

Southwick Village News

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SOUTHWICK SHOW + BOOT SALE

MONDAY 26th Aug 2019

**Southwick Village Hall and Playing Field
To Be Opened at 1pm by Trevor Heeks – Trowbridge
Town Cryer**

**Craft Stalls. Children's Rides. Tombola. BBQ + Teas
in the Village Hall.**

**Dog Show, Live Music with Betsy Harmony
and the Rock n Rollers and more.**

**To book a stall, or for more information phone
Mary – 01225 761105 or Barbara -01225 763347
Email mary.ricketts@hotmail.co.uk**

**Raising Funds For Wiltshire Alzheimer's Support, Trow-
bridge LINK Scheme and Local Village Groups**

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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.

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. E.G. Pomeroy BEM	14 Hollis Way, Southwick, BA14 9PH	01225 755541
	Vacant		
	Vacant		

County Councillor	Mr. H. Prickett	2 Hawkeridge Road, Yarnbrook, Trowbridge BA14 6AD	01225 767685
Parish Clerk	VACANT		

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

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
Vision Express, Tesco Extra, County Way	01225 614322

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

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 July for the August 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.

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.

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.

It has been brought to the Parish Council's notice that, once again, a few householder's and landowner's have allowed their boundary hedges to grow wild and overhang footways and paths in the village. The bird nesting season has now passed and we would ask anyone who has overhanging vegetation to please cut it back to your boundary so that pedestrians can safely walk on the footways without the fear of being injured by brambles and thorns.

Thank you, Parish Council.

Advertisement for Clerk to Southwick Parish Council.

A vacancy exists for the position of Clerk.

The successful applicant will be required to work 30 hours per month.

Salary negotiable .

Main duties will include dealing with all correspondence, making necessary payments, recording of all receipts, maintaining financial records in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, attending all Parish Council and other meetings and producing associated agendas, associated papers and dealing with all matters arising.

Previous experience as a Clerk to a Council and knowledge of Local Councils would be an advantage.

It is essential that the applicant has a good knowledge of IT and is computer literate and familiar with accessing the internet (including email receipt and transmission, email attachments, pdf files, etc.)

Proven inter-personal skills and an ability to be proactive in dealing with a wide range of problems is essential.

Applications are to be received by Cllr. Kath Noble, 230 Chantry Gardens, Southwick, Trowbridge, BA14 9QX. Tel: 01225 352503

CLOSING DATE 7th AUGUST 2019

Have you thought about becoming a Parish Councillor?

The Parish Council have two vacancies - we meet every third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm to discuss issues affecting our village.

If you are interested, please send your details to: www.southwickclerk@gmail.com



Your Village needs YOU!



Villagers will have been saddened to hear of the recent deaths of Hedley Burridge of Hollis Way and Roy Ellis of Chantry Gardens.

Hedley Burridge 1st June 1928 - 15th May 2019

Hedley Burridge sadly passed peacefully away on 15th May 2019, at his home in Southwick. Hedley retired as Postmaster of Bradford on Avon, to Southwick, with his wife Ruth in 1988.

He very much enjoyed the village life and was a keen gardener and allotment keeper - providing the family with a lovely selection of fresh vegetables. He lovingly cared for Ruth for a good number of years, until her death in 2008. He would often be seen taking a stroll through the lanes in the afternoon and would very much love to stop for a chat.

He very much enjoyed being one of the original members of the friendship club, going out for meals together and making new friends. Hedley was very much a family man and loved nothing better than to be surrounded by them. Hedley lived life with a twinkle in his eye. He was a real gentleman and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him, and especially by his Family.

Hedley's family wish to thank the wonderful residents of Hollis Way for all their thoughtful, kind ways and their unfailing help, which was appreciated more than words can say.

Roy Ellis 17th September 1943 - 12th June 2019

Roy moved to the village with his wife Diane in July 1966 where they became members of Southwick Baptist Church. Roy became a deacon and the church treasurer. Seeing the need for a youth club, he and Diane set one up and had some 40 members, meeting every Friday, using the Baptist Church as a base. (Some of the members still keep in contact today). He enjoyed playing cricket for the village. His interest was always the village and became the Parish Clerk and served for 13 years. His company then asked him to work from Romsey for a year, so he transferred the Clerk position to Diane, who served another 12 years.

He became treasurer of the Village Hall Committee, the chairman of the Southwick Social Club and a Parish Councillor. He was also an auditor for some of the village organisations.

Diane would like to say "Thank you" for the many messages of love and support.

Condolences are expressed to the family & friends of Hedley and Roy
& also to those of any others of whom we are not aware.

 **Elizabeth Snell & Family**
Independent Funeral Directors

Proud to have served our community for over 20 years

We are experienced in arranging services for all religious denominations and beliefs, or none at all.

Prepayment plans available on request.

Our care of you and your loved one begins from the first phone call

Offices at:

16 Warminster Road, Westbury Tel:01373 864944

44b Castle Street, Trowbridge Tel:01225 775259

Chapel of Rest at:

6 Lamberts Marsh, Southwick BA14 9PB Tel: 01225 774788



Elizabeth Snell DipFD LMBIFD



Keith Snell DipFD MBIFFD



Marcus Reed DipFD MBIFFD



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

St. Thomas Church, Southwick

Our slightly revised service times continue over the next two months and are set out below.



