

# Village News

in Swindon Village

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## **March**

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| Monday         | 2         | Marle Hill W.I. - St. Nicolas' Hall 7.30pm<br>Mary Johns - Five Dogs, Two Cats and a couple of Mugs     |
| Wednesday      | 4         | Wednesday Club - Village Hall 8.00pm<br>Peter Berry - Sub-Zero China by Train                           |
| <b>Tuesday</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall<br/>Beginning with Public Session at 7.30pm</b>                |
| Wednesday      | 18        | Swindon Village Society - Village Hall 7.30pm<br>The Gloucestershire Regiment at the Battle of Waterloo |
| Sunday         | 22        | Mothering Sunday service at St. Lawrence's Church - 10.30am   |
| Wednesday      | 25        | Litter Pick - meet by Mary Godwin Pavilion at 1.00pm  |
| Wednesday      | 25        | Wine Club - Village Hall  |

## **April**

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| Wednesday      | 1         | Wednesday Club - Village Hall 8.00pm<br>Paul Evans - Monologues, Anecdotes, Poems and Short Stories |
| Friday         | 3         | Easter Party at the Village Hall from 6.00pm  |
| Saturday       | 4         | Cake Sale & Coffee Morning for St. Lawrence's Church<br>Village Hall 10.30am to 12noon              |
| Monday         | 6         | Marle Hill W.I. - St. Nicolas' Hall 7.30pm<br>Clare Walsh - Indian Block Printing                   |
| Friday         | 10        | Good Friday - church service details next month   |
| Sunday         | 12        | Easter Sunday - church service details next month   |
| <b>Tuesday</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall<br/>Beginning with Public Session at 7.30pm</b>            |

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

Some months there is so much to say that harsh editing is required to reduce the length of the article to something manageable. This is not one of those months, so the focus is on quality rather than quantity!



The bench that we purchased for the Amenity Area was due to be installed in early February. The contractor engaged to install it agreed a date but didn't keep to it, so we have changed installer and hope for better fortunes. At the moment the bench is in the garage of one of our councillors. If you want to sit on it I'm sure she won't mind.

At the time of writing the foundations have been dug and the shuttering has been built.

Long time member of the Council (and more recently Vice-Chairman) John Conmee has resigned from the Council. We are sorry to lose John and are grateful for his contribution. Time for others to step up. If you are interested in the area and what happens to it then give the Parish Council a go. You can tailor your commitment to your circumstances. Please get in touch.

Continuing the theme of local pride, the Great British Spring Clean will be taking place between 20<sup>th</sup> March and 13<sup>th</sup> April. Spirax Sarco are happy to get involved and Cheltenham Borough Council will supply bags and litter pickers (the devices, not the people; that's where you come in). We have decided to do our bit on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, meeting at 1:00pm at the car park near the Mary Godwin Pavilion in Swindon Village park. Last time we had a mix of Spirax employees and local residents. A good time was had by all and a huge amount of rubbish found its way to a better place, leaving a better place behind. I hope you will join us for an hour or two. I know that one local resident has "gone solo", picking litter along Manor Road. He raised an interesting question: if people see someone picking litter does it make them more or less inclined to drop more? Do they think "I'll drop litter because someone else will deal with it"? Perhaps I am being optimistic but I like to think they will say to themselves, "People take a pride in this area, so I'll take my rubbish home and deal with it myself".

The Parish Council has submitted a response to Cheltenham Borough Council's Cyber Central Garden Community. Although the development is outside the parish it will have major implications for us. In summary the Council has the following concerns:

- Traffic management and the lack of integration between existing infrastructure, this scheme and the coming Elms Park development
- Even poorer air quality as a result of traffic congestion
- Potential for increased drainage and flooding problems
- Lack of clarity about new facilities such as schools and doctors' surgeries

The full response from the Parish Council can be viewed on our website.

A quick reminder that the consultation on the Local Transport Plan produced by the County Council ends on 26<sup>th</sup> March.

