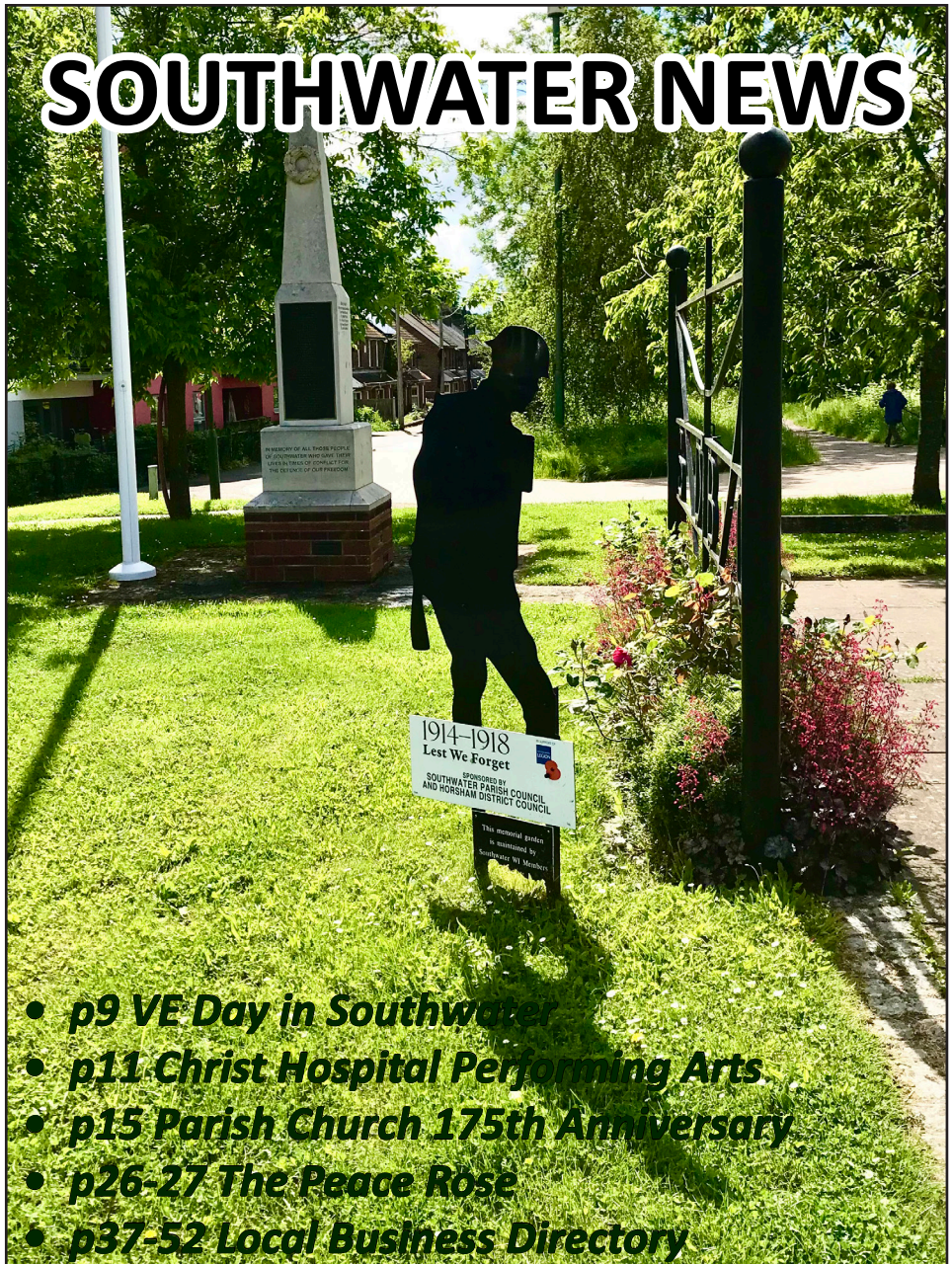


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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Welcome to the May edition of Southwater News!

