

# Southwick Village News

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## SOUTHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

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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.

<b>Chair:</b>	Mrs. K. Noble	230 Chantry Gardens, Southwick, BA14 9QX	01225 352503
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	Mr. D. J. Jackson	Mutton Marsh Farm, Southwick, BA14 9PE	07837 154517
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County Councillor	Mr. H. Prickett	2 Hawkeridge Road, Yarnbrook, Trowbridge BA14 6AD	01225 767685
Parish Clerk	Nicola Duke	"April Rise" 81 Studland Park, Westbury BA13 3HN	01373 864127

My apologies for omitting Mr. Jackson from the list of Councillors in the last edition, my fault entirely, sorry Dan

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

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](mailto:williamjohnfox@hotmail.com) and my telephone number is 01225 762930.  
My home address is 30 Fleur de Lys Drive, Southwick, BA14 9QH if you want to drop me a line.  
Please send me any items for publication by the 15th of the preceding month of publication, (ie 15th 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](http://www.southwickwilts.co.uk)**

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

### **Southwick & North Bradley Scout Group Lottery Autumn Draw**

Many readers of the Southwick Village News are members of the Group Lottery. The autumn draw was made just before the second lockdown at the Southwick Car Centre Show Room and resulted as follows:

1st Prize	£60	No.31	Mrs Wendy Hoole of North Bradley
2nd Prize	£30	No.68	Mrs Carol Fievez of North Bradley
3rd Prize	£10	No. 141	Mr Nigel Hunt of Trowbridge

New members will be most welcome. Please contact Ted Pomeroy (01225 755541) for further details.

### **Playing Field Update**

Having now come to the end of the bird nesting season and also a break in the atrocious autumn weather, the members of the Committee were very pleased that Messrs. Jackson, our local contractors, were at long last able to complete the hedge cutting of the field and the village hall car park.

Due to the lateness of the season this year's growth was much thicker than usual but thanks to modern machinery everything now looks smart for the winter. Here it should be mentioned that some of our new younger committee members assisted with all the extra cleaning up.

The next job was thanks to professional forester Guy Rowley for the felling and taking away five diseased trees. Two of them had Dutch Elm and two had advanced tree fungal, all of which had caused their death. It has also been discovered that further work was needed at the implement shed and this has again been carried out by Messrs. Booth's. Members of the committee have also been looking into our insurance policy and carrying out some remedial work to some of the play equipment.

Now sadly we are also very concerned at the continual breaking of glass bottles by some young people. This is very dangerous for the young children which of course has to be cleaned up by our volunteers and also the continued lack of responsibility by some dog owners.

As can be seen from this report, committee members and village volunteers are continually working to ensure that the field and it's facilities are maintained at all times for the benefit of everybody.

The Playing Field Committee November 2020

### **SOUTHWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Just a note to say a big 'thank you' to all who have provided responses to the Statutory Public Consultation.

There was a relatively high volume of responses received and the interest shown is very encouraging.

Having a Neighbourhood Plan will help Southwick maintain it's village identity, will protect natural and historic assets such as Southwick Country Park and deliver future housing based on local need, commensurate with Southwick being a village.

Yours sincerely

Southwick Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.



**Q. What does the Queen call her Christmas Broadcast? A.The One Show!**

I have given my family & friends new names, all after High Street stores, you could be Next.

**Q. What is the best Christmas present in the world? A. A broken drum, you just can't beat it!**

### **Carer Support**

Carer Support Wiltshire and Wiltshire Parent Carer Council continue to offer support during COVID-19. For those who cannot access information online, they can call Carer Support Wiltshire 0800 181 4118 Mon to Thurs 9.30am – 4.30pm and Friday 9.30am – 4.00pm or the Wiltshire Parent Carer Council 01225 764647 Mon to Fri 10am to 5pm.

## St. Thomas Church, Southwick

St Thomas Church continued to hold services up to the beginning of November and start of the current four-week lockdown. We hope it will be possible to begin services again in December. Our first service is likely to be Parish Communion at 1100 on Sunday 13 December.

At this service we will receive gifts of shoeboxes donated to Operation Christmas Child for children in Third World countries who might not receive any other Christmas present. 'Flat pack' shoeboxes are available in the church if you would like to use one. If self-isolation or other reasons prevent you from making up a shoebox gift you can give a 'virtual' shoebox through the Operation Christmas Child web site.



On 11 October we celebrated Harvest Festival and donated many non-perishable food items to Trowbridge Food Bank. Many thanks to everyone for their gifts.

On 8 November, Remembrance Sunday, there was a short act of commemoration in the churchyard at St Nicholas Church North Bradley, observing government and Church of England guidelines. We named and remembered the men from Southwick, North Bradley and Heywood who died in the 1st and 2nd World Wars and Ted Pomeroy laid a wreath at the memorial plaque in the church on behalf of Southwick Parish Council. Thank you to all who stood in the rain to remember. Thank you as well to the contributors who record on the Historic Southwick Facebook page the anniversaries of those who died in the wars.

We hope to be able to hold services at Christmas time, but this will be subject to whatever coronavirus restrictions are in place during December. Do check the noticeboard, the St Thomas Church Southwick Facebook page, or our web site – [www.threeinonebenefice.org](http://www.threeinonebenefice.org) – for the latest details.

The church continues to be open each Wednesday from 1030 to 1230 for private prayer and reflection.

Thanks as always to everyone who works hard to keep the church clean and the churchyard neat and tidy.

If you need to contact the church about anything, please get in touch with me or our Vicar, Fr Oliver Learmont (01225 774845; The Vicarage, 62, Church Lane, North Bradley).

