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SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

I walked the dog through the park this morning to take a look at the stile (more on this later) and it definitely felt as if we had turned a corner. The sun was shining, people were out exercising dogs, children, horses and parents. I must have said “Good morning” to a dozen people, most of whom I didn’t know, and was delighted to receive a smile and an acknowledgement in return. In the interest of social distancing, I stepped off the pavement a number of times in Church Road. This had the effect of slowing the traffic; a “win win” (though I hesitate to recommend that everyone do the same). In recent issues I have given you chapter and verse on dog mess and vandalism, coronavirus and fly tipping, so let’s make this a “good news” piece.

Things have been pretty quiet on the Parish Council front, so I'll give you a flavour of our current priorities.

The discontinuous path across the front of the gym in Wymans Lane remains a concern. We have confirmed that the grass verge outside the gym is owned by the County Council and are discussing with them the possibility of a path. This would be helpful for many people, particularly parents going to and from school with children.

Opposite the gym, we are also interested in understanding what the pedestrian, traffic, lighting and landscaping arrangements will be outside the old Vibixa site. I will be seeking a (virtual) meeting with the developers.

Another right of way that could be more attractive and better utilised runs along the side of Next on Gallagher Retail Park, and joins with a footpath across the field to Dog Bark Lane. The County Council has done some clearance work, but more needs to be done. It is quite flooded at the moment but in the summer, it would allow people to walk from Swindon Village to the retail park without braving the Manor Road traffic.

A Cheltenham-based charity is launching a new initiative called “DigiBus” this year. A double decker bus equipped with all sorts of technology will tour the county offering IT advice and encouragement. It is aimed at the needs of communities with poor connectivity, digital knowledge, access or skills. It will provide access to curated educational content and will also act as a free Wi-Fi hotspot. Powered by solar panels and a battery bank, the bus will be off-grid during the day.

The DigiBus aims to improve digital confidence, skills, educational outcomes and access to health and other basic services in a gentle and relaxed environment. An onboard trainer will provide personalised sessions to support and inspire individuals of all abilities to achieve their learning goals. As well as the 1-1 support, there will be workshops in basic computer skills, coding, digital art and more. There will be no charge for these sessions or workshops.

The DigiBus initiative aims to offer support to a wide range of people: those on low income, unemployed, the socially isolated, people with disabilities, people with little/no IT experience, the elderly and refugees. I think I fit in at least three of those categories.

The Parish Council is keen to see this happen and have suggested a number of locations in the area where the bus could be parked for a day, allowing convenient access for local folk.

It has been a while since the war memorial in the churchyard of St. Lawrence received any attention. Some of the lettering is worn, so the Parish Council is looking into getting some specialist care for the memorial.

Let’s finish with a couple more pieces of good news.

In October 2017 I discussed the possibility of putting a stile in the north west corner of the park with Cheltenham Borough Council. Though reluctant at first, the Borough Council did us proud by constructing a stile in the wooden fence. All was well for a while, then came rumblings of discontent. This is starting to sound like a fairy story; all was not well in the kingdom. People of a certain age were struggling to traverse the stile, owing to the lack of a step on the park side. Of course, every time we get something we ask for we then ask for more. Slightly embarrassed, I went back to the Borough Council asking if there was any chance they would take a look at this. They certainly came good, and the stile now looks like this:



Thank you to Adam and to Colin, a wizard in wood, for making this happen.

Another piece of good news involves the County Council, and I'm the first to admit that those are not words you hear very often. Down the pitch in Manor Road the drainage and the edge of the road have been problematic. A frustrated resident called the Council and, within seconds, a work gang descended on the problem. OK, not seconds but certainly very quickly. Well done to the County Council for getting this organised and to the guys that got stuck in at the sharp end.



