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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Welcome to the June edition of Southwater News!

If 2025 is the year for celebration, June 2025 is the month where everything seems to be happening. If you sit down and peruse these pages you will find that the church is 175 years old, Chichester Cathedral is 950 years old (p18-19), the village hall is 100 years old, the Brownies were 30 years old (p25) and the Easted Lane Allotments are 25 years old (p13). As if that is not enough our very own VE Day veteran Bob Piper is 100 years old this month and celebrates his 70th wedding anniversary to Betty, the girl next door (p16-17). Also, within these pages, you will find an article about how the clothes you donate to the CoCo's Foundation provide school uniforms for poor children in South Africa (p28-29). Closer to home the Southwater Parish Council are looking for two new councillors (p9) so, if you feel you can make a difference to benefit your local community, why not apply today. And last, but not least, there is a flower festival taking place at Holy Innocents Church between June 6th-8th (p14-15). This is an opportunity for everyone to visit our beautiful parish church and enjoy a time of spiritual tranquility in our quiet and peaceful surroundings - please come, reflect for a moment and enjoy.

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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www.southwaterchurch.org.uk

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This picture of Holy Innocents church among the red roses was taken by Quentin May last summer. This year the church celebraes its 175th anniversary with an amazing flower festival. Do come along and enjoy your beautiful local parish church and the outstanding work of many talented flower arrangers.

From the vicar's pen,

This month we give thanks to God for the 175 years of mission and ministry of Holy Innocents Parish Church to the people of Southwater. The Church was consecrated and dedicated for God's glory on 7th June 1850.

To dedicate something means you set it aside for use for a special purpose. 175 years ago, the church was set aside as a house of God for worship, prayer and a place of refuge for those in need spiritually, socially and practically. Further, the church is often called a 'thin place' where many come to give thanks to God and commit their loved ones to God. A 'thin place' is where earth and heaven meet together.

Scripture says that God in Christ is the cornerstone of the church. The cornerstone is the thing that sets the building in its place, and then makes it hold its shape, anchors it on that axis. It gives the direction and a line of sight that runs this way not that. The cornerstone means the building can never lose its shape.

As we celebrate the 175th anniversary of our parish church, we should remember that our cornerstone is God in Christ himself. We are, as Ephesians tells us, members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. Ephesians 2:19-20

We go to church because we are at home there. Ephesians tells us Christ dwells in our hearts so that we are rooted and grounded in love. Too often it is suggested that the church is a place, like a school, where you might go to learn, or a museum where you remember something half forgotten. But church has a cornerstone, it is the direction of travel. Church roots you in God in Christ and the only way you will ever leave is by being up-rooted. To go to church is to know life in its fulness. God in Christ is what living looks like and in that life is all seriousness, all hope, all meaning, and all our future. Imagine the thousands and thousands of people, through the 175 years, would have come to the church to worship, to pray. Imagine the thousands of christenings, weddings and funerals that have happened at the church. The church exits for the community.

To celebrate the glorious 175th anniversary, different worship services and events are planned from the 6th – 8th June. Please find details elsewhere in this magazine. Come and be blessed.

With my prayers and all good wishes,

Godfrey

WHAT'S ON IN SOUTHWATER JUNE 2025

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| Fri 20th | Guided Wellbeing Walk - Southwater | P26 |
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> Saturday 21st June - 4.00pm Organ Safari

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Holy Innocents - Southwater Parish Church 1850 - 2025: 175 years serving the village A caring community, receiving and sharing God's Love



Congratulations to Bob & Betty Piper Celebration their 70th Wedding Anniversary and Bob's 100th Birthday

Robert (Bob) was born on the 10th June 1925 at Little Bridges Farm. He went to school in Southwater and then on to Oxford Road School. On leaving school he worked for the village butcher. He was in the church choir and a founder member of Shipley Scouts. At the age of 14 he joined the village LDV (Home Guard) and at 15 joined The Royal Sussex Regiment. He was transferred into the Royal Signal corp and attached to 15th (Scottish) Infantry Division. He went to Normandy on D+7 in 1944 and was in the Battle of Goodwood, Operation Epsom, the Scottish Corridor, Operation Market Garden, the crossing of the Rhine, the relief of Celle concentration camp and ended up at Lubeck before going to help with over 150,000 refugees at Kiel navy depot. He was then sent to Egypt and Palestinian



where he was in charge of a wireless link between Jerusalem and Amman, with the 8th Independent Brigade. He then worked with the Trans Jordan Frontier Force, before returning to the UK in 1947. By then the family home was in Southwater Street. Bob got a job in the brickyard with Sussex and Dorking Brick Company. He was then asked to help set up the brickyard at Nutbourne in Surrey and the company built a house for him. By this this time he had met Betty Strake.

