall**



**Eyes Down at 7.45pm**

**Everybody Welcome**

**Good seasonable prizes**



**SOUTHWICK & NORTH BRADLEY  
SCOUT GROUP**

(Registered Charity No.279324)



**FAMILY BINGO EVENINGS  
AT SOUTHWICK VILLAGE HALL  
on Wednesdays**

**7th and 21st December  
4th, 11th and 25th January  
8th and 22nd February**

**ADMISSION: 50p**

**BOOKS: 80p**

**RAFFLE and REFRESHMENTS  
ALL WELCOME**

PROCEEDS FOR SCOUT HEADQUARTERS MAINTENANCE





*1st Southwick Guides*



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## 1<sup>st</sup> Southwick Guides

Southwick guides enjoyed an activity weekend at Foxlease in the New Forest with the guides taking part in the Zip Wire, Crate Challenge and Climbing Wall. The weekend also included forest walks, sports and crafts.

Seven older Brownies visited guides to enjoy an evening of “Happy” and “Laughter” challenges and we look forward to them joining guides in the New Year.

Some older guides have started working towards their Baden Powell award and organised a “Bake Off” evening for all of the guides to make and decorate cheesecakes.

The guides would also like to invite you to their annual fundraising Family **Christmas Bingo and Cake Sale** at Southwick Village Hall on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**, doors open at 1.45pm. First Bingo game is 2.15pm with all the usual prizes, raffles and refreshments.



*Southwick Senior Section*



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## Southwick Senior Section

Southwick Senior Section Unit would like to thank the Southwick Flower Show Committee for their very kind donation towards the costs involved with our two teams taking part in their Gold Duke of Edinburgh expeditions on Dartmoor this summer.

Four members of the unit are trying something new to our unit by working towards the Queens Guide Award.

Members have also enjoyed a variety of activities, including a cooking evening, a sports evening and a visit by the Wiltshire Astronomical Society. On a very cold and clear night the local astronomers explained about the stars and gave everyone the opportunity to look through the telescopes to see the sky in much more detail, especially the stars and the very clear moon.

Don't forget:

**Family Christmas Bingo and Cake Sale at Southwick Village Hall on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, doors open at 1.45pm.  
First Bingo game is 2.15pm**

## 1<sup>st</sup> Southwick Brownies

Last term we went to North Bradley Brownies to share a seaside evening which was very wet but the girls developed their team working skills through the different activities that they took part in throughout the evening. The Brownies have also made cardboard owls, clay hanging ornaments and made some tasty chocolate cookies. Faith and Ella have now made their Brownie promise and we hope that they enjoy their time with us. During this term we are working toward our chocolate badge which should be messy and great fun. For Remembrance Day we made poppies so that the Brownies could wear them for the remembrance service in North Bradley church. We are also looking forward to our sleepover in December with a theme of Dr Seuss.

Brown Owl, Snowy Owl, Bumble Bee and Ladybird

## 1st Southwick Rainbows



This term our theme has been Disney films. We have made animal masks from Lion King, Frozen lollipop jigsaw puzzles, concertina snakes from Jungle Book, edible Finding Dory collages, woven mats for Aladdin, made lanterns for Cinderella and Dalmatian hairbands. At the end of term, we are planning an Alice in Wonderland tea party with North Bradley Rainbows.

At the end of the summer term we said goodbye to Faith and Ella. We have welcomed 3 new Rainbows, Amy, Isla and Summer, who made their promise before half term. We have recently had a 'bring a friend' to Rainbows evening last week and made sugar craft roses, which everyone enjoyed.

For information about the unit contact Claire or Jennie at [1stsouthwickrainbows@gmail.com](mailto:1stsouthwickrainbows@gmail.com) or visit the guiding website.



It does not seem possible that already our new children have been in school for over a term. They have settled in well and are frequently excited with their learning as are many other children.

As a school, since the beginning of term, we have been looking at different periods of history including the Romans, the Stone Age, and the Vikings .