Shaun Cullimore
Clerk to Swindon Parish Council

A REFLECTION ON MONEY AND JUSTICE

1 Timothy 6.10

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

This is one of those passages which often gets people a little hot and bothered. Both those who have money and those who have none. For me, this is one of the most helpful passages to help answer that question, 'Why is there suffering in the world?'

A quick story, "A man was sat on a bench chatting to God and the man asked, 'When are you going to stop the suffering in the world?' and God replied, 'I was going to ask you the same thing.'"

So much suffering is in the world and so often people want the 'quick fix' or someone else to step in and sort thing out. The crazy thing is, the solution to the suffering of the world, is within *our power to solve*.

This section of Timothy teaches us that it is our own desire to be rich which keeps us unhappy and the world pierced with grief. It is our own desire to hold onto excessive wealth that keeps others in trouble. As a 'western civilisation' we keep the rest of the world in a form of indentured servitude and we exploit the world's resources to keep ourselves in a standard of living that we have become familiar with. This is our love of money, our love of comfort.

When we are looking for the roots of evil in the world, then we must look inwardly and ask ourselves if our misplaced love might be one of the things causing the problems. Are we eager for justice, peace and love, or are we eager for money and ourselves?

When we ask, 'Why is there suffering in the world?' we need to face the scary reality the answer might be, 'Me'. So how might we stop suffering? We can use our money in ways which bring about a more just society. Not solely locally, but globally. We have it within our ability to help others. To see the pain in the world and bring about healing.

I don't know what your thoughts are on the church, faith and whether you think that the church is just after your money? But the truth I see in the gospel is one where faith seeks to inspire believers to use all they have to bring the love of God into everyday reality.

So, as you reflect on this passage and what it means to you, I ask that you spend a few moments to think or pray about how you might use whatever level of wealth you have to bring about something of love, justice and peace to a hurting world.

Revd Tom (Curate in North Cheltenham)

If you want to find out more about the Christian faith then feel free to contact Revd Tom on tom.cook@northchelt.org.uk

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(Friday is my normal day off)
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Find out more about what the curate gets up to by following on Instagram or Facebook @RevTomCook

From the church registers



Funerals

*We gave thanks for the life of
Frances Ruby May Bonnette*

20th January

CHURCH NEWS

Easter flowers in church

If you would like to make a donation to the cost of the traditional Easter lilies for St. Lawrence's church, perhaps in memory of a loved one, please contact **Joan Howes on 01242 513573.**

We're looking for volunteers to mow the churchyard

In an effort to lower on-going church expenses, we are asking for volunteers to mow or strim the grass in the churchyard. You won't be expected to cut the whole of the churchyard! We hope to be able to allocate sections of it to different people and/or perhaps devise a rota, depending on how many offers of help we receive.

You would need to bring your own lawnmower or strimmer.

Please take a closer look at the churchyard and, if you think you could help, contact one of the Churchwardens, **May Shurmer on 01242 241033** or **Hugh Evans on 01242 241678**.

Churchyard garden

Last summer Rev. Nick Bromfield, Rector of the North Cheltenham Team Ministry and a keen gardener, very kindly planted up a border of colourful flowers along the churchyard fence.

We are grateful to Rosemary and Colin Smith who have developed the garden further by planting shrubs, wallflowers and bulbs. They plan to add sunflowers later as well as replanting Rev. Nick's pelargoniums which are overwintering in their polytunnel at home.

Mini Easter treats



These little knitted baskets are being sold for £1.50 each to raise money for church funds. They measure just 2 inches across and each one contains 6 mini chocolate eggs, with space for a coin to be added if you so wish. They come with a mini Easter story colouring sheet. Please phone Karen Evans on 01242 241678 to arrange collection or delivery.

Services and Events in March

On Easter Sunday, 4th April, Holy Communion will be held at 9.15am and Evensong at 6.30pm. (There will be no service at 10.30am that day.)

Please watch the church notice board for details of any other services we are able to organise under the current restrictions.

