

Southwick Village News

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I thought it would be fitting to save the front page in order to say a huge "Thank You" to Linda Dowsett for all her hard work over the years collecting money for the Guide Dogs Association. Here is her final update. Well done Linda.

Final up-date on the Guide Dog for the Blind Fund-raising.

On 19th December I hit my final £5,000 target to pay for guide dog 'Lindon'.

We did it! Over the last seven and a half years I have been privileged to have the help of my family, friends, neighbours and many of you reading this notice in achieving the magnificent sum of **£35,000.00** to buy seven dogs. At the start I was only going to raise the cash for one dog but as you all know it rather escalated.

Each guide dog we have raised the money for costs £5,000 for the first 2 years of its life. This pays for the birth, vet bills, food and training, even the guide dog harness is over £50.00

All of the fund-raising has been in memory of my darling husband Gordon who died suddenly in 2011 and who most of you knew. The dogs are called GORDON, JIM, ROSIE, MAX, TILLY, LAWRIE & LINDON. All named for special people.

Due to ill health I have decided not to continue with the fund-raising but feel we have between us all achieved a great result and I feel it is the right time to 'retire' from it. It is great knowing that our efforts have given seven blind people their lives back. What a legacy to my Gordon!

A big thank you once again to every one of you who helped in any way over the last few years. I will be eternally grateful.

Much love from Linda Dowsett xx



This is me meeting guide dog Rosie



This is guide dog Jim at 11 weeks.

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.

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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.

Members of the Parish Council

Chair:	Mrs. K. Noble	230 Chantry Gardens, Southwick, BA14 9QX	01225 352503
Vice chair	Mr. D.J. Jackson	Mutton Marsh Farm, Southwick, BA14 9PE	07837 154517
	Mr. M. Boorman	10 Hollis Way, Southwick BA14 9PH	07585554693
	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
	Mr. J. Heydon	57 Hollis Way, Southwick BA14 9PH	07795145249
	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

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

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 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

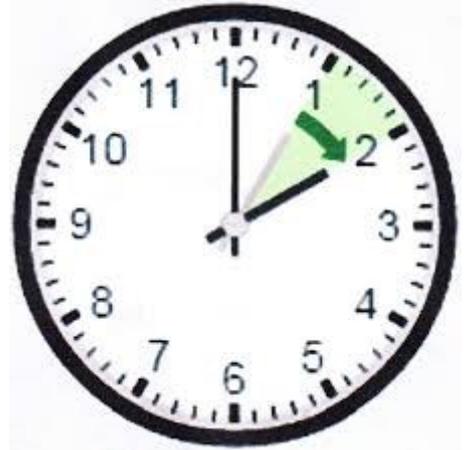
A copy of this newsletter will be available to read at this website, every month I forward an electronic copy to the website for inclusion in the future. Some past editions can also be viewed there. So, if you have friends or relations that live away from Southwick, please tell them about the website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

Daylight Saving Time (DST)

Throughout the winter we've been using Greenwich Mean Time (GMT), which means next time the clocks change they will go forward, putting the country into British Summer Time (BST). So, when the next change comes we'll have an hour less in bed – so here's when it's happening, and why the whole process of the clocks changing exists.

The clocks always go forward at 1.00am on the final Sunday of March – this year, that falls on Sunday 29 March. Just like in spring, the autumn switch comes on a set date, the final Sunday of October – this means that BST will come to an end this year on Sunday 25 October, at the same time.

This gives us an extra precious hour of daylight in the dark autumn and winter months, with the added bonus of an extra hour in bed on the Sunday morning when the clocks change.



Why do we bother changing the clocks? Initially it was rolled out to save energy and get people outside. Why waste electricity when there is perfectly good daylight to be used? The campaign for British Summer Time came about at the beginning of the 20th century. Moving the clocks forward in the summer months would give us darker mornings but lighter, longer evenings. Many people have been credited for coming up with the idea, one idea was proposed in Britain by builder William Willett, says Dr Richard Dunn, senior curator for the History of Science at the Royal Observatory Greenwich.

Willett was "incensed at the 'waste' of useful daylight during the summer. Though the sun had been up for hours as he rode his horse through Chislehurst and Petts Wood, people were still asleep in bed". British Summer Time was adopted in Britain in 1916 to save fuel and money.

Since then, Britain toyed with moving the clocks a number of times, including bringing them forward two hours ahead of GMT during the Second World War. They were also brought forward for periods in the spring of 1947, in line with fuel shortages. There was an experiment, between 1968 and 1971, which kept clocks one hour ahead of GMT all year round.

Britain then reverted to our now familiar system of GMT in the winter and summer time in between March and October.



Congratulations to Mary and Ted Pomeroy on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 2nd January 2020. During the Southwick Seniors meeting that afternoon, their family surprised them with a special cake, so that everyone could celebrate their 60 years.



Village name signs

A villager has asked me to ask if anyone knows why there are two Southwick village signs on the A361 as you enter the village from the Frome direction?

According to Derek Corbin.....Southwick is so great.....they named it twice.

Don't forget chaps.....it is Valentine's day on the 14th February, just in case you forgot.

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.

St. Thomas Church, Southwick

It was lovely to see so many people at the Village Carol Service on 15 December and at the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and 2020 has got off to a good start. Our provisional services over the next two months are below. These might change, so do check on the church notice board, the St Thomas Church Southwick Facebook page, or on the new web site for the churches in Southwick, North Bradley and Steeple Ashton – www.threeinonebenefice.org. The web site is in an advanced state of development and we look forward to its imminent launch.



