

# Village News

in Swindon Village

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## *October*

- Wednesday    2      Wednesday Club - Village Hall 8.00pm  
Richard Burton - The Wandering Cook
- Monday        7      Marle Hill W.I. - St. Nicolas' Hall 7.30pm  
Mike Beacon - The Life of Richard Carr-Gomm, founder of  
Abbeyfield
- Tuesday      8      Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall  
Beginning with Public Session at 7.30pm**
- Wednesday    16     Swindon Village Society - Village Hall 7.30pm  
Barry Simon - The History of Aviation in Gloucestershire
- Saturday       19     Church Annual Quiz & Supper - Village Hall 7.00pm for 7.30pm
- Wednesday    23     Wine Club - Village Hall 7.45pm  
Annual Trophy competition and Fish & Chip Supper

## *November*

- Monday        4      Marle Hill W.I. - St. Nicolas' Hall 7.30pm Annual Meeting
- Wednesday    6      Wednesday Club - Village Hall 8.00pm
- Sunday        10     Remembrance Day service at the War Memorial 10.45am
- Tuesday      12     Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall  
Beginning with Public Session at 7.30pm**
- Wednesday    20     Swindon Village Society - Village Hall 7.30pm  
Angela Applegate - Gustav Holst
- Wednesday    27     Wine Club - Village Hall 7.45pm  
Ken Brightwell - Being Cheltenham Town Crier

*(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.)*

This will be a shorter report this month. I have just returned from a brief holiday to Italy and, as a result, I have adopted the slower, more considered continental pace of life. I will take the time to smell the flowers and watch the clouds scudding by. Not literally of course as it is now 11:30pm on the day I promised to deliver my piece to Karen. So much for my "go slow". Anyway, I hope to subject you to longer random ramblings next month so brace for impact.

Planning matters seem to have been dominated by speculative industrial developments of late. The redevelopment of the Ultra Electronics site on Kingsditch Lane set the trend. The old building was demolished and replaced by a number of rentable industrial units. The Vibixa site on Wymans Lane/Runnings Road is set for a similar fate. An application has also been submitted for the corner of Manor Road and Runnings Road, though it is hard to see how access in and out of the site can be made safe and practical. Also on Kingsditch Lane, one of the shabbier old buildings has been refurbished. The latest application for the area proposes the redevelopment of buildings on Upperfield Road/Kingsville Road, again to speculatively add units to the commercial rental market. Perhaps all this activity shows confidence in the economy, though only one of the Ultra Electronics units has been let to date.

On planning, a start has been made on the Manor Court development (behind the church and Manor Court). This was another scheme where the Parish Council had serious concerns about the safety of the access into and out of the site. Presumably the developer has persuaded the Borough Council that this can be made to work. Time will tell.

As is traditional, the Parish Council has made a grant to the Royal British Legion to sponsor a poppy wreath for Remembrance Day. Still on a war theme, the Parish Council recognises that the war memorial in the churchyard needs some TLC. Some of the lettering has eroded and needs to be sharpened up and restored. The maintenance of war memorials is a very specialist topic so we will be taking informed advice about how to get this done.

The Borough Council erected a bench in the Amenity Area some time ago. The bench became damaged and, as a result, the Borough Council

removed it. It is not their intention to replace it so the Parish Council will purchase a bench for the area. The Council has decided to dedicate the bench to the memory of Elizabeth Heathcott, a charming lady who did so much for village life.

A number of information days have been held regarding the proposed Cyber Park near GCHQ. This is not in our parish, but the consequences of another major development will be far reaching. In particular, the roads will see yet more traffic. We will see if this leads to M5 junction 10 being made four way instead of being restricted to joining north bound and leaving southbound. We are told that the public meetings that have taken place have purely been for informative purposes. Formal consultations will take place later.

The Parish Council will shortly begin setting its budget for 2020-2021. The process will, of course, be open to public scrutiny if you want to see what we are doing or, better yet, express an opinion on the matter.

The Village Hall continues to go from strength to strength. Many improvements to the hall have been implemented. The spending has been made using the revenue generated by the bar openings on Friday nights and the letting of the hall for private parties; I understand that the capital that the new committee inherited has not been touched. Great work.

You will recall, I am sure, the nightmare that is the continuing saga of the new parish noticeboard. The item spent several months in my back garden, waiting for the County Council to make good on their promise to install it. Dramatic news. On the sixth of September a contractor from Gloucestershire Highways called at the house and took the noticeboard away on the back of a lorry. "Great!" thought I. "It is being installed". I was getting ahead of myself. It has been taken away but has not been installed, at least not anywhere local. It is now either sitting in a depot somewhere or doing sterling service for another parish.

