

# Village News

in Swindon Village

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## March

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| Monday         | 4         | Marle Hill W.I. - St. Nicolas' Hall 7.30pm<br>Ian Caske - S.S. Great Britain                     |
| Wednesday      | 6         | Wednesday Club - Village Hall 8.00pm<br>Bill Farnsworth - "I was a chef at The Savoy"            |
| Thursday       | 7         | Village Hall Annual General Meeting - 7.15pm<br>Village Hall Lounge                              |
| Monday         | 11        | Hedgehog Way event - Swindon Village Park - 5pm to 6.00pm<br>With Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust |
| <b>Tuesday</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall<br/>Beginning with Public Session at 7.30pm</b>         |
| Wednesday      | 20        | Swindon Village Society - Village Hall 7.30pm<br>Chris Rowlands - Spirax Sarco - what they do    |
| Friday         | 29        | Friends of Swindon Village School Quiz Night<br>School - 7.45pm                                  |

## April

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| Monday         | 1        | Marle Hill W.I. - St. Nicolas' Hall 7.30pm<br>Judith Humphries - Holistic Therapy                         |
| Wednesday      | 3        | Wednesday Club - Village Hall 8.00pm<br>Michael Bottomley - The Life and Times of Catherine Parr          |
| <b>Tuesday</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall<br/>Beginning with Public Session at 7.30pm</b>                  |
| Saturday       | 13       | Annual Church Cake & Coffee Morning<br>Village Hall 10.30am to 12noon                                     |
| Wednesday      | 17       | Swindon Village Society - Village Hall 7.30pm<br>Robert Skelt - "Kim Philby - Gentleman, Spy and Traitor" |

*(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.)*

We now have a couple of councillors who have brought down the average age of the Council significantly. As a result, we are looking to have a social media presence. Just as we have many residents who are happy to get their local news via the printed Village News we also recognise that many will prefer to engage with the Council via Facebook or Twitter. We cannot dictate to people how they get their information; we must make information available by whatever means residents wish to receive it.

Another way of communicating is the good old noticeboard. We have bought a noticeboard which we are hoping to put outside the Cross Hands to serve people south of the Tewkesbury Road. The noticeboard has been in my back garden for weeks waiting for the County Council to assist us in its installation. There is nothing posted on the noticeboard yet so please don't come into the back garden hoping to find the agenda of the next Council meeting.

Our internal audit has been conducted and the results are awaited. An annual internal audit is a legal requirement to provide assurance that the Council is generally doing the right thing and that the Clerk isn't investing the precept at the local bookmakers. Internal audits are conducted by individuals with knowledge and expertise in the Local Government sector, often other parish clerks. The key thing is that they are independent of the council being examined. This year our audit was conducted by the clerk to Innsworth Parish Council. I will be conducting some audits myself. Last year I audited West Dean Parish Council, home of the best bacon sandwich in the Forest. I paid for it myself to avoid any whiff of scandal.

Our defibrillator is now up and running, and we are delighted to have received an offer of training from a local paramedic. Our focus initially will need to be regular users of the hall or people who are likely to be nearby when the defibrillator is needed. If you feel you would be a good candidate to receive training please get in touch. I am hoping that we will be able to offer training more widely once we have addressed the needs of the folk at the sharp end. More widespread knowledge of basic first aid and the use of a defibrillator must surely be a good thing. If someone gets over-excited at a Swindon Village Society talk we will be able to revive them.

We have talked at length about the danger posed to the future of the Village Hall by the impending retirement of the incumbent committee. I am delighted to report that the enthusiasm shown by people coming to the

“crisis” meetings has continued. There are now people willing to take on the key roles necessary to ensure that the hall’s important role in the community continues. The existing committee, particularly Peter (chairman) and Sally (treasurer), have kindly made available the information that the new people will need to continue the work. I have said it before but the Parish Council is very grateful to the local people who have kept the hall going for so long for the benefit of the community.

A survey is being conducted to ascertain how people would like to see the hall being used in the future. There are a number of ways you can participate. Your views are important; please take the time to make them known.

