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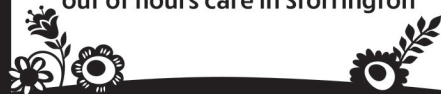
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Welcome to the July/August edition of Southwater News!

This month we wanted to show you some of the magnificent flower arrangements from last month's Flower Festival at Southwater Parish Church in color so I have taken the opportunity of publishing some other photographs taken in and around the village and sent in by readers. The swans in the country park are ever popular but we also have pictures of some of important happenings at the VE day celebrations.

With children very much in mind in the lead up to the summer holidays we have two important events happening in July. The Southwater Infants and Junior Academies' Summer Fair and the Summer Reading Challenge at the library. This year is called Story Garden and celebrates, reading, nature and the great outdoors.

Those of you who came along to the parish church to sing the village's favourite hymns on 1st June will know that Jerusalem was voted the all out favourite. The words (p40) come from the poem by Willaim Blake with music by Sir Hubert Parry, We'll be singing all our favourite Harvest hymns at 5.30pm on Sunday 5th October - so why not come and join us.

The Editor

Please contact newssouthwater@gmail.com or leave a message on 07736 581 858 to submit an article or advertisement. The 2025 advertising rates and special rates for community groups are below. The deadline for contributions is the 10th of the preceding month. We look forward to hearing from you!

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Your Local Property Expert

Having grown up in the village, Dionne our Senior Sales Manager has heaps of local knowledge as well as over 10 years experience in the industry. She is well known and respected in the community and is looking forward to helping the residents of the village.



How Valuable is Your Home?

House prices fluctuate depending on everything from the time of year, to the Bank of England's interest base rate, your location, and even how close your house is to a school.

Getting your house price right ensures that you don't undervalue your property. It also means you don't scare off potential buyers by pitching it at a price that is too high. Starting with an accurate asking price could double the likelihood of achieving that figure and reduce the time it takes to sell.

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Brighten up and fix up

A few pots of paint brighten up your interior (and exterior) and make it feel fresher and more appealing to potential buyers. Along the way, you can carry out minor repairs such as fixing that squeaky floorboard or removing any mouldy sealant in bathrooms or kitchens. Pay special attention to the front of the house. Remember that first impressions are crucial. A peeling, dilapidated frontage will instantly turn potential buyers off at the garden gate.

Speaking of the garden...

Gardens are a big selling point for a property, and a beautiful, well-kept space can add considerably to the market value of your home. If it's got a little out of hand it would be wise to tidy it up. Make sure the grass is trimmed, any stray leaves and debris are cleared away and any garden furniture is cleaned and placed in a neat and complimentary way.

Declutter & Expand

Potential buyers will be looking at your home for it's space, as well as some key features. Make sure to stage your home ideally for people to view your home in it's best light. Remove any bits and bobs that don't need to be on the kitchen table, and accentuate your home's key features like a fireplace or arched doorways.

For any property information or help to understand the value of your home please call our friendly team on **01403 731901**.



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www.southwaterchurch.org.uk

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Mandy Ford, Fiona Lowther

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Elim Family Church

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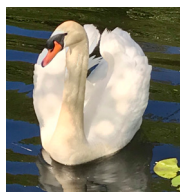
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This impressive picture of an adult swan on the lake in Southwater Country Park was taken by David Tyler. Other pictures of this year's cygnets as they grew from tiny babies into fledglings can be found on page 36. The full grown cygnet that is almost a swan was taken last year.

From the vicar's pen,

We are blessed to live in a relatively peaceful community. Nonetheless, we know that there is so much uncertainty around the globe. With ongoing wars, conflicts and greed we wonder what the solution could be. In the words of Jesus, "Love God and love your neighbour."

There is a beautiful story told by St Jerome, towards the end of the 300 AD, about the end of the life of St John, the writer of the fourth gospel. 'When John became very weak, Jerome relates, his disciples carried him to the church, but he was no longer able to give long sermons. He then reduced his teaching to the unceasing repetition of "Little children, love one another." One day when his disciples asked him why he repeated this to them incessantly, John replied with the following words: "This is the Lord's commandment; and if you keep it, it is enough."'