Betty had a sister and a brother. They lived next door in Southwater Street. Betty and Bob married at Southwater Church on 25th June 1950 and had their wedding breakfast at the Cock Inn (now the Tipsy Fox). Betty was born in Twineham and sent to a family in Sunderland at the start of the war. She returned to Reeds Lane and then moved to Southwater Street. Betty and Bob lived at Nutbourne until 1966 when they returned to Southwater. Bob worked in the brickyard until he retired. Betty helped with the Welcome Club and become Club leader for over 37 years. Bob would put out the tables and chairs for the meeting during his lunch breaks, and also did the washing up for Christmas parties. One year Betty cooked two turkeys but it snowed and no one turned up so they had a lot of turkey in their deep freezer. Betty would organise garden parties, outings to France by Hovercraft and trips to places like Kew for Welcome Club members. She also ran a savings club for them. They still help with the Welcome Club in a small way. Bob was a volunteer driver for the David Bryce club. Betty was a member of both WIs and the Trefoil Guild. Bob was awarded the Legion D' Honneur from the French Government for his service to the French nation. They both helped run Shipley windmill. As a family they have supported the Parish Church, Chichester Cathedral, The Open Air Museum and the Tower of London to name a few.



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Southwater Local History Group Chichester Cathedral - 950 Years of History

"Sussex Day is the county day for the historic county of Sussex in southern England and is celebrated on 16 June each year to celebrate the rich heritage and culture of Sussex. The event takes place on St Richard's Day, the feast day of St Richard of Chichester, Sussex's patron saint. The date marks the anniversary of the translation of St Richard's body from its original burial place in the nave of Chichester Cathedral to an elaborate shrine at the cathedral on 16 June 1276."

The paragraph above is taken from Wikipedia and reminds us that this year also marks the 950th Anniversary of Chichester Cathedral. It was built to replace the abbey at Selsey when the Council of London decreed that cathedrals should be in cities, not villages! The Abbey was founded by St Wilfred in 681 – he was instrumental in converting the South Saxons to Christianity. This 950th anniversary marks the date in 1025 when the bishopric moved to Chichester, though it was not consecrated until 1108.

As one might expect, the Cathedral has seen many changes and upheavals over the centuries, beginning not long after its consecration. Severely damaged by fire in May 1114, rebuilt, then in 1187 completely burnt out during a fire which also destroyed much of the town itself. This of course meant yet another rebuild, this time replacing the

previous Romanesque architecture with early Gothic and re-dedicated yet again in 1199. Not only has the main building suffered catastrophic damages but the towers have their own history of mishaps, often the result of subsidence. The southwest tower collapsed in 1210 and was rebuilt. The north-west tower collapsed in 1635 – it took until 1901 to rebuild that one! The masonry spire, built in the 14th century, was repaired in the 17th century by Sir Christopher Wren – no doubt a little light relief after St Paul's and all the London Churches! Then on 21 February 1861, the cathedral spire telescoped in on itself,





possibly through subsidence; fortunately no lives were lost!

Over time the cathedral has accumulated a wealth of art work, ranging from a set of thirty-eight medieval misericords dating from 1330, to a glorious window by the artist Claude Chagall and the remains of a Roman pavement, which indicates the significance of the site long before the coming of Christianity.

Here too you will find The Arundel Tomb, which so inspired the poet Phillip Larkin. This is the tomb of Richard Fitzalan and his wife Eleanor of Lancaster. Oddly the one place it has never rested is Arundel itself; it was

moved to Chichester from Lewes Priory at the time of Henry VIII's dissolution of the monasteries!

