

# SOUTHWICK *VILLAGE NEWS*

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**Roy Butt**

***'A true servant of the village'***

See inside for memories and anecdotes from fellow villagers

## – Southwick Parish Council –

The Council has eleven elected members and meets on the third Tuesday of each month in the Village Hall. For Parish Council meeting minutes, please visit the Southwick Community website [www.southwickwilts.co.uk](http://www.southwickwilts.co.uk) or read them on the Parish Council notice boards (located at the entrance to the village hall and the bus shelter at Teeside).

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## Your Village Needs You!



Litter Pickers required to support a 'clean-up' of Southwick village.

Full litter-pick kit available including gloves and a 'grabber'.

Please respond to [southwicknl@gmail.com](mailto:southwicknl@gmail.com) for more details and to register your support.

## – Parish Council Update –

### Southwick's Neighbourhood Plan Review

Despite significant delays with securing grant funding, Southwick's Neighbourhood Plan Review is now making really good progress.

Work on assessing potential sites for future housing development coming to fruition and The Steering Group have also collated and mapped all the significant landscape views in the village. A public consultation will follow soon.

### Highways

With winter almost upon us, surface water issues and potholes are likely to become topics of discussion once more. A reminder to submit concerns direct to My Wiltshire App (<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting>) or make one of your local Parish Council representatives aware of the issue.

Work is finally underway to create a new pedestrian walkway and kissing gate on the corner of Goose Street and Brokers Wood Road.

### Leavers & Joiners

Carol Watson has decided to stand down as a councillor from the Parish Council. Carol has decided to focus on her other community commitments. We thank Carol for all her efforts as Parish Councillor and wish her well with her future village endeavours.

### Elderly Neighbours – Reminder!

As the dark nights and cold weather prevail, please remember to keep an eye to elderly neighbours who may find the winter months problematic.

Southwick W.I – We meet at the Village Hall and welcome visitors. At our October meeting we celebrated our 69th birthday with a meal at The Woolpack at Beckington. Thank you to the staff who made use most welcome, we all enjoyed the delicious food.



*Our meetings are as follows:*

**Wednesday 13th December – 7.30pm**

**Christmas Buffet and Quiz**

**Wednesday 17th January 2024 – 2pm to 4pm** *(please note different times)*

**Speaker topic: Travels with a Brompton**

**Competition: Bring a picture of yourself on a bicycle**

**Wednesday 21st February – 2pm to 4pm** *(please note different times)*

**Funs Games**

**Competition: Bring something heart shaped**

**Wednesday 20th March – 7.30pm (Our A.G.M)**

**Speaker topic: Preventing Online Fraud**

**Competition: Bring anything Easter themed**

*Anne Aland W.I Member*

### FREE INTRODUCTORY ADVICE SERVICE SOUTHWICK (FIASS)

FIASS offers free benefit, debt and CV advice along with help preparing and responding to official letters. With Benefit advice we are able and qualified to check you are receiving your entitlement and also fill out lengthy forms on line.

If you have a debt problem, qualified debt counsellors are able to offer initial advice that will, hopefully, lead to a debt free future.

We can offer help with CV writing and interview techniques including writing formal letters.

We are supported by the Wiltshire Area Board, Southwick Residents Association, Southwick Baptist Church and the Southwick Primary School. Our team has years of experience to offer and we are passionate about what we can offer you. We can be contacted through our e-mail at [fiass.ba14@gmail.com](mailto:fiass.ba14@gmail.com)

*In Memoria*  
**– Roy Butt –**  
1931 – 2023

***Roy was one of the pillars of Southwick and a true servant of the village for many, many years. He was a very good and dear friend to many.***

***Thanks to those of you who have expressed your fondest thoughts of Roy.***

***Please see below, a small selection of your thought's, memories, and anecdotes.***

***“Southwick will not be the same without him. Always an enjoyment to get a wave and a smile when passing him on his bike and seeing him keep up the green in the park!”***