One of the greatest commentators in the Christian tradition, who explored this theme with immense passion and depth, is St Augustine. Augustine learns that although we cannot ever separate our love of God from our love of neighbour, we begin to love God precisely by loving our neighbour. He speaks to us across the years.

"Love one another." "This is the Lord's commandment; and if you keep it, it is enough." How is this the case? Well, everything else we have to say about Christ, creation, life, salvation, the church, the community and one another, springs from this love. This love is the source and wellspring of all truth. Loving one another as Jesus loves is a practical ethic of compassion, service, and justice. Perhaps it is also a way of joyfully encountering diversity and difference. If I only love people who agree with me, people who think like me, I am really only loving myself. To love one another is to recognise inherent dignity in the other, it is to listen to the other, to acknowledge our weaknesses to one another, and to become vulnerable, whilst speaking good of the other. This love is communicative. It will tell, show, act, and transform.

We should never take the reasonably peaceful life we live in our community for granted. We need to count our blessings. As we prepare for the summer break, we can take time to pray for the world and reflect on how we can grow in our love for one another in our community. "Love one another" "This is the Lord's commandment; and if you keep it, it is enough."

Godfrey



WHAT'S ON IN SOUTHWATER JULY-AUGUST 2025

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SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



Every year, the Summer Reading Challenge runs in libraries across the country to encourage primary school children to keep reading over the holidays. This year's exciting theme is Story Garden, inspiring a love of reading, nature and exploring the outdoors.

It will be launching at

**Southwater Library, Beeson House, Lintot Square
on Saturday 12 July 10am-2pm**

Children aged 4-11 will be asked to read books and complete reading challenges to collect stickers and will receive a special medal and certificate for completing their challenge.

We also have the mini challenge for those aged under 4 years.

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Entry £2.50 per dog/per class

Class	Type	Start
1	Most Handsome Dog All male dogs older than 12 months	1.00 pm
2	Prettiest Bitch All bitches older than 12 months	1.15 pm
3	Cutest Puppy All puppies 12 months or less	1.30 pm
4	Veteran Class All dogs over 7 years old	1.45 pm
5	Best Rescue Open to all rescue dogs	2.00 pm
BREAK 2.15 pm – 3.00 pm		
6	Agility Class Open to all dogs	3.00 pm
8	Best in Show Best of the firsts	3.30 pm

Registration from 12 pm and up to 5 mins before each class

Prizes for all classes

News from your District Councillor Alex Jeffery

As we enter the summer months, many will be looking ahead to enjoying the sunshine and making use of the facilities that both Southwater and the wider district have to offer. As a council, I along with my colleagues and officers are always looking for new opportunities to bring something different to the table and give the community something to look forward to.

I was delighted to see that the first of the 'Sunset Sessions' arranged by HDC at the end of May was a success, with additional dates throughout the summer months at which I hope to see many of you there. Should upcoming sessions go as planned, I would like to see these sessions return next year and become a permanent summer staple for the community.

Remaining on theme, I met with officers in May to discuss the removal of the fencing around the paddling beach. During the meeting officers put forward the arguments for keeping the fence in place however by the end of the meeting I remained of the view that the fence should not remain as it is. It was therefore agreed that I would work with officers to identify suitable alternatives for when measures are required to control the numbers at the paddling beach in lieu of the permanent fencing.

It is unfortunate that the fencing will not be removed in time for summer this year as I had intended but I will continue to work with officers so that we can look at the removal of the fence later this year. I have also raised the need for additional benches in the country park in the hope of getting these installed in time for the summer holidays.

In other news, HDC are in the process of acquiring ten 3–4-bedroom homes to help tackle our social housing register which currently has over 700 families on the list. The location of the homes has yet to be decided. This is but a small step towards tackling the crisis of affordable housing locally. More must be done however this is a welcome start to begin addressing the issue directly.

Throughout July and August, I will be taking a break from my regular surgeries to spend some more time with friends and family however should you require my assistance please continue to get in touch.