4 August 1030 – Family Service	1 September – 1030 – Family Service
11 August – 1100 – Parish Communion	8 September – 1100 – Parish Communion
18 August – 1030 – Morning Worship	15 September – 1030 – Morning Worship
25 August – 1100 – Parish Communion	22 September – 1100 – Parish Communion
	29 September – 1100 – Parish Communion for all our Benefice – St Mary’s Church, Steeple Ashton
Sunday 6 October – 1030 - Harvest Festival all-age worship	

Do come and join us for our very sociable coffee mornings on the second Tuesday of each month from 1030 (13 August and 10 September). Everyone is welcome.

The Wiltshire Historic Churches annual ‘Ride and Stride’ event takes place on Saturday 14 September, raising funds for the upkeep of the many church buildings old and new that are an invaluable part of our county’s heritage. St Thomas Church will be welcoming participants. If anyone from Southwick would like to join them on foot, bike, horse or mobility scooter I have further details and sponsorship forms. (01225 762668; rha-vergal16@gmail.com)

Many thanks as always to everyone who keeps the church and churchyard well maintained and supplied with beautiful flowers. Many thanks too to Kester Shave for the wonderful candle stand that he has made for the church.

Our Vicar, Rev Fr Oliver Learmont, can be contacted about baptisms, weddings, funerals, or any other matters at The Vicarage, 62, Church Lane, North Bradley (01225 774845).

Richard Havergal (Licensed Lay Minister)

A book Review by Roger Newman

Deepest Wiltshire, written by Fanny Charles and Gay Pirrie - Weir

It is not often that Southwick gets a mention in a book. *Deepest Wiltshire* has recently been published, following the success of *Deepest Dorset* and included are mentions of Southwick and Trowbridge. It is a coffee table book into which you can delve at will to learn fascinating facts and features of the County.

Why is Trowbridge the County Town, what is the history of conscientious objection, Art Lobb is famous for making what musical instrument, the history of John of Gaunt who was a great landowner and where can you buy spun wool in Wiltshire?

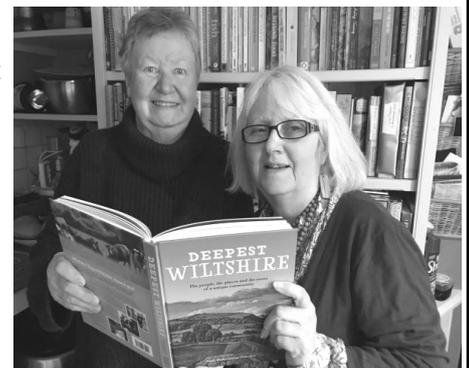
Do you know the purpose of the Handle House in Trowbridge or the history of Gary Price, stone mason at Salisbury Cathedral?

The book is profusely illustrated with photographs taken especially for the publication. The cover has a beautiful rural scene in a woodcarving by Howard Phipps.

The book has been sponsored by Lord Rothermere and all profits will be divided between three charities - Wiltshire Community Foundation, Wiltshire Air Ambulance and SSAFA Wiltshire.

There are 240 pages, the ISBN is 978-1-9160359-0-4 and is priced at £25.00.

Available to buy at Waterstones Trowbridge, Ex-Libras at Bradford on Avon, Corsham Bookshop and Waterstones Chippenham.



SOUTHWICK BAPTIST CHURCH



Everyone Welcome



Sunday Services

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

Our **Sunday afternoon service** is held on the **second** Sunday of every month at **4.00pm**. Being a more traditional service compared to our weekly Sunday morning service! we enjoy traditional hymns and we celebrate Communion. You are invited to join us and would be made very welcome. Tea and coffee is served after the service.

YOUNG PEOPLES' GROUPS

Meet at the Chapel on Sunday mornings from 10.30am.

- 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 from 7.00 — 9.00 pm
- Harmony Ladies' Group meet 2nd Tuesday from 7.30—9.00 pm

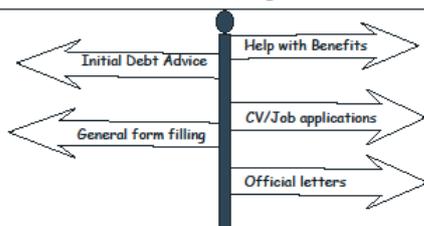
For more information check our website—
www.southwickbaptistchurch.org.uk
Or phone **Donia** on **01380 870279**

FREE INTRODUCTORY ADVICE SERVICE SOUTHWICK

1st & 3rd Monday each month, between 3.15 and 5.00 p.m.
(excluding School and Bank Holidays)

At Southwick Primary School, Hollis Way, in "The Nest"
Come and talk with us in confidence

Email: fiass.ba14@gmail.com



**Are you wrestling with Universal Credit?
Do you know if you can claim any disability benefits?**

We can help you with your claim and advise you how to complete those lengthy forms.

Are you struggling with Debt or know someone who is?

Debt comes at us from all directions often through late benefits, reduced benefits, reduced working hours, zero hour contracts, sickness, overspending, bedroom tax - the list goes on. Don't ignore it. Don't start robbing Peter to pay Paul, maxing overdrafts, seeking payday loans, borrowing from family and friends - another list that goes on.

**We want to help, to let you know there is HOPE.
Why?**

Because YOU matter and WE care!