***Shelly Ridewood***

***“A true gentleman, I'm so sorry to hear of his passing and sending love to family.”***

***Hei Frank***

***“Showed such devotion to others and so very kind.”***

***Suzanne Sanderson***

***“A remarkable man in a multitude of ways. Always an enlightening, interesting conversationalist with a great appreciation and love of life - what a role model.”***

***Jane Eaton***

***“A true gentleman who did so much for the village. Will be missed by everyone who knew him.”***

***Tracy Curry***

***“The village owes him a great deal.”***

***Jacqueline Janneh***

***“A lovely man and such a pillar of the community.”***

***Barry Jones***

***“Roy and his bicycles!! I laughed when I learned some years back Roy had been presented/gifted a brand-new bike – but preferred the old one so kept using it! I also remember giving him a lift back from a social event in Trowbridge and being quite surprised at a wicked sense of humour. I'd only exchanged greetings and a couple of village hall bookings prior to that.”***

***Gillian Powney***

***“An absolute legend and I hope there will be a fitting memorial to him.”***

***Sarah Hitch***

***“A pillar of the community, served well, a total gent. One anecdote was him being locked in St. Thomas' Church. Roy had to ring the bell till help arrived. A lovely caring man”.***

***Grace Padfield***

***“A true gentleman was Roy. A great loss.”***

***Cathy Allgood***

***“I Knew Roy very well... since I was 6 years old (59 now). Great wicket keeper for the village. He also did a huge amount of work for the village as a whole. He will be sadly missed. RIP Roy.”***

***Wayne Pepper***

***“Roy has been a loved family member - probably my last remaining cousin - we have always kept closely in touch He was indeed 'Mr. Southwick'. - also, with a life of service at St. Thomas Church.”***

***Stanley Jones***

***“Played cricket with Roy in the 80's and he gave me his old cricket boots which served me well for quite a few seasons. A really lovely man who I respected greatly, and he loved the village, as do I. RIP Roy.”***

***Dave Mitchell***

***“The day I never thought would happen.***

***Having spent many a Sunday afternoon with Roy on the pitch while playing for the village, I would like to say thank you for all of his support and guidance when learning the wonderful game. To not only still be playing but to be keeping wicket and all that entails at the age of 72 was unbelievable.”***

***Tony William***

***“A Southwick man through and through and a true gent with the village at his heart. I always remember supporting him to deliver the annual flower show leaflets around the village each year and the piles of these I collected from his house. RIP Roy.”***

***Steve Jefferies***

***“Roy was one of the first people I was introduced to when I first came to Southwick 50 years ago. He has been a good friend and great inspiration ever since and I know how much he will be missed in the village. Heaven's gain is our loss.”***

***Richard Havergal***



# Remembrance Day



Jane Eaton

I chose this poem as a tribute to all those who have died in conflicts throughout the world, to whom we owe so much, and who should never be forgotten.

These are words written in response to an image shown in 'A Visible THREAD' Exhibition at Black Swan Arts long gallery in Frome.

The work I chose was titled: 'If Only We Had Known Some Different Words' By Julie Heaton

*Silk screen, monoprint and Procion dyes on print room backing cloth. NFS*

## Colours on the Cloth

The rigid glass confines and conserves?

Presentation – part of the 'performance'.

Unable to physically connect.

I have an overwhelming desire to set free,  
to really see, to touch the cloth  
embedded with stains.

A shroud like portrait.

I connect the indigo blue to woad  
used for military uniforms.

Four centuries of lives  
working in the dyeing rooms  
and at the weavers loom making  
yards of warm woollen, tough cloth.

A uniform, worn with pride  
Made a man stand straight.

Then thrown like a die to war,

but unlike the shell of the  
diabolical ironclad beetle.

Woven cloth is a flimsy shield  
to protect men that now  
lay still and silent

in the rust hues of the earth

Jane Eaton



"They shall not grow old,  
as we that are left grow old,  
Age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning  
we will remember them"  
Laurence Binyon

## DROP IN CAFE

at Southwick Baptist Church



A chance to enjoy a **FREE** Cuppa & Cake

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday afternoons 2pm – 4pm

Everybody welcome (0-99 years!)

