

Southwick Village News

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Southwick Entertainers

presents



The Panto

*24th - 26th January 2019 at 7.30pm
plus a Saturday matinee at 2.30pm*

at

Southwick Village Hall

Tickets £8/£6 conc

Available from 01225 761315

Village organisations and Local Services

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 outside Teeside and the other at the entrance road to the village hall.

Members of the Parish Council

Chair:	Mrs. K. Noble	230 Chantry Gardens, Southwick, BA14 9QX	01225 352503
Vice chair	Mr. D.J. Jackson	Mutton Marsh Farm, Southwick, BA14 9PE	07837 154517
	Mr. S.D. Carey	Longfield, Frome Road, Southwick, BA14 9NJ	01225 764210
	Mr. G.E. Clayton	5 Blind Lane, Southwick, BA14 9PQ	01225 762447
	Mrs. T.J. Curry	Bramley Cottage, 26 Blind Lane, Southwick, BA14 9PG	07771807080
	Mr. J. Eaton	30 Blind Lane, Southwick, BA14 9PG	07818870098
	Mrs. C. McCaw	Pound Farm, Frome Road, Southwick, BA14 9NJ	01225 755359
	Mr. F. Moreland	Dead Maids Close, Chapmanslade, Westbury, BA13 4AD	07981 948348
	Mr. B. Pitney	30 Hollis Way, Southwick, BA14 9PH	01225 353269
	Mr. E.G. Pomeroy BEM	14 Hollis Way, Southwick, BA14 9PH	01225 755541

County Councillor	Mr. H. Prickett	2 Hawkeridge Road, Yarnbrook, Trowbridge BA14 6AD	01225 767685
Parish Clerk	Mr. Steven King	Churchmead House, Woolverton, Bath BA2 7QT	07872 183295

Dentists in the Trowbridge area	Telephone number
Colman & Starkey, Timbrell Street	01225 753198
Mortimer Dental Practice, Mortimer Street	01225 765116
BUPA Dental Care, Stallard Street	01225 777170
Dental Care, The Halve	01225 430545
My Dentist, Unit 2, Meadow Court, Staverton	01225 351333

Doctors & NHS	
Trowbridge Health Centre	01225 435757
Lovemead Group, Roundstone Street	01225 759850
NHS Direct (Day & Night advice line)	111
Trowbridge Community Hospital	01225 711300
A & G Minibuses (Hospital Rover Service)	01985 212213

Opticians	
Boots Opticians & Hearing Centre	01225 719055
Carter & Harding, Fore Street	01225 752143
Haine & Smith, The Shires	01225 776871
Specsavers, The Shires	01225 775434
RD White, Roundstone Street	01225 753172

Chemists & Pharmacies	
Boots The Chemists, Trowbridge Health Centre	01225 710119
Boots The Chemists, Roundstone Surgery	01225 775543
Boots The Chemists, The Gateway (until midnight)	01225 752068
Cohen's Chemist, 68 Brook Road Trowbridge	01225 753104
Superdrug, The Shires	01225 777835
Tesco Extra, County Way (until midnight)	01225 572604

Organisation	Telephone Number
Wiltshire Council, Customer Services	0300 456 0100
WC All Planning Matters	0300 456 0100
WC Highways & Street Lighting	0300 456 0105
WC Dog Warden	0300 456 0107
WC Trading Standards	0845 404 0506
Trowbridge Town Council	01225 765072
Police (non emergency)	101
Police & fire emergency	999
Fire service Trowbridge (non emergency)	01225 756530
Fire & Rescue safety checks	01380 723601
Selwood Housing	01225 715715
Crimestoppers	0800 555111
National Benefit Fraud Team	0800 854440
Citizen's Advice Bureau	03454 040506
Good Neighbour Co-ordinator	01380 722475
Trowbridge Community Area Link	07969 347042

Primary & Junior Schools	Telephone number
Southwick CE Primary, Hollis Way	01225 763325
St. John's Primary, Wingfield Road	01225 752006
Busy Bees Preschool, Hollis Way, Southwick	01225 753262

Secondary Schools	
Clarendon College, Frome Road	01225 762686
St. Augustine's, Wingfield Road	01225 350001
St. Lawrence, Ashley Road, BOA	01225 309500
The John of Gaunt, Wingfield Road	01225 762637
Wiltshire College, College Road	01225 766241

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 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 May for the June edition, etc.)
Please keep your articles coming in and can we have some stories, poems, jokes, etc., anything to keep us entertained.

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

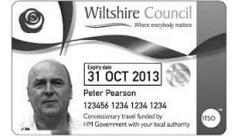
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A copy of this newsletter will be available to read at this website, every month I forward an electronic copy to the website for inclusion in the future. Some past editions can also be viewed there. So, if you have friends or relations that live away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

SOUTHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

For Parish Council meeting minutes, please visit the Southwick Community Website www.southwickwilts.co.uk or read them on the Parish Council notice boards at the entrance to the village hall or at the bus shelter at Teeside.