We thought that the Joint Core Strategy (JCS) had been reviewed to death. Some local residents, including parish councillors, fought long and hard to secure an area of Local Green Space to prevent Swindon Village being subsumed into the ever-broadening suburbs of Cheltenham. A small victory was won in getting this incorporated into the JCS. The Cheltenham Local Plan is now being reviewed and it seems that developers see this as a means to launch another attack on the Local Green Space provision. It was our understanding that the Cheltenham Local Plan had to reflect the JCS; the Local Plan would add more detail but could not contradict or override the JCS. Perhaps we were naive. It seems the fight goes on.

Once again there is very little to report on the planning front, though the few applications that we are seeing continue to fail to meet the minimum basic requirements. Often information is missing or incorrect, making it difficult to draw meaningful conclusions on the merits of the application.

Another sign of the times is that the Borough Council will no longer supply us with any paper copies of planning applications. This is clearly a significant cost saving for them but it makes the work of our councillors in evaluating planning applications more difficult.

Speed humps are likely to be installed in Malmesbury Road as a deterrent to the cruisers looking to race up and down. It is a shame it took a serious road accident to get this issue taken seriously.

Speaking of police, in Midsomer Murders the Parish Clerk is usually up to no good, or ends up a victim, or both. I wonder if there is enough drama in my articles to form the basis of a hit TV series. No, perhaps not.

**Shaun Cullimore**

Clerk to Swindon Parish Council

<https://swindonparish.org.uk>

### Services and Events in March

3	Sunday	10.30am	Together @ Ten Thirty
		6.30pm	Holy Communion
5	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In
6	Ash Wednesday	7.00pm	Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes
10	Sunday	9.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		6.30pm	Evensong
12	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In
17	Sunday	10.30am	Together @ The Table
		6.30pm	Evensong
19	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In
24	Sunday	9.15am	Holy Communion
		6.30pm	Evensong
26	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In
31	Sunday	9.15am	Holy Communion
		10.30am	Family Service for Mothering Sunday
		6.30pm	Songs of Praise at Elmstone Hardwicke (No service at St. Lawrence's)



# Mothering Sunday

Come and celebrate our mothers  
and all those who care for us  
at our informal family service

St. Lawrence's Church  
Sunday 31st March at 10.30am

## 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**

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or via the office.**

## From the registers



### Funeral

*We gave thanks for the life of*

Doreen Willett

12<sup>th</sup> February



## Who is this Veronica?

During Lent, a variety of churches from varying backgrounds will journey through what is traditionally called, 'the stations of the cross'. The fourteen stations, fifteen if you include the resurrection, help us each year to reflect upon Jesus' betrayal, his suffering, death and eventual rising.

Across these stations we encounter Jesus in different ways. I love all of the stations but there has, for a long time now, been one station that has interested me because it has not been biblically documented. That particular station is entitled, 'Veronica wipes the face of Jesus' and is the sixth station.

I've tried in the past to dismiss it, but have always come back to it. It's a story so eloquently told, I really wish it were true. True or not true, for some years I've been hopeful in finding some meaning behind the unrecorded event so as to make sense of its inclusion.

In the grand scheme of things it really wasn't that long ago when I asked myself the question who Veronica is or who she could be? What purpose does the story of the encounter serve? In Latin the beautiful name of Veronica means: 'true image or honest image'. It's a good starting point when we consider that, as the story goes, Veronica, out of compassion for him, wipes the face of Jesus with her veil and subsequently the image of Jesus' blood and sweat stained face was imprinted upon it, creating what could be seen as a 'true' or 'honest image' both of herself and Jesus as well. The meaning/s behind the story are far reaching and cannot all be explored here, but there exists a strong Lenten lesson in this single station.

Veronica symbolises for us the true reaction. She ignored all the nastiness, the backchat and just got on with the job...her business was simply to demonstrate love and compassion. As we try to follow the way of the Cross this Lent, let us try to apply the story of Veronica's encounter with Jesus to our everyday lives. It is we who are expected by Jesus to be the 'Veronicas', the true, honest and lasting images of what it is to be human and to be driven by the love of God that Jesus expresses on his way to the Cross.

**Rev George**

## **Lent Lunches in St. Lawrence's Church**

A simple lunch of soup and bread followed by tea/coffee and a biscuit will be served in St. Lawrence's Church every Friday during Lent.