We look forward to seeing you

Allow us a few moments to fill in the background to this. Around three to four years ago a team from within Southwick Baptist Church had set up and started FIAS (Free Introductory Advice Service Southwick), a free service available to all offering debt advice, benefits advice and assistance with CV writing and form filling. This service is still available at [www.southwickbaptistchurch.org.uk](http://www.southwickbaptistchurch.org.uk)

Shortly after that we began kicking the idea of starting a drop-in cafe for the people of the village. Then along came the pandemic, numerous lockdowns, and a prolonged period of social distancing and church closure which put the brakes on any thoughts of this.

This year, 2023, as we have now come to terms with 'living with Covid', we have been excited

to revisit the idea and we are pleased to say we held our first drop-in cafe on Tuesday 1st November 2022. So we are off and running!

The purpose of the drop-in cafe is simple. To reach out to the community and open the doors of the church for the benefit of the local people, providing the opportunity for drawing village folk to meet together in a friendly environment where there will be a welcome for everyone whether a church-goer or not.

Everyone is welcome to come along, and stay as long as you like. We will provide free tea/coffee (or squash) and cake and/or biscuits – so why not pop along for a cuppa and a chat.

**We look forward to seeing you there.**

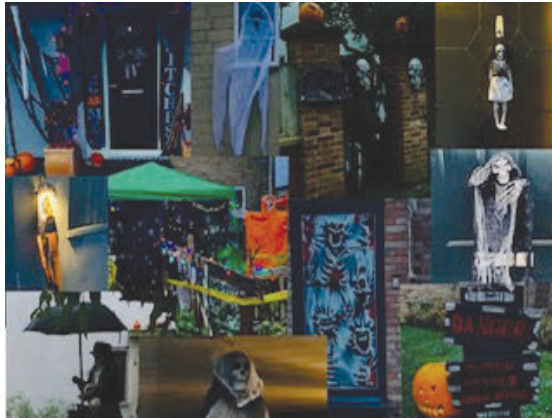
Bob & Cathy (at SBC)

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

# Halloween

It was a delight to see how people in our community embraced the spirit of Halloween and provided such a creative and marvellous variety of spooky experiences for the children. Thank you to all those who contributed both visually and most generously with treats – my two grandchildren returned home rather damp but in high spirits with bags of goodies.

There were a couple of households who went that extra mile – hats off to No. 20, next to the Scout HQ and to John and Marilyn Fox on Frome Road for their spectacular shows.



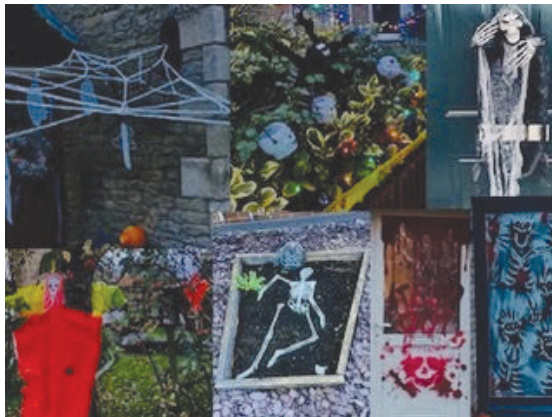
Halloween is a celebration observed on 31 October, the eve of the Western Christian feast of All Saints' Day<sup>1</sup>. Other names for Halloween include:

All Hallows Eve  
All Saints' Day  
All Souls' Day  
Hallowed End  
Samhain  
Hop-Tu-Naa (Isle of Man)

If you are interested in reading more about Halloween, go to:  
**[www.historic-uk.com/CultureUK/Halloween](http://www.historic-uk.com/CultureUK/Halloween)**

To conclude some jokes for the children to answer.

- Q:** When is it bad luck to be followed by a black cat?  
**Q:** What do you call a spider with twenty eyes?  
**Q:** Why are ghosts so bad at lying?  
**Q:** What do ghosts use to do their makeup?  
**Q:** What do you get when you cross a vampire and a snowman?