2 February - 1030 – All-age worship	1 March – 1030 – All-age worship
9 February – 1100 – Parish Communion	8 March – 1100 – Parish Communion
16 February – 1030 – Morning Worship	15 March – 1030 – Morning Worship
23 February – 1100 – Parish Communion	22 March – Mothering Sunday Service – to be arranged
26 February – Ash Wednesday Service – to be arranged	29 March – Joint Benefice Communion Service – to be arranged

Do come and join us for our very sociable coffee mornings on the second Tuesday of each month from 1030 (11 February; 10 March). Everyone is welcome.

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)

We have a club on Wednesdays 1.00pm till 3.00pm for home educated children from age 8 upwards. If anyone would like to pop in and have a chat, please feel free to drop in. You can find us at the Village Hall.

Jacqueline Jenneh



Joshua Brake is really pleased to announce that he is now a Big Brother to a new baby sister “Charlotte Emily”. Charlotte was born on the 30th December 2019 at the Royal United Hospital at 2.58pm.

Her proud parents Martin and Narinder said that she weighed in at 6lb 13.5oz.

They would like to take this opportunity to thank staff at both Trowbridge Hospital and the RUH for their help and care that they provided through the pregnancy and at the delivery.



The Secretary of the Beehive Southwick Cricket Club is on the “look out” for new players / members to join their team. They meet at the Southwick Social Club at the Village Hall and play on the adjoining playing field during the cricket season.

They are also looking for an umpire for their league cricket matches which are played on Saturdays, starting in May.

Winter cricket nets started on the 1st February at the Warminster Cricket Club.

I nearly got knocked off my bike by a Council salt lorry last night. I shouted “You idiot” through gritted teeth!

SOUTHWICK BAPTIST CHURCH



Everyone Welcome



Wynsome Street, Southwick
BA14 9RG

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

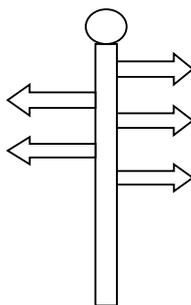
Tuesday 11th February Film Night 'Fisherman's Friends' A 2019 biographical comedy-drama, the film is based on a true story about Port Isaac's **Fisherman's Friends**, a group of Cornish fishermen from Cornwall who were signed by Universal Records.

Tuesday 10th March Speaker from the charity Ruksak 45218 who work to Relieve Child Poverty.

Come along a warm welcome is guaranteed, for any further information please contact **Georgie 01225 785067**

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

1st and 3rd Monday each month, between 3.15 and 5.00 p.m.

(excluding School and Bank Holidays)

Southwick Primary School, Hollis Way, in "The Nest"

Come to talk with us in confidence. Email: fiass.ba14@gmail.com

Supported by:

Southwick Primary School
Southwick Residents Association
Southwick Baptist Church

Sponsored by:

Wiltshire Council
Where everybody matters



In Loving Memory of Dilys Amos 13.11.1923 to 30.11.2019.

Dilys lived in Southwick for well over 40 years, before moving into Westbury Court Care Home for the last 3 years of her life.

She was very involved in the community and was instrumental in setting up the Southwick Seniors, a club for the over 60's, which she also helped run into her 80's. She was a great friend and support to people in the village, helping out with such things as shopping as well as lifts in her car to appointments.

She started her training as a seamstress at the age of 14 and continued her dressmaking and sewing well into her 90's.

She was the second eldest of four children and is now only survived by her younger sister Pat

She married David at the age of 18 but he sadly predeceased her many years before in 1991

Her funeral was held on Friday 20th December at West Wiltshire Crematorium and her family are very grateful to the friends and neighbours from the village who attended, helping make it a fitting celebration of her life. We felt it totally appropriate to play "Unforgettable" the song by Nat King Cole, as we left the chapel, as Dilys was certainly this. Dilys died in Westbury Court Care Home aged 96 following a short illness.



Villagers will have been saddened to hear of the recent deaths of Nick Alford of Chantry Gardens.

Condolences are expressed to the family & friends of Nick & Dilys and to those of any other of whom we are not aware.

Elizabeth Snell & Family

The Family Funeral Service

Our care for you starts from the first phone call

Cote House, 51 Timbrell Street, Trowbridge, BA14 8PN Telephone 01225 775259

16 Warminster Road, Westbury, BA13 3PB

Telephone 01373 864944

www.elizabethsnell.co.uk

info@elizabethsnell.co.uk

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

Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Committee - Call for New Members

We have made some really good progress with the Neighbourhood Plan during recent months and now is a good time for more members of the community to join the NDP Steering Committee. Objectives of the plan have not altered since the Neighbourhood Plan was first initiated and are repeated below for your reference:

Neighbourhood Development Plan - Objectives

- 1) To create a sustainable Southwick; one where development is balanced by improvements in facilities and infrastructure.
- 2) To protect the local environment, especially the rural landscape, historic buildings and wildlife habitats.
- 3) To preserve and enhance a separate village identity from Trowbridge and improve transport linkages.
- 4) To enhance recreational and leisure facilities of the village for all age groups.
- 5) To provide the housing that the community wants and needs, at a scale no larger than is appropriate for a large village, in developments of small to moderate size in the locations it approves, in particular to meet the needs of first time buyers and growing families.
- 6) To improve the village environment and public realm by appropriate enhancements to landscaping and existing urban features, including street furniture, provision of new green open spaces and enhancement of existing ones, including new tree planting.
- 7) To ensure that new developments improve transport sustainability rather than make it worse.
- 8) To ensure that new development does not add to existing flooding problems and where possible, it improves the current situation for existing as well as new buildings.
- 9) To ensure good, locally relevant and distinctive design in all new development.

