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| Monday | 5 | Marle Hill W.I. - St. Nicolas' Hall 7.30pm
Ken Brightwell - Experience of a Town Crier |
| Wednesday | 7 | Wednesday Club - Village Hall 8.00pm
Fiona Warin - Allotments |
| Thursday | 8 | Art & Crafts Club starts again - Village Hall 7.30pm |
| Tuesday | 13 | Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall
Beginning with Public Session at 7.30pm |
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| Monday | 3 | Marle Hill W.I. - St. Nicolas' Hall 7.30pm
Shaun McCormack - Yeoman of the Guard |
| Wednesday | 5 | Wednesday Club - Village Hall 8.00pm
Nadine Carr - Votes for Women |
| Saturday | 8 | Scout Group Jumble Sale - Village Hall 11.00am |
| Tuesday | 11 | Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall
Beginning with Public Session at 7.30pm |
| Wednesday | 19 | Swindon Village Society - Village Hall 7.30pm
Amy Woolacott - Sacred Wells and Springs |

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

In closing my last report before the summer break I mentioned the important events unfolding on the football field and at the ballot box. I was convinced I had an insight into both outcomes. Sadly my predictions that England would win the football and that the UK would stay in the EU both unravelled before my eyes. Strange times.

It has been weeks since you heard about the Joint Core Strategy (JCS) so let's put that right. A bit of good news is that the Local Green Space proposal that the Parish Council submitted has been accepted and, in some form, will be incorporated into the Cheltenham Local Plan. This is the planning policy document that sits below the JCS itself (and must be in compliance with it).

On the subject of our Local Green Space proposal, we are told that during the Second World War a Wellington bomber crashed on a training flight in the fields near the end of Stantons Drive. Sadly the crew members were all killed. There is a scheme called Centenary Fields that seeks to mark the relevance of some of our green spaces to the events of the war. The Parish Council will see if the scheme is appropriate for this area.

The less good news is that the planning inspector conducting the JCS inquiry thinks that it is valid to use outdated figures for the traffic in the area. Locals recognise that the volume of traffic and the rate at which it is increasing is one of the biggest issues we face. Not only is the problem not acknowledged but it seems that the negative effect of the proposed building programme will also be ignored. Also, Highways England does not look favourably on making M5 junction 10 four-way. Such an upgrade would mean that people from the north of Cheltenham wishing to head south would no longer contribute to the town's traffic problems. Similarly for people coming from the south to the north of area. As Highways England would be a key player in any such development it is unlikely to happen any time soon.

Gloucestershire Rural Community Council (GRCC) has been putting together a profile of the local area to assist the Parish Council. As part of this activity a consultation was held at the Church Fete to find out what people think about the area and how it is developing. If Councillor Wells asked you to fill in a questionnaire you now know why. The results are being collated by GRCC and we look forward to considering the results.

It wouldn't be summer if we didn't have some bonfire controversies. From a legal point of view our understanding is that unless you live in a smokeless zone (much of Wymans Brook is so designated) there is no law against you having a bonfire. However, we should all consider our neighbours and there are greener solutions (e.g. composting or using the facilities of the Swindon Road recycling centre). We all want

to enjoy the sunshine (and get our washing dry) so we should only light bonfires at times that are appropriate and make sure they stay under control. This applies both to the allotments (where bonfires have made life unpleasant for nearby homes) and to back garden bonfires and barbecues. As I write this the rain is sweeping up towards us from the south so summer may be over. Something to bear in mind for next year!

The Parish Council is considering what might be done to improve the park and could seek grant funding to support this ambition. If you have any views on what might be done please let me or one of your councillors know. Should we provide facilities for older children? Should we improve access for pushchairs and wheelchairs? Should we do nothing at all? It is important that we get your thoughts.