Southwick School PTA

## Christmas Wreath Workshop

Southwick Village Hall, Saturday 9th December  
12:45pm - 3:15pm

Create your own wreath, all materials included as well as hot drinks and a mince pie! £35 per head.

To book a ticket email [PTA@southwick.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:PTA@southwick.wilts.sch.uk)  
Limited tickets, so book now!

**Parentkind**  
Member Association



## 1st Southwick Guides

Southwick Guides continue to keep busy taking part in a variety of activities each week. The guides are working towards their communicate skill builder having fun with acting, games and learning Makaton. They are also working towards the confectionery interest badge making peppermint creams, truffles, decorating cakes and biscuits.

The guides took part in the Trowbridge *Beat the Street* walking initiative and finished 14th out of the 74 teams taking part. The Guides have made lanterns to take part in the Trowbridge Lantern parade during the switching on of the Trowbridge Christmas lights.

The guides enjoyed a "bring a friend" night and have welcomed new members. If any girls aged 10 to 14 are interested in joining guides or coming along one evening to find out more, please contact us at [1stsouthwickguides@gmail.com](mailto:1stsouthwickguides@gmail.com)

The Guides would like to invite you all to our next Fundraising event which is a Family Christmas Bingo on Saturday 2nd December 2023 at Southwick Village Hall at 1.45pm to start at 2.15pm including a cake sale, fundraising stalls and raffles.

The guides enjoyed a great summer camp this year near Thatcham in Berkshire with lots of activities including, Archery, Low Ropes, Abseiling, Rock Climbing, Nightline, Grass Sledges, Backwoods Cooking etc. We are now making plans for next year's camp.

## 1st Southwick Rangers

The Southwick Rangers continue to meet each week offering guiding activities and the Duke of Edinburgh Award for girls aged 14 to 18. We have welcomed lots of new members and the Rangers have completed a variety of activities and badges.

In the summer, two members completed their Silver Duke of Edinburgh awards and five rangers completed the Ranger Bronze awards, which is the first rangers from our unit to complete this following the change to the ranger guide activity programme.

The Rangers have been out walking, practising for their Duke of Edinburgh award expeditions, learning first aid, navigation and compass skills. In October two groups from Southwick Rangers completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition on Salisbury Plain carrying all their kit for two days and camping over night. We are hoping that many of these rangers will complete the other parts of their Duke of Edinburgh

award to finish their bronze awards and then start their silver awards.

Many of these rangers also give up their time each week to help as young leaders in local rainbow, brownie and guide units. One Ranger took part in a trip to Morocco in the summer including an expedition in the Atlas Mountains with rangers from across the South West and had an amazing experience.

The rangers enjoyed a bake off evening decorating cakes, a sustainable fashion workshop and are working towards their costumes interest badge.

The rangers joined with Southwick Guides to enjoy a summer camp full of fun and activities.

1<sup>st</sup> Southwick Guides and Rangers

# FAMILY

# BINGO

## SAT 2<sup>nd</sup> DEC

## SOUTHWICK VILLAGE HALL

**Doors Open 1.45pm, first Bingo  
game starts at 2.15pm**

Free Admission

Bingo Books £1 each

Refreshments, Raffles and

Home-made Cakes

*Everyone Welcome*





# A reminder from Wiltshire Council Operational Flood Working Group

Barbara Johnson  
Flood Warden

As winter approaches and the risk of heavy rainfall and flooding increases, I have been asked to remind those of us living on the river Lambrook to please keep the river bed and banks free flowing and clear of obstructions. Any matter that could obstruct the flow of water either on your land

or downstream if washed away, possibly leading to flooding.

On one occasion an old oil drum washed through the river at the bottom of my garden and on another a sheet of corrugated iron was rescued from the flood waters!

Thank you for your help and please contact me if you need any assistance.

[barbarajohnson3947@gmail.com](mailto:barbarajohnson3947@gmail.com)

For further flood risk information – Google - Check for flooding in England - GOV.UK. Scroll down and click onto – Find a river, sea, groundwater or rainfall levels.

Enter your postcode, then click onto Lambrook Stream at Trowbridge Southwick to see a graph showing the current river level and further information.

