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AND THEN THERE WERE THREE...

By the time you get this newsletter the Town Council offices will be open again after a two week closure for minor alterations. Various access adjustments have been made, also re-organising office space, with additional windows to give a less oppressive feel in the reception area. As we enter year two of the current Council we are in interesting times. The local government review may mean that more services are delivered at the Town level. A land agent has been appointed to dispose of the surplus allotment land. There are discussions going on relating to the future of our hospital, a swimming pool and improving many other of the towns facilities or lack of them.

Since the last edition of 'In Touch' your Council have had their annual meeting. The Mayor Shirley Matthews was re-elected for a third consecutive term. Was this really a controversial decision or just common sense? It depends on where you sit on this issue. Is it democracy at work or a political carve up? (See the 'Mayor's Election - the facts' on Page 3) Six members of the public chose to leave the meeting following the decision, whose to say that spontaneity is not in the scrip or even on the agenda?

Whatever happens from now on it is important that the Councillors and staff congratulate and support the Mayor in the year ahead. Councillors collectively can as always make all the difference in this town...

Enjoy your read... Richard Bishop Town Clerk

COPY DEADLINE for next issue

N.B. Your copy DEADLINE for the next issue due out in October 2008 is Friday 12th September 2008 at the latest. Thank you to all contributors of the newsletter, new contributions always welcome.

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FROM THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR

The Majority of you will no doubt have noted in the local press that I am still your Mayor. The odds must be very high against the circumstances ever happening again for a very long time when the last four Deputy Mayors (four of them in two years!!) found themselves unable to step up into the top position. Our Town Clerk is going to describe the system in another part of this newsletter so I will say no more except to re-iterate that no rules were broken. Voting was done in full view of all present by the showing of hands so assuredly, Democracy is still at work in the Chamber.

There are several groups of people working hard to complete a Health Check for the town which means all aspects of our town are being looked at in detail and before the year is out, we will have a consolidated report. The very well attended public Sports Facility meeting held in April will feed into that. The Health Check will be of enormous advantage when it is finished as it will provide evidence to whatever body we might need to apply for grants in the future.

Besides this huge project, The Town Council has already made a bid for money to improve Haspalls Road Recreation Ground, we will be negotiating on how best to sell the allotment land, the Swimming Pool project will soon be reaching a more exciting stage, the Sixth form Centre will be on the market as will the old Corn Exchange so there are exciting times ahead this year. We are certainly going to be busy.

On Sunday 29th June, a plaque in memory of all service personnel from the area who have lost their lives since the Second World War will be unveiled on the War Memorial by the Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk. Thanks to the Royal Naval Association and the Royal British Legion for this project. Further details in the local paper.

I wish you all a good summer, in whatever way it means to you.

Mayor of Swaffham - Councillor Shirley Matthews

Under the Buttercross
SWAFFHAM TOWN COUNCIL

This page will show who your Town Councillors are and what organisations are located at the Town Hall.

THE TOWN COUNCIL

Mayor - Shirley Matthews - 01760 723205
Deputy Mayor - David Harman - 01760 336536

Councillors

Carol Baker	01760 723733
David Butters	01760 722949
Paul Darby	01760 724479
Charles Gunner	01760 336119
Terry Jennison	01760 720608
Sheila Lister	01760 720114
Frank Sharpe	01760 721412
Ian Sherwood	01760 725550
Jill Skinner	01760 723978
Pippa Wade	01760 7725229
David Wickerson	01760 725741

**Breckland Councillors are Shirley Matthews,
Ian Sherwood & Frank Sharpe.
County Councillor is Shirley Matthews.**

WHAT IS LOCATED AT THE TOWN HALL?

Swaffham Museum Office

Services such as genealogy, research and archives are available. Open via the Town Hall main entrance or telephone 01760 721230

Breckland Council

Room 1 - Office open 9.00am - 4p.m. every Monday & 9.30am - 1.00pm every Tuesday.

For all your Council Tax, benefit enquires as well as bus passes.

Registrar - Births, deaths & marriages

Room 3 - Office open 9.30am - 12noon every Tuesday for appointments only. For more information contact 01842 754115

Age Concern

Room 1 - Information Office open 10am - 1pm every Friday. Information on Wills, Pensions, Agencies and much more on important issues.

Call in, no appointment is necessary.