Older person's standard Wiltshire concessionary bus pass **Information about the renewal of bus passes**



From 1st January 2019, not all bus passes will be renewed automatically.

This is because there are approximately 20,000 passes in circulation that have not been scanned on a bus prior to renewal, indicating that the pass has not been used. In these cases, the passes will not be automatically renewed.

If your pass is not automatically renewed but you would still like to receive one to use in the future, please contact Wiltshire Council on 0300 456 0100 and we can arrange for your new pass to be issued.

Wiltshire Council regrets that any charges which may occur on bus journeys are non-refundable.





**SOUTHWICK VILLAGE
BINGO CLUB**

FAMILY BINGO

SOUTHWICK VILLAGE HALL
at 7:45.pm

WED: DEC 19th
WED: JAN 9th
WED: JAN 23rd
WED: FEB 13th

ADMISSION: 50p BOOKS: 80p
RAFFLE AND REFRESHMENTS
ALL WELCOME

PROCEEDS FOR LOCAL AMENITIES



I would like to take this opportunity to wish all my readers a Very Merry Christmas and have a wonderful & Happy New Year.

Let's hope Father Christmas brings you all that you ask for, I know what I would like but I think Holly Willoughbooby is already married, come to that, so am I!! It will have to be a new bandsaw blade, pants, socks and sanding discs then. I hope you have all enjoyed this year's worth of Newsletters, sorry about some of the jokes. Please don't be afraid to give me new articles to publish here, I'm always looking for original and interesting topics, I lack imagination and welcome anything that would be of interest to the villagers of Southwick and surrounding areas. Have a great Christmas and speak to all again in February.

Best wishes,
John Fox, Editor

I would like to sincerely thank all the distributors once again for all their work posting the newsletters through your doors in all winds and weather. I really do appreciate your efforts even though I may not say so face to face. Thanks also to Ted Pomeroy who helps me with the publication, quietly behind the scenes and also to my wife Marilyn who is always there to help when needed. Thank you all very much indeed.

John again!

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St. Thomas Church, Southwick

Greetings from St Thomas Church to all residents of Southwick, and a special welcome if you have recently moved to the village or are visiting the area.

Thank you to everyone who packed and donated shoeboxes full of Christmas presents, and knitted woolly hats and made pencil cases for Operation Christmas Child's annual appeal. A large pile of lovely gifts was sent on its way to needy children around the world at our service on 4 November.

Thank you also to everyone who took part in the special Remembrance service on 11 November which marked the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. Special thanks to the members of the Scout and Guide organisations who paraded, carried flags, and read Bible passages and poems.

Our services during these winter months, including those for the very special time of Christmas are –

Sunday 2 December – 1100 – Family Service for Advent

1830 – Advent Carol Service (at St Mary's Church, Steeple Ashton)

Sunday 9 December – 1100 – Holy Communion

Sunday 16 December – 1100 – Morning Prayer

Sunday 23 December – 1100 – Holy Communion

Christmas Eve 24 December – 1600 – Crib Service with carols

2330 – First Communion of Christmas (at St Nicholas Church, North Bradley)

Christmas Day 25 December – 1000 – Christmas Communion at St. Thomas' Southwick

Sunday 31 December – 1100 Benefice Holy Communion (at St Mary's Church, Steeple Ashton)

Sunday 6 January – 1100 – Family Service

Sunday 13 January – 1100 – Holy Communion

Sunday 20 January – 1100 – Morning Prayer

Sunday 27 January – 1100 – Holy Communion

Everyone is very welcome at all our services, including those at the other churches in our benefice – St Nicholas Church in North Bradley and St Mary's Church in Steeple Ashton.

Everyone is also very welcome at our special Christmas Coffee Morning with seasonal raffles on Tuesday 11 December, and our first Coffee Morning of 2019 on 8 January - both from 1030.

Our Vicar, Rev Fr Oliver Learmont, lives at The Vicarage, Church Lane, North Bradley. If you want to contact him about weddings, baptisms, funerals or anything else, his telephone number is 01225 774845.

Richard Havergal

Licensed Lay Minister, St Thomas Church

St Thomas Church.

I really can't thank the ladies and Gerald enough for decorating the church for harvest festival and at very short notice, all the displays looked fantastic, the font was a real harvest feast.

Thanks goes to Jenny Ayrton, Dorothy Burnett, Barbara Vincent, Gill Lang, Joanna Nicholls Sue Jacobs and Gerald and Kate Harden.

If there is anybody out there who would like to join us and help with the church flowers that would be fantastic we are not professionals just people who enjoy flowers.

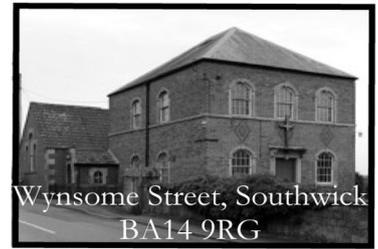
We must all say a very big thank you to Brenda who works tirelessly in all weathers in the church yard which now looks great.

