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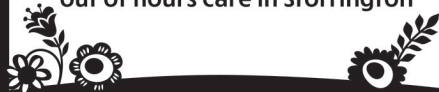
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Welcome to the October edition of Southwater News!

The Fun Dog Show and Church Fair was a wonderful family occasion blessed by good weather but it is already a memory and we've turned our thoughts to welcoming the village to our Harvest Festival Day on 5th October. There is one more centenary to celebrate before the year is out. West Sussex Libraries have reached their 100th birthday. Southwater Library is celebrating with a pirate themed Family Fun Day on Thursday 30th October. Who remembers Southwater Library as a tiny room in the village hall run by Mrs Piedot? If you are interested in Southwater history there's an opportunity to help the Local History Group sort and index 100,000 long forgotten, local artifacts (p23). Did you know that this month is Unblocktober? Southern Water are joining Sustainable Southwater on their stall in Lintot Square on October 11th to tell you all about fatburgs (p13) Both Alex Jeffrey (p19) and the parish council (p16-17) update us on the latest developments in some recently contested planning applications and last but not least there's a table top sale on 4th October to raise funds for the Southwater Youth Project. Enjoy the read.

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.

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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This acer or Japanese maple tree in full, glorious autumn colours was sent in by Nancy Brock as part of our Trees of Southwater series.. It grows in a patio pot in her garden

From the vicar's pen,

May I begin by saying a big thank you to all who came and supported our Church Fair and Fun Dog Show on the 6th September.

On 5th October Sunday we will celebrate Harvest Festival at our 10 am service. The church will be open again from 3-5 pm for the village community to come and enjoy the Harvest Decorations. There will also be a service at 5.30 pm. To give thanks, we put things at the foot of the altar at harvest and in the foodbank box regularly to give to people who have no money for enough food, even their daily bread.

Jesus in the gospels talks about not worrying about what might happen. Look at the lilies, says Jesus. They don't spin or weave; they don't think about tomorrow; they're clothed and watered, God provides everything they need. But the point of this story is not really about abandoning responsibility in the hopes that someone else will take care of you; or about "eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we might die". It's more about trusting God because God looks after all creation on a daily basis. This is God's miracle.

I'm not someone who uses the word "miracle" very often...but when I see a tiny little tomato seed, I'm having faith that it will produce a 3 foot plant with edible fruits so long as we do our bit. This is all really up to God; and is, to me, a miracle of creation. Nothing we can do, apart from trying our best to take care of it, will make it germinate and grow and give us ... tomatoes.

We give thanks, we also share. There is the story about old lady who was very poor. She had nothing. No shelter, no food, no proper clothes. She prayed to God and God gave her 10 apples. This was wonderful. 'Now I can get the things I need,' she said. She was so hungry of course that she ate the first three apples and so was full. The next three apples she traded to rent some modest shelter so that she could be safe from the rain and the sun. She exchanged the next three apples for some new clothes, so she was no longer cold at night and would look smart during the day. But there was then one apple left over. 'Why did you give me one apple more than I needed?' she asked God. 'So you can have something with which to say thank-you to me,' replied God.

God gives us enough to say thank-you.

Godfrey



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Southwater in Photographs Part 3



Talk by
Robert Piper
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at 7.30pm on
Monday 6th October 2025

All welcome. Non-members £3

West Sussex Library Service Celebrates its Centenary



Libraries existed in West Sussex before the county Library Service was set up in 1925. In the early 1900s Marian Frost was a pioneering librarian at Worthing Library and Museum and instrumental in persuading Andrew Carnegie to fund a new town library,

1925 13 February 1925 the West Sussex County Council adopted the Public Libraries Act. Henry Alan Twort was the first County Librarian from 1925 to 1937. At first it was just Henry choosing and delivering books in a Morris van. Within two years he had employed a small staff to help him.

50 centres were established in the first year, mostly in village halls and clubs. 108 library centres and branch libraries had opened by 1934.

1942 During World War II special library centres opened near local army and air force units, and land army hostels.

1957 The county's first purpose-built library opened in Horsham (see above)

1967 Chichester Library launched a computer controlled issue system – a first for a British public library. Once the system had been thoroughly tested it was extended to other West Sussex libraries.