**Shaun Cullimore**

Clerk to Swindon Parish Council

**<https://swindonparish.org.uk>**

## Services and Events in October

1	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In
6	Sunday	<b>Harvest Festival</b>	
		10.30am	Together @ Ten Thirty
		6.30pm	Holy Communion
8	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In
		7.00pm	Holy Communion
13	Sunday	9.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		6.30pm	Evensong
15	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In
20	Sunday	10.30am	Together @ The Table
		6.30pm	Evensong
22	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In
27	Sunday	9.15am	Holy Communion
		6.30pm	Evensong
29	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In



At the time of writing, St Lawrence is scheduled to have a 'Churchyard clear-up' at the very end of September, where the pulling up of weeds, among other things to do, will no doubt feature on the agenda. In the past I have found out, very quickly, that weeds hate to be pulled up probably as much as we are fed up pulling them. Armed with the wrong sort of gloves, I've had thorns and needles digging into my hands. As determined as I was, stronger gloves had to be sought and even then some of those weeds remained stubborn at the root.

It is funny how many living things have ways of trying to survive. Weeds have perhaps developed their technique of survival over time knowing full well they are not wanted. However, the instinct to survive is not limited to the garden and is not always related to being unloved. As human beings and individuals within that category, we know what we need to keep us going, to sustain us. Of course what we share is the need for food and drink. To deny ourselves this or to have it denied us will lead to starvation and eventual death as history has proved.

By the time this is read, perhaps our Harvest celebrations may have already passed by. Every year we bring food parcels and packets to Churches celebrating Harvest up and down the country; and thankfully with the rise in foodbanks this is now a more regular occurrence in most Churches week by week.

Sometimes, even with instinctual needs, we remain reliant upon others thoughtfulness and generosity to avoid the very real prospect of being starved. I believe helping others can be as instinctual as our own need to survive. When we come face to face with suffering, knowing we are in a position to help, many simply offer it without blinking.

This Harvest time let us again allow our instincts to guide us towards a better and more thoughtful world, looking out for the survival of our fellow human beings in their hour of need.

**Rev George.**

## From the registers



### **Marriages**

*We celebrated the marriage of  
Adam Jones and Sarah Allen*

7th September



### **Interment of ashes**

*We gave thanks for the life of  
Mel Barnes*                      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 church, please visit the Team Surgery at St. Nicolas' Church, Swindon Lane on any Saturday morning between 10.30am and 11.00am. (Enter through the main door and turn right.)

If this is not possible contact the Team Office, which is open Monday to Friday from 9am until 12 noon. The office is based at St Nicolas' Church in Swindon Lane. Contact the Office on **244373** or **admin@northchelt.org.uk**

**You can contact the clergy by email:**

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

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



St. Lawrence's Church  
Sunday 6th October

Together @ Ten Thirty (at 10.30am!)  
All-age informal worship  
Sharing and caring

Holy Communion at 6.30pm

Gifts of store cupboard groceries (tins, jars, packets) will be warmly received and given to The Trussell Trust's Cheltenham Foodbank.

**St. Lawrence's Church  
Annual Quiz and Supper**

# QUIZ NIGHT

**Saturday 19th October  
Swindon Village Hall**

Doors and bar open 7.00pm  
Supper at 7.30pm followed by Quiz



Jacket Potatoes  
Chilli Con Carne / Sausage Casserole /  
Chicken in White Sauce / Ratatouille  
Baked Beans / Cheese / Salad

Apple Sponge / Fruit Salad / Cream

Admission £9  
Book as a team (maximum 6 people)  
or make up a team on the night

**Booking essential - phone Karen Evans on 241678**



St. Lawrence's Church

# Christmas Tree Festival

Put the date in your diary...

**Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th December**

This year's theme is...

**“Out Of This World”**

which, as usual, can be interpreted in any way you like!

Trees from individuals, groups and local businesses all welcome - the more, the merrier!

We'll be setting up the trees on Friday 6th December between 4pm and 8pm. You can bring your tree ready-decorated or soak up the excitement and anticipation by decorating it in situ. A 3ft tree is ideal but we can accommodate 4ft as well. It doesn't have to be a traditional tree (we've had a traffic cone and a washing line in the past!) and “thinking outside the box” is actively encouraged. Any lights must be battery-powered as we cannot get electricity to the trees. The trees will be left in place for the Sunday services and we'll arrange a collection time for the Monday.

It's not really a competition but there will be a box of chocolates for the most popular tree as voted for by the visitors.

