Village News

in Swindon Village

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Saturday 4th	Jubilee celebrations at the Village Hall. See advert	
Monday 13th	Parish Council Meeting	
Wednesday 15 th	Swindon Village Society. Talk: Photographing Historical Costumes on Location. Medieval to the 1960s. By Kate Peake and Angell Rendell,,award winning photographers. Village Hall. 7.30pm. Visitors welcome for £2	
Sunday 26th	Litter pick- meet outside the Cross Hands Pub 10.30am	
<u>July 2022</u>		
Friday 1st	Fundraising Quiz	
Monday 11th	Parish Council Meeting	
Wednesday 20th	Swindon Village Society. Evening visit to Oak House garden in Gretton. Meet in the Village Hall car park to amalgamate cars at 6.30pm. Non members welcome if there is space and lifts should be available.	
Sunday 31st	Litter pick- meet at Swindon Village Hall 10.30am	

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- Swindon Parish Council Facebook Page. A public page for local information and news from the Council: https://www.facebook.com/swindonparish
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- Swindon Parish Council website. For full information from the Parish Council: <u>https://www.swindonparish.org.uk/</u>

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"If you have concerns about anti-social behaviour do not hesitate to contact the police.

Ring 101 (you may be charged for this call) or email 101@gloucestershire.police.uk

Get an incident number and let the parish council know about it. If the police are not made aware of a problem THERE ISN'T A PROBLEM".

Swindon Parish Council

The dust has settled following the recent Parish Council and Borough Council elections. No poll was required for the Parish Council as we only had six candidates for nine seats. Do come and join us! The National Association of Local Councils recently reported that only 38% of local councillors are female. With five female councillors our ratio is 83%.

One of our two Borough Council seats was also the subject of an election. Three candidates came forward. Congratulations to Flo Clucas, who was re-elected.

On the 11th May we held the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. James Cornish was elected Chair and Lisa Whitaker as Vice Chair. We are in the process of closing the financial year which ended on 31st March. An independent audit has been conducted with no major shortcomings identified. We are required by law to identify a period during which members of the public have the right to scrutinise the Parish Council's accounts and ask questions. The period nominated is 13th June to 22nd July. Please get in touch if you want to review our financial dealings and ask difficult questions! I think I have been diligent, unlike the Clerk of Llanpumsaint Community Council in Wales. On the basis that his council is only a small body he refused to produce any accounts at all!

Things appear to be happening with the Elms Park development. Helen kindly took those present through the latest situation at the Annual Parish Meeting. There are two planning applications under consideration by the Borough Council. The first (16/02000/OUT) is an outline planning application for Elms Park as a whole, consisting of over 4000 houses and associated amenities. The development covers a large area spread across Swindon and Uckington parishes. We are expecting new documents to be forthcoming from the developer on this one. We then have the Swindon Farm planning application (20/00759/FUL). This is the first real development associated with Elms Park. The application is for 260 homes to be built entirely within our parish. It must be consistent with the outline application and will be going before the Borough Council's planning committee on a date as yet undefined.

It is interesting that a planning application for 350 homes in Cheltenham was actually refused by the Borough Council. The Council's planning officers recommended approval but the Councillors on the planning committee decided that the proposals did not demonstrate the level of sustainability that they would like to see. We wonder what the developer's next move will be. One of the Parish Council's fundamental objections to the Elms Park proposals has been that the scheme lacks ambition in the realm of sustainability.

A few more words about sustainability. We talk about recycling as if it is the answer to life, the universe and everything. We should remember that it is actually a last resort.

The most powerful strategy is to REFUSE to use something (e.g. plastic packaging). If we can't avoid using something then we should do our best to REDUCE our consumption. REUSE is the next most powerful strategy. If we are finished with a child's toy then it can go to a relative, a friend or a charity shop. The next strategy is to REPURPOSE something. An old sink can become a feature in the garden. The recent, successful parish "garage sale" was an example of reusing and repurposing to avoid waste. Only when these possibilities are exhausted is it appropriate to RECYCLE. Plastic bottles can be recycled into fabric or new plastic articles.