3	Wednesday	10.00am - 12noon	Church open for private prayer
7	Sunday	10.30am 6.30pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion
10	Wednesday	10.00am - 12noon	Church open for private prayer
14	Sunday	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Evensong
17	Wednesday	10.00am - 12noon	Church open for private prayer
21	Sunday	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Evensong
24	Wednesday	10.00am - 12noon	Church open for private prayer
28	Sunday	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Evensong
31	Wednesday	10.00am - 12noon	Church open for private prayer

So here we are! One edition down, many more to go...

For those unfortunate enough to have already met me, you will know my tendency to chat. Luckily, being editor of the Village News has just widened my audience massively. I can't promise wit and wisdom, profound thoughts or sage advice, but there will most definitely be nothing political and very probably some silliness!

Talking of silliness, let's address my name.

Being referred to as "Karren with 2 rs" is nothing new to me. At school, I was one of four Karens in the class (thank you Karen Carpenter), so it was too much for my poor teachers to remember to spell one differently. It was only when I left school that I reverted to its proper spelling.

You may wonder where this odd spelling came from? As far as I know, there is one other Karren (2 rs) and that is Karren Brady, former MD of Birmingham City Football Club. I can't speak for her, but my spelling has a rather mundane beginning.

During my Mum's pregnancy, all were convinced that I was going to be a boy. My Mum, being highly organised, planned my name and then out I popped and surprised them all.

Days later my Dad was dispatched to register my birth. How was he to know that he couldn't just drop the "D" from "Darren" my planned name and replace it with a "K"? My poor Dad never really lived it down!

Have you any unusual names or stories regarding why you were given the name you have? We'd love to hear about them.

Karren

We thought we would try a "For Sale" Noticeboard. Email your items to the Editors for inclusion in the next edition or contact us should you be interested in anything advertised: village-news@swindonparish.org.uk

Please keep items under £100.

Quiz #2

We have made it to March!

The thoroughly miserable and monotonous winter months are coming to an end, and we now have a multitude of marvellous things to look forward to (mostly due to the miracle of the magnificent vaccine).

And of course, this “M” themed mastermind of a quiz for you to meditate on! Answers on page 17.

All of the answers begin with the melodious letter “M”...

1. In which land-locked Asian country would you find the capital city of Ulaanbaatar, it is bordered by China and Russia?
2. Which Roald Dahl book features Miss Honey, Miss Trunchbull and the Wormwood family?
3. Which battle between the Persians and the Greeks gave its name to a race, due to the long journey supposedly taken by a messenger?
4. Which animal from the Chinese zodiac would you associate with the years 1992, 2004 and 2016?
5. Which ska band from Camden Town, fronted by Graham “Suggs” McPherson released their debut album “One Step Beyond” in 1979?
6. What is the title of Herman Melville’s 1851 novel, which tells of Ishmael’s pursuit of Ahab, the captain of a whaling ship?
7. Which layer of the Earth lies between the crust and the core, it makes up over 80% of the Earth’s volume?
8. Which cocktail would be made by mixing white rum, sugar, soda water, mint and lime juice?
9. Boston is the capital of which New England state, nicknamed “The Bay State”?
10. Which first name is shared by a Tudor queen, as well as a British-Jamaican nurse who served in the Crimean War?

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TRUSTEE VACANCY

The Prestbury United Charities, (PUC), wish to fill a vacancy for a new Trustee to join the Board. Trustee roles are voluntary and unpaid, and are supported by a paid Clerk. The purpose of PUC is to provide help to people in need in Cheltenham, giving priority to applicants from Prestbury, Swindon Village, Southam and the surrounding areas. The Charity does not give money to successful applicants; support is given by way of specific requested items and/or services.

The Charity can be traced back to 1646, and distributes legacy money which has been invested to produce an annual income. There is no fund raising required. We are a small charity with annual spending of around £25,000.