To mark the 950 years of history there is a very varied programme of events and a fascinating exhibition continuing throughout the year. Worth a visit!



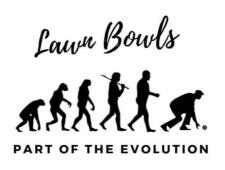
PILGRIMAGE TO CHICHESTER FROM SOUTHWATER

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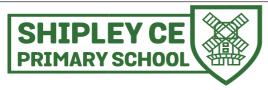
Notes from the Past.... By Robert Piper

June is a special month for the village this year. 7th June is a very special day for the church as it marks its 175th anniversary. On Friday the 7th June 1850 Bishop Gilbert of Chichester consecrated the church. Sir Henry Fletcher 3rd baronet had given the land and £1000 (£114,668.75) for a Chapel of Ease for Southwater. It was to be called Holy Innocents in memory of Sir Henry 3 children who died of scarlet fever. His youngest child was born three days after Sir Henry died of consumption. The land for the church was part of Collage Farm. The parish of Southwater was made up from part of north Shipley and part of south Horsham. The total cost of the church was £1800 (£206,403.76). The Bishop said it was a lovely simple church. 140 people came to the service and a lunch was held after the service at Great House Farm.

On Whit Monday 3rd June 1895 300 cycles come though the village on their way to Worthing. On the 25th June Rev H.S. Boyd gave his first service in the church and in June 1905 the church had its annual spring clean from roof to floor using plenty of soap. In June 1915 the village raised £0-12-0 (RPI £131,35) from a whist drive for the Serbian Red Cross and Mr Booker at the Post Office sent 104 eggs for wounded soldiers. A Sinclair Light Weight motor cycle was for sale. It cost £15 (RPI £1313.48) from Mr S Gardener, the cycle agent in Southwater

On the afternoon of Thursday 9th June 1925, a brilliant sunny day, Sir L Aubrey- Fetcher open Southwater Village Hall which was to be the centre of social activities. Sir L Aubrey Fletcher was thanked by Captain Irvine MCO OBE and seconded by Mr F Grinstead, for his donation of the land for the Village Hall. In his speech, the vicar, who was chairman of the village hall committee, said that the village hall still had a £60 (RPI £3107.15) debt.

The following day, on the 10th June, the brick company had it annual AGM in Horsham and in the afternoon the shareholders and members of the board came to Southwater to see Mrs Whitehouse light the new Staffordshire kiln. This kiln, which cost the company £8000 (RPI £414287.11), had a capacity to burn 150000 brick per week and increase production at the yard



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This year promises to be even bigger than last year - with more exciting activities, performances and stalls to enjoy! Come along and join the fun!

If you are interested in having a stall at the fair, donating a stall prize or partnering with us, please email southwateracademiesPTFA@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

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We came together on the night and played party games and shared our favourite things from 3rd Southwater Brownies. The Brownies read the Brownie story to remind us all what it is about. We shared in sweet treats and a wonderful 30th birthday cake, after singing happy birthday of course!

We ended the evening, as we end each Brownie meeting with Brownie bells, everyone joined in and it was a great way to mark us all joining together in our unit for one night only!

It was a fun evening sharing memories and making new ones, but as with all great things it went too quickly!! We look forward to more fun in the years ahead.



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www.horsham.gov.uk/sport-and-leisure/walking/wellbeing-walks



Health Walks -Easy Cycle Rides www.horshamshipleycommunityproject.org/

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Southwater Bowls Club

Short mat bowls continues in the
Lardner Room at The Ghyll on Tuesday
between 2.00 and 4.00
anyone of any age is welcome to come and try.
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The outdoor season has now started and if you want to try lawn bowling see our full page ad. Everyone very welcome.

Call Jean on **07973 405558** or email **southwaterbowls@gmail.com** for details.

STOTT Pilates Classes with Lorraine



Lorraine Hannah Specialist Exercise, Health & Wellbeing Professional

Southwater Church Rooms

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Zoom classes:

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Please call me for details and how to book a class You will need access to zoom (free as a guest) and a camera

01903 742762 / 07941 078 091
I look forward to working with you.
fitness.lorraine@googlemail.com



Classes

Monday 9:00am – 10:00am Wednesday **6:30pm – 7:30pm**

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CoCo's Foundation

Who We are...