Patricia Doel. 761400

SOUTHWICK BAPTIST CHURCH



Everyone Welcome



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.

For more information check our website - www.southwickbaptistchurch.org.uk
or phone **Donia** on 01380 870279

Christmas 2018

Church Services and Activities

SOUTHWICK BAPTIST CHURCH WYNSOME STREET

Sunday 16th December at 4.00 p.m. Carol Service

Sunday 23rd December 10.30 a.m. Christmas Celebration led by our young people.

Tuesday 25th December, we have been invited to join Bethesda Baptist Church in Trowbridge for their Christmas morning celebration.

Thursday 1st January 2019, Annual New Year Walk meeting in the Country Park car park at 11.00 a.m. followed by a lunch of soup and a bread roll at the Chapel at 12.00 noon.

Everyone Welcome

Wishing you Christmas Greetings and every blessing for the New Year from all at Southwick Baptist Church.



Villagers will have been saddened to hear of the recent deaths of Christine Kneebone of Hollis Way and John Woodland of Chantry Gardens.

Christine Kneebone 1941-2018

Christine died just before midnight on 26 October in Dorothy House Hospice. Her funeral was held at Rode Chapel on 6 November. Roger and his family would like to thank everybody for their support, telephone calls, cards and letters and for visits and attending the funeral service. This support has been a great help.

Christine was born on Christmas Eve 1941. She attended Abbey School in Reading, Berkshire and studied librarianship at Loughborough School of Librarianship. She joined Reading public Libraries in 1959 and worked for them and for Berkshire Library Service.

She married Roger Kneebone in 1973 and they had two daughters Jennifer and Vyvyan. The family moved from Reading to Southwick in 1975. Christine worked for Wiltshire Library and Museum Service at St. Augustine's School and then as schools mobile librarian. Her last post before retirement was librarian at the Royal School Bath.

Christine was a Sunday school teacher in Reading and at Southwick Baptist Church. Christine and Roger ran two youth clubs at Southwick Baptist Church and held open house for many years for young people at their home in Blind Lane. On retirement in 2001 Christine and Roger moved to Looe, Cornwall and was a pastoral care worker and a worship leader at Looe Riverside United Church.

Christine trained as a bereavement counsellor and did voluntary work with Cruse Bereavement Counselling Service in Trowbridge and Plymouth. On returning to live in Southwick ten years later she did voluntary work with Dorothy House Hospice Care. She may also be remembered as a member of the Trowbridge Players and the Southwick Concert Party.

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



Southwick and North Bradley Scout Group

Charity No. 279324



If you would like contact details for sections to enquire about joining or volunteering please contact the group

at: contactsnbgroup@gmail.com

Or visit the website <http://sandnbscoutgroup.wixsite.com/snbgroup>

The Sections meet at Southwick & North Bradley Scout HQ

Tuesdays: **SCOUTS**

Thursdays: **BEAVERS**

Thursdays: **cubs**



1st Southwick Guides



The guides would like to invite you to their annual fundraising Family **Christmas Bingo** at Southwick Village Hall on **Saturday 8th December** at 2.15pm. This will include all the usual prizes, raffles and refreshments. We will also be selling homemade cakes to help fundraise for Southwick Guide, Lilly who has been selected to represent Wiltshire Guides at a Jamboree in Holland next year.

The guides have been out and about recently including a trip to Wembley for the Guide Big Gig concert, a walk in the Country Park, cleaning Southwick Church and taking part in the Remembrance Parade at North Bradley. The guides have enjoyed a party organised by one of the patrols and the presentation of the Baden Powell award to Josephine and Katie by our Wiltshire County President.

Several brownies have visited guides to find out what we do and will be starting Guides in the New Year as older Guides have moved up to Senior Section. We are planning a winter walk for the promise ceremony of our new members and several Christmas crafts and activity evenings. Girlguiding have recently updated all of their resources and badges so the guides will be starting the exciting new programme in the New Year.



Southwick Senior Section



Southwick Senior Section unit have welcomed many new members and have been trying out many of the activities within the new girl guiding programme for girls aged 14 and over. In the New Year the group will be re-branded as Southwick Rangers and there will be new badges to earn and new uniforms available. Recent evenings have included a variety of activities from this new programme such as a fitness evening, budgeting, biscuit dunking, using citrus fruits for making renewable energy, hockey games and various other discussions. We are also still taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.



1st Southwick Rainbows



The Rainbows have had a very busy, exciting term so far this year. We have been finding out about people who help us, so we've been out on visits and had several visitors. The girls had a great time when we visited Melksham Police Station, where we were given a guided tour, their favourite part was the custody suite! Another exciting visit was to Trowbridge Fire Station, the highlight of this visit was a ride in the fire engine with lights flashing and sirens blaring.