1973 West Sussex Library Service unveiled a fully automated library so staff could bring up details of over 600,000 books at the touch of a button. In the late 1970s the punch coded cards were replaced by barcodes on library cards and books, with staff using a light pen to scan the barcode.

1974 As part of local government reorganisation, 12 libraries including Worthing, Burgess Hill and East Grinstead became part of West Sussex

1989 Library card holders could borrow video cassettes for the first time.

1998 Internet access was unveiled at Worthing Library.

2000 Library card holders could make their own reservations and renewals at viewpoint terminals.

2010 The first self service kiosks were installed. By 2011 all borrowers could issue and return books themselves.

2014 eBooks, eMagazines and eAudiobooks loans were introduced.

2025 We celebrate our centenary!



FAMILY FUN DAY



Southwater Library Thursday 30th October 10am- 4pm

To celebrate the Centenary of West Sussex Libraries, join us for a Family Fun Day at Southwater Library. We'll be having some swashbuckling fun with a pirate-themed story and craft session, a treasure hunt, Baby Rhyme Time and lots more fun!

Plus, you can try our virtual reality experience with the Library of Possibilities and Wonder; put on one of our VR headsets and jump into a magical world of books.

All activities are FREE but some require booking in advance. For more information visit arena.westsussex.gov.uk/centenary or contact Southwater Library on 01403 734660, email southwater.library@westsussex.gov.uk.





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Let's Talk About Water

It was easy to imagine the need to save water when we were in the middle of a sweltering heatwave. No rain for weeks. Gardens turning brown. Pictures of dry, cracked reservoirs and talk of hosepipe bans. Wildfires on the increase. The new 'normal' looking worrying. Then at last the rain came, to the relief of us all, and with so many other worries in the world, we quickly start to forget about any water shortages.

But rain or no rain, here in Sussex we have an ongoing shortage of water and there's a regular struggle between developers and planners around balancing water conservation with providing much-needed housing. As individuals, we can't do much to refill reservoirs or influence planning battles, but we can try and do our bit to conserve the precious water we do have. Here are a few pointers:

Toilets use about 25% of household water and that's drinking quality water! Install a cistern water displacement device to reduce the amount of water your loo flushes. Consider upgrading your toilet to a dual-flush toilet, which typically uses 4-6 litres of water **as** opposed to the old style flush systems which use a massive 13 litres per flush (**Taps&Toilets** do these for a fixed fee: 07900 555819). Or simply check your loo isn't leaking by putting some food colouring in the cistern and if the water in the bowl changes colour (give it an hour or so), then you need to call a plumber! Consider a low-flow shower head and try to shorten your shower time. In the kitchen: Only run the dishwasher when it is full and avoid rinsing plates before putting them in there. That's the dishwasher's job! Full loads only for the washing machine, too.

More tips can be found at waterwise.org.uk/how-to-save-water

Save Our Sewers and Seas

We've all heard horror stories about fatburgs and some of the disgusting things that find their way into our rivers and the sea? On Saturday 11th October **Sustainable Southwater** will run its monthly stall from 10-12.00 in Lintot Square and this month the focus will be on the subject of what goes down the drain in support of **UNBLOCKTOBER!**

We will be joined by a team from **Southern Water** who told us:

"We are a small team in **Southern Water** that specialise and educate in Fat, Oils and Grease & Unflushables staying out of our drains to prevent sewer blockages and we will be providing some freebies such as Gunk Pots, Cheeky Wipes, Sink Strainers and Plate Scrapers to help protect our homes from blockages. Wet wipes (even 'flushable'), cotton buds, cotton pads, sanitary products and other various items all play a huge part in what we find daily blocking our drains – along with Fat, Oil and Grease being poured straight down the sinks causing nasty fatburgs."