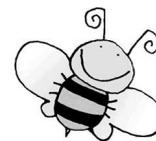
Steering Group meetings are held as necessary on a weekday evening, convenient to the majority of members. If joining the NDP Steering Group is something that you would like to consider or discuss further, please do get in contact with me in the first instance (john.eatonpdq@gmail.com).

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



Busy Bees pre school have had a busy few months and welcome two new team members, Andrea Steel joins us from a voluntary post for the previous 12 years to a full time post as administration Manager for the setting. We also welcome Laura Anstead full time to the team.

In November we received an Ofsted inspection which was reported as "Good" with outstanding attributes. We were all thrilled with this outcome.

This term busy bees starts the launch of its forest schools, which we are all very excited about. We also have lots of professionals coming in from the police force, the army, the hospital, the vets to talk to our children about staying safe and looking after each other. We are also looking forward to seeing the year 11 students from The Clarendon academy who will be assessed for their GCSE in social care with our children. It is very exciting and we can't wait to see all of the great things they have planned for us.

Busy Bees will be having an open day on Saturday 29th February from 10.30am - 12.00 come along and meet the team and its committee, whether you are a new parent and looking for a family friendly pre school to enrol your child or you are one of our lovely neighbours that would just like to say hello, everyone is welcome. We have no spaces left for the current term but a waiting list is available for those interested in next term.

We would like to wish all friends of Busy Bees a very happy new year 2019 was certainly eventful However, 2020 is already bright and shining. Thank you for your continued support.

#TeamBusyBees

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Welcome to 2020 and the first item of the year. I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and that the New Year brings you all that you may wish for.

I understand that there have been a prolific amount of incidents, crime wise in the village throughout the Christmas period, quite a minor crime wave in fact. I will list the incidents that I am aware of.

15/12/19 Hoopers Pool, a locked shed was entered by someone breaking the lock off also at the same location a lock was broken off a detached garage and the side window was smashed. Nothing taken from the shed but 2x Stihl hedge cutters and 1x Stihl chainsaw were taken from the garage. 22nd/23rd/12/19 attempted entry into a garden shed in Southfields and a nearby workshop, nothing taken. Also the same date entry was gained into a garage on Wesley Close via a garden side door; some cans of Cider were stolen. 20/23rd Dec 19 a works van, parked on a driveway was broken into on Orchard Drive, work tools taken. 25/12/19 a person gained partial entry into a property at the Mowlems, Southwick via an insecure front window. It sounds as though they were disturbed as nothing was taken and as it was partial entry obviously they did not get in completely. A parked vehicle/box van parked at the Dunkirk Business Park had its fuel cap torn off and the whole tank of fuel siphoned out. 03/01/20 a shed at Arnold Court Corner was broken into and tools stolen. At the same time a fence to another property was damaged and another shed was broken into the contents being ransacked but nothing taken. 01/01/20 a parked van at the Southwick social club was broken into by smashing a window and a number of electric tools and a radio stolen. 03/01/20 an unlocked and temporary parked van in Church Street was entered and 2x Makita cordless drills, 1x Makita radio and 1x Bosch cordless drill and a Bosch multi tool set were all taken. At a time between 27 Dec and 02 Jan an integral garage in Hollis Way was forced open and a S1M red Scooter removed. Additionally I understand that a number of people were stopped for drink driving in the Trowbridge area, it is understood that at least one of these was from Southwick and will show up in the January Statistics.

These incidents show how important it is to secure your outbuildings and store garden machinery in the most secure place you can find. Although locks and other fastenings can be broken off they do act as a deterrent and cause a would be thief to make some noise when breaking into the lock. With the spring gardening season approaching be extra aware to secure sheds when you have been using them, it is very easy to put tools away and leave the door insecure when you leave the garden or allotment. In addition to all the incidents listed above there have been a couple of similar incidents in North Bradley. If anyone has any information on any of these incidents or been offered cheap tools, please inform the Police on 101.

The Chief Constable is asking if everyone would be prepared to pay an extra £1 a month on their Community Charge to keep the standard of Policing at its current level. Last year we all paid extra to enable him to provide extra Policing. He states that he was able to recruit an extra 41 officers and two dedicated cyber-crime staff who are currently in training. He says that they will join the PCSOs soon. He goes on to say that he doubled the number of trainees last October but they will take three years to train. My view is if we agree to the extra £1 to maintain the Police at their present level, which I think is pretty poor, how long will it take to raise the standard to an acceptable level of performance for the General Public without this requested additional finance becoming the norm and increasing every year to supplement any finances the government come up with in the near future. (just my view not Official) The consultation period ended on 31st Jan anyway for this year so I am sure we will soon be made aware of the final decision before April and the start of the new financial year.

As always feel free to report anything to me, I will reply as soon as I can. Report anything to the Police on 101 and emergencies on 999. If you have any information on anything else then you can report it anonymously to Crime Stoppers on 0800 555111.

Jim Jilbert 763314

There have been a lot of break-ins to garages and sheds in Southwick and a lot of items been stolen. This is what the police are advising:-

Garden security is very important as the garden is an access point into your home.

Secure your garden with lockable gates and walls or substantial fencing. Thorny plants around the perimeter and trellis on top of fences make it harder for an intruder to access your garden.

Keep your ladder and garden tools locked away, as they can be used by burglars to access your home. Keep tools inside if you do not have a garden shed.

Remember to lock garage and shed windows and doors. Use electronic shed alarms or padlock alarms to deter thieves.

Make sure any valuable items stored in sheds are well-secured, to a ground / wall anchor where possible.

