

# Village News

## in Swindon Village

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### April

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| Wednesday        | 4         | Wednesday Club - Village Hall 8.00pm<br>Frances Benton - A Passion for Pearls                        |
| Thursday         | 5         | Village Hall Annual General Meeting - Village Hall Lounge<br>7.15pm                                  |
| Monday           | 9         | Marle Hill W.I. - St. Nicolas' Hall 7.30pm<br>Mary & John - Five Dogs, Two Cats and a Couple of Mugs |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>10</b> | <b>Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall<br/>Beginning with Public Session at 7.30pm</b>             |
| Saturday         | 14        | Swindon Village Society - Annual Bird Walk<br>Meet at Village Hall at 9.30am                         |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>Annual Parish Meeting - Village Hall 7.30pm</b>   |
| Saturday         | 21        | Scout Group Jumble Sale - Village Hall 11am  |

### May

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| Wednesday      | 2        | Wednesday Club - Village Hall 8.00pm<br>John Dixon - "How did you obtain your first pair of nylons?" |
| Thursday       | 3        | Village Hall Committee Meeting - Lounge 7.15pm   |
| <b>Tuesday</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall<br/>Beginning with Public Session at 7.30pm</b>             |
| Monday         | 14       | Marle Hill W.I. - St. Nicolas' Hall 7.30pm - Resolutions   |
| Wednesday      | 16       | Swindon Village Society - Village Hall 7.30pm<br>Nigel Thompson - War in the Air 1914-1918           |

*(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.)*

For the five Cheltenham parishes this is an election year. Councillors are elected for a four year period. We currently have six councillors plus (shame on us all) three vacancies. If anyone is interested in standing I can explain what is involved and give you the paperwork you need. The deadline for nominations is 6<sup>th</sup> April. If more than nine candidates stand there will be an election on 3<sup>rd</sup> May. If three to nine candidates stand then an election (and its associated costs) will be avoided. If less than three candidates stand we won't have a quorum and I will pocket the cash and head for the Maldives.

There has recently been a boundary review and the other four parishes in Cheltenham have all had their boundaries extended to encompass new housing. Our boundary is unchanged, but we must now brace ourselves for the impact of Elms Park. Although the JCS is behind us we must now be prepared to work hard to ensure that the effects of the Elms Park development on our community are properly considered and mitigated. The Parish Council is actively considering the current status of our roads, how the traffic is likely to increase as a result of the development and what can be done in response. We would love to see some joined up thinking regarding roads, footpaths, cycleways and public transport. Something like, oh, I don't know, an Integrated Transport Policy. Wouldn't that be nice?

Our allotments are fully let and all of our allotment holders (even those that didn't win cash at the skittles evening) have paid their dues. Thank you to you all. I assume you have been growing frozen food lately! I hope the rest of the growing season is kinder to you. The Parish Council will be increasing plot rents to £25 for 2018-2019 (i.e. rents collected in Autumn 2019). Increases have been occasional and less than inflation over the years. Our offer remains great value compared with other allotment gardens within the Borough.

I have been contacted by Spirax Sarco who are interested in engaging with the local community. It will be relatively easy (and valuable) to organise events such as litter picks, but I am hopeful we can get more creative than that. A partnership between the Parish Council and a major local employer should hopefully yield value to both parties.

I know you love to hear about legislative changes that affect the Parish Council. Well, read on. I can tell you that the audit regime has now changed. The requirement for us to have a cursory external audit has been removed. All our financial information is published on our website and it will be down to public scrutiny to ensure that we keep to the straight and narrow. Once I have published our accounts for 2017-2018 feel free to try to catch me out. I could have offered a free allotment to anyone spotting a mistake but all the plots are taken.

Data protection legislation is also changing. You may have heard about this through your employer or through other organisations in which you are involved. The changes affect everyone. In future, organisations will not be able to use your personal data without your explicit consent. You will also have wider rights to view, correct and delete that data. Councils are in a spin about how to address this. Commercial organisations sense an opportunity to make money out of this by providing advice and consultancy even though the law has not been finalised. I am attending a course on this in April so you can look forward to hearing more next time!