On May 8th we celebrate VE Day, when, 80 years ago, the war in Europe ended. It is a sobering thought to realise that there are very few alive today who remember the fight for freedom and justice which culminated in the founding of the United Nations symbolised by the Peace rose. Last month we featured the village hall centenary. Next month, on June 7th, it is 175 years since the parish church was consecrated. To celebrate we are holding a special flower festival to which the whole village is invited, there will be a firework display on the Saturday evening and on Sunday there will be a village songs of praise when it is your chance to choose the hymns we sing.

Also within these pages you'll find Alex Jeffery discussing Millais becoming co-educational and the more general issue of local secondary education and, if you'd like to try your hand at bowls, Southwater Bowls Club is offering free 'come and try' lawn bowls sessions from 7th May.

The Editor.

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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.

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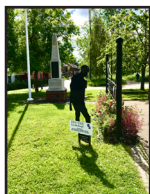
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This beautiful photograph of the fallen soldier by the Southwater war memorial was taken by David Tyler especially for this magazine. Other budding photographers are invited to send their photos of scenes and events around the village - you never know - you too may feature on our front cover

From the vicar's pen,

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step—so runs the Chinese proverb. The journey of faith too must begin somewhere, a first step to be taken. We are still in the season of Easter. The resurrection of Jesus motivated those around him to take a step forward in faith, hope and joy. The proverb suggests that we don't have to try to get wherever we are going in a single leap. Step by step is fine. This is true for the journey of trust in God too. Sometimes a journey begins with a very humble, not so spectacular, first move; a stepping-out in faith, which may be following little more than a hunch, taking a bit of a punt, with only the haziest of ideas where this might lead.

Of course, first steps can be moments of great excitement and celebration. The first steps of an infant, the first steps into married life, the first steps into a new career. There is anxiety too—the infant may topple, the couple will face any number of challenges (for better, for worse), and you never quite know what a group of new colleagues will be like—but generally the motivation to step-out overcomes any fear. We are creatures who like to progress; to move forward.

Following the resurrection, the disciples of Jesus moved forward in their proclamation of the good news. They proclaimed that God in risen Jesus offers forgiveness for the past, new life in the present and hope for the future.

The biblical truth is before we take our first step, we are seen by God; we are noticed. The writer of the 139th psalm is overwhelmed with the thought—you have searched me out and known me; you discern my thoughts from afar; before I was knit together in my mother's womb you beheld me.

This awakening to the idea of being seen, being noticed, awakened to the prevenient attention of God, is an extraordinary discovery in a culture that often pretend there is no God at all, and it prompts a step towards the one who sees us; who bids us 'come and see.'

Easter is the greatest good news the world will every hear. Faith in God is a journey of joy, love and hope. God invites you and me to take the next step on the ladder, on the journey of faith; to come and see what the angels see. You are very welcome to join us at church for worship any Sunday at 10 am.

With my prayers and all good wishes,

Godfrey



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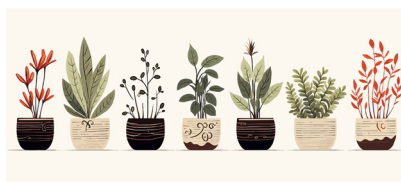
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Monday 5th May 10.00 – 12.00

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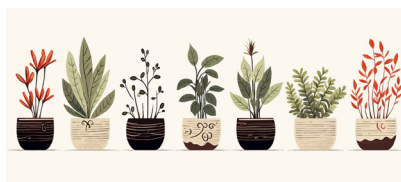
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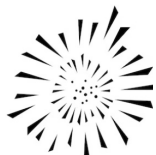


On Sunday 1st June at 5.30pm Southwater Parish Church is holding a special Songs of Praise at our Start the Month service. We are asking the village to send in their favourite hymns and Godfrey, our vicar, will be choosing the seven most popular hymns to be sung at the service

Please email or phone Godfrey to let him know your favourite hymn or write it down on the form on page 36 and post it through the vicarage letterbox or leave it in the basket the back of the church The last date for choosing hymns is Friday 9th May

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Letter from Alex Jeffery *HDC Councillor for Southwater South & Shipley Ward*

**Does Millais going co-educational
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In March, parents across Southwater heard the news that from August 2026 Millais School will be going co-educational. Having worked closely with the Horsham & Southwater Schools Local Education (HASSLE) group I know many parents are welcoming this news, but is this the end of the saga?