Supported by: Southwick Residents Association
Southwick Baptist Church

Sponsored by:  **Wiltshire Council**
Where everybody matters

Senior Moments

Growing old is compulsory. Growing up is optional.

Old age is when you know all the answers but no one bothers to ask you the questions.

I get enough exercise just pushing my luck and jumping to conclusions.

By the time we've made it, we've had it.

You know you're old when the candles cost more than your birthday cake.

THE CLOCK OF LIFE

The Clock of Life is wound just once
And no man has the power
To tell just when the hands will stop;
At late or early hour.
Now is the only time you own,
Live! Toil with a will!
Place no faith in tomorrow;
For the clock may then be still.

Thank you, Marilyn Pitman

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 have Sky Sports which will show Premier and other football games and BT Sports which have the Championship and other matches when the new season starts. You can enjoy the friendly ambiance while you watch various sporting events on our big screen TV (HD projector). The football season is starting shortly, the F1 and MotoGP seasons are now well under way and all the races can be seen in the club during opening hours along with many cricket matches. For dart lovers, we are currently showing some of the latest matches. We also show many other sports along with various music video sites.

The 2019 membership of the Club currently stands at £7.50 for both renewals and new members. This compares extremely well with other clubs in the area. Non-members can be signed in for £1.00 a visit, which is limited to 10 visits. With reasonably priced drinks, it means you can save the cost of membership 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 club hosts the Beehive cricket club who play their matches on the playing field. The Beehive team, who are in division 2 have made a poor start and are sitting second bottom having played 9, won 3, lost 6 and have 100 points. However, the Beehive second team who are in division 8 have made an excellent start. They are currently top of the league having played 10, won 9, lost 1 and have 215 points.

There was a good following in the club watching England win the cricket world cup. There's nothing better than sitting on the club balcony on a hot summer's day watching the local cricket teams play with a nice cold drink. So, come along and watch!

The club's crib team have made an excellent start this year winning their last match against Gloucester Road 6-1!

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. All our functions can be found on the Club web site.

After the success of the discos we had last year, we are having another one in the near future for members and member's guests. The next disco will be held later this summer. Look at the web site for dates of 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 & Tues from 7pm to 11pm; Wed & 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

H. Milburn, Secretary.

NOTICE OF NON-STATUTORY CONSULTATION

The Parish Council, as the qualifying body, has established a Steering Group to prepare a **Neighbourhood Plan** for the Parish of Southwick, with the help of the local community. The Plan will set out a vision for the future of the Parish and has planning policies and aims, which if passed at referendum, will be adopted by Wiltshire Council and used to determine planning applications locally. Residents, landowners and local businesses are now invited to give their views on the following documents that have been prepared as part of the evidence base for the Plan.

- Draft Sustainability Appraisal dated July 2019
- Draft Site Selection Methodology dated July 2019

Consultation will take place over a four-week period, beginning on Monday 15th July 2019 and ending on Monday 12th August 2019.

Copies of the documents can be viewed at and commented at **Southwick Village Hall, Frome Road, Southwick, Wiltshire BA14 9QN**

Alternatively, you can download the documents from the Southwick Parish Council website <http://www.southwickwilts.co.uk/southwick-village-neighbourhood-plan.php> and submit comments by email to the Neighbourhood Plan consultant aaron@faap.co.uk or by post to **Southwick NDP, Fowler Architecture & Planning Ltd, 19 High Street, Pewsey, Wiltshire SN9 5AF**

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Here we are halfway through the year already and well into some good weather. I understand that we now have a new PCSO covering the village Mat Till, whom I have yet to meet.

The village has encountered the usual minor crimes over the past two months. I have heard that there have been a couple of vehicles broken into and at least one bicycle stolen, although this has not been confirmed by the Police. They have however reported that on 29th June an outbuilding at Arnold Noad Corner was broken into and a lawn mower and some power tools were removed. Additionally some pallets were stolen and vehicles damaged at the Dunkirk business park. A number of sheds and outbuildings have been targeted in throughout the area.

Locally in Trowbridge and surrounding areas there have been a lot of burglaries, and ASB incidents as well as the usual traffic accidents.

This is the time of the year as the weather warms up and we can all get out on our gardens and allotments, that petty criminals see a chance to steal items from unsecure sheds and garages, as the crime stats for this month reflect. Most of these items can be easily sold on for quick cash, more than likely to feed a drug or alcohol habit. Be aware of strangers and remember to secure your outbuildings and don't leave front doors or down stair windows open when working at the rear of your property, it only takes seconds for someone to be in and out.

There has been one other major crime in Southwick that I have to report. At a time unknown and sometime about the 1st June the Tank Commander on duty at the Dunkirk business park was abducted by persons unknown. It goes without saying that he has been sadly missed and the owners of the tank, T Deacon (01225769145) would like to know if anyone knows of his whereabouts and whether he is likely to be returned to duty, fully clothed we hope. They will have to enlist a new manikin at some cost if the original does not return for duty. We all appreciate this may have been the result of a drunken prank but if anyone has any information on his whereabouts then please try and get him returned. No questions will be asked, they would just be pleased not to have to endure the cost of a replacement.

Parking in the village at various locations is always a problem, especially on the two main roads. Please consider others and park sensibly. I note that a few vehicles park on pavements almost totally blocking them. Please think of the space required for prams and invalid buggies to pass safely. If by your parking action a person has to step into a busy road to get around your vehicle and an accident occurs, could you live with the knowledge that it was down to your parking actions that someone was injured or even worse killed?

