

# Village News

in Swindon Village

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## *November*

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| Monday         | 2         | Marle Hill W.I. - St. Nicolas' Hall 7.30pm AGM  |
| Wednesday      | 4         | Wednesday Club - Village Hall 8.00pm<br>Janet & Sue - Dame and the Diva                       |
| Sunday         | 8         | Remembrance Sunday<br>Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial 10.50am                          |
| <b>Tuesday</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall<br/>Starting with Public Session at 7.30pm</b>       |
| Wednesday      | 18        | Swindon Village Society - Village Hall 7.30pm<br>John Dixon - Barbara Cartland and Tewkesbury |
| Wednesday      | 25        | Wine Club - Village Hall 7.45pm<br>Christmas Party, Wine Tasting & American Supper            |
| Saturday       | 28        | Swindon Village Primary School Winter Fair - 2.00pm - 4.00pm                                  |
| Sunday         | 29        | Advent Lights at Elmstone Hardwicke Church - 4.00pm   |

## *December*

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| Wednesday            | 2        | Wednesday Club - Village Hall 8.00pm Christmas Party  |
| Friday               | 4        | Rainbows & Rangers Table Top Sale - Village Hall 5.45pm   |
| Monday               | 7        | Marle Hill W.I. - St. Nicolas' Hall 7.30pm<br>Jemma Fowkes - Education in the 16th and 17th Centuries |
| Saturday &<br>Sunday | 5 &<br>6 | Christmas Tree Festival - St. Lawrence Church<br>11.00am - 5.00pm (10.30am for T@TT on Sunday)        |
| <b>Tuesday</b>       | <b>8</b> | <b>Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall<br/>Starting with Public Session at 7.30pm</b>               |

*(Full minutes of all Parish Council meetings are available on the Parish website [www.swindonparish.org.uk](http://www.swindonparish.org.uk). They are also available on request from the Chairman.)*

From time to time you must be bursting to report a problem to one of the councils (potholes anyone?). You can contact Gloucestershire County Council and Cheltenham Borough Council directly but do you know which is responsible for the matter at hand?

If you are an Internet user you can use **FixMyStreet.com** to report street problems like potholes, broken streetlights or dangerous paving, anywhere the UK. All you have to do is mark where the problem is on a map, add a short description, and send it off. You don't need to know who's responsible for fixing the problem – the website automatically sends it to the right place. Your report is also displayed on the FixMyStreet website, so that others can comment or leave advice. The council replies directly back to you, and is responsible for doing the actual fixing.

If you put your postcode in on the homepage, you can see all the problems that have recently been reported in your own area – great for tracking what the biggest concerns are in your own community. Over 50% of FixMyStreet users say that they've never reported anything to the council before, so it's a great gateway towards civic engagement. The site has been used to make over 500,000 reports (as of November 2014) since it was launched in 2007. Access it from the home page of the parish web site ([swindonparish.org.uk](http://swindonparish.org.uk)).

Moving on to horticultural matters, the floral displays in the park and in the Amenity Area have now waned. How do you feel about them? The comments I have received have been very positive. Should we be doing more? Should we include other areas?

Providing water is the main expense of running the allotments. If you thought we had a poor summer you should take a look at our water bill! For some reason it is much higher than we anticipated. I think the problem is that whilst it may not have been sunny and warm it was quite dry. Or perhaps the badgers, not content with stealing food, have learnt to operate the tap.

In planning matters, there is a proposal to develop the stables accessed off the "D" in Hyde Lane into a dwelling. The Parish Council is opposed to this as the land in question is in the Green Belt. Remember that you are entitled to express your opinion about any planning applications, whether you are in favour or against. This particular application has the reference **15/01615/FUL** at the Borough Council if you wish to take an interest in it. The closing date for comments is 30<sup>th</sup> October, probably before you receive the News but comments arriving a little later may well be taken into account.

There are a number of transport-themed consultations taking place at the moment. There is a **GCC Public Transport Consultation** and in support of this there will be a "drop in" session at **Waitrose between 10am and 6pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November**.