Although there are no formal qualifications required to be a Trustee, the Charity is looking for candidates who can offer skills and attributes in the following areas:

- willingness to consider applications for assistance in a careful, non-judgmental, supportive and compassionate manner
- preferably have contact with, or knowledge of, the public sector in the social services/housing/education/health areas
- ability to help strengthen and deepen our links into the local community
- leadership, finance, IT or website skills would be an advantage

The time commitment is moderate as Trustees meet every month for around two hours. There is also the opportunity to serve on smaller administrative committees.

All persons considering applying to be a Trustee are requested to read the guidance given by the Charities Commission: The Essential Trustee. This outlines the legal requirements to become a Trustee and the responsibilities of the position.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-essential-trustee-what-you-need-to-know-cc3/the-essential-trustee-what-you-need-to-know-what-you-need-to-do>

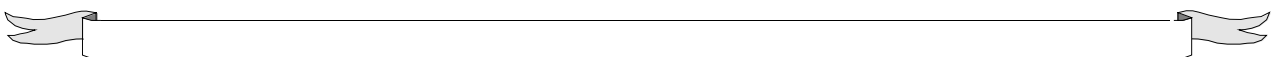
Informal expressions of interest, and requests for further information, may be made to the current Chairman, Wendy Price: wendy.price@puc.org.uk A formal letter of application, outlining relevant personal qualities and experience, and giving full contact details, should be sent to the Chairman before 10th March 2021.



WORTH CELEBRATING

Lucy would like to wish Lloyd Roberts a very happy birthday on 4th March. Apparently he loves reading the Village News and to see his name in print will make his day!

Katie has finally worn down Mum and Dad. Negotiations have been ongoing for many years, but rescue cat Callie should have arrived before the Village News hits the doorstep!



THE TESCO TRAIN

Living by a railway there is a danger that, if one isn't already a trainspotter, one will become one. With ten or twelve trains an hour passing through our level crossing every day, the railway is hard to ignore. At the risk of confirming my nerd status (the family begged me not to write this) I will tell you some interesting facts about one train in particular. And when I say interesting, the trainspotters in the audience are now on the edges of their seats and the rest of you will have already turned the page.

You may have noticed a train going by with blue wagons emblazoned with the "Tesco" name. Six days a week this train travels south past our house at about 1:00pm and travels back up north around 8:30pm. So, what is the story behind this? Where does it come from, where is it going and what is it doing? Glad you asked.



The starts its journey in Daventry, where it is loaded with merchandise at one of Tesco's major distribution centres. The merchandise includes "ambient goods" (i.e. produce which does not require to be frozen or chilled) and general merchandise. Fully loaded the train weighs around 1,400 tonnes, which includes the locomotive, wagons and containers.

At around 10:45am the train starts its journey south. It travels through romantic, iconic places that people who are not railway buffs will never have heard of. Places such as Hillmorton, Brinklow and Water Orton. There are websites that give real time information about trains, so you are able to observe from afar as the Tesco train, running ahead of schedule, is relegated to a siding to allow the Lichfield Trent Valley to Bromsgrove train to slip past.

About 1:00pm, the Tesco train trundles through Swindon Village, continuing on through Cheltenham, Gloucester, Lydney and Chepstow. Things then take a Celtic turn with Llanwern West Junction followed by Maindee East and West Junctions and on to Newport and Ebbw Junction. Finally, at around 2:30pm, the train slides into the Cardiff Freightliner Terminal in Wentloog to the east of the city.

Once the train is off the rail network, it is unloaded and lorries transport the goods from the rail terminal to stores. The train delivers around 1 million cases of goods a week into South Wales. With around 6 million cases being delivered a week nationwide this is a significant part of Tesco's turnover.

By midnight the goods that went through Swindon Village at lunchtime will be on supermarket shelves in South Wales ready to be purchased in the morning. Without the train 30 lorries would have been required to transport the goods.

With the same driver at the throttle the train sets off on the return journey to Daventry. It doesn't bring any produce back, but it may carry stock transfers between Tesco Distribution Centres.