We have had visits from the RNLI who told the girls how to stay safe around water and a first aid trainer who taught the girls and some of their parents how to locate and use a defibrillator. The girls were very enthusiastic in their efforts to learn CPR. We have also thought about our mental wellbeing and we had a visitor who helped the girls to create magical gardens in their heads that they could use if they were upset or worried about things.

After half term we made some poppies and thought about all the men and women who have died during wars trying to make the world a better and safer place.

This term we welcomed 3 new girls to the unit – Elsie, Alba and Elsa. So far, they are having a fabulous time and we hope they continue to enjoy their time at Rainbows.



1st Southwick Brownies



At the beginning of the term we welcomed two new Brownies Sophie and Hannah to our brownie unit, the girls made their promise during the term where we made a hedgehog craft and made and decorated spiders using chocolate, sweets and Oreos. We also had a fun evening at Bounce House in Melksham which the girls really enjoyed.

The Brownies made armpit fudge which was really sticky and messy but great fun! To end the term we had an evening of making Halloween crafts pumpkin lantern, spider webs and day of the dead masks and skeletons.

Brown Owl, Snowy Owl and Moonlight Owl

Southwick & North Bradley Scout Group Lottery, Autumn Draw

Many members of the Southwick Village News are members of the Group Lottery and the Autumn Draw was made at the Mid-November Family Bingo.

1st Prize of £60	No.92	Mrs E Guppy of Southwick
2nd Prize of £30	No. 101	Mrs J Little of Southwick
3rd Prize of £10	No. 80	Mrs P Fewings of North Bradley

New and existing members will be most welcome to join the scheme again in early March particularly as there are already some vacancies. Mr Ted Pomeroy will be pleased to receive your membership fee (£10) in the new year. (Further details 01225 755541)

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Well here we are approaching the end of another year. I hope everyone survived Halloween and Bonfire night. I have not heard of any problems in this area but was aware that in some areas groups of children were reported to be roaming around smashing up pumpkins. Wanton vandalism, even if you do not agree with the festival.

Again as far as I am aware the village has been reasonably crime free. I am aware that there was a break in to a property in Southfields. Access was gained by breaking the rear door and as well as the property being ransacked money and jewellery was taken. No one in the vicinity heard or saw anything. This is the second incident in this area and of a very similar style and items stolen were very similar. I have heard that someone may have been arrested for this incident but this has yet to be confirmed.

As everyone is aware by now the Police are under extreme pressure at the moment due to a shortage of manpower, financial constraints and an increase of drug related crimes, a lot of which involves consistent re-offenders. The next major crime at this time appears to be cyber crime. It is definitely on the increase and I can imagine becoming a nightmare for the various security organisations to combat. Every time they shut one thing down the criminals find another way to rip us off.

It would appear by the number of calls I have had from villagers that nearly all of us have had a call or mail from HMRC (Inland Revenue) stating that you are due a massive refund or that you are about to be taken to court for non payment. They even give a name and contact phone number. DO NOT REPLY to anything. If you want to make sure it is not genuine then turn out any old records and phone a legitimate number for the tax office. If it is genuine they will confirm or if they are unaware of the scam then they will ask you to give details to their fraud department.

I had a problem with my laptop in that some of my keys would not work. This went on for hours and I got so fed up that I decided to get in touch with Microsoft. That is a task in itself, as no numbers appear to be available so I went onto my tablet and phoned the first number that came up for a Microsoft help desk. Yes they could help, and they stated that after me giving them access to my laptop yes it had been infected with a virus, and they could reset it for me. This was over a period of one and a half hours. It was only when they asked for £250 by credit card to do this did I become suspicious and shut everything down. I immediately contacted MacAfee who stated that everything was fine and that these companies are scammers. They scanned my systems for any hackers and informed me to reboot the laptop and reset all passwords. I was lucky that nothing was affected and that I did not give out any passwords or bank details. The moral here is DO NOT phone the first number you find on the internet without double checking its web address.

Only last week my daughter had a text from her bank saying that there had been some unusual activity on one of her accounts and to contact them immediately. The number given was an actual bank number but somehow the hackers could intercept the call. They informed her that a large sum of money had been taken from her business account. They obviously wanted to get further bank details to complete their transfer, luckily my daughter does not have a lot of her business details as my wife deals with the internet banking. After about two hours, with the scammers acting as middle spokesperson to her and her bank, pretending they were her, she told them she would get more information and get back to them. Luckily in this time she actually got through to the real bank and was told it was all a scam. A small amount of money had been transferred between her accounts and the bank had no idea how it had happened. They put a block on all transactions and are investigating it all. She will get the money refunded as the bank cannot work out how the transfer took place without them picking it up. The lesson to be learnt here is if you get a notification of anything from a banking group with a contact number DO NOT use it. Only phone the numbers on the back of your bank cards. Explain your problem and they will confirm whether a scam or genuine.