During one week we also focused on aspects of Sustainability. This included classes thinking about the best ways to reuse and recycle and as a result different pieces of art work were produced, some of which are now featured around the school.

We also had a whole school RE journey day where we focused on the importance of Harvest and the different ways in which it is celebrated around the world. This resulted in each class producing a celebration book linked to their learning. We held our harvest service at the church and the tinned goods we gave were given to food banks for the homeless and those in need in the Trowbridge area.

We supported Children In Need by holding a cake sale and will soon be focusing our ideas on our school Christmas Fayre .The PTA will be advertising this very soon and you are welcome to come along.



Villagers will have been saddened to hear of the recent deaths of Mary Gicquel (Turner) of Brokerswood Road, Gordon Cooch of Chantry Gardens, Margaret Hayward of Arnold Noad Corner, Karen Oatley of Church Street and Carol Wirtz of Chantry Gardens.

Gordon Cooch was a much loved husband, father and grandfather who enjoyed being involved in anything that the grandchildren has an interest in.

A friend to everyone, always willing to spare the time to chat to anybody about anything. A very practical man who turned his hand to many crafts & arts and was curious about everything, especially if it was mechanical. (Family tribute)

Condolences are expressed to the families and their friends listed above and also to those of any others of whom we are not aware.

Please let me know if there are any announcements that you may like me to include in future "Village News", such as births, engagements, christenings, forthcoming weddings, anniversaries, in memorium, etc. As long as they are for private individuals, they will be no charge.

I will try to include any notices, but please be aware that this is a bi-monthly magazine, so make sure you give me plenty of warning.

Thanks,  
The Editor

#### **A word or two from the Editor.**

It's amazing how fragile life can be. One minute everything is rosy, all is quiet, routine and perhaps even mundane. Then out of the blue, life can change in an instant.

Our little worlds can be thrown into chaos, life changing events can happen suddenly, without warning.

My life did indeed change suddenly back in early September. I had a lovely, happy week's holiday with my family down in Cornwall. Weather was fine, views magnificent, delicious pasties, long walks along the beautiful rugged coastline, then the worst part.....the journey home.

All was fine, car was going well, not much traffic, then suddenly without any warning and whilst on the M5, my eyesight started to fail me, everything became a blur and then I was virtually blind for a few terrifying seconds.

I managed to slow down and pull over safely onto the hard shoulder, my eyesight gradually began to return and after a couple of minutes, I could see again, eventually my sight had recovered enough to continue the journey home.

Upon my return, I managed to get an immediate appointment at my doctor's surgery, the doctor suspected that I may have had a mini stroke, a Transient Ischaemic Attack (TIA). They arranged for me to get an urgent consultation with the TIA clinic at the RUH in Bath, where I underwent an MRI scan on my brain (yes they did find one in that thick skull of mine), a heart trace, ultrasound scan on the carotid arteries in my neck and physical tests to see if there were any obvious lasting damage to any part of my brain or eyesight.

Fortunately of me, there didn't appear to be anything sinister on any of the tests. The consultant has prescribed some tablets for me to take, (probably for the rest of my life) but the worst news of all was that I wasn't allowed to drive my car for a month after the attack!!!! Some say luckily for me as my wife Marilyn could drive me about, however, I'm a terrible passenger, I hate being driven, the loss of my independence was horrible. The four weeks took an eternity to pass, but eventually they did and as I had no further issues or attacks, my doctor said that I could resume driving, thank goodness.

I am still waiting for the results of a three day heart monitor session, where my heart activity was recorded, let's hope that is clear as well. It turned out that my blood pressure was high, my cholesterol slightly above the recommended and I don't get enough exercise. So, from being relatively fit and well one minute, I became one of the many people that suffer strokes and mini strokes in a flash, just goes to show how our lives can change in an instant.

People moan about the National Health Service, but I can honestly say that I had an excellent doctor, a brilliant Specialist, very kind and considerate nursing staff and loving help from friends and family. Oh, and I suppose I should thank you to Marilyn for driving me to and fro without losing her temper despite my continuous criticism of her driving. Well it was bad!