Improving the accessibility and usefulness of the park will require investment, but simply maintaining the status quo also requires money. The mosaic in the park is badly in need of repair. It appears to have suffered damage due both to the weather and to the mowing machines that run across its surface. Many people put in a great deal of work to realise the mosaic. The Parish Council are considering what can be done to restore it and to make it more resilient.

Councillor Allen (as Chairman of the Parish Council) and I attended the licensing of Reverend Liz at Elmstone Hardwicke Church. After many days of sunshine it started to rain as we assembled, surely not a good sign. My suspicions were confirmed later when the Bishop said "Hear us, Lord" and the public address system failed. My tongue is firmly in my cheek of course. Reverend Liz is well respected and an asset to the community and I am sure she will continue her good work with the assistance of her higher management.

Shaun Cullimore

Clerk to Swindon Parish Council

Poppy Wreaths for Remembrance Sunday

I am again willing to order poppy wreaths from the Royal British Legion for organisations or individuals who wish to lay them at the War Memorial during the Service of Remembrance in November.

The wreaths are supplied in recognition of a donation to the Poppy Appeal, thus avoiding VAT, but you are asked to at least cover the production cost of the wreath; a generous donation in addition would be gratefully accepted.

I have to send the order, WITH PAYMENT at the end of this month (September).

I have not yet received this year's price list but please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to place an order.

Karen Evans

Tel. 241678

News from our Village Agent

Two years ago the trend sweeping the nation, the world in fact, was the Ice Bucket challenge. Mums, kids, celebrities and politicians were pouring buckets of icy water over themselves and posting the videos on social media. For the privilege of doing this they were also donating money to fund research into ALS. It all seemed a bit of a craze at the time. This week though we learned that the “craze” had raised so much money that the research has managed to identify a gene associated with the disease which could lead to new treatment possibilities. The power of social media at its best.

This week a friend on Facebook sent me a link to a chap raising money for The Alzheimer’s Society. Another trend! In my role as a Village Agent I work with many people affected by Dementia so I thought I would have a look.

The man is called Mac McDermott and his Dad has Alzheimer’s Disease. In his younger days his Dad was a Red Coat and a singer but as the disease progressed it became that he could barely remember his son. However when he was singing, Mac says, his Dad was “back in the room”. The videos of Mac and his Dad singing in the car are now being watched and shared across social media and in two months he has raised over £15,000!

Mac wanted to thank The Alzheimer’s Society for the help they have given him and his family, and more specifically for the telephone helpline that they have found invaluable. Someone to give advice and support when things get difficult.

If you or a family member has been given a dementia diagnosis and would like some help please don’t hesitate to contact me.

In the meantime if you fancy checking out Mac and his Dad – they can hold a tune pretty well - go to <https://www.facebook.com/songamminute>

Liz Heckford

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Services and events in September

Sunday	4 th	10.30am 6.30pm	Together @ Ten Thirty Sung Holy Communion
Monday	5 th	7.00pm	PCC in church
Tuesday	6 th	10.30am 7.30pm	Chatterbox Tuesday Group
Sunday	11 th	9.15am 2.30pm 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Baptism Evensong
Tuesday	13 th	10.30am 7.00pm	Chatterbox Communion followed by Tuesday Group
Sunday	18 th	9.15am 4.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Communion Farewell Tea Party for Fr Stephen at All Saints Evensong with the Airborne Forces Association
Tuesday	20 th	10.30am 7.30pm	Chatterbox Tuesday group
Sunday	25 th	9.15am 2.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Communion Baptism Evensong
Tuesday	27 th	10.30am 7.30pm	Chatterbox Tuesday Group

Appointment of new Team Rector

We are pleased to announce that the Reverend Nicholas Bromfield has been appointed as the new Team Rector for the North Cheltenham Team.

Father Nick has been Rector of the Benefice of Drybrook, Lydbrook and Ruardean in the Forest of Dean since 2007. He is 56 and married with children.

Further details will follow in due course and the date of his collation will be made known as soon as it is agreed.