I mentioned last time that the future of the "Boots Corner" traffic management changes was unclear. Clarity has now been achieved with the County Council deciding that the experimental changes should be abandoned rather than become permanent. You may have noticed that you can now drive past Boots again. I guess you still could during the experiment but it would cost you £60, as one of my sons is only too aware!

The demolition of the Vibixa site is in progress. You have probably heard it! It is fair to say that the noise and disruption has made life difficult for residents living nearby. On behalf of the Parish Council I have written to the developer asking how long we can expect this process to take. I presume that soon there will be lorries moving the mountain of rubble to somewhere else, creating a whole new set of problems.

We are starting to think about the Annual Parish Meeting. This is a public meeting where you can hear what the Parish Council has done (or tried to do) on your behalf and raise any questions that you might have. An opportunity to talk to us and find about the Council and what it means to be a councillor (hint hint).

**Shaun Cullimore**

Clerk to Swindon Parish Council

<https://swindonparish.org.uk>



## SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

is organising a

# LITTER PICK

on

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

commencing at 1:00pm  
from the car park next to the  
Mary Godwin Pavilion  
in Swindon Village Park.

Equipment and a safety briefing will be provided.  
It is intended to be fun.  
Do as much or as little as you like!

"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**

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**".

### Services and Events in March

1	Sunday	10.30am 6.30pm	Together @ Ten Thirty Holy Communion
3	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon 7.00pm	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In Holy Communion for Lent
6	Friday	12noon - 2pm	Lent Lunch
8	Sunday	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Evensong
10	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon 7.00pm	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In Holy Communion for Lent
13	Friday	12noon - 2pm	Lent Lunch
15	Sunday	10.30am 6.30pm	Together @ The Table Evensong
17	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon 7.00pm	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In Holy Communion for Lent
20	Friday	12noon - 2pm	Lent Lunch

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## Services and Events in March ...cont'd

22	Sunday	9.15am	Holy Communion
		10.30am	Mothering Sunday service
		6.30pm	Evensong
24	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In
		7.00pm	Holy Communion for Lent
27	Friday	12noon - 2pm	Lent Lunch
29	Sunday	9.15am	Holy Communion
		6.30pm	Songs of Praise
31	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In
		7.00pm	Holy Communion for Lent

### 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**

**Revd. Nick Bromfield (Team Rector)**

**nick.bromfield@northchelt.org.uk or via the office.**



**2020**

Dear All...

As you read this Lent will have begun...

It is another time of preparation, a bit similar to that of Advent but with a difference. It's a time of self-examination, fasting and abstinence for some people and a time of prayer and the deep reading of scripture for others.

Typically Lent is thought of as the season where we give up something – usually something that would be very hard to shy away from, making the task all the more difficult and worthy.

Some people describe Lent as the inward-looking season that provides opportunity to be, at the very least, honest with ourselves and Easter more outward-looking so we can share the results of that honesty and be open with others.

There are confessional words used for the order of Remembrance Sunday and at other times, which I have always thought better suited to Lent:

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word, and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
*{help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you;}*  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

I believe these words, in particular those bracketed and italicised, capture the experience of Lent and Easter most fully.

If we are prepared to take up the challenge and look inward and wade through certain aspects of our lives, despite the fear of what we may find in that inner place, we may come at the end to a clearing and a lovely brook with a clear running stream where we can catch our breath and replenish for the next stage of life's journey.

Lent should never be a time that makes us feel guilty...instead it should be a time that makes us feel, at the end, empowered and reinvigorated.

Our Lord never wants us to feel guilty but instead simply wants us to be all he has meant us to be. To grow closer to his divine being which is his will and purpose for all people.

We are justified by our faith and we already have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. For this reason, let us allow and trust him to direct what we should be so that we may walk humbly with him through the sorrow of his death and passion and into the joy of his resurrection; which is yet ours to live.

Here is wishing you all a rewarding Lenten preparation which ushers in new hopes, dreams and beginnings and sees you born anew.

God Bless.

