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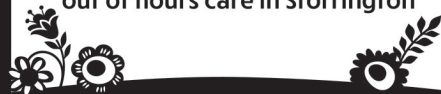
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Welcome to the November edition of Southwater News!

November is a time to stop and remember all those who have gone before us, particularly those who have made the ultimate sacrifice to defend the freedoms and values that we take for granted today. The Remembrance Day service is at 10.50am in Lintot Square on Sunday 9th November. There are a number of free classes in Beeson House supporting parents and carers of young children. Take a look on page 23 and see if any are of interest to you. Two of our articles warn about the seasonal dangers of bonfire night and conkers and acorns which are toxic to dogs, There is advice on how to avoid the risks. Talking of risk, Oakland Insurance explains when you might need public liability insurance and what you can expect it to cover.

As November draws to a close, we enter the Christmas season. As Godfrey points out in his letter, 30th November is the first Sunday of Advent but Saturday 29th November it is Christmas Festival time in Southwater. Do come along to Lintot Square and enjoy the festivities. There will be something there for everyone thanks to the Community Partnership

The Editor

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

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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**.



Southwater Church Directory

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www.southwaterchurch.org.uk

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vicar@southwaterchurch.org.uk

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Connect: Southwater Community Church

www.connectsouthwatercommunitychurch.net/

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Youth Project *southwateryouthworker@hotmail.co.uk*

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www.elimfamilychurch.com

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hello@elimfamilychurch.org.uk

The Shrine of our Lady of Consolation and St Francis

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West Grinstead, RH13 8LT

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This year Southwater Community Partnership's Christmas Festival takes place in Lintot Square on Saturday 29th November between 12.00 and 4.30pm. Come along with all the family and enjoy what our village has to offer. There are stalls, music, food, several lives acts, Santa's Grotto and Meet the Princesse. We hope to see you there.

From the vicar's pen,

May I begin by indulging in a little reminiscence...The Coronation of King Charles the Third, in Westminster Abbey on the 6th of May 2023 included a few innovations, but was fundamentally true to the pattern of coronation services going back to at least the tenth century; ceremonies that have been handed from one generation to another, as a rich treasury of symbolic meaning.

To be frank, there were parts of that service that I never quite understood. There were swords, lots of swords. Swords were swapped and offered and redeemed. It was all quite strange. For many people watching the ceremony, I'm guessing that the swords were the least of it. Why on earth was the King surrounded by screens when he was anointed? Why was he anointed at all? Why did he change clothes, twice, and why did he seem to be, at one stage, wearing a large oven glove on his right hand?

The decision could have been made to simplify the ceremony and remove the most mystifying bits. But they didn't, and I for one am glad. I am glad they kept the long tradition of coronation services; with the whole of it, even the complicated and confusing bits. In the bible, 'Guard the good treasure entrusted to you', wrote St Paul to Timothy.

This month we have some important traditions and treasures to guard. We begin the month with All Saints Sunday on the 2nd November. This is the Sunday we give thanks for all the saints who have gone to be with Christ before us. We also acknowledge that God looks at us as potential saints. On the 9th November, Remembrance Sunday we will have the Remembrance Service at Lintot Square at 10.50 am. 30th Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. These are meaningful traditions and treasures to guard.

For St Paul, grace was given to us in Jesus Christ at Christmas. Jesus later abolished death and brought life and immortality to light. This, surely, is the 'good treasure' that Paul is referring to, and that we are called, like Timothy, to guard; even the subtle, difficult, sometimes confusing bits.

The treasure we are asked to guard is a revelation, not an argument, not a theory. The abolition of death, the bringing of light and immortality to light through the suffering and death of Jesus, the Son of God, is a gift, a given. May we guard all that is good this month but above all, in God, the hope of life now and eternally.

Godfrey



Southwater Remembrance Sunday



**9th November
10.50am
Lintot Square**

Less we forget

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the end of the second world war: a war that saw the loss of over 60 million people killed in just over five years. At Westminster Abby on the 8th May, VE Day, the country gave thanks to the second world war generation who, both on the fighting front and on the home front, gave so much to protect our freedom and shared values. This was repeated on the 15th August at the National Arboretum to mark VJ Day. This year, when you purchase your poppy, remember that it is 110 years since the poem In Flanders Field was published in the Punch magazine. This started the sale of the poppies to mark remembrance in 1921 and raised £106000.