I look at this as a wakeup call, I certainly appreciate the everyday things more and it has brought it home to me that we are not infallible and to take care with our bodies, we only live once, not like James Bond, he lived twice!

## Friends of Southwick Country Park

### **Jottings from Southwick Country Park**

At the beginning of November the Friends of Southwick Country Park held their AGM and Joan Jones, the Chair, reported on another successful year with a lot of work having been achieved. With help from volunteer Friends, hard paths were laid at field entrances to keep them usable in winter, pathways have been widened by cutting back encroaching foliage, and the edges of water bodies (worn away by dogs getting into and out of water) have been 'shored up'. Volunteers and Wiltshire Council staff have also thinned out tree copses to allow in sunlight and help ground level plants to thrive, including bluebells. A new notice board has been installed near the main entrance, which is a great improvement on the old tired one; this was funded by grants from Wiltshire Council's Area Board and Southwick Parish Council. With additional practical help from Nationwide Building Society volunteers, benches were installed, reptile hibernacula constructed, and young trees 'reclaimed' from encroaching blackthorn. Joan reported that many events have been held in the Country Park over the year, the most recent being 'Into the Wild' for October half term, and a Woodland Management workshop. (To keep up to date with events taking place at Southwick Country Park, search for Southwick Country Park on Facebook.)

At the AGM Joan Jones was re-elected as Chair, Patrick Jones as Treasurer, and Suzanne Humphries elected as Secretary.

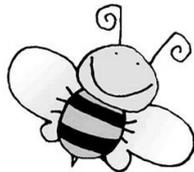
Sean Price reported on parkrun. The run is becoming ever more popular, with the peak number of runners being 345. He also mentioned that parkrunners would be happy to help with any specific manual task in the Park.

Rich Murphy from Wiltshire Council reported on his work with Friends volunteers to identify Chalara die-back of ash in the Park. Sadly, nearly half of the ash trees are infected, which is not unexpected as the fungus is widespread across Wiltshire. We shall follow the Forestry Commission's advice by monitoring the situation and managing the trees for safety issues as they arise.

The meeting concluded with a presentation by Suzanne Humphries about wild flowers in Wiltshire. She showed some lovely slides of both our native flowers and some "imported" ones.



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It has been another busy half term at the Preschool. The children have been celebrating Halloween and Bonfire night along with remembering the soldiers, sailors and airmen who died in the wars. They made paper poppies and took them home to share with family and friends.



The children have also been making "poppy cakes" and "chocolate sparklers" along with practising their parts in the forthcoming nativity play. Costumes are being made and songs learnt.



Preparations are in hand for Busy Bees' Christmas Fayre to which everyone is invited and will be very welcome. Father Christmas will be attending along with craft items for sale, cakes and other stalls for you to have a go on.

### **Busy Bees' Christmas Fayre Friday 2nd December 2016 from 4.30 pm to 6.30pm.**

We have run very low on spare clothes for the children, so if any one has outgrown Age 3 / 4 years old clothes, we would love to receive it.

Busy Bees still have places available but some sessions are full. So if you are thinking about sending your child, please pay us a visit to book your place and get your choice of day.

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Early Birdz is a mother and baby/toddler group run by Carolyn Bendell and Diane Ellis every Tuesday morning (term time only) from 10 to 11.30 am in the Old Baptist Chapel in Wynsome Street, Southwick.

The children are able to play with various toys and are able to make crafts with adult supervision. The group gives parents and carers the opportunity to talk and mix with friends and are able to enjoy a coffee or tea and biscuit. The children are provided with a drink and biscuit before they go for a singing/activity period.

We pride ourselves on being a very happy and group and would welcome anyone who would like to attend. We charge £1 for an adult and 60p for any children over 6 months old.