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



- **Update on Southwater Playing Fields Nomination** - Earlier this summer SPC had submitted an Asset of Community Value (ACV) nomination for Southwater Playing Fields (also known as Phillips Field). This was an important step in SPC's efforts to help preserve valuable green spaces for community use, particularly for sports and recreation. Unfortunately, the application to list the Playing Fields as an ACV has been rejected. The decision acknowledged the historic value of the Playing Fields to our community and used by Southwater Football Club, however the council concluded that since the Football Club's licence ended in April 2025 and the current landowner had indicated no intention to continue renting the land to be used for sport activities to anyone, there was uncertainty about whether the land could continue to fulfill its role in serving the community in that way. Whilst SPC are disappointed with the outcome, we want to reassure residents that this rejection does not prevent future applications for other areas where applicable; Southwater's community spaces continue to provide access to green areas that support recreation, sport and wellbeing and options to protect facilities for current and future generations will continue to be considered. Please head to www.southwater-pc.gov.uk/news for more information.

- **Millais School to Accept Boys from September 2026** - The school will accept both boys and girls following a decision made by the Leader of West Sussex County Council. Making Millais School co-educational will address the issue of falling pupil numbers and help relieve some of the pressure for additional secondary school places across Horsham. For more information, go to www.westsussex.moderngov.co.uk and click on *Decisions*.

- **SPC Latest Survey Details** - The results of the Grass Cutting and Ground Maintenance Survey for Southwater has been published on SPC's website. The Speed Limit Change Survey has also been shared and includes when the application was submitted. This is to support a proposal to reduce the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph on two key sections of Worthing Road at the northern and southern end of the village. There were almost 400 responses to the Survey with the majority of people in favour of the proposal. You can read the full details at www.southwater-pc.gov.uk/news.

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Fairbank Rd, Southwater, RH13 9LA
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Email: enquiry@southwater-pc.gov.uk

SPC Team x

Monthly Eco Tips:

Do you know where to recycle your wine corks? They can be deposited in the Church Lane recycling bin outside the Church Hall. Corks along with spectacles, rubber gloves and ink cartridges to name a few items that can also be put in the recycling bin there.

Energy saving light bulbs last up to 12 times as long as traditional bulbs, providing the same light quality for much less energy. 80% of the energy used to power traditional bulbs is lost in heating energy, whereas LED light bulbs run at 80-90% efficiency.

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- **Guided Bat Walk Returns to Southwater** - Proving to be very popular last year, the first guided bat walk this year will take place on Wednesday 1 October at Southwater Country Park. Whilst this walk is fully booked, there will be further walks in the future and you can join the waiting list at <https://bookwhen.com/horshamdistrictcouncil>
- **What Is Greenprint?** - It's an exciting three year project to test if grass cuttings collected from mowed verges can be converted into biofuels and a material called biochar, a carbon-rich substance that is like charcoal. West Sussex County Council are also measuring how changes to the way the grass is cut can give nature a boost, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and capture carbon in the ground. To find out more go to www.westsussex.gov.uk and search *Greenprint*.
- **100 Years of West Sussex Library Service** - As part of it's centenary year, there will be a series of exciting community events across West Sussex libraries. Including murder mystery evenings, family fun days, children's activities, tea parties, talks, quizzes and author events. To find out more go to <https://arena.westsussex.gov.uk/centenary-events>
- **Judicial Review Initiated by Horsham District Council** - HDC has formally initiated a judicial review challenge against the Secretary of State's decision to grant outline planning permission for 800 homes at the Horsham Golf and Fitness site. SPC Planning Committee objected to the proposal and HDC originally refused the planning application on multiple grounds, including concerns over its unsustainable location and active travel options. Following a detailed legal review, the Council is now contesting the decision. To read the full review challenge go to www.horsham.gov.uk/news and click on *Latest News*.
- **Free Family Learning Courses in Southwater by WSSC** - Sing, Say, Play from 10AM and Communicatin Club from 1:30PM are taking place at Beeson House every Wednesday, until the 15th October. Fun activities to develop and support language and communication. Email: familylearning@westsussex.gov.uk.

The Journey

The Journey is a support group for parents and carers of autistic and SEN children, meeting monthly.

Our Southwater Neighbourhood Wardens, Bettina and Dom will be hosting another session on **Thursday 16th October between 10.30 and 11.30am at Beeson House, Lintot Square.**

Why not come along and meet with other parents on a similar journey to you.

No diagnosis required, no pressure, just a free cuppa and a chat.

This informal gathering is a great opportunity to share experiences, seek advice, or simply enjoy a free cup of tea or coffee in the company of like-minded parents and carers.

