

Village News

in Swindon Village

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(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.)

May I first wish everyone a belated Happy New Year. The festivities (and hopefully the flu) are behind us. Christmas is a time for reflection and there is one particular theme that dominates our thinking at that time of year. Yes, waste and recycling collection. Sorry Rev. Liz, only joking. The schedule for the collection of refuse and recycling changes at Christmas in ways which only rocket scientists can understand. Then along comes bad weather and the whole plan disintegrates like a snowman in Hawaii.

Everyone was doing the Hokey Cokey with their bins (in, out, shake it all about). To be fair the Borough Council website remained a good source of information during this trying time and their crews have worked hard catching up. You may have seen recycling being thrown unceremoniously into refuse vehicles. This was not as horrifying as it appeared. The Borough Council used refuse vehicles to increase its collecting capacity but once the materials were back at the depot they were separated again. It is easy to be critical, and I am sure some things could have been done better, but a big thank you to the crews who were at the sharp end of getting the work done.

One of the certainties in life is that utilities companies are always looking to take money off you, not give it back. Severn Trent rocked my world when the Parish Council received a cheque in the post related to the water supply on the allotments. I have paperwork that allegedly justifies this rebate. Sadly the rocket scientists required to understand it are still busy working on the refuse collection schedule.

The park has featured a number of times in recent articles. It is a resource that is enjoyed by many people both from within and without the parish. With this in mind the Parish Council are keen to drive improvements. The park is owned and maintained by the Borough Council, but we work in tandem with them to keep the park an attractive and safe venue for everyone. We made sure that the Borough Council was aware of the damage that occurred to some of our trees in the recent bad weather. The large yew that lost some significant branches has been the subject of work and has been inspected for safety. The small tree by the lake that was flattened will be replaced by a pine. A stile has been put into the fence in the north west corner, and we are discussing the installation of more play equipment. A number of people put in a great deal of work to create the sundial mosaic near the cricket pavilion. We are looking to make repairs so that park users can continue to enjoy it in the future.

Whilst we are in the park, a resident has complained to me about the plastic bottles left behind by the footballers. They are unsightly and, during mowing season, result in sharp shards of plastic lying around the field. The Borough Council is going to

approach the hiring teams in the hope that a quiet word will be enough to make the problem go away. Of course, I should acknowledge that both inconsiderate dog owners (last issue's rant) and littering football teams may often come to the park from out of the area.

Also in the last issue, I mentioned that we were in the process of fixing our precept. The precept is the main source of income for the Parish Council and is the money that Cheltenham Borough Council collects from our households on our behalf when they take in the Council Tax. We set the precept at £11,516.90, an increase of 3% on last year, to support our plans for 2018-2019. I don't know yet what precepts the four other Cheltenham parish councils have set, but we are usually one of the least expensive and I think that is likely to remain the case.

Parish Councillors are elected every four years and the next council elections are slated for 3rd May. All nine seats will be available to be filled though at the moment it is disappointing that we are three councillors short. If more than nine candidates stood for the Council in May this would trigger a contested election. A contested election would cost the Parish Council over £2000. If three to nine candidates came forward the candidates would be deemed to have been elected and there would be no need for a vote. The worst case scenario would be if we didn't have enough people willing to stand to give us the minimum of three councillors required for a quorum. The Borough Council would then nominate people to fill the seats. That would be humiliating for the parish. It would be far better if we could fill some or all of our vacancies prior to May. The ideal scenario would be for two or three of you lovely readers to come forward as soon as possible. No experience necessary.

Things always seem to happen just after the Village News has gone to press. A parishioner reported to me that on Monday 20th November her house had been burgled along with those of two neighbours. The burglaries took place between 2:00pm and 7:00pm. The houses in question are in Rivelands Road. If you have any information that might assist the police please pass it on. You can do so anonymously via Crimestoppers if you wish.

In other police matters, we were delighted to receive a visit from Inspector Gosden and Constable Clark to discuss the cruisers/boy racers. Following the accident in Malmesbury Road in July the police have been patrolling the area on Sunday evenings. Not surprisingly the cruisers have not been active. This is a complex problem; forcing the cruisers elsewhere could result in even more risk to the public. The police wish to encourage responsible car enthusiasts to "self police" their gatherings, ensuring that the hooligan element doesn't ruin it for everyone. The Parish Council is working with the police and Highways to try to achieve a lasting peace.