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For more information check our website - [www.southwickbaptistchurch.org.uk](http://www.southwickbaptistchurch.org.uk)  
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On 25th December, there will be a short morning service will be held at 10.30am, then on Monday 2nd January, our annual New Year's walk will take place in Southwick Park at 11am, meeting up in the car park. After the walk we will go back to the Chapel for soup and rolls. All are very welcome to join us.

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### PROGRAMME — 2016 / 2017

Date	Speaker	Topic
14th December	Michael Gamble, Quiz Master	Christmas Quiz & Party
18th January 2017	Daphne Atkinson	Life below stairs
15th February	Ian Caskie	SS Great Britain from launch to relaunch
15th March	AGM with Ploughman's & Beetle Drive	

Contact Shirley Huscroft 01225 766551

### Southwick Village Hall Management Committee

Currently there are only five members on this Committee – the three officers and two others. To run the hall efficiently we need more people, can you help?

We meet on a bi-monthly basis and our next meeting is to be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 7.30pm in the hall.

The hall opened in October 1973 and is a great village asset, it is used by most village organisations, who can appoint someone to represent them on this committee, together with anyone else who would be willing.

If you require more details or information please get in touch or just come along at the next meeting.

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Kath Noble

## St Thomas Church Flower Ladies

Didn't the church look fantastic for the harvest festival. Susan Rawlings arrangement in the porch had a definite "wow" factor.



Kato Harden's window with the help of Gerald had a real harvest feeling with the horses & tractor.

I would like to thank all the ladies who helped us with their beautiful arrangements: Dorothy Burnett, Kate & Gerald Harden, Rose Blanchard, Mary Boroughs, Jenny Ayrtton, Susan Rawlings and Barbara Vincent.

Sadly, Margaret Randall passed away this year. She always did the arrangement on the cupboard and we definitely miss her.

So we are inviting anyone who would like to come and join us and do an arrangement for Christmas, you don't have to be an expert, just enjoy flowers. Please contact me, Patricia Doel on 01225 761400.

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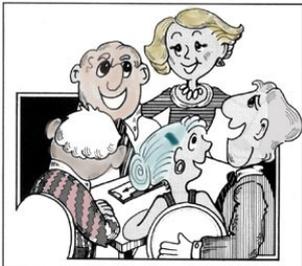
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We are always looking for volunteers especially gardeners and a Land Train Driver during School Holidays .

All our food is homemade and made to order as such it may take a little longer to be served and your patience is appreciated.



The Animal Park is open 7 days a week and costs just £2.50 for adults and £1.50 for children with a family ticket [2 adults and 2 children] available for just £7. We have a range of animals within our 15 acres like, Pigs, Sheep, Goats, Alpacas, Emus, Chipmunks and many more. You can also feed some of the animals for just 50p a bag! The goats appreciate this the most!!

As the charity is not government funded all money raised is used to sustain the maintenance and up-keep of the facilities.

Our Squirrel Tea Rooms are also open 7 days a week 8.30am to 4.30pm. We serve an array of homemade food and cakes including our top rated gluten free breakfast!

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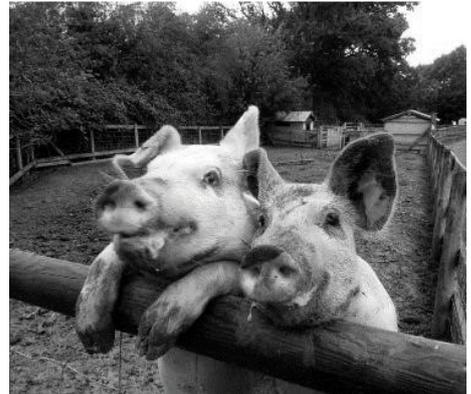
A portion of homemade Porridge with a choice of Tea or Coffee - £2.75

**Every Friday** is OAP special Day - any main meal followed by any dessert - £6.50

### Gluten Free Options

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### Giving Back

In October the Staff and Volunteers got together to raise money for the 'Wear-It-Pink' campaign for Breast Cancer and managed to raise **£340!** We'd like to say a big thank you to everyone whom supported us on the day and gave generously!