Around 8:30pm the train will trundle north through Swindon Village, finally arriving back in Daventry around midnight. I assume the driver clocks off at this point, but the train has more work to do. The train is reloaded with groceries, clothing and supplies and sent further north to Tesco Distribution Centres and stores in Scotland. It will be unloaded and returned to Daventry in the morning ready for the cycle to be repeated.

So there you have it- the secrets of the Tesco train. I did warn you this article wouldn't be for everybody!

Note this is not intended as an endorsement or recommendation of Tesco, though they have cooperated splendidly in providing some of the information in this article. Please remember, other supermarkets (and parish clerks) are available.

Shaun Cullimore
Clerk to Swindon Parish Council

Whilst things remain quiet in our Village Hall, things have moved apace in the wider world.

Last month, I wrote that more had been given their first vaccinations in the UK than had been infected with Covid-19. Just four weeks later and that 3.5 million has grown to 15.84 million - a tremendous achievement and testament to our healthcare workers and volunteers. I'm sure there are lots of people in the parish who have had their first dose, and the numbers will be growing as the weeks go by. The beginning of a drop in UK infection rates and hospitalisations is also evident- and elsewhere, data from Israel has shown the dramatic impact of widespread vaccinations. All very positive and a cause for much optimism that this summer may be more sociable than last - although that doesn't take much beating!

At the Village Hall, our new fire doors in the main hall and bar have been installed and they're looking lovely and feature flat sills, panic bars and wider openings for when we can use the hall properly again. Great work from Scott and his gang at Happy Glaze and we thank them for their sterling efforts.

Since the committee guard changed hands two years ago, we've been on a mission to improvement the facilities, whilst ensuring that the hall is as widely used as possible. Hopefully you've seen for yourself some of our efforts, and we look forward to welcoming you back to the hall at some point in the (hopefully) near future. Whilst we endure the lockdowns and social distancing for a little while longer, we've been holding our monthly meetings where we make plans for a post-lockdown future and set about making our Village Hall the best it can be. Even during this tumultuous 12 months, we've replaced our front door and fire doors and had a new sign fitted. A nascent plan for the Hall's future involves introducing a second entrance so that two groups may use our main hall and bar room at the same time, whilst keeping separated from each other. It's hoped that this will increase the availability of the hall for new users and lead to more usage of the bar room that, quite often, sits empty.

We're always open to other suggestions and volunteers to help us out so please reach out if you feel that you have anything to offer - everyone has something that they can bring to the party! Our committee is made up of myself as Chair, Karren is our Treasurer (and Editor of Village News), Jana handles our Bookings and Helen takes care of our Secretary duties. We also have two committee members representing local organisations and they are James and Claire who represent the Parish Council and St Lawrence's Church respectively.

It's times like these that we appreciate the value of friends, family and community - if you can, take time to watch out for those less fortunate than yourselves and never be afraid to ask for help. These are trying times and it's a dark winter but the light is growing brighter by the day.

Together we can get through this.

Ben

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Mongolia
2. Matilda
3. Marathon
4. Monkey
5. Madness
6. Moby Dick
7. Mantle
8. Mojito
9. Massachusetts
10. Mary ("Bloody" Mary and Mary Seacole)

The Society hopes that it will be back in operation later this year. In the meantime, we have decided that anyone who was a member last year will continue as a member for this year with no further subscription. We do have an e-mail list and anyone is welcome to join this. Even if you are not a member but have contemplated joining we would be glad to add you to the list so that you can get our occasional wildlife, local history or other updates. Just let me know your e-mail address at barry_simon@hotmail.com and you will be added- no obligation to buy.

The Society has produced seven volumes of village history. These are still available.. Barry Simon and Eileen Allen are happy to provide them to anyone who is interested. If you have a particular interest and want to know if it features at all in any of the volumes just e-mail Barry as above and we will let you know. Prices for the volumes vary in the region £5 to £8.