From the registers



Baptisms

We welcomed in to the Church

Skyla Jones	17th July
Lilac Beaver	31st July
Katie Jones	7th August



Wedding

We celebrated the marriage of

Hollie Denston & Adrian Edwards	21st July
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Funeral

We gave thanks for the life of

Phyllis Bennett	10th August
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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 (Team Vicar) on 575547, liz.palin@northchelt.org.uk.

If you don't like sport then this summer has been hard for you. There does seem to have been rather an excess of it but we should bear with those who enjoy watching and even participating in sport, and perhaps with me as I share some reflections on what we have seen over the summer.

High levels of sport require sheer determination by those who compete, the determination to push the boundaries of what can't be done until those things become achievable. As we watch athletes of so many different sports I am reminded that we are born to strive, and as we strive to become better followers of Jesus Christ, more loving, more generous caring people, I think that we, like those athletes we have witnessed over the summer, become more fulfilled.

Christians don't expect that their life of discipleship will be easy; it can be hard to love your neighbour, it requires commitment to sustain a life of prayer and worship, it can sometimes feel quite challenging to be generous, and yet we are called to do all these things by a God who was prepared to give up his Son for humanity. Surely the image of Jesus on the cross (St Paul reminds us) is the reason we should keep our eyes on the finish line in our race of life, because out of that situation comes the hope of the resurrection and being one with God, which is our ultimate fulfilment – how we were created to be.

In the Olympics the majority of the athletes will face failure; but the greatest stories of the Olympics are the stories of those who have overcome failure and ultimately achieved success.

Their example gives those of us who have embarked on a faith journey great encouragement, and points us to the level of determination we need to succeed in our lives, especially when things go wrong. One other reflection from the Olympics is that although athletes compete with each other there is a palpable sense of support and mutual encouragement as they strive to achieve greater things.

Whilst the church is not essentially about competing with one another it is a group of people who encourage one another in the journey of faith, and that mutual support sustains and refreshes us as we follow countless millions of Christians on the journey of faith following in the footsteps of Christ. May you be blessed in your own journey of faith and may we continue to encourage one another as we journey together.

Revd Liz

Let's say 'Thank you'

*All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all*

*God gave us eyes to see them and lips that we might tell
How great is God almighty, who has made all things well.*

Cecil Frances Alexander wrote these words in Victorian times and yet today, in the 21st century, many people recall her words with pleasure. Time marches on and it's possible to take issue with sentiments and out-dated statements in many hymns. For instance, we don't gather rushes every day by the water for our houses - as it says in one verse. This hymn of praise and thanks is much loved and is often chosen for weddings. The words and music have remained in people's memories. Many hymns have associations with good memories, especially of childhood.

One of the most important reasons that we go to church is to give thanks. The old evening service reminds us that we ought to "render thanks for the great benefits" we have received at his (God's) hands.

Most would agree that the congregation of worshippers at St Lawrence has a lot to give thanks for. We have a wonderful building with an inspiring history. We have a church that, despite many of us growing older, is alive and kicking. As I've written before, an important reason for this is that everyone works together as part of a well-led team. Consider the way people, villagers and church goers alike, work together to make the village fete successful - that's team work. And we're fortunate to be part of a larger team - the North Cheltenham Team Ministry. In this grouping we look forward to welcoming a new team leader (team rector) - Revd. Nicholas Bromfield.

Having said that we work as a team it may be not be sensible for me to name particular people who contribute so much in the day-to-day and Sunday-by-Sunday life of our church. Nevertheless I feel I must recognise Rev. Liz's leadership and guidance. Then there is the immense contribution that John Collins, our organist and choir master, makes to the life of our church. We all have lips that we use during services to tell out "how great is God almighty who has made all things well". John's music is so very important in the life of our church.

I won't go on; our people continue together under God's guidance. I will finish with a final thought: what a boon it is to have the *Village News* as a way of communicating with everyone who lives in the village. You may say "he would say that wouldn't he" - but it's of value to the village as a whole and to the church as well.