As a registered UK charity, we inspire UK teenagers so they can support and help orphaned communities within the poorest

areas in South Africa. Our aim is to deliver each child's basic needs: food, water, shelter and professional emotional support. The Foundation works with international companies, UK schools, community groups and many individual volunteers to help change children's lives, both here in the UK and in Africa. We are funded entirely by donations. The Foundation do not take any administrative costs and every penny donated goes to one of our four programmes:

- Build4TheFuture providing homes and shelter for child-headed families
- Food4Life feeding over 2.6 million children every day
- Skills4life delivering professional emotional and life skills
- Clothes4Clothes providing school uniforms and beds for the houses we build

Providing orphans with much needed school uniforms to allow them to attend school, to gain an education, funded by unwanted clothes and textiles donated to our clothing banks in the UK and then sold on Ebay to raise the funds. This funding stream also helps us to be able employ a local man that makes the wooden beds for each child in each house that we build.

To purchase a school uniform it costs £40 per uniform

To purchase a bed, one that a child can call their own, is £80 each

3,000 children have managed to get to school with your support.....

How can you get involved...?

Our clothes collection is held on the last Sunday of every month from 9.30am to 10.30am in Lintot Square, Fairbank Road, Southwater (outside the Coco's salon). Our next date is Sunday 29th June. Please bring old, new and preloved clothes, including hats, scarves, gloves, coats, bags, shoes and belts in any condition. The items in good condition will be sold on Ebay and the 'rags' will be sorted and collected by a textile company who will recycle them into useful everyday objects. Our aim is that nothing from our collection goes to landfill. Unfortunately we cannot take bedding,

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duvets, pillows and cushions.

Alternatively If you are interested in helping to sort the clothes with us from 11am to 1.00pm on the last Sunday of the month, please email: info@cocosfoundation.co.uk Thank you

"...Giving Children a Hand Up, Not a Handout..."







Five years ago we were all obsessively scrubbing our hands while singing "Happy Birthday" to ensure we scrubbed for long enough. Along with toilet rolls and flour, anti-bacterial liquid soaps were sold out everywhere and we were all desperate to get our dirty hands on some of the disinfecting, foamy stuff.

Liquid soap was already booming but when the Pandemic hit, sales went through the roof. Interestingly, however, it seems that bar soap might have been our best bet when it came to battling the virus. According to Pall Thordarson, who wrote in the Guardian at the time, "the health authorities were giving us two messages: once you have the virus there are no drugs that can kill it. But also, wash your hands to stop the virus spreading. This seems odd. You can't, even for a million dollars, get a drug for the coronavirus – but your grandmother's bar of soap kills the virus."

Five years on and we're still addicted to liquid soaps, so here are a few reasons to consider the switch:

Liquid Soaps contain a high percentage of water so you are paying for water and the financial and environmental cost of transporting the water due to it's weight and volume.

It comes in single-use plastic bottles with complex pump mechanisms that are hard to recycle and wasteful as they are single use.

Many liquid soaps are anti-bacterial which kill the good bacteria as well as the bad, leaving your skin vulnerable to other pathogens.

The production of liquid soaps requires more energy, mostly due to the single-use packaging

Users of liquid soap tend to use up to six times more product than users of bar soap.

Many liquid soaps are made from petroleum-derived ingredients such as surficants, emulsifiers and other additives, many of which are harmful to aquatic life.

If you decide to switch, granny's bar soap is widely available (choose bars wrapped in paper!) in supermarkets and chemists everywhere. If you want to go a bit more eco and go for bare bars (no packaging at all), there's a wide range available at the old Body Shop (now called **The Natural Body Company**) in Swan Walk, or from the **Plastic Free Refills** stall at Horsham market on Thursdays and Saturdays, or from our very own **Sustainable Southwater** stall in Lintot Square on the 2nd Saturday of every month from 10-12.00.

#sustainablesouthwater#

Letter from Alex Jeffery HDC Councillor for Southwater South & Shipley Ward Planning Inspector puts the brakes on the Local Plan – what happens next?

