

# Village News

in Swindon Village

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## July

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| Monday         | 1        | Marle Hill W.I. - St. Nicolas' Hall 7.30pm<br>Joanne Lock - Medical Detection Dogs       |
| Wednesday      | 3        | Wednesday Club - Village Hall 8.00pm<br>Pam Slater - Story Behind Tea                    |
| <b>Tuesday</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall<br/>Beginning with Public Session at 7.30pm</b> |
| Wednesday      | 10       | Wednesday Club outing by coach to The Cotswolds  |
| Wednesday      | 17       | Swindon Village Society - Village Hall 7.30pm<br>Dr. Tim Brain - Gloucestershire Battles |

## August

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| <b>Tuesday</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall<br/>Beginning with Public Session at 7.30pm</b> |
| Wednesday      | 21        | Swindon Village Society - Members only Garden Party                                      |

## September

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| Monday    | 2 | Marle Hill W.I. - St. Nicolas' Hall 7.30pm<br>Social Evening                          |
| Wednesday | 4 | Wednesday Club - Village Hall 8.00pm<br>Lorraine Parsloe - 15 years as an Extra on TV |

*(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.)*

One of the major concerns on our patch is the traffic, both its speed and its volume. The Parish Council is always trying to think of ways to improve the situation. We have engaged with Gloucestershire Highways to get some figures that will back up our concerns. Evidence carries more weight than opinion! We have warned you before about curious objects appearing in the parish to monitor dormice and hedgehogs. This time you may have seen a number of sets of rubber tubes laid across the road. These are all about gathering that evidence and nothing to do with monitoring mammal movements.

Another traffic-related issue is the inconvenience caused to local residents by inconsiderate parking around the school. A minority of parents of children at the school park their cars across drives and on road junctions. This is infuriating for the residents and dangerous for the children. The school has grown in size over the years, as has the problem. Whilst it is not the Parish Council's problem we would love to be part of the solution. To this end we are hoping to get together with representatives from the school and the police to discuss what can be done. An alert was recently published by the local police (see separate page) indicating that we are not alone in suffering this issue.

At this point it would be appropriate to remind everyone that parents can park in the car park at the Seasons complex in Quat Goose Lane to drop off and pick up children attending the school. It is only a five minute walk to the school. We are grateful to Cheltenham Town Football Club for making this facility available.

The hedge in Manor Road causes issues every spring and summer when the growing shrubbery makes the footway too narrow for pushchairs and wheelchairs. There is still some debate about whether the hedge belongs to Gloucestershire Highways or Spirax Sarco. I am grateful to Spirax Sarco who have done the decent thing and agreed to take responsibility for the hedge for the time being. It has been cut back and is now scheduled to receive a regular "haircut".

Spirax Sarco staff also joined local residents on our recent litter pick. Fifteen bags of rubbish were collected. Here is a photograph in case you don't know what fifteen bags of rubbish look like!



What's that? You know what bags of rubbish look like but would rather see the volunteers? Here is a selection.

These people braved continuous drizzle. Their only reward was the fuzzy feeling of a job well done. Plus a monster bag of chocolates and sweets. All the wrappers were properly disposed of. Please try to join us next time.



In another act of public spiritedness a local resident has put up some notices asking people to clear up after their dogs, another hot item for the Parish Council (if you'll pardon the pun). Fixed Borough Council notices seem to have very limited effect. This more personal approach appears to have struck a chord. We will see if this improvement continues.

I realise I haven't been giving you your regular dose of Parish Council legal requirements. I must admit I tripped over the law recently by going on holiday (I know; it won't happen again). Councils can only make decisions, particularly with regard to spending money, at a properly constituted meeting. This means the meeting must be advertised three clear days in advance. When I should have been publishing notices I was sunning myself on the Kennet and Avon Canal. As a result the meeting had to be delayed a week.