I am having a problem obtaining information and liaising with the Police. I think they may be having a re-organisation program, time will tell if their liaison improves

Another forever ongoing problem, which I keep relating to, is parking at the school and the cutting of corners at both ends of Blind Lane at school run times. Again please think about others. It is also at these times that there seems to be an increase in vehicles speeding down Blind Lane. Allow more time for your journey and there won't be a mad rush for the school.

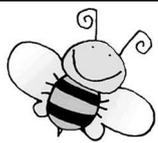
We are a reasonably safe village, although on two major through routes, giving easy access and get away to any would be offenders. Please let's try and keep it this way. Until the next issue please do not hesitate to speak to me if you encounter any crime related problem. My details are in every edition.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to remember Mr Hedley Burrige, of Hollis Way, who sadly passed away in June, he was my predecessor and was the village co coordinator for over 10 years. He passed NHW over to me approximately ten years ago when his wife was in poor health and was subsequently not in good health himself, so I am still doing this.

Jim Jilbert 01225763314.

Girlfriend: "Am I pretty or ugly?"
Boyfriend: "You're both."
Girlfriend: "What do you mean?"
Boyfriend: "You're pretty ugly."

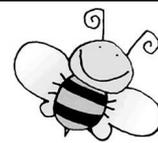
I saw a young teenage kid on the underground today. He had a Mohawk hairstyle dyed yellow, green, and red. He caught me staring at him and in a aggressive voice asked, "What are you staring at?" I replied, "Sorry, but when I was about your age I had sex with a parrot. I thought maybe you were my son."



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



Sports Day. We held our sports day on Friday 21st June and what an amazing turn out we had. The children had a fantastic time and afterwards they got treated to Slushies and Ice cream. We raised an amazing £167 which will go towards new toys for the pre school. We would also like to say a big Thank you to Brett from Active Trowbridge who ran the sports day.



It is with sadness that Mrs Marilyn Fox (deputy) has now left Busy Bees. The children and staff presented her with gifts to say a big thanks for everything she has done for the pre school over the years. We would like to wish her every happiness in whatever she does next and enjoy spending time with her family and of course John.



As of September 2019 Nicky Mead will take over the role as deputy.

Busy Bees finished on Friday 19th July. On that afternoon we held our graduation party as we said good bye to 22 children who are moving onto BIG school. We are going to miss them but we know that they will be super at school and we want to wish them all the best of luck.

We return on the 2nd September. Sessions are filling up quickly so if you would like your child to attend please contact the setting.

Everyone at Busy bees would like to wish you all a fantastic summer.

Spaces are available in the setting for September, pop in for a visit or give us a call for details.

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.

THE COMPUTER SWALLOWED GRANDMA

The computer swallowed Grandma
Yes, honestly it's true
She pressed 'control' and 'enter'
And disappeared from view
It devoured her completely,
The thought just makes me squirm,
She must have caught a virus
Or been swallowed by a worm.

I've searched through the recycle bin
And files of every kind
I've even used the Internet
But nothing did I find
In desperation, I asked Google
My searches to refine
The reply from him was negative,
Not a thing was found 'online'.

So, if inside your 'Inbox'
My Grandma you should see
Please 'Copy' 'Scan' and 'Paste' her
And send her back to me!

Thank you, Marilyn Pitman

The energizer bunny was arrested on a charge of battery.

I decided to make my password "incorrect" because if I type it in wrong, my computer will remind me, "Your password is incorrect."

My friend thinks he is smart. He told me an onion is the only food that makes you cry, so I threw a coconut at him

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Little Sudoku quiz for you, answers on one of the following pages, I've yet to master page numbering!.



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 <https://www.southwickandnorthbradleyscouts.org.uk/>

The Sections meet at Southwick & North Bradley Scout HQ

Thursdays:

Thursdays:

Tuesdays:

Tuesdays:

BEAVERS

cubs

SCOUTS

EXPLORERS

Beavers age 6-8yrs Thurs. 5.30 -6.45pm

Cubs. age 8-10 1/2yrs. Thurs. 7 - 8.30pm

Scouts..age10 1/2 - 14yrs. Tues. 7 - 8.30pm

Explorers age 14-18yrs. Tues. 7 - 8.30pm

DID YOU KNOW

Our HQ is available to hire at a reasonable rate for events, parties and meetings. For more information and a booking form, Contact Us through our website or speak to our letting manager on 01225 755541

Scout Group Lottery

Many readers of the Southwick Village News are members of the Group Lottery and we are extremely grateful to everyone who renewed their membership for another year.

The Annual Mid-summer draw was made at the Family Bingo which was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 26th June.

The result was as follows:

1st prize	£60	No. 44
2nd prize	£30	No. 94
3rd prize	£10	No. 167

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SOUTHWICK VILLAGE BINGO CLUB

FAMILY BINGO

**SOUTHWICK VILLAGE HALL
at 7:45pm**

WED: AUG 14th

WED: SEPT 11th

WED: SEPT 25th

ADMISSION: 50p BOOKS: 80p

RAFFLE AND REFRESHMENTS

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PROCEEDS FOR LOCAL AMENITIES



Mary Pomeroy has been awarded the Scout Association Silver Acorn Award at the recent District AGM. This is in recognition of many years service to scouting in the local area. Mary will now get the opportunity to attend the National St George's Day parade at Windsor next year.