Horsham is one of the fastest-growing population centres in the South East with 13,500 unbuilt housing permissions already granted across the district. Due to our unique status of having to contend with Water Neutrality, the build-out rate across Southwater and the district has slowed.

However, this could all be about to change with the new Government indicating that they could scrap Water Neutrality legislation altogether to aid them in their ambition to build 1.5 million homes by the end of this Parliament.

With the volume of unbuilt permissions already granted across Horsham coupled with the change in direction indicated by the Government, Millais going co-ed will act as a mere sticking plaster, papering over the cracks of a much wider issue which is the lack of investment in our local education provision.

West Sussex County Council (WSCC) officers have already accepted that new schools need to be built across the district to accommodate the growing population that will come with these new developments. Long-term planning is required, something that West Sussex County Council and the Department of Education have historically failed on.

Two areas have been identified by WSCC as the most suitable areas for new schools with Southwater - the largest settlement in West Sussex currently without its own secondary school being one, with West of Ifield the other suitable site identified.

West Sussex County Council needs to work much more closely with The Department of Education and other stakeholders to deliver a long-term plan for education provision across Southwater and the wider district, to ensure that the future families of Southwater do not have to go through the stress and anxiety that the status quo has caused parents.

I believe that a repeat of what parents in Southwater have gone through over numerous years can be avoided for future generations with long-term planning and collaboration in the best interests of all residents.

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- **Weald to Waves** - Is an ambitious, community-driven project aimed at creating a 100-mile wildlife corridor across Sussex, connecting the Weald to the coast. This initiative seeks to restore and link diverse habitats, enabling species to thrive and migrate freely. By involving local communities, landowners and conservation groups, the project fosters a collaborative approach to nature recovery. Participants can contribute by pledging their gardens, green spaces, or larger landholdings to support biodiversity. For more details and to pledge, please visit www.wealdtowaves.co.uk

- **Successful Southwater Litter Picking Day** - At the end of March residents united for a community litter picking day, reinforcing their dedication to a cleaner village as part of the Great British Spring Clean and Keep Britain Tidy initiatives. To find out more on the day go to www.southwater-pc.gov.uk/post/a-successful-litter-picking-day.

- **New Village Green** - SPC is pleased to acknowledge the successful designation of Nutham Lane Open Space as a new Village Green. This ensures the long-term protection of this valued community space, aligning with the Council's ongoing commitment to the safeguarding of the spaces designated in the Southwater Neighbourhood Plan. To read more go to www.southwater-pc.gov.uk and search Nutham Lane Open Space.

- **Parish Council Approves Long Term Grant Funding for Southwater Youth Project CIO (SYP CIO)** - At the Full Council Meeting in March SPC approved a new 3-year Grant Funding Agreement with SYP CIO, including funding for an additional part-time youth worker from 1st April 2026, reaffirming its commitment to supporting youth services in the parish.

Southwater Parish Council:

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Fairbank Rd, Southwater, RH13 9LA
Tel: 01403 733202

Email: enquiry@southwater-pc.gov.uk

SPC Team x

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More News

- **Antisocial Behaviour Survey** - Horsham's Neighbourhood Policing Team is working with Horsham District Council's Community Safety Partnership and wants to understand more about the antisocial behaviour (ASB) you experience. The feedback from your experiences will provide police and Horsham's Community Safety Partnership with the opportunity to review current processes and support communities further. To participate in the survey go to www.horsham.gov.uk/community/safety-and-emergencies/anti-social-behaviour
- **National Garden Scheme** - is starting to operate with 81 West Sussex gardens preparing to open for visitors over the next nine months. Including 19 opening for first time. You can see more each month in Sussex Local or pick up a free copy of The Sussex National Garden Scheme booklet in many garden centres, local stores and libraries. www.ngs.org.uk
- **Hop Oast Recycling Centre** - Has now switched to its spring/summer opening times. Monday, Thursday-Sunday 9am-6pm, Tuesday and Wednesday closed. You need to book online at www.westsussex.gov.uk to visit the centre.

Volunteer Opportunity



Fundraiser for Southern Sighthound Rescue (SSR)

SSR is a volunteer run Registered Charity based in Barns Green. Founded in 2023, they find forever homes for retired racing Greyhounds as well as Whippets, Lurchers and any other sighthound breeds who need help. The team of volunteers fundraise to help cover veterinary treatment and day-to-day running costs to name a few of the ongoing expenses the charity incurs.