The potholes on the Tewkesbury Road roundabout should soon be dealt with. Please remember that the website Fix My Street (fixmystreet.com) offers a convenient way to report local issues. Your report will automatically be routed to the appropriate agency.

Whilst walking the dog recently it was good to see that the Environment Agency were clearing the brook close to Manor Road. Also, I see that someone has been cutting the vegetation back from the path alongside the brook. Thank you whoever you are.

On the subject of dogs, during the Christmas period I think my wife and I managed to get three balls stuck up trees (dog toys, not baubles). They were all up different trees; I don't think the weight was sufficient to bring down the branches that we have seen strewn about. Anyway, to cap it all I accidentally hurled his latest ball into the back garden of a house in Pendil Close. If you find a purple squeaky ball in your back garden Colin (the dog) and I would very much appreciate its return.

Shaun Cullimore

Clerk to Swindon Parish Council

"If you have concerns about anti-social behaviour do not hesitate to contact the police.

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or email 101@gloucestershire.police.uk

Get an incident number and let the parish council know about it.
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Carol singing for Mindsong

Many thanks to all for the very generous donations we received for Carol Singing on the evening of 23rd December. A magnificent total of £152 has been raised and sent to Mindsong, the Gloucestershire charity which works in care homes providing music for people with dementia.

Katy Bagnall

(Personal note from one of the editors: Thank you to the carol singers for their rousing chorus of Happy Birthday outside our house.)

Diary for February

4th	Sunday	10.30am 6.30pm	Together @ Ten Thirty Sung Holy Communion
6th	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon 7.00pm	Chatterbox coffee drop-in Tuesday Group
11th	Sunday	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Evensong
12th	Monday	2.30pm - 4.00pm	Christianity Explored at Gas Green Baptist Church
13th	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon 7.00pm	Chatterbox coffee drop-in Holy Communion followed by Tuesday Group
14th	Wednesday	7.00pm	Ash Wednesday - Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes
18th	Sunday	10.30am 6.30pm	Together @ The Table Evensong
20th	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon 7.00pm	Chatterbox coffee drop-in Tuesday Group
25th	Sunday	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Evensong
27th	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon 7.00pm	Chatterbox coffee drop-in Tuesday Group

From the registers



Funeral

We gave thanks for the life of

John Creed

13th December

Burial of ashes

We commemorated the life of

John Jackson

18th December

All you need is love

February 14th is of course St Valentine's Day. A day when we remember those whom we love, and show our appreciation of them. It is of course a hugely commercialised event, with more and more products on the shelves of our supermarkets to help us celebrate the day.

This year February 14th is also Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, and we will be marking that day with a service in church at 7.00pm. Each person is marked on their forehead with the sign of the cross in ash made from last year's palm crosses. The ash reminds us of our mortality, and the cross reminds us of Jesus' death. You may think that is a strange thing to do at the best of times, but this year particularly on St Valentine's day, the day when we celebrate love.

But the cross is the ultimate symbol of love – God's love for us, in Jesus, who was prepared to die for each one of us, so that we could have life in all its fullness.

If you want to find out more about God's love for you then why not join us this Lent, at Gas Green Baptist Church, where we will be running Christianity Explored (see details on page.8).

Or you can find out about God's love by reading Mark's gospel on the website biblegateway.

However you decide to do it, why not make 2018 the year you find out how much God loves you?

Revd Liz

Angels from the realms of glory!

Did you spot some angels around the village on 18th December? They were a gift to you from the church – thank you for your responses - it seems they were indeed a blessing.

A huge thank you to church members who knitted over 100 angels, and to the secret 'yarn bombers' who hung them around the village in the dark at 6.30am!

Karina and her daughter were thrilled to find one on the way to school and posted on our Facebook page:

[#xmasangels](#) *Christmas blessing.*

Thank you! My daughter was soo pleased when we found this on the way to school on Monday!



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.

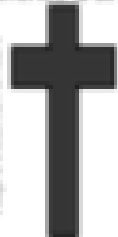
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Christianity Explored is an informal 6 week course for people who'd like to investigate Christianity, or just brush up on the basics. Looking at St Mark's gospel we explore who Jesus is, why he came and what it means to follow him. We begin at 2-30pm for welcome tea and cake followed by a short talk on the topic. We then have an open discussion where you can ask questions and thoroughly 'explore' that topic in a safe environment. You can interact as much or as little or as you wish and you won't be put on the spot.

Put the date in your diary now ...

