

Village News

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October

Friday 1st

Fundraising Quiz night in memory of Hugh Stanford

Sunday 3rd:

Harvest Festival at St. Lawrence's Church at 10:30am

Tuesday 12th

Parish Council Meeting

Saturday 16th:

Parish Council Community Climate Action Meeting at the Village Hall at 10am

St. Lawrence's Church Annual Quiz and Supper at the Village Hall at 7pm

November

Tuesday 9th

Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 11th

Remembrance (or Armistice) Day

Sunday 14th

Remembrance Sunday

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The Parish Council invites you to join us for a

Community Climate Action Meeting

An interactive discussion on

**How climate change affects our community?
What can we as a community do about it?**

Date: 16 October 2021

Time: 10h00 – 12h00

Place: Village Hall

Everyone's voices, concerns and ideas matter, so please help us develop a viable strategy for a sustainable village.

Kids, grown-ups and everyone in between.

The meeting will start with a 20-minute introduction to sustainability and climate change by Raechel Kelly, a Cheltenham sustainable communities consultant.

Together, let's make Swindon Parish an even greater place to live, for us, our children and future generations.

For more information or questions please email ylnlbs@outlook.com

SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

I have addressed the issue of the travellers elsewhere in this issue, so I will pick up the other business from September in this article.

On the evening of 6th September, a pall of dense black smoke could be seen hanging over the copse near Hyde Lane. Apparently a large number of tyres were stored there and they were ablaze.



I had assumed this was a random act of arson. However, a few days later there were blazes in two of the fields between Hyde Lane and Swindon lane.



Is this legal? I have to say that I thought farmers were no longer able to burn materials in this way. Our Borough Councillor is asking questions. In this day and age fires like this are inappropriate and contribute to Cheltenham's already poor air quality.

Of course, with summer receding, thoughts will turn to bonfire night. Every year we do receive some complaints about bonfires. I don't think small bonfires are illegal but please be considerate of your neighbours, and also the effect fireworks have on pets. We'll remind you in the November issue when the day is upon us!

The Amenity Area along the brook between Manor Court and Spirax Sarco is owned by the Parish Council. It is part of the Conservation Area that is at the heart of Swindon Village. I mentioned the two problematic chestnut trees last time. Because they are in a Conservation Area we need planning permission to do any major work on them. I thought they were both dying but the Borough Council tree officer now thinks that one might be recovering. The other one is not long for this world. However, an environmentally friendly way of dealing with it might be to remove its branches but leave it standing. It will then continue to provide a habitat for wildlife. We will be seeking the opinion of an expert before we plan a way forward. Given its inaccessibility, leaving the tree standing would certainly be a cheaper solution than trying to extract the trunk along the footpath.

A resident of Manor Court visited us at our September council meeting to ask about the tree branches that are encroaching on his property from the Amenity Area. The Parish Council will need to take responsibility for these and we aim to address them at the same time as our problematic chestnuts.

While we are discussing green issues, please note that Saturday 16th October is our planned public meeting to discuss climate change. We hope you will support us. We are determined to play our part, however small, and to encourage others to do the same. Perhaps you will have ideas about what we should be doing as a Council.

I am still progressing our application to the diocese for permission to do some restoration work on the war memorial in the churchyard. We hope to have the work done and the memorial looking suitably spry for the commemoration ceremony. Remembrance (or Armistice) Day is always on