Town Hall Opening Times

Monday 8.45am - 2pm
Tuesday 8.45am - 2pm
Wednesday Closed
Thursday 8.45am - 2pm
Friday 8.45am - 1pm

Town Council Chamber

This is where the Town Council holds it's meetings including committees. This room is also available for hire to the general public.

The rates for the Council Chamber are as follows: -

Commercial Rate	£31 per hour inclusive of VAT
Charitable Groups	£15.50 per hour inclusive of VAT

There is an 8 person meeting room on the ground floor to hire. The rates are as follows: -

Charity, Local Gov & Non Profit organisation: -
£17.25 per session of 4 hours inclusive of VAT
Commercial rate: -
£34.50 per session of 4 hours inclusive of VAT

There is also a small office available on a Monday and the rates are as follows: -

Charity, Local Gov & Non Profit organisation: -
£10 per session of 4 hours inclusive of VAT
Commercial rate: -
£20 per session of 4 hours inclusive of VAT

All offices can be hired on an hourly basis if wished. For further information on either room please contact Swaffham Town Council on 01760 722922

The Town Council also administers the **Allotments** (there are vacant allotments available), the **Saturday Market** (there are vacant spaces on the Saturday Market) and the **Cemetery**.

If you would like more information on any of the Town Council services contact: - 01760 722922
e-mail - enquiries@swaffhamtowncouncil.co.uk

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Town Council has its Full Council Meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of each month except August. They are held in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall and start at 6.45pm. At the beginning of each meeting there is a 15 minutes public session to allow members of the public to ask any questions.

Town Council meetings will be held on: -

Wednesday 16th July at 6.45pm

There is no meeting in August

Wednesday 10th September at 6.45pm

Please come along to a meeting to air your views!

MAYOR'S ELECTION - THE FACTS

You may have read articles in the local press (EDP & Lynn News) and in their letters columns regarding the Mayoral elections in May this year. Well if it is in the newspaper then it must be true! But there is nothing like the facts to spoil a good story is there?

Informal Meetings: In recent years since 2003 the Council have had an informal meeting in a private session prior to the annual Mayor making election in May. The purpose of such meetings is:

- to agree nominations in advance for Deputy Mayor and/or Mayor
- to enable unanimous nominations to go forward for the Mayoral elections
- to show to the public that the Council are unified in support of the Mayor & Deputy Mayor
- to avoid embarrassment of not receiving many votes

This Year: There were two informal meetings this year on 17th March and 30th April respectively. A vote was taken at the second meeting on both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. But as no formal minutes are taken at informal meetings the decision was not legal and binding. Nominations could still be made at the May Council meeting, gentleman's agreement or not? The fact that the Deputy Mayor was unable to stand for Mayor this year provided a further complication as in the previous two years. This was regarded as another extraordinary year.

Any questions? The following have been the most popular asked so far:

- *Is it legal for the Council to have the same Mayor three years in a row?* **YES**
- *Is it normal practice for Swaffham Town Council to have the same Mayor three years in a row?* **NO**
- *Are there rules for alternating political parties to elect the Mayor?* **NO**
- *Is it legal to suspend the Council's Standing Orders?* **YES**

There has been much more said about this issue where it has seemed that everyone has and is entitled to their opinion. **So where do we go from here** might be your final question? Well standing orders are under review and clearly this is an issue that needs to be addressed otherwise it raises the question of why have standing orders at all? Informal discussions are sometimes necessary but maybe it is time to combine them with a more formal conclusion.

The reason agreed by the majority of Councillors for putting forward the Mayor for a third term, was that whoever was chosen as Mayor would make a better Mayor if they had the benefit of being Deputy for a year. This of course can be argued both ways, but the decision to elect the Mayor this year was a democratic one.

RECREATION GROUND

The committee has put in a grant application to WREN to apply for £250,000 to build a log cabin has been submitted to WREN. The log cabin will provide facilities that will include toilets, a community room, youth room and a kitchen. The committee will now have to wait until July to find out if it has passed the 1st stage. If the committee passes the 1st stage then the final outcome will not be known until December.

The committee were successful in obtaining a £50,000 grant from the Big Lottery . This money will be used to provide a new toddler/junior play area on the Rec. This project will start in July and will be completed by the 7th August.