**Rev George.**

## **From the registers**



### **Baptisms**

*We welcomed in to the family of the church*

Rosie Merryn Smith

16th February

## Thank you to Chatterbox

Sadly my mum, Rose, passed away on 22nd January.

I would like to say a big Thank You to the people at Chatterbox for making her so very welcome; she loved going there.

**Dave and Wendy Hancox**

## Chatterbox

Chatterbox, as its name suggests, is a box where people come for a chat!

The “box” is the church building but there’s nothing religious about the gathering. We pass the time of day with a chat over tea/coffee and biscuits - and sometimes cake! There’s a general buzz of conversation on anything from the weather to engineering.

Pop in and see for yourself. We’re there every Tuesday between 10.30am and 12noon. It’s free!



### Church flowers for Easter

Our talented flower arrangers keep the church looking beautiful all year round but they like to make it more special for the major festivals.

If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of Easter Lilies and other flowers for Easter, perhaps in memory of someone, please contact

**Joan Howes on 01242 513573** or one of the Churchwardens.

Thank you.

St. Lawrence Church



## Cake Sale & Coffee Morning

Saturday 4th April  
10.30 am - 12 noon  
in the Village Hall

Admission £2.00 (includes coffee/tea & biscuits)

ALL WELCOME

Gifts of cakes and/or raffle prizes gratefully received  
Enquires to Mary - 01242 692423

### Lent Lunches

A simple bread & soup lunch will be served in the church every Friday during Lent.

Pop in for lunch and a chat any time between 12noon and 2pm on the 28th February, 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> March and the 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

No set price; donations to church funds.



## Together @ Ten Thirty

Informal, friendly worship for people of all ages in St. Lawrence's church on the first Sunday of each month at 10.30am.

The service lasts about 45 minutes and is followed by refreshments. (Children are not expected to sit still and we have a loo!)

### 1st March

Take time to smell the roses - a Lent challenge

### 5th April - Palm Sunday

We'll meet at the junction of Quat Goose Lane and Rivelands Road (opposite the Robins' training ground) at 10.10am for a colourful, noisy procession to the church for the service at 10.30am. Bring banners and ribbons to wave and rattles and drums to make a noise! (If you don't want to join the procession just meet us at the church.)



St. Lawrence's Church

## Mothering Sunday

Sunday 22nd March at 10.30am

A service to celebrate  
our mothers  
and all those who mother us

I think it would not be unfair to describe Celia Hargrave as a tough cookie. She has a number of talks including one on running the Sable D'Or, a 130 mile race across the Sahara, and another on hiking in the Himalayas. She is hoping to fit in one more hundred-mile run to make it 100 of those before she stops running. However, neither of these talks seemed to quite fit the ethos of the Village Society, most of whose members are quite pleased when we make it from the car park to the village hall. So we booked her talk on gardening. However, the two talks mentioned above would probably have provided us with a useful insight into her attitude to gardening. She and her husband moved from Birmingham some 27 years ago because Celia wanted to give gardening a try. They bought a property near Sheepscombe called Trench Hill which was indeed neatly placed on the side of a hill and, with little prior experience, off she went. She now reckons the garden needs fifty to sixty hours' work each week to keep it up to scratch. If she plants tulips she does it by the thousand. Sons, daughters and grandchildren are all roped into the task. It is open to the public under the National Gardens Scheme twelve times a year.

However, I do have to say that her talk was the perfect antidote to a grey drizzly February day. Her slides were bursting with colour and her enthusiasm made you just want to get out there digging and pruning (though in my own case it soon wore off). It was gardening as a long term military campaign and I think all who attended would have had a really good night's sleep when we finally made it home. This was a super talk that makes me think we may have to organise a visit to one of her open days later in the year.

I mentioned last month that we were still working on a couple of talks. There was one in particular that I had hoped to get which was by the same lady, Celia Hargrave, on being a magistrate. However, on contacting her she said that she did not do that talk anymore and so I booked her for her talk on her garden. However, mentioning this to one of our regular members, Ann Carter, she said that she could give us a talk on being a magistrate since she had been one for many years. Having heard Ann talk on just this subject I booked her immediately for April. I would strongly recommend attendance at this. Her reminiscences are far from the dry business you might expect.