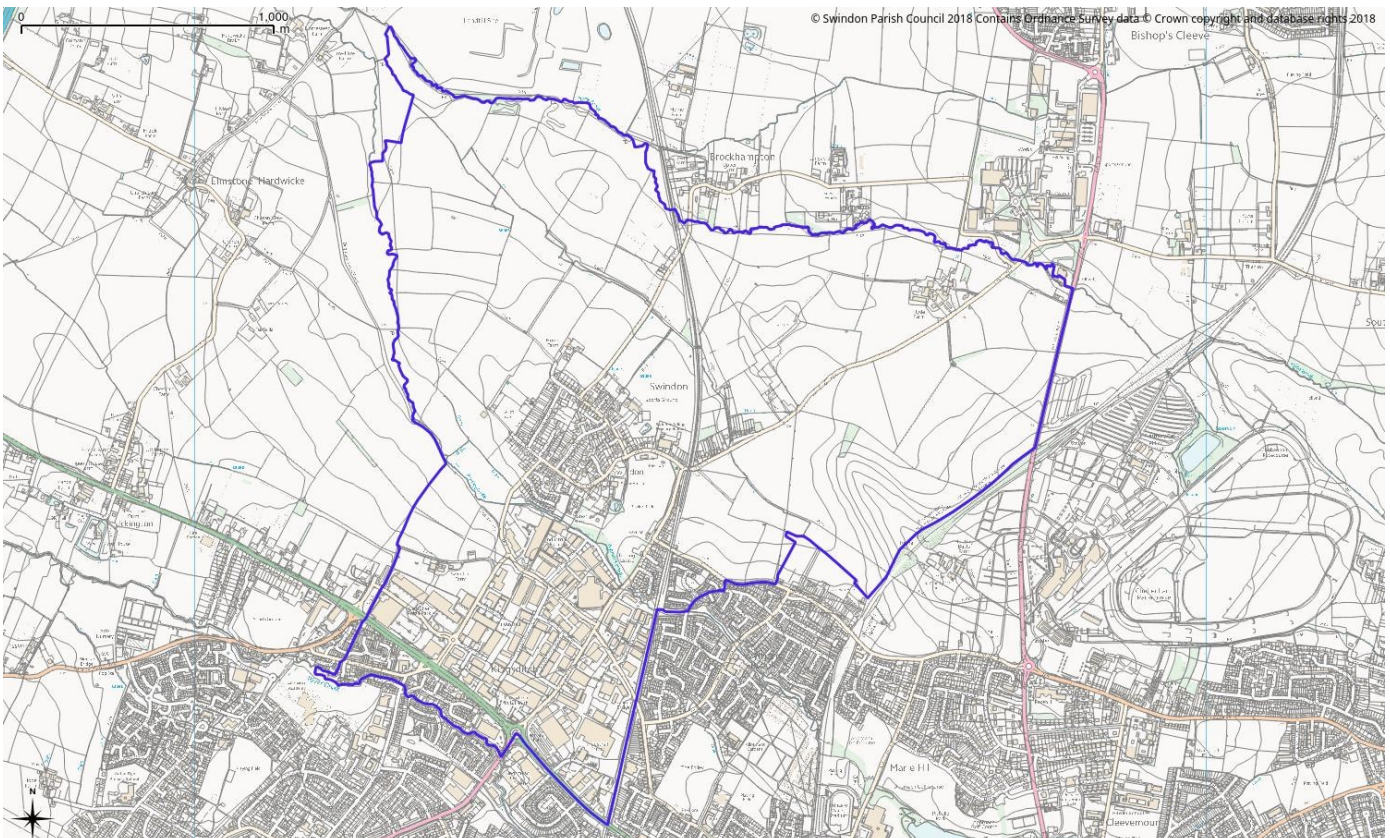
the 11th November. Remembrance Sunday is on the second Sunday of November, so this year that is the 14th.

The Parish Council now has a very healthy eight councillors and only one remaining vacancy. The Village Hall committee has worked wonders but could now do with more volunteers to keep up the momentum. If you can spare a bit of time I'm sure one of the committee members would be delighted to hear from you.

I have no more train articles for you but I visited a friend the other day who is very into his railways. He works on real steam engines during the day and collects model trains the rest of the time (although he refuses to describe it as a passion!). He showed me a wonderfully detailed metal model of a steam engine. Apparently it was a bargain at £900. I don't feel so bad about those golf clubs now.

Shaun Cullimore
Clerk to Swindon Parish Council

Parish Boundaries for those who are interested:



Fundraising Quiz Night.

Friday 1st October

7:30 pm start

Swindon Village Hall



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The Travellers' Latest Incursion

I am aware that the headline item of business from last month is yet another incursion onto the park by the travellers.

A meeting was held between Cheltenham Borough Council (CBC), Ubico (who maintain the park on behalf of CBC), the police, some of our Parish Councillors and our Borough Councillor. This subject is very emotive so let's examine some facts. I have to say I was not present at the meeting and am reliant on reports from those that were.

The meeting agreed that the way in which the locks are physically protected needed to be improved. In the past, strong locks appeared to have been replaced by weaker ones that were "more convenient for Ubico operatives to use". It is unclear whether this was a factor in the travellers gaining entry. Anyway, on the 6th September it was confirmed that new measures had been put in place.