Store bins securely to prevent them from being used to access upstairs windows or flat roofs.

Outside security lighting can act as a deterrent for burglars.

Walking on gravel is noisy and this can help to deter intruders."



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:

BEAVERS

Thursdays:

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Tuesdays:

SCOUTS

Tuesdays:

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



SOUTHWICK VILLAGE BINGO CLUB

FAMILY BINGO

SOUTHWICK VILLAGE HALL
at 7:45pm

WED: FEB 12th

WED: FEB 26th

WED: MAR 11th

WED: MAR 25th

ADMISSION: 50p BOOKS: 80p

RAFFLE AND REFRESHMENTS

ALL WELCOME

PROCEEDS FOR LOCAL AMENITIES



SOUTHWICK & NORTH BRADLEY SCOUT HQ, THE OLD SCHOOL, FROME ROAD, SOUTHWICK, BA14 9QF



Join us for a

RACE NIGHT

Southwick & North Bradley Scout HQ

FRIDAY 6 MARCH 2020

£10 per ticket - includes ownership of a horse, cheeseboard & nibbles

Doors open 7.30pm - first race 8pm til 11pm

Paying bar, tote & raffle

All welcome, advance tickets only - to buy your tickets visit:

<https://buytickets.at/southwicknorthbradleyscoutgroup/337697>

Telephone 01225 755541 or ask a Scout Leader.

Raising funds for camps, activities & upkeep of the HQ.



1st Southwick Guides



Before Christmas the Southwick guides enjoyed a trip ice skating, an evening learning Makaton, several evenings making sweets for the confectioner badge and some Christmas activities.

This year the guides are busy planning their evenings from the new guide programme and have chosen activities from the Innovation theme. They have reorganised their patrols and welcomed new members Ciena, Eliza, Ellie, Isabella and Tabitha to the unit. Several older members are moving up to Southwick Rangers.

Thank you to everyone that supported the Guide Bingo and the Guide Bag Packing. Both events were successful in helping to raise funds for the Guide unit.



1st Southwick Rangers



Before Christmas the Rangers enjoyed Christmas crafts, activities and a trip Ice Skating.

This year we are pleased to welcome several new members and hope to complete some interest badges.

Rangers continues to offer the opportunity for girls aged 14 to 18 to be part of Girl Guiding and take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.

1st Southwick Brownies



Last term we welcomed 5 new Brownies up from Rainbows who are having a great time with us. We started the term with 2 Promises and in keeping with Bonfire Night , made Catherine Wheel pinwheels.



We also made (or attempted to make!) mini Christmas pudding truffles which were delicious!

The rest of the term comprised of Christmas craft such as decoupage baubles and sequin baubles. We ended the Christmas treat with a trip to Frankie & Bennys where the new Brownies made their Promises after a yummy meal!



1st Southwick Rainbows

At the end of the Christmas term we had 2 very enjoyable weeks making Christmas crafts to take home. We also had 2 lovely outings – the first to Frankie and Benny’s for a Christmas meal and the second to the Odeon cinema to see the special Girlguiding show of Frozen 2. The girls thoroughly enjoyed both outings and their behaviour was wonderful.

This term, we are going to be learning lots about recycling and trying to help our environment and planet. We are also going to be thinking about the people who help us on a day to day basis and in our wider lives and telling them how much we appreciate them.

In October we said goodbye to Milly, Amelie, Amelia L, Millie M, Jessica and Elise as they moved to Brownies and in December, Evie, Amelia and Cerys also left the unit to join Brownies. We have now welcomed two new girls, River and Isla, and now have only 9 girls in the unit. If you would be interested in your daughter joining please get in touch. For more information about the unit contact Jennie or Claire at 1stsouthwickrainbows@gmail.com

Early Birdz Toddler Group

**Early Birdz toddler group meet at Southwick Baptist Church on Tuesday mornings 10.00 till 11.30.
Come along and have a tea/ coffee while the toddlers have fun.**

Scout Group Lottery

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

The Annual Autumn Draw was made at the Village Hall Bingo on November 27th and the result was as follows:

1st Prize	£60	No.56	Mr J Harrow of Trowbridge
2nd Prize	£30	No. 20	Mrs H Robinson of North Bradley
3rd Prize	£10	No. 192	Mrs D Ford of Southwick

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:

13th February	Dickon Povey "I didn't mean to go abroad!!" Part 1
27th February	Beetle Drive
12th March	Special afternoon tea
26th March	Dickon Povey "I didn't mean to go abroad!!" Part 2
28th March	Annual Birthday lunch and entertainment at 1pm
9th April	46th AGM, All are welcome

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 Chairman Ted Pomeroy on 01225 755541.

Southwick Women's Institute



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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

Do you have a couple of hours to spare and would like to join a friendly group for art or any other craft? We will supply you with a tea/coffee and perhaps a biscuit!

You could join in with various art topics, or just work on whatever you wish. If you'd prefer it, you could even bring knitting or crotchet.

We meet in the Committee Room of Southwick Village Hall on Monday afternoons, between 2 – 4pm. We'd love to see you there!

The other day I went in to a pet shop and asked the assistant "Can I buy a goldfish?"
The chap said, "Do you want an aquarium?" I said, "I don't care what star sign it is."

Two goldfish are in a tank.

One looks at the other and says, "You know how to drive this thing?!"

Two soldiers are in a tank.

One looks at the other and says, "BLUBLUBBLUBLUBBLUB."

From the Editor: I know this happened in Amesbury recently, but it could happen here in Southwick just as easily. This is an extract from Wiltshire council's website: Warning to residents about an illegal waste collector

An Amesbury resident has been issued with a £200 Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) for failing to check the details of a 'man with a van', whom they paid £50 cash to take their waste away. The waste was subsequently found fly-tipped on land in Cholderton.