You've lapped that up so I'll push my luck and give you a bit more of the legal stuff. We are now in a formal period during which people can examine, question and even challenge the Council's accounts. This right is given to "local electors or other interested person", so basically anyone! The period ends on 26<sup>th</sup> July. I have always said that the Parish Council's accounting is transparent; feel free to examine records and question what we do. The special thing about this period is that if I can't explain something to you to your satisfaction you can invoke the external auditor. Of course, your challenge must be that we have done something illegal and not just that you don't like the way we spend your money.

Finally, the horse trough continues to look magnificent. It is not just the Manor Road hedge and my lawn that are growing like crazy. Thank you to Neil, our local landscape gardener.



That's it until September. Enjoy the remainder of the summer.

**Shaun Cullimore**

Clerk to Swindon Parish Council

<https://swindonparish.org>



## Reminder About Parking Outside Of Schools

We would like to remind parents to please be aware of where they are parking when dropping off and picking their children up from school.

This reminder comes after a man was arrested yesterday (Monday) after becoming abusive and aggressive towards a PCSO who spoke to him after he had parked on yellow zig zag lines outside of a school.

The 42-year-old man was subsequently arrested on suspicion of driving whilst disqualified, being in possession of class A drugs and using threatening and offensive words in a public place.

He has since been released under investigation pending further enquiries.

Sergeant Julia Martin-Jones from the Cheltenham Neighbourhood Policing Team said: "We do patrols at all of our schools in Cheltenham and I would like to remind the public that parking on zig zag lines is an offence and it can put children, or any member of the public, at risk of harm.

"We are here to keep the community safe and the safety of your children whilst they are coming in and out of school is our priority.

"Whilst my staff are carrying out their duties I will not tolerate any abusive behaviour towards them and appropriate action will be taken if needed."

## Services and Events in July

2	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In
7	Sunday	10.30am 6.30pm	Together @ Ten Thirty Holy Communion
9	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon 7.00pm	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In Holy Communion
10	Wednesday	12noon	Blessing of Catherine Dryburgh's gravestone
14	Sunday	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Evensong
16	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In
21	Sunday	10.30am 6.30pm	Together @ The Table Evensong
23	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In
28	Sunday	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Evensong
30	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In

## Services and Events in August

4	Sunday	10.30am 6.30pm	Together @ Ten Thirty Holy Communion
6	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In
11	Sunday	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Evensong
13	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon 7.00pm	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In Holy Communion
18	Sunday	10.30am 6.30pm	Together @ The Table Evensong
20	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In
25	Sunday	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Evensong
27	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In

## Catherine Dryburgh

There will be a short dedication at the graveside (or in the church if wet) on **Wednesday 10th July** at 12noon.

**Ron Dryburgh**

## **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 the clergy by email:**

**Revd. George Davis (Team Vicar) [fr.georgedavis@hotmail.com](mailto:fr.georgedavis@hotmail.com)**

**Revd. Nick Bromfield (Team Rector) [nick.bromfield@northchelt.org.uk](mailto:nick.bromfield@northchelt.org.uk)**  
**or via the office.**

## **Battle of the Bands**

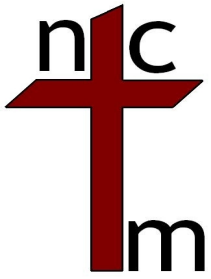
A record ten teams from the Cheltenham area entered this year's bellringing competition hosted by Swindon Village. St. Lawrence's bells are technically a little tricky to ring because of the short distance between the ringers and the bells but all the teams handled the bells well.

The competition was won by a team representing Stanway and they were awarded the George Banner Trophy. The Cleeve Trophy, which is awarded to novice teams for good effort, was shared this year by bands from Cheltenham Minster and St. Marks, both of which were the "B" teams from their respective towers. Swindon Village ringers came 8th, showing that there is no such thing as a home advantage!

The ringers enjoyed tea and cake during the competition and the results were announced in the church afterwards.