Ralph Griffin

Lay Reader, St. Lawrence

The Church Fete 2016

This year's Summer Fete was again an outstanding success, thanks to all those who helped to organise, run stalls, and most importantly, all those who attended to support. The day's final total was £2334.01, which was fantastic, so thank you all. The funds will go towards the upkeep of your church.

We would like to mention those people and firms who supported the raffle, provided goods for stalls and provided entertainment:

for the raffle: Wholefoods, Sports Direct, Simply Gym, Chi Wai Kung Fu, Lisa's Reflexology, Lisa Kent, Emma's Nails Quat Goose Lane, The Brook Fish and Chips and those individuals who provided other prizes. To Clive Relf of Hawthorn Nurseries for the plants, to the dogs and their owners for the flyball demonstrations, the classic car owners, to those who entered the scarecrow competition, won by Swindon Village Wine Club, Swindon Village Early Years for the Bouncy Castle, The Frampton on Severn Silver Band, to the First Aid Team, the Fire Brigade and the Police for attending as well.

There are also the stall holders without whose help and hard work, the event would not be possible to run, so a BIG thank you to you all, you know who you are. Finally thanks to the Village Hall Committee for allowing us to use the Village Hall and its facilities.

I have had the privilege of helping to organise this great Village event for the past 17 years but this one was my last. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over this time, especially those on the various committees over the years and the wonderful stall holders, who all work so hard to make it happen.

I am confident that the Fete will continue, and provide the much needed funds for our Church, and I wish whoever takes it on every success for the future, with your continued support.

Tony Jilbert

St Lawrence with Cheltenham St Peter.

Art & Crafts Club

Starting up again on the 8th September, we are all looking forward to a productive term.....anyone interested in joining us? It's all very relaxed and enjoyable - we start at 7.30 and run through to 9.30 every Thursday, stopping of course for a chat, a cup of tea or coffee and even a biscuit - Wow!!! It must be worth a visit.

Contact me if you are interested....

Helen Dicks

01242 582366

St. Lawrence's Church

Pub Quiz & Supper

**Saturday 22nd October
in the Village Hall
Doors open at 7.00pm**

Supper at 7.30pm followed by the Quiz

Supper menu

Jacket potatoes with a selection of hot toppings
(including a vegetarian option)

Cheese Salad

Apple Pie or Fruit Salad

Bar open

Raffle

**Book as a team (max. 6 people, please)
or make up a team on the night**

£7.00 per person

Book now - phone Karen Evans on 241678

St. Lawrence's Church

Christmas Tree Festival

The summer holidays are only just ending but I must now turn your thoughts to the Christmas Tree Festival which will take place on

Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th December.

The Festival makes a wonderful start to the festive season.

This will be our tenth Christmas Tree Festival and the theme chosen to mark this milestone is

“Anniversaries”.

As always the theme can be interpreted as widely as you wish; indeed in the past we have seen many examples of people thing “outside the box”.

We welcome trees from individuals, families and groups of friends as well as local clubs and societies. Just let me know that you wish to take part then all you have to do is decorate a tree on the Anniversaries theme and bring it to the church on the Friday evening. (Alternatively bring your tree bare and decorate it at the church on the Friday evening.) The trees will be on display to the public over the weekend and you'll be asked to collect it on the Monday.

If you would like more details or to say you are entering a tree please phone me.

Karen Evans
01242 241678

The Children's Society Home collecting boxes

It's time for the home collecting boxes to be gathered in and the contents counted.

Box holders, please bring your boxes to me at 41 Rivelands Road; phone first to check I'm in.

Alternatively, if you're attending a church service, boxes can be left with one of the churchwardens but please do not leave boxes in the church unattended.

Thank you very much.