There is no set charge for this but donations to the church's restoration appeal will be gratefully received.

Just drop in for as long as you want, any time between 12noon and 2.00pm on Fridays 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March and 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> April.

Everybody welcome.

## **Cake and Coffee Morning**

The annual church Cake and Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 13th April in the Village Hall from 10.30am to 12noon, admission £2.

As well as a chance to enjoy a chat over a cup of coffee or tea and a biscuit there will be a sale of cakes and Easter egg novelties. There will also be a raffle.

This is advanced notice to give you time to plan your baking! Donations of cakes and raffle prizes will be gratefully accepted.

Enquiries to Mary 01242 692423.

## **Art & Crafts Club**

Going along nicely and really enjoying getting together putting the world right and of course doing our art and crafts!!! We are having a demonstration in a couple of weeks so will let you know how that goes.

**Helen**

COMING SOON...

FRIENDS OF SWINDON VILLAGE  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

QUIZ  
Night

29TH MARCH

SWINDON VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
MAIN HALL

- ★ Doors open 7.45pm for 8pm start
- ★ £2 per player (max. 10 per team)
- ★ Bring a bottle!

## Wednesday Club

We held our AGM on the 6<sup>th</sup> February and the results were a little more rewarding. We made a very small profit last year but at least we were not in the red as in 2017. This was helped by the coffee morning held in June that raised over a hundred pounds for our funds. Many thanks to all that attended.

Once again, my thanks go to my fellow committee members, June, Margaret, Rose and Shirley for all their help during the year and of course, without our members that turn out each month and provide lovely suppers, there would be no Wednesday Club.

With our numbers depleting we have had to make one or two changes. We have had to put our fees up this year to £20 a year and secondly, we only require two ladies to provide refreshments each month instead of the usual three. Hopefully this will all work well but we can turn it around if necessary.

With the business part of the evening over, Mr Steve Morton had been asked to come along and talk to us briefly about the Gloucestershire Arthritis Trust. This was set up in 1983 and they proposed to provide a ward at Standish hospital for arthritis patients. It was all agreed with the NHS and then it was decided to close Standish and so things were changed. They now provide various pieces of equipment that the NHS is unable to provide, including a mobile scanner, a device to remove the cement from previous hip replacements and many others. Steve works from an office in Cheltenham General Hospital and sees first-hand the results of GAT's efforts and fundraising. For those of us suffering with arthritis it was all very enlightening.

A date for your diaries – on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June we will have another coffee morning at 17 Quat Goose Lane. Details will follow nearer to the time.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March and Bill Farnsworth is coming along to tell us all about being a chef at the Savoy. We wait with bated breath to find out which Savoy it was.

Looking forward to seeing you in March. Do come along and join us; visitors are always welcome for £3 per person to include supper and tea/coffee.

**Pauline Wright**

Right, tricky one this; what can I report? As I type this we have not had our first proper talk of the year so there isn't much to say there. I gave our complete programme for the year out in last month's article, the AGM was just an AGM and the tea afterwards was just tea (scratches head, stares at ceiling, thinks it could do with a repaint and notes a house spider that we shortly need to become a garden spider).

Inspiration - I could mention our after AGM speaker who was excellent. He read out some letters written from the Western Front in the First World War. They were written between 1916 and the end of the war by a young officer fresh out of school who had been commissioned into the Machine Gun Corps. He was writing back to his mother and his father who was a Chaplain to the Army. His father had been out in France for the first year of the war and so knew something of the conditions. Once he had received the letter, no doubt rather crumpled and muddy, having often been actually written in a trench or dug-out, the father rewrote them and then sent them around the family because no one had thought to invent e-mail at that time. The young man in the trenches was my wife's grandfather and that is why we have copies of the father's copies. Indeed at some stage the letters would have passed not too far from Swindon Village because the young man's uncle was Rector of Cranham, seven miles south of here, throughout the First Word War and he was on the mailing list.