Richard Havergal (Licensed Lay Minister) 01225 762668; [rhavergal16@gmail.com](mailto:rhavergal16@gmail.com) .

## Southwick Sports and Social Club

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

### The club has now re - opened albeit only at weekends at the moment. The current opening days and times are as follows:

Friday	1600 to 2330
Saturday	1400 to 2330
Sunday	1200 to 2000

At the moment we have reduced our selection of draught beers. We have Fosters lager, Thatchers cider, Birra Moretti and Guinness. Real ale is available in bottles and we still have our regular selection of spirits. The good news is that prices have been held to those in force before the corona virus pandemic began.

We still have Sky Sports and show Premier and other football games plus BT Sports which have the Championship and other matches. The football season is now in full flow and we are showing games on Friday, Saturday and Sunday You can enjoy the friendly ambiance while you watch various sporting events on our big screen TV (HD projector). The F1 and MotoGP seasons have started most of the races can be seen in the club where they do not clash with the football matches.

With regard to facilities, we have a pool table, which is only 50p per game. There is free pool on Friday evenings and Sunday lunchtime. You can find any further news we have on openings, etc. on the club web site.

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

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

H. Milburn, Secretary.

### Emergency Dentists

A network of 14 emergency dentists have now opened up across the region. The closest for Southwick being Bath and Chippenham with further services available in Swindon and Bristol.

Call 0345 758 1926 9.00am to 5.00pm -1700 Monday - Friday Out of hours (Evenings and Weekends) Call NHS 111

# SOUTHWICK BAPTIST CHURCH

Signposting the way to Jesus

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions we are moving our Christmas services on-line and invite you to join us as we remember the gift of Jesus and celebrate the Hope that he brings; a message that is particularly relevant for today.



From Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec. you can find Our Traditional Christmas service of Carols and Readings, and

Our shorter Family Christmas service, with videos and stories at

[www.southwickbaptistchurch.org.uk/christmasservices.htm](http://www.southwickbaptistchurch.org.uk/christmasservices.htm)

We wish you and your family warmest Christmas Greetings and every blessing for the New Year

For more information check our website - [www.southwickbaptistchurch.org.uk](http://www.southwickbaptistchurch.org.uk) or phone Donia on 01380 870279

# SOUTHWICK BAPTIST CHURCH

Signposting the way to Jesus

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions it has not been possible to re-open our building for Sunday worship or mid-week meetings.



Current online activities:

Weekly Sunday Services (posted on our website)  
Mid-week meditations  
Weekly Zoom chats  
Fortnightly Quizzes

We continue to worship and share fellowship on-line and remain a Christian presence within the village.

For more information check our website - [www.southwickbaptistchurch.org.uk](http://www.southwickbaptistchurch.org.uk) or phone Donia on 01380 870279

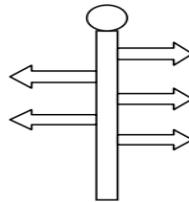
**We are all going through a very strange and unfamiliar time. For some it has been easier than for others. As an introductory service we are still available to help but not through meeting at the Primary School. As we are reaching the end of Furlough we may be trying to sort out our finances. You may have benefit or debt problems which we can help with sorting out.**

**You may be applying for a new job we can help with your CV or job application.**

**There may be other ways in which we can help so please contact us on [fiass.ba14@gmail.com](mailto:fiass.ba14@gmail.com) and we will get back to you. We want to offer help in these difficult times. Contact us in confidence.**

## Do you need help with:

- Benefits
- Initial Debt Advice
- CV/Job Application
- General Form Filling
- Replies to official letters



We are here to help

Why?

Because **YOU** matter  
and **WE** care!

## FREE INTRODUCTORY ADVICE SERVICE SOUTHWICK

Come and talk with us in confidence. Email: [fiass.ba14@gmail.com](mailto:fiass.ba14@gmail.com)

We hope to have reached the end of Lockdown by the time that you read this, but we know circumstances are changing all the time. We are grateful that Furlough is still available to help some people. We may, however, still be trying to sort out our finances. You may have benefit or debt problems which we can help with sorting out.

We also know Christmas expenses can hit finances hard.

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If you're experiencing COVID-19 symptoms you can get tested seven days a week

**KEEP PLAYING YOUR PART**

Look out for the symptoms of **COVID-19**

High Temperature

Cough

Change or loss of smell or taste

#WiltshireTogether



Villagers will have been saddened to hear of the recent deaths of Eileen Skelton formerly of Chantry Gardens, Christopher Holdway of Wesley Lane and Roger Newman of Blind Lane.

**Eileen May Skelton 30th June 1932 - 1st October 2020.**

Eileen was known to many in Southwick as being a hairdresser in the row of shops in Chantry Gardens. She also played in the ladies darts team as well as taking turns at serving in the bar at the Social Club with Mary Setch.

She held a party in her salon once a year to raise money for cancer relief. The family would like to thank all those who attended the service and for their kindness and sympathy at this sad time. All donations went to Cancer Research UK.



## *Elizabeth Snell & Family*

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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](mailto:contactsnbgroup@gmail.com)  
Or visit the website <https://www.southwickandnorthbradleyscouts.org.uk>



The Sections meet at Southwick & North Bradley Scout HQ

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## 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.



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



After the last edition of the Village News, the Guides were still allowed to meet face to face outdoors despite the Coronavirus restrictions. Therefore we held socially distanced guides in the scout HQ car park or the Southwick country park each Monday evening. The guides enjoyed themselves doing a variety of activities including a walk, a scavenger hunt without touching things, games, challenges, acting stories and creating dances etc.