With Christmas upon us my annual advice is as always. Do not leave shopping or handbags on show in your house or vehicle. Be aware who is beside you when putting your card numbers into machines at counters or bank cash machines. Split cash amounts into smaller packages and place in separate places, so that if cash is taken from your pocket or purse you still have some in a different location. Be careful that after putting shopping into your car you do not drive off with items or your purse on the top of the vehicle.

I wish you all a crime free and enjoyable festive period.

Jim Jilbert, village co-ordinator.

01225 763314

Community Speedwatch

The Community Speedwatch team has had mixed fortunes in August and October, with holidays, weather and sickness conspiring to reduce the number of sessions that we have been able to do. We also said farewell to 2 of our long standing members, who stood down after great service to the community for a well-earned rest. That means there are just 5 of us left to try and help educate drivers about the speed limit throughout the village. In the 6 sessions we were able to do in October we recorded over 5,500 vehicles passing the various sites we were at and reported 13 for exceeding the threshold speed; 4 of these vehicles were travelling at 40 mph or above, with the fastest recorded at 43 mph. We are out and about in the village as I write this (late) in November and have already reported 1 vehicle for travelling past the Baptist Church on Wynsome St at 47 mph. If you see us during a session (we wear yellow high viz jackets) then please stop and chat; we'd be happy to show you how we work and delighted if you wanted to join our jolly band. The 5 of us that are left in the Speedwatch group are committed to what we're doing for the good of the village, but we really could do with some more help. So, if vehicles speeding through the village is something that gets on your nerves then please give me a call about joining us. The Speedwatch team wish everyone a Happy and road safe Christmas.

Martin

07947 691 235

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. The football season is well under way and most important league and international games can be seen at the club. We have Sky Sports which show Premier and other football games and BT Sports which have the Championship and other matches, so you can enjoy the friendly ambiance while you watch various sporting events on the our big screen TV (HD projector). Motor racing F1 and MotoGP are approaching the end of this year's activities. For dart lovers, we are currently showing some of the latest matches. We also show other sports along with various music video sites.

2019 membership of the Club will be required in January at £5.00 for renewals and £7.50 for new members. This compares extremely well with other clubs in the area. Non-members can be signed in for 50p a visit, which is limited to 10 visits. With reasonably price drinks, it means you can save the cost of the membership fee with one or two visits.

With regard to facilities, we have a pool table, which is only 50p per game, along with a pool team in the Trowbridge league. There is **free pool** on Monday, Tuesday & Friday evenings and Sunday lunchtime. Players meet on Monday nights and either play matches or practise.

The Social Club's skittles team having been promoted to division 2 are currently sitting mid table having played 5 and won 2 matches. We also have two other skittle teams using our alley. The Rising Sun who are currently top of division 1 having played 5 and won 5. The Wanderers are in division 3 and are sitting in mid table having played 4 and won 2.

The crib league has now started and despite the success of the past two years, are currently languishing at the bottom of the league

If anyone is interested in joining any of the teams you can get further information in the Club. Don't forget we now have a 'Table Football' game which is still proving very popular with the younger element at only 10p a go! The Club has run various events this year, including excellent quiz nights which are now being held on the **second** Sunday of each month. The last quiz was well supported with 2 new teams turning up. All our functions can be found on the Club web site.

The annual 'conker match' was well supported last month with competitors aged from 10 to 70 taking place. After the success of the discos we had earlier in the year, we are having another in in the near future for members and members guests. Look at the web site for dates of this and future discos.



So, if anyone is interested in joining the Club with its friendly, relaxed atmosphere and excellent value (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
Email : sssc@southwick.org.uk



Women's
Institute

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<u>President:</u>	<u>Secretary:</u>	<u>Committee:</u>
Mrs Linda Ritchens Whittaker's Farm Southwick Tel. 01225 753177	Mrs Hilary Price 25 Chichester Park Westbury Tel. 01373 864628	Mrs. P. Prebble Mrs S. Huscroft Mrs V. Watts Mrs V. Scott Mrs B. Vincent Mrs M. Ricketts

Date	Speaker	Topic
12th December	Christmas Quiz & Supper	
16th January 2019	Eddy Lane	Kingdom of the Ice Bears Competition "Paper weight"
20th February	Robert Wright	Canal painting roses & castles Competition "Something loving"
20th March	A.G.M.	Competition "A pretty table cloth" Supper & Beetle Drive

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

Contact
Barbara Vincent
01225 763347

INSPIRING WOMEN

Southwick Seniors

The Village group for Senior Citizens has been in existence since 24th March 1974. Regular fortnightly meetings are held at the Village Hall on Thursdays at 2.30pm (Except meals at 1.00pm) with speakers, meals & the occasional outing.

New members always welcome.