Of course even recycling is not always possible. Apparently the machines that sort our rubbish find shredded paper very difficult to deal with. There is too much of it to compost so it ends up being incinerated. Recycling foil also presents difficulties. The sorting machinery can only identify foil if it is in larger lumps, so it would help the recyclers if we bundled our foil together into balls. I mean as individuals, not as a community. Wouldn't it be great, though, to build a single foil ball out of all the discarded foil in the parish and present it to the Borough Council?

Recognising the difficulty that pedestrians have in navigating from Swindon Road and along Wymans Lane we have been campaigning to get a footpath outside the gym. Sadly we have "struck out" on this one. There are services buried in the grass verge that make digging the foundations of a path impractical. However, I am told that another pedestrian crossing will be built. Not our preferred solution but a safer proposition than the present situation.

In the April Village News I suggested (tongue in cheek) that we should have a cafe critic. The town of Congleton has a charter from 1272 that identifies four offices: a mayor, a town crier, a catchpole (or debt collector) and an ale taster. I'm sure one of those posts attracts quite a few applicants.

I used the words "the answer to life, the universe and everything" above. Do you know where that quote comes from? In last month's article I said "there is nothing new under the sun". I didn't realise it at the time but this is a quote from the Bible (Ecclesiastes in the Old Testament).

Shaun Cullimore, Clerk to Swindon Parish Council

Praise in the Park



St. Lawrence's Church

Praise in the Park

Favourite hymns led by a band from the Salvation Army

Sunday 10th July at 3.00pm in Swindon Village Park

Followed by tea and cake in the Village Hall

Retiring collection for Salvation Army and St. Lawrence's Church funds Some seating will be provided but please bring your own if you can

Midsummer

I used to love the summer holidays; the excitement of not having to go to school, not having to sit and listen to teachers trying to teach us things we didn't want to know, staying in my PJs and just watching TV all morning! I loved the feeling that the whole of the summer lay ahead and the notion of going back to school felt like an impossible future. The beginning of the summer was much better than the end of it. The arrival of September meant that all the joy and freedom I was enjoying would be taken away and I would have to go back to sitting in badly lit rooms being talked at by adults who were being underpaid for the job they were doing. For me, the 'Goldilock's Zone' of the summer holiday was the Midsummer.

During which we spent time with cousins or visiting my dad, on trips or just lazy days playing in the factories at the end of the street. My brother and I would often build ramps for our bikes out of the pallets from the factories and dare each other to go higher, or further, or even jump over each other and our friends. These days were full of adventure, excitement, and joyfulness. This is often what comes to mind when I think about the Midsummer of my holidays.

There is something about knowing that there is a beginning, a middle and an end. I enjoyed holidays more because I knew they would end.

I wonder if this, 'midsummer feeling' might transfer to thinking about our life of faith. Where are we in the story of the Christian faith? I do not believe we are near the begging and I do not believe that we are yet at its end. We could look at this time as a Midsummer stage of the Christian faith - between the ascension of Jesus and the promise of his coming again. But what is the nature of this in-between time? Well, it is not summer holidays as most grown-ups might think about it, as a break from normal operations. It is the childlike midsummer of faith. It is life full of adventure, excitement, and joy.

Perhaps in a similar way my brother and I delighted in encouraging one another to build higher ramps and fly over ever-lengthening gaps, how much more could we enjoy our own faith if we encouraged each other to take more risks because of our belief in the message of Jesus? Through our faith, we have a chance to change the world and show the love of God that can transform people's lives. We live in the midsummer of our faith so let us encourage each other to live the message of Christ which is overflowing with adventure, excitement and joy.

Rev Tom Cook , Team Curate.



Morth Cheltenham Team Ministry	St. Lawrence's Church Swindon Village
	Services
1st Sunday of the mont	th:
10.30am Together	@ Ten Thirty all-age worship
6.30pm Holy Com	munion
All other Sundays:	
9.15am Holy Com	imunion
6.30pm Evening P	rayer
Every Wednesday:	
10.00am to 12noon	Church open for private prayer
(Services are subject to change at short notice; contact the Churchwardens if you want to check.)	