St. Lawrence's Church

Annual Coffee Morning and Cake Sale

Saturday 17th March at 10.30am
in the Village Hall

If you can help by baking cakes or donating raffle prizes Mary Halliwell would be delighted to hear from you. Please phone her on 692423.

Wednesday Club

Happy New Year to everyone from all of us at Wednesday Club.

We had a lovely Christmas Party in December with Matthew Sproston entertaining us with songs and the life story of George Formby. Matthew brought along his banjo and ukulele to sing along with and was fabulous. The evening seemed to go very quickly and it was a lovely start to the Christmas season.

The five of us on the committee, June, Margaret, Rose, Shirley and I all went to the Beckford Hotel for a Christmas Lunch in mid December. It was, once again, very nice and I don't suppose it will be five minutes until we will be planning it all again.

The annual meal at the Farmers Arms, Apperley, went very well apparently. I was unable to go as I had the dreaded lurgi but I'm reliably informed by many of our members that it was great.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 7th February and it will be our AGM. Our annual fee will be due again then and it will remain the same at £18.50 per person per year.

Please do come along and join us, we have a lovely varied programme of speakers for 2018 and our meetings are usually fun and informal.

Look forward to seeing you.

Pauline Wright

As ever at this time of year I am compiling this report before the AGM takes place. However, with time I have got better at guessing the outcome in advance. So here are my best guesses at what happened. The Chairman and committee will be elected unopposed. The accounts will be accepted. We will all think last year's programme went very well. We will have tea followed by a first rate update on where the Joint Core Strategy is now; that is, accepted by three councils but without a transport strategy, so on hold. We will all thank Save The Countryside for their work in getting the open green space buffer accepted. I will make notes of all the things I got wrong and include them in next month's update.

What I do know for sure is that we have a really good programme lined up for this year. In February we have Jamie Smith along. He is a farmer on Bredon Hill and has a great interest in wildlife. I understand that he has a night vision camera and has some excellent shots of wildlife in action to show us. If you want to meet Bredon's answer to David Attenborough come along.

Then in March our own spy, Robert Skelt, returns to give us the next chapter in the tale of Bletchely Park in the war. Last year he told us how they cracked the codes. This year he will tell us of the people and again we will dedicate the evening to Mary Body who was involved in Bletchely in the war, later in GCHQ and who lived in the village for many years. Indeed it was Mary who put up the initial money to start our history project. So, if you saw Benedict Cumberbatch playing Alan Turing in the film *The Imitation Game* or saw the TV play *Breaking the Code* and want to hear the real story, this is a must attend meeting.

In April we will have our usual bird and nature walk. Possibly close to the village but just maybe elsewhere.

In May Nigel Thomson, who gave us an excellent talk last year is coming back to tell us about Air Warfare during the First World War. This may be right up my street but also chimes well with it being one hundred years since that war. In addition we do have Captain Gabell's name on our war memorial and I understand that he was in the Royal Flying Corps and in the RAF from its inception in 1918. So this talk can be in memory of him.

In June we will have a garden visit of some sort but this is never decided until the list of open gardens is published later in the year.

My typing finger (I just use the one) is getting tired and so I will leave the rest of the year's programme for next month.

Do remember that non-members are welcome to attend any meeting but it is so much better if you join us as members. I then get names to add to our membership list so that if we do embark on any NIMBY exercises, which really are our *raison d'être*, we can use the number to try and impress the planners. It has worked to date. We try

not to take on the work of the Parish Council but it is useful to show weight of numbers if we have to support them on a planning matter. Single membership is £5, a family is £10. Pay at a meeting or bring it to No 3 Swindon Hall and if you are lucky you will get a cup of tea and a one hour lecture on the history of the village (without slides).

Barry Simon

Marle Hill W.I.

Our December meeting had a very Christmassy theme with Carole and Malcolm Brown 'Singing for Pleasure'. They entertained us with an evening of seasonal songs and carols accompanied by recordings of Martin Dack on piano. A couple of days later we enjoyed the Carol Concert in the Town Hall. This year's guest singer was Wynne Evans, famous for the Go Compare advert. He had had to cancel his appearance at our concert two years ago but promised to return at a future date. Due to his agent booking the wrong day, Wynne had to travel from Cardiff to Gloucester to broadcast his weekly programme for BBC Wales from the Radio Gloucestershire studios. He then had to rush over to Cheltenham, arriving in time for the afternoon performance of our concert. A close shave! Mark Cummings, of Radio Gloucestershire, read a very amusing Gloucestershire version of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas' that he had written.