They are always looking for volunteers to join their friendly team. Volunteers can commit as much, or little time as they wish. It may be helping on a stall at a dog show or one of their craft fairs; making something to be sold on their stalls or one of their hugely popular Facebook auctions.

To find out more and see if this is something you would like to get involved with visit

<https://volunteerhorshamdistrict.co.uk/opportunity/volunteer-fundraiser-378>

Event News



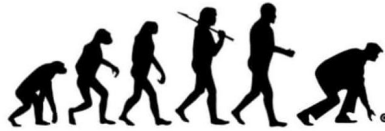
3rd May SPC Councillor Surgery - 10AM-11AM, first Saturday of every month held at Beeson House.

8th May 80th Anniversary of VE Day - Horsham District Council will be marking the Victory in Europe Day in the town centre with a range of activities and events. to find out more go to www.horsham.gov.uk/events For events in Southwater, visit SPC's website.

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

14th May from 7:30PM - Join the Annual Parish Meeting. Held once a year in the Lardner Hall at the Ghyll for the benefit of the community, it is an opportunity for residents to hear from local organisations, schools and community groups about their activities over the previous year. Refreshments and nibbles will be provided for all attending and SPC hopes this meeting will help bring the community together. A great chance if you are thinking of volunteering for any of the organisations we have in our village or just to catch up on what's been going on.

Lawn Bowls



PART OF THE EVOLUTION

Starting from Wednesday 7th May there will be 'Come and Try' lawn bowls sessions every Wednesday evening from 6.30 and every Saturday morning between 10.00 and 12.00 right through the summer on the bowls green by The Ghyll in Pevensey Road, Southwater, RH13 9XZ. Everyone is entitled to 3 free sessions.

If you want to try this fun, challenging and social sport, please come along wearing trainers/flat soled shoes. All other equipment will be provided and help will be on hand.

We hope to see you there – No need to book -just turn up.

For more information please contact
Jean on 07973 405558
Email southwaterbowls@gmail.com
Or check out our website
www.southwaterbowlsclub.co.uk

Horsham & Shipley Community Project



Petanque Tuesday 10.30-12.30, Friday 2pm-4pm
Men's Shed - Monday 9am-1pm, Tuesday 9am - 3pm
Walking Football, Tuesday 10am-11.30am
Green Project, Mondays from 9am

Health Walks - Wednesday 21st May - South Downs-Ditchling

Easy Rides - Wednesdays 7th May and 28th May
20 miles electric or leg-powered cycle ride

info@horshamshipleycommunityproject.org
www.horshamshipleycommunityproject.org/

Southwater Country Park

Fri 12pm
meet at 'Iggy' the dinosaur
Lintot Square

No booking required
Over 18's
Assistance dogs only

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Southwater Library



Opening Hours



Monday – Friday 10 – 5 Saturday 10 – 2

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horsham@renshinkankarate-england.org.uk
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Horsham District Council
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Free, family friendly walks led by volunteers.
No need to book, just turn-up.

Fridays 9th & 23rd May at 11am - Level 1 - 2.6 miles 75 mins
Meet Southwater Country Park (car park off Cripplegate Lane) No dogs

check website for details of many other walks in the area
www.horsham.gov.uk/sport-and-leisure/walking/wellbeing-walks



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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.

For more info call Kathy 07870 878060

**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.



Southwater Community Police Office

Protect your home by protecting your garden

Here are some security tips to protect your outdoor space from opportunist burglars looking for a way in.

Let there be light - Consider installing security lights both to illuminate your garden and deter thieves. Motion sensor lights switch on when movement is detected, sodium tubes switch on automatically when it becomes dark.

Beautiful boundaries - Keep shrubs, bushes, hedges and plants cut back as they can provide a hiding place for thieves. Check that all boundary fences, walls and gates are in good repair. A solid barrier is an excellent deterrent to an opportunist thief.

Lock it up - Prevent burglars from breaking into your shed or outbuilding by using a good quality lock or padlock, consider covering windows with mesh and protect what's inside.