For more information contact Southwater.wardens@horsham.gov.uk

Event News



4th Oct - Councillor Surgery SPC - 10-11am, first Saturday of every month held at Beeson House with your local, district and county councillors.

4-31st Oct - Pumpkin Festival - Tulleys Farm, Turners Hill. For those that want a scarier experience join the **Shocktober Fest** from 4 Oct to 1 Nov. For details visit www.tulleysfarm.com

10 Oct - Wellbeing Walk - 11am Southwater Country Park, meet at the car park off Cripplegate Lane

11th Oct - Southwater Community Fridge - 10-11am Church Hall. Help stop food waste. All welcome to come and see what food is available.

26th Oct - Clothes4Clothes by Coco's Foundation - 9.30-10.30am Lintot Square.

30 Oct - Centenary Family Fun Day - 10am-4pm Southwater Library, stories, crafts, games and more.



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- 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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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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Could Horsham's Local Plan Yet Be Salvaged?

Back in July, the Communities & Place Policy & Scrutiny Committee scrutinised the Cabinet recommendation to formally withdraw Horsham's draft local plan after the Inspector deemed that the plan would fail to provide enough housing for neighbouring authorities.

The scrutiny committee agreed to request that the council write to the Inspector to persuade him to reconsider what many considered to be the premature suspension of the hearings without providing the council with the opportunity to present sufficient evidence to support our plan.

This came in the wake of both Mid Sussex and Crawley Borough Council coming forward with an offer to present supporting evidence to demonstrate that Horsham has met its obligations to cooperate with neighbouring authorities, with Crawley's plan passing without issue. The argument that Horsham could have failed in its duty to cooperate with its neighbours without those neighbouring authorities also failing the same test simply did not stack up.

The Inspector has since responded and requested that supporting evidence be provided.

This is promising news, particularly for Southwater residents who have seen a sharp increase in speculative applications, including the controversial 800 home application at Denne Hill that was overturned by a Planning Inspector due to Horsham's lack of an up-to-date local plan.

Thanks to lobbying by myself and fellow local councillors, the council leadership have since decided to pursue a legal challenge against the Inspector's decision to overturn the council's refusal of the 800 home Horsham Golf & Fitness Village development which residents can expect to hear updates on as we progress through October and November.

I have also been making representations to the Planning Committee with speculative applications coming in thick and fast across Southwater including the latest application for 82 homes to extend Lindfield Close to which I spoke against, particularly in relation to the alarming noise assessment as well as highlighting the chronic lack of secondary school provision for the south of the village, a subject I recently wrote to West Sussex County Council about.

There is still a long road ahead before we will know whether the council has been successful in persuading the inspector to re-open the hearings. However, if he decides to do so, it is in the best interests of Southwater residents and the only mechanism currently available to us to prevent rampant, unsustainable development.

Email: alex.jeffery@horsham.gov.uk

Tel: 07751 633398



Southwater Community Police Office

Looking Out for Each Other in Southwater

Marking your property is one of the simplest ways to protect your belongings and help police return them if stolen. Burglars are far less likely to take items that are clearly marked, as it makes them harder to sell on and easier to trace.

There are two main types of property marking:

- Permanent marking where you etch your street number and postcode or a customer ID from an approved database directly onto your items.
- Invisible marking, ideal for antiques or valuables where permanent etching might lower value.

More advanced is DNA forensic marking, which is almost invisible but highly effective- especially when combined with window stickers warning thieves that items have been marked.

Sussex Police also recommend using timer switches at home, locking doors and windows even when you're in and keeping valuables out of sight. For bikes, use a sturdy D-lock and store them securely.

You can also register your property for free at BikeRegister or Immobilise.

Sussex Police regularly run free bike-marking events locally. Follow their updates to stay informed.

Let's work together to keep Southwater safe, one marked item at a time.

Our 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



Notes from the Past...

By Robert Piper

Now we have moved into autumn we look back to October 1875 when the village was told that the county had an outbreak of foot and mouth. In October 1895 it was decided that a working men's club would be formed at the school. It would meet every weekday from 6-10pm and be called Southwater Working Men Club and Reading Room. The club was open by Mr James Innes DL Sir William Stirling Hamilton gave the club seven guineas (RPI £840.54) towards the first year rent and the vicar said he would cover the first month's expenses.