The Phoenix Tree: A Beacon of Remembrance

Every December the Phoenix Tree on the Hangman's Hill Roundabout becomes a living memorial to honour and remember loved ones who have passed away. Each bauble hung on the tree by volunteer elves carries a name, a message, or a memory, ensuring that loved ones are not forgotten but celebrated amidst the joy of the season.

The full story of how decorating the tree came into being can be found at www.southwaternews.co.uk/articles/the-phoenix-tree.



This year the tree will be decorated on 22nd November

To donate a bauble join our Facebook page 'The Phoenix Tree of Remembrance for Southwater' or contact

info@southwatercp.org.uk

In Retrospect

The world asks a great deal of the poppies,
insists they carry the wounds of war
and shoulder the weight of remembrance.
Such flimsy, wavering plants;
we painted their flowers the colour of blood
and punched dark holes in their heads
as if bullets had passed through,
then trimmed them with green sprigs of hope.
And from deep in the seeds we concocted
the essence of sleep and dreams and resting-in-peace.
Almost weightless even in full bloom
we made them souls, the poppies, souls
of those who we lost, and - let it be said -
those who we killed.
Poppies - nursed in darkness, nourished by dirt.
But for all their spindly roots, frail stalks
and papery petals - as easily smudged
as a butterfly wing -
they joggle into existence
again and again, unearthing themselves
in fallow fields and railway sidings,
on roundabouts, verges and no man's land,
from the brickwork of old chimneys and bridges
and cracks in the pavement.
They nod and they nag,
reminding us not to forget, flagging a red alert
as their crumpled petals unfold.
So, rightly, the poppies ask a great deal of the world.

Simon Armitage

*Commissioned by Historic Royal Palaces to mark the
80th anniversary of the end of World War Two in 2025
and read at the Westminster Abbey Service on 8th May*

WHAT'S ON IN SOUTHWATER

November 2025

Sat 1 st	SPC Councillor's Surgery	P23	Thu 13 th	Autistic & SEN Children Support	P23
Sat 1 st	Men Walk & Talk	P26	Thu 13 th	Castlewood Open Day	P19
Sun 2 nd	Healing Service	P11	Thu 13 th	Help your child in KS1	P23
Mon 3 rd	SLHG - History of Horsham Hospital	P11	Fri 14 th	YAH – Boccia	P31
Tue 4 th	Belfry Lunch	P40	Fri 14 th	Guided Wellbeing Walk Southwater	P26
Wed 5 th	Games Afternoon	P30	Sat 15 th	Men Walk & Talk	P26
Wed 5 th	Trefoil Guild	P32	Wed 19 th	Games Afternoon	P30
Wed 5 th	Nuthurst CEP Open Day	P19	Thu 20 th	Nuthurst CEP Open Day	P19
Fri 7 th	Guided Wellbeing Walk Southwater	P26	Fri 21 st	Young at Heart – Christmas Cards	P31
Fri 7 th	YAH – Mandela Diaries	P31	Fri 21 st	Guided Wellbeing Walk Southwater	P26
Sat 8 th	Community Fridge Pop-up	P12	Sat 22 nd	Phoenix Tree decorated	P8
Sat 8 th	Sustainable Southwater stall	P12	Sat 22 nd	Warnham Chistmas Bazaar	P13
Sun 9 th	Remembrance Service	P8	Wed 26 th	Citizens Advice Bureau	P12
Mon 10 th	Southwater Folk Group	P30	Wed 26 th	Welcome Club – Christmas Activities	P31
Wed 12 th	Sing, Say, Play	P23	Wed 26 th	WI - Paper Poinsettias	P33
Wed 12 th	Communication Club	P23	Fri 28 th	Young at Heart - Visit Garden Centre	P31
Wed 12 th	Welcome Club – Funky Fiddler	P31	Sat 29 th	Men Walk & Talk	P26
Wed 12 th	Citizen's Advice Bureau	P12	Sat 29 th	Christmas Festival	P6
Wed 12 th	Christ's Hospital Dominions Recital	P11	Sun 30 th	CoCo Foundation Clothing Collection	P12

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Trees of Southwater The Millenium Wood

Twenty five years ago, whilst much of the country was in a scramble to find the most extravagant way of marking the fin de siècle with Millenium Domes, Millenium Wheels, Bridges, Stadiums, etc. not to mention battling anxiety about the Millenium Bug, here in Southwater a calmer, more environmentally friendly approach was under way to mark the big event.