**Hugh Evans**  
Tower Captain





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

# *PRAISE IN THE PARK*

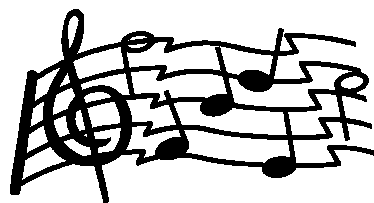
ON  
SUNDAY 21st July  
3.00 PM  
AT  
Swindon Village Playing Fields

WITH  
SALVATION ARMY BAND

FOLLOWED BY TEA IN THE VILLAGE HALL

COME AND ENJOY  
AN AFTERNOON OF FRIENDSHIP AND PRAISE

**ALL WELCOME**  
(Bring a friend and a chair!)



(In the Village Hall if wet)



## Swindon Village Hall

Another busy month for everyone at the Hall as the summer apparently starts - the last few weeks have seen lots of rain but not so much in the way of sunshine. The May Bank Holiday saw us put on a community barbecue where we provided the barbecue, a bouncy castle, buns and condiments whilst everyone brought their own meats and veggie burgers (and halloumi!) - despite the showers we persevered and a great day was had.

The website, email, social media and mobile phone are all combining to get the word out that we're available for regular and individual hires - some of the new regular classes we host are Zumba, Trampolining, morning Bootcamp, Musical Theatre and regular fitness classes and these are in addition to the art, wine, medals, and Wednesday Club plus the Village Society, Guides and Scouts and Early Years. Most weekends also see the main hall being rented out for parties; the lounge can be rented with or without the bar being open so there's hopefully space for everyone. As you can see, the Hall is very busy and there are lots of activities for everyone - please see our website [www.svhall.co.uk](http://www.svhall.co.uk) or our Facebook page [@SwindonVillageHall](https://www.facebook.com/SwindonVillageHall).

The Friday night bars from 6.30pm continue to be well attended and will be continuing throughout the summer as long as we have people to run the bar - our list of volunteers is growing and you can get involved as much or as little as you want; every hour helps. It's been great to see so many people getting together and every week people are showing up for the first time of hopefully many more. The gin selection is proving popular (we currently stock dry gins such as Hendricks, Cotswold Dry, Botanist as well as flavoured gins with raspberry, rhubarb and ginger, Seville orange, and parma violet) and the beer range has been extended to include Peroni on draught as well as the usual Carlsberg; the other draughts are Cotswold Pale Ale and Stowford Press cider. If you have a favourite tippie then mention it to the bar volunteers and we'll see what we can do.

Our Facebook page is getting lots of interactions and has been a great way to keep in touch - search for Swindon Village Hall to keep updated on what's on.

We've commenced some more projects, one of which is to install some speakers and an amplifier which will be able to be connected to the TV when it goes back on the wall. My ultimate aim is to have a PA system in the main hall too for use for fitness classes, conferences, film nights (we

could hire/borrow/buy a projector and screen) etc. and hopefully be able to link it to the bar system too for full building sound - a grand scheme that might not come off but I feel it's good to have ambition!

Continuing the introductions of the committee, our Bookings Secretary is Jana Bridger and she can be found organising the many bookings that we host as well as volunteering behind the bar.

## **Ben Williams**

*"I'm originally from the Czech Republic but have lived in Cheltenham for nearly 16 years. I've lived in Swindon Village for over 5 years now with my husband, Michael, and we have two young children, Sophie and Joshua.*

*I grew up in a small Czech village that continues to have a strong sense of community where everyone comes together regularly to socialise and give their time to organise community events for the benefit and enjoyment of all.*

*When the Village Hall needed a new committee I was keen to get involved and play my part in trying to recreate the strong sense of community I grew up in. As a member of the new committee, I believe it's really important to get the wider community involved wherever possible. I want people to realise that the Village Hall is a community asset; that we all own a part of it and its success can benefit everyone. Getting involved can be truly rewarding, satisfying and a great way to get to know people in your community.*

*So please feel free to get involved and join us!"*

## **Jana**



Swindon Village Community Hall

# **BAR OPEN EVERY FRIDAY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!**

From 6.30pm - 11.00pm

Family Friendly Community Evening

Happy Hour Between 7pm and 9pm



[www.svhall.co.uk](http://www.svhall.co.uk)

# Hedgehog Survey

We were one of about eight households that took part in the hedgehog survey in Swindon Village organised by the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust last month.