After half term we had agreement from Girlguiding to meet face to face indoors in the Scout HQ but then the second lockdown started, so we were unable to meet indoors. Therefore, we have had weekly guide meetings on zoom including activities on the "Making Change" theme with a charity evening and taking part in the Children In Need "Act Your Age" challenge. The guides have decorated biscuits with charities that are special to them or made posters for kindness. The guides are also having a pet and animal night on zoom.

Unfortunately our guide fundraising bingo on 5<sup>th</sup> December has been cancelled and if the rules change, we hope to organise a Bingo some time in 2021. Stay safe everyone and hopefully by the time of the next Village News we will have enjoyed more guiding activities.



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



We are pleased that the Southwick Rangers were able to meet outdoors in the Scout HQ car park or in the Southwick Country Park during September and October. The girls enjoyed a variety of activities and challenges including acting and music. We were pleased to welcome two new Rangers, Naomi and Olivia to the Ranger unit. Since half term, the Rangers have been taking part in online meetings on a "Take Action Theme" to help others and learn new skills.

In October, a group of Rangers did their bronze Duke of Edinburgh assessed expedition. Walking for two days and navigating their way in the local area. No camping was allowed but they completed all of the other parts of the expedition and did extremely well taking into account all of the coronavirus restrictions. The group are now completing the other sections of the Duke of Edinburgh Award.



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



Last term we did some baking making slice and bake biscuits and soda loaf. We also signed the Brownie Promise in Makaton. The Brownies have made autumn wreaths using leaves from walks or coloured in leaves. To celebrate Halloween we made paper pumpkins and spooky biscuits using Oreos and white chocolate drizzled with eyes. For Remembrance Day we coloured in poppies and stuck them up in our windows. This term we look forward to celebrating Christmas by making crafts and cooking.

## Southwick Seniors

The Village group for Senior Citizens has been in existence since 24th March 1974. Regular fortnightly meetings are usually 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.**

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

Further information from the Chairman Ted Pomeroy on 01225 755541.

As I put my car in reverse the other day, I thought to myself "this takes me back"

I can't believe I got fired on my very first day as a signwriter.

Q. What's the difference between Santa Clause and a knight? A. One slays a dragon, the other drags a sleigh!

Q. Who is a Christmas tree's favourite singer? A. Spruce Springsteen!

Q. Who is Santa's favourite singer? A. Elf-is Presley!

### Southwick Women's Institute



Women's  
Institute

<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 C. Watson Mrs V. Watts Mrs V. Scott Mrs B. Vincent Mrs M. Ricketts

Contact  
Barbara Vincent  
01225 763347

Monthly Meetings are usually held every third Wednesday from 7.30 to 9.00pm in the Village Hall, but are on hold for the time being.

INSPIRING WOMEN



This is a lovely photograph of Maisie Aland, 15 months old enjoying Halloween!

### LINDA AND HAZEL'S GARAGE SALE

Although poorly attended may we thank everyone who supported the garage sale on 10<sup>th</sup> October in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind. We made £97 so we made it up to £100 and gave this to Hilary Reed in Westbury who is sponsoring a guide dog.

In the last edition of the Southwick Village Newsletter I put in a very interesting and detailed report on the "Village Hall Electrical Rewire". I even displayed some photographs of the work that the contractor carried out. The only thing wrong was the fact that I forgot to mention the name of the people who actually carried out the works!

So, I humbly apologise to Roger Pearce and can say that the company involved with the works were Linn Electrical Contractors Ltd of 32 Wynsome Street, Southwick. Please accept my deepest apologies, it was a genuine oversight.

John Fox Editor

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Hello again. I hope this finds you all well and safely abiding by the government guidelines, however misguiding or ambiguous they may be. Halloween and the 5<sup>th</sup> November celebrations were all an anticlimax this year as all events have been toned down because of the virus. Although I am now of the age where these celebrations are a thing of the past, I do think they are traditions which the young people enjoy and should keep going for future generations as a British tradition, although I know that Halloween has infiltrated from America.

Well as you read this it must almost be Christmas again. What a strange and frustrating year this has been. We all hope that there may be some sort of normality over the festive period. I am sure that with all the job losses a lot of people times will be very hard and life changing for the foreseeable future. The only thing I can say is don't get depressed or lose hope, as long as you can stay healthy, warm and fed then everything else is just surplus consumer led possessions which although seem important can always be done without. Things will get better in time and don't be too proud to ask the relevant organisations for some help when required.

Crime wise, the lockdown did help keep local crime figures down. Predominately the village had anti social behaviour problems, youngsters being noisy, rude and disrespectful of others belongings and property. There were a few traffic related incidents. The worst, being a vehicle knocking down a telegraph pole in Wynsom Street which subsequently crashed down into one of the Bungalows causing damage to the roof. Other vehicles had minor damage and the cables were dragged along the street. Another big event was a Police raid, under the new (Op Fortitude proactive response team initiative), targeting prolific local offenders. I understand that some properties and vehicles in and around the Swan Court/Mowlems area were targeted for drug dealers and subsequently a person was arrested in Wynsom Street in possession of drugs and £2000 cash.

This week my wife and I took a walk along Frome Road to the Garden Centre. We were appalled at the amount of discarded rubbish in the hedgerow. Although I am reluctant to blame youngsters, by the type of items disposed off I am drawn to the conclusion that it can only be youths disposing of rubbish from their vehicles as they transit through from Trowbridge. The majority of them were fast food containers, McDonalds, KFC, Costa coffee and Subway, along with accompanying coke cans, lucozade and fruit shoot bottles. There were at least five discarded face masks, a gin and vodka bottle. In the stream there was a child's stunt scooter, probably stolen and dumped. The same day someone dumped the polystyrene packaging to a household appliance in the lane running down to Poles Hole Farm.