Led by Southwater Parish Council, it was decided that a Millenium Wood was the perfect way to welcome in the new year, century and millenium. And so, on a cold, damp and muddy day, a small army of volunteers, kitted out in wellies and cheery grins, met at Stakers Lane near the skateboard park and planted a whole lot of trees.

Twenty five years later and those trees now resemble a mature wood, offering essential habitat for our wildlife and a place of beauty for us to appreciate and explore.

Happy twenty fifth birthday to the Southwater Millenium Wood!



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Conkers and Acorns can be Harmful to your Dog

Autumn is a wonderful time to take a stroll with your dog but some things like conkers and acorns, can cause them harm. Conkers fall from horse chestnut trees and can look like green or brown prickly balls when they are still in their shells, or smooth woody red/brown balls if they're not. Acorns fall from oak trees and look more like smooth brown shiny nuts, often with a woody cup on one end. This year there are lots of acorns around.

Conkers and acorns can become a choking hazard or cause blockages in your dog's gut. They're toxic for dogs and, if they are eaten or chewed, your dog could become seriously unwell. Possible symptoms include: Being sick - Upset stomach (diarrhoea) - Stomach pain - Restlessness Rash - Swelling around eyes & mouth - Not being able to move - collapsing.

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Call the office team on 01403 741298 or e mail office@shipley.w-sussex.sch.uk to book a visit.

Love Food - Hate Waste

In the UK, approximately 9.5 million tonnes of food is wasted each year. This staggering amount not only represents a significant waste of resources but also contributes to environmental issues such as greenhouse gas emissions and water wastage.

Community Fridges are one solution to this issue, serving as a bridge between those with surplus food and those who wish to prevent fresh food from going to waste. They are run by community groups, in shared spaces such as schools and community centres, and they make the food they have rescued freely available to members of the public.

Community Fridge vs Food Bank – they're not the same

A community fridge is a space where local people can share surplus food, including fresh produce from supermarkets, local businesses, and households

The primary goal of a community fridge is to reduce food waste and is available to all in the community. Community fridges are open to everyone, with no restrictions on how many times you can visit, and the food is free

Community fridges often offer fresh, good-quality food and operate on a trust basis without means testing

A food bank provides short-term, crisis food support to individuals and families in financial hardship

To receive food from a food bank, you typically need a voucher, which can be issued by calling a helpline. Food banks often have a cap on the number of visits a household can make within a certain period

Food banks usually distribute non-perishable food items and may have set times for distribution

If you are interested in supporting a local Community Fridge, there's one in Southwater at the Holy Innocents Church Room, Church Lane, Southwater RH13 9BT on the second Saturday of each month, 10-11am:

Get there early for the best picks!

Sustainable Southwater joins the Fight Against Food Waste

On Saturday 8th November, **Sustainable Southwater** will be joined by the **Love Food Hate Waste** team from **WSCC** to help us understand how to reduce food waste, save money and the planet. Come along and find out more!



#sustainablesouthwater#

Housebuilding, Environmental Impact, and the Fight for Local Control

The recent legal challenge by Horsham District Council (HDC) has highlighted the growing tensions between local planning decisions and national housing targets. At the heart of the dispute is the controversial approval of 800 homes on unallocated land at Denne Hill, also known as Horsham Golf & Fitness Village.

Despite the council's refusal to grant permission due to critical infrastructure shortfalls, including limited school and GP capacity and lack of sustainable transport links, The Planning Inspectorate overturned the decision. HDC launched a judicial review in August, arguing the Inspector had misapplied key elements of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), particularly those protecting local neighbourhood plans and planning policies.

While the High Court judge acknowledged significant errors in the Inspector's interpretation of the NPPF such as misunderstandings of paragraph 14b and incorrect assumptions about land supply—the case was ultimately deemed not strong enough to proceed. Importantly, the judge found no unlawful conduct in the overall planning balance, despite the Inspector prioritising housing supply over environmental and local policy concerns which is why HDC could not proceed to a full hearing.

This case underscores the environmental risks of rushed development. Sites like Denne Hill, not allocated for housing, face long-term impacts including landscape degradation, strain on local ecosystems, and unsustainable urban sprawl. The absence of adequate infrastructure only compounds these problems, threatening both the quality of life of residents within and surrounding the development as well as the environment.