Then we have an old friend, Geoff North, coming back in November but we have still to decide which of his talks we will hear.

So if you are not a member do think of joining us. The fees for this year are £7 for a single and £14 for a couple or a family. It is so useful to be able to say that we represent a good selection of the village when we wish to protest about some of the more silly proposals by developers. Even if you are not particularly interested in the talks there is always our annual garden party in August when you get a free glass or two of lukewarm fizzy.

**Barry Simon**

## Wine Club

There was a good turn-out of members for the 41st AGM at the Village Hall on Wednesday 22nd January.

The business side of the meeting went smoothly, with all this year's committee agreeing to stay on for another year.

Main officers are: Chair - Ray Hales; Secretary - Roy Harper; Treasurer - Tony Jilbert.

Afterwards, members enjoyed a Bring & Share Supper and then socialising with each other, finishing with the usual raffle.

Our club meeting on Wednesday 25th March will be a Wine Tasting Evening, organised by Jim Ruxton and Tony Jilbert.

The 2020 programme will be available for those members who have paid their annual subs.

New members always welcome.

**Mandy Jilbert**

## Wednesday Club

The last meeting of Wednesday Club was our AGM. When the business part of our meeting was completed Kelly Cornish was our guest and told us about "Heart Heroes". Kelly started this charity about two years ago following the death of her sister's child who had had three open heart operations before he died at ten months old. This charity helps children that have been born with congenital heart disease and also supports families of these children. They arrange for them all to meet up regularly so that they can discuss their problems and treatments. Kelly is amazed that so many businesses and others are willing to support the cause, including Hatton Court near Gloucester who allow them to use their marquee for special occasions.

We are organising a trip to Aston Pottery in Oxfordshire on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July. There is not a lot of walking involved in this trip; their gardens are very pretty but not large. A trip round the pottery can be arranged and they have a lovely shop and restaurant. Anyone interested in coming along please get in touch; my telephone number is in the Village News.

Also, we are hoping for nice weather for a coffee morning, details of which will follow in a later issue.

The next meeting of Wednesday Club will be on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March and our speaker will be Peter Berry and he will be telling us all about "Sub Zero China by Train". Peter has spoken to us before and his talks and slides are really very good. Please do come along and join us and you will be made very welcome.

Looking forward to seeing you in March.

**Pauline Wright**

'Nostalgia' should have been the title of David and Virginia Adsett's talk at our February meeting. They brought with them a vast array of 1950s items that brought back many memories. The rush to buy sweets when they came off ration (twice), the Festival of Britain and the Skylon, the Coronation and black and white TV and Brumas the baby polar bear born at London Zoo were among some of the events that decade. Babycham in their own glasses with a cherry and Woolie's Homemaker china. Picture Post and Woman magazines and Eagle, Girl and Robin comics, Rupert Bear Annuals, EP singles records, poppet beads. We wore circular skirts, nylons, winklepickers, stiletto heels and starched our paper nylon petticoats with sugar in the bath. Etc., etc., etc. The memories made us feel our age I think!

We met up at the new 'GL50' restaurant for lunch, socialised at our regular Book and Craft Club afternoons and attended workshops to make lampshades and try our hand at Dry Point Etching.

We have been looking at the lists of outings for this year and signing up for some of the many jobs helping at the Royal Three Counties Show in June. Next year will be Marle Hill WI's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday so we are having ideas as to how we can celebrate. In March is the Annual County Meeting in the Town Hall, workshops in Polymer Clay and Experimenting in Natural Dyes, and we shall have our usual 'get togethers' during the month.

At our next meeting on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March Mary Johns is coming to tell us of 'Five Dogs, Two Cats and a Couple of Mugs'. Sounds interesting! We have had a number of new members and several visitors joining us since the New Year, so, if you would like to join us for the evening, we meet at 7.30pm at St Nicolas Hall, Swindon Lane, and you will be made most welcome.