1st Southwick Guides

The guides have enjoyed a variety of outdoor events this term including outdoor cooking, practicing knots and putting up tents for camp and learning survival skills. Camp this summer was at Foxlease in the New Forest with the opportunity for lots of different activities.

The guides organised a charity coffee evening raising money for various charities including: Cancer Research, Bristol Children's Hospital, the Homeless, Race for Life, World Wildlife Fund and also a Southwick Guide Lilly who goes to Holland for an international Jamboree this summer.

The guides also enjoyed a camp fire evening for the promise ceremony of some new members. This included the special presentation of the Baden Powell Award to Southwick Guides, Annabel Stephens and Holly Kick by our Wiltshire County Commissioner. Also congratulations to leader Beth Davey on completing the Going Away Qualification for organising guide camp last year.

The guides are also organising their 40 Year celebration reunion of 1st Southwick Guides at Southwick Village Hall during the afternoon of **Sunday 29th September 2019**. Any current members and past members, young leaders, leaders etc. are welcome to come along from 2pm to 4.30pm. Please either sign up for this reunion on the Facebook Group - Southwick Guides Reunion or email 1stsouthwickguides@gmail.com.

Sparky (R Cadby) Guide Leader



1st Southwick Brownies



We started this term with 3 Brownies organising a Brownie evening with having glitter tattoos and a disco. During this term we are working towards the Lead badge in the new programme.

We have completed 'Mission managed' where the girls had to make a super hero costume using newspaper, which they really seemed to enjoy. The brownies have also completed 'Design Time' where they girls had to create a zoo by working together in their groups. We are hoping to complete some more activities this term to finish the badge. The girls have also used salt dough to make ornaments and painted them. For an end of term treat we organised a canal boat trip in Bradford On Avon before the summer break. We are having our camp at PGL Osmington Bay this year in August for a weekend.

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Food for thought:

- 1) Abiding by the rules of the World Trade Organisation will not be totally satisfactory.
- 2) Do listen to the steadfast comments coming from Northern Ireland, they are significant.

From a Southwick resident PJ

My mum is so stupid, she puts airbags on her computer in case it crashes!

Q: What do computers eat for a snack?

A: Microchips!

Notes from Friends of Southwick Country Park

The long dry spell of weather has been good for our tenant farmer who has been able to get an early cut of the grass. It has also been good for the farmer as nearly all the ragwort has gone from the mowing fields. After a lot of hard work from the Friends last year to remove plants and spot spray, there appears to be very little in evidence this year.

Of course the warm weather is also good growing weather and the brambles are loving it. The Friends' last couple of work parties has seen us tackling the pathways trying to keep them clear. We do our best to keep the paths clear and have also put some wood chippings on the ground to soak up any mud and it also acts as a mulch to keep weeds down.

We are hoping the weather will remain good for the August Bank Holiday Flower Show and Fete. A group of the Friends will be doing a car boot in the sports field as we have done for a number of years. **This is a good fund raiser for us and the weather helps the crowds. Come and find us and spend some money please!**



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Why are frogs always so happy?

They eat what ever bugs them

My wife is so ugly she made my happy meal cry

I couldn't work out why the football kept getting bigger, then it hit me!

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:

August 1st	Outing to Poole, leave at 9.30am from the Village Hall — Fare £12
August 15th	Social afternoon & Beetle Drive
August 29th	Fish & Chip lunch and Quiz - 1.00pm
September 12th	“Hatch, match and despatch” with Pam Walker

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.

The Seniors would just like to say that they received a letter of thanks from the Wiltshire Air Ambulance Trust for the £75 cheque that they received from the Senior Seniors Club, monies that was raised from the last Bring and Buy sale. There will be another B & B sale later in the year.

Southwick Women's Institute



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

Contact
Barbara Vincent
01225 763347

INSPIRING WOMEN

Historic Southwick Wiltshire

I am pleased to announce that, at the time of compiling this edition of the Newsletter, there are now 517 people on the Facebook Group's "Historic Southwick Wiltshire", people not only from the village, but spread all over the world.

As I said last time, I am the administrator, I have had the pleasure to "approve" many old photographs and articles sent in by members, please feel free to send in many more, it is lovely to reminisce.

If you are on Facebook and would like to join our little group, just send me a request on Facebook and I'll enrol you as a member, all free of course. If you haven't got access to a computer or the internet, I do apologise. It is there just for fun and entertainment.

Many thanks, John Fox Editor.

Southwick Entertainers

Southwick Entertainers recently staged a production of 'Love, Peace and Murder' by Michael Druce at the village hall. This was a murder-mystery play about an ageing rock band reuniting for a final farewell tour, but someone thinks the band is worth more dead than alive! The two nights were well attended, the audience enjoyed singing along with some songs from the 60's and 70's, before partaking in a ploughman's supper.



The group's next production will be the annual pantomime; this year they are planning to stage Dick Whittington in January 2020. New members are always welcome, the group meet at the village hall on Monday evenings at 7.30pm.

Southwick Entertainers would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

Helen Wilcock



Paul Nicholl's Grand Prize Trivia General Knowledge Village Quiz with a cash prize, an eye watering £5.00 for the first correct envelope to be drawn from a hat and opened on the 15th August. All entries to be delivered to the Editor by this date. Terms and conditions apply, see penultimate page for the conditions before entering as they will be strictly adhered to.