In April, the Government-appointed planning inspector delivered his verdict on Horsham District Council's (HDC) Local Plan, making his recommendation to withdraw the plan on the grounds that it should provide significantly more houses than is being proposed within the plan period.

This decision from the inspector is unprecedented, with the inspector raising no concerns prior to the local plan examination back in December. It therefore came as a great surprise that only days into the examination the inspector stated that he had "serious concerns". HDC ran a 'health check' on the draft Local Plan in which the plan was assessed by the Planning Inspectorate prior to formal submission — no concerns arose from that process.

The reality is that the current planning system presents no option to prevent development taking place. The significance of an up-to-date Local Plan is crucial to ensure that HDC has control over where development takes place, ensuring the council maintains influence over placement and accompanying infrastructure, the biggest gripe of many residents who I have spoken to over my two years as your councillor.

The consequences of a void in local planning policy is demonstrated by the approval of both Woodlands and Rascals Farm which had there been a Local Plan in place would have been prevented.

The leader of the opposition group Roger Noel, recently wrote in the County Times advocating for higher local housing numbers and the return of the Buck Barn proposal which was previously suggested would deliver more than 3000 homes, a site my colleagues and I discounted from the previous draft local plan. It makes for further interesting reading when you consider that this is a proposal only two years ago Cllr Noel's group were campaigning against, I will leave residents to come to their own conclusions.

The council now has options to consider, including judicial review. There is also the possibility of the housing minister 'calling in' the plan which would override the inspector's recommendation.

Either way, continuing without a Local Plan in place is only to the detriment of residents, and to the advantage of the developers. My colleagues and I will continue to work closely on a solution and provide you with an update as soon as possible.

Upcoming Surgery: Saturday 14th June - The Selsey Arms,

Coolham 12-2pm

Email: alex.jeffery@horsham.gov.uk

Tel: 07751 633398

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

- Southwater Big Bin Survey Results Thanks to all those that
 took part in the Big Southwater Bin Survey which was carried out
 in March. Participants have provided valuable insight into how our
 litter, recycling and dog waste bins are used throughout the
 parish. Highlights from the survey are that residents don't think
 there are enough recycling bins or dog waste bins in public areas
 and more frequent emptying is needed. Overall the findings
 indicate a strong demand for improved waste management
 solutions in Southwater. The full results can be found on the SPC
 website www.southwater-pc.gov.uk and search for "bin survey".
- How Can Southwater Parish Council Communicate Better Following on from the Big Bin Survey we now want to hear from our residents and are conducting this survey to understand how we can improve the way we communicate with residents, eusnring they stay informed and engaged with local matters. To complete this survey please go to: https://forms.office.com/e/fXu3YIPvNf or scan the QR code below.
- Improved Bus Service The No 23 service that runs through Southwater has received some improved times and more evening routes starting in May. There will be a new evening service between Crawley, Horsham and Southwater. To find out more go to: https://www.metrobus.co.uk/May
- 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.
- New Toilet Block at Southwater Country Park When visiting the park you will notice that there is now a new toilet block adjacent to the cafe.

Southwater Parish Council:
Beeson House, 26 Lintot Square,
Fairbank Rd, Southwater, RH13 9LA
Tel: 01403 733202
Email: enquiry@southwater-pc.gov.uk

SPO Team x





Monthly Eco Tips:

Vape Recycling - Horsham District Council is trialing two new collection points for used disposable vapes and batteries in Horsham and Storrington. The nearest to Southwater is at The Pavillions Leisure Centre. in Horsham. This is to encourage residents to dispose of these items more safely for recycling.

Recycle From Home - You can also recycle your unwanted textiles, vapes and broken small electricals with the Council's free collection service. You can book a slot online, then just leave your items out in a plastic bag on your booked collection day. To find out more and how to book visit www.horsham.gov.uk/ and search for recycling at home.