Due to the weather our Christmas Lunch at the Farmers Arms had to be postponed for a week. It nearly had to be cancelled again as the pub was affected by the power cuts and water shortage, but all was well, and we had a very enjoyable meal in the end!

At our January meeting Peter Berry, a passionate 'steam buff', showed us slides of some of his travels to ride and photograph steam trains with his wife and other enthusiasts. They have travelled all over the world, spending their pensions to fulfil their dreams of photographing wildlife, trees, spectacular scenery and steam engines. They still have a list of places they have not been to yet!

Our meeting was busy with people renewing their membership and planning the year ahead. A talk by Michael Portillo, the Annual Council Meeting with guest speaker Adam Henson, a weekend at Denman College, The National Annual Meeting in Cardiff, a holiday in Bournemouth and various craft, trips, walks and training days are amongst the events filling the calendar. We have signed up to play Walking Netball!

Mike Bottomley's talk at our next meeting, on Monday 5th February, is about 'Rudyard Kipling'. We give a warm welcome to any visitors who would like to join us for the evening at 7.30 at St Nicolas' Hall, Swindon Lane.

Sara Jefferies

Swindon Village Winemakers

On Friday 8th December the wine club had their Christmas meal again at the Beckford Inn, in the Bredon Room which is ideal as the room takes a group of 25 comfortably.

We have our annual Spring Dance in the Village Hall on Saturday 24th February, dancing to "TANDEM", a father and daughter duo. Non-members are most welcome; tickets are £6-50. English Supper (bring your own food and drinks).

The meeting on Wednesday 28th February will be the Doug Wilkins Red wine competition combined with a pudding evening.

Roy Harper

The Swindon Village Society

Forthcoming events

Wildlife in the North Cotswolds

An illustrated talk by Jamie Smith
(Jamie farms on Bredon Hill)

Wednesday 21st February

The People of Bletchley Park

A talk by Robert Skelt
In memory of Mary Body

Wednesday 21st March

The Village Hall at 7.30pm

Non-members are welcome for a nominal fee of £1

Tea/coffee & biscuits served afterwards

Vision 21

Vision 21 was established in 1994 and our aim is to make Gloucestershire more sustainable. This means more than it sounds and is not just about helping the environment, it is about creating vibrant and healthy communities.

We are a small charity of limited means and so we must adopt a pragmatic approach to why, what, where and how we do things, in order to maximise our impact. As a guide, we focus our attention on the following 5 of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals:

- Climate Action
- Sustainable Communities
- Responsible Consumption
- Clean Energy
- Education.

Most of our work is community based and we have several projects on the go in Cheltenham, which include:

Reclaim furniture re-use project located at Unit 25b on the Lansdown Industrial Estate by the railway station and the store is open 9:30-4:40 Mon-Sat. In addition to recycling furniture, this project offers on-the-job training to unemployed people, helping them build self-esteem and confidence.

Pilates Classes for all ages, which is supported by a grant from the Big Lottery Fund. The free, hour long sessions are held between 1:00-2:00pm at the Oasis Centre, Cassin Drive, Cheltenham GL51 7SY. All mats and equipment will be provided and the teacher will ensure the exercises are carried out safely and correctly in a friendly, welcoming environment. Booking essential call or email 07934 977171 ABCpilates@btinternet.com.

Hand sewing and Crafts Short Courses will take place throughout the year, again through the support of a Big Lottery Fund grant. These free courses include hand and machine sewing, upcycling, and Christmas gifts. They will take place at Create on the Square Café. For more details call 07494 341781.

Regeneration & Repair Café takes place between 10:00-1:00 on the first Saturday of the month (except Jan) at St Andrew's Church, Montpellier St. It is a place to both socialise, learn and get various household items fixed. Repairers, helpers and customers always welcome.

For more information about Vision 21 and the work it does visit our website www.vision21.org.uk or follow us on Twitter [@vision21glos](https://twitter.com/vision21glos).

Katie's Volunteering in Tanzania

You may recall in the July/August issue of the 'Village News' that I, Katie O'Connor, shared with you my upcoming volunteering placement in Tanzania, East Africa. Well I have now settled back into life at home (re-acclimatising to the difference in culture and climate!) and would like to share with you my volunteering experiences in Lindi, Tanzania.