All the instructions and kit we needed were provided by the Trust's hedgehog expert, Georgia.

The tunnel itself was "flat-packed" - a piece of stiff plastic which folded into a 2ft long triangular tube big enough for a hedgehog to walk through, with a loose floor panel. We placed the tunnel alongside our garden fence where we had seen a hedgehog last year and secured it to the ground with tent pegs.

At each end of the floor panel we clipped a sheet of A4 paper in place, followed by a line of masking tape across it which we smeared with sticky ink, a mixture of charcoal and cooking oil. Then we had to put a small amount of hedgehog food in the middle of the floor panel and slide it into the tunnel. The idea was that if a hedgehog went in for the food from either end of the tunnel it would walk through the ink and leave footprints on the paper. We checked and changed the paper every morning and put fresh food in the tunnel every evening, just for five nights.

At the end of the survey we sent the sheets with prints back to Georgia.

## Our results...

We got hedgehog footprints on two of the five nights of the survey. However, just because there were no prints didn't mean there were no hedgehogs... and this, for us, was the exciting bit...

Georgia had just one wildlife camera, triggered by movement, and we were the lucky ones who used it. On the first night we got lovely photos of a hedgehog sniffing around the tunnel but it didn't go in to it! We had many more hedgehog photos as well as a few of squirrels and birds as daylight came. Weren't we lucky!





Having established where hedgehogs are, Georgia's next step is to encourage neighbours to make just a small hole, about the size of a CD, in their garden fences so that the hedgehogs can move easily between gardens to increase their feeding areas. Hedgehogs are good for gardens and if we can provide a large enough feeding area they may not need to risk their lives crossing roads.

By the way, if you are thinking of feeding hedgehogs please give them dog or cat food (but not containing fish). The biscuit type foods are fine. You can even buy a special hedgehog food. A shallow bowl of water would be good too.

**Hugh and Karen Evans**

To find out more about Hedgehog Way,  
visit [gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk](http://gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk)  
or email [georgia.spooner@gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk](mailto:georgia.spooner@gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk)



*British Hedgehog Preservation Society*

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

**Ring 101** (you may be charged for this call)  
**or email [101@gloucestershire.police.uk](mailto:101@gloucestershire.police.uk)**

Get an incident number and let the parish council know about it.  
If the police are not made aware of a problem **THERE ISN'T A PROBLEM**".



Our May adventure was a walk through Lineover Wood led by John Heathcott. John has spent many years with a band of Woodland Trust volunteers looking after Lineover and we could not have had a better guide. We walked down through the wood and so started off at the best bit. The upper half of the wood is unimproved ancient woodland managed by coppicing in rotation. That is to say areas of trees are cut to the ground and grow again with multiple stems from the stool to provide a wood harvest. All our native trees do this rather than dying when they are felled. In particular the wood has many superb lime trees that provide fine grained wood which is particularly suitable for carving. This coppicing allows light into the wood which encourages biodiversity including flowers, insects and birds. We saw at least two sorts of orchid on our travels, in part because we had Carol Kear with us - she is a good orchid spotter, having a meadow above Prestbury with several varieties.

The bottom half of Lineover is 'improved'. It was historically an oak forest but the oaks were all felled during and after the war and, because of the national shortage of timber, they were replaced by fast growing conifers. Now, many of these are fine trees but not native and with a tendency to blank out undergrowth and restrict biodiversity. So the Woodland Trust is felling many but not all of these and replacing them with native species.