Profits from the weekend will be given to St. Lawrence's Restoration Appeal - the current major project is to replace the tower roof.

Contact me for more details or to say you want to enter a tree.

**Karen Evans**  
tel. 241678

'Women and Canals' was the title of the talk at our September meeting. Three members of the Canal and River Trust and the Friends of the Waterways Museum were dressed in traditional costumes, including their traditional bonnets. Women and families have not always lived on the canal boats – known as 'narrow boats' on the Trent and Mersey Canal and 'long boats' on the Gloucester Canal – but eventually came to run and live on them. In the 1840s, when the railways were in competition with the canals, many boats and workers became redundant and so many men found employment elsewhere and families moved onto the boats and ran them – the babies were tied up for safety on the water. With a living space of 10ftx7ft and only 5½ft high, and with many children to accommodate, it must have been very cramped! The cabins were made homely with painted scenes and patterns on the woodwork and utensils, rag rugs (which were also used to lie on), crocheted, embroidered, and knitted items. Socks were knitted with white toes and heels so that only these parts could be unravelled and replaced. There are many traditional crochet patterns used for shawls, horses' hoods and decorations etc. The children usually cared for the horse and were often loaned out to other crews. Without the awareness of this era being kept alive by keen supportive enthusiasts an important part of our social history would surely be lost.

We were sorry to hear that Joan Braidley, a past member and secretary, had died. Several members attended her funeral that was held in Cheltenham, even though she had lived in Wiltshire for the past few years. She was always a very supportive member of the WI and was much missed when she left. Also we heard of the passing of Roz Eynon who had been a very keen and supportive member before she moved away.

The other activities last month included an enjoyable afternoon tea hosted by Karen, a theatre visit, a meal out, a craft club afternoon, archery taster event and walks. Four members joined others from the County for a holiday in Romania. There was quite a lot of travelling as we worked our way through Transylvania and included a visit to Count Dracula's home at Brans Castle. A holiday to the Isle of Wight and another to Italy are being arranged for next year.

We are busy organising our contribution to the Centenary Exhibition in Gloucester Cathedral, 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> October. There will be displays and demonstrations throughout the Cathedral and a commemorative service on the Saturday morning. If you are in Gloucester that weekend it will be well worth a visit to see what the WI get up to!

Also in October the Racing Club members are to visit trainer Ben Pauling's stables, Wendy S. has a coffee morning and there is a day course making silk decorations for Christmas.

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October Mike Beacon is to tell us of 'The Life of Richard Carr-Gomm, the Founder of Abbeyfield'. We always welcome visitors to our meetings at St Nicolas' Hall, Swindon Lane, at 7.30pm.

**Sara Jefferies**

## Wednesday Club

Lorraine Parsloe was the guest at our meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> September. Lorraine had been a TV and film extra for fifteen years and came along to tell us all about her experiences.

Lorraine worked mainly in the Bristol, Cardiff and Birmingham areas, sometimes Wiltshire as well. She appeared in many programmes including Pride and Prejudice (the TV version), Only Fools and Horses and many other programmes as well as the film Chocolat. Lorraine told us how the programmes were made, often having to work silently while the main characters did their bit and then they had to do it all again just to get the sound effects. This often had to be done many, many times. It was a lovely evening and Lorraine stayed for supper and chatted to our members afterwards.

At the moment we are busy planning our annual meal which we usually have in January. Details will be forthcoming at our next meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October when Richard Burton will be our guest and he will be telling us about being "The Wandering Cook".

Please remember that visitors are always welcome to come along and for £3 they get their supper as well!

Look forward to seeing you soon.

**Pauline Wright**

Well it's been six months since the new committee took over the reins and I thought it would be a good time to recap on what's changed in such a short time. For starters we have introduced a new booking system that is paying dividends: **the website (svhall.co.uk)**, email address **(swindonvillagehall@gmail.com)**, mobile phone and social media have all improved the communications and led to a marked increase in the hall's usage. New regular bookings include early morning Bootcamp, Gymnastics, Chi Chi fit, Zumba and these are in addition to the regular Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows Girl Guides, Art Club, Medals Club, Swindon Village Hall Society, Rugby Tikes, Wine Club, Promenade Productions and Swindon Village Early Years. Also, our weekend bookings have taken off with lots of parties being enjoyed by kids and big kids alike! Jana has been the lynchpin in this turnaround; dealing with the many enquiries and ensuring that the bookings run smoothly.