Wiltshire Council was unable to trace the person responsible for dumping the waste, because the resident failed to comply with their duty of care and was unable to provide any information that could have identified the fly-tipper.

If the resident had correctly checked the waste carriers licence details with the Environment Agency and noted down the licence number, along with other details, this would have allowed Enforcement Officers to trace the person who took the waste away and dumped it.

Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cabinet Member for Transport, Highways and Waste, said: "This is the fifth FPN issued to a person for failing to check for an appropriate waste carriers licence in recent months. "We desperately want to trace and prosecute the person(s) responsible for dumping rubbish, but we can only trace the fly-tippers when residents comply with their duty of care by checking the waste carriers licence, along with other details.

"People should be wary about using a 'man with a van' or similar adverts on social media to dispose of waste without making all the necessary checks, including writing down the waste carrier's licence number, and also we advise taking down the registration number of the vehicle taking the waste."

Wiltshire Council has introduced the FPN to avoid the need for expensive, time-consuming prosecutions and provide a more efficient and proportionate response to the issue. The FPN is set at £400 but reduced to £200 if paid within 10 days. Once a fixed penalty is issued, the recipients cannot be named as it is not a court conviction.

Householders and businesses have a duty of care under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to ensure that their waste is transferred only to authorised persons. To prevent waste being fly-tipped, people need to:

- Check that the person they pass their waste to is an authorised carrier by visiting the Environment Agency website or by calling the Environment Agency on 03708 506506.
- Check that the person who is taking the waste has an upper tier waste carriers licence to collect waste issued by the Environment Agency.
- Note the registration number of any vehicle taking the waste away, as well as the vehicle description and that of the collectors.
- Ask for a receipt detailing where the waste is going, information about the transportation vehicle and the carrier's authorisation number. This is a legal obligation for businesses, but householders are also advised to request this information.
- Take your own household waste to a household recycling centre.
- Residents can report fly-tipping online.

Residents can also report waste collectors that they suspect of being unlicensed online. If the information they report leads to the successful prosecution of an offender or the payment of a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN), they could earn a reward of up to £200 in high street vouchers.

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 587 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.

I particularly found the articles and photographs of the Fleur de Lys Public house interesting, just think....I am sitting only a few yards away from where people used to drink and be merry, quite amazing really.

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.

Looking for something to do in the cold winter months? Well look no further, as Hope Nature Centre are running an array of events to keep everyone entertained!

On February 8th, we have our first ever Make-Your-Own Pizza event, where children can come and make their own tasty pizza. Half term is packed full of fun this year, as we've got a variety of events to enjoy. Crafty Half Term is a brand-new event, where little ones can get creative on the Hope Hub, decorating a variety of items with glitter, paint and more! Don't miss our Half Term Feb Fun Days, on Wednesday 19th and Saturday 22nd February. There will be animal meet and greets, animal petting, giant games, a bouncy castle and lots more fun to be had.



For the grownups, we have a 'best of Scotland' quiz, all for only £12.95 per person. We've got lots of Valentines offerings available for those romantics. Enjoy a delightful Afternoon Tea on the 14th & 15th February, and our fantastic Sunday Roasts on the 16th February. With so much going on, there has never been a better time to come and enjoy an afternoon at Hope Nature Centre.

You can book tables for our Make-Your-Own Pizza or Valentines events by calling 01225 759075. Find out more about our events here - www.hopenaturecentre.org.uk/events/

Our Café and Animal Park are also open daily throughout the winter, so if you're looking for somewhere to come and stretch your legs, and enjoy some time outdoors, then come on in. Our Café is also serving breakfast, lunch, and a selection of homemade cakes and coffee to help warm you up in the chilly months!



WE ARE THE SURVIVORS(for those born before 1940

We were born before television, Before penicillin, Polio shots, Frozen food, Xerox, plastic, Contact lenses Videos, and the pill. We were before radar, Credit cards, Split atoms, Laser beams, Ball point pens; Before dish washers, Tumble dryers, Electric blankets and before man walked on the moon. We married first then lived together (How quaint) We thought ; fast food was what we ate in Lent; A big "MAC" was an oversized raincoat, And Crumpet we had for tea. We existed before house husbands, Computer dating, Dual careers and when a "Meaningful Relationship" meant getting along with your cousins, And sheltered accommodation was where we waited for a bus. We were before day care centres, Group homes and disposable nappies, Artificial hearts, Word processors, Yoghurt and men wearing ear rings. For us "time sharing" meant togetherness, A chip was a piece of wood or a fried potato, "Hardware" was nuts and bolts and software wasn't even a word. Before 1940 "Made in JAPAN" meant junk, The term "making out" referred to how you did in your exams, A "stud" was to fasten your collar to your shirt and going "all the way" meant staying on the bus until it reached the depot.

Pizzas, Macdonalds and instant coffee were unheard of. In our day cigarette smoking was fashionable, "Grass" was mown "Coke" was kept in the coal house, A "Joint" was a piece of meat which we ate on a Sunday and "Pot was something you cooked in. "Rock music was a grandmothers lullaby, "Eldorado" was an ice cream, A "Gay person" was the life and soul of the party, and nothing more, While " Aids" was a beauty treatment or helping someone in trouble. We, who were born before 1940, must be a hardy bunch when you think of how the world has changed, and the adjustments we have had to make. No wonder we are so confused, and why there is a "generation gap".