I pose the question, what is wrong with people? Is it poor family education or just pure laziness or a combination of both. Unlike neighbouring counties here in Wiltshire we have a good recycling centre with helpful staff. Our doorstep collections are also good with obliging dustmen. Take your rubbish home, please.

. TAKE IT HOME. Keep the village clean and tidy.

As I finish this article all that remains for me to say, is that I hope you all have a crime free and enjoyable festive period. I also take this opportunity to wish you a happy and prosperous New Year. Let us try and forget 2020 and hope 2021 will be a lot better with the introduction of a Covid Vaccine.

My contact details remain the same and as always I will try and answer any queries you may have. If I don't answer please leave me a message and I will reply as soon as I am able. Remember I also have family commitments so will not be available every day.

Jim Jilbert 01225 763314

Gill James, myself John Fox and the chair of the Parish Council would like to remind dog walkers to **Please** bag up their dog poo and take it home with them. The state of the footways in the village is downright disgusting, the mess in our village is a disgrace. The vast majority of dog owners and walkers are responsible people and do the right thing, but there are a few that just don't bother and have no thought for pedestrians, joggers and young children that have to dodge the muck. So please be a bit more thoughtful and take the disgusting mess home with you and dispose of it properly.

**Q. What athlete is warmest in winter? A. A long jumper!**

**Q. How does Darth Vader enjoy his Christmas Turkey? A. On the dark side!**

## Historic Southwick Wiltshire

I am pleased to announce that, at the time of compiling this edition of the Newsletter, the number of people has gone up to 886 people on the Facebook Group's "Historic Southwick Wiltshire", people not only from the village, but spread all over the world.

I am so pleased to have so many of you join this group, it may come in handy during the time of the Coronavirus pandemic, please feel free to use it as a medium for spreading news or offers of help. I know it is supposed to be "Historic" but I'm sure members won't mind if we use it for this purpose.

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.

## THE HISTORIC BATH CRANE (Part2) BACKGROUND HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The crane was built in the Newark works of Stothert and Pitt. It is manually operated and would lift 6 tons at a fixed radius of 15 feet. It is rail mounted. The king post, slewing frame and jib are supported in a large timber frame with four rail wheels sitting on broad gauge track, although the gauge is wider than nine feet. The quarry crane was built by Stothert and Pitt (S&P) of Bath and has the number 57. This may be a quarry reference number.

Regrettably much of S and P's paperwork archives have been lost due to flooding and war damage and no precise date for manufacture has been found. However, the late David Pollard believed it to be in or close to 1864 and Hugh Torrens in his book "The Evolution of a Family Firm - Stothert and Pitt of Bath" (1978), concluded the crane was constructed between "1855 and 1883 and probably 1860s vintage..."

The type of crane is shown in the S and P catalogue dated 1885 that is held in the archives of the Museum of Bath at Work. Some cranes constructed by the firm are now protected by listing. The William Fairbairn steam crane at Princes Wharf Bristol, constructed in 1876, is Grade II. The 14 cranes at Royal Victoria Dock in London dating from 1920 and 1962 have Grade II listings. The statutory list description provided by Historic England refers to S and P as "...the most famous crane makers in the world ..."

The late David Pollard informs us in letters that during its quarrying life the crane was used to lift block stone from quarry trolleys into main line railway wagons at Pictors wharf, at the foot of Box Hill, at Box in Wiltshire, onto the Great Western Railway Line (this is also noted in Hugh Torrens book). The quarry trolleys ran on a tramway from the wharf up to Clift quarry on Box Hill. Around the time of the last war the crane was bought by Hibbards for their saw mill at Biddestone in Wiltshire but they never used it. Clift Quarry was a Bath Stone Quarry opened in 1865 by Pictor and Son who were notable Box quarry owners and influential in the development of the quarry industry. It closed in 1968. High quality Box Ground stone was quarried at the underground quarry.

In the 1960s the Bath and Portland Stone Firm bought the crane back to Clift Quarry by the A4 road on Box Hill. It later resided in the garden of Dr Davey at Ashley and was surveyed in the late 1970's. The crane was acquired by the Bath Stone Quarry Museum Trust in 1983 as it believed to be the only one of its type to survive intact. It was relocated to the site of a quarry in Corsham.

Drawing/photographic records of the restoration have been kept and will continue to be taken. When recording has been completed it is intended that the records will be submitted to the Historic Environment Record for B&NES, now held by Southwest Heritage Trust based in Taunton. In order to conserve and repair the crane to a high conservation standard the project team includes experienced engineers who worked at Stothert and Pitt, Peter Dunn and Arthur Feltham (both former S and P apprentices, commissioning and service engineers). They have also worked on other important industrial historic artefacts and building projects, such as the restoration of the Grade II listed crane at Burbage Wharf in Wiltshire. The principle of minimum intervention to historic fabric has been adopted in conservation and repair. This is balanced with the need to make the crane safe when display in the open to the public.

Stuart Burroughs Curator of the Museum of Bath at work made the following statement.

'The return of this crane, to its home town and to the site where it was manufactured, is important enough, but the display and interpretation this item helps correct the perception of Bath as a city of Georgian elegance, by showing a product of its working life. Stothert and Pitt spread their cranes to many ports throughout the world, this crane brings home that manufacturing heritage.'

## THANK YOU

Thank you to everybody who donated old duvets and towels. I passed them on to the "Sewing for Charity Group". Items are sorted & then sewn by volunteers. Last month 250 boxes containing hygiene products were sent to Uganda.