Friends of the Rec

AUGUST 10 - craft fair and refreshments in the Assembly Rooms; car boot and produce sales and barbecue in the Market Square

OCTOBER 5 - craft fair and refreshments in the Assembly Rooms; car boot and produce sale and barbecue in the Market Square

SWAFFHAM YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

The Youth Council at their last meeting which was on Monday 2nd June went through the process of electing their Chairman and Vice Chairman. Each person nominated had to give a presentation detailing the reasons why they should be elected Chair and Vice Chair.

Emily Wright of the Sacred Heart was elected Chairman.

Mario Goncalves of Hamonds was elected Vice Chairman.

The youth council decided that the first event that they would like to organise would be a Bingo evening. This will be open to everyone young and old. The youth council want to show that young people can be responsible and organised. The event will be on the 19th September in the Assembly Rooms. There will be prizes given and a raffle in the interval, if anyone wished to donate a prize please contact the Deputy Town Clerk Michelle Meyrick - 01760 722922 or e-mail michelle@swaffhamtowncouncil.co.uk.

Town Group – Progress Report

The Swaffham Town Group has made great progress in recent months. A highly successful workshop event was held in April, which attracted extremely positive feedback from participants from Breckland District Council and the Norfolk Rural Community Council. The four Working Groups (Economy, Environment, Social/Community and Transport) are currently finalising their reports and making suggestions as to the content of an Action Plan for Swaffham. Two action projects have already emerged. These are outlined below and require volunteers to take them forward. If you would like to be involved with either (or both!) of these working groups then please contact either the Town Council (01760 722922, dave@swaffhamtowncouncil.co.uk) or the Icen Partnership (01760 722800, dennis@iceni.info). With the involvement of the community we can really make a difference!

Call for volunteers 1

Cycling and Walking Project Group

A working group looking at ways of improving facilities for cyclists and pedestrians in Swaffham is currently being set up. This group requires volunteers to get involved and come up with ideas for projects and initiatives which will make Swaffham a better place for cyclists and pedestrians. Surveys run by the Swaffham Town Group revealed that:

- there are high levels of dissatisfaction with provision for cyclists including route access, safety and lack of secure bike racks
- whilst the town centre is seen as generally OK for pedestrians, links across town are not always very good.

The project group will look at ways confronting some of the problems, for example; identifying areas which can be 'dual use' pathways; promoting cycling/walking in new developments; looking at ways of promoting cycling to schools; improving availability of secure bike racks in key locations; look at examples of best practice from elsewhere and identifying funding opportunities.

Call for Volunteers 2

National Lottery Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI)

A bid to the THI fund is currently under consideration. This fund provides grants for the regeneration of urban conservation areas with the aims of: 1) preserving and enhancing the character and appearance of conservation areas that are in need of regeneration; 2) bringing historic buildings back into appropriate and sustainable use. Schemes should also provide significant benefits for local communities, especially those suffering from disadvantage. In order to put together a bid we need

to generate a local working group. Thus, if you are interested in enhancements to the historic townscape and/or providing community benefits via a regeneration process then please get in touch via the contact details given above. More details on the scheme can be found at:

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/English/HowToApply/OurGrantGivingProgrammes/TownscapeHeritageInitiative/>

ALLOTMENTS

The contractors have completed work on the access tracks to allotments off Princes Street and Tumbler Hill. This includes the creation of a car park area in a central location within each of the two major allotment sites. Thanks are due to the Football Club who allowed the contractors to store materials in their car park. The Council will consider upgrading the remaining tracks in future years as funds allow.

It is good to see the allotments starting to flourish with either new allotment holders or those that have moved from Days Field or Shoulder of Mutton. There are still some allotment holders who are not cultivating their allotment sites and these will be targeted in the coming months. It is not fair on those that are tending their allotments properly to have an eyesore next door creating weeds etc.

There are still a few jobs in hand, some fences to mend and gates to install but the retained allotments are in general in better shape now than they have been for some while now.

MARKET

There have been two successful themed Markets held recently. First of all the French Market held on 20th April and an Italian Market on 1st June. Both Markets are now looking to establish a regular visit to Swaffham at least twice a year. They are both returning in the Autumn, but no dates have been confirmed at the time of going to print.

The Saturday Market continues to battle on, with a re-organisation of the central area taking place just recently. We thank the traders for their co-operation in this regard and hope this will prove to be a success in the longer term. There are still gaps to fill and the Committee are working hard to try and bring the Market back up to its full quota of stalls.