Sylvia Hales
Tel. 235933

June saw our annual garden visit. On the appointed day it was raining but our host looked kindly on us and we managed to reschedule for two weeks later. This meant that we had a small but very select turn out. The visit was to a place called The Cottage in Prestbury but this was no cottage, rather a three hundred year old house of some style, thought to have once been a guest house for the abbey. Likewise the garden had considerable style. There was a stream but also a very interesting water feature and several rooms with different plantings. We also got to see inside the house which was obviously of the period but very liveable in. When Prestbury next have an 'open gardens' we would strongly recommend a visit to The Cottage, Mill Lane.

The following month John Heathcott gave us what was one of the most memorable talks we have had in the Society. John has long been a Cotswold warden and has had a thirty year association with Lineover Wood. This is just to the south of the London Road opposite Dowdeswell Reservoir. The wood is a small part of the original woodland of England which established itself after the last ice age about thirteen thousand years ago. It has been used for wood production for many centuries with ancient coppiced limes, ash and such like. Many oaks went for ship building. However it has never been restocked with all new trees, it has just regenerated endlessly over the years albeit with sensible management. Finally the wood came into possession of the Woodland Trust some thirty years ago and they took on the job of continuing the ancient forms of woodland management.

John's talk covered the history of the place, how it is managed, what is still to do and all the glorious trees and wild plants that have resulted. The last part was more like a poetry reading than a wildlife presentation with all the wonderful names of England's wild flowers. So thank you, John, there is no better presentation than that which is given by someone who loves his subject. The whole audience was spellbound. We will try to arrange a visit there next year.

September's meeting will feature a talk by Ray Wilson of The Industrial Archaeological Society of Gloucestershire. However, the subject has changed from that which is on this year's programme and will now be about Gloucester Docks, Past, Present and Future.

The Joint Core Strategy is having a summer break right now. We think it may have gone to the Costa Brava for a nice lie down in the sun. It will be back.

Finally, if anyone out there would like to join us we would be delighted to have you along. We are a very amiable bunch and it is always useful to have a good few names on our membership list when we put pen to paper to try and keep the village as a reasonable and civilised place to live. Single membership is £5 for the year and family membership is £10 – no need to actually turn up to meetings but we would be doubly delighted if you did.

Barry Simon

Swindon Village Winemakers

In June the club went to visit the small, privately-owned Astley Vineyard in Stourport-on-Severn, Worcestershire. The owner met us off the coach and gave us a talk on the history of the vineyard then we sampled quite a few of his wines and some members bought some to bring home. On the way home we stopped at the Letchford Inn beside the river where we enjoyed a pre-arranged meal.

At the July meeting we were given a talk by Peter Berry (and his wife came too). It was a funny and interesting talk on his hobby of trains, riding freight trains in the superb autumn scenery of the Rocky Mountains in Colorado and New Mexico, U S A His wife gave her version of how she had caught the bug of trains and was not too impressed camping out and driving around in a old campervan; it's funny what keeps love together.

I forgot to mention that the club ran a wine stall at the fete and enjoyed the afternoon and we thought the scarecrows were a good addition to the fete.

We are not meeting in September but in October it is our annual wine competition; this year it is a Sloe competition (not a quick one). We will also be having a fish & chip evening.

Kind regards to you all.

Roy Harper

Wednesday Club

We had an evening of reminiscing at our last meeting in July when Ray Sturdy took us back to the Swinging 60s with slides of that decade. Apparently it all started with the baby boom following the end of World War 2 and all the babies reaching their teenage years in the 60s. There were lots of "ooh"s and "aah"s and "I remember that"s all through the evening and it was enjoyed by all of us.

Our trip to Waterperry Gardens is on Tuesday 6th September and we will be leaving the Village Hall at 10am. Hoping that the weather stays fine until then but not holding my breath!

At our next meeting on Wednesday 7th September Fiona Warin is coming along again, this time to tell us about Allotments. Fiona is a very entertaining speaker so please do come along and enjoy the evening with us. There will also be a "Bring & Buy" stall that evening but remember that if your items are not sold please take them home again with you.