**There is still a high demand so any donations are still grateful received.**

Thank you again,  
Jenny Rowe  
20 Blind Lane,  
Southwick.

## Urgent Appeal for Ruksak45218 Charity based in Southwick

Ruksak45218 are a children's charity based in Southwick, that provides a rucksack of essential items, for young persons aged 5 to 18 in Wiltshire, these essential items can include, bedding, clothing, toiletries, school uniforms, art and craft items, sportswear, washing powder, loo rolls, exam revision guides, basically anything essential to the lives of young persons aged 5 to 18.

September 2020 sees young persons across Wiltshire returning back to school, after what has been a challenging year, so that we can assist the young persons of Wiltshire, we are in really urgent need of the following items

School stationery	Art and craft items	Water bottles/lunch boxes (must be new)	Pencil cases
Clothes for young persons all genders in age group 12-18 only	Toiletries for all age groups	Laptops and tablets	

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## Southwick School



Last week saw the start of another new term, here at Southwick School. All of the children have settled quickly back into school and are very positive about being in school despite life here being very different. All of the children arrive in school at different times as they are divided into class bubbles so that they mix and play with as few children as possible; classrooms are like those in an old Victorian school with the children seated in rows, facing the teacher at the front and all the windows are open! Collective worship takes place on line and there are no visitors or trips. Despite this, they all have a smile on their face and are learning well,

I asked Y6 what they would tell their children about 2020 - one of the children sagely said that he would tell his child not to moan about having to go to school because staying at home wasn't anywhere near as much fun as he thought it would be! They also spoke about things that they had done with their families which, under normal circumstances, they may never have had an opportunity to do.

We are now thinking ahead to Christmas and how we can make this special for the children and their families as we are unable to perform our Nativity plays, hold our Carol Service, Christmas Fayre or visit St Thomas' this year. Perhaps when you are writing your Christmas cards you might consider writing one to the children at school?

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year. Take care, stay safe,

From all at Southwick School

L E Shellard  
Headteacher

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MyWilts allows you to report issues such as:

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  - Graffiti

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### 5D Diamond Prints

Hello my name is Jenny Watson, I live in Southwick and one of my hobbies is making 5D diamond prints. I have been thinking about selling some of them, as it is coming up to Christmas and they would make lovely presents. If you would like to see them in their full colour, please have a look at them on my Facebook page, my profile name is Jenny Watson or you can contact me directly on 07803125575. Prices will vary depending on the size and design. I have pictures on canvas sheets, bookmarks, keyrings, stickers and a couple of clocks. Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.

Jenny

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

**Either post, email, phone or drop a note through my door, my details can be found on the second page.**

**Messages from the Village Bear in mind that circumstances and times are changing rapidly!**

Is it not time for Southwick News to stimulate some lively debate on the biggest problem facing villagers and the world-wide community since World War 2?

Covid –19 of course! It affects all of us every day of our lives and we should be able to express our feelings!

My wife and I are in the most vulnerable age group but we want to spend our declining years in freedom not repression.

The four horsemen of the Apocalypse, Boris Johnson, Matt Hancock and his medical & scientific advisers preach only one message....”The end of the world in nigh”

No hope, no optimism, no light at the end of the tunnel. We cannot continue with a policy where our lives are blighted by a loss of personal freedom and choice.

We are unable to visit much beloved grandchildren because they are in a family of six. Where is the justice or humanity in that?

Many others have the same dilemma. The cure is worse than the disease. This country will be damaged beyond repair unless restrictions are eased and life returns to some sort of normality.

Covid—19 is with us for perhaps years to come and we must learn to live with it.

What do other villagers feel?

Let’s start a lively debate. We seem to be living in a dictatorship where even Parliament is powerless to intervene.

Gordon Morris

Unfortunately this year has been a strange one. Along with the majority of professional and amateur groups the world of theatre has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, and our group has suffered too. We were unable to perform our Summer Show back in July and as we usually start preparing for Panto straight after that, the decision was sadly made to cancel that as well. I think we are all getting withdrawal symptoms and hope to start back up again as soon as we are able. In the meantime we just hope that next year we be able to say ‘It’s behind you!’ once again.

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**Tribute to Binka**

“Simply the best dog in the world” – a familiar phrase in our household when addressing Binka, our adorable, hairy lurcher.

John and I wanted to express our sincere thanks for all the lovely tributes to Binka who died in October after having a stroke and aged about 15 –16 years old, quite an age. Our bearded lady was rescued from a skip where she had been tied to a large piece of wood and unable to get out. She came to us via the Greyhound Rescue Centre based at Midsomer Norton.

She was quite a character, a gentle soul, well behaved, undemanding and a lurcher who didn’t chase cats! Well known in the village, always to be seen wearing a colourful neck chief she is much missed by many people and it has been truly wonderful to receive cards, flowers, bulbs to plant in her memory, plus many messages of condolence.

Thank you all so much. It seems she enriched many people’s lives.

Jane and John Eaton

I help several rescues who save dogs/cats both here and abroad. They are in need of the following items so if anyone has anything that they no longer want/need in reasonable condition that they are kind enough to donate then please email or ring me and I will be more than happy to arrange a day/time to come and collect the items. It’s a good excuse to sort out all those cupboards, garage and sheds!! Obviously because of Covid 19 and social distancing all items can be left on doorstep if necessary. If you have any Duvets (Single or double), Duvet Covers, Blankets, Sheets, Throw Overs, Dog / Cat Collars, Dog / Cat Beds. I forgot to mention could you also donate any old cuddly toys or teddy bears, as the frightened dogs like to sleep and play with them.