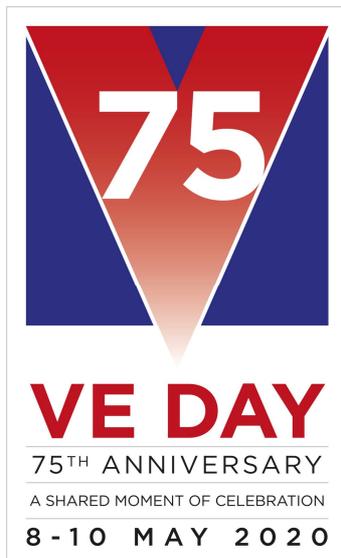
**Sara Jefferies**

# Swindon Village Hall

Easter Party

Friday 3rd April  
from 6.00pm

Disco  
Kids' entertainment  
Food  
Bar



Celebrations to mark the  
75th Anniversary of V.E. Day

Friday 8th May (a Bank Holiday)

Games Stalls Barbecue Bar

Everybody welcome!

More details on our Facebook page  
and in next month's Village News

The stormy winter season has hit with a vengeance and Storms Ciara and Dennis have barreled their way across the Atlantic and given us a battering. So far Dennis has been the strongest but who knows what Ellen, Francis or Gerda et al may bring. As I sit here with my mug of Yorkshire Tea (milk, no sugar) and listening to some relaxing music as a counterpoint to the storm outside, I'm drawn to thinking of the past year, the future and the many plans we have for our Village Hall.

We're a small group of trustees on the committee and are all very busy elsewhere with other commitments, be they family, careers or other organisations. Our **Secretary** position is currently vacant and we'd love to get a team of just three or four **Bar Managers** together to help run the bar and free up the committee to deal with everything else that it takes to keep our Hall running. This is essentially a plea to arms as the past year has been phenomenally busy for us and a lot has been achieved since last March. More can still be achieved, but not without your help. A final call from myself would be for a **Vice-Chair** to help run some of the projects and help out where needed when I'm working away.

Since March 2019, we've overhauled the booking process with a website ([svhall.co.uk](http://svhall.co.uk)), email address ([swindonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:swindonvillagehall@gmail.com)), dedicated mobile phone and an amazing Booking Secretary (Jana). The results have been spectacular and the Hall is a busy and vibrant place whilst keeping the costs as affordable as possible.

Behind the bar, our regular Friday night openings are manned by a friendly, willing and growing group of volunteers and it's been amazing that we've been able to open every week for almost a year. Additionally we offer the bar to those wanting parties and have kept all the prices as low as we can so that the village has somewhere convenient, friendly and reasonably priced to share a drink or two with old friends and make some new ones. The range of drinks has been increased (especially the gin, a particular weakness of mine!) and the new TV looks great and will be used to show events in the future. Contactless card payments can be taken thanks to Karren's work as Treasurer and bar takings are a steady source of income for the hall, enabling us to make other improvements elsewhere. The bar is starting to look a little tired these days and a refurbishment would be amazing to do if we're able to collate a team of **Bar Managers** to look at what we'd like to change.

Some improvements are visible, others less so. The first big project we undertook was the installation of fourteen solar panels last summer and we are on track to produce £800 of electricity in the 12 months that follow. By my reckoning, the installation will be paid for in just over 4 years from now. Combined with the ambient cellar cooling (that is being utilised a lot at the moment as it draws cold outside air in to keep the cellar chilled instead of using the air conditioning system) and the wholesale replacement of every halogen light fitting with LEDs, our electricity consumption has reduced drastically and we are also producing our own, making our Hall a more efficient building to operate.