In 1905 the church received a donation of £5 (RPI £528.76) to cover the cost of the organist salary, on the understanding that the village raise the same amount to pay for the upkeep of the choir. Sir Henry Aubrey Fletcher gave a donation of £10 (RPI £1057.51) to supply a new carpet in front of the church altar and new cassocks for the choir.

In 1915 the village sent sixty seven eggs to the national egg collection for wounded and church army at the 2nd Eastern General Hospital. The village also sent half a ton of vegetables to Horsham Hospital for wounded soldiers. The Rev Boyd was now on the front line working with the Red Cross and the RAMC.

On the 4th October 1945 Mr William Forlis former master at Christ Hospital School was killed outside the Hen and Chicken pub. He was in collision with a car. Miss Winifred Gunbrill of Cross Lane, Barns Green married Pte W A Brown of the Canadian army at Southwater Church

Southwater News Deliverers Needed

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Southwater Local History Group

Pumpkins v Mangel-wurzels!



Pumpkins, “trick or treat”, fancy dress, you can’t miss the fact that 31st October is now yet another major commercial opportunity! Every Halloween, the carved grotesque pumpkin lanterns scowl from doorsteps, lit from within by tea lights or torches.

Pumpkins have a rich and storied history, originating over 7,500 years ago in Central America. These versatile fruits were cultivated by ancient civilisations for their nutritional value, serving as a staple in the diets of indigenous peoples long before European explorers arrived.

Pumpkins were introduced to the UK relatively late, gaining popularity in the 19th century through Halloween traditions from Ireland and Scotland. The carving of Jack-o’-Lanterns, once done with turnips or mangel-wurzels, was adapted to pumpkins for their larger size.

Every year at this time, the glowing faces appear on doorsteps as the tradition of carving pumpkins commences. This tradition began in Ireland in response to a popular folktale about a man who carried a carved-out turnip filled with glowing coal with him in the afterlife. Irish immigrants introduced the custom to America, where the round orange pumpkins we use today are readily available, and the ‘Jack-o’-lantern’ was born. Now, since the 1990s, pumpkin carving for Halloween has become an increasingly popular activity across Britain.

Once your pumpkin has served this purpose, please dispose of it in your composter or in the household waste. Don't leave it out for wildlife – it's toxic to hedgehogs! Of course, you could always make a delicious soup with it!

Southwater Local History Group

Meetings are held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm
Monday 6th October - Speaker Robert Piper
'History of Southwater' more interesting aspects of our village

Monday 3rd November –Speaker Alan Strudley
'The History of Horsham Hospital' – How Horsham Hospital began as a little Cottage Hospital and how it became what it is today.



The Southwater Local History Group has over 100,00 historical artifacts relating to the village in digital format that need to be reviewed, sorted and indexed. If you can help with this valuable work or would like further information please contact Jeremy Senneck 01403 731247, Gary Little on 07387 159191 or email

southwaterlocalhistorygroup@btinternet.com

Southwater Bowls Club

Short mat bowls continues in the Lardner Room at The Ghyll on Tuesday afternoons 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 is coming to an end but we've had a fantastic season with loads of sunshine and success. League teams in the Mid Sussex and John Spriggs have both been promoted to the next division. Well done all! Good results and a County finalist in the Sussex County matches.

Call Jean on 07973 405558

or email southwaterbowls@gmail.com for details.





Southwater Walk & Talk

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4th & 18th October

Calendar on
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Horsham District Council

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Meet - Southwater Country Park (car park off Cripplegate Lane)

Southwater to Nuthurst - Monday 27th October 10am

6 miles - 3 hours - Level 2

Meet - Southwater Country Park (car park off Cripplegate Lane)

Please see website for many other walks at all levels in the area
www.horsham.gov.uk/sport-and-leisure/walking/wellbeing-walks