Along with the Government's recent announcement of the removal of water neutrality legislation, this raises serious environmental concerns, particularly for protected habitats in the Arun Valley. Without requirements to offset increased water use, experts warn of long-term ecological harm.

HDC's response reflects growing frustration among local authorities who feel overridden by national targets specifically the Government's push to build 1.5 million homes before the next Parliament. Critics argue that in the rush to meet quotas, community voices and environmental safeguards are being ignored. As HDC prepares to submit a formal complaint against The Planning Inspectorate, this case serves as a stark example of the clash between local planning autonomy and Central Government ambitions. If sustainable development is truly a priority, a more balanced and community-led approach is urgently needed.

Email: alex.jeffery@horsham.gov.uk

Tel: 07751 633398



✦ Southwater Parish Council ✦

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



- **Southwater Parish Council welcomes New Councillors Following Full Council Meeting** - SPC held its Full Council Meeting on 17th September. This meeting marked an important moment for the parish as it welcomed new councillors filling three vacancies. Seven candidates put themselves forward to fill the three vacancies, each presenting their ideas, experiences and vision for Southwater. Following their presentations, an open ballot was held and the three successful candidates were co-opted onto the Council. We are delighted to welcome Cllr John Potts; Cllr Malcolm Brierley and Cllr Philippa French. With a full team of councillors now in place again, the Council is looking forward to working closely with the new members to support local initiatives, improve parish services and strengthen community engagement.

- **YOUR COUNCILS ARE CHANGING** - Major changes are planned to councils across West Sussex. The Government has asked councils to explore how devolution and local government reorganisation could work in the area, with the aim of replacing the current county, district and borough councils with a new unitary council (or councils) responsible for local services.

- **What is Devolution?**- It is the transfer of powers and funding from national to local government.

- **What is local Government Reorganisation?** - It is the creation of unitary authorities in place of district, borough and county council. It involves changing how local councils are structured and what they do.

- **What could it mean for Southwater?** - There will be limited changes to the legal role of Town and Parish councils as part of local government reorganisation. However, with Horsham District Council ceasing to exist in April 2028, the ownership, management and care for many local assets in our Parish will inevitably change. At the stage of writing, it is uncertain who will be responsible for these assets or what level of service they will receive under the new unitary authority. Southwater Parish Council could step in to maintain a higher standard of services and ensure local spaces continue to be cared for at this level.

Southwater Parish Council:

Beeson House, 26 Lintot Square,
Fairbank Rd, Southwater, RH13 9LA
Tel: 01403 733202

Email: enquiry@southwater-pc.gov.uk

SPC Team x

Monthly Eco Tips:

Love Your Pumpkin -

Did you know that 2 in 5 people don't realise pumpkins are edible? Don't let your pumpkin go to waste this year. Instead of carving it, try decorating it with a marker to keep it fresh longer. That way, after the spooky season, you can whip up some delicious pumpkin dishes.

Autumn/Winter Recycling Centre Opening Hours -

From 1st Oct opening times for all recycling centres are 9am-4pm until 31st Mar 2026. Site opening days also reverted to the autumn/winter schedule.

Scan to contact or follow us:



Doing so could mean an increase in the Parish precept, but importantly this would ensure that money raised from Southwater residents is spent directly in Southwater, rather than being absorbed across the wider unitary area. We are seeking residents' views and whether SPC should pursue their transfer from HDC so that decisions on their care and investment are made locally. Every household will have received the information flyer/survey to complete. **If you have not already done so please complete by 31st October and return to the Parish office. Alternatively you can find the survey link online here: www.southwater-pc.gov.uk/post/your-councils-are-changing-spc-survey**

- **Worthing Road Speed Limit Reduction** - Southwater Parish Council has now submitted a Traffic Regulation Order request (TRO) to West Sussex County Council, reference WSCC-747455903, seeking to reduce the existing 40mph speed limit at both the north and south ends of Worthing Road. The Worthing Road Speed Limit Survey results, with over 400 responses show strong resident support for the proposed reduction. The purpose of the request is to enhance safety for everyone. The proposal is supported by County Cllr Nigel Jupp, Southwater Parish Council, and all three local schools. *Visit our website for more information.*
- **Formal complaint Submitted to The Planning Inspectorate** - SPC submitted a formal complaint to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) on 3rd October 2025 regarding the Inspector's decision to uphold the appeal for up to 800 dwellings at Horsham Golf & Fitness. The complaint focuses on the fact that the Inspector re-examined whether the "made" Neighbourhood Plan (approved by referendum in 2021) had allocated enough housing using today's figures and methodologies. This was not within their remit: the Plan had already been properly examined and adopted under the requirements at the time. By taking this approach, the Inspector wrongly concluded that the Plan was "out of date". Horsham District Council also had their judicial review on this rejected by the High Court. Their challenge was based on two key areas where they were of the view the appointed inspector had failed to apply the law correctly and HDC will also be making a formal complaint to the Planning Inspectorate.