Email: alex.jeffery@horsham.gov.uk

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Southwater Computer Club

The Southwater Community Partnership are proposing to set up a Computer Club. It would meet regularly and members can come along when they have a specific issue they'd like resolved or simply to learn more about how to use their mobile device, laptop, or computer. Another aim is to provide advice and guidance on accessing digital services such as doctors, hospitals, chemists, banks, and lots more. Life can be complicated if we're not part of the digital age. The club will be informal and sociable, with a chance to share tips, ask questions, and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee. Every other month, we propose running a topical presentation or workshop based on requests from our members, such as "What to do if I lose my device," "How to start online shopping," "Spotting scams," etc. If you are interested in joining, please let us know

If you comfortable finding your way around laptops, phones, and tablets and could spare a few hours each month, would you like to help others do the same? If you've answered yes to this question, then would you like to become a volunteer MENTOR at the Southwater Computer Club?

If you'd like to volunteer as a Mentor or want further information, please contact us at info@southwatercp.org.uk

☒ **Do you want to help your local community?**

☒ **Do you have expertise that could benefit your community?**

☒ **Do you want to represent the views of local people?**

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Here's what has happened in the last month and what's to come!



RARE DORMICE IN SOUTHWATER

- **Record Number of Local Groups Present at The Annual Parish Meeting 2025** - Held at Beeson House in May, The Annual Parish Meeting is not a Council meeting, but open to all electors of the Parish, who have the right to attend and also to speak on any matter of local interest. It is a great opportunity to find out what the various groups have achieved in the past year and moving forward their hopes and plans and how the community can get involved. This year there were presentations by more than 20 groups (who knew we had that many operating in Southwater).

1. The Chairman of Southwater Parish Council shared a report including the Annual Budget and Precept for 2025-26; highways, street lighting and grants given to organisations within the Parish, along with the Climate Action Plan for Southwater.

2. Southwater Community Partnership highlighted the projects they had worked on which included the very successful Christmas Festival. They are currently looking at some new initiatives which include Walks/cycle routes, computer club and Green Gym.

3. Southwater Village Hall has had many refurbishments over the last year and will be in fine shape to celebrate its Centenary in 2025. To see what the Hall looked like years ago, the full report and images are on the Village Hall's website. <https://www.southwatervillagehall.org.uk/centenary>

4. The WI had an action packed 2024 and 2025 sees an interesting and varied programme with something for everyone.

5. As there are too many groups to mention in this Newsletter, and to read what's been going on in your village, head over to SWPC's website and read the full reports (with images) at: www.southwater-pc.gov.uk/annual-parish-meetings

- **Celebrations in Southwater** - We have a few big anniversaries this year in Southwater which include: 175 Years Holy Innocents Church; 100 Years Village Hall; 25 Years Millennium Wood (by Ben's Field Skatepark); 25 Years Easted Allotments (They will be holding their 25th Anniversary Day on Sunday June 29th 11am-3pm. Look out for more details on the memorable occasions on our website.

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SPC Team x

Monthly Eco Tips:

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Sustainable Southwater

- Why not visit their stall on Saturday 12th July in Lintot Square between the Co-op and Dominos. Find out how you can be more environmentally friendly, get refills and purchase sustainable items.

Let's connect:



More News

- **Hazel Dormice Take Up Residency in Southwater** - In a small woodland in our village Hazel Dormice have taken up residency. As Dormice are thought to be declining partly due to woodland management, and it is great news that they are here. A licensed ecologist has been carrying out a National Dormouse Monitoring Programme for which the local community group Men's In Sheds, Horsham have kindly agreed to make some boxes. the Dormice feed on shrub flowers in spring, insects over summer and fruit and nuts in autumn - they then hibernate in winter.
- **Southwater Parish Councillor Vacancies** - Do you want to help your community, have expertise that could benefit Southwater residents and you would like to become the voice of local people? Become a Parish Councillor! For more information and how to apply, please see details on "Who Can Be A Councillor" on our website www.southwater-pc.gov.uk/becoming-a-councillor.
- **Have Your Say - Safer Sussex Survey** - seeks feedback from residents. The survey is open now and will close at 23:00 on 20th October 2025. To complete the survey go to: www.sussex-pc.gov.uk
- **Unwanted Doorstep Callers** - Recently our Neighbourhood Wardens responded to a few calls from residents who were suspicious of cold calling individuals. They were immediately on hand to deal with the incidents. Should you ever need to contact them on a matter like this call either 07789 943193 or 07789 943156. You can also put a notice on your front door stating: We do Not deal with cold callers; sales people; door step sellers. Uninvited callers will be reported to Trading Standards and the Police.