Let's connect:



More News

- **Downs Link Summer Cut** The annual cut on the entire Downs Link will take place between 24 June and 5 July this year. Please look out for signs when the cut takes place on the Southwater sections.
- Home Library Direct If you cannot visit a library because of age, illness, disability, mobility problems, caring responsibilities or other reasons a volunteer can bring books, audiobooks and other resources free of charge. For more information go to: https://arena.westsussex.gov.uk/-/home-library-direct
- Horsham's Local Plan Rejected Horsham District Council has been informed by the government appointed planning inspector that he won't allow Horsham's Local Plan to proceed, and recommends withdrawal of the plan. the Inspector's view that Horsham should be seeking to provide significantly more houses, is in contrast to the view of many who objected to the plan, arguing its housing numbers were too high. To read more, go to: www.horsham.gov.uk/news and search "local plan".

Volunteer Opportunity



Reducing Ioneliness in later life

Re-Engage with a Tea Party

Re-Engage is a National Charity combating loneliness among the elderly. As well as call companions and other activity groups, local volunteers provide monthly tea parties for guests to join in with. It is a wonderfully friendly, really important opportunity for their guests; many of whom have been in the group for years.

The charity would welcome volunteers. and are looking for drivers who collect their guests and take them to the monthly gatherings, join in with the tea (or lunch in winter) and take guests home again. They would also love to hear from any prospective hosts. Both roles are flexible, dates can fit around other commitments. Support is provided by Re Engage and the local coordinator for the Horsham2 Tea Group, which covers a wide areas around Horsham and includes Southwater would love to hear from anyone interested.

https://reengage.org.uk/volunteer/new-volunteers/become-a-tea-party-volunteer/

Event News



6-7th June Leonardslee Lates - Live music as the sun sets. Explore the 240 acre estate during its peak flowering season Open 1800-20.00 www.leonardsleegardens.co.uk/all-events

6-8th June South of England Show Ardingly - Running from 9am to 6.50pm each day there are over 200 things to see and do. Under 16s go free. To find out more go to:

www.seas.org.uk/south-of-england-show

7th June SPC Councillor Surgery - 10AM-11AM, first Saturday of every month held at Beeson House with your local, district and county councillors.

14th June Sustainable Southwater - will have their stall from 10-12AM at Lintot Square, People can get refills, purchase sustainable items and learn about how to be more environmentally friendly.

19th-22nd June Hickstead Show - Along with showjumping you can browse the extensive shopping village, sample delicious food and visit the funfair. Free admission for everyone on Thurs 19th with children under 15 also free on 19-21st. To find out more go to www.hickstead.co.uk.





Your Neighbourhood Wardens

- We meet the needs of the community to improve the quality of life for the residents through engagement, promotion and support.
- We develop projects that benefit the local residents to tackle community safety issues and promote inclusivity.
- We promote community cohesion, resilience and solidarity to encourage and empower communities to resolve issues.
- We support vulnerable members of the community with activities, advice, welfare checks and signposting.
- We engage with residents daily to get to know our community to become a trusted friend to offer advice, guidance and educate.
- We offer education and advice when required before taking enforcement action (Fixed Penalty Notices for Public Space Protection order and Environmental Crime offences)
- We contribute to the delivery of the Community Safety Partnership by working with other agencies to provide a highly visible and reassuring uniform patrolling presence.
- We provide an effective eyes and ears service aimed at reducing the fear of crime and improving quality of life.
- We submit reports to the police to reduce incidents of drug use, criminal damage and anti-social behaviour (101 in non-emergencies and 999 in emergencies) and work alongside them to tackle anti-social behaviour.

Bettina Long 07789 943156



Dominic Woodhead 07789 943193

IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS DIAL 999

If you wish to speak to us in confidence, please give us a call or email southwater.wardens@horsham.gov.uk









Southwater Community Police Office

Doorstep Crime and Roque Traders

There has been a recent increase in Doorstep Crime and Roque Trader reports across the Adur/Worthing and Horsham areas, where incidents of cold calling to repair roof tiles and gutters have occurred.

Doorstep criminals will use excuses to enter your home to steal or charge inflated prices for "repairs", offering overpriced substandard home maintenance or improvements.

They will often say that the work is urgent and normally ask for immediate payment, even offering to go to the bank with you if you do not have cash to hand.