Now, I am a keen walker and have made a point over lockdown of visiting all the parks in Cheltenham. Others may wish to visit some or all. The twenty six parks, public open spaces (POS) and recreation grounds listed below are not the only such in Cheltenham, merely those rating one star or above in my estimation. The rating is purely my own rather arbitrary feeling about these places. They just about all have a children's playground, many have sports pitches but the best have cafes, gardens, wildlife, a decent walk, interesting surrounds or a bit of history. Our own park gets its three stars because of the great variety of trees, over fifty. Again, it is possible to walk from Swindon Village to Charlton Kings using mostly paths, alleys and parks in a ten mile hike visiting eleven parks on the way. If anyone wants the route, let me know or I will be happy to walk it with you.

One last thing: I have recently met a lady who has produced a book called 'Teddies in Lockdown' which has over fifty pictures of Teddy Bears getting through the last year. It is very well put together and will make even adults smile. I have a few copies for sale at £8. All monies go to the Deaf Society because her grand-daughter was born deaf but has had a cochlear transplant and can now hear and talk. If anyone is interested I can leave a copy in our porch at No 3, The Hall and you can see the book and donate if you want to take it. E-mail or phone me on 521723

Barry Simon

Barry's Park Ratings

Five Rating

Charlton Kings POS
The Honeybourne Line
Pittville Park
Sandford Park

Four Rating

Hatherley Park
Hesters Way Park
Imperial Gardens
Montpellier Park
Naunton Park

Three Rating

Chelt Walk including Providence
Park
The Park (University)

Springfield Park (Springbank)
Swindon Park
Winston Churchill Memorial
Garden

Two Rating

Benhall POS

The Beeches – Little Herberts,
Charlton Kings
Clyde Crescent Rec
Hatherley Brook POS
Kemble Walk and POS (back of PC
World)
Spoil Bank
St James Walk (near Waitrose,
Includes the Chelt walk to Gloucester
Road),
St Mark's Park and King George V
Playing Fields

One Rating

Fiddlers Green POS
Priors Farm Rec (near the
Cemetery)
QE Playing Fields – Battledown
Sandy Lane POS

DOG WALKING

We have had an offer of dog walking for those who may need a helping hand at the moment. If you would like us to put you in touch with each other, please contact the Editors.

Save the Date: Sunday 16th May.

The next "Save the Countryside" walk is planned for Sunday 16th May at 2pm, starting at Stantons Drive.

We will walk and gather afterwards- according to the government guidelines. I hope that we can all meet up halfway at Elmstone Hardwicke and in my garden afterwards, as it is usually a really lovely time for local families to spend some time with neighbours in our beautiful countryside.

Things have been pretty quiet on the local green space front, with no more planning applications or updates on the initial phase of the proposed Elms Park development, which was refused and postponed several times due to the long wait for our highways colleagues to come up with final transportation plans.

We are aware that one developer, owning some of the land to the north of Swindon Village, has launched an appeal against the Cheltenham plan, which classified that land as local green space, and therefore not to be built upon. So far we do not have any further news and expect the appeal to be dismissed as it would set a precedent on similar green spaces nationwide. But we never hold our breath and have 14 years of experience at this now!

We analysed and responded to the consultation for the M5 motorway junction, and look forward to hearing more specific plans on the work. As this is a very important issue that will be a positive driver for the growth and success of our town and Swindon Village, we have shared the specific comments and concerns that we have, specifically the need for a truly linked road infrastructure, and for taking this real opportunity for sustainable transport - through a park and ride system, footpaths and cycleways. We hope that the highways team takes our comments onboard.

The team have spent our lockdown time on our day jobs, our families and walking in the beautiful (yet wet) fields in our area. We do feel so very lucky to have this on our doorsteps as a great escape during lockdown. I wish everybody well.

Helen Wells



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