1. What is a female rabbit called?
2. What was nicknamed the "Tin Lizzie"
3. On what date is the Bastille Day celebrated in France?
4. How many wisdom teeth does the average adult have?
5. What drink is made from vodka and tomato juice?
6. Who was the Desert Fox?
7. What was the name of the small dog listening to his master's voice as a trade mark for HMV?
8. In which year was the State of Israel created?
9. Who was the Englishman who was saved from death by the Indian girl Pocohontas?
10. Which explorer travelled in a ship called the Santa Maria?
11. What is the highest number on a roulette wheel?
12. Which sport uses stones and a house?
13. On a dartboard, what number is directly opposite No.1?
14. Where were the 1992 Summer Olympic Games held?
15. In bingo, what number would a caller be giving if he said "Key of the Door"?
16. What is the distaff side of the family?
17. British drivers call it a bumper, what do the American's call it?
18. Who is the patron saint of grave diggers?
19. What will never make a silk purse?
20. Which American state was named for the wife of Charles 1

The winner of the £5 Grand prize for June / July went to Susan Laws & Rita Hore from Hollis Way, many congratulations! Many thanks to all the runners up that took part. They also pointed out that the last three answers from Mark's Logo quiz were missing, they were 22 Fossil, 23 Spotify and 24 Help for Heroes, sorry about that, my fault as usual. Sorry.

Answers to last edition's Paul's

Grand Prize Quiz

1. Maps
2. Ice cream
3. Football
4. Tobago
5. Taekwondo
6. Ambridge
7. Horse racing
8. Cheese
9. Phantom of the Opera
10. Match
11. Pink
12. Jonny English
13. Furniture
14. Seven
15. Air Force One
16. Olympus
17. Laurence Olivier
18. Water
19. Foot
20. Ursine

The Heart and the Lips

The elderly priest
Looked me straight in the eye
And said
"It must come from the heart
Not just from the lips "
He meant I knew
Comments about our Lord
And about our Faith.

How true, I thought- -
How many speak out
Just appearing to say it
Without really
Feeling it.

He has retired now,
But always had us
In fits of laughter
With lovely anecdotes
And the like,
Such a jolly, truthful
Person
Who never seemed to
Re-iterate anything
Like this.

My friend Rod said
He was the only person
In the Parish
He really got on with
At this time,
I think because
Here was a representative for God
Involved as he spoke
In Truth- - - -

Rod was a particular
Man , and he knew this
About the old Reverend
From good experience,
For there is nothing
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As the Truth properly
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From the Heart.

Ian Rutter

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This month, my sincere apologies go to Kathryn Price. I somehow managed to leave her advertisement out of the June / July edition, my mistake as usual. So here it is, please take time to read it and give her a call or email if you have any IT issues, sorry Kathryn. John



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9	8	4	6	7	1	3	5	2
8	2	7	4	9	5	6	1	3
6	4	3	8	1	7	2	9	5
5	9	1	3	6	2	7	4	8
2	7	9	5	8	6	4	3	1
4	6	5	1	2	3	8	7	9
1	3	8	7	4	9	5	2	6

Update on fund-raising for guide dog 'Lindon'.

Many, many thanks to everyone who came along to support me and those who donated goods, cash and their valuable time manning stalls for my 'Wimbledon Cream Tea' held on Wed: 3rd July.

The most magnificent total of £560.00 was raised in just two hours and a good time and tea was had by all.

The running total over the last seven years is now £32,470+

To try to clear my garage I have posted the notice below with reference to a garage sale in August.

I would be very grateful for your support of this event in aid of this last guide dog.

Thank you all, once again.

With Love from Linda xx

Garage Sale in Aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind

On Saturday 3rd August 2019.

From 10am to 5pm.

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Many items available eg: chairs, stools, bookcase, china tea & coffee sets, mirrors, pictures, puzzles, lamps, wicker baskets, vases, ornaments, loads of bric-a-brac. Large runners of new carpet offcuts in dark blue & cherry red (£5 each).

Hand-made greetings cards at 25p each. Loads of jewellery 50p and £1 each.

In fact all items are 50p or £1 (unless price marked.)

Tea or Coffee and homemade biscuit available - £1

Any items left after this sale will be donated to Bath Cancer Unit Support Group for their Christmas Bric-a-brac shop in Castle Place in December

Thank you for your support.

Linda Dowsett xx

HOW OLD ARE??? I'm a couple of weeks younger than the Queen, ahh but how old is the Queen?? – that's for you to remember! Talking of age, here is a war time memory I would like to share with your readers.

WAR STORY In 1942, when I was around 15 years of age, I attended Canning's College in Bath, (I lived in Keevil, I would cycle from Keevil to Trowbridge train station) and then travel into Bath by train. On this one particular day, it was a usual day, nothing out of the ordinary, when our train suddenly stopped at Batheaston – this is not a station or regular place to stop! We heard a voice shouting "Everybody off". Unbeknown to us as to why, we were told we had to walk the rest of the way to Bath Spa railway station and to walk along the bank following the railway track as a guide.

Upon arrival at Bath Spa, we exited the station by the usual route and proceeded to walk through Bath Centre towards Canning's College. The nearer I got to the city centre the more it became apparent that something awful had clearly happened, the streets were filled with people looking incredibly bewildered, shocked and confused – Bath had been bombed!!