### Up Coming Events

#### 1st December

Our Famous Homemade Christmas Cakes go on Sale – Prices start from £5

#### 5th to 19th December – Christmas Lunch

We are now taking bookings for our Christmas Lunches. 2 Courses £14.95 & 3 Courses £16.95. Bookings of 10 people and over will receive a 10% discount. Call us on 01225 759075 or email [info@hopenaturecentre.org.uk](mailto:info@hopenaturecentre.org.uk)

#### 11th December – Santa will be Visiting The Hope Nature Centre

Santa will be with us from 10am to 3pm. Tickets are £6 & £7.50 this includes, Craft, Drink, Cake a story & present (£6 ticket excludes the craft) .

See our events section on our Facebook Page for more information or feel free to contact us on 01225 759075 [www.facebook.com/HopeNatureCentre](http://www.facebook.com/HopeNatureCentre) Instagram "hopenaturecentre" page for cute pictures of our animals!



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## Letters to the Editor

### Southwick a village divided

There is growing unrest in the village of Southwick as some residents have started a campaign to stop any further housing development in the village.

The small group of residents who call themselves "SOS" (Save our Southwick) have taken up the campaign through an organization known as 38 Degrees. 38 Degrees is a large organisation that promotes campaigns from groups or individuals. Its website has many current campaigns. An easy solution to those who wish to gain instant membership and backing to their campaigns.

SOS is formed by a collection of residents and non-residents who live on the borders of land that might be highlighted by Wiltshire Council as possible **future** development land that **might** be made available for development sometime in the future.

There are no current planning applications submitted to Wiltshire Council for consideration of development on any of the SHALAA sites.

Recently the group SOS requested half of the £20,000.00 given to the village by the company who developed the solar energy farm in the village. This money was intended to benefit all the residents of the village. One SOS member who wrote to his MP Andrew Murrison detailing his strong objections to both development and solar farms in Southwick then became one of the main applicants for a large percentage of the solar farm funds.

SOS made an application for 50% of the funds with the aim of engaging and paying the very high fees of a planning consultant. The very same planning consultants that could be used by developers when making planning applications for development sites. The planning consultant's job would be easy as there are no current planning applications submitted to Wiltshire Council on any of the lands identified in Wiltshire Council's SHALAA sites.

Obviously it was quite clear that the application from SOS should be refused as the use of funds in this way would be a waste of opportunities to other applicants that were appropriate, timely and purposeful.

The majority of the members of the SOS group live in substantial properties that border the lands that have been identified as the SHALAA sites with Wiltshire Council. A high degree of scaremongering has been generated by SOS which have no real bearing on the current situation. The so called SHALAA sites are not at all appropriate for development and most of them will never be developed. Wiltshire Council have the power to review the SHALAA sites at any time and alter the plan. When this happens the SOS group may find that the very land they received advice on from the planning consultants no longer forms part of the long-term plan and would therefore have been a waste of Southwick Village funds from the solar farm.

The SOS group appears through their relationship with 38 Degrees now shifted their drive to highlight the protection of "somewhere nice to live, environments to enjoy, share and express themselves". (Perhaps this is a message that would not be appreciated by the many homeless, in the area or indeed the wider communities).

The focus and drive now appears to be a drive against individuals identified on the 38 Degrees and SOS campaign website as land-owners with a single aim to earn money.

The campaign suggests that no further houses should be built in Southwick. Instead all development should be concentrated on nearby Trowbridge that has plenty of underdeveloped sites available. I wonder whether Trowbridge residents would agree with this. The SOS group continues to take the stance that all things that can be enjoyed by the few who enjoy them in villages should be excluded from others. That the people who have not already secured a substantial foothold on the village property ladder, are not entitled too: "Somewhere nice to live, environments to enjoy, share and express themselves".

The SOS campaign has gained many signatures nationally, no doubt from similar individuals in similar villages who want to close shop. Some of SOS's own members do not live in Southwick.