BUT BY THE GRACE OF GOD WE HAVE SURVIVED

WHAT SENIOR CITIZENS ARE WORTH

Did you know we old folk are worth a fortune? We have silver in our hair; gold in our teeth, stones in our kidneys, lead in our feet and gas in our stomachs!

I have become older since I saw you last and a few changes have come in to my life. Frankly, I have become a frivolous old woman!!! I am seeing six gentlemen every day! As soon as I wake up Will Power helps me out of bed, then I go to see Jimmy Riddle and then it's time for breakfast with Mr Kellogg, followed closely by the refreshing company of Mr Tetley or my other friend who I only know by his initials – PG!

Then comes someone I don't like at all - Arthur Itis - he knows he is not welcome, but he insists on being here, and what is more, he stays for the rest of the day. Even then he doesn't like to stay in one place, so he takes me from joint to joint. After such a hectic day I am glad to go to bed (and with Johnny Walker too!!!), what a hectic life. Oh yes, I am now flirting with Al Zheimer!

The Vicar came to call the other day and said that at my age I should be thinking of the hereafter. So I told him I did all the time. For no matter where I am, the bedroom, the sitting room or the garden, I ask myself, "Now what am I here after?"

Well I will close now and hope that Will Power is your constant companion too, but do make sure that his friend Emma Royd does not creep up on you from behind!!! And watch out for the crafty one - Gerry Atric!

Many thanks to Marilyn Pitman for these, so true!

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. The football season is now in full flow and we have been showing games on most nights. You can enjoy the friendly ambiance while you watch various sporting events on our big screen TV (HD projector). By the next newsletter comes out, the F1 and MotoGP seasons will have started and all the races can be seen in the club. 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 2020 membership of the Club is now due. The renewal fee for current members is still £5 up to 1st March. From 1st March the fee will be £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 the membership fee with one or two visits!

With regard to facilities, we have a pool table, which is only 50p per game, along with a pool team in the Trowbridge league who are currently bottom of division 2. There is **free pool** on Monday, Tuesday & Friday evenings and Sunday lunchtime. Players meet on Monday nights and either play matches or practise.

The skittles league is now under way and having being promoted to division 1, the Southwick club team have got off to a very poor start and are currently in bottom place having played eight, won none with 7.5 points. Two other skittles team play in the village hall alley. The Rising Sun are top of division 1 having played seven, won seven with 40 points. The Wanderers are currently second bottom in division 3 having played seven, won two with 17 points

The club's crib team are currently top of the league despite the rare occurrence of losing a match.

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 will be continuing with another one this year for members and members guests. All our functions can be found on the Club website.

The club also have a bar in the village hall annex which is open when there are functions in the hall. If you need to book a function, wedding reception, birthday party, etc., contact Kath Noble on 01225 352503 and don't forget to say you want a bar.

So, if anyone is interested in joining the Club with it's 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.

Q: If you're American in the living room, what are you in the bathroom? A: European.

I would just like to say "thank you" to the two people that have come forward to fill the gaps as Distributors of this newsletter. I very much appreciate them both for volunteering their time, it is people like that who help me considerably in the production of this newsletter. Thanks again to all the other distributors, let's hope for better weather this year!!! Thanks also to the contributors of the articles that have appeared, there have been some new ideas and topics this time, please keep them coming and don't be afraid to approach me, I don't bite!

Thanks again,
John the Editor.

Carol Watson's recipes of the Month

Do you like "Real Bread"?

As some of you know, I am passionate about Real Bread. Making it is not as difficult as you may think. It takes time, yes, but not a lot of your time and it tastes really good.

If anyone is interested in having a go, give me a call on 07921 518510. I'm happy to show you how and chat about things bread.

Carol.

Easter Lamb Pie

Most of the work for this sunny, zesty pie can be done in advance.

Serves 4 to 6

Ingredients

2 tbsps. olive oil	a small bunch of thyme leaves picked & chopped
1 onion chopped	grated zest of lemon
2 celery sticks, chopped	4—6 anchovy fillets (optional)
2 garlic cloves, finely chopped	200g jar of artichokes drained & roughly chopped
600g shoulder of lamb, diced	150g cherry tomatoes, halved
1 glass of dry white wine	2 tbsps. baby capers (optional)
2 tbsps. plain flour	500g puff pastry
600ml chicken or lamb stock	beaten egg to glaze
2 bay leaves	salt & pepper
A small bunch of Rosemary leaves, picked & chopped	

Heat the oil in a pan, add the onion, celery, garlic and cook gently for 5 to 10 minutes, until just starting to colour. Raise the heat a little, add the meat and cook until sealed all over (don't let it colour too much). Add the wine and simmer until reduced by half. Stir in the flour then gradually stir in the stock, herbs, lemon zest and anchovies. (if using) and bring to a simmer. Cover and cook gently for 1 to 1 1/2 hours until the meat is very tender.

Remove from the heat and still in the artichokes, tomatoes and capers if using. Check the seasoning, then transfer the mixture to a pie dish and leave to cool. Preheat oven to 180 degrees C / 350 degrees C / gas Mk4.

Roll out the pastry to about 3mm thick on a lightly floured surface. Cover the pie with the pastry and trim off the excess. Brush with a beaten egg and make a couple of small holes in the centre to let out the steam.

Bake in oven for 30—35 minutes until golden brown.

Apple & Blueberry Canoodle

"A hug and a squeeze of a pudding to be baked for one's true love" Ingredients Serves 4

4 large cooking apples cored peeled & chopped	juice and grated zest of 2 lemons
100g of soft brown sugar	1 teaspoon mix ground spice
200g of blueberries	5 sheets of filo pastry
125g unsalted butter melted	50g chopped toasted hazelnuts
1 tablespoon castor sugar mixed with 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon	
For dusting use icing sugar	

Put apples, lemon juice and zest, sugar & spice in a pan and bring to a low simmer. Cover and cook gently for 15 to 20 minutes until apples are very tender but still hold their shape.