GCC are also consulting on the draft **Local Transport Plan**. The consultation runs from **20<sup>th</sup> November through to 5<sup>th</sup> February**. You can (as ever) view and comment via the Internet but for those that prefer to deal with paper rather than bytes, copies of the document will be available at libraries and the Borough Council offices.

I have previously mentioned that plans are afoot to introduce parking restrictions in the Hayden Road area. A draft scheme is now available for comment. There are concerns that restricting parking in one area will simply push the vehicles into other areas. You have an opportunity to voice your opinion. Don't complain when it is implemented if you didn't take the opportunity to have your say.

Instead of devising a traffic management scheme for the races each year a generic scheme has been produced that will be invoked as required. I have information on this if anyone wants to see it.

To round off the transport section, **Hyde Lane will be closed from 9pm on 26<sup>th</sup> November until 6am on 27<sup>th</sup> November**. This is to allow an inspection of the railway bridge to take place. Sometimes these planned works get cancelled so please don't blame me if you go the long way round only to find that the road is open!

**Healthwatch Gloucestershire** acts as a single point of access for health and social care information and provides an advice and signposting service to help people make informed choices. They also gather local peoples' views and experiences on health and social care and use these views to improve services locally. If you would like to hear more about the work of Healthwatch Gloucestershire and would like to share your experiences with them please join them at a **Public Event at Holiday Inn, 33 Dunally Street, Cheltenham GL50 4AP on Wednesday 11th November 2015 from 7.00 to 9pm**. The event includes a Healthwatch Gloucestershire update and guest speakers from Gloucestershire Local Pharmaceutical Committee (GLPC) and Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (GCCG) talking about extended pharmacy services and other new initiatives. This will be followed by a Q & A session.

You may have noticed some pallets above the line of the hedge in Swindon Lane. This is the result of a disagreement between residents who previously enjoyed views and the landowner who is incensed that his hedge was cut back without permission. I won't get into the rights and wrongs (suffice to say it is not clear cut – please excuse the pun) but the result is that the road is now an eye sore and councillors who could be doing positive things for the community have to become involved in trying to resolve the matter. A sorry state of affairs.

The Church Quiz Night in the Village Hall was a big success again. Karen and her helpers did an amazing job providing us with wonderful food. The Evans family took a bigger role than usual and actually ran the quiz. Once again my team performed poorly (they said they had been revising but I have my doubts) but we did win two prizes in the raffle. The one was an impossibly large packet of Jaffa Cakes. I had never seen the like (and didn't see it for long as my wife gave it away to the playgroup).

**Shaun Cullimore**

Clerk to Swindon Parish Council

**Services and events in November**

Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am 18.30pm	Together @ Ten Thirty for All Saints day Sung Holy Communion with Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1030am - 12 noon 7.30pm	Chatterbox Tuesday Group
Friday	6 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Wedding rehearsal
Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm	Wedding Euan Wilkinson & Genna Howells
Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b> 9.15am 10.50am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial Evensong
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	PCC meeting in the church
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am – 12noon 7.00pm	Chatterbox Communion followed by Tuesday Group
Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Evensong
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am – 12noon 7.30pm	Chatterbox Tuesday Group
Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Evensong
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am – 12noon 7.30pm	Chatterbox Tuesday Group
Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Advent Sunday</b> 9.15am 4.00pm	Holy Communion Advent Lights and Christingle at Elmstone Hardwicke Church

## From the registers



### **Baptisms**

*We welcomed in to the Church family*

Thomas Allen	11th October
Jack Parford	18th October
Lincoln Newman	25th October



### **Burial of ashes**

*We commemorated the life of*

Beryl Parker	15th October
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## **Enquiries about baptisms or weddings**

If you would like to enquire about baptism (also called christening) or would like to book a wedding in St Lawrence church, please visit the Team Surgery at St. Nicolas' Church, Swindon Lane on any Saturday morning between 10.30am and 11.00am. (Enter through the main door and turn right.)