The International Citizen Service (ISC) is a programme which allows young people aged 18-25 to contribute to sustainable development projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America. The scheme is run by some of the most experienced and respected development organisations in the U.K. I volunteered with VSO (Voluntary Services Overseas), a charity with almost sixty years experience in international development.

The once-in-a-lifetime programmes are fully funded by the government's Department for International Development. They are supported by 37% of the 0.7% given to overseas aid from the national budget. Before every UK volunteer's placement overseas, they must fundraise towards the overall funding of ICS to show their commitment and secure the continued work of the organisation. I achieved my fundraising target of £800 through selling my own wares and many donated items at two car boot sales at Southam. I also held a skittles night fundraiser which included a raffle where the prizes were generously donated by local businesses. Looking back, even the pre-placement fundraising enabled me to develop valuable skills for life and the placement itself. I was definitely challenged in a positive way, ringing over fifty businesses to ask for prizes to be raffled off! I would like to take the time to thank them again for their support.



A whole school debate under a cashew nut tree, conducted entirely in English!

From September to December, our team of twenty British and Tanzanian volunteers worked together cross-culturally to fight poverty in one of the world's poorest communities. We were based in the south of Tanzania in Lindi, which is known as the 'lost region' due to the bulk of government investment being used in the north. Our project focused on making education more relevant to future employment opportunities in Lindi. With around two-thirds of the Tanzanian population being under twenty-five, VSO understand how, through supporting secondary education and strengthening the employability potential of the youth, there is a considerable opportunity to reduce poverty. We, therefore,

taught communication skills alongside English and life-skills sessions, in five secondary schools. Being a qualified teacher, I was placed at Mingoyo Secondary which, of course, had the longest school day and lessons as well as the largest classes with between sixty-five and eighty students! I felt happy to be using my teaching experience towards such an amazing cause. I really felt like I made a difference to the lives of the students there, seeing them become more confident in English and applying the communication skills taught, and even in a short-term way,

showing them the power and positives of education in a society where education is not always valued.

Again, the ICS programme fosters personal development and the nature of volunteering on an education placement naturally meant that I strengthened my teaching skills too. I have taught children with English as an additional language before but this was the first time teaching a *whole* class of teenagers with English as a second or third language! In addition, the classroom facilities were far from the high-tech spaces I was used to, but I soon mastered the traditional chalk and board method!



Teaching negotiation skills to Form One (aged thirteen to fourteen)

During our placement, all of the volunteers lived with host families which allowed us to understand the culture and integrate into the community. It was an eye-opening experience learning how to fetch water from the well every day, hand-wash my clothes and cook on a charcoal stove. I adapted well to my new living conditions but it definitely made me appreciate our mod-cons in the United Kingdom!




On the women's rights march with Asha, a volunteer from Zanzibar who I lived with.

Aside from the teaching, we also raised awareness of global issues which were relevant to the local community during three Community Action Days. We chose to address the issues of Waste Management, HIV and Sanitation, and Women's Rights. Over two-hundred community members attended each event! Information and ideas were shared in a variety of ways, from talks to tooth-brushing demonstrations, free HIV testing (all of which came back as negative) to role-plays. A particularly empowering event was marching along the town's main road to raise awareness for women's rights and the elimination of violence against women and girls. We wore

unmissable, bright orange t-shirts and carried banners! The accompanying singing and chants reminded the community to support their women and girls, who are at risk of dropping out of education due to gender roles, child marriage or pregnancy.

I had an incredible time in Lindi - one that will stay with me for life. I got to experience a whole new culture and made a lasting difference to a disadvantaged community. I hope that reading about my experience has shown the positives of international aid and how proud the British public should feel in their commitment to supporting some of the poorest communities in the world. For any younger people reading this, I also really encourage you to consider applying for ICS or volunteering opportunities in England. You can grow as a person and develop valuable life skills, but more importantly you have the power to change things and make a difference! To quote VSO, "challenge yourself to change your world!"

Katie O'Connor


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Cub Scout Leader	Rachel Smith (Chil)	693107
Beaver Leader	Hugh Stanford	svbeavers@gmail.com 706020
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	Geraint Mills	690016
Friends of the School	Sarah Vallender Nic Jackson	chairfosvps@gmail.com
Art & Crafts Club	Adrian Skilling	690928 adrian.skilling@gmail.com
Swindon Village Society	Barry Simon	521723
Mary Godwin Under 5s	(Playgroup hours)	263746
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St. Stephen’s Cricket Club	Tony Jilbert	693639
Save The Countryside	Helen Wells	07770 986078

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