Many thanks,

Debbie Haldane

Phone: 07793 016952

Email: Devizeslad@gmail.com

**Message from Barney from Chantry Gardens**

- 1) Could we put a reminder that Chantry gardens is not a race track. There are family’s, children, dogs and cats in the area, respect is essential.
- 2) Litter around Chantry gardens and the takeaways. If you are getting a takeaway please can you “takeaway” your empty bottles, wrappers and food packaging.
- 3) Could people refrain from leaving bread and food in the local dog walking fields. This bread becomes mouldy.

Sorry for the rant, thanks Barney

## Carol Watson's recipes of the Month

### Apple & Marmalade Cake

#### Ingredients:

220g unsalted butter	210g light brown sugar	4 eggs (medium or large)	250g wholemeal flour
1 tsp of baking powder	1/2 tsp mixed spice	1/2 tsp ground cinnamon	200g peeled cooking apples
100g sultanas or raisins	125g orange marmalade	demerara sugar	

You will need a 20cm round cake tin with removeable base and lined with greaseproof paper.

#### Method:

- 1) preheat the oven to 160 degrees C / gas mark 4
- 2) Beat the butter and brown sugar together until light and fluffy. Lightly beat the eggs with a fork. Sift together the flour, baking powder and spices. Core and roughly chop the apples into small pieces.
- 3) In a separate bowl, mix together the chopped apples with the dried fruit. Stir in the marmalade.
- 4) Add the beaten eggs a little at a time to the creamed butter and sugar (use a spoonful of flour if the mixture starts to curdle). Fold in the rest of the flour.
- 5) Stir in the fruit and marmalade mixture. Put the mix into the prepared cake tin and sprinkle a fine layer of demerara sugar over the top.
- 6) Bake for approximately 1 1/4 hours. Check cake is cooked by inserting a skewer into the centre—it should come out damp but clean without any mixture sticking to it.
- 7) Turn out onto a cooling rack.

### Seville Orange Marmalade

Seville oranges, also known as marmalade oranges, are in the shops in January. They're too bitter to eat, but are the best oranges for making marmalade. Once you've made your own, you won't eat shop bought again!

This recipe make 6 to 7 lbs (2.7 to 3.2kg)

Equipment: Pressure cooker or preserving pan, lemon / orange squeezer, piece of muslin or handkerchief and string for tightening, mincer (optional), saucers, jam jars.

#### Ingredients:

900g (2lbs) Seville oranges	2 small lemons	1.1 litres (2 pts) water	1.8kg (4lb) warmed sugar
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Put a couple of saucers in the fridge to cool.

#### Method:

Wash and halve the oranges. Squeeze out the juice and reserve all the juice and the pips. Slice thinly, or mince, the peel. Put the prepared peel, pulp & juice and water into your pan. Tie the pips in the muslin / hankie and add this to the pan. If you are using a pressure cooker, bring it to a high /15lb pressure and cook for 30 minutes. Reduce the pressure slowly. Otherwise boil the fruit, water and bag of pips until the fruit is soft, this will take some time.

Allow the fruit to cool a little, then make sure that the peel is really soft by pressing it between your thumb and first finger—if not soft, boil a bit longer.

Take out the bag of pips and squeeze the juice from it into the pan. Now add the warmed sugar to the pan and stir until it has dissolved. You can discard the pips.

Return the pan to the heat and boil the marmalade rapidly - called a "rolling boil" - until setting point is reached. This is when a small amount on a saucer sets. Test by pushing with your finger - the surface should wrinkle.

Remove the pan from the heat and allow the marmalade to stand for about 10 minutes. During this time, fill your jam jars with very hot water to sterilise them (or pop into a hot oven for a few minutes).

Stir the marmalade well, pour it into warm jars, cover and label.

Variations: Three fruit marmalade: 2 lemons, 1 large sweet orange, 1 grapefruit, 900ml water, 1.4kg warmed sugar

Thick dark marmalade: 900g Seville oranges, 2 small lemons, 1 litre water, 30ml treacle, 1.8kg warmed sugar.



Q. What did Santa say to the smoker?

A. Please don't smoke, it's bad for my elf!

Q. What do they sing at a snowman's birthday party?

A. Freeze a jolly good fellow!

Q. Which famous playwright was terrified of Christmas?

A. Noël Coward!



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### The Servant

The servant earns little money,  
He is almost a slave,  
Yet he loves his Master,  
Who has been so good to him  
For many years.  
The servant has worked  
Endless hours to help  
His fellow beings,  
Thanked little, save  
By the few who know him-  
And by his Lord.  
It sounds a miserable task,  
But far from it,  
It rewards  
More than any on earth,  
For it means  
Helping the helpless,  
Ministering to the poor,  
And supporting the sick,  
Dealing with the disadvantaged  
And loving the unloved.  
The Lord smiles on this,  
And the warmth of His smile  
Penetrates  
Deep within.

Ian Rutter

This brought a smile to my face.

## SMILE

By Spike Milligan

Smiling is infectious  
You catch it like the flu.

When someone smiled at me today  
I started smiling too.

I passed around the corner  
and someone saw my grin.

When he smiled I realised  
I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about that smile  
then realised it's worth.

A single smile just like mine  
could travel around the Earth.

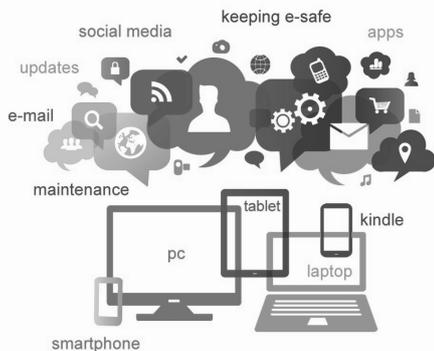
So if you feel a smile begin,  
don't leave it undetected.