If this is not possible contact the Team Office, which is open Monday to Friday from 9am until 12 noon. The office is based at St Nicolas' Church in Swindon Lane. Contact the Office on **244373** or **admin@northchelt.org.uk**

**You can contact me, the Revd Liz Palin (Associate Priest) on 575547, [liz.palin@northchelt.org.uk](mailto:liz.palin@northchelt.org.uk).**

## Remembering

November has become the season of remembering. On the 1st of November we celebrate All Saints – and have an opportunity to remember those we have loved but who are no longer with us. All are invited to a service on the evening of the 1<sup>st</sup> November when you will be able to light a candle in memory of loved ones as part of the service. If you have a name of someone you would like to be remembered please add it to the list in the back of the church. The church is open on Tuesdays and Saturdays or you can email it to me – details below.

Then on 8th November we remember all those who have given their lives during the wars.

As well as reading the names on the church memorial, included as part of the service sheet will be the names of the 134 men who are named on the memorial in St Peter's churchyard, as they are now part of our parish. Their names will be read out during a service at the war memorial at St Peter's on 11<sup>th</sup> November.

Our service starts at 10.55am and will include a two minutes silence at 11.00am.

Once again the Airborne Services Association will be with us and we are delighted that they are able to provide us with a bugler for this year's service. You are most welcome to join us, and stay afterwards for refreshments.

## Looking Ahead

After our time of remembering we begin to look ahead – to (dare I say it?!) Christmas. This time of waiting and looking forward is called Advent, and is an opportunity to remind ourselves what it is we are about to celebrate.

### **Host Mary and Joseph as they travel to Bethlehem**

Once again this year we are inviting homes, families and organisations to host Mary and Joseph for a night. This gives each 'host' the chance to create their own celebration in their home or place in the community, making room for Jesus in their lives.

Will you be a host to Mary and Joseph for a night?

#### **What is involved?**

All you need to do is *add your name to the Journey Rota which you will find in church, or email me indicating a night that will suit you* to 'host' Mary & Joseph. You then take them to the next person on the list the following day at a time to suit both of you.

For the evening you 'host' Mary & Joseph you can choose to do whatever you like. You might want to invite some friends round and write Christmas cards. You may want to invite grandchildren over and invite them to write in Mary and Joseph's travel journal. It's entirely up to you.

The next day you need to take Mary & Joseph to the next host on the Journey Rota.

It's as simple as that.

Once you have hosted Mary and Joseph you are invited to 'keep a sheep' for Advent (of the knitted variety!) and then bring it with you to join Mary and Joseph at the crib service on Christmas Eve.

Please make sure you have added your details on the Journey Rota by November 22nd. Please consider your involvement. We hope you will enjoy taking part.

**Rev Liz**

**575547**

**[liz.palin@northchelt.org.uk](mailto:liz.palin@northchelt.org.uk)**

## **A view from the pew**

### **St Lawrence: church buildings and people**

Some church goers to St Lawrence were a little worried when the 're-ordering' of the interior was first raised. I believe that the majority of regular worshippers now believe that, led by Canon Reverend Michael, the architect and the builders and the PCC have done an excellent job in the changes made. These changes to our 'holy place' got me thinking.

There's a hymn written in the eighteenth century which begins: "We love the place, O God, wherein thine honour dwells;" We (the people who make up the Church of St Lawrence), believe that we have been handed down our church in trust by past generations of worshipers. We have shown the loving way we feel about our historic church building. Many villagers too show their love for this Swindon Village 'holy place'.

Many who see the building with its very unusual many sided tower - which was probably the first part of the building fashioned on a high place in the village - are struck with the serene atmosphere. Couples about to tie the knot choose St Lawrence for the ceremony.

Over many years there have been changes in the way the people who make up 'the St Lawrence Church' and the way they have been guided by their priests has altered. But no matter what the form of service, the people have been able to worship 'in spirit and in truth' - and to 'give worth' to the God who loves us each and every one.

“We love the sacred font” says the hymn. Although our ancient font has been moved to provide more of a focal point for baptism or christening services with their attendant admiring and thankful family groups, it still represents, with the nave, the Christian journey. Traditionally baptismal fonts are to be found near the entrance of church buildings and from this point the nave leads to the central point - the altar. This is a symbol of the Christian journey. John Bunyan’s masterpiece Pilgrim’s Progress is a classic example of a way of looking at the Christian spiritual journey.