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. Nick Bromfield (Team Rector) nick.bromfield@northchelt.org.uk or via the office.



St. Lawrence's Church

Lots of cakes and other baked items for sale to raise funds for St. Lawrence's Church If you can bake something for the stall please bring it to one of us on the Friday or phone us so that we can arrange to collect it from you. We'll be grateful for your support, either baking or buying, and look forward to seeing you.

Helen Harris - 2 Manor Court Tel.239239 or Lizzie Attwell - Serica, Quat Goose Lane Tel. 692483

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Litter Picking

Please join us on our next Litter pick dates - to keep our lovely area litter free.

All are welcome, pick tools, bin bags and high vis vests will be provided.

Gloves are recommended

Sundays 10.30 - 12.00

26th June 10.30 meet at Cross Hands pub on Tewkesbury Road.

31st July 10.30 meet at Swindon Village Hall.

25th September meet at Cross Hands Pub.

Contact: Helen Wells. Tel: 07770 986078





PICNIC IN THE PARK! SATURDAY 4TH JUNE 2022 FROM 12 - 5PM @ SWINDON VILLAGE PARK



DOG SHOW

HAS YOUR POOCH GOT THE WAGGIEST TAIL? LOUDEST BARK? BEST TRICKS? BRING YOUR DOG ALONG ON THE DAY! THERE WILL BE LOTS OF CATAGORIES TO BE ENTERED!

TOMBOLA PRIZES

WE ARE COLLECTING PRIZES FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND UNWANTED / UNUSED GIFTS / ITEMS FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS. PLEASE DONATE THEM TO THE VILLAGE HALL BAR ON A FRIDAY NIGHT OR CALL US TO COLLECT. EXAMPLES: BUSINESS GIFT VOUCHERS / FREE PASSES / ALCOHOL / FOOD PRODUCTS / BEAUTY PRODUCTS / BOOKS ETC. IN-DATE, UNOPENED ITEMS ONLY PLEASE!

VOLUNTEERS!



TO MAKE THESE COMMUNITY EVENTS HAPPEN WE NEED HELP! PLEASE CAN YOU SPARE ANYTHING FROM ONE TO TWO HOURS ON THE DAY TO HELP? BE A JUDGE? HELP SET UP? RUN A STALL? THERE'S LOTS TO DO! IF YOU CAN LEND A HAND PLEASE TEXT OR CALL KARREN ON 07786 412538 - THANK YOU!!



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DOG SHOW - BEST CROWN PARADE - PONY RIDES -SKITTLES - WELLIE WANGING - SPLAT THE RAT -EGG & SPOON RACE - 3 LEGGED RACE - CROQUET -PARACHUTE - FAMILY CRICKET OR ROUNDERS -BYO PICNIC - KIDS CRAFTS - LIVE ENTERTAINMENT -VARIOUS STALLS & STANDS

VILLAGE HALL OPEN ALL DAY DISCO & FOOD FROM 6PM UNTIL LATE!* *Buy £5/adult entry & get a £3 food voucher and a drink!



- 100 Paneworks
- 2.50 Gymnestics
- 300 Drown Parale
- 330 Gymnastics
- 15 Winners & Tombola Announcement-s

Pony Rides 2.00 - 400

- 200 Bagt The Gode
- 199 Bag and spoon race
- 2.00 5 Looped Pace
- 2.5 Wheelerrow Face 230 Femiles Cricket or

Roundary

Crafts & Softplay 2.00 - 5.00 130 Paradiult

Schtles, Can Bash, Glant Janga Groquet, Balbons in a car, Tombola, Splat the rat

Villags Hall

12.00 - Midnight for we be open at day 6.00 Groups Pieco & Surger Van (For Hisket's please soud) winter days de pad com

Wymans Road Entrance

DANCING QUEENSS Don't forget to book your evening tickets for the

Swindon Village

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Village Hall Disco after the Picnic In The Park on

SATURDAY4TH JUNE

6pm till Late. £5 / ticket gets you guaranteed entry, £3 food voucher and a drink! Children can come for free.