Northwell Pool

The ducks at Northwell Pool are remarkably controversial creatures, as we found out through the Northwell Pool consultation exercise in 2006. Some of you adore our feathered friends, whilst to others they are a nuisance when they foul people's paths and congregate in gardens. Some people like to go along to Northwell Pool and feed them bread. However, this does cause problems. It has been evident that the rat population in the Northwell Pool area has exploded this spring. The main reason for this is the availability of an easy food source: the bread. These rats are causing concern for local residents and are potentially a public health hazard. The Town Council and Anglian Water have now hired Pest Control contractors to tackle the rat problem. However, whilst there is an abundant supply of food there will always be rats in the area.

We would ask that people pay attention to the following points if they want to feed the ducks:

- 1) Please do not throw bread down if there is already bread laying around.
- 2) Please do not feed in the late afternoon or evening as piles of bread laying around overnight will definitely attract rats.
- 3) Please do not over feed - sometimes people throw down several loaves in one go, which will inevitably lead to surplus laying around.
- 4) Please dispose of bread bags properly. It is shocking to see bread bags floating in the pond because people cannot be bothered to put them in a bin or take them away.
- 5) Note that the RSPB recommend that birds are not regularly fed bread as it is low in the nutrients that they require to be healthy.

We have heard reports of cruelty to the ducks and ducklings. We would be grateful if any sightings of such behaviour are reported to the local Police. It is an offence to harm a bird or animal. The area around Northwell Pool is a priority area for the Community Police team but they can only act if they are provided with information.

The Town Council County Council and Anglian Water are investing in the environment at Northwell Pool to make the place more attractive for residents and visitors but we all need the co-operation of the public to keep problems to a minimum. It would be great if problems like litter, petty vandalism and rats could be reduced through the efforts of the community so that we can then invest resources into exciting, new enhancement projects rather than corrective ones.

Swaffham - St Peter & St Paul's Church.

Advanced dates for your diary

'Planet Earth' - Flower Festival 2008.

Friday 22nd, Saturday 23rd, Sunday 24th, and
Monday 25th August 2008.

Once again preparations are underway for the biannual flower festival in the Parish Church, Swaffham. As a major fund-raising occasion for many years this event has received widespread acclaim as being outstandingly successful and is recognised locally as one of the leading events in the Flower Festival calendar.

From 22 to 25 August 2008 - the **Bank Holiday weekend** and as the title suggests, this Festival is designed to represent the 'wonders and discoveries' of this great planet - EARTH. Many aspects of the wonders that still exist across the planet and the discoveries that have helped to develop the way we live will be depicted in flowers.

Many aspects of 'Planet Earth' will be represented with individual interpretations in floral exhibits, ranging from the Great Wall of China to the introduction of the Internet.

A small committee led by Pam Hopping and Jo Coker is well ahead with the planning for this year's festival, titled 'Planet Earth'.

Open from 10.00am to 5.00pm with morning coffee, light lunches and afternoon teas available to visitors.

For further information contact

Pam Hopping 01760 721629 (Flowers and technical details) **Denis Bishop 01760 721115** (Publicity)

Swaffham Safer Neighbourhood Team

The Safer Neighbourhood Team is currently made up of Police Constables & Police Community Support Officers, who aim to provide Hi visibility patrols and reassurance within the town.

They work alongside many partners for example: Town Council, Education Authorities, Peddars Way, Icen and many more.

An information surgery is held every Tuesday between 3.00p.m. & 5.00p.m. in the Community Centre, this surgery enables you to express your views or just come in for a chat and a cup of tea.

For issues which you wish to make a priority to the Police, the next three SNAP meetings will be held in the Assembly Rooms on 29th July, 16th September and 25th November at 7.30p.m.

Safer Neighbourhood Team Tele: 0845 456 4567

SNTSwaffham@norfolk.pnn.police.uk

Swaffham Relief in Need Charity

Relief in Need is a Registered Charity who meets 4 times a year, offering grants for a specific purpose for the relief of persons resident in the area of benefit (ie Swaffham) who are in need, hardship or distress: or providing or paying for goods, services or facilities for them.

Application Forms are available from the Town Hall, please call in during office open hours or by telephoning 01760 722922.

FREE portable ashtrays from Breckland Council!