Scroll down to related content and click onto – check your long term flood risk. Click onto Start now > and follow instructions to find a Flood risk summary of surface water for an area around your address. Scroll down to view a map of the risk of surface water flooding.

Return to the Flood risk summary for an area around your address and scroll down to view a map of the risk of flooding from rivers and the sea. These maps are interactive.

We are not in an area at risk of flooding from reservoirs or groundwater.



## Operation Christmas Hamper

Southwick Primary School are looking for donations of the following items on behalf of Operation Christmas Hamper. Anything you can donate will be greatly appreciated, there will be a collection box in Reception. You can access reception, after school, Monday to Friday between 3:30 pm and 4:30 pm.

### SAVOURY & MISCELLANEOUS

Pickles/chutneys  
Biscuits for cheese  
Stuffing  
Pringles / Crisps  
Xmas crackers (the table kind)  
Shower Gel  
Deodorant  
Washing Tablets  
Toothbrushes / Toothpaste

### GIFTS

Drink bottles  
Skipping ropes  
Chunky chalks / Pens / Pencils  
Playdoh (any brand)  
Lego (any brand)  
Make your own – kits – crystals / Jewellery, woodwork etc.)  
Teddies  
Football/Balls

### DRINKS

Squash  
Tea  
Coffee  
Cordials  
Shloer  
Presse's  
Latte/Cappuccino

*NO Hot chocolate thank you as we have a bulk donation already.*

### STOCKING GIFTS

Bouncy balls  
Hair Ties/Clips/Brushes  
Cars  
Bubbles  
Marbles  
Pencils  
Fidgets

### TEENAGE GIFTS

Make-up pallets  
Body sprays (Male & Female)  
Wallets  
Pens / Notebooks / Diaries  
Paying cards  
Headphones  
Fact Books  
Watches  
Smelly sets

### SWEET TREATS

Chocolates – Heroes, Roses etc  
Squirry Cream  
Chocolate  
Spread / Jams / Chutney / Honey  
Biscuits  
Selection boxes  
Sweets/Popcorn  
Xmas Puddings / Mince Pies/ Festive Cakes

*NO Marshmallows thank you as we have a bulk donation already.*



## Doctors & NHS

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

## Chemists & Pharmacies

Boots - Trowbridge Health Centre .....	01225 710119
Boots - Roundstone Surgery .....	01225 775543
Boots - The Gateway (till midnight) .....	01225 752068
Superdrug - The Shires .....	01225 753104
Tesco Extra - County Way (till midnight) .....	01225 753104
Cohen's - 68 Brook Road, Trowbridge .....	01225 572604

## Dentists

Coleman & 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, Meadow Court, Staverton .....	01225 351333

## 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

## Organisations

Wiltshire Council Customer Services .....	0300 456 0100
Wiltshire Council Planning Matters .....	0300 456 0100
Wiltshire Council Highways & Street Lighting .....	0300 456 0105
Wiltshire Council Dog Warden .....	0300 456 0107
Wiltshire Council Trading Standards .....	0845 404 0506
Trowbridge Town Council .....	01225 765072
Police & Fire Emergency .....	999
Police (non-emergency) .....	101
Fire Service (non-emergency) .....	01225 756530
Fire & Rescue Safety Checks .....	01380 723601
Selwood Housing .....	01225 715715
Crimestoppers .....	0800 555111
Citizen's Advice Bureau .....	03454 040506
Good Neighbour Co-ordinator .....	01380 722475
Trowbridge Community Area Link .....	07969 347042

## Schools & Colleges

Southwick CE Primary Hollis Way .....	01225 763325
Busy Bees Pre-school, Hollis Way .....	01225 753262
St. John's Primary Wingfield Road .....	01225 752006
Clarendon College Frome Road .....	01225 762686
St. Augustine's College Wingfield Road .....	01225 7350001
John of Gaunt Wingfield Road .....	01225 762637
St. Lawrence Ashley Road, Bradford on Avon ...	01225 309500
Wiltshire College College Road .....	01225 766241