The letters are startling for the contrast between horror and banality. There is discussion about whether it is better to sleep on top of a table in the dug-out as the young man did or below the table as his servant did because below was less affected by rain but more accessible to the rats. I would not have written that letter to my mother! At some stage the young officer was wounded and the family received a telegram to that effect. The next letter, received a week later, tells the family that it was a minor wound and that it was the sergeant who took the main force of the shell. The writer never got to see the sergeant because he, the writer, was underneath several other men and sand bags which had been dislodged by the blast. The letter concludes with a request that the family send out a new snaffle and bit because the writer has quite a decent pony and hopes to do well in the regimental gymkhana in a couple of weeks time, cheque to cover cost enclosed. I would not have written that letter to my mother!

Another letter says that they are located at a place the father knows from his time at the front, the name of which starts with a letter which is also the last letter of the name of the family parrot; this elicits a footnote from the

Army Chaplain father saying – Ypres – presumably the parrot was Polly; a clever way of circumventing the censor.

So from this you can perhaps work out just who the excellent speaker was but the excellence was truly in the letters written by a young man in exceptional circumstances over a hundred years ago. He survived the war and indeed the Second World War when he immediately re-enlisted in The Royal Tank Regiment and served in the Western Desert and Italy.

Our talk in March will be by Chris Rowlands who is coming from Spirax Sarco to tell us what they do and possibly their future plans. Could I reiterate my plea of last month that this does not become a time for complaint. If Spirax Sarco are causing you a problem please write them a letter. This gentleman is giving up his time to tell us all about a major player in the village. Visitors will be welcome but restraint please – cost is £1. Better still, join on the night – the annual fee is £6 for a single person and £12 for a family.

**Barry Simon**

Can hedgehogs survive in Swindon Village?

WALK AND TALK ABOUT PRACTICAL THINGS  
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We learnt that there are, in fact, three helicopters covering the area served by the Midlands Air Ambulance service. One is stationed at Strensham, one at RAF Cosford and one near Stoke and thus they are able to cover six counties (5,000 square miles) including Gloucestershire and Birmingham. They claim that, with this coverage, they can usually respond to call-outs within 8 minutes.

These facts were revealed to us by Mary Seldon at our February meeting. Being founded in 1991 they are one of the oldest air ambulance services in the country and started with a caravan and one helicopter, that had to be tied to a tree for security, at Hagley Hall. The helicopters are fairly cramped and can only carry the pilot, doctor, paramedic and patient but the latest model, just acquired, can carry an extra person to accompany the patient and, if stripped out, will accommodate up to 9 personnel and transport them to the centre of major incidents.

Though a helicopter-based service, they also have 4x4 vehicles to use at night and in very rough terrain, and cars to use in dense urban areas such as Birmingham. Apart from road collisions and many mountain bike accidents, 5% of callouts are to golf courses, mainly because of distance and inaccessibility to land vehicles.

The main hazards, when looking for safe landing sites, are trees, power and telephone lines, livestock and irate farmers waving sticks at them, despite the fact that farming accidents are one of their major callouts.

The talk was very informative and revealing about a worthwhile lifesaving service that, like the Lifeboats, is a charity run entirely on public support. Once the annual running costs of £9m have been raised, any surplus goes towards updating the helicopters and vehicles.

Wendy, for a few years, has been hosting very popular lunch parties for the single members. So, to make it fair, she invited some of the married members to a special and very enjoyable New Year lunch party. The Craft and Book clubs are going well and the WI Walking Netball team are to be congratulated on their first winning match in the local League. Several members joined with other County officials and helpers for an annual meal at the Gloucester Old Spot. We are collecting bottles (full ones!) for our tombola stall at the Centenary Picnic in July.

The Annual Meeting in the Town Hall is held in March with Helen Pankhurst as one of the speakers. We are keeping our fingers crossed for our annual visit to the Gold Cup Day at the Cheltenham Festival. At our meeting on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March Ian Caskie is speaking to us about the SS Great Britain and our annual Cake Stall will be stocked with delicious offerings in aid of our funds.

We meet at 7.30pm at St Nicolas Hall, Swindon Lane, and always make visitors welcome.

**Sara Jefferies**

Village Hall

Swindon Village Hall

## **Annual General Meeting**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.15pm in the Village Hall Lounge

### **Agenda**

Minutes of 2018 AGM  
Chairman's Report  
Treasurer's Report  
Election of Officials  
Any other business

**Everyone is welcome**



## **How local people are helping endangered hedgehogs in Swindon Village Community event 11 March**

Residents in Swindon Village are joining together to help hedgehogs, the UK's favourite mammal but greatly at risk, as part of a project being run by Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust.