But we're not finished there. A project I would love to get off the ground is a sound system with two speakers (for now!) in the main hall so that anyone can play music from any source for functions, fitness classes, parties etc. We have some funds available but our most limiting factor is time. As I mentioned earlier, we are all busy with other things so this is a plea for any budding sound or film enthusiasts (amateur or professional makes no difference, we're all learning as we go along here!) to get in touch to help get this project going - if there's anything in particular you would like to see then this is your opportunity to make that happen (Swindon Village Film Society anybody?).

Following on from the great Christmas party, our **Easter Party** is ready to go on **Friday 3rd April** with a disco, kids' entertainments and food from 6pm.

We had to sadly cancel our 2019 New Year's Eve party due to a lack of volunteers but we're hoping to throw a worthy bash this year and are starting to think of ideas for what we can do and what you, as our fellow villagers, would like to see. If you have an idea or are able to give some time to make this a spectacular **New Year's Eve** to welcome 2021 then please email us with your thoughts.

Finally, it's the 75th anniversary of VE Day this year and, on **Friday 8th May**, we're having a special **VE Day celebration** (it's a Bank Holiday and later serving hours have been sanctioned by the authorities). To that end, we're organising some stalls, a photography competition (with the theme being Spring in Swindon Village - see our Facebook page for further details over the next few weeks), a treasure hunt for the younglings and young-at-heart, a BBQ and an all-day bar, possibly with a disco.

If any of that sounds like your cup of tea (I've finished mine by the way but I might treat myself to another) then please get in touch by email as

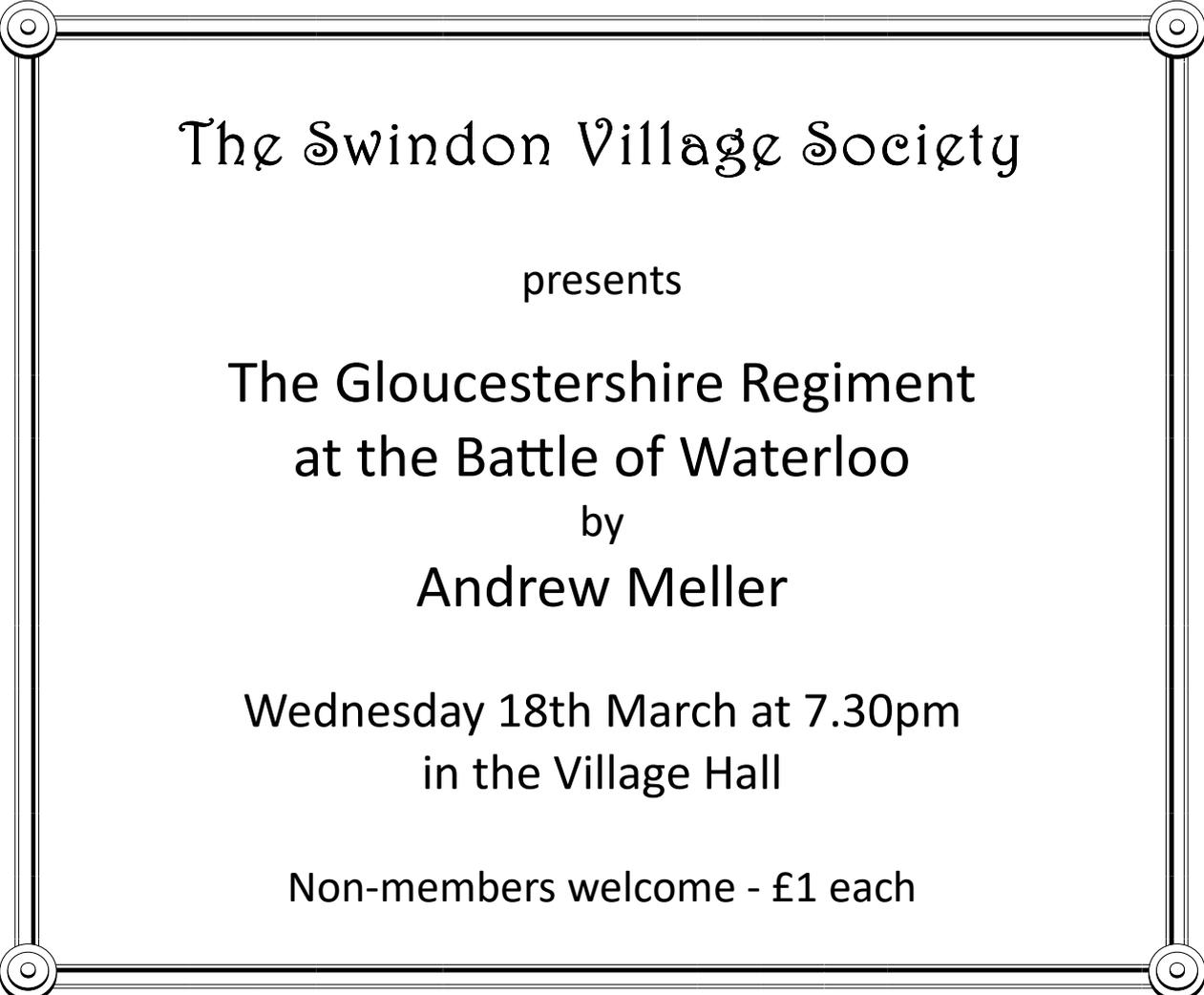
additional help is always welcome - you're not committed to helping out forever but many hands really do make light work for everyone.