Volunteer Opportunity



Jubilee Scout & Guides

The Jubilee Scout & Guide HQ in Church Lane has been serving Southwater since 1977.

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They are always looking for volunteers for the Scouts and Guides to enable more opportunities for young people to join and volunteers to join the HQ Committee.

The building is managed by a group of volunteers for the benefit and support of Scouting and Guiding in Southwater.

They are in need of a volunteer Premise Manager and a volunteer maintenance person/s to ensure the building continues to be safe and well-maintained for the young people.

So if you are interested please contact: Irene Orford at flame08@btinternet.com

Event News



4th July Wellbeing Walk Southwater - Meet in car park of the Country Park at 11am. Bridleways and country lanes return via the Downs Link. Not stiles but can be muddy dependent on weather.

5th July Southwater Academies Summer Fair - With over 700 children set to attend. Raffle/top attraction prizes, stalls and performers.

5th July SPC Councillor Surgery - 10AM-11AM, first Saturday of every month held at Beeson House with your local, district and county councillors.

11-13th July Outdoor Cinema Adventure - Stansted Park. To find out what's showing go to: <https://www.stanstedpark.co.uk>

Up to 13th July Moomins at Nymans - Take a magical wander inspired by Moominvalley, with family trails meeting characters from the Moomin stories.

12-13th July Carry On Crafting Festival - South of England Showground. Engage in a variety of craft lessons and workshops.

Compost your garden waste this summer



If you have a garden big enough for one, why not get a compost bin? By keeping a container in the kitchen to collect your fruit and veg peelings for compost you could reduce your waste by up to 10%.

Much of your kitchen waste can be recycled in this way, reducing your waste and saving you money by making compost that can be used on your garden. It's free and an easy way to help the environment and give your garden a natural boost.

West Sussex County Council has teamed up with **Get Composting** to help you buy a composter at a reduced price - a 220 litre compost bin for £22.00 or a 330 litre compost bin for £29.00. Go online to **WSCC Get Composting** and look out for **Council Offers**.

Waste Prevention Event @ Shipley Hub

Shipley Hub, is open on the first Tuesday of every month at Andrew Hall, Shipley, from 11.00 – 2.00pm. It offers a Repair Café (they'll tackle most mechanical and electrical items) and tool sharpening service (scissors, knives, secateurs, garden shears, etc), a Plastic Free Refill pop-up shop where you can refill your shower gel, shampoo, washing up liquid, toilet cleaner, laundry liquid plus top-up on eco-friendly alternatives to plastic products such as natural sponge pan scrubs, cotton buds, natural soaps, etc. You can also enjoy a cuppa and a piece of home-baked cake for a small donation.

On Tuesday 1st July the **West Sussex County Council Waste Prevention Team** will be there to chat about everything you wanted to know about recycling.

Recycling Disposable Vapes

On 1st June 2025 a ban on disposable vapes came into effect but we know there are still lots of them out there as retailers scrambled to get rid of their stock before the ban commenced. If you have a pile of them and don't know what to do with them, bring them along to the **Sustainable Southwater Pop-Up in Lintot Square** on the **2nd Saturday of each month** and we'll get them safely recycled for you. Please don't put them in the general waste as they can cause fires! You can also bring your small electricals such as cables, mobile phones, chargers (nothing bigger than a laptop please!) plus old coins and currency, used postage stamps and toner cartridges.

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 horse, Whistle, have qualified
 for the Horse of the Year Show
 in Birmingham this October after
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Southwater Bowls Club



Short mat bowls continues in the Lardner Room at
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4.00. Anyone of any age is welcome to come and try.

For more info call Kathy 07870 878060

The outdoor season is in full swing. If you want to try lawn bowls come
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Southwater Local History Group

Seaside Jollity

The SLHG were recently transported back to their childhood with a highly entertaining talk on Punch and Judy. We thought it too good a subject to keep it to ourselves, especially with holidays coming up, so here is a potted history of this literally knockabout comedy!