Gardens in towns and cities are vital for these endangered animals and volunteers with the Hedgehog Way project are taking action so that hedgehogs can move safely between gardens.

Anyone who would like more information is welcome to come along to a Hedgehog Way Information Evening on 11 March at Swindon Village Park GL51 9QH from 5pm to 6pm.

“Swindon Village has lots of green spaces and gardens and has the potential to be a hedgehog haven. Hedgehog Way volunteers are vital to help us protect these adorable yet very vulnerable animals and we're very keen to hear from anyone who would like to get involved,” says Georgia Spooner, Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust's Urban Wildlife Project Officer.

Kaya Stibbe, age 9, has been helping with the project and wants to help turn Swindon Village into a “hedgehog paradise”. Kaya says, “I love hedgehogs but numbers are going down. To find out if any hedgehogs were in the area we made hedgehog tunnels which had ‘ink’ made from powdered charcoal and vegetable oil. We could then see if any hedgehog footprints were made. Of the ten tunnels in the neighbourhood, the one in our garden showed that there was a hedgehog. So we built a hedgehog house and we found hedgehog prints nearly every day coming in and out of our hedgehog house! The next step is that I will help make the whole of Swindon Village a hedgehog paradise.”

Once a familiar and well-loved visitor to our gardens, hedgehog numbers have fallen significantly in the last few decades. It is estimated that there are 1.5 million hedgehogs in the UK, down from 36 million in the 1950s. Losses in towns and cities appear to have slowed, and the number of hedgehogs found in urban gardens at night may be increasing.

Hedgehog Way is running in Swindon Village and Charlton Kings (Cheltenham) and Kingsway (Gloucester). It is supported by the People's Trust for Endangered Species and the British Hedgehog Preservation Society.

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)

Kaya also wrote a haiku poem in Japanese which won a prize in an international haiku competition. This is her poem, with an English translation:

ハリネズミ 冬眠中かな 丸まって	Harinezumi Toumin chu ka na Maru matte	Rolled into a ball In winter hibernation The sleeping hedgehog
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people's  
 trust for  
 endangered  
 species



*British Hedgehog Preservation Society*

## Swindon Village Winemakers

The club held the AGM at the end of January. The chairman, Derek Waite, wanted to step down so Ray Hales agreed to take on the position. The rest of the committee remains the same with the addition of Derek Waite who asked if he could stay on the committee. We have got a varied programme this year with speakers and a visit to a vinery. The March meeting will be a Wine Tasting evening with Eastern European Wine.

**Roy Harper**

## Twinning Trip to Göttingen 2019



Plans are underway for the main twinning trip this year to Cheltenham's twin town of Göttingen in Germany from **Thursday 25 July to Friday 2 August 2019.**

This is an excellent opportunity for any residents of Cheltenham and surrounding area to get to know the lovely place and people of our German twin town.

In Göttingen you can stay with local people free of charge in their homes and experience true German life or pay to stay in a hotel. During the 5 full days in Göttingen a programme of events and excursions will be organised including a welcome reception in Göttingen's beautiful Old Town Hall, a barbeque with members of the Göttingen Twinning Association, a twinning party for all participants and hosts, and excursions to the picturesque town of Wernigerode in the foothills of the Harz mountains, a visit to Scharfenstein castle where whisky is produced (with tasting), as well as a trip to nearby Friedland, once on the border of the GDR, with a tour of its refugee transit camp. There'll be plenty of time to explore Göttingen and its local area, as well as meeting its people and making new contacts.

The organised travel there and back will be by coach with overnight stops in the Belgium town of Leuven on the way out, with a visit to Ypres, and the pretty town of Bruges on the way home. The cost of the organised coach travel with overnight stops is approx. £295 pp. Alternatively people can make their own travel arrangements directly to Göttingen and join the group there.



For further detailed information please contact:

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01242 264311

**Cheltenham Horticultural Society**

# **Spring Flower Show**

**Pittville Pump Room**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019      12.30pm to 3.30pm**

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

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