The Friday night bar openings have continued to be well supported by lots of happy volunteers running the bar and even happier customers sampling their wares! The range of drinks and nibbles has expanded throughout the summer and we're always open to suggestions for new products. We can now also accept card payments, including contactless, so you don't need to run to the bank to enjoy a visit to the bar!

During the summer we also installed a solar panel system and were lucky enough to be awarded a grant to supplement the cost of installation - to date we've produced over 1.5MWh. This will reduce our electric bill and we're keen to continue to invest in new technologies to reduce them further; other grants may help to keep these costs down.

Lots of projects are ongoing in the background and the latest to come to fruition is the replacement of the stage and door curtains in the hall - the multi-coloured stripes have been replaced with more regal peacock blue ones. They look amazing and our thanks go to Carol, Liz and Maija who organised their purchase and fitting - come down and take a look or see them on our Facebook page. We hope that you're liking the changes we've made - as ever, any ideas are welcome.

We've got lots of ideas buzzing round to improve the hall further and are always keen to welcome new volunteers. Whether it's a shift behind the bar, organising a village party or managing a new project, every bit helps and is greatly appreciated; the hall can only run with the generous donation of time from all our volunteers.

**Ben Williams**  
Chair

### **Summer Adventures...**

As we head into October it may seem strange to be talking about the summer still but several Scouts and leaders had a summer to remember...

Todd was the fourth Swindon Village Scout to attend the World Scout Jamboree which this year was held in West Virginia, USA. Todd had worked incredibly hard over the last 12 months to fundraise the £4,000 required to fund his trip of a lifetime and in September he spent an evening with us to share his experiences. These included a flight from Heathrow to New York, a tour of famous landmarks including the Empire State building, the White House and the Statue of Liberty on a boat trip. Once at the Jamboree, he joined up with over 40,000 Scouts and leaders from 152 nations and had an amazing time getting to meet many people from many different countries and taking part in loads of different activities, ceremonies and events with them all. After the Jamboree, his unit ventured north into Canada and got to visit more landmarks and tourist attractions including the Niagara Falls. All in all - an unforgettable trip and one that will stay with Todd for a lifetime and an experience that he would recommend to everyone.

Also, at the World Scout Jamboree were former Swindon Village Scout Matt Evans, who went this year as a leader with a joint contingent from Gloucestershire and Shropshire and our Assistant Scout Leader Harry who went as part of the International Service Team. Both of them had an amazing summer and were full of stories of their adventures and experiences.

The Haarlem Jamborette also took place again this summer in Amsterdam, Holland. This year we had two of our Scouts, Tom and Ellie joining the county-led team from Gloucestershire. Two more of our leaders, Shane and Ash, were returning as part of the leadership team for their third visit to this fantastically well organised Jamborette where they were joined by Scouts and Guides from all around the world for another truly international Scouting experience. Although slightly smaller than the World Scout Jamboree in America, there were still over 3,000 Scouts and Guides from around the world at this superb Summer Scouting Festival. Once again - a good time was had by all and more fantastic memories were made.

Following on from these International adventures, our summer was rounded off by the annual trip to Titley at the end of August. In recent

years we have been running this camp as a 'Leaders and Helpers' camp and it has become a firm favourite with all of those attending. It is so nice to arrive in the field, set up camp and just relax for six days! The food is still cooked on camp fires and the weather was gorgeous this year with many fine and sunny days. The site is as beautiful as ever, but it is the people that come together each year that make the camp and the time spent together so memorable.

As we head into the Autumn, we start another Scouting year and all the sections have had their first few meetings. We have plenty of fun and adventure planned over the coming weeks and months including Harvest Festival, a canal weekend and the Operation Bald Eagle camp for the Scouts.

## Sos

### Art & Crafts Club

Cannot trace the photos of our exhibition which we held at the end of May, but there was a very worthy winner in Ian whose picture of a 'Hare' was stunning. A very successful and enjoyable afternoon - we had a card competition, raffle and delicious homemade cakes with a cuppa.

Thanks to all who supported us; it's much appreciated. One or two new members are trying us out but we welcome all who may be interested.

Contact me - **Helen on 07817581223**

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Well, we survived the annual garden party. The normal rain storm was missing, the snow was thin on the ground, the wine did actually manage to chill itself somehow and there was a reasonable turn-out. The good thing is that rather than be talked at for the evening we can get down and sort out the great affairs of state. I am fairly sure that by the time we were towards the bottom of the fourth bottle we had a really good idea of how to solve Brexit, create world peace and where to find a fifth bottle in the cellar.