First seen in England around the mid1600's, the characters then were marionettes rather than the more familiar glove puppets and were based on those in the Italian Commedia Dell' Arte. Mr Punch himself evolved from the anarchic Pulcinella, and always wore a pointed nosed mask, morphing into Punch's hooked nose. The Commedia also gave rise to the seaside Pierrot Shows and to modern pantomime.

A version of Punch was first recorded in England in May 1662 by the diarist Samuel Pepys who noted seeing it in Covent Garden. "Thence to see an Italian puppet play that is within the rayles there,

which is very pretty, the best that ever I saw, and great resort of gallants." In October of that year the Italian puppet showman Pietro Gimonde from Bologna, otherwise known as Signor Bologna, was granted a royal command performance by Charles II at Whitehall. The delighted king rewarded 'Signor Bologna, alias Pollicinella' with a gold chain and medal worth £25 - £3,000 in today's prices!

Throughout the 18th Century the shows were mostly performed in the-
atres, with very elaborate scenery, lighting and effects, and continued to be hugely popular. Indeed, when Samuel Foote staged a puppet show at the Haymarket Theatre on 15 February 1773, featuring real actors with strings attached and a notable absence of Punch, the audience in the upper gallery revolted, tearing up the benches and rioting on the opening night! Of course, such shows were very expensive to put on, (even without riots) and by the end of the 18th century the more familiar glove puppet versions of the show were performed in small portable booths. There are split opinions on whether the puppet show makes light of, or even promotes, domestic violence or whether its simply a harmless entertainment similar to Tom and Jerry cartoons. Charles Dickens, whose own

novels showed his abhorrence of such violence, still could take a rational view on it in his letter to Mary Tyler, 6 November 1849

"In my opinion the street Punch is one of those extravagant reliefs from the realities of life which would lose its hold upon the people if it were made moral and instructive. I regard it as quite harmless in its influence, and as an outrageous joke which no one in existence would think of regarding as an incentive to any kind of action or as a model for any kind of conduct. It is possible, I think, that one secret source of pleasure very generally derived from this performance... is the satisfaction the spectator feels in the circumstance that likenesses of men and women can be so knocked about, without any pain or suffering."

Punch and Judy, the baby, the crocodile, the policeman, the sausages, all the old favourite characters can still be seen at the seaside, affording children (and adults too) that special mix of hilarity and horror! Keep an ear open for that squeaky swazzle voice when you're out and about!



Much of the above information and the accompanying pictures were found on the V & A website. They are holders of The George Speaight Punch & Judy Collection,

Now we are in mid-summer. On the 12th July 1865 Mr RH Hurst became the MP for Horsham by 5 votes. In 1875 lambs were being sold at 21s (RPI£113.71) per head at the Findon sheep and lamb fair. By August 1875 wheat was being sold at £11-10-0 (RPI£1143.77) a load and cutting wheat was 14s per acre (RPI £69.62). In July 1885 H M Inspector of Schools was glad to see that the head master in the school was teaching the children to sing from notes. They also had a good spelling and hand writing plus geography was fair. The government grant awarded to run the school was £66-12-6 (RPI£7379.40). This was the highest grant in the last 10 years. In 1895, at the July meeting of the PPC, the church decided to set up a church defence committee to be run by Sir William and Lady Hamilton, as president and secretary. The choir outing was to Crystal Palace to see the African village etc.

On 25th June 1905, the St Peter's Day outing was to Worthing. A total of 30 grown ups and 7 children went. They travelled by omnibus and had shrimps and strawberries . An inquest was held in July 1915 at the Cock Inn into the death of the infant Alwin Meyer of Oak View Villas. The court found that the child was accidentally killed by suffocation whilst in the bed with her mother.