Remove from the heat, stir in the blueberries and leave to cool. Preheat the oven to 180 degC 350F gas MK 4.

Place a sheet of filo pastry on a damp tea towel. Brush with the melted butter and sprinkle with the nuts. Add another sheet of filo, butter it and sprinkle with more nuts. Repeat with the remaining filo, butter and nuts to give a stack of filo sheets. (Reserve a few nuts to decorate).

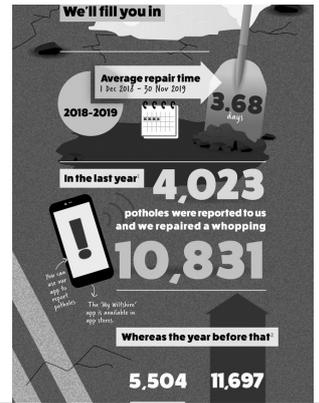
Spread the apple filling along one short edge of the pastry taking it just short of the edges. Roll the pastry around the filling, using the tea towel to help you roll and tucking in the pastry at the sides once or twice as you go. Turn it so that the seam is underneath and brush all over with melted butter. Place on a greased baking sheet and bake for 25 to 30 minutes until golden. Brush with the melted butter and sprinkle with the remaining nuts and dust with the cinnamon sugar / icing sugar.

Serve warm or at room temperature, with cream, custard or ice cream—or all 3 !

Potholes!

If you have a smart mobile telephone and come across a dangerous or annoying pothole in the County's road network, it is possible to report it quickly and efficiently using the County's app. I have downloaded the app (Application) and registered it onto my phone and can now report any potholes with ease. The Council say that the high rainfall and water levels this winter have led to potholes in the roads and that they need our help. They state that "We are asking drivers to report them using the MYWiltshire App so they can be dealt with swiftly by the highways team."

The [MyWiltshire App](#) can be downloaded on smart phones or accessed on the [council website](#)



Notes from Southwick Country Park

A new year and a new decade and a very nice surprise. Our first work party of the year held as usual on the second Wednesday of the month saw all the volunteers turn out. The weather was damp but the rain held off and it wasn't too cold but at the end of the session as we were preparing to pack up, a regular dog walker spoke to us and offered a very generous and welcome donation. She doesn't mind what we spend it on but just wanted to show her appreciation of the work done by the volunteers. It makes it all worthwhile.

Watch this space.

The weather so far this winter has been mild and wet and several times the streams have broken their banks and the pathways flooded. Dave, our usual volunteer photographer has been unable to visit the Park as much as he would like, but Clive has supplied us with lovely views of the floods. Hope you have all been able to get around the Park but there is little we can do at present.

The last session of 2019 was a bit of a get together for the Friends with shared food and drinks before the Christmas break. Always enjoyable but unfortunately cut short due to spots of rain and dark looming clouds.

Most of our tasks over the last few sessions have been cutting back brambles and brash, haloing some of the larger trees and using wood chippings on the muddy pathways. The main car park has also received some attention but continues to prove a job in progress.

As always we welcome any new volunteers and remind you, we meet on the second Wednesday and last Tuesday of the month at 9.30 am in the Car Park.



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You don't have to be in the village to advertise, but it would be nice to hear from local firms and individuals as this publication goes to almost 1000 households in the Southwick area. It is also viewed on line, so your advert can be seen worldwide.

If you can't get access to a computer, don't worry, I can always draw your advert up for you.

John the Editor

My three year old girl asked me:

"Where does poo come from?"

I was a little uncomfortable but decided to give her an honest explanation. So I said, "You just ate breakfast, yes?"

"Yes." she replied.

"Well, the food goes into our tummies and our bodies take out all the good stuff, and then whatever is left over comes out of our bums when we go to the toilet, and that is poo."

She looked a little perplexed, and stared at me in stunned silence for a few seconds and asked, "And Tigger?"



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Here is a little Sudoku puzzle for you, answers are on the penultimate page.

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A wife sent her husband a romantic text message... She wrote: "If you are sleeping, send me your dreams. If you are laughing, send me your smile. If you are eating, send me a bite. If you are drinking, send me a sip. If you are crying, send me your tears. I love you." Her husband texted back: "I'm on the toilet, please advise."

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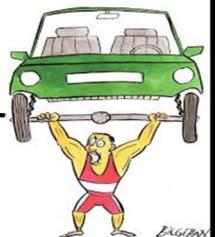
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I am pleased and delighted to say that we have a winner for the December edition's Paul Nicholl's Grand Prize Trivia General Knowledge Brain Teaser Quiz!

The lucky person that has received the Grand Prize of £5.10 was Maria Groves of Blind Lane, Southwick. Many congratulations to Maria, I have advised her to spend it wisely and not to go to the press for fear of being mobbed and hounded. This is the price that you have to pay for winning such a Grand Prize.

This month's prize money has been increased to £5.15, I know, it is almost too much! All entries must be delivered to the editor's home address by no later than the 15th March. No entries will be accepted after that date. The first correct entry to be pulled out of the hat will be the winner. The lucky Prize winner will be announced in the April edition of the newsletter.