The planning application for the Manor Farm development (behind Manor Court) has been passed by the Cheltenham Borough Council planning committee despite opposition from the local parish and borough councillors. We have been saying all along that the entrance to the site (from Church Road) is inadequate. Ubico agree with us and will not perform refuse collections. The owners of these new properties will have to pay a service charge to have their waste and recycling collected by an independent company. This charge will be in addition to their council tax.

As I write we are in the middle of the traffic chaos that is the Cheltenham Gold Cup race meeting. Parking has been permitted in some local roads during the races, inconveniencing local residents. For future meetings the Jockey Club have agreed to extend the number of roads included in the temporary "no parking" zone (e.g. Mandarin Way).

I took our quiz team to Uckington the other evening. Imagine my surprise at seeing our very own Karen setting the questions. I thought Karen might be lazy and reuse the questions she had baffled us with in our Swindon quiz. Not a bit of it. We had to dig deep.

Finally, a reminder that the Annual Parish Assembly is on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April in the Village Hall. We will be organising some light refreshments to tempt you to come.

**Shaun Cullimore**

Clerk to Swindon Parish Council

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# **Swindon Parish Council**

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

### **NOTICE OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of **Swindon Parish**, Cheltenham will take place on **Wednesday 18th April 2018** starting at **7:30pm** in **Swindon Village Hall**.

The meeting is open to the public and your thoughts and opinions would be welcome. However, in the event of any vote, only electors registered in the Parish of Swindon will be able to participate.

### **A G E N D A**

- Minutes of previous meeting (25<sup>th</sup> May 2017)
- Matters arising
- Report by Peter Allen, Chairman of Swindon Parish Council, followed by questions
- Report on Swindon Parish Council finances by Shaun Cullimore, Clerk to the Council, followed by questions
- Presentation of Freeman of the Parish to Mr. David Iliffe
- Matters raised by County and Borough Councillors
- Matters raised by the public
- Light refreshments will be available at the end of the meeting.

**Peter Allen**

Chairman of Swindon Parish Council

15<sup>th</sup> March 2018

## Services and events in April

<b>1st</b>	<b>Sunday Easter Day</b>	10.30am 6.30pm	Together @ Ten Thirty for Easter Holy Communion
<b>3rd</b>	Tuesday	10.30am – 12noon	Chatterbox coffee drop in
<b>7th</b>	Saturday	2.00pm	Jumble sale Uckington Village Hall
<b>8th</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	9.15am 3.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Baptism NO EVENSONG
<b>10th</b>	Tuesday	10.30am – 12noon 7.00pm	Chatterbox coffee drop in Holy Communion & Tuesday group
<b>15th</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	10.30am 3.30pm for 4.00pm 6.30pm	Together @ The Table Revd Liz's farewell service and party St Nicolas Church & Hall NO SERVICE
<b>17th</b>	Tuesday	10.30am – 12noon	Chatterbox coffee drop in
<b>22nd</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Evensong
<b>23rd</b>	Monday	7.00pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting in church
<b>24th</b>	Tuesday	10.30am – 12noon	Chatterbox coffee drop in
<b>29th</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Songs of Praise

## From the registers



### Baptisms

*We welcomed in to the family of the church*

Isla-Grace Palmer  
Brodie Robyn Green

18th March  
18th March

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

 North Cheltenham  
Team Ministry

## New Vicar for the North Cheltenham Team Ministry

A message from The Venerable Phil Andrew, Archdeacon of Cheltenham

'Fr Nick Bromfield is delighted to let you know that, subject to satisfactory DBS checks and references, the Revd Robert Wright has been appointed to the post of Team Vicar in the Team, with responsibility both at All Saints and across the wider team. If all goes to plan it is likely that Robert will move to Cheltenham sometime around mid-June, with his wife, Lindy (currently his fiancée) and we hope for a licensing date in June or July. Robert will live at 8 Boulton Road.

Meanwhile, our second Team Vicar vacancy, arising from Liz's move in April, has been advertised in the Church Times, with interviews scheduled for the 9th May – please pray for all involved in this second appointment as we aim to have the Team Clergy back up to full strength.'

The theme of one of our other churches' parish magazines this month is doors.