Thank you.

**Ben, Chair.**

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The Swindon Village Society

presents

The Gloucestershire Regiment  
at the Battle of Waterloo

by

Andrew Meller

Wednesday 18th March at 7.30pm  
in the Village Hall

Non-members welcome - £1 each

# Cheltenham Horticultural Society

## Spring Flower Show

Pittville Pump Room  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020 12.30pm to 3.30pm

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

### Locally Grown Plants for Sale

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# Gloucestershire Care and Support Guide 2020

## A crucial time for information

The updated Gloucestershire Care and Support Guide for 2020 has been published in association with Gloucestershire County Council. It gives readers information on how to live well for longer, independently, and in their own home. It also explains how to access a wide range of services that are available for people who need extra care or support, whether that's in their own home or in a care home, if that's the right option for them.

Research in Gloucestershire shows the majority of people want to stay in their own home for as long as possible, so Gloucestershire County Council is encouraging residents to find out how to maintain their independence and what solutions could work for them when they need extra support.

The Gloucestershire Care and Support Guide and website include:

- **Help to be healthy, active, and independent:** maintaining a healthy lifestyle, contacts for community groups and activities, help with transport, information on learning and volunteering opportunities, and suggestions for home equipment and adaptations that can help make life a little easier.
- **Help when you need it:** where to start if you need care and support, housing options, paying for care, and advice for people considering care and support.
- **Choosing care and support:** comprehensive listings of all registered home and residential care services in Gloucestershire, plus checklists to help ask the right questions when choosing a care service.

The updated guide is available to download, view, or listen to online at [www.carechoices.co.uk/publication/gloucestershire-care-services-directory](http://www.carechoices.co.uk/publication/gloucestershire-care-services-directory)

Free copies of this guide are available throughout Gloucestershire from Gloucestershire Carers Hub, hospitals, libraries, GP surgeries, Age UK, and Alzheimer's Society.

You can also order a hard copy of the guide from the Adult Social Care Helpdesk at **Gloucestershire County Council on 01452 426868 or email [socialcare.enq@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:socialcare.enq@gloucestershire.gov.uk)**

The guide is also available on the Your Circle website where you can find information to help you find your way around care and support and connect with people, places, and activities in Gloucestershire. Visit [www.yourcircle.org.uk](http://www.yourcircle.org.uk)

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## Get Active Fitness

### Mellow Moves

**St Nicolas Hall 10.30 am  
Thursdays**

*Gentle exercise to music  
to improve balance,  
posture and flexibility.  
All equipment provided.  
Pay as you come*

Fran Nichols 01242 523363

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

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## VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

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Play Group	(Playgroup hours)	690479
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