FREE COURSES

Sing, Say, Play

12th Nov -10th Dec, Beeson House, 10am-12pm on Wednesdays - for families of children aged between 18 months and four years.

Communication Club - 12th Nov - 9th Dec, Beeson House, 1pm-2.30pm on Wednesdays - for families with children aged 0-5 with speech and language difficulties.

How to help your child with learning in KS1 - 13th Nov-11th Dec, Beeson House, 10am-12am -Fore parents/guardians with children in Year 1 & Year 2.

[To enrol go to:](http://www.webenrol.com/westsussex)

www.webenrol.com/westsussex and click on Family Learning

Event News



1st Nov - Councillor Surgery SPC -

10-11am, held at Beeson House with your local, district and county councillors.

9th Nov - Southwater Annual Remembrance Sunday - 10.50am at the War Memorial, Lintot Square to remember those that fell in the Great war, World War II and subsequent conflicts and wars.

13th Nov Journey - 10.30-11.30am at Beeson House. A support group for parents and carers of Autistic and SEN children. Come for a cuppa and a chat.

29th Nov - Southwater Christmas Festival 12-4.30pm. Lintot Square, stalls, live acts, raffle and santas grotto

30th Nov - Southern Sighthound Rescue Xmas Craft Fair - 1-4pm St Mary's Barn, Causeway, Horsham. Dog friendly, free parking. Local craft stalls where you can pick up your Christmas gifts along with doggy and human tombola, raffle and meet some of the dogs at the rescue needing their forever home.



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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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

Southwater Community Police Office Bonfire Night- enjoy it safely

Bonfire Night, celebrated every 5th November, marks the anniversary of the failed Gunpowder Plot of 1605, when Guy Fawkes and his conspirators tried to blow up the Houses of Parliament. The discovery of the plot led to annual bonfires across Britain in celebration of the King's safety, a tradition that still lights up our skies more than 400 years later.

Here in Southwater and across Sussex, families and friends will gather once again to enjoy fireworks, sparklers and the warmth of a bonfire. To keep the evening safe for everyone, residents are encouraged to visit organised displays where possible. If you're hosting at home, keep children and pets at a safe distance, avoid loose clothing near flames, and store fireworks securely in a closed metal box.

Remember, sparklers burn at around 1,600 °C — 16 times hotter than boiling water. Always hold them at arm's length, wear gloves and place used ones in a bucket of water.

Let's keep this much-loved tradition safe, considerate and enjoyable for all, one spark 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

Southwater Bowls Club

SHORT MAT BOWLS

Short Mat Bowls is played throughout the year in the Lardner Room at The Ghyll on Tuesday afternoons between 2.00 and 4.00 and anyone of any age is welcome to come and try. Just pop along and give it a go. You will be made welcome.



For more info call Kathy 07870 878060
or email southwaterbowls@gmail.com for details.



Southwater Walk & Talk

WHEN? Every Friday at 12pm

WHERE? Meet at 'Iggy' in
Lintot Square

Walks are free, no booking required
and are suitable for over 18's -
assistant dogs welcome

ConversationStarterProject.org.uk

Horsham District

MEN WALK & TALK

Meet at the end of the Causeway/
entrance to St Mary's church
every other Saturday,
10-11am

1st, 15th & 29th November

Calendar on
menwalktalk.co.uk/walks

Horsham DC - Guided Wellbeing Walks

Southwater - Fridays 7th & 21st November 11am - just turn up
2.6 miles - 75 mins - Level 1

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



Walking Football Tuesdays 10am-11.30am

Petanque Tuesdays & Fridays

Men's Shed - Mondays & Tuesdays

Green Project - Mondays

more details on website: www.horshamshipleycommunityproject.org/

STOTT Pilates Classes with Lorraine



Lorraine Hannah
Specialist Exercise, Health
& Wellbeing Professional
at
Southwater Church Rooms

Thursday 1.30pm - 2.30pm
£8 per class - Booking essential

Zoom classes:
Pilates Monday 10am and Thursday 6pm
Staying active Wednesday 4.15pm
Legs, bums and tums Wednesday 6pm

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

07941 078 091

I look forward to working with you.
fitness.lorraine@googlemail.com

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Location

The Church Room,
Church Lane, Southwater

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wellnessyoga332@gmail.com

Slow mindful movement when paired with awareness is key for
building resilience in the nervous system.