Let's start an epidemic quick  
and get the world infected!

Back in the days of tanners and bobs,  
When Mothers had patience and Fathers had jobs.  
When football team families wore hand me down shoes,  
And T.V gave only two channels to choose.  
Back in the days of three penny bits,  
when schools employed nurses to search for your nits.  
When snowballs were harmless; ice slides were permitted  
and all of your jumpers were warm and hand knitted.  
Back in the days of hot ginger beers,  
when children remained so for more than six years.  
When children respected what older folks said,  
and pot was a thing you kept under your bed.  
Back in the days of Listen with Mother,  
when neighbours were friendly and talked to each other.  
When cars were so rare you could play in the street.  
When Doctors made house calls and Police walked the beat.  
Back in the days of Milligan's Goons,  
when butter was butter and songs all had tunes.  
It was dumplings for dinner and trifle for tea,  
and your annual break was a day by the sea.  
Back in the days of Dixon's Dock Green,  
Crackerjack pens and Lyons ice cream.  
When children could freely wear National Health glasses,  
and teachers all stood at the FRONT of their classes.  
Back in the days of rocking and reeling,  
when mobiles were things that you hung from the ceiling.  
When woodwork and pottery got taught in schools,  
and everyone dreamed of a win on the pools.  
Back in the days when I was a lad,  
I can't help but smile for the fun that I had.  
Hopscotch and roller skates; snowballs to lob.  
Back in the days of tanners and bobs.

Posted by John G Hellens on the Dementia & Alzheimers  
UK carers group on Facebook

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Q. What kind of motorbike does Santa ride?

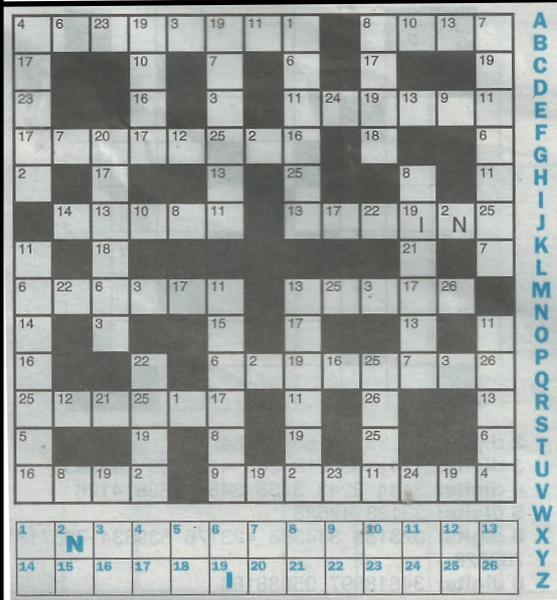
A. A Holly Davidson!

Q. Why are Christmas trees so bad at sewing?

A. They always drop their needles

Q. What does Donald Trump do after he pulls a cracker? A. Pays her off!

Codeword puzzle. The number in each square corresponds to a letter. Fill in these known letters first, then use your skill to work out the others to form the words in the grid. Answer to this quiz is on the penultimate page as always. Sorry for those of you who did the codeword in the last edition, I am very sorry but I printed the completely wrong answer. I wonder if anyone noticed!



It's the grand prize December super quiz.

The prize money has gone up yet again, from a massive £5.21 to £5.26! This huge increase is to encourage more people to enter this most taxing yet rewarding quiz. May I wish everyone who enters, good luck and please spend the prizemoney sensibly.

Entries must be in by the **15th January** for the grand prize draw.

- 1) If you have cryophobia, what are you afraid of?
- 2) Which rock band was founded by Trent Reznor in 1988?
- 3) What is the smallest planet in our solar system?
- 4) Who wrote the novels Gone Girl and Sharp Objects?
- 5) What's the chemical symbol for silver?
- 6) How many permanent teeth does a dog have?
- 7) What's longer, a nautical mile or a mile?
- 8) What does the Latin Tempus mean in English?
- 9) What is the full postcode of the Houses of Parliament?
- 10) Which country in the world is believed to have the most miles of motorway?
- 11) What is rapper P Diddy's real name?
- 12) Which European city hosted the 1936 Summer Olympics?
- 13) Who was the first presenter of the X Factor in the UK?
- 14) The Simpsons was the spin-off show of which American sketch series?
- 15) Which colour pill does Neo swallow in The Matrix?
- 16) What are the two main ingredients of a Dark and Stormy cocktail?
- 17) What is the currency of Vietnam?
- 18) How many keys are there on a piano?
- 19) What is the best-selling novel of all time?
- 20) Which operating system does a Google Pixel phone use?

Q. How many letters are in the Christmas alphabet? A. Only 25, there's no L!

Q. How will Christmas dinner be different after Brexit? A. No Brussels!

***Did someone say there's chocolate in Southwick ?***

ARJ Chocolate was started when owner Arrienne moved to the village of Southwick 4years ago.

Arrienne grew up in Bath before moving here in 2014 and has a background of catering, this is where her love of sweet treats come to light. When Arrienne stopped being a chef she started to make chocolate and sweets, and this is when ARJ Chocolate was started. Arrienne started to make easter eggs for the family with requests of what they wanted them filled with, later that year it turned in to a business and she was attending ARJ chocolate's first Christmas fair based in Trowbridge.

Let's tell you about the chocolate...