Find advice on all aspects of home security
<https://orlo.uk/DjDJ8>

Don't let burglars ruin your garden sanctuary.



Southwater 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

No Mow May

Leaving your grass to grow a little longer can have huge benefits to your environment and to wildlife. Even grass mown every four weeks will provide plants for pollinators. Less mowing encourages wildflowers to grow in your lawn and this is beneficial to pollinating insects such as hoverflies, bees and butterflies. Not only is this beneficial to your wildlife, it's easy on your muscles, too!

If you want to encourage wildflowers in your lawn, try No Mow May. As the name suggests, you simply stop mowing in early May, which allows the wild plants already in your lawn to grow up and flower, adding colour and attracting pollinating insects and other wildlife. You can leave your whole lawn uncut or just a section or mow pretty pathways through the long grass. At the end of May, consider leaving part, or all, of it unmown until August to encourage a greater diversity of plants. If you do go back to mowing, bear in mind that some wildlife may have moved into your wildlife haven so do it carefully!

Thinking of ditching the lawn?

Artificial grass seems like a trouble-free alternative to the real thing but there are some serious downsides to it, too. In these increasingly hot summers, plastic lawns can become very hot, the opposite of that cool feel of grass on your feet. It's unfriendly to wildlife; it can't be recycled and will end up in landfill; it's more likely to cause surface run off after significant rainfall which may contribute to flooding, the runoff can contain micro-plastics that will get into the waterways and it's not totally maintenance free. It still needs to be cleaned of litter and moss growth, potentially replacing mowing with vacuuming. Maybe your natural grass lawn has more to offer than you thought!



More About May

- Birds will be nesting this month so wait until later in the year before trimming your hedges.
- Tadpoles and newts should be growing up fast so if you have a pond, and are lucky enough to have any of these critters in there, leave a sloping side so they can get out when they're ready.
- Hoverfly larvae can be mistaken for pests and ladybird larvae look like mini-monsters but both are garden friends that gobble up aphids so, if in doubt, don't squish.
- Buy local! May is the month for planting out when the last of the frosts is over. Locally grown plants by locally grown people can be found at the Plant Sale in the Village Hall on Monday 5th May from 10-12.00. Stay for a cuppa and a slice of cake!

#sustainablesouthwater#

Southwater Local History Group

THE PEACE ROSE



Our local clay soil can be a pain but once it's been cultivated over time, it is particularly good for roses. If you happen to live in one of the older houses in the village, you may just have one particular rose growing quietly in a border and wondered what it's name is. If it has large light yellow to cream coloured flowers, slightly flushed at the petal edges with crimson-pink, it could well be "The Peace Rose". It's hardy, vigorous and resistant to disease, and it

has an interesting history too.

The Meilland Family is a multi-generational family of French rose breeders and their first rose specialist was Joseph Rambaux , who first started breeding roses in 1850 in Lyon. Since then the family has grown to become Meilland International.

The Meilland we are interested in was Francis Meilland, who developed the rose in question in 1935. It is a hybrid - Margaret McGredy crossed with an unnamed seedling - and he called it Madame A. Meilland.

Francis feared, correctly, that the Germans would soon invade France and so he sent cuttings of his rose to friends in Italy, Turkey, Germany, and the United States to protect it. It has been told that it was sent to the US on the last plane available before the German invasion!

Although the cultivar had different names in different countries, it eventually became known as Peace.

Early in 1945 Francis wrote to Field Marshal Alan Brooke, thanking him for his part in the liberation of France and asking if he might name the rose after him. Brooke declined, saying that though he was honoured to be asked, his name would soon be forgotten and a much better and more enduring name would be "Peace".

This name was agreed and was formally announced by the American company Conard Pyle, who introduced it in the US. By happy chance



this announcement was on 29 April 1945, the very day that Berlin fell. 1945 also saw the inaugural meeting of the United Nations, at which Peace roses were given to each of the delegations together with a note that read:

“We hope the ‘Peace’ rose will influence men’s thoughts for everlasting world peace”.

We continue to hope so indeed and maybe in this V E anniversary month, we could try planting some more of these very special symbols. They are still widely available and according to Newbridge Garden Centre web page - “Garden Centres are donating 100% of sale proceeds of the ‘Peace’ rose to the Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal” so the rose continues to spread the message!