Our next meeting is in October and I will be reprising my talk on the History of Aviation in Gloucestershire. This was the first talk I ever gave to the Village Society about eighteen years ago. As I said last month I still give the talk regularly to local groups and always point out that it is actually mistitled. The real title should be 'A History of Aviation quite close to Swindon Village'. If you haven't actually heard the talk, or if you have and you have a poor memory, I can guarantee you will hear at least two startling facts that could come in handy in a pub quiz. Visitors welcome.

Our talk in November will be by Angela Applegate and will be about Gustav Holst, our local musical hero.

With regards to our real business of being NIMBYs things seem relatively quiet. Our thanks go out to Helen Wells and our Parish and Borough councillors for continuing the good fight to keep the green spaces. I hear that developers are now employing lawyers to pursue building alongside Brockhampton Lane. We really have to rely on our councillors to fight these development organisations that can throw money at Local Plans, Joint Core Strategies and any other formally adopted plan to get it overturned.

With the last of this year's talks already detailed on the front cover of this news it must be time to think of next year. If anyone has ideas for talks they would like to hear please let me know.

**Barry Simon**

## An American Tale

In September, we had the great pleasure of hosting a visit from our friends from Ohio, USA, Dana, Rhonda and Sam Runnion. They arrived on Monday, 2 September and stayed for four nights in bed and breakfast accommodation at the Little Manor, 49 Church Road which we had booked for them. The Runnions were 'over the moon' with the high standard, excellent service and knowledgeable local information offered by the owner, Krystyna Poznanska. Once our guests were unpacked and rested we enjoyed a relaxing family barbecue in our back garden, then due to 'jet lag', it was an early night for them all!

Day 2 was a Tour of the Cotswolds. Bright and early we started our tour at GWR Cheltenham Racecourse station seeing the departure of the 10.55 steam train to Broadway. We then drove across to the Racecourse to show them Cheltenham's biggest annual tourist attraction. Sam was particularly interested in this as he is the font of all knowledge in the subject of American Horse Racing. From there we drove through Stow-on-the-Wold, The Slaughters, Bourton-on-the-Water, (where we visited the Vintage Car Museum, strolled around the town and ate fish and chips for lunch), then returned home via Norton and Winchcombe.



*At Cheltenham Racecourse with the Runnions from Ohio, USA*



*Anne Hathaway's Cottage, Stratford-upon-Avon*

Day 3 was a planned visit to Cadbury World, as Rhonda is an avid fan of Cadbury's chocolate, then on to Stratford-upon-Avon, visiting Anne Hathaway's Cottage and the Shakespeare Theatre. We witnessed an ancient Indian Ganesh Chattrurhi Festival celebrated by 150 Hindu worshippers from Coventry, who were dancing, picnicking and laying flower garlands in the River Avon. Many worshippers were travelling up and down the river in boats chanting their religious celebratory songs.



*The River Wye from  
Symonds Yat*

Day 4 was a Tour of the Forest of Dean. Our first port of call was Gloucester Docks, then a long lazy drive round Cinderford, lunching at the picturesque Beechenhurst, near Speech House, then up to the stunning views of Symonds Yat, looking down to the River Wye, then dropping down the valley to the Tintern Abbey ruins on the banks of the Wye, meandering through Monmouth, Redmarley, Haw Bridge and then home.



*Tintern Abbey*

As it was our friends' last day visiting beautiful Gloucestershire, in the evening, we all enjoyed a delicious meal at the Royal Oak, Prestbury, joined by Rhonda's brother and sister-in-law and their friends from Charlton Kings who they had been staying with all week.

Friday dawned and we said our goodbyes to this lovely family who were continuing their tour of the UK by visiting mutual friends in North Wales.

**Lyn Holder**



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# Police and Crime Commissioner's Annual Report

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In line with his role as a democratically elected representative, the report is then presented to Gloucestershire County Council's Police and Crime Panel and in addition to seeing it, the Panel has asked for it to be communicated and distributed as widely as possible.

This can be seen at <https://www.gloucestershire-pcc.gov.uk/reports/>  
Hard copies are also available from the OPCC at [ppc@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ppc@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk) or by phoning the number below.

As a summary of the twelve months from April 2018 - March 2019, this year's annual report highlights the challenge of dealing with a growing range and complexity of crimes, complicated by additional social issues around mental health and lack of youth provision. It reflects on key announcements regarding collaboration with bordering forces and Gloucestershire's Fire and Rescue Service, budget details, award winning services and the continuing success of the Commissioner's Fund.

## **Vanessa Pegler**

PA to Richard Bradley, Chief Executive and Hilary Allison, Head of Public Affairs

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