Be vigilant about anyone who comes to the door without an appointment. Never give your bank details, never transfer money to those you don't know or trust and never give your PIN number or other sensitive information to strangers. If you are in doubt about a situation, close the door and call the police. If something doesn't sound right, don't feel pressured to make a snap decision on matters relating to your finances or your property. Trust your instincts.

Check your actions with a trusted friend or family member and get their advice on whether you should go through with any action that could impact you financially. Please pass this message on to any vulnerable family member / friend.

If you are concerned about anything suspicious, please call Sussex Police on 101 or report it online at www.sussex.police.uk. In an emergency, always dial 999.

Southwater Community Police Office opening hours are:

Monday - Friday 09:30 - 12:30 and 14:30 - 17:00 Southwater Community Police Office Beeson House, Lintot Square, Southwater Tel: 01403 734417



Southwater Group

SOUTHWATER FRIDAY LUNCHEON CLUB

Fridays 12 noon – 3pm

The Boar's Head

COME ALONG FOR A CHAT
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OTHER BOARD GAMES

Cost £2 per person- Contact: The Club Secretary

Mobile 07913912299

Lunch and coffee are payable direct to the Boar's Head

Belfry Lunch Club

Haldi, Lintot Square

2 course meal £10 Tuesday 3rd June at Noon

Call Deb Bailey on 731891

for more details. All welcome!

Re-Engage

Free monthly tea parties for the elderly.

Volunteer hosts, drivers and additional quests welcomed.

To chat about joining as a guest or volunteer contact Emma on 07930 533916 or

emma_JH.Fraser@yahoo.co.uk

Southwater Folk

2nd Monday every month 7.30pm - 9.30 pm Church Room Southwater Church RH13 9BT



Come and sing, play or just listen Contact: folk@panda.me.uk

Knit & Chat Meets Wednesdays 12.00 - 2pm

The Lintot Southwater contact Gill 01403 730417



Southwater Village Hall & SNN

Games afternoon Every other Wednesday 2pm - 4.30pm Southwater Village Hall

Rummikub, Scrabble, Dominos, Knitting, Crochet, Tea and Chat

Contact Teresa **07957 449701**

or Chris **07854 826724**

ps and Clubs Listings...

SOUTHWATER WELCOME CLUB



Please join us in the Village For the over 55's Hall on alternate Wednesdays, 2.30-4.30pm. for an afternoon of activities. We serve tea & cake and always hold a raffle. Cost £3 each.

11th June - Outing to Hastings and the British Tea Museum 25th June

Exercise with Sue Cailes

Call Deborah Bailey 731891 or Kris Massie 731553 for details

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.

June 6th - Walk in Country Park

June 13th - Boccia

June 20th - Mandela Stone Painting

June 27th - Velvet Art Colouring Cards

Please ring Tina Andrews on 01403 731839 for more information. or follow us on Facebook



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

To be a member of our u3a you must no longer be in fulltime employment. If you would like to find out more, why not come to a taster session of an activity that interests you or attend one of our General Meetings. Membership is £9 pa.

Phone our chairperson on **01403 732018** for further details or visit our new website at

https://southwater.u3asite.uk

SOUTHWATER NEIGHBOUR NETWORK

We provide the kind of help a good neighbour might offer

We are a good neighbour scheme, run and provided by volunteers, offering help to Southwater residents who have difficulty getting out because of mobility problems or who are socially isolated. We can provide transport, if it is local, help with shopping and collect prescriptions. We also offer befriending, arrange regular outings, and help run a fortnightly Games afternoon which our service users can attend.

All our volunteers are DBS checked and use their own cars to provide transport. The service is free, but contributions are always welcome.

For further information

07766 088967



swaternn@gmail.com

http://southwaterneighbournetwork.org

Interested in becoming a volunteer?

We would love to hear from you.

Southwater Girl Guides



1st Southwater Guides
girls aged 10-14
meet Mondays 7 - 8.30 pm.
Ranger unit girls age 14+
meet Mondays from 8pm.
Scout & Guide HQ,
email
firstsouthwaterguides@outlook.com

SOUTHWATER TREFOIL GUILD

The Trefoil Guild the adult section of Girlguiding. Anyone over 18 welcome not only previous Girl Guides. We enjoy friendship, fun, and trying new things -talks, crafts and getting out with like-minded friends.