Southwater Local History Group

Meetings held at 7.30pm The Village Hall, Southwater
 Monday 5th May 2025 – Speaker Ben Hasker – ‘History of Punch and Judy’ - The origins of the seaside joy
 Monday 2nd June 2025 Speaker Chris Horlock, ‘Brighton in WWII’

Please do not attend if you have any Covid-19 symptoms
 Contact Jeremy Senneck 01403 731247 for more SLHG information.



NEIGHBOURHOOD
WARDENS



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

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ALWAYS DIAL 999**

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

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Horsham District
Community Safety
Partnership



Horsham
District
Council



Notes from the Past....

By Robert Piper

This May marks the 80th anniversary of VE Day and you will hear the church bell being rung at 6.30pm on the 8th of May to mark this special event.

If we go back to May 1885 at the church vestry meeting it was reported that the running cost for the church in 1884 was £21-0-61/2 (RPI £2293.99). Also it was decided that, as Mr J Kilner the village sexton was retiring, the church will pay him a pension of £1 per year (RPI £109.08) for all his hard work.

In May 1905 Miss L Stirling-Hamilton put on a concert at the school in aid of the Sunday School fund. Seats cost 2s-6d, 1s and 6d (RPI £12.90, £5.18 and £2.58), Southwater Cricket Club beat Partridge Green by 1 run.

By May 1915 the village was asked to take part in the National Egg Collection for the war effort. Mr Booker at The Post Office received the eggs and forwarded them on free of charge. At their May meeting in 1925, the Village Hall Committee was told that the roof was now finished and the inside work was in hand. Of the £800 (RPI £41286.85) raised so far £774 (RPI £38396.77) had been spent. Mr Walcott and Mr Warmen kindly gave a stove to heat the village hall.

At the 1945 May meeting of the Horsham Rural Council Housing and Drainage Committee it was decided to increase the rent on the 12 houses in Andrew Road by no more than 2s-6d (RPI 46p) per week. The Southwater home front applied for funding from the War Charities Act to support members of H M Forces, Merchant Navy and the Bevin Boys. The administration centre would be at the village hall. A bottle of Johnnie Walker whisky cost 25s6d (RPI £4.68) and ½ lb. of Brook Bond Tea cost 1s 6d (RPI 0.27p). For VE Day there was a bonfire and a dance held in the village hall. Knepp Castle put on a big dance, bonfire and fireworks but in Horsham it took the council two days to organise an official celebration.

Twenty years ago Southwater Amateur Dramatic Society and Southwater Village Hall Committee put on an afternoon show and tea party for the children of the village with the Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex as a special guest. The evening show for the rest of the village was called 'Wish Me Luck' based on Operation Pied Piper. It was supported by the National Lottery to mark the 60th anniversary of VE and VJ Day

Southwater Group



SOUTHWATER FRIDAY LUNCHEON CLUB

Fridays 12 noon – 3pm

The Boar's Head

COME ALONG FOR A CHAT

**PLAY RHUMMIKUB, DOMINOES AND
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 6th May

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 guests welcomed.**

**To chat about joining
as a guest or volunteer**

contact Emma on

07930 533916 or

emma_JH.Fraser@yahoo.co.uk

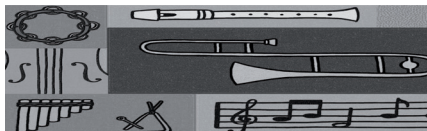
Southwater Folk

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

Formed in 1960



For the over 55's

Please join us in the Village 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.

**May 14th
Indoor Curling Match**

**May 28th
Talk about 'The Big Lunch'**

**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.

*May 2nd
May 9th
May 16th
May 23rd
May 30th*

***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 full-time 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 Local History Group

Meetings held at 7.30pm
on
the first Monday in the month
at
The Village Hall, Southwater

For more information
Contact
Jeremy Senneck 01403 731247

SOUTHWATER TREFOIL GUILD

The Trefoil Guild is
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 month 7:30 to 9:30pm
Janet Taylor 01403 731889

DEMENTIA ACTIVE SUSSEX

Every Monday 10.00am – 12.00pm
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For people with memory problems and
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Southwater Scout & Guide Jubilee HQ Committee

Calling all Scout and Guide Parents / Carers/ Grandparents
past and present, any ex-Scouts or ex-Guides or anyone else
who wants to support the Young People of Southwater



The Jubilee Scout & Guide HQ in Church Lane urgently needs you!

