



CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

SUNDAY 7TH MAY 2023
AT SWINDON VILLAGE HALL AND PARK

Join us in the park for a village Hog Roast and lots of family fun & activities!

FREE ADMISSION!

**STARTS AT 2PM,
BAR OPEN 2PM-LATE,
HOG ROAST FROM 4PM, KARAOKE 6-8PM**

BOUNCY CASTLE • FUNKY BIKE • WHEEL OF FORTUNE • FOOTBALL • BOOK STALL
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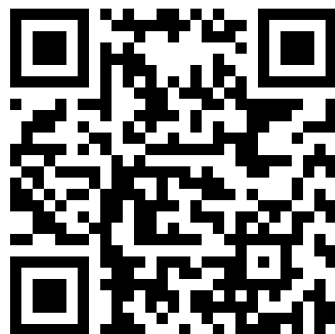
CORONATION HELPERS



**SUNDAY 7TH MAY 2023 SETTING UP FROM
12PM AT SWINDON VILLAGE HALL & PARK**

**We are looking for volunteers to help us with any of the following tasks.
If you can spare anything from 1 - 4 hours on the day please get in contact
by clicking the link below or emailing swindonvillagehall@gmail.com:**

- Tombola prize contributions
- Event set up
- Face painting
- Manning a stall
- Event packing up
- Bar work / glass collectors



**www.volunteersignup.org/Y9PTE
or contact Karren 07786 412538**

Village News

in Swindon Village, Cheltenham

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Upcoming Events



APRIL

Sunday 30th Litter Picking. Meet at Cross Hands 10.30

MAY

Sunday 7th Coronation Fair 2pm at the Village Hall

Wednesday 10th Digibus at the Village Hall

Monday 15th Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 17th Swindon Village Society. Talk – ‘Building a Medieval Cathedral’ by Peter Petrie. Based on the construction of Gloucester Cathedral. Village Hall 7.30pm. Visitors welcome.

JUNE

Saturday 3rd Art Club Exhibition 2pm - 4.30pm

Monday 12th Parish Council Meeting

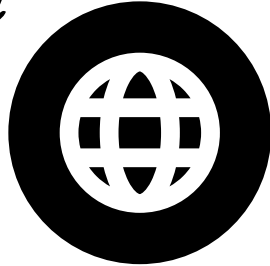
Wednesday 21st Swindon Village Society Garden Visit.
Details in next month's Village News.



A Connected Community!



Using your phone's camera to hover over each QR Code square below for direct link access.



Parish Council Website

For full, detailed information from and about the Parish Council visit www.swindonparish.org.uk



Parish Council Facebook Page

A public page for live information and news updates from the council:
www.facebook.com/swindonparish



Swindon Village Facebook Community Group

A private group for the discussion of local issues, sharing and requesting help in the local community.



Anti-Social Behaviour

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



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

NB: Get an INCIDENT REPORT NUMBER and let the parish know about it. If the police are not made aware of the problem THERE ISN'T A PROBLEM.



A Note From The Editor

Most of you who know me will be aware of my involvement in local groups. I cannot resist a local “cause”. First came the Village Hall who were looking for a new committee. Being Treasurer seemed a logical decision – it used skills I already had, and I could fit it around my job and the family. I felt like I was doing my bit. Soon, this developed into helping with the events and working behind the bar. I’d previously worked in catering and had always enjoyed it so why not? We have volunteers at the hall who give their time manning the Friday night bar and keeping the cellar in working order and other committee members who become heating engineers, caterers and cleaners at the drop of a hat! Thank you all!

Next came the Dark Lane Library, started during Covid. I am very pleased that this has continued and