Southwick has an aging population much the same as other villages. Southwick is lucky to have a few "Old Boys" who have dedicated their lives to the village and maintain the very essence of village life: Flower shows, scout and guide meetings, fetes and social gatherings, helping the older adults in the village, providing maintenance free of charge when and where it is needed in the village community and much much more. Some of the "Good old boys" are in their 70s and 80s but still provide their time and services unselfishly as there are no younger volunteers to take their place.

The sense of village community dwindles as people focus on their own needs: protecting their view as detailed on the SOS campaign which in turn protects the value of their homes as they enjoy the wildlife that grazes on local land sustained and managed by local landowners for many generations.

The rural village life will continue to remain out of the reach of many, as long as the village closes its gates.

The SOS group now boasts support from the Parish Council. Parish Councilors may also have a blinkered vision of future village life. A life that is deteriorating as we become a nuclear village that can no longer support extended family members due to the lack of affordable homes in rural locations.

A village that originated from weavers and farmers cottages that outnumbered the larger properties of their employers.

The parish councilors need to consider their roles as they are public servants and not dictators of a rural ideal that can no longer be sustained. The civil parish elects the parish council to make decisions on its behalf. The current population of Southwick is 1,800. How can the parish council support or consider views and opinions from a small, non-elected group (SOS) without consulting the remainder of its parishioners.

In the extract from the PC meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016 the Parish Council states it does not support development on any of the SHALAA sites. That the parish Council does not wish to hold any meetings with developers as this could attract unwelcome criticism. The parish council also stated it could be prejudiced at such a meeting by offering a view when the public has not had an opportunity to comment and no planning applications been submitted yet the parish council has submitted a **view** (it does not support any development of SHALAA sites) without public opinion, and now appears to wholeheartedly support the SOS view that there should be no further development and the Southwick borders should be closed.

Has the Parish Council considered unwelcome criticism about its relationship with the SOS group and have all the Parish Councilors declared an interest in the land the parish Council and the SOS object to development on.

The ones whose properties are bordering on SHALAA sites where their own position financially could be jeopardised which might be the real reason for supporting a campaign that rejects affordable housing in rural locations.

The Parish Council or rather some of its members has made a decision to create a link to the controversial non-elected SOS group via the Parish Council website. Has the Parish Council taken legal advice? How will the Parish Council maintain a non-prejudiced approach to planning applications when it has voiced an alliance with a non-elected group (SOS).

The Parish Council is answerable to the public, and to higher government, the Government can overrule decisions made by the Parish Council through planning consents and appeal hearings. All of this is at the expense of the individual parishioner who looks to its elected Parish Council for answers. Should in the future a parishioner feel the Parish Council has been overly influenced by a non-elected group then the parish council might find themselves in a position where legal proceedings are taken out against them? Has the Parish Council considered this or taken legal advice?

From a concerned villager.

### Letter from AR Greatwood (Bob)

On receipt of two unsolicited leaflets posted through my letterbox (despite it clearly states No Hawkers, No Canvassers, No Circulars) showing no indication who had produced them, these leaflets were inviting local residents to put forward their views on a proposal of developing land for new housing off Blind Lane / Goose Street.

I attended the meeting, which had a large attendance and I was disgusted from the outset at the undemocratic nature of this meeting. Firstly the P.R. machine had been well in place, the leaders of this campaign had already set up their anti-supporters in such a way that it was a complete farce that everyone attending was assumed to be against the building of new homes at this location.

I never imagined in my 80 years, being born and bred in the village that I would see and hear such horrendous bias, stoked up by Parish Councilors who are obliged to be totally impartial on these matters.

To allow such language to be directed to the local landowner Mr. A Doel, who has been approached by a developer, is disgusting, aided and abetted by fellow councilors. The anti-brigade are the very reason that we need more houses, they are the incomers who are quite happy to move to the village and now want to stop anyone else who would like to buy a new home – in case you have forgotten it is known as a NIMBY.