Cigarette butts, as small as they may be, can have a big impact when released into the environment.

Filters are not made of cotton and do not rot down.

When butts enter drains they are not filtered out. The water flows into rivers and eventually the sea where the butts are eaten by sea creatures thinking they are food.

Help us help you by popping into your local Breckland Council Customer Service Centre in the towns or call 01362 656878 for your own portable ashtray. These ashtrays enable you to store your cigarette butts until you next find a bin. Our Enforcement Officer will soon be walking the streets of Breckland issuing £80 fines for this littering offence. Don't get caught out, take advantage of this free offer so you have a portable ashtray wherever you go.

We thank you for helping to keep our streets clean (at the same time avoiding an £80 fine).

The Swaffham Scottish Country Dancing Group is expanding!

From Tuesday, September 9th our group which is for ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS and "old hands" is moving to the Regency Room in the Assembly Rooms, Swaffham. We will be meeting every **Tuesday** in this new venue, from **7.45 pm to 9.45 pm**. We are very fortunate to have the services of a friendly and experienced teacher. All the dances are "walked through" first so that that anyone of less experience can feel confident to have a go.

Please come along and give it a try; we are sure you will find it great fun. Everything is very informal and you don't need to bring a partner. We would like to encourage lasses and lads of all ages to join in! All that is required is comfortable, casual dress and a pair of soft slippers or shoes, ideally with thin soles. The evening costs £3 per head and includes refreshments. **Contact: James or Elizabeth Dean 01760 720756.**

Swaffham Tourist Information Centre & Museum

As readers may be aware from various press articles, the Tourist Information Centre (TIC) has now moved from the "Cool Cabs" office into part of the Museum shop, within the Town Hall. Several hundred visitors have already been in to browse through the leaflets and other information. We are open from 10 am to 4 pm, Tuesday to Saturday each week and Bank Holiday Mondays, through until Christmas, the same hours as for the museum. But the Centre is not just for tourists; there is a host of information available to local residents regarding attractions in the area and ideas for trips out and about. Bus and train timetables are available too. **Also, whilst in the TIC, why not visit the Museum and shop?**

The TIC number for general information is **01760 722255** and we are in the process of setting up a web-site linked to the existing Museum web-site. There will also be an e-mail address.

Both the Museum and the TIC are manned entirely by volunteers and because of the increased work-load resulting from taking on the additional role, we would like to recruit more people who are willing to volunteer to help in either, or both, areas from 10 am 000to 1 pm or 1 pm to 4 pm on one of the days each week. Training will be available. If this voluntary work appeals to you, **please contact James Dean, 01760 720756** for more details.

Bridge Club

Would you like to enjoy an evening's entertainment playing a game of cards amongst friends?

The cost is only £2.00 including refreshments.

If so; why not come along to the
Swaffham Bridge Club

any Tuesday or Thursday evening,
6.30pm for 6.45 start,
at The Church Rooms, Campingland.

All levels of play are welcome

Partner not necessary

For further information ring

Peter - 01760 725406 or Kevin - 01760 441166

Have a 'night in' with a DVD from the library?

At Swaffham Library there's a range of DVDs for hire to suit all needs. From recently released blockbusters to Saturday evening family films. The library is open :-

Tues 10am to 8pm Wed 10am to 1pm

Thurs 10am to 6pm Fri 10am to 8pm

Sat 9am to 1pm

Tel 01760 721513 www.library.norfolk.gov.uk

Norfolk County Council Library
and Information Service

Valentine Barker Court

Social Club

Coffee Morning 1st Thursday of each month
10.00am - 12.00noon

Bingo Bingo Bingo -

Every Thursday 7.00pm for 7.30pm start
Small Prizes - Pleasant atmosphere
Tea and Biscuits 50p --- All Welcome

Swaffham Police Station open times are:

8.00am - 3.30pm

Monday to Saturday and Tuesday to Friday
Alternating weeks

Norfolk Constabulary 01953 424242

Non Emergencies 0845 456 4567

Crimestoppers 0800 555111

Remember 999 is for real emergencies

Police & Post Office Ltd Partnership

Access to Police facilities at

98 London Street Post Office are

Monday to Saturday 6.00am - 6.00pm &

Sunday 6.00am - 1.00pm

There is a direct line to the Police outside the shop
via the police telephone/help point available 24 hours
a day.