A CBC officer wrote to me "Confirming that the new locks and lock shrouds are in place. The locks are now chained to the barriers and cannot be removed or lost. The lock pattern on the height barrier is unique to this lock, and can only be replicated on authority from CBC. Only CBC, Ubico and authorised staff will have access to them. Further box section steel will be installed next to the height barrier to replace the wooden post and rail".

There was also a plan for Ubico staff to be properly briefed about the locking/unlocking protocols.

I went down to the park on the 8th September to look at the new security arrangements. A Ubico employee was working at the southern end of the field. Imagine my amazement when I found that the park was completely unlocked.



So much for stronger, less accessible locks. This is totally unacceptable. CBC recognised this and have apologised. However, this has happened (and been reported) on a number of occasions in the past and I always receive an assurance that it won't happen again.

There appeared to be concerns as to whether the keys to the locks at the parks were being properly managed. As I understand it, there was no sign that the travellers had broken the locks to gain entry; the locks were simply nowhere to be seen when the travellers were inside the park.

We have addressed the need to prevent the travellers from gaining access to the park. The other aspect of the issue is that, if they do gain entry, what response and protection can residents expect of the police?

The only thing they could say in response to our concerns about intimidation and criminal activity was that police resources are limited. It doesn't sound as if we can expect anything more or better if it happens again.

At its September meeting the Parish Council discussed the above points. Every incursion by the travellers costs thousands of pounds to clean up and, if bailiffs have to be used, thousands of pounds in eviction costs. Even if bailiffs are not used CBC officers and the courts spend time generating and considering the necessary legal documents.

We were reminded in the Parish Council meeting that we should consider what these people do rather than who they are. Not all travellers behave in this way and there are probably criminals within every community.

As a result of our meeting we will be writing a report to discuss with CBC and the police. We believe that some of the responses we have received are inadequate and that more can be done to protect the community. Money spent on prevention is an investment; money spent clearing up the mess is money down the drain- and it is our money.

As ever, please let me or your councillors know your views.

Shaun Cullimore
Clerk to Swindon Parish Council

The Editor(s)

First of all I must apologise to Claire Stanford for our error in last month's edition. When we put the poster in for Hugh's fundraising event, we accidentally missed off the top vital section stating that it was a Quiz. Claire has had some very odd calls, including someone trying to book a table for the tabletop sale!

I only had the pleasure of knowing Hugh for a short time, but I can honestly say that he was one of the best people I have met – A true gentleman. I would urge you all to support this quiz if you are able. All the details are in the poster earlier in the magazine.

There is also a nod to Hugh in our own quiz.

Please bear with us, neither Katie nor I are familiar with publishing, so it's a steep learning curve for us! We are encouraged by the fact that we learn by our mistakes – at the rate we are going, by this time next year expect to see me editing Gloucestershire Live...

Keep your eyes peeled for an exciting competition . Keep on reading to find out more.

Karren

Dark Lane Library

Over the last month or so we have received lots of donations; enough in fact to fill the reserve bookcase in our hall, with further offers in the pipeline.

Now the weather has turned slightly, we are keeping the cover down to keep the books dry. Please don't think it's to keep people out, merely the rain.

We are very much open for business, so please visit: swap, borrow or just take what you'd like. We'll try to keep rotating what's on display so it's worth a visit to see what's new.

St. Lawrence's Church

Harvest Festival

Sunday 3rd October

10.30am

An all-age celebration and thanksgiving

6.30pm

Holy Communion



We will be pleased to accept gifts of non-perishable goods which will be passed to the local Trussell Trust foodbank.

Services and Events in October

3	Sunday		Harvest Festival
		10.30am	Together @ Ten Thirty
		6.30pm	Holy Communion
5	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In
10	Sunday	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Evensong
12	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In
16	Saturday	7.00pm	Quiz & Supper in the Village Hall
17	Sunday	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Evensong
19	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In
24	Sunday	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Evensong
26	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In
31	Sunday	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Evensong

From the registers



Baptisms

We welcomed in to the family of the church

Freddie Boyd Warren

29th August



Marriages

We celebrated the marriage of

Dominic Morrison and Sonia Alford

4th September

Matthew Hedges and Victoria McAlary

17th September



Memorial Service and Interment of ashes

We gave thanks for the life of

Bryan Charles Annetts

11th September

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's church, please 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.