Looking forward to seeing you all again soon.

Pauline Wright

Orthopaedic surgeon Mr Jeremy Field gave a very interesting, well illustrated and informative talk at our July meeting on the subject 'What Goes Wrong with Hands'. Accidents, arthritis, tumours, carpal tunnel syndrome and genetic disorders all make life difficult as we use our hands to grip, touch, feel and communicate with. Simple corrective surgery can often make life easier with more complicated reconstruction in the most severe cases. With the aid of pictures and diagrams, to help understand the complexes of our hands and how they work, we came away appreciating his skills and knowledge. We had invited fellow members from the Cleeve Hill WI Group to join us and continued the evening with an appetising spread of eats and drinks.

Unfortunately we lost our skittles match with Stone WI, but only after an enjoyable evening and a very close score. The inclement weather meant that the Picnic in the Park was held inside Pittville Pump Room but this did not seem not dampen spirits. Whilst we manned the Tombola Stall in aid of Denman College there was live music and dancing, giving a great party atmosphere. The Racing Club annual lunch in the Panoramic Restaurant was followed by a conducted tour of the new grandstand; the Royal Box and the views were very impressive. Gloria's garden was much admired when she invited us for the afternoon and we had a meal at the Brasserie Blanc. A group of members met up at the Snowhill Lavender Farm, where we enjoyed the sight and smells of the acres of purple just before they started to cut and harvest the flowers, mainly for lavender oil. The lavender scones and shortbread went well with the coffee!

In August, instead of our normal meeting, a party of members met at St Mary's, now called the Minster, for a conducted tour led by Roger Jones. The stained glass, though not very old, is quite spectacular and interesting, despite not being very impressive from the outside. Afterwards we proceeded to the Star Bistro for lunch. A few members then went on to the Wilson (museum) for a browse around. Wendy had her usual supper party, 'bring a plate of food and a chair'. We enjoyed a glorious summer evening in her garden eating and drinking!

A meal at the Hobnails and the Autumn Council Meeting at the Pump Room are on the programme for September. Ken Brightwell, the speaker at our meeting on Monday 5th September at 7.30pm, will be telling us of the 'Experience of a Town Cryer'. If you would like to join us for the evening at St Nicolas' Hall, Swindon Lane you will be made most welcome.

Sara Jefferies

The Essex International Jamboree

The highlight of every Scouting year is the eagerly awaited Summer Camp and this year we headed over to Chelmsford to join up with over 10,000 Scouts and Guides at the Essex International Jamboree.

The camp was on a 120 acre site (it's one massive field) near Chelmsford. We attended the previous Essex Jamboree in 2012 so had a good idea what to expect. This Jamboree is only held once every four years and everything, from site layout through a food warehouse and all the entertainment to a field hospital is planned and prepared entirely by volunteers.

The site was split into 11 sub-camps, each one named after a famous person in history. The Nightingales Ward sub-camp was our home for the week along with Scouts and Guides from America, Northern Ireland and others from across the UK. We were right next to the central hub of the campsite where many of the activity zones were based as well as where the main evening entertainment and night life took place.

During the week our Scouts visited the ten daytime activity zones which were adventurous, creative and unique, allowing the youngsters to challenge themselves, try new things and make new friends. Express Yourself, Enterprise, It's a Knockout, On the Box, Balancing Act, Up & Under, On Target, Technology in Motion, Island Survival and Wet & Wild covered a multitude of activities from physical skills such as climbing, caving, clay pigeon shooting and kayaking to fun games such as crazy golf and television game show take-offs of It's a Knockout, and 'I'm a Celebrity' jungle challenges. Creative opportunities included photography, craft, and working in the camp radio station and even a TV studio where they got to present the news and learn about TV production.

Evening entertainment included live music, a circus, a cinema, a dance marquee, an internet café and a diary room. Rachel and Kate helped to staff the beliefs tent.