A copy of the Timetable for the
Western Area Mobile Police Office
is on the notice board at the Town Hall.

Anyone wishing to start a

Home Watch Scheme

in the Breckland area should in the first instance
contact: Colin Hodge

hodgec@norfolk.pnn.police.uk

Home Watch Administrator

The Police Station, Norwich Road, Thetford

Norfolk. IP24 2HU

01842 222608

Swaffham Evening W.I. meets every 1st
Wednesday of the month in the Church Rooms,
Campingland, Swaffham at 7.30pm. All visitors
welcome - £1.00 - for further information Telephone:
01760 723492

Women's Section of the Royal British Legion

Ex-service women, wives, daughters, granddaughters,
sisters and dependents of past or present service
women or men - come and join us.

We meet every 2nd Tuesday in the month at Valentine
Barker Court, Courtfields, Swaffham at 2.30 pm.
Contact: Frances on 01760 724445 or Jean on 01760
722566.

Swaffham & Watton Club

for the **Visually Impaired**

On the 4th Wednesday of each month

1.30p.m. - 3.30p.m. £2 each

at Swaffham Community Centre, Campingland

Contact: April, Robert or Diane at Norfolk & Norwich
Association for the Blind 01603 629558

Street Scene Helpline

Telephone: 01362 656878

Email: streetscene@breckland.gov.uk

Fax: 01362 699096

Write to: Breckland Council, Street Scene, Elizabeth
House, Walpole Loke, Dereham, Norfolk. NR19 1EE

Information is also available on our website
www.breckland.gov.uk

Swaffham Town Bowls Club

Swaffham Town Bowls Club is located at Myers
Playing Field off Shoemakers Lane and opens for the
new outdoor season on Sunday 20th April 2008 with
play commencing, weather permitting, at 2.30p.m.
Anyone interested in playing or in joining the Club is
asked to come along to the green on that day.

The Club caters for all age groups and welcomes both
experienced bowlers and newcomers to the sport.
Arrangements can be made for instruction and
coaching on the green, if required. Whether you are
looking for competitive bowling or simply social
recreation, Swaffham Town can meet your needs.

Interested? Then why not contact the Club
Secretary Mrs Ivy Tinker, Tele: 01760 722332 for
an application form and further information.

South West Norfolk Parliamentary Constituency Christopher Fraser MP

"If you need help or advice, or if you are a member of
a group or organisation that would like to invite me to
an event, I would be pleased to hear from you"

Contact details:

House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA

Telephone: 020 7219 3000

Email: fraserc@parliament.uk

or

Shirley House

23 London Street, Swaffham PE37 7DD

Telephone: 01760 336633

www.christopherfraser.com

We are seeking volunteers to deliver our newsletters
to Orford Road and Manor Way.

If you have an hour or so to spare 4 times a year
please telephone 01760 722922.

Community Events
July, August & September 2008

If any organisation wish to include an event, information may be left at the Town Hall or email rosie@swaffhamtowncouncil.co.uk Please indicate the nature of the event together with date, time and venue, your name and telephone number.

July

- Thursday 3rd** - Lioness Club meeting, George Hotel, 7.30pm.
- Saturday 5th** - Methodist Church coffee morning for general church funds, 9.30am - 12 noon
- Sunday 6th** - Swaffham Spiritual Awareness Group, Community Centre, 6.30pm. Admission £2.50 Cherry McKay
- Thursday 10th** - Cream Teas at 50 Mill Farm Nurseries, 2.30pm - 4.30pm
- Saturday 12th** - Coffee Morning for NCH the children's charity. This is an event being held at Methodist Churches throughout the country to raise awareness and funds for the charity. The morning will include the 'Tuppenny rush' - friends are encouraged to join us for a cup of coffee between 10.00am - 12 noon and bring along their 2p pieces to help NCH establish a world record in the Guinness Book of Records. (Other denominations of money are most welcome, especially the type that folds!).
- Saturday 9th** - Pensioners Association Coffee Morning, Assembly Rooms 8.00am - 1.00pm
- Saturday 12th** - Horticultural Society Bingo, Assembly Rooms 8.00pm
- Wednesday 16th** - Full Town Council Meeting, Council Chamber, Town Hall. 6.45pm.
- Wednesday 16th** - Blood Donor Session in Assembly Rooms. 1.00pm - 3.30pm & 5.00pm - 7.00pm.
- Thursday 17th** - Save the Children Midweek Table Top Sale at Methodist Church Rooms. 9.00am - 12 noon.
- Sunday 20th** - Swaffham Spiritual Awareness Group, Community Centre, 6.30pm. Admission £2.50 Andrew Clack
- Sunday 20th** - Family Fun Afternoon 2.00pm - 5.00pm on Orford Road Playing Field with bouncy castle and inflatables, bbq and refreshments, fun and games for all the family. Everything is free - organized by Breckland Christian Fellowship. Tel: 01760 725008 for further info.
- Saturday 26th** - Methodist Coffee Morning for general church funds. 9.30am - 12 noon.
- Saturday 26th** - Horticultural Society Annual Show, Sports Hall, Convent School.