Together @ Ten Thirty

We'll be celebrating the Harvest Festival with an all-age service of thanksgiving and praise on Sunday 3rd October at 10.30am.

This will mark the welcome return of Together @ Ten Thirty, our monthly praise service for people of all ages, which had to be suspended during the Coronavirus restrictions.

The services are informal and sometimes even unpredictable – we can never be sure what's going to happen! Everyone is welcome and there's time for a chat afterwards over a drink and a biscuit.

Give us a try!

Karen Evans

St. Lawrence's Church

Chatterbox


is back!

Every Tuesday
10.30am to 12noon

Coffee/tea and biscuits
and a good old chat about anything and everything.

We've got a lot to catch up on!
We're looking forward to seeing you, old or new.

Everyone's welcome!
(It's free)



St. Lawrence's Church

Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th December

This year's theme is

Hopes and Dreams

The shops are already telling us that Christmas is approaching. Well, there's a bit longer yet, however, it is time to start thinking about your entry for the Christmas Tree Festival!

Everyone, as individuals, families or groups, is welcome to take part in our Christmas Tree Festival, by decorating a tree on the theme of Hopes and Dreams and letting us display it in the church for the weekend. If you've been to a Festival before, you'll know that you can be as imaginative as you like with your decorations; "thinking outside the box" is actively encouraged!

The ideal size for a tree is 3ft to 4ft - it's a small church building and we have a lot to fit in - and they will stand on table tops across the tops of the pews. Any lights on your tree need to be battery-powered, but someone will turn them on and off for you each day.

The Festival will be open to visitors on both days from 11am to 5pm. Setting up will take place on the Friday evening from 4pm to 8pm and we'll arrange a time for you to collect your tree on the Monday.

It's good to be back for our 14th Festival, having missed last year. The Christmas Tree Festival makes a lovely start to the Christmas season and there's always a bit of magic in the air.

Please contact me if you'd like to know more about it.

Karen Evans

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St. Lawrence's Church

Annual Quiz & Supper

Saturday 16th October
Village Hall

Doors and Bar open at 7pm
Hot Potato Supper at 7.30pm
followed by the quiz
Teams of up to 6 people
Raffle

Tickets £10 per person - booking essential

Karen Evans

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Quiz #8

In a nod to the fundraising quiz in memory of Hugh Stanford, this month's offering is a quiz dedicated to famous Hughs (including variations of the name's spellings). Good luck!

1. Which British actor has appeared in a multitude of romantic comedies, including "Four Weddings and a Funeral" as well as "Bridget Jones' Diary"?
2. Along with appearing on panel shows such as "Mock the Week", Hugh Dennis is also well known for playing the (often confused and frustrated) father in which comedy about a family with a trio of unruly children?
3. What is the name of the Welsh journalist and newsreader best known for presenting BBC News at Ten?
4. What is the name of the television show hosted by chef Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall that focuses on rural and local cookery?
5. Which actor has appeared in the television series "Downton Abbey", as well as the films "Monument Men" and "Paddington"?
6. Hugh Hefner was a famous womaniser" who passed away in 2017, which magazine was he famous for founding in 1953?
7. Which Australian actor is best known for playing "Wolverine" in the Marvel series of superhero films? He has also held title roles in recent musical films "The Greatest Showman" and "Les Miserables"?
8. Which band had hits in the 80s with "The Power of Love" and "Hip to Be Square"? Both songs featured in famous films from the era ("Back to the Future" and "American Psycho" respectively).
9. Which British actor has played roles such as a dimwitted Regent Prince George, a member of the "idle rich" called Bertie, as well as (more recently) a narcissistic American doctor?
10. What film of 1999 stars the answers to questions 1 and 5? In it, the former plays the owner of a travel bookshop, whereas the latter plays a useless banker working on the stock market.

Answers on page 26

Village Hall

Well, autumn is finally making itself felt, with russet hues taking over from lush greens and the days are certainly feeling shorter as we drift past the autumnal equinox and the long nights of winter beckon.