Southwater Village Hall, 1st Wednesday in each month7:30 to 9:30pm Janet Taylor 01403 731889

Orion Explorer Scouts

We are the scouting group
for 14-17 year old
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contact us at
orionesu@horshamscouts.com

SOUTHWATER LOCAL HISTORY GROUP Meetings held at 7.30pm on the first Monday in the month at The Village Hall 2nd June Brighton in World War II (Chris Horlock) 7th July Brighton & Worthing

(Chris Horlock)
7th July Brighton & Worthing
during WWI (Kevin Newman)
For more information contact
Jeremy Senneck 01403 731247

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Southwater W.I. News

Last month we had our annual quiz which was very well attended with very close results. In May we are looking forward to a talk about the Knepp Rewilding Project, which I know many of you are interested in, especially as they are organising walks around the estate this summer. June is promising to be a very exciting meeting. We have a Consultant Dermatologist, Dr Justine Hextall, who is going to talk to us. We are anticipating that the demand for this will be high and so if you are considering coming as a guest please let us know well in advance as guest numbers will be limited. July sees our annual picnic -with entertainment. Our walking Wonder Women are continuing to explore the Sussex countryside and our Charities Committee are doing the St Catherine's Midnight Walk as part of a team so all in all, we are quite active and we do like to offer new visitors a

Wed May 28th Knepp Castle Rewilding – 7.45pm Southwater Village Hall Wed June 25th 7.45pm Dr Justine Hexall, Consultant Dermatologist Wed July 30th Annual Picnic – 7.45pm SVH

Enquiries to southwaterwi@gmail.com



warm welcome.

Please join us for our Sunday service at Southwater Village Hall.

We have a great team of teachers and helpers for our busy Sunday School too. We have various groups that meet during the week these include:

Bible study & Prayer - Tuesday evening Womens group - Tuesday mornings Mens group meets once a month Babies & Toddlers -Wednesday morning We look forward to meeting you soon. Please feel free to get in touch by email for more information at:

hello@elimfamilychurch.org.uk.

The Shrine Church of Our Lady of Consolation & St. Francis, Park Lane, West Grinstead is the SOUTHWATER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass at 11.15am

The Sunday morning Mass includes a separate Children's Liturgy (for 3 year olds upwards). Coffee and other Refreshments are served after this Mass. Please make yourselves known to Kate Goddard, Parish Administrator and the parishioners.

For Baptism, preparation for first Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, etc Please contact Kate Goddard in the first instance on 01403 710273 www.consolation.ora.uk

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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 varous 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 i at 10 a.m. on1st,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

Gardening - If you like gardening, why not help in the church garden or our flower and produce garden. Email garden@panda.me.uk

Recycling - We manage the Terracycle hub in the church car park and re-distribute many difficult to recycle items from a central point. Contact Sustainablesouthwater@gmail.com for more information

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

- 1st June Two Mile Ash
- 8th June Kensett Avenue,
- 15th June Rush Gardens, Willis Way
- 22nd June Balchin Place, Kennard Crescent
- 29th June Eames View, Turners Grove, Coustance Grove



Connect Southwater Community Church

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FB: https://www.facebook.com/connect.southwater/ **FB**: https://www.facebook.com/SoulSpaceSouthwater/ WEBSITE: www.connectsouthwatercommunitychurch.net

Sundays 10am for worship @ Southwater Junior Academy

Want to know more about Christianity? Intrigued by Jesus? Exploring faith? Why not join us on Sunday for meaningful, Spirit filled worship & biblical teaching as we seek to make sense of life & faith, or come to our community based activities or Life Groups. We are a small, growing, independent church, part of UK Pioneer, rooted in Southwater, passionate about people & God!

Café Connect - coffee, chat & friendship - Thursdays 2pm @ The Little Tea Shop 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 -

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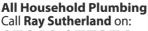
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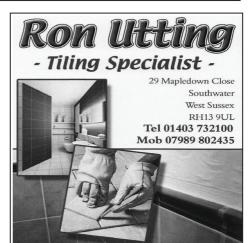
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