August

- Saturday 2nd** - Methodist Church Coffee Morning for general church funds. 9.30am - 12 noon.
- Sunday 3rd** - Swaffham Spiritual Awareness Group, Community Centre, 6.30pm. Admission £2.50 Ron Reardon
- Tuesday 5th** - Methodist Church Coffee Morning with Bring & Buy stall for the Church Repair Fund. 10.00am - 12 noon.
- Thursday 7th** - Lioness Club meeting, George Hotel, 7.30pm.
- Saturday 9th** - Pensioners Association Coffee Morning, Assembly Rooms 8.00am - 1.00pm

- Saturday 16th** - Hospital League of Friends Coffee Morning at Methodist Church 9.00am - 12 noon
- Saturday 16th** - Save the Children Coffee Morning with stalls. Assembly Rooms. 9.00am - 12 noon.
- Sunday 17th** - Swaffham Spiritual Awareness Group, Community Centre, 6.30pm. Admission £2.50 Mark Smith
- Sunday 17th** - Family Fun afternoon 2.00pm - 5.00pm on the Recreation Ground with bouncy castle and inflatables, bbq and refreshments, fun and games for all the family. Everything is free - organized by Breckland Christian Fellowship. Tel: 01760 725008 for further info.
- Saturday 23rd** - Methodist Church Coffee Morning for general church funds. 10.00am - 12 noon.
- Monday 25th** - Methodist Church Ploughmen's Lunches £3 including tea or coffee, optional home-made dessert £1.50 extra.
- Saturday 30th** - Horticultural Society Bingo, Assembly Rooms. 8.00pm.
- Sunday 31st** - Swaffham Spiritual Awareness Group, Community Centre, 6.30pm. Admission £2.50 Sheila James

September

- Wednesday 3rd** - Blood Donor Session in Assembly Rooms. 10.30am - 12.30pm & 2.00pm - 4.30pm.
- Thursday 4th** - Lioness Club meeting, George Hotel, 7.30pm.
- Saturday 6th** - Methodist Church Coffee Morning for general church funds. 9.30am - 12 noon.
- Wednesday 10th** - Full Town Council Meeting, Council Chamber, Town Hall. 6.45pm
- Thursday 11th** - Horticultural Society 'Showing Poultry' by Colin Clarke. Assembly Rooms. 7.30pm.
- Saturday 13th** - Pensioners Association Coffee Morning, Assembly Rooms 8.00am - 1.00pm
- Sunday 14th** - Swaffham Spiritual Awareness Group, Community Centre, 6.30pm. Admission £2.50 Barbara Price
- Saturday 20th** - Methodist Church Coffee Morning for general church funds. 9.30am - 12 noon.
- Saturday 20th** - Save the Children coffee morning with stalls. Assembly Rooms. 9.00am - 12 noon.
- Sunday 21st** - Methodist Church Harvest Festival Service - all welcome. 10.45am.
- Friday 26th** - Methodist Church MacMillan Coffee Morning. 10.00am - 12 noon.
- Saturday 27th** - Horticultural Society Bingo, Assembly Rooms. 8.00pm.
- Sunday 28th** - Swaffham Arts, Assembly Rooms at 3.00pm. 'Kings Lynn Waites' (Chris Gutierrez) Medieval Music with period instruments www.kingslynnwaites
- Sunday 28th** - Swaffham Spiritual Awareness Group, Community Centre, 6.30pm. Admission £2.50 Pat Smith

List of Clubs, Societies, Groups & Sporting Events

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