Not all is rosy though. Ash die back has now arrived in the county and many of the ash trees were showing the first signs by way of branch tips without leaves. The older ashes will take a while to succumb but succumb they will. At least there is better news regarding Elms. Some Wych Elms in England have started to show resistance to Dutch Elm disease so we may have our beloved elms back at some time in the future.

There was much more to see and learn; you should have been there.

Also on the Wildlife front, we have been trying to see how much hedgehog life there is in the village with the hope of encouraging them. There have been a number of reports of them, dead and alive, so we hope to spread the message of how you can support your local hedgehog. Rather more lovable than politicians right now. Vote hedgehog!

In July Dr Tim Brain will be back to tell us about Gloucestershire Battles. Visitors are welcome.

Then in August we have our annual garden party which will be at 3, Swindon Hall. It is a members only occasion but there is plenty of time to become a member and come and look at some Second World War bomb damage while holding a glass of lukewarm white wine.

Finally, we had better mention September when we will have a talk by Arthur Ball on the wildlife of Dowdeswell Reservoir Nature Reserve. Since this reserve is just across the road from Lineover Wood it is almost as though we did some pre-planning. Don't worry though – it was just an accident.

**Barry Simon**

## Swindon Village Winemakers

At the April meeting we had a speaker, Roger Workman of Cotteswold Dairies who gave a most interesting talk on the history of how the company started and what a large concern it is today.

The May meeting was our Annual B.B.Q and we invited other clubs from around Gloucestershire to join us; in all there were 60, including our club. Most importantly the weather was kind to us and that made it a most successful and enjoyable evening. On Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> June until Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June eighteen of us trooped down to Weymouth for a long weekend organised by Mandy Jilbert; many thanks Mandy. Again the weather was kind to us except on the journeys there and back when it was rather wet to say the least. But a lovely sunny and warm weekend.

At the July meeting we have another speaker, Mr Mike Lovatt, who will be giving us a talk on the history of the Watermill at Stanway.

**Roy Harper**



Unfortunately, William Reddaway's projector decided to play-up and so he gave us a very verbally illustrated talk at our July meeting. He was an excellent speaker and we did not feel the lack of pictures spoiled his presentation too much. Having bought a horse, whom he named Strider, he set off in May 2013 on a 7 month tour of England, with the aim of visiting Cathedrals whilst covering all four corners of the country. Starting off from Gloucester Cathedral he eventually visited 30 other cathedrals, with many adventures and delays on the way, eventually arriving home in December. Strider, unfortunately, developed blisters from the saddle and saddlebags and so William had to walk a lot of the way himself and had several long rest intervals. Strider was not happy with the visit to Chester and was delayed by trams in Sheffield. However, they were actually invited into Lincoln Cathedral, arrived in Exeter where they joined in the celebrations for the Festival of St Francis of Assisi, were heralded by trumpets in Wells and escorted across the bridge by mounted police in Bristol. Strider was invited inside Tewkesbury Abbey, and was blessed yet again. After a journey of 2,700 miles in 214 days (138 actually travelling) and giving 136 talks William has raised £80,000 for charity and Strider is enjoying a happy retirement.

Six members travelled to Bournemouth where they joined 5,000 other members for the National Annual Meeting. The resolutions for a better bus service and the smear test were passed by 96% and 97% respectively. One of the guest speakers was Maggie Philbin of TV fame. She gave a very interesting talk about her career and the many programmes she has been involved in. We enjoyed a meal at Gianni's and tea at Annette's. We spent a day wrapping bottles in newspaper ready for our tombola stall at the Centenary Village Fair in Cirencester in July.

Also in July we have arranged a visit to the Houses of Parliament, an evening at John Lewis, a meal at The Artisan restaurant, a talk on Queen Æthelflæd, bowls and croquet taster days, walks, book and craft club meetings and Wendy has a social afternoon at her house.

We are inviting members from the other WIs to join us for our July meeting on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July. The speaker is Joanne Lock who will be telling us about Medical Detection Dogs and we shall be having a buffet. As we do not have a formal meeting in August we have arranged a trip for members and friends to the SS Great Britain in Bristol. We shall be back with a full programme in September. Let us hope for some summer weather eventually!