The railway track had become blocked off by bomb debris, one of the places that had been badly hit was The Frances Hotel, which was adjacent to Canning's College – my destination! By the end of the day, the track had been cleared and we travelled home by train as usual appearing as if nothing had ever happened.

JOKES How do you calm down an angry wild cow?..... by playing it some mooosic!

How do you get rid of your old champagne corks? shoot them over your hedge into your neighbour's garden!

Thanks to Kathleen Harden for her memories and jokes

As you may know, it was with great sadness that I had to recently announce the death of my families' cat Eclipse (or Grey One, when I couldn't remember her name).

Her son RP, being deaf and a little dense at times (very much like me) is still finding it hard coming to terms with the loss of his mum, although he does enjoy getting all the cuddles and attention now that he doesn't have to share them with Grey One anymore.

My son & his fiancée visited one afternoon a few weeks ago whilst my wife was at work and I mentioned to them that when RP finally dies and leaves this mortal life, that I MAY consider getting a dog in order to get a bit of exercise and companionship. Marilyn tries but she doesn't like being on a lead.

Anyway, that evening when I was watching television with Marilyn, I just casually mentioned that I **THOUGHT** about getting a dog once RP had died. With that, RP fell from her lap, laid flat on the floor, back legs pointing one way, front legs pointing the other, he was sick, wet himself and was gasping to breath. I honestly thought that he was going to die, he looked terrible! I stroked him and said my tearful goodbyes, expecting him to draw his last breath at any minute, his eyes tightly shut, tongue hanging out.

After half an hour, he began to come around, opened his eyes and stood up, got back onto the settee and has been fine ever since!

I am convinced he heard and understood my every word about getting a dog, so every time I mention the D word again, I make sure that I whisper it in case he hears and has another fitting session.

I have never felt so guilty in all my life!

John Fox (Editor)

Carol Watson's recipes of the Month

It's holiday time! School's finished, so I thought you might like a couple of sweet treats that were favourites in our house.

Caramel shortbread: Also known as Millionaire's shortbread or Mars Bar cake!

Ingredients:	for the shortbread base:	for the Caramel filling:
	350g (12oz) plain flour	110g (4oz) margarine
	Pinch of salt	110g (4oz) sugar
	225g (8oz) margarine	2 tablespoons golden syrup
	110g (4oz) sugar	1 can of condensed milk
		Chocolate for topping—use real not cooking chocolate

Rub the margarine into the flour until it resembles breadcrumbs. Add the sugar to bind with the flour mix. Roll out, roughly to the size of your baking tin. Press into the tin (I use a 7"x 10" tin). Prick the shortbread, all over, with a fork and bake at 175 degrees for 15—20 minutes.

Caramel filling: Place the margarine, sugar, syrup and condensed milk into a saucepan and heat gently, until all the sugar has dissolved, stirring occasionally. Then increase the heat and boil, gently, for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally to ensure the mixture doesn't stick and burn — this is important. This very sweet mixture thickens, with the increase in temperature, to a fudge / toffee consistency. Remove the pan from the heat, allow to cool for a few minutes, then pour onto the cooled shortbread.

To melt the chocolate: Sit a bowl over a saucepan containing some boiling water. Break the chocolate into the bowl and allow to melt. Then pour it over the cooled caramel and leave to cool completely. Enjoy!! It's naughty but nice!

Malt Loaf — very easy and very tasty!

Ingredients:	2 cups of All Bran	2 cups of dried fruit
	2 cups of sugar	2 cups of milk

Mix all the ingredients together in a bowl (stir really well). Leave to stand (covered) overnight. Then add 2 cups of self raising flour and mix well. Bake in a 2lb loaf tin at 180 degrees / gas 4 for about an hour, or until a testing fork comes out clean. Leave to cool and eat buttered. This is so good, it's worth making a double batch! It freezes well.

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May I take this opportunity to thank all at Doveton Press for all the help, advice and service that they have shown me and to the high standard and quality of their finished product, here's to the next 50 years.



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Southwick Show

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We also need someone to organise parking, and collect donations on the gate.

All Donations of Prizes, either for the Raffle or Tombola will also be very welcome. Also, we welcome anyone who is able to sell Raffle Tickets, both before and on The Day.

This year, we are raising money to support our local Village groups and 2 other local charities, both of whom depend heavily on Volunteers. These are Trowbridge Community Link Scheme and Trowbridge Alzheimer's Support. Both charities do a wonderful job and are always looking for more Volunteers.

If you can help, please contact Chris on 01225 344258 or Mary on 01225 761105.

Community Speedwatch

The village community speedwatch team now comprises just 4 of us, which is limiting what we can do when we have the speed monitoring device for our 3 week sessions (we share with North Bradley so its every 3 weeks that we change over). As a reminder, when we have the device we normally try and get out for an hour every other day or so with two members of the team as a minimum. Vehicles that are going over the threshold speed for recording are noted down and reported to Wiltshire Police for advice to be given to the drivers about complying with the speed limit. It's part of the Police driver education programme. We finished our latest session as I'm writing this input and completed 8 one hour duties recording a grand total of 6194 vehicles passing us, with 34 recorded as speeders. Of these, 13 were travelling at 40mph or higher, with the fastest recorded at 49mph....travelling through a 30mph zone. Thank goodness the driver didn't hit one of our villagers or our children.