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The Editor(s)

In a month where everyone is talking about the Jubilee, it makes me think about living in Britain and what that means. I must admit I love being British. I really enjoy going away on holiday but am (almost) always glad to be home.

It's difficult to define what it means to be British. For me it's a combination of little things: Our love of a cup of tea (from a teapot if you please); favouring the underdog in most competitions; pantomimes and traditions, whether they are formal like trooping the colour or completely bonkers like the cheese rolling. (I might not want to join in with either of them, but I find it reassuring that they exist).

Whilst you might not be a royalist and revel in the Jubilee celebrations, the chance to join with family or friends and enjoy a party atmosphere can only be a good thing. Oh, and the extra bank holiday isn't a bad thing!

Karren

Community garage sale day – a success!

Thank you to all who supported the community garage sale held in May, whether this was by holding a stall, or walking round and visiting them. I count this event as a success mainly because, on a personal note, we did manage to sell more stuff than we bought from others! But overall it was great to see a large number of households taking part – in my short walk around the block with my son I counted 18, so I am sure there were more on the day. The best bit for me was meeting and chatting to neighbours who I didn't know. So thank you all!

As a bit of a tester event ,I think we can now aim to run something similar regularly – perhaps once or twice a year. It would be really useful to have any feedback or ideas for improvement that people may have! If you are interested in helping to organise the next one please get in touch with me.

Thank you again!

Lisa Whitaker, Parish Councillor

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FUNDRAISING QUIZ NIGHT

at SV Hall

FRIDAY 1st JULY 7.30pm start

In aid of Guy Stanford's fundraising for the World Scout Jamboree trip in Summer 2023



Tables of 4 - £10 a table – please email <u>clairestamf3791@gmail.com</u> to book

We are also running a CASH ONLY TOMBOLA on the night

Bekah's Bites

The Ultimate Salad (Base)

Not necessarily a recipe and mostly common-sense but so good! I used to hate eating salads... then someone taught me this 'recipe' and now I, unbelievably, voluntarily eat them.

Ingredients:

- Lettuce / Leaves of choice
- Cucumber
- Tomatoes (cherry/plum/salad either is fine)
- Sundried tomatoes
- Spring Onions
- Gherkins
- Celery
- Olives (pitted is easier)
- Roasted Red Peppers

Method:

1. Chop / rip up the lettuce, depending on how lazy you feel

2. Chop everything else up into your desired size, for example, I prefer my gherkins smaller because I don't like them over-powering everything!

3. For my dressing I use a little bit of brine from either the olives or gherkins and some oil from the sundried tomatoes

4...that's it

I'm now the designated salad maker in the house because of the high reviews it has received. Some of my favourite 'extra' toppings include:

- Hummus and Falafel (double chickpea is always a winner, drizzled in hot sauce is a game changer)
- Chopped hard boiled eggs, drizzled with green pesto
- Chicken and bacon
- Feta

The Swindon Village Society

In April, Alan Pilbeam returned to us to tell us about Henry VIII's royal progress around Gloucestershire in 1535. Kings tended to make such trips in those days to see and be seen. One of Henry's motives for this trip was to take a good look at the many monasteries and priories around, to get some idea of what they were worth, if he did go with the plan to take them over and convert them to cash. Thomas Cromwell was with him and had similar ideas. Anne Boleyn was there as well but her main interest was to see if the religious foundations were abiding with their obligation to look after the poor and infirm. Indeed she had with her a large quantity of clothes made by her ladies for distribution to the poor. She was a very well educated lady and this talk definitely raised my opinion of her.

Also with the party were a retinue of up to 500: soldiers, aristocrats, servants. Many a heart must have sunk when the message was received that Henry and pals were coming over and stopping for a couple of days. No Sainsbury's just down the road or Ocado vans in those days so a lot of head scratching and calling in of favours. Henry and Anne's other great interest was in getting in some deer hunting and many of these religious foundations had a deer park. In fact, for our speaker this was of as much interest as all the other aspects of the trip because he is a geographer and so very interested in how the institutions visited had changed the landscape and how this still affects the landscape we see today.