Of course it is a national trend today that everyone requires a free slice of what someone else has worked hard for. For these people I suggest you put your money where your mouth is or shut up. You do not own this land, it is not yours. 95% of houses that have been built in this village since World War 2 have been built on Greenfield sites, how many of you live in one?

We must bring back democracy into the frame on such an important issue.

### Christmas Puzzle

I V Y Q D A X G L I T T E R C	CHRISTMAS	JESUS
T R E E S A M E L D N A C S S	SNOWMAN	DECORATIONS
X M R S T O C K I N G I A S F	NATIVITY	PRESENTS
S E C H G I E L S A K M E E B	IVY	SNOWFLAKES
C A E L B A T S H L X A V K Q	FESTIVE	CHRISTINGLE
S K M M B T W T L R H R I A Y	PUDDING	TREE
E E L T W U A K J E E Y T L T	STOCKING	WREATH
L M L O S E W E S D A U S F I	SLEIGH	ICICLES
C I C H R I S T I N G L E W V	STABLE	CANDLEMAS
I T O W N U R W I O O B F O I	XMAS	
C Y W T S G V H F W B W B N T	WINTER	
I T E J B V M R C Y U U M S A	WONDERLAND	
Y R G N I D D U P N O Q E A N	PARTYTIME	
M A K S N O I T A R O C E D N	GLITTER	
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Answers on penultimate page.

#### Editor's bit

Please email, telephone or post any of your articles of interest and news for future issues to me, John Fox.

My email is [williamjohnfox@hotmail.com](mailto:williamjohnfox@hotmail.com) and my telephone number is 01225 762930.

My home address is 30 Fleur de Lys Drive, Southwick, BA14 9QH if you want to drop me a line.

Please send me any items for publication by the 15th of the preceding month of publication, (ie 15th November for the December edition, etc.)

Well I survived the first year as being the Editor of this newsletter, thank you all very much for your patience and valued contributions, I wish you all have a Very Happy Christmas and hope that the New Year brings you all a healthy and prosperous 2017.

Please keep your articles coming in and can we have some stories, poems, jokes, etc., anything to keep us entertained.

**“MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR”**

# Once again a very BIG THANK YOU to you all.

Thanks to everyone who attended or contributed in any way to my

## 'Auction of Allsorts' in aid of Guide Dog 'Rosie'

The result was that a very enjoyable time was had by all who attended and most importantly the final total raised in four hours was:

**£789.85**

Once again this was quite honestly a tremendous amount to raise in such a short time and I couldn't have done it without all the help and support that I had from all my friends and neighbours and those who attended the auction.

Thanks to everyone who donated all the Raffle and Tombola prizes and cakes and biscuits, tea and coffee etc.

Apart from the hire of the Scout Headquarters we had no expenses whatsoever.

Your continued support for my fund-raising events is much appreciated and it is with great pleasure that I can tell you that the running total for Rosie, my third guide dog, (raised in just 11 months), is a tremendous

**£4,754.85**

(Only £245.15p to go reach the third £5000 target)

I have decided to raise the money for two more guide dogs and then I will retire!!

So look out in future issues of this newsletter for event information.