Since taking over as chair of the village hall committee, I've seen lots of things change and others remain the same. The sense of community seems undiminished despite the ravages of the Covid-19 pandemic and it's heartening to see folk returning to our regular Friday night bars and our social clubs returning to their usual slots. New bar volunteers have been learning the ropes and all are welcome to lend a hand for as much or as little time as you can afford (get in touch via phone, email, Facebook or in person if you'd like to help out). Changes have been seen in the many projects that have come to fruition from LED lights, solar panels and smart thermostats to new booking systems, websites and a new TV. The insulation is still waiting to be fitted and this is planned for the end of October during half-term; just in time for the chill of winter. Once fitted, they should work nicely with the destratification fans to keep the hall cosy and comfortable. I'm incredibly proud of what the committee has achieved since taking over.

My own term as chair is shortly coming to an end as I've decided to step down at the end of December after nearly three years at the helm. I've thoroughly enjoyed my time contributing to improving our village hall, but the demands of home and work life aren't leaving me much space to dedicate to chairing the committee. I'm happy to continue contributing with any projects that may come up (eco and sound systems are particular passions of mine) and will happily do stints on (either side of) the bar but I feel that it's time for a new chair to take the reins. I intend to support the new chair as much or as little as they need. We have a well run and vibrant village hall which is supported and managed by a dedicated group of volunteers. The committee is a small group and all have other demands on their time so any additions to their ranks will be very welcome - so get involved as everyone has something to offer.

Throughout my tenure, I've wanted our village hall to be the best it can be, whilst minimising its impact on the environment - whilst a laudable aim in itself, this has the added benefit of reducing the running costs meaning that more money is available for future improvements. Several grants have also been successfully applied for over the years so a lot of these improvements to our hall's efficiency

projects. If you have a suggestion for what can be improved, replaced or installed then don't be shy - your ideas can be taken forward by the committee and its new chair, you could even be co-opted onto the committee for a period whilst managing your own project.

Ours is a modest village hall, nestled in a small village on the edge of a medium sized town but our ambitions don't have to be constrained by geography or history. We can write our own story and have the best village hall this side of Bishops Cleeve. Let's face it, Tithe Barn or Stoke Orchard aren't going to be outdone by our efforts but we can at least try! But it can only happen when lots of hands make light work (as my teacher used to say when we all had to put our hands in the air to 'turn' the light on).

Remember, it's nice to be important but it's more important to be nice,

Ben

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The Society garden party occurred without it actually raining! Just the right number of people turned up to remove all the sausage rolls. It was very pleasing to see some new faces; some long term members and some newly joined. We also had some representation from those who have taken on running the village hall- without which the society would find it near impossible to continue. So, thanks to all those who came, even those who turned up a mere twenty four hours late because that gave Sarah and me the excuse to open another bottle of wine.

Some concern has been raised about the status of Manor Farm House given the plan to construct more houses to the south of it. The society did, therefore, raise a case to put the building on the locally listed register. The Borough Council came back and said that they had no resources to do this, but that its location in the Conservation Area would give it adequate protection. So I took the name of the member of planning who called and said that if anything did go wrong he could take the can rather than me. I do actually believe that the farm house is not under threat. We know that it appears to have been built in 1776 from a date carved in the roof beams, which should ensure that the conservation area protection is strong. It is a pity that it is no longer a working farm and one can no longer go to Mrs Davies for milk but it is very central to the history of the village.

Our September talk took us to Tewkesbury Abbey, where for over ten years now, they have had resident peregrine falcons. David Bagely is a bell ringer there and “acquired” the falcons by accident. That is to say, they just turned up! Since then, he has had a steep learning curve in finding out how to keep them as comfortable as is possible to be, if you insist on nesting on a gravel platform on the side of a high nine-hundred year-old tower. Over the years Christopher Robin, the male falcon, and his several mates have raised a number of offspring who have fledged, although quite a few did not make it. They have also reduced the feral pigeon population of Tewkesbury by some hundred- although I have never noticed any great shortage myself. The shots of the birds nesting, producing eggs and living the high life were excellent. The problem now will be walking past the tower without constantly looking up thereby imperilling other walkers and hopefully not being hit by a bus.

One side matter that David mentioned is that Cheltenham's own Christ Church has a falcon population too, and that it is possibly the most successful in the country given the number of young that have fledged. But then I have never noticed any shortage of feral pigeons around there either.