The programme for the next few months is as follows:

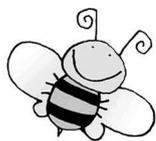
6th December	Christmas party at 1.00pm with the Southwick School Choir & entertainment by Stewart Sheppard.
3rd January	Wild Owls with Ian McGuire
17th January	Fish & Chip lunch & quiz
31st January	Social afternoon including Bring & Buy
14th February	"On a wing and a prayer" with Linda Dowsett

Programme subject to change.

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 Acting Chairman Ted Pomeroy on 01225 755541.

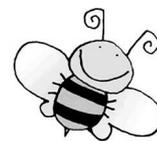


Busy Bees Pre-school Southwick

Charity No: 1015404

The Hive, Hollis Way, Southwick, Trowbridge, Wiltshire BA14 9PH

Tel: (01225) 753262 or email busy_bees@tiscali.co.uk



September term has started with lots of new faces.

The children collected produce for their harvest and presented Rev. Barry Dearlove with 6 hampers full for the Breakthrough charity.



Harvest also saw fun role-play with real pumpkins, carrots & potatoes and other vegetables in a farm shop followed swiftly by skeletons for Halloween.



The children at Busy Bees Pre-school were honoured to be selected to be part of the tree planting for the "queen's Canopy". We are currently nurturing 5 very small twig like trees in pots in our garden. Hopefully they will grow big enough to plant in permanent places for this canopy.

Red poppies were made for the 100th amnesty day and our gate looked fantastic adorned with the children's poppies.



We are now looking forward to our nativity & fayre on the 14th December with the children's Christmas party on the 21st December.

The setting at this present time is full & we are taking children's details on a waiting list. If you wish your child to attend, please contact us as places occasionally become vacant and we will have spaces in September 2019.

The staff and children at Busy Bees wish you all a very Merry Christmas and hope for a very Happy New Year, how time flies!

Our sessions are 09.00am to 12.00 noon, 12.00 noon to 3.00pm or 09.00am to 3.00pm

We can also offer 08.30am to 09.00am at premium rates, there are spaces available

Southwick School PTA



The school Christmas fayre is on December 7th 5.30-7.30pm all welcome



SOUTHWICK SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

We are looking to start a group on a Friday evening, if interested please get in touch with Kath on 01225 352503.



It is now nineteen years since we started playing bowls in the Village Hall and it has become a very enjoyable experience.

Why not come along and give it a try?





Quiz night raises over £1000 for local charity

A charity quiz night at The Boathouse in Bradford-on-Avon raised over £1000 for Hope Nature Centre, the event was organised by Energy Management LLP in Bradford on Avon and sold out with 80 guests and the evening had an auction and raffle as well as a lively quiz.

Energy Management CEO Steve Retford said ***“Several members of staff visit the animal park and café at Hope Nature Centre and wanted to do something to support the charity. We were planning a staff social night and thought it would be great to combine this with a fund raising event. My team really outdid themselves with organising such a fantastic night and engaging with so many local companies who gave raffle and auction prizes to help us to reach such an amazing figure of over £1000”.***

Hope Nature Centre will be using the funds to finish work on the community bus which should be open for use from January and will have a huge impact on the local schools and community groups, and a programme of events and activities are planned for 2019.



For more information on this press release please contact

Carolyn@hopenaturecentre.org.uk

HOPE NATURE CENTRE – Community bus project Hopes to make a splash!

Local charity the Hope Nature Centre on Frome Road Southwick are excited to announce the arrival of their proposed School activity and community bus – kindly donated by the More Bus Group. The plan is to convert the bus into extra space for school groups, birthday parties and an events space.

Operations Manager, Adrian White said ***“We are looking for a graffiti artist or artists to paint our bus for us. We want the bus to be as much fun as possible and it will be aimed at children with an animal theme.”***

This added space will have a huge impact on the local schools and communities, and a programme of events and activities are planned for 2019.

Anyone who can help please contact 01225 759075 or email adrian.white@ffc.ac.uk

HOPE NATURE CENTRE – JustGiving Fundraising Success

Hope Nature Centre’s Fundraising Manager, Carolyn Robins handed over a cheque for £954.22 from donations on a Just-Giving page set up to help support the local charity and it’s Animal Park.

“We are delighted with the response to the JustGiving page” said Anya Johnson, Manager “we are currently in discussions with the council regarding a Zoo licence and are hoping to be able to put measures in place to satisfy requirements. This donation will help so much towards works we have planned and we are so thrilled with the support we are receiving from the community!”

Anyone interested in supporting Hope Nature Centre can get more information by calling 01225 759075

or email info@hopenaturecentre.org.uk

Stothert & Pitt Crane Restoration Project in Southwick

This is probably the oldest surviving crane built by the famous Bath firm of Stothert & Pitt circa 1864. A small group of interested people have rescued the crane and it now sits in Southwick where it will be restored, the eventual plan is to put in on public display in Bath.

I am putting together a small team of practical hands on people who would like to help with the project which is estimated to take two years. We can be very flexible as to what days are worked depending on peoples other commitments.