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To book a session please contact

Laurahamlin5@icloud.com

Southwater Local History Group
Mary Wheatland – Bognor's Mermaid



Born Mary Norris in 1835 in Aldingbourne, at 14 she moved to Bognor (before it was Regis!) to work for a Mrs Mills, proprietress of the local bathing machines. Although initially employed as a domestic servant, Mary was soon promoted to help run the bathing machines.



Not all bathers were swimmers and Mary, who was a very strong and powerful swimmer, was in her element. The heavy, skirted costumes of the day did not stop her; she

learned to dive off the pier and for amusement would often dive underwater, stand on her head and wave her legs in the air! It seems she continued to do this well into her old age.

During her very first year, aged 16, she made her first rescue, saving a French lady who was drifting out to sea. Even in the roughest seas, she would swim out undeterred and bring the endangered people safely back. She married George Wheatland in 1857 and they raised a large family. Mary, a great multi-tasker, combined motherhood and beach work, eventually going into business for herself with her own bathing machines and also giving swimming lessons to visitors and local private girls schools, probably a first for a woman. In 1897, George died, leaving her the sole breadwinner for the family.

A well known and popular figure, she was also known for being kind, brave and modest. One of her rescues had been that of a group of six “giddy young girls” who were, according to an onlooker, “all drowning together in a bunch”. Mary, at great risk to herself, swam round behind them and herded them all back to shore. When being interviewed later, she said “Pray don’t say anything about it for they were very good to me; they gave me £2 towards back rent and a bit of beef at Christmas”. It was said that she thought saving lives was as much her work as rinsing out bathing costumes.

She was awarded two certificates and a gold and a silver medal by the National Humane Society and Viscount Fitz-Alan presented her with a Golden

Penny for the rescue of the six girls.

Photos of her with her medals were turned into postcards, inscribed with the words "A little old woman stands on the parade at Bognor looking out to sea. She is clad in a blue serge costume on the bodice of which two life-saving medals are pinned. A battered sailor hat, bearing her name in gold letters, is tied under her chin with black ribbons. The weather-beaten face is crumpled into a network of smiles"

She finally retired in 1909 and continued living at South Bersted, Bognor, until her death at the age of 89 in 1924. It is reported that she was deeply mourned and local fishermen carried her coffin to St Mary Magdalene Parish Church where she is buried and where there is a memorial bench dedicated to this wonderful local hero.

Think of her next time you see the Lifeguards continuing her tradition and keeping our beaches safe.



Southwater Local History Group

Meetings held at Southwater Village Hall at 7.30pm

Monday 3rd November 2025 – 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.

Monday 1st December 2025 – Speaker Ian Gledhill – ‘The Magic of Pantomime’ – Ian Gledhill is a well known speaker with a performing background will bring to life the charm of Christmas Pantomime.

Contact Jeremy Senneck 01403 731247 for further SLHG information.

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

Hen & Chicken

Subsidised Curry lunch

£12 per person

Tuesday 4th November

at 12 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

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.

*12th Nov The Funky Fiddler
26th Nov Christmas activities,
mince pies & mulled wine*

**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.

*7th Nov Mandela diaries
14th Nov Boccia
21st Nov Christmas cards
28th Nov Visit to garden centre*

***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



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 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-
guiding. 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 Wednes-
day in each month 7:30 to 9:30pm
Janet Taylor 01403 731889

DEMENTIA ACTIVE SUSSEX

Every Monday 10.00am – 12.00pm
Dial Post Village Hall,
Worthing Rd, Dial Post, RH13 8NJ

For people with memory problems and
their carers. Gentle seated exercise
with qualified fitness instructor and a
choice of low-impact sports and games
£5 per person – first session free.

email:

dementia.active@outlook.com
or pop along to see what we do.

Orion Explorer Scouts

We are the scouting group
for 14-17 year old
boys & girls

in Southwater Village.