“We love to sing below for mercies freely given”, says the hymn. St Lawrence prides itself on the musical side of its worship. Our music gains its life from the guidance of John Collins our long-serving and skilled organist. As a rural village we try to keep to village traditions of seasonal thankfulness and praise especially at harvest and Christmas. Our harvest thanksgiving services this year involved young families and more mature members of the population and the church was filled with the old hymns like “Come ye thankful people, come raise the song of harvest home.”

As we celebrate Christmas in traditional fashion, with our midnight and morning services and carol and crib services, “O come all ye faithful” will ring out again this year.

Several years ago we wondered what the future held as the Anglican Church continued to go through change after change. As one church playing our part in the North Cheltenham team ministry we have benefited from these changes and progress. The Church and village benefit from Liz’s enlightened ministry. “Now thank we all our God”.

Ralph Griffin

## Fundraising News

### Quiz and Supper Evening

I would like to thank everyone who supported the recent Quiz and Supper Evening. The Village Hall was packed with more than 80 people who were served with a hot jacket potato supper and traditional apple pie for pudding.

Supper was followed by a team quiz which included some rounds which had not been tried out at the church quiz before. With the rugby World Cup in full swing, the music round was based on rugby themes and two teams gained a bonus point for giving the Welsh title of Land Of My Fathers. Congratulations to “Universally Challenged” who won the quiz.

Thanks to the good attendance and the generosity and hard work of all the cooks and apple pie bakers the event raised £580 for the church building maintenance and repair funds.

Thank you very much, everybody.

Next up is the **Christmas Tree Festival...**

Only one month to go but it's not too late to enter a tree!

The Festival will take place over the weekend of **5th and 6th December.**

This year's theme is “Seasons of the Year” which, as always, can be interpreted as widely as you like.

Make it a true group activity with all members contributing decorations for your tree. Trees from individuals will be welcome too. The more, the merrier!

The best size tree to use is about 3ft to 4ft, artificial or real, if indeed you use a traditional tree at all. Think “outside the box”! The only condition is that any lights must be battery-powered as we can't run electricity to the trees.

For more information, or encouragement to take part, please phone me.

**Karen Evans    Tel. 241678**

**St Lawrence Church**

# Christmas Tree Festival

"Seasons of the Year"

**Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th December  
11am to 5pm**

Come early on Sunday for Together @ Ten Thirty among the trees  
and hear the story of The Three Trees.

Live music at 2.30pm

Saturday:  
Sing along with the Ukuleles

Sunday:  
Cheltenham Minster Hand Bell Ringers

Christmas Hamper Raffle

Christmas goods for sale

Make a Christmas decoration to take home

Free Refreshments

Admission is free but donations to the  
maintenance costs of the church building  
will be gratefully accepted



Further information from Karen Evans, tel. 241678

Swindon Village Primary School

# Winter Fair

Sat 28<sup>th</sup> November 2015  
2.00pm - 4.00pm



Entry:  
Adults 50p  
Children free

Refreshments, cakes, boats, toys, children's wrapping room,  
craft room, SVPS choir, children's craft stall, raffle,  
tombola, candles, cards, jewellery, sweets, etc....