This is an interesting new project that will be worked on in the village

For more detail please contact Peter Dunn on 07719911421
or email on petendunn@aol.com



The Auction of Allsorts

My grateful thanks, once again, go to everyone who helped in any way to make our 'Auction of Allsorts' another great success. Jeff, our auctioneer, Barbara, our caterer, Helen, who did all the paperwork, and all stall holders and helpers in many other ways. Thanks also to all who donated Lots, Raffle prizes, Cakes and other items for White Elephant etc: The grand total was:

£1,412

So, after deducting the £50 charge for the Village Hall, as, due to the generosity of helpers etc; there were no other expenses, I banked

£1,362

This brought the grand total raised in under 7 years to over

£27,000

This is a magnificent sum which I would never have been able to raise alone, so my sincere thanks to all who have helped me.

We have over £2,000 for our current guide dog LAWRIE but as I said before Lawrie will be my 6th and last dog. The Auction took a lot of organising and effort on my part too, so I am sad to say that, as my age is gradually creeping up on me, this year's auction was my last. So, in 2019 I will be holding just the 'Coffee morning' in May and the 'Wimbledon Cream Tea' in July and, of course, I will be grateful for any gifts or unwanted items for the raffle etc: for those events.

Incidentally, all 15 lots left over from the auction were donated to Bath Cancer Unit Support Group for their Christmas Bargain stall in Castle Place, Trowbridge. Their 'Wishing Tree' event starts on Sat 24th November right through until Christmas Eve and I will be helping there too and hope you will support their wonderful work for The Bath Cancer Unit which some of our friends have benefitted from in the past.

Well, it just remains for me to wish all my wonderful, willing supporters a very
Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year in 2019.

Thank you again – Much Love Linda xxxxxxx

St Thomas' Church, Southwick

Sitting in the little church
With the winter
Sun streaming
In the windows,
It seems a pity
More people do not
See inside
In all its loveliness:-
The bold cross
Stands centrally
On the screen
At the front
Whilst the beautiful
Window depicting
Christ's Baptism
Is set in the wall
Behind you---
With a solid font
Supporting
Underneath

This church
Is on a busy
Mini-roundabout
In the centre
Of the village,--
So many see the outside
But very few the inside.
Worshipping there
Is a pleasant joy,
But most people
Just recognise the
Neatly kept building
And never
Know the inner delights.

Sitting and praying
Or communing
Can bring realisation
And satisfaction,
Whilst attending
A good service
Can literally
Set the Spiritual senses
Singing,
With determination
To return.

Ian Rutter 2018

Congratulations Jim & Anne on your Golden Wedding Anniversary

William James and Anne Jilbert.

Anne and I met in 1962 at college
in North Devon. We were married
in 1968 in Barnstaple.



Anne worked for various government departments and I originally
was a gentleman's hairdresser but joined the RAF in 1972.

We have three daughters. Sarah, Clare and Emma who between
them have given us six grandchildren and a seventh due in Decem-
ber.

We have lived in the village since 1983 with all three daughters
attending Southwick school and girl guides.



*Many congratulations to
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Is that the same tie you
are wearing Jim?
John (The editor)*



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Notes from Southwick Country Park

A new species has been spotted in the Country Park. Dashing and darting around at great speed, bright green colouring with black markings. It is of course, our happy band of volunteers wearing their new hi-viz vests. The bright colour proves very useful when trying to locate them in the outer reaches of the Park and useful too, if members of the public want to seek us out. Seriously though, these vests will prove invaluable and bought with funds raised from car boot sales.



Another expenditure recently has been the entrance to the Park from the Allotments. A new metal kissing gate has been installed by contractors as this work was too much for the volunteers. However, we did clear the area of bramble and dug trenches in readiness for the work. This was all paid for by a grant from Tesco. Something new for us has been to utilize Dave's lovely photographs to produce fridge magnets and notelets.

We sold some at the bank holiday car boot and they proved popular. We are looking at other outlets in the area and Trowbridge Tourist Information Centre has agreed to display some. We will be looking into other venues to be announced in the next article.

SEWER BLOCKAGES

Recently one of our main sewers became blocked, some residents were unable to use their toilets while others found their manholes had overflowed and flooded their gardens. Wessex Water were kept busy for several days cleaning up the residue.

Apparently the blockage was caused by a 'FATBERG' where discarded cooking fat had congealed into a solid mass which eventually blocked the sewer.

Wessex Water request that we put ALL our discarded cooking fat into our dustbins and clean fat from frying pans and roasting tins etc. with kitchen towel before washing up. PLEASE DO NOT put it down our drains or sinks.

It is not pleasant to find your garden covered with other people's sewage even if Wessex Water do an excellent job of cleaning it up for you!

Barbara Johnson.