Doors are featuring quite a bit in my life at the moment, as I prepare to move on from the churches in the North Cheltenham Team to those in the Stroudwater Team, and say goodbye to our home in Swindon Village and hello to our new home in Frampton-on-Severn.

Moving on, and change isn't always easy. If we are the instigators of change we may speak of pushing at a door and seeing if it opens, or, if we have changed forced upon us, say through redundancy, we often say, 'when one door closes another opens'. Doors are ways into, or out of something - they can stop us entering, or they can let us out. They can provide us with safety, or they can trap us.

There was a rather massive 'door' across the entrance to the tomb where Jesus was placed after he had died on Good Friday, designed to keep grave robbers out. When that stone was rolled in front of the entrance to the tomb, no one expected it to be moved. Yet moved it was, as we read in Mark's gospel:

*Very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup> They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup> When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup> As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup> But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." Mark 16:2-7*

Jesus had conquered death, and the disciples **did** indeed see Jesus in Galilee. They were afraid, in an upstairs room, the door firmly locked to keep the Roman authorities out, when Jesus came and stood among them. Doors were no barrier to Jesus showing God's love to those who needed to see it, and be reassured by it.

When a new clergy person takes up their post, they have a service where they are welcomed by their new communities, and receive the Bishop's licence to minister there. At the end of the service the new minister makes their way to the main door of the church, and then opens the door wide, out into the community – a symbol that the church should always be looking beyond its doors to those who need to know God's love. I pray that this Easter, and beyond, you may all know God's love for you, and that we would always be looking out into the community around us, to share that love with others.

**Revd Liz**

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**PS** My last Sunday will be on 15th April, when there will be a farewell service and party at St Nicolas Church from 3.30pm. All are welcome (it is suitable for all ages).

**PPS** My licensing will take place on 24th April at 7.00pm at St Michael and All Angels, Eastington. If you are interested in going on the coach we are planning to organise, please email the office - [admin@northchelt.org.uk](mailto:admin@northchelt.org.uk)

**Revd. Liz**

Congratulations to Karen Evans who was awarded her Leading Worship certificate at the Together @ Ten Thirty service on Mothering Sunday. Karen undertook a six week course last year, and is now authorised to lead certain acts of worship in St Lawrence Church. Thank you to Karen for her commitment, and every blessing on your future.

## **St. Lawrence's Annual Coffee Morning and Cake Sale**

Thank you to everyone who supported or helped at this year's coffee and cake morning which raised £328.90 for the church's restoration appeal.

**Mary Halliwell**



*The Palm Sunday Procession arriving at the church door*



The Parish of  
St. Lawrence, Swindon Village and Cheltenham St. Peter

Annual Meeting of Parishioners  
and  
Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Monday 23rd April at 7.00pm  
in St. Lawrence's Church

These two meetings form the annual general meeting of St. Lawrence's Church.

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners is open to everyone who lives in the church parish. The purpose of this meeting is to elect two Churchwardens to serve for the coming year. Candidates must be nominated in advance of the meeting; if you would like to make a nomination please contact me for the relevant form.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is open to everybody who is on the church's Electoral Roll. At this meeting the annual church accounts will be presented, reports received on all the activities in the church community over the past year, and new representatives will be elected on to the Parochial Church Council.

Refreshments will be served afterwards.

**Karen Evans**  
Secretary to the Parochial Church Council

Tel. 01242 241678

Swindon Village Scout Group



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# Scouts Jumble Sale



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**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April**  
**11am**  
**Swindon Village Hall**  
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# **Save The Countryside 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Walk**

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**Sunday 20th May 2pm**

**Everyone welcome, including dogs and horses.  
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or 07770 986078 (Helen)***

## Wednesday Club

Our guest speaker at our March meeting was Viv Ebbage and she told us all about her experience on the Cost Concordia when it sank a few years ago. Viv and her husband flew to Barcelona and on the way to the ship they had their rucksack stolen with all their documents and money in it. After a very fast taxi ride to the British Embassy, they were eventually issued with emergency passports. The ship had waited for them and they were on board very quickly. The cruise passed without incident until day five. They went to a show and went for their dinner on the second sitting at 9.30 pm. Viv was putting her soup spoon towards her soup when there was a terrific bang and everything went flying and crashing around the restaurant.