In October, Julie Hodsdon will tell us about Pittville Park and the Friends of Pittville. In November Peter Gill will tell us about Cheltenham in the War. Whether this includes Swindon Village's contribution as a transit camp, prisoner of war camp and occasional target I don't know.

If you would like to join us just come to one of our meetings or contact me by phone. My number is somewhere on the cover of this newsletter.

Barry Simon

Wednesday Club

It was a pleasure to welcome thirteen members back to the Wednesday Club for the first time since March 2020.

We were entertained by Margaret Daniels "The Bard of Barnwood". Margaret was very easy to listen to and also very funny- we think we should rename her "Pam Ayres of Gloucestershire".

The next meeting is on Wednesday 6th October; it is a very important one as it is time to discuss the future of the Wednesday Club. A new committee is required and without this the club will close in December 2021.

We have a speaker for 3rd November and it will be Paul Evans. The December meeting will be our Christmas supper.

We are also hoping to arrange a meal for us all in January 2022 and so please do come along and support us.

Look forward to seeing you in October.

Pauline Wright

Church Cake Sale Mystery- solved!

In the last edition of our newsletter, R. Hudson sent out a plea asking for the recipe for the “cheesy balls of gorgeousness” that were offered up at the cake and plant sale at St Lawrence Church over the summer. And her plea has been answered!

Thanks go to Ludmilla Cintra who wrote to us to inform us that these delicacies are in fact a traditional Brazilian recipe. She has kindly furnished us with the recipe, as well as some top-tips for making them.

Brazilian Cheese Bread:

Ingredients:

4 cups of sour starch

1/2 cup of warm water

1 tablespoon (dessert) of salt

1 cup of milk

1 cup of oil

2 eggs

2 cups of grated half-cured cheese (here I suggest parmesan or Grana pagano or a mix of both in substitution).

Method:

In a container (bowl) place the powder and warm water.

Mix with your hands.

Add salt, stir and set aside.

Heat the milk and oil to a boil.

After bringing to the boil, pour over the reserved powder.

Mix to clump together.

Add the eggs and keep stirring.

Add the grated half-cured cheese.

Knead the dough onto a smooth surface.

Then grease your hands with oil and roll up small balls.

Place them on a greased and sprinkled baking sheet (or use baker paper).

Bake in a preheated 180° degree oven for more about than 15 to 20 minutes.

Tip: If desired, fill with pepperoni sausage or mozzarella.

*May be frozen before baking

Top-tips:

You can find sour starch on Amazon. I have seen the Brazilian sour starch there as well (it's called "polvilho azedo"). It's made from kasava (mandioca in Portuguese).

There are also videos on YouTube (in English) showing how you could make the recipe.

The Swindon Village Arts and Craft Club

Like everyone else this has been closed for what seems an age, but we are delighted to say we are back and running, and would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our loyal members, and put it out that we would also welcome new ones. We meet every Thursday 7.30 - 9.30.

Refreshments are available, and lots of chatting which makes it a very sociable evening. You can contact me on 07817581223 if you are interested.

Helen.

The Children's Society

Home Collecting Boxes

It's that time of year again when we empty and count up the contents of the home collecting boxes for The Children's Society.

We would be grateful if boxholders could bring them to us at 2 Manor Court, or to the church if you attend for services or Chatterbox. However, do not leave them unattended in the church; please ask one of the churchwardens to lock them away safely. Alternatively, phone us and we can arrange to collect the box from you at home.

Thank you very much.

Derek and Helen Harris

Tel. 239239

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Are you an amateur photographer?

The Village News are running a photography competition! You don't have to be an expert .


Most people now have cameras on their phones, so it's easy to capture an image that inspires you without the fuss of taking a whole load of kit out with you.



The winner will be printed in the village news, but we can make entries available digitally so that everyone gets to show off their talents. Entries would need to be suitable for printing in black and white. If we have enough interest, then we will split this into age categories.

The theme is "My Village". It can anything that you see around the parish, be it as small as a particularly pretty hedge or as iconic as the church. While we have our few remaining sunny days, why not get snapping?

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ANSWERS

1. Hugh Grant
2. Outnumbered
3. Huw Edwards
4. River Cottage
5. Hugh Bonneville
6. Playboy
7. Hugh Jackman
8. Huey Lewis and the News
9. Hugh Laurie
10. Notting Hill

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