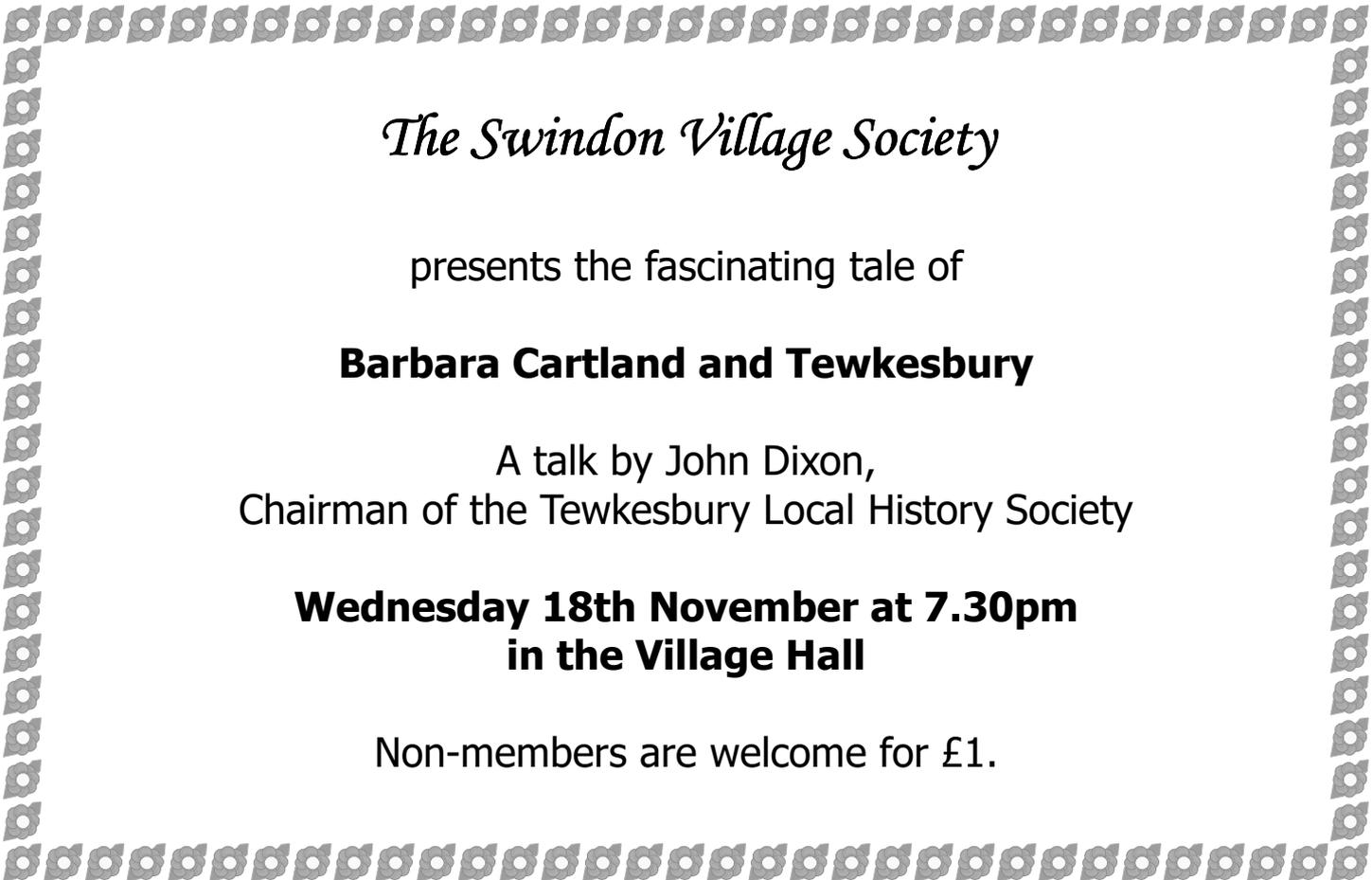
## Wednesday Club

At our meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> October Mr Manuel Queiroz (pronounced Kayros) came along to tell us about his flight from Staverton Airport to travel around the world. Manuel was born in Portugal and came to University here in England and “forgot” (his word, not mine) to go home. He is an engineer and I think that came in very useful at times on his travels. Manuel broke some world records, one of which he still holds to this day. The journey took 39 days to complete, in the event, quite a bit longer than he had anticipated. He had some problems getting fuel for his small plane in some of the smaller Pacific Islands and he also had a mechanical problem on route. He was actually most upset to have to spend 5 days in Hawaii rather than just the one! Manuel had some lovely photos of his travels, some from the cockpit, and it was a very entertaining evening.

We are now arranging our annual meal and this year it will be at the Rising Sun Hotel. If you have not yet got your name down to come along, please let me know as soon as possible. We need full payment for the meal at the next meeting please on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

At our next meeting, Janet and Sue, otherwise known as Dame and the Diva will be entertaining us. Please do come along and join us; you will be made very welcome. Look forward to seeing you all soon.

**Pauline Wright**



### *The Swindon Village Society*

presents the fascinating tale of

### **Barbara Cartland and Tewkesbury**

A talk by John Dixon,  
Chairman of the Tewkesbury Local History Society

**Wednesday 18th November at 7.30pm  
in the Village Hall**

Non-members are welcome for £1.