As always, if you're frustrated by speeders in our village and want to do something about them then please consider joining us and get in touch with me on 07947 691 235 for a chat.

Martin



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.



A wife asked her husband, "What do you like most in me, my pretty face or my sexy body?" He looked at her from head to toe and replied, "I like your sense of humour!"

Please keep sending in any interesting articles, jokes, anecdotes, puzzles, etc. as I am always looking for new, fresh ideas to entertain my readers.

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1. All entries must be on paper, card or parchment, no stone tablets or chalkboards.
2. All answers must be written in English as the editor cannot read foreign languages except Klingon.
3. The answers must be written in ink, pencil, crayon, chalk or felt tip pen, no blood or bodily fluids will be accepted.
4. Entries will only be accepted from human beings, there is a strictly "NO SHEEP" policy.
5. No Entries will be accepted from children unless a parent or guardian has given permission in triplicate.
6. No entry to be handed to the Editor as he is shy and tries to avoid all human contact, under no circumstances must entries be given to sheep to deliver.
7. Entries must be delivered and posted through the Editor's front door letterbox, this is also to be strictly adhered to as there isn't a letterbox in the back door.
8. The hat that the prizes are drawn from will be a hat as supplied by the Editor's wife Marilyn as the only hat that the Editor has is a yellow hard safety hat and is not suitable for grand prize draws. No other hats will be used.
9. All incorrect entries will be shredded and incinerated in case they fall into Sheep's hands.
10. The prize money of £5.00 will be presented to the winner using a real £5.00 note and not any other denomination, ie not in coins or in the form of a cheque, postal order or money gram. The £5.00 note may have been in circulation prior to the presentation to the winner.

Your DUCK IS DEAD

A woman brought a very limp duck into a veterinary surgeon. As she laid her pet on the table, the vet pulled out his stethoscope and listened to the bird's chest.

After a moment or two, the vet shook his head and sadly said, "I'm sorry, your duck, Cuddles, has passed away."

The distressed woman wailed, "Are you sure?"

"Yes, I am sure. Your duck is dead," replied the vet..

"How can you be so sure?" she protested.. "I mean you haven't done any testing on him or anything. He might just be in a coma or something."

The vet rolled his eyes, turned around and left the room. He returned a few minutes later with a black Labrador Retriever. As the duck's owner looked on in amazement, the dog stood on his hind legs, put his front paws on the examination table and sniffed the duck from top to bottom. He then looked up at the vet with sad eyes and shook his head.

The vet patted the dog on the head and took it out of the room. A few minutes later he returned with a cat. The cat jumped on the table and also delicately sniffed the bird from head to foot. The cat sat back on its haunches, shook its head, meowed softly and strolled out of the room.

The vet looked at the woman and said, "I'm sorry, but as I said, this is most definitely, 100% certifiably, a dead duck."

The vet turned to his computer terminal, hit a few keys and produced a bill, which he handed to the woman..

The duck's owner, still in shock, took the bill. "\$1,500!" she cried, "\$1,500 just to tell me my duck is dead!"

The vet shrugged, "I'm sorry. If you had just taken my word for it, the bill would have been \$20, but with the Lab Report and the Cat Scan, it's now \$1,500."

You know the drillif you're smiling, you must pass it on, give someone else a smile too! Share the laughter.



Some tongue twisters for you to try!

Can you can a can as a canner can can a can?

I wish to wish the wish you wish to wish, but if you wish the wish the witch wishes, I won't wish the wish you wish to wish.

There was a fisherman named Fisher who fished for some fish in a fissure. Till a fish with a grin, pulled the fisherman in. Now they're fishing the fissure for Fisher.

Picky people pick Peter Pan Peanut-Butter, 'tis the peanut-butter picky people pick.

One-one was a race horse.
Two-two was one too.
One-one won one race.
Two-two won one too.

How many cookies could a good cook cook If a good cook could cook cookies? A good cook could cook as much cookies as a good cook who could cook cookies.

Through three cheese trees three free fleas flew. While these fleas flew, freezy breeze blew. Freezy breeze made these three trees freeze. Freezy trees made these trees' cheese freeze. That's what made these three free fleas sneeze.

How many berries could a bare berry carry, if a bare berry could carry berries? Well they can't carry berries (which could make you very wary) but a bare berry carried is more scary!

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 J Sanderson	Email: southwickbrownies@hotmail.co.uk
1st Southwick Guides	Scout Headquarters	Monday 6.30 – 8.15pm	Mrs R Cadby	Email: 1stsouthwickguides@gmail.com
1st Southwick Rangers	Scout Headquarters	Monday 8.15 – 9.30pm	Mrs R Cadby	01225 767671 Email: 1stsouthwickguides@gmail.com
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 Dennison	07738 697091
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 – 4.00pm	Fairfield College	01373 823028
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
Sing - A - Longs	A member's home in Southwick	Various throughout the year	Judy Pritchard	01225 766517 07947 310087
Skittles (Sports & Social)	Village Hall Annexe	Friday 8.30pm	Mr J Bygraves	01225 766393
Southwick Residents Assoc			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	07565 822449 Email: contactsnbgroup@gmail.com Website: https://www.southwickandnorthbradleyscouts.org.uk/
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. E 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 & Tue 7–11pm Wed & Thur 5–11pm Fri & Sat 12 noon –11.00pm 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			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

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