We meet every week
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Interested in joining Southwater Art Club?

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Southwater W.I. News

In September we had an interesting and informative talk from an expert in cyber security from Sussex Police. Even those who thought they are computer savvy learned something e.g. did you know that the safest way to access your bank account remotely is via a mobile app on your phone, especially if you have facial recognition? We were also warned of the possible dangers of doing quizzes on Facebook and of passing on posts regarding other people's opinions.

October looks like an interesting meeting with WSFWI's Yvonne Price taking us through the topic of Pathology and in November Helen Mole will be guiding us through making paper poinsettias. As I've previously stated we made lavender flowers last time which proved to be one of the most popular meetings we've had. Don't forget ladies, that if you fancy some company, a cuppa and a piece of cake we're very pleased to oblige!

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

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

December 10th – The Christams Party – The Village Hall 7.45pm

Enquiries to southwaterwi@gmail.com



FAMILY FUN DAY



Southwater Library

Thursday 30th October

10am- 4pm

Pirate-themed story and craft,
treasure hunt, Baby Rhyme Time
Virtual reality experience with
Library of Possibilities & Wonder

All activities are FREE- some
require advanced booking
For more information contact

Southwater Library

on 01403 734660,

email:[southwater.library@](mailto:southwater.library@westsussex.gov.uk)

[westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:southwater.library@westsussex.gov.uk).



Southwater Library



Opening Hours



Monday – Friday 10 – 5 Saturday 10 – 2

- Great range of Books and Toys
- Children's library and activities
- Baby Rhyme Time every Thursday
10.30-11.00am
- Book reservation service
 - Public Computers
 - Printing
- Photocopying and scanning



www.westsussex.gov.uk/libraries

Church Room installs air-to-air heat pump

The Southwater Church Room underwent a major transformation over the summer holidays. Not only have we installed double glazing but the old night storage heaters have been replaced by a state of the art, eco-friendly, fully controllable air-to-air heat pump. Our hall is now warmer and cosier in winter and the warmth extends to our kitchen and toiletsand in summer, when you think it is too warm to exercise, we can reverse the system and cool you down.

There are many people to thank for making all this possible but top of the list must be Nick Owens of Owens Insight and HKD Energy Ltd , the Community Benefit Society that he chairs. Nick advised us on the most cost effective ways of keeping our building warm while reducing our energy consumption and carbon emissions. We were given several options including solar panels and better insulation but the two unquestionable winners for us were double glazing and the air-to air heat pump.

We commissioned the double glazing - our thanks to local supplier Mark Antony Windows who completed the installation on time and within budget - and the directors of HKD Energy who unbelievably funded the air to air heat pump which fell within their social enterprise remit of developing renewable energy projects in and around West Sussex. Steve Alcock of SA Technical Systems, a local supplier of renewable heating and air conditioning, installed the system. Again on time and within budget.

Our heartfelt thanks to HKD Energy for enabling us to complete the whole project so quickly. We are so grateful to you and will enjoy the benefits for many years to come.



From left to right
1. Outside units
2, Main hall cassette
3. Small room outlet



Connect Southwater Community Church

Connecting people to the love of God in Jesus by His Spirit

Sharing Jesus - Celebrating life – Creating Community

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 - 07795 835905

HOLY INNOCENTS: SOUTHWATER PARISH CHURCH SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 7th December 5pm for 5.30pm - Advent Taizé Service

Sunday 21st December 7.30pm - 9 Lessons and Carols

Wednesday 24th December 4pm - Crib Service

Wednesday 24th December 11.30pm - Midnight Mass

Thursday 25th December 10am - Christmas Family Service

Thursday 1st January 10.30am - New Year's Service

**HOLY INNOCENTS
SOUTHWATER PARISH CHURCH**

www.southwaterchurch.org.uk



Godfrey can be contacted 01403 730229

email: office@southwaterchurch.org.uk

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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.

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From the parish register

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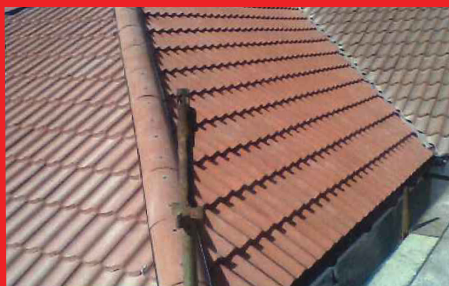
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