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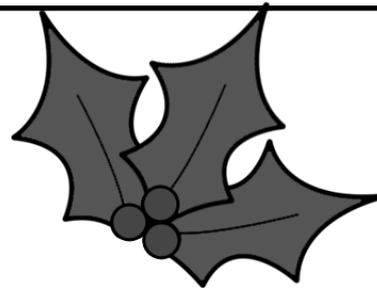
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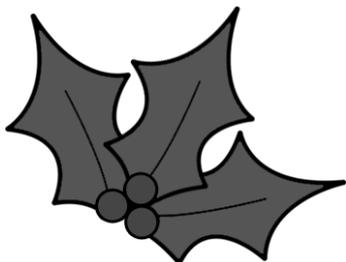
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Why does Santa have three gardens?

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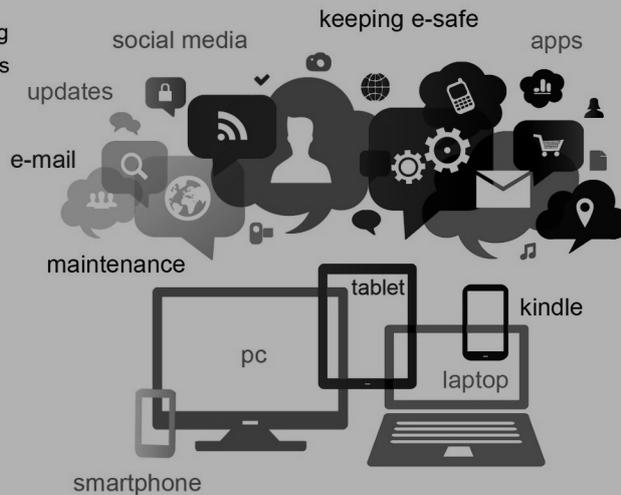
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Trowbridge Majorettes.

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The troupe were originally called the Dilton Marsh Drum Majorettes, Gwenda Noakes being the troupe leader, over time became known as Trowbridge Lodge Majorettes and in latter years just Trowbridge Majorettes.

Many many girls and a few boys have joined, performed and gone on to be adults, some of the girls have had children of their own and come back with their daughters to have a go at baton twirling.

It is with great sadness that Gwenda and her husband Eric, myself and my wife Marilyn have decided to call it a day and throw in the baton, but we are all getting older and, with dwindling numbers of girls, it is time to call it a day and finish.

We can honestly say that we have had really good times with many very happy memories tinged with sadness as friends have departed, such as co-founders Pat & Brian Gilbert, who put so many years of their lives into the troupe.



We at Trowbridge Majorettes would like to take this opportunity to say a big “Thank You” to all the organisations that have supported us over the years and invited us to participate in their fetes, carnivals and displays. We will dearly miss them and have been honoured to have taken part in so many functions, come rain or shine! Good luck to you all in the future. On a personal note from the editor, I said a firm, definite NO to my daughter Katharine when she was 4 years old, YOU ARE NOT BECOMING A MAJORETTE! She did! Sadly 30 odd years later, she has now hung up her mace and baton for the last time as a Trowbridge Majorette.



Santa Train

**Santa is coming to Hope Nature Centre!
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Local charity the Hope Nature Centre on Frome Road Southwick are gearing up to meet Santa this December with the land train running trips to the Santa Grotto every weekend through December..

“We are so excited to be able to host Santa this December.” Says Carolyn Robins, Fundraising & Events Manager at Hope Nature Centre “The Santa Express is leaving 4 times a day every Saturday and Sunday through December for families to meet Santa in his special Grotto” At a cost of £10 per child (including gift) and £5 per accompanying adult this is great value for money, and is supporting a much loved local cause.

For more information on this press release please contact Carolyn@hopenaturecentre.org.uk or call 01225 759075

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	Miss J Bodman	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
Southwick Allotment Association Ltd.	Village Hall	Evenings & Weekends	Mrs Ceri Lambdin	01225 761026 Email:southwickallotments@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://beehivecc.webs.com/
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	Georgie Beaumont	01225 785067
Hope Nature Centre	Squirrels Tearooms	Daily 8.30am – 4.30pm	Mrs Hazel Jackson	01225 759075
Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee			Mr J Eaton	07818870098 Email: john.eatonpdq@gmail.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	Thursday 7.00pm quarterly	Mrs K Noble	01225 352503
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 Residents Association			Mr G Clayton	thetennisguy76@gmail.com
Southwick & N Bradley Scout Group	Group Headquarters, The Old School	Tuesday and Thursday – times various	Mrs L. McLean Acting GSL	01225 755541 Email:contactsnbgroup@gmail.com Website: http://sandnbscoutgroup.wixsite.com/snbgroup
Southwick & N Bradley Scout Group HQ	Lettings, Hire & Fund Raising		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	Acting Chairman Mr. T Pomeroy	01225 755541
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	Richard Havergal	01225 762668
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 Barbara Vincent	01225 763347

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.