ARJ Chocolate handmake all their chocolates. We currently have 7 different types of chocolate ranging from 38% white chocolate to 85% dark chocolate. We even have the all new Ruby chocolate which has fruity notes that come through unlike any other chocolate out there and it's all natural. You can find the Ruby chocolate as a bar of chocolate button pack in our Christmas range. For those who like something more simple and classic we have a delightful 40% milk chocolate with a higher cacao content than the leading brands on the market these days. ARJ chocolate pride ourself of delicately handmade chocolates, decorated by hand, packed by hand, and even delivered to your door ourselves (saving the postie a trip) or posted as a gift.

Do we only operate once a year? No of course not – we all need chocolate all year round (*especially this year*) we make chocolate for Valentine's day, Mother's day, Easter, Father's day, Christmas, and all the other in between events you may celebrate throughout the year including weddings. Our chocolate flavours change to the seasonal event at that time of year and the popular flavours trending with everyone. We've made lots of flavours from a classic dark chocolate orange to chocolate mince pies.

After reading all that you may be left wandering how do you get hold of some delicious local made chocolates? Well here's how simply browse and order our items online at [www.arjchocolate.co.uk](http://www.arjchocolate.co.uk)

As we have never posted an article in Southwick Village News before and as now more than ever its important to support local business, we would like to give the readers a special offer receive 10% off your Christmas order quote – SOUTHWICKCHOCOLATE

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Q. What did Adam say the day before Christmas? A. "It's Christmas, Eve!"

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John the Editor

Q. What do you call a bunch of chess players bragging about their games in a hotel lobby? A. Chess nuts boasting in an open foyer!

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I was thinking of starting up my own rubbish dump business. Can anyone give me some tips?

I went to an Indian restaurant last night and a little old lady came over and said "You look very nice, most handsome" That was my complimentary Nan.

Q. What did Mrs. Claus say to Santa Claus when she looked up in the sky? A. Looks like rain, dear!



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Q. How did Mary and Joseph know Jesus' weight when he was born? A. They had a weigh in a manger!



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I am pleased and delighted to say that we have a winner for the October Grand Prize Trivia General Knowledge Brain Teaser Quiz! The lucky person that has received the Grand Prize of £5.26 was Alan Burden again from Melksham. The power of the internet!

Here we have the long awaited October Edition answers to the Grand Prize quiz!

1. Uruguay
2. 2007
3. K
4. A fighter plane from WWII
5. Neurons
6. Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
7. Black Widow aka Elisabeth (Betty) Ross
8. Day of the Dead
9. The Queen's Official Birthday
10. N' SYNC
11. Ralph Lauren
12. Carl Sandburg
13. Starbuck
14. 7
15. Nicole Kidman
16. 2009
17. Seven years
18. A Jenny
19. Affidavit
20. Rolex

### Answer to Codeword Quiz

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
M	N	L	P	X	U	D	W	K	O	S	C	R
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
B	Q	T	A	F	I	J	Z	V	G	H	E	Y



The worst pub I've ever been in was called The Fiddle. It was a vile inn, it was rough there too, a lot of violence!

### Message from the Editor

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteer distributors who deliver this newsletter in all winds and weather, all year round. Some are not in the best of health but continue to post the issues through the doors without a word of complaint. I really appreciate your help, I couldn't possibly do the job without you all. May I say thank you to the four new volunteer distributors that have kindly come forward to help me out, Carol, Jenny, Emma and Martin. Thank you all you distributors, let's hope for a better 2021.

My heartfelt thanks also goes out to the faithful contributors to the newsletter, again, without your input, the magazine would be pretty thin. Don't forget that I'm always looking for new topics and ideas, so if you haven't sent anything in the past, please feel free to contribute in the future. Lastly, thanks to Ted Pomeroy for all his help and to my patient wife, Marilyn, who works hard behind the scenes without any recognition at all. May I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and let's keep our fingers crossed for a healthy and happy New Year.

At the time of compiling this edition, it seems hopeful that a Vaccine for Covid 19 may be about to be rolled out, I sincerely hope so, so that we can get back to some sort of normality. So, stay safe as they say, enjoy the Christmas season and see you all in 2021.

John Fox  
Editor in chief

### Thank you Carol for these crackers.

What happened to the man who couldn't tell toothpaste from putty?  
All his windows fell out!

How can you keep cool at a football match?  
Stand next to a fan!

Barber: How would you like it sir?  
Man: Could you cut it very short on one side and not at all on the other, with a crooked fringe at the front and big tufts pulled out at the back?  
Barber: Oh dear, I don't think I can manage that sir!  
Man: Why not? You managed it last time!

What's wrong with a man with jelly in one ear and sponge cake and custard in the other?  
He's a trifle deaf!

This one is from Carol's 5 year old grandson Rory....  
Q. How do you get a Pikachu onto a bus?  
A. You Pokémon!

Q. What goes "Ha ha bonk"?  
A. A man laughing his head off!



# 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: hughandonia@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 Andrea Steele	01225 753262 Email: busy_bees@tiscali.co.uk
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	Tuesday 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 Assoc			Mr G Clayton	thetennisguy76@gmail.com
Southwick & N Bradley Scout Group	Group Headquarters The Old School		Mrs L McLean GSL	07565 822449 Email: contactsnbgroup@gmail.com Website: <a href="https://www.southwickandnorthbradleyscouts.org.uk">https://www.southwickandnorthbradleyscouts.org.uk</a>
Southwick & N Bradley Scout Group	Recycling Fund raising Lettings	Collection point for recycling The Old School	Contact 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	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	Shaun Coles	secretary.tdarc@gmail.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

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.