The 1935 Jubilee day rummage sale raised £10-2-0 (RPI£619.14) for the Sunday school outing to Littlehampton. There were 8 coaches with 80 children and 9 helpers plus 50 mothers. The total cost was £27-5 (RPI£1,1670.47). The July WI meeting talk was on being a grandmother by Miss M Marshall

At the 1945 July council meeting it was decided to build 12 new council houses in Southwater. The Home Front Flower Show was held on the cricket field on August 25th. It ran from 2-30pm to 11-30pm with dancing in the village hall from 8.30pm to 11.30pm. In the end the flower show raised over £300 (RPI£11,160.58)

Mr Dunway from Broadwater Lane was fined £10 (RPI£372.02) plus 5s (RPI£9.3) costs for dangerous driving. The Southwater British Legion did a victory outing for all children under the age of 14 to Littlehampton on 27th August 1945

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| 3) Cripplegate Mill | 14) The Brickworks |
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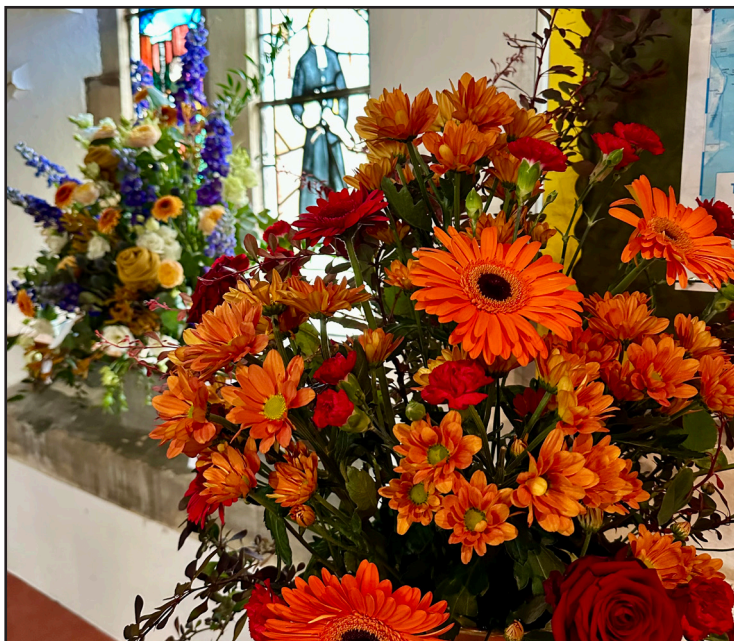
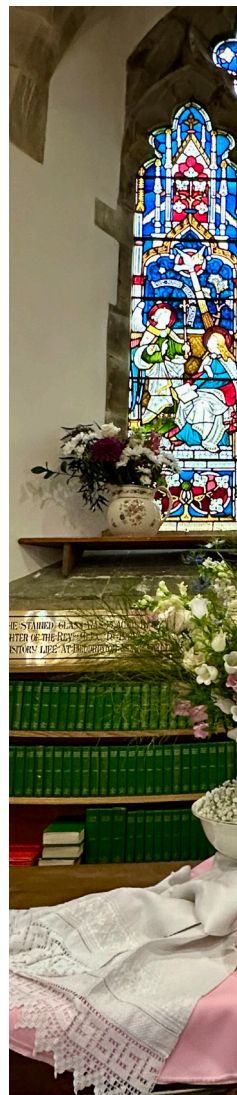
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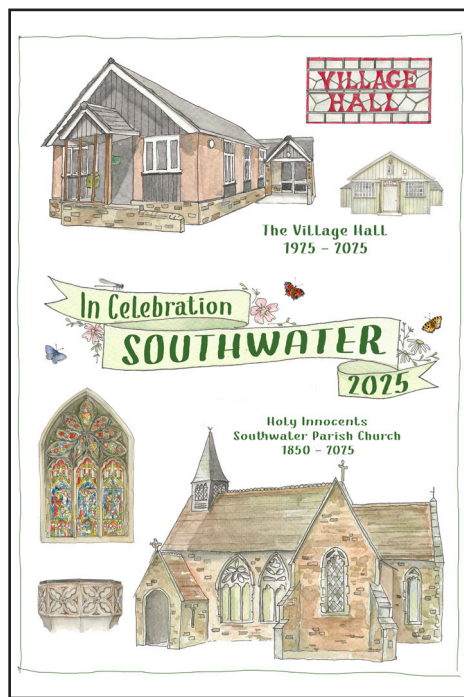
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Celebratory Tea Towel