I am now scratching my head, wondering how to fill in here. We haven't had any meetings since my last report so hum tiddle ho? There is always the Joint Core Strategy but even that has been lightly sleeping. The Examination in Public is going on but right now the inspector is looking at the sites that have not been chosen and asking why they have not been chosen when the green belt has. A good question.

The other thing which has become apparent is that there is not really a transport plan and they have been given until April next year to come up with one. We still have the Government saying that they will not build on green belt land and yet many thousands of houses have been so built over the past year. Indeed, I treasure the article I cut from The Times just a few months ago written by the PM and The Chancellor directly stating that the green belt would not be built on. And the one from the Sunday Times a couple of weeks ago listing the many locations where the green belt has been built on over the last year. Then politicians wonder why we don't trust their word.

Our November meeting is the last in the year. So just to add a little lightness we have John Dixon, Chairman of the Tewkesbury Local History Society, coming to talk to us about Barbara Cartland's connections with that town. We have decided not to make the wearing of pink mandatory but, gentlemen, now may be the time to look out that pair of pink socks your children so kindly bought you as a Christmas present all those years ago and give them their first outing. It will show that you care.

There is no meeting in December so we are round again to the AGM in January. In addition, now is the time that I start scratching my head over next year's programme. So, if anyone has any ideas about talks, events or what have you, please let me know.

If you aren't a member please consider joining. You don't actually have to turn up at the meetings although we would be very pleased if you did. But your name on the membership list does give us some weight when we are taking the powers that be to task over some piece of crass planning. Give me a call and I will drop a piece of paper in with our aims on. It really comes down to planning, local history and conservation.

**Barry Simon**

Arthur Ball took us once again on his travels at our October meeting, this time to Botswana. He explained that it was a peaceful country, unlike many other African countries, because there was only one tribe there and therefore no rivalry. His visit was mainly to the Kalahari Desert and the Okavango Delta and included the Victoria Falls. By way of his exquisite photography we saw many beautiful and unusual birds and animals and colourful sunsets. He had some interesting encounters with elephants, hippos, ostriches, antelope of various kinds, lions, cheetahs and numerous birds.

We had a memorable day at Friars Court. The weather was a little damp but Charles, the owner, who had lit a roaring fire, warmly greeted us. After a cup of coffee and a conducted tour of the grounds we enjoyed a delicious home cooked lunch and drank a toast to Rosa, whose legacy we were spending. Members are already talking of a return trip next year. Another damp event was the Racing Club visit to Kim Bailey's Stables. Despite getting drenched walking up to the Gallops, Kim's expert and wide knowledge of all his various horses in training made for an interesting morning. The guest speaker at the Autumn Council Meeting was Julie Summers who wrote the book 'Jambusters' on which the TV series 'Homefires' was based. It was interesting to hear how the book came about and then the TV series.

A craft day dyeing and making silk jewellery, a cookery demonstration with lunch at Montpellier Chapter, a meal at The White Spoon Restaurant, a Craft Club meeting at Jayne's, a Book Club meeting at Annette's, a coffee morning at Marilyn's and an evening at the theatre to see an excellent production of 'Guys and Dolls' filled up the rest of the month of October.

We are to play Avening WI in the semi-final round of the Skittles Tournament. More news on that next month! November includes our Birthday Party at the Muffin Man, the Autumn Group Meeting that is a Fashion Show with WI models, a Discovery Day in Gloucester, a day at the Races, a theatre visit to see The Follies and a trip to Cardiff Christmas Market.

Our AGM is scheduled for the November meeting; the new Committee and President to be chosen before a social evening and a bit of fun.

**Sara Jefferies**

# 1st Swindon Village Scout Group

The nights may be drawing in, but that hasn't stopped our youngsters getting out and about. It's been a busy few weeks as you can see!

In September we went to the annual Canoeing and Kayaking County weekend camp on the River Avon near Defford and, even with 60 other young people and leaders there, we all had plenty of fun and games on the water.

The following weekend Josh Williams and I were on the water again, on the County canal weekend on the 70ft narrowboats Pisces and Merlin on the Grand Union Canal near London. The weather was gorgeous and the Scouts and Explorers were kept busy steering the boats and working the locks, with a bit of friendly rivalry between the crews. Meals, which included a full English breakfast, curry and pancakes were prepared and cooked on board whilst we were on the move. Some marvellous chocolate cakes kept us going between meals.