So, here is the long awaited Feb / March's Paul Nicholl's Grand Prize Trivia General Knowledge Brain Teaser Quiz

- 1) To which animal does the adjective "Porcine" refer?
- 2) What word links deep, graft, tight and snake?
- 3) Which retired footballer managed the England team at the 2018 World Cup?
- 4) What was the first cookery series to star Jamie Oliver?
- 5) Which 2018 BBC drama starred Richard Madder as a specialist protection officer for Keeley Hawes character?
- 6) What description is applied to the highest grade of olive oil?
- 7) What phrase for a sceptical person is inspired by one of Jesus' Apostils?
- 8) What is the "Flying Scotsman"?
- 9) In modern cricket, over how many days does a men's test match take place?
- 10) What type of soft shoes were originally worn by native Americans and are traditionally embroidered or beaded?
- 11) The pituitary gland is found at the base of which organ?
- 12) In Chinese philosophy, what is the complimentary opposite to "Yin"?
- 13) In which year did the Berlin Wall fall?
- 14) What is the offspring of a donkey and a horse called?
- 15) In which sea is the Greek island of Santorini?
- 16) What kitchen item is often given as a consolation prize to a team that has come last in a competition?
- 17) In which classic film does Humphrey Bogart say "Here's looking at you kid"?
- 18) In the military, what does the "M" in MIA stand for?
- 19) By what name is the author Lady Mallowan better known?
- 20) Of which country is Zagreb the capital?

Memories of Southwick School.

Although it has been many years ago since I attended Southwick Primary School, I remember it well.

The school was divided into three classes. Infants were taught in the classroom nearest the playground. The long room was for the older pupils, and divided into two separated by Hessian screens, which were not very practical. School rooms in those days were dark and dull, nothing like the bright and cheerful classrooms of today. Walls were decorated in institutional dark brown and cream paint. Miss Kington taught the infants, and Mrs Collett and Miss Gilder, the headmistress, taught the older children. The school library consisted of one shelf in a cupboard, presided over by Miss Gilder.

Heating came from three coke stoves with big mesh guards around them, one for each class. If you were lucky enough to be sitting near one, you felt warm. But if you were sitting near the back, you didn't benefit at all. In Winter wet mittens, scarves and hats were dried out on the fire guards. During very cold weather, our small bottles of milk froze. These were placed in front of the stoves to thaw out. At break time the thawed milk was still warm, which I found unpleasant to drink. I'm convinced it was because of this that I have never been keen on milk.

Like most schools in those days, the toilets were at the far end of the playground. Boys on one side and girls the other. Only the cubicles had roofs, so consequently boys being boys, would try to look over into the girls side. Toilet paper was kept in a cupboard and had to be requested from the headmistress. She generously issued one or two sheets at a time.

During playtime we could run into the lane because it wasn't fenced in. A row of trees stood between it and the playground, and we would run around them, in and out of the lane. Often holes were scooped out from the earth for games of marbles. Hopscotch and skipping with ropes were great favourites of the girls, and still are.

Whenever a pupil had a birthday a box of instruments was produced at the beginning of the day. The birthday boy or girl chose friends to join him, or her, at the front of the class. Instruments were selected from the box, and played to accompany the morning hymn. How important we felt on those occasions.

Happy days!

From Janice Heatherwick.

There was an Englishman, an Irishman, and a Bear: The Englishman said, "I like English ladies best."

The Irishman said, "I like Irish ladies best." And the bear said, "I like bear ladies best."

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I was at a sophisticated dinner party the other day... when I broke wind loudly. One of the guests was appalled and said indignantly, "How dare you break wind in front of my wife!" I said, "I'm sorry, I didn't realize it was her turn next."

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Just to name a few! There is something for everyone. So come see what's on offer and have a fun filled day out, and why not think about entering some of the competition classes! We all look forward to seeing you there, being a part of the show or if you're just coming along to support us & the local businesses. We can't wait!



Why can't you hear a pterodactyl go to the bathroom?

Because the "P" is silent!

Q: What do Alexander the Great and Winnie the Pooh have in common?

A: Same middle name.

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Here are the answers to the Sudoku puzzle set earlier in this edition.

The Seasons

For as long
As we can remember
The year has come
And gone,
Spring to Summer,
Autumn to Winter,
An annual procession;
The beauties
Of the transitions
Are legendary
And well documented,
But is there some movement?
Spring come earlier now,
Winter is milder than before.
The spectacle is the same
But the timing is different ---
The climate warms slightly.
Do not ask the question why,
For the answer is marked
With general puzzlement.
Suffice it to say
Something is afoot,
And we can only pause
And ponder,
Wait and see. . . .

Ian Rutter

Written a little while ago,
with all the talk now of CO2,
what do YOU believe?

Here we have the long awaited answers to the December's edition of Paul Nicholl's Grand Prize quiz!

- 1) The Lungs
- 2) Post
- 3) Billie Holiday
- 4) Clover
- 5) Saturn
- 6) An omelette
- 7) Chippy
- 8) Six
- 9) The Mayflower
- 10) Basmati Rice
- 11) New England (Maine & Massachusetts)
- 12) A Parliament
- 13) Hagrid
- 14) Green
- 15) Over
- 16) Edinburgh
- 17) Keyhole surgery or Laparoscopy
- 18) The Mona Lisa
- 19) Lithuania
- 20) Taurus

Q. Did Adam and Eve ever have a date?

A. No, they had an apple!

Did you hear about the bed bugs who fell in love? They're getting married in the spring!

Q. Why do skunks love Valentine's Day?

A. Because they're scent-imental creatures!

Q. Why shouldn't you fall in love with a pastry chef?

A. He'll dessert you.

Q. How did the phone propose to his girlfriend on Valentine's Day?

A. He gave her a ring.

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 Andria Steele	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	Tuesday 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	thetennisyguy76@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	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.