This beautiful tea towel celebrating the 175th Anniversary of Holy Innocents Church and the 100th Anniversary of Southwater Village Hall was designed, hand-painted and hand stitched by Emma Clifford. Emma has designed two other tea towels, one representing the Country Park and the other of a Southwater Brick. The tea towels were on display at the parish church during the Flower Festival and were sold for £10 each to raise funds for the church. Many thanks to Emma. Further enquiries to newssouthwater@gmail.com



VE Day celebrations

Stephen Chapman rings the bell at Southwater Parish Church:

The VE Day flag flies over Lintot Square:

Bob Piper, VE Day veteran, meets HM The King at Buckingham Palace

Southwater Group



SOUTHWATER FRIDAY LUNCHEON CLUB

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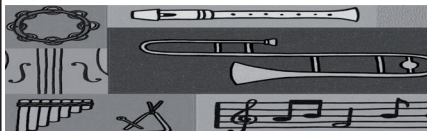
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Tipsy Fox

Southwater

contact Gill

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Southwater Village Hall

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ps and Clubs Listings...



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Formed in 1960



For the over 55's

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**July 9th, Talk about Shippams
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July 23rd, AGM , Party and music
from Graham**

**No meetings in August
Call Deborah Bailey 731891 or
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SOUTHWATER YOUNG AT HEART

Anyone over 60 is welcome to come along and meet others socially in an informal setting Fridays from 1.30pm – 3.30pm. Cost £3 a session which includes refreshments and the cost of activities undertaken.

July 4th - Bingo

July 11th - Fabric cards

July 18th - Meal together

*Summer break from July 25th.
Re-starts again September 12th*

***Please ring Tina Andrews on 01403
731839 for more information.or
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Southwater U3A is small and friendly, an advantage in many ways as people get to know one another very quickly. We have group activities taking place on various days every month. They are: -

Every Mondays: Pitch and Putt am (weather permitting)

2nd Monday: Book Club am

2nd Tuesday: Girls who Gossip am, Discussion am

2nd Friday: Rummikub pm

3rd Tuesday: Card Craft am, Quiz pm

4th Friday: Garden group am

4th Tuesday: bimonthly general meetings with guest speakers pm.

Various days: Out and About

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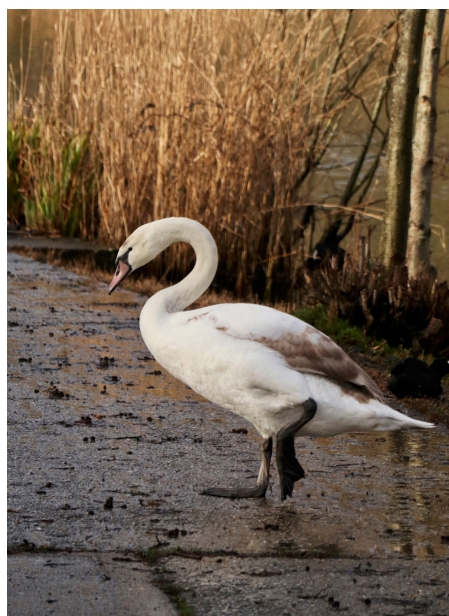


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Scout & Guide HQ,
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LOCAL HISTORY GROUP**
Meetings held at 7.30pm on
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at The Village Hall

7th July 'Brighton & Worthing
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4th Aug, 'Drought, Deluges and
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East Weather (Ian Currie)

**For more information contact
Jeremy Senneck 01403 731247**

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Godfrey can be contacted 01403 730229

email: office@southwaterchurch.org.uk

Churchwardens: churchwardenhisouthwater@gmail.com

10.00 a.m. Sunday Service with Holy Communion.

Tea, coffee and biscuits are served after these services to give us an opportunity to meet informally and to get to know one another.

Start the Month services explore various forms of worship and are held at 5.30pm on the first Sunday of the month. Refreshments are served before the service at 5pm.

Midweek Communion is held every Wednesday at 10.30 am followed by tea and coffee.

Home Communion - if anyone you know is too frail or unwell to come to church and would like **Home Communion** please contact Godfrey.