Guided walks 15th October

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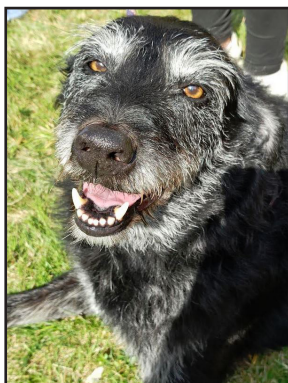
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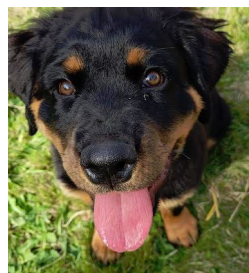
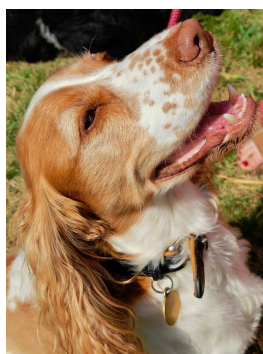
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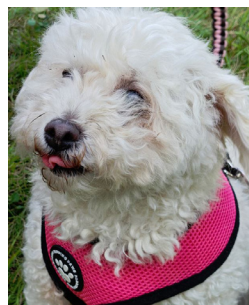
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Southwater W.I. News

Well, I can't believe that we're into Autumn now and galloping towards the Christmas Festival! We've already got the gazebo out and are dusting it down!!

Our unofficial meeting in August was very well attended and we met some lovely new members. We're now looking forward to a talk about Bank Fraud in September and Pathology with Yvonne Price in October. In November Helen Mole is guiding us through making paper poinsettias. Last time Helen visited us we made lavender flowers, so we're excited about this latest venture.

Remember that we always love to see new people and believe that we are a friendly place for women to meet new friends. Southwater is a growing community, and we are part of a very active social scene. We meet on the last Wednesday of every month at 7.45pm. in the Village Hall
October 29th - Pathology – The Village Hall 7.45pm.

November 26th – Paper Poinsettias- The Village Hall 7.45pm

November 29th – Christmas Festival – Lintott Square 12.00pm – 4.00pm

Enquiries to southwaterwi@gmail.com



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Southwater Group



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Mobile 07913912299

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Haldi, Lintot Square

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Tuesday 7th October

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
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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

Tipsy Fox

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.

1st October- Beside the Seaside: talk by Sheila Willis

15th October -Beetle Game

29th October - RAF Engagement Team Presentation & Remembrance Service

**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.

3rd Oct - Cup cake flowers

10th Oct - Memo holder

17th Oct- New age curling

24th Oct Embossed parchment cards

31st Oct - Half Term

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 £12 pa.

Email **steveu3a37@gmail.com** for further details or visit our 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



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<http://southwaterneighbournetwork.org>

Interested in becoming a volunteer?

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1st Southwater Guides
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email

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SOUTHWATER LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

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

For more information contact
Jeremy Senneck - 01403 731247
or **Gary Little - 07387 159191**
[southwaterlocalhistorygroup@](mailto:southwaterlocalhistorygroup@btinternet.com)
[btinternet.com](mailto:southwaterlocalhistorygroup@btinternet.com).

SOUTHWATER TREFOIL GUILD



The Trefoil Guild is
the adult section of Girl-
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enjoy friendship, fun, and trying new
things -talks, crafts and getting out
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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 - 07795 835905



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Godfrey can be contacted 01403 730229

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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

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

- 5 Oct - Timbermill
- 12 Oct – Pipers Close, Quarry Way
- 19 Oct – Southwater Infant and Junior Academies
- 26 Oct – Cedar Drive

From the parish register

Wedding

Evelyn Grace Carlberg to Leo Ignatius Wells - 02 August 2025

Funerals

June Pearce - 11 August 2025



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.

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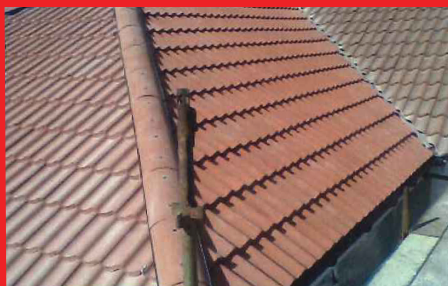
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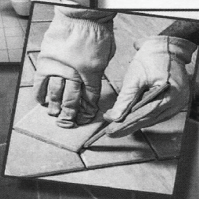
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