We prepared and cooked all our own meals as a group, ably supervised by Mike and Ollie. My favourite evening was the sub-camp food evening where each of the 35 groups on Nightingales Ward produced some local food that could be shared with other campers from our sub-camp. We made cucumber sandwiches, scones with cream & jam and a large pot of tea. Then all of the 800 scouts, guides and leaders from the sub-camp wandered around and tried each others' food. Our Scouts made excellent hosts, serving scones and tea to our many visitors, and this evening really got the whole sub-camp chatting and mixing with one another and created a wonderful atmosphere.

Friday was a celebration day when all the activities were available again and supplemented by fairground rides including Dodgems. Lunch was a large picnic with

10,000 people in front of the main stage watching some videos of the camp activities and then the Jamboree talent show final. It all ended with a massive party in front of the stage followed by the closing ceremony and a spectacular firework display.

It's difficult to sum up how good the Essex International Jamboree was to anyone who has not experienced a Scout Jamboree before. The activities were great, but a Scout Jamboree is about so much more than just the activities. It's a celebration of life, of what can be achieved if we all work together, of how much fun we can all have through sharing our own lives, cultures and experiences with others - a giant, colourful, noisy, happy, musical party lasting seven wonderful days and nights. I'm sure it will live long in the memories of all who were there and took part!

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The **Scout Group's Jumble Sale**
will be held on **Saturday 8th October**.

The date for collecting jumble hasn't been set yet but if you live in the inner village area please save up your unwanted goods and look out for us towards the end of September.
Thank you for your continuing help.



A poster for a fundraising event. At the top right is the Longfield Hospice Care logo with the text "LONGFIELD Hospice Care for the Cotswolds". The main title "Bling it on girls" is written in a large, cursive, gold-outlined font with sparkling effects. Below it, in smaller white text, is "Take to the streets of Cirencester. 10k sponsored walk in aid of Longfield." The event title "Girls' Night Out" is in large white letters. Below that, it says "Friday 9th September", "Deer Park School", and "Starting at 9.00pm". At the bottom, there are illustrations of pink feathers and gold footprints.

10k sponsored night walk in aid of Longfield (formerly Cotswold Care Hospice)

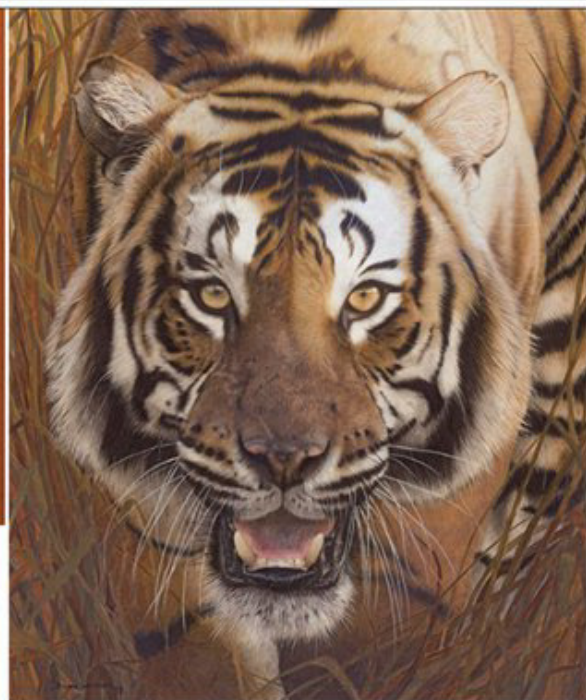
Entry is £18 per person (including your t-shirt) but get a group of girls together and the sixth place is free. If you raise more than £150 your entry fee will be refunded.

Children aged 10 and over are invited too but they must walk with an adult.

We're expecting sequins and sparkle!

Register now at
www.longfield.org.uk/Event/girls-night-out

You know you want to!



Art Exhibition

by Frances Whitman



**8th - 13th
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