**Sara Jefferies**

## Wednesday Club

The Stuntman Dick Sheppard came along to our last meeting in June with his wife/manager and a very interesting evening followed. Mr Sheppard has done many stunts on motor bikes, cars and horses and appeared in films doing the stunts in place of the actors. Probably the most famous film he advised on was The Italian Job starring Michael Caine. Special effects were used in the film when the Mini was on two wheels sideways through a narrow street as it proved impossible to do as the street was much too narrow and the car too wide when tipped sideways.

Mr Sheppard still holds many world records to this day; some will never be beaten as the stunt has been withdrawn due to "Health & Safety". His main claim to fame is riding a motor bike through a tunnel of fire and this record still stands. He is also proud of the fact that although he wrote off over two thousand cars, he is alive to tell the tale. Another record in the Guinness Book of Records is that his name appears more often and over a longer period of time than any other record holder. Mr Sheppard now trains people to do some of the stunts, including driving a car sideways on two wheels. Many questions were asked by our members and the evening was a success. Mr Sheppard and his wife stayed to supper which this month was provided by Elaine and Margaret, so many thanks to them.

For the first time ever our Coffee Morning had to be cancelled due to the very wet and windy weather (and cold). We will try and arrange another date so please watch this space.

We have organised a trip around the Cotswolds on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July and if you would like to come and join us you will be very welcome. The cost is £13 per person and we will leave the Village Hall at 11.30 am. My phone number is 693112 should you wish to contact me or please contact any other member of the committee.

Our Speaker on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July is Pam Slater telling us the Story Behind Tea. Pam has been to us before and comes from the Cotswold Perfumery at Bourton on the Water. Please do come along between 7.30 and 8 pm and enjoy a pleasant evening with us. Visitors are always welcome to join us for £3 to include supper as well.

As usual, there is no meeting in August and so we meet again on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September when Lorraine Parsloe will be telling us all about her 15 years of working as an extra on TV.

Look forward to seeing you in July.

**Pauline Wright**

### **Survival Skills**

Four of our Scouts from Swindon Village took part in the County organised Survival Skills weekend held up in woods near Duntisbourne Abbots over the last bank holiday weekend. They joined over 70 Scouts, Explorers and leaders from across Gloucestershire, Hampshire and Greater London who came to take part in one of the most challenging weekends that they can have as a Scout. This course took them through a real “Bear Grylls” style survival challenge and after several hours of training and instruction, with a knife as their only tool, they set about their survival exercise. This included building a shelter out of natural materials, foraging for wild food (including eating nettles) and preparing and then cooking rabbits over a camp fire without utensils. All four lads, Adam, Bernie, Luc and Tom, were taking part in the Survival Skills weekend for the first time and, needless to say, they all came home very tired and in need of a good bath – but happy and wiser for the experience and thrilled with their achievements! Well done all of you.

### **Cub and Scout Camp at Cranham Scout HQ**

The first full weekend in June saw 30 of our Cubs and Scouts camping together up at Cranham. The weather forecast was for heavy thundery showers throughout Friday night and Saturday, but, somehow, we managed to miss most of it and, after the rain early on Saturday morning, we had a relatively good weekend.

After breakfast on Saturday the Cubs boarded the minibus and travelled to Fairford Scout HQ which is by a lake. This was the venue for the Beavers and Cubs District Water Activity Day organised by Shelley Wright and her merry band of helpers and volunteers. Our Cubs were joined by around half of our Beaver Scouts and during the day got to try their hand at Bell-boating, Canoeing and Kayaking as well as many games and activities on dry land. I think most of the youngsters got soaked or fell in at some point, but they all seemed to thoroughly enjoy the day.