With Love from Linda xx

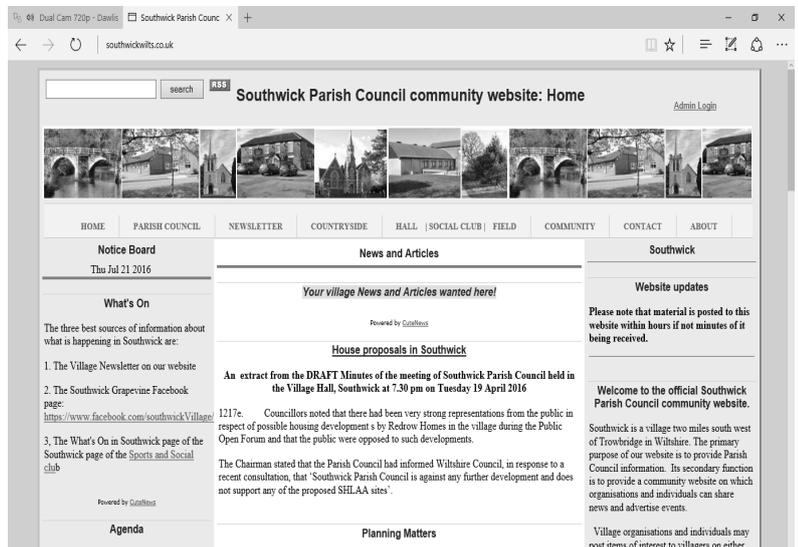
PS. I have been asked to put on another Auction next year and, of course, the 'Wimbledon Cream Tea' will be held in the summer so I hope you don't mind me asking but if anyone has any items that you don't need after Christmas I would be very gratefully for any donations for future events.

For all Village information, walks etc plus Parish Council news, minutes and planning applications please see our website.

Southwick Parish Council community website:

**[www.southwickwilts.co.uk](http://www.southwickwilts.co.uk)**

A copy of this newsletter will be available to read at this website, every month I forward an electronic copy to the website for inclusion in the future. Some past editions can also be viewed there. So, if you have friends or relations that live away from Southwick, please tell them about the website and explain how they can keep up with local Southwick news.





# Brokerswood Farm Shop

Premium 40 day aged beef  
 Forest fed pork  
 Succulent free range chicken  
 Fresh fruit & veg  
 Quality chutneys & jams  
 Order any meat in store from Mallard to Mutton

**NOW TAKING CHRISTMAS ORDERS!**

Mon - Sat 09.30am - 06.00pm  
 Sunday 10.00am - 04.00pm

Brokerswood Rd, Southwick, BA14 9RH - 01225753000

## Answers to the Puzzle

### Christmas Puzzle

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C	A	E	L	B	A	T	S	H	L	X	A	V	K	Q
S	K	M	M	B	T	W	T	L	R	H	R	I	A	Y
E	E	L	T	W	U	A	K	J	E	E	Y	T	L	T
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C	I	C	H	R	I	S	T	I	N	G	L	E	W	V
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| CHRISTMAS  | JESUS       |
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| STOCKING   | WREATH      |
| SLEIGH     | ICICLES     |
| STABLE     | CANDLEMAS   |
| XMAS       |             |
| WINTER     |             |
| WONDERLAND |             |
| PARTYTIME  |             |
| GLITTER    |             |
| MARY       |             |

# Useful Contacts

Organization	Meeting Place	Operating Times	Contact	Telephone or email
Southwick Rainbows	Scout Headquarters	Tuesday 5.30 – 6.30pm	Mrs C Addley Mrs J Rowe	1stsouthwickrainbows@gmail.com
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: <a href="http://beehivecc.webs.com/">http://beehivecc.webs.com/</a>
Busy Bees Pre-School	The Hive, Hollis Way	Weekdays 8.30 am – 3pm	Mrs K Gray	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
The Farmhouse Inn			Adam Glass Janet Harris	01225 764366
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
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 7.00pm quarterly	Mrs K Noble	01225 352503
Save our Southwick			John Eaton	<a href="http://www.saveoursouthwick.com">www.saveoursouthwick.com</a>
Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall	Tuesday 2.15 – 4.30pm	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	Mrs Stella Allan	01225 767780
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 to Thur 5pm–11pm Fri and Sat 12 noon–11pm Sunday 12 noon–10.30pm	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			Mrs K Noble	01225 352503
Whist Club	Village Hall	Thursday fortnightly 2.30pm	Vacancy	01373 464642
Women's Institute	Village Hall	3rd Wednesday 7.30pm	Mrs S Huscroft	01225 766551

Any errors, omissions or amendments in the above listings, please notify the Editor, or if you would like your organisation added to this list, or your number above has changed, please let me know. My number is 01225 762930. Thanks from the Editor.