When they could feel the ship tilting they went (climbed) up to the top of the ship but with no instructions coming from the crew they all waited on deck. Eventually a call came over the speaker system to abandon ship. They were not allowed to get in the lifeboats and confusion reigned. They saw the Captain and some of the crew running to a boat and they were all then left to their own devices. They eventually got on a lifeboat and were taken to an island, then on by coach to Rome. They eventually got back home after a few days, with no passports or cash and in the clothes they were in when the accident happened.

This is only a very brief account of what Viv told us, sometimes in a very humorous way. Viv was a lovely lady and these talks are her way of coming to terms with what happened that night.

On a lighter note, we are arranging a trip to Webbs of Wychbold and the Jinney Ring Craft Centre on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July. We will be leaving the Village Hall at 10.30 am and arriving home at about 4.45pm. The cost of the trip will be £15 per person and so if you would like to come along please let me know.

Our speaker at our next meeting, on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April, will be Frances Benton and she will be telling us about her Passion for Pearls.

You are welcome to join us that evening and will be made very welcome. Look forward to seeing you then.

**Pauline Wright**

For our first talk of this year we welcomed Jamie Smith who farms on Bredon Hill. A while back his wife bought him an automatic night vision camera. This is a device that you can install somewhere and it will take a short video film every time it detects movement. Now here is woman who understands her man. Jamie has been putting this device into all sorts of nooks and crannies and is delighted with the result. So we were treated to many shots of the beasties that play around at night. The biggest surprise was the number of otters there are in the area. Jamie has found that the most productive place to put his camera is where a small stream passes through a tunnel under a path or minor road. And almost all of these seem to show otters happily exploring at night. We saw shots of single otters, pairs and families. We even saw them taking a short nap in the middle of the night just as many of us do in the middle of the day (privilege of old age – though the otters did not seem that old). But although Jamie's main interest is otters he has also finished up with a good collection of shots of anything else that likes to paddle around at night from mice, through badgers to snakes and even some very muddy ducks. Altogether a very entertaining evening put together by a real wildlife lover.

Almost by the bye, I had myself taken a walk over Bredon Hill a few days before. I was rewarded with sights of three birds of prey and a group of thirteen deer but most interesting to me was the fact that on this first half decent Saturday afternoon the female walkers outnumbered the men by four to one. This included a heartening number of ladies walking by themselves, some not even accompanied by a dog. As a frequent walker I found this most unusual and most heartening. Perhaps there was a particularly noteworthy football match on that day or maybe it is because Bredon is considered a safe space. Anyway I found it very pleasing.

If, however, you would like a stroll in company please do join us for our annual birdwalk. It will not be an arduous hike, probably no more than a wander down to Brockhampton and back. Non- members very welcome along. If you have some binoculars bring them. Children very welcome. I think our record is twenty four species but I would be very surprised if we got near to that. We have seen deer out that way before now and if any aircraft pass overhead I can probably identify them. I'm much better at aircraft than birds. Timings on the front of this News.

After that, in May we have a talk on air fighting in the First World War. We may be able to mention Captain Gabell whose name is on the village war memorial as a member of the RAF.

**Barry Simon**

Janet Dowling gave us some very interesting advice on Stress Management and the Importance of Sleep at our March meeting. After a lecture on the parts of the brain involved, we learnt how to de-stress ourselves. Basically, don't let the 'what if's' build up and if you can't influence the outcome of the subject or event then don't waste time and energy worrying about it! On the subject of sleep, of which less than 7 hours can be dangerous, then empty all your worries into a mental bucket. Cut out the alcohol, smoking, caffeine and sleeping tablets, as these can affect your quality of sleep. Not having a siesta can increase the possibility of developing cardiovascular disease. I hope everyone went home and managed to shed their worries and have a good night's sleep.