We had a good attendance of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts at the Harvest Festival Service held in St Lawrence's Church. It's lovely to get all the sections together and see them taking an active part in the service.

For our final Scout camp of the year seven Scouts and five leaders joined 300 others from the Three Counties on Operation Bald Eagle at Rhydd Covert Scout Camp Site - right next door to the West Midlands Safari Park. On the Saturday the Scouts tackled some of the 30 bases around the campsite, solving puzzles and completing tasks, challenges and games. Then on Saturday night they took part in a 6 mile incident hike around the local area with 14 activities to complete at the various checkpoints. These included a brilliant laser maze, wiring a plug, shooting air-rifles and changing a wheel on a trailer. Their great team work enabled all of them to complete the hike at around midnight – a fantastic achievement. The camp finished on Sunday morning after a cooked breakfast with everyone getting together for flag, a moment of reflection and the results and presentations. As a leadership team, we were really proud of all of our Scouts and to top the weekend off, our team won checkpoint 6, "Sitting Ducks", and were presented with a framed certificate much to their delight.

Joe Roberts took part in the County organised Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI) weekend, held this year at Shurdington Scout HQ. This is an International Scout event when thousands of Scouts from all over the world communicate with each other over the Internet, using any technologies locally available, from web browsers to e-mail, chat programs, microphones, scanners and digital cameras. Scouts also completed the Communicator, Digital Citizen and Digital Maker Badges.

I would like to say a huge thank-you to all those parents, friends, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers who helped with this year's Autumn jumble sale - your help was vital in making the sale a success and most appreciated. Also, thanks to everybody from around the village who came to support us once again and buy all the bargains!

**Sos**

The new session has started with enthusiasm and we have been joined by one or two new members. However, the last couple of weeks have been taken up with the introduction of 'deluxe pencil sharpeners'. It has hit the club by storm, so no excuses for anything but perfect work now!!!

Helen Dicks

**Swindon Village Rainbows and  
Bishop's Cleeve District Rangers**

# TABLE TOP SALE

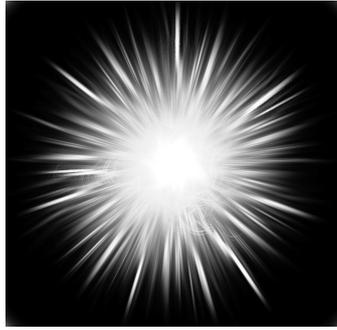
**Friday 4th December  
5.45pm 'til 7.15pm  
Village Hall**

Admission 50p  
includes tea & coffee

Come and browse the stalls and perhaps  
pick up a few Christmas presents

For more details please phone  
Jackie on 07871 169308.

We hope to see you there.



## **Advent Lights at Elmstone Hardwicke**

Come along and see the outside of the church lit as never before  
with a stunning light show

Make a Christingle

Decorate a candle bag

Help build an outdoor crib scene

Enjoy some seasonal refreshments

Lots to do for all the family

No charge!

**4.00pm Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

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Acting Scout Leader & GSL	Stephen Smith (Sos)	693107
Cub Scout Leader	Rachel Smith (Chil)	693107
Beaver Leader	Charlotte Mitchell (Mole)	701854
Rainbow Guider	Jackie Bailey	07871 169308
Village Hall Booking Secretary	Sandy Thornton	232045
Village Hall Secretary	Rose D’Gama	574964
Wednesday Club	Pauline Wright	693112
Play Group	(Playgroup hours)	690479
Winemakers Secretary	Roy Harper	662861
School Headteacher	Jonathan Dyer	690016
Friends of the School	Charlotte Mitchell	701854
	Mandy Harris	chairfosvps@gmail.com
Art & Crafts Club	Adrian Skilling	690928
		adrian.skilling@gmail.com
Swindon Village Society Secretary	Barry Simon	521723
Mary Godwin Under 5s	(Playgroup hours)	263746
Marle Hill W.I.	Sara Jefferies	692500
St. Stephen’s Cricket Club	Tony Jilbert	693639
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