Youth Group meet at 10 a.m. on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday in the month

Baptisms/Christenings normally take place at 12.30 p.m. at a short service following the main Sunday service

If you want to know more about any of these services or want to enquire about a baptism, wedding or a funeral please contact Godfrey or one of the churchwardens or speak to them after a service

The Music Group is always looking for musicians and people to sing in the church choir. Please email music.group@panda.me.uk if you are interested in joining us

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The church is open every day from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

OTHER CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Prayers for the Community



At our 10 am Sunday services prayers are offered for people who live in specific roads in Southwater. If you are in need of prayer support please let Godfrey know (no names need to be mentioned). All are welcome to the service on the day we pray for your street or road

- 6th July – Sports Club
- 13th July - Downslink and Country Park
- 20th July – Shoubridge Way, Bradford Mews
- 27th July - Chessall Avenue
- 3rd August – Huntley Mews, Rapley Rise
- 10th August – Amberglade, Bakers Close
- 17th August – Southwater Business Park
- 24th August – Andrew Lane, Village Surgery
- 31st August – Station Road, Deacon Place

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Connect & Play babies & toddlers - Tuesdays 9.15am to 10.30am @ The Ghyll

Ladies Breakfast, and Men's Breakfast - Saturday mornings, monthly, various venues

Young @ Heart – over 60's friendship group, Friday afternoons, various locations

Southwater Youth Project – a wide range of fun youth activities & support @ the Ghyll (funded by Connect, SPC, & other grant awarding organisations)

Kids Sunday Breakfast Club @ SJA, Soul Space, and Connect & Craft – occasional &/or seasonal opportunities for creative & spiritual exploration, building relationships & making connections – see website & FB for current & upcoming events

Monthly "Pop Up" Horsham Community Fridge – saving food from landfill, open to all, & held @ HI Church Room every 2nd Saturday 10-11am

We would love to connect with you, so why not get in touch. A warm welcome awaits you!

Contact info: connectsouthwater@gmail.com

SYP & local community support: Angie Choat - southwateryouthworker@hotmail.co.uk - 07795 835905

From the parish register

Wedding

Joseph Henry Cash and Yueer Chai
20th May

Funerals

Jill Pickstock 7th May
Matthew Bertolli 14th May
Pat Chapman 16th May

JERUSALEM

According to the vote for the village

Songs of Praise, Jerusalem is

Southwater's favourite hymn

And did those feet in ancient time

Walk upon England's mountains green?

And was the holy Lamb of God

On England's pleasant pastures seen?

And did the Countenance Divine

Shine forth upon our clouded hills?

And was Jerusalem builded here

Among these dark Satanic mills?



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Southwater W.I. News

Well, we've just had a fantastic May meeting with Matthew from the Knepp Estate, explaining to us all the advantages of their re-wilding scheme. I think it inspired many of our members to think about ways forward to protect and enhance our environment. June's meeting has a Consultant Dermatologist, Dr Justine Hextall dermatologist giving us a talk and then in July we'll be having our Annual Summer Picnic, with a singer! August is technically a free month but we usually have a meeting in some form in order to give our ladies a chance to meet up over the summer. Our summer walks are progressing, and we have had some lovely evening strolls around Southwater and at the time of writing this the Charities Committee will be gearing up to do the St Catherine's Midnight Walk as part of a team.

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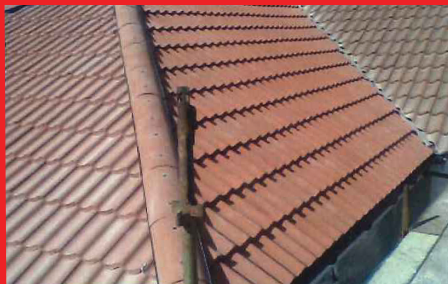


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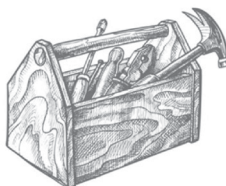
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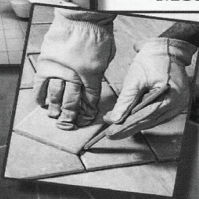
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