Vivien has taken over as minutes secretary for a while as Linda is having a knee replacement; we wish her well and look forward to having her back. We have enjoyed going to the College for lunch on almost a weekly basis as the third year catering students are practising for their final assessments. The meals have been interesting, very good on the whole and we have been giving them some constructive criticism in our feedback. Janet had a coffee morning in aid of the Denman College appeal and we spent an interesting day at the Town Hall at the Annual Council Meeting where Adam Henson was the principal speaker. Three members spent an eventful day at the Races on Gold Cup Day, though I don't know how profitable it was!

A weekend at Denman College is one of the highlights in our diaries for April. The members attending are doing various courses organised by Gloucestershire Federation. The month also sees a holiday in Bournemouth, a glass engraving day, a Campaign Day when the resolution to be voted on at the National Annual Meeting will be discussed. Sue D. is having a tea afternoon in aid of our funds and there are the usual craft and book club meetings.

The subject of our talk on April 9<sup>th</sup> is titled "Five Dogs, Two Cats and a Couple of Mugs' by Mary and John. We meet at 7.30pm at St Nicolas' Hall in Swindon Lane. Anyone who would like to join us for the evening will be made most welcome.

**Sara Jefferies**

## 1st Swindon Village Scout Group

Spring is that wonderful time of year when we can all look forward to lighter evenings and the chance to spend more time outside with hikes, trips and camps all on the agenda for us in the coming months. As usual, all the sections in the group have been busy over recent weeks.

The Monday night meetings have been full of fun and challenging activities, with all of the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts working towards their various badges and awards.

We have Cranham booked for a group camp which will give the Scouts the opportunity to pass on to the Beavers and Cubs all they have learnt about camping. For our Summer Camp this year, we are joining Scouts and Guides from across the UK and around the world at the Chamboree Jamboree in Cheshire. We have around half of the troop booked in and it promises to be an exciting week with plenty of activities and challenges to keep everyone happy.

On the second Sunday in March, we took part in the Mothering Sunday all age church service at St Lawrence's church where we had youngsters from all of the sections present, taking an active part in the service and collecting flowers to pass on to their Mums and Grans - always a lovely occasion.

Our annual Spring Jumble Sale takes place on Saturday 21st April at Swindon Village Hall and we rely on your generosity and support to make this a success. The sale will start at 11am and will have all the usual clothes, books, bric-a-brac, toys etc. for you to purchase and take home again! We have a new team of enthusiastic parents running the show this year and they are keen to present the clothing and other goods in a more accessible way. Please come along with your friends and family and bag a few bargains. This is one of our main fundraising events of the year and its success is vital in keeping the group's finances healthy.

**Sos**

## Art & Crafts Club

Oh dear - bad weather, the races and one or two members unwell did leave us a bit thin on the ground, still let's hope spring is in the air and we get stuck in and produce some great pictures for our exhibition in May. Please ring if you want to join us.

**Helen**

01242 582366

## **Swindon Village Hall**

### **Annual General Meeting**

Thursday 5th April

All welcome

### **Committee Meeting**

Thursday 3rd May

Both meetings will take place  
in the Village Hall Lounge, starting at 7.15pm

Can I apologise for the cancellation of the March meeting as I felt compelled to call it off at the last minute due to the atrocious weather conditions which made travelling somewhat hazardous.

Do not despair, all is not lost as the window of opportunity remains open for some time yet so please come along and have your say on the future of the hall.

To date we haven't received any interest regarding the future management of the hall so if you feel a sense of community spirit and would like to help then please let us know.

As I have stated previously several members are to stand down in the not too distant future and will need to be replaced. They are, however, prepared to remain in post during a transition period from old to new for a maximum of 12 months. Positions vacant are Chair, Treasurer and Booking Secretary.

Your village hall's future is firmly in your hands; to do nothing is not a viable option.

**Peter Piff**

Chairman, Village Hall Committee



Smiling is infectious, you catch it like the flu.

When someone smiled at me today I started smiling too.

I walked around the corner and someone saw me grin;

When he smiled I realized I had passed it on to him.



I thought about the smile then realized its worth -

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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
Marle Hill W.I.	Sara Jefferies	692500
St. Stephen’s Cricket Club	Tony Jilbert	693639
Save The Countryside	Helen Wells	07770 986078

Please inform the editors of any changes to the contact details for village organisations.

Deadline for the next issue of the Village News is the 16th of this month.  
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