Meanwhile, the Scouts stayed at Cranham and enjoyed a morning exploring the caving simulation system recently installed at the campsite and great for overcoming fears and building confidence. Then it was on to the Air Rifle range before breaking for a spot of lunch. In the afternoon they split into patrols and tackled a couple of short hikes in the woods

before building a camp fire and relaxing with a game of rounders. On the Cubs' return, we all enjoyed a splendid evening meal cooked by Mike and the Scouts before rounding off the evening around the camp fire.

Sunday was bright and sunny and the perfect weather for packing away camp and getting everything down dry. All in all – a very successful weekend camp. I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all the leaders, Young Leaders, helpers and parents who gave up all or part of their weekend to help make this camp happen. A huge amount of time and effort goes into running a weekend like this and we couldn't do it without so much support.

## **Summer Adventures...**

We still have plenty to look forward to this summer with several Scouts and leaders heading off overseas...

Todd will be the fourth Swindon Village Scout to attend a World Scout Jamboree which this year is being held in West Virginia, USA. Todd has worked incredibly hard over the last 12 months to fundraise the £4,000 required to fund his trip of a lifetime. We are incredibly proud that Todd will be going as the sole representative Explorer Scout from Cheltenham District and we wish him an amazing experience. Joining him at the Jamboree will be former Swindon Village Scout Matt Evans, who is leading a joint contingent from Gloucestershire and Shropshire. Matt has had over two years training and moulding his team for this trip and can draw on his experience of attending the World Scout Jamboree back in 2007. Also going to America are two of our Assistant Scout Leaders Josh and Harry as part of the International Service Team. This means that they have to fund their own trip and then work their socks off for 3 weeks when they get there! Josh went to the last Jamboree in Japan as a Scout back in 2015 and I know that they are both really excited about experiencing World Scout Jamboree fever once more. We hope you all have a fantastic time.

The Haarlem Jamborette also takes place again this summer in Amsterdam, Holland. This year we have two of our Scouts, Tom and Ellie joining the county-led team from Gloucestershire. Two more of our leaders, Shane and Ash, are returning as part of the leadership team for their third visit to this fantastically well organised Jamborette in Holland, where they will be joined by Scouts and Guides from all around the world for another truly international Scouting experience. Again, we are sure that you will all have a Summer to remember.

Meanwhile, Sos, Rachel and Kate are heading out to Uganda to visit the Smile Uganda project in Kampala. Last year, the Cubs and Scouts enjoyed an evening when we were visited by Alex Gift, his wife Bennie and their daughters who were visiting us from Kampala. Alex also joined the Cubs for an evening in March of this year when we held a tea-party with the proceeds going towards the Smile Uganda charity. Alex is a Christian Leader who runs the charity where our daughter Kate did her gap year. We will be staying with Alex and his family and look forward to visiting the Smile Uganda project.

Then, after all this globetrotting, the leaders from all of these trips just might end up all together in a certain field near Titley once again for some much-needed R & R!

**Sos**



Cheltenham Horticultural Society

## **Summer Flower Show**

**Pittville Pump Room**

**Sunday 18th August 2019  
12.30pm to 3.30pm**

**Admission:** Adults £2.00, Children under 16 – Free

**Locally Grown Plants for Sale**

**Many stalls**

Garden Sundries, Cakes, Greetings Cards, Jewellery and Ladies' Accessories, Books Locally Produced Jams and Pickles

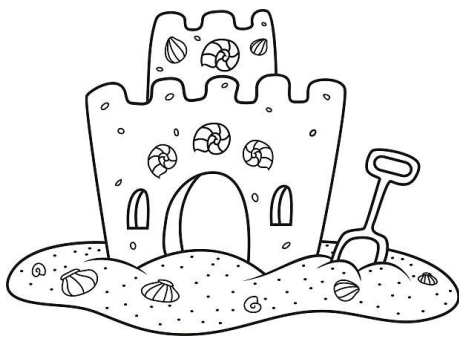
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There will be no Village News in August as we editors take our summer holidays!

We hope you all have a good summer.

Stuart and Karen.



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