We are looking for a new volunteer Premises Manager. You would be supported by the outgoing Manager until you were confident to oversee the statutory checks and have the ongoing support of the HQ Committee.

We are also looking for a maintenance volunteer or a team of volunteers to help maintain the HQ, so that the Young People can continue to enjoy meeting safely in a nice well maintained environment. You will be working alongside the Premises Manager and supported by the HQ committee

For further details please contact the Chair, Irene Orford
flame08@btinternet.com

Southwater W.I. News

Spring has sprung and our programme is well and truly underway. In March we had a surprise guest as our scheduled speaker was hospitalised. Steve Lewis stepped in with a talk about dilemmas faced by police undertaking surveillance operations. April will see our resident quiz mistress, Sandra Fruish, swinging into action and in May we have a fascinating talk about the Knepp Castle Rewilding Project from Matthew Phelps. In June we are looking forward to a very exciting guest speaker, Dr Justine Hextall, Consultant Dermatologist. Now the lighter evenings are here, the Walking Group have resumed their evening walks exploring the local area and of course have a good chat. We have some theatre outings lined up and the Charities Committee is organising a team to take part in the St Catherine's Midnight Walk.

We meet in the Village Hall on the last Wednesday of the month at 7.45pm
Wednesday April 30th 7.45pm Spring Quiz.

Wednesday May 28th 7.45pm Knepp Castle Rewilding Project.

Wednesday June 25th 7.45pm Dr Justine Hexall, Consultant Dermatologist

Enquiries to southwaterwi@gmail.com



**HOLY INNOCENTS
SOUTHWATER PARISH CHURCH**

www.southwaterchurch.org.uk



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 i 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

There will be no Julian meeting this month. Our thoughts and prayers are with Stephen and his family

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

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.

- 4th May – Church Lane
- 11th May – Woodfield, Burgess Close
- 18th May – Shaws Lane, Bonfire Hill
- 25th May - Marlpost

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

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

Try Alpha



Alpha is here!

Alpha is a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open friendly environment. Everyone's welcome. No matter your background or beliefs, you're invited.

Stay Curious

Try Alpha

starting on Thursday May 1st 2025 at
Holy Innocents - Southwater Parish Church
to find out more, email
warden@southwaterchurch.org.uk
or phone Godfrey on 01403 730229



PILGRIMAGE TO CHICHESTER FROM SOUTHWATER

Chichester Cathedral and Diocese are 950 years old this year. To mark the occasion you are invited to join a pilgrimage from Southwater to Chichester by train. Come for a day out including a tour of the Cathedral, finishing with Choral Evensong.

**SATURDAY JULY 12TH
2025**

This is open to all who live in the Parish and their friends, of all ages and abilities.

For further information or to book your place, email
warden@southwaterchurch.org
Or phone Revd. Godfrey on
01403 730229



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.org.uk***

Celebrating 175 years of Holy Innocents - Southwater Parish Church

Village Songs of Praise

Sunday 1st June 5:30 pm

Please nominate your favourite hymn before 9th May

My favourite hymn is:

Please leave this form in the basket at the back of the church,
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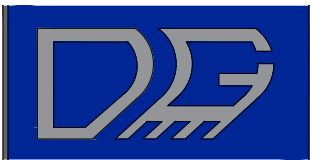
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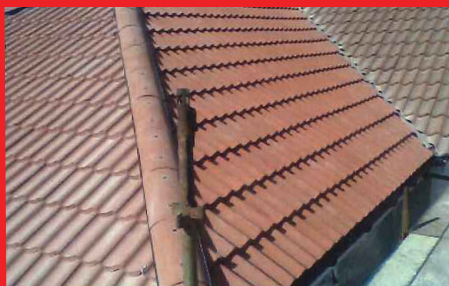
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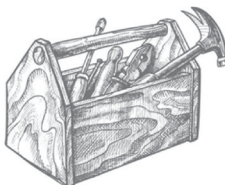
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