Anyway, a very interesting talk but it was seem that the nearest Henry and entourage got to Swindon Village was probably Elmstone as he made the journey from Tewkesbury to Gloucester.

The matter of a garden visit in July has now been resolved with a planned evening visit to Oak House in Gretton on Wednesday 20th July. Entrance will cost £5 each and we will decide nearer the date whether we go for tea and buns at an additional £3.50.

Come and join us. Just turn up at a meeting. Annual membership is: Single £10, Double or Family £20. Or come and give us a trial. Visitors at any meeting except the Summer Garden party are welcome.

Barry Simon

Wednesday Club

As you are all probably aware, Wednesday club closed its doors in January 2022 after approximately 60 years of meetings.

As I understand, it all started as a Young Wives meeting in each other's houses on the first Wednesday of each month. The numbers increased sufficiently to warrant moving to the old Village Hall and then to the new hall when completed.

I joined for the first time in 1978 when we moved to the village. We have had speakers ever since I have been a member, but I don't know when this started. Over the years, we have had some fantastic speakers (and the odd one or two not so good).

Members took it in turns to provide supper throughout the year and were asked to bring along a mixture of savoury and sweet items. December was always our Christmas Party and the food and drink was provided by the committee.

We are all sad about closing but with member numbers getting low, it couldn't continue. Also, committee members' lives were changing, mine included. There were five of us on the committee and had all been on the committee for several years. The committee members at the closing down of Wednesday Club were Gill Groves, Rose Morris, Maggie Pointing, Shirley Ruxton and Pauline Wright. A big "Thank You" to them all for their support over the years.

At our AGM this year, it was decided that any remaining funds be donated to local charities. I have split this money equally between St Lawrence Church, Swindon Village and Maggie's Cheltenham. It wasn't a great deal of money but I hope it can go to help them in some way.

With many heartfelt thanks to all Villagers that have helped over the years.

Pauline Wright

Village Hall

What's on at the Village Hall

Sunday	9.30 - 10.30am	Clubbercise	
Monday	5 - 6pm 6 - 7.15pm 7.15 - 8.30pm	Beavers Cubs Scouts	
Tuesday	4 - 7.30pm 7.30 - 9.30pm	Gymnastics Promenade Proc	luctions
Wednesday	6 - 7pm	Chi Chi Fitness	
	7.30 - 9.30pm	Swindon Village Society	(3rd week of month)
	7.30 - 9.30pm	Wine Club	(4th week of month in bar)
Thursday	4 -6pm 6.15 - 7.15pm 7.30 - 9.30 7.30 - 9.30	Gymnastics Zumba Art Club Medals Club	(2nd week of month in bar)
Friday	1.30 - 4.40pm 5 - 6pm 6.15 - 8.30pm 7pm - 11pm	Little Kickers Rainbows Rangers Bar open	

Quiz #15

Thank you to everyone who came to support the Village Hall's "Pub Quiz" night last month. I hope you all had a good time. I enjoyed writing an "in person" quiz for a change! For those of you whose thirst for quizzes has yet to be quenched, there is a fundraising quiz being held at the Hall on the 1st July (details elsewhere in the newsletter).

In honour of her Platinum Jubilee, this month's quiz is all themed around the Royal family (just about).

1, How many Grandchildren does the Queen have?

2. In which year did the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton take place?

3. "Honi soit qui mal y pense" is the motto of which elite order of chivalry?

4, How old was Queen Elizabeth at her coronation in 1952?

5. In the Royle Family, the head of the household was played by which actor?

6. What are the two most common "regal" names among the Kings of England? (There have been eight rulers with each of these names).

7. What are Queen Elizabeth's two middle names?

8. What animal represents Scotland on the Royal family's coat of arms?

9. What was Queen Victoria's given first name?

10. What is the name of the Gloucestershire estate on which members of the Phillips and Tindall family both live?

Answers on page 22



Answers to quiz:

- 1. 8
- 2. 2011
- 3. Order of the Garter
- 4. 27
- 5. Ricky Tomlinson
- 6. Henry and Edward
- 7. Alexandra Mary
- 8. Unicorn
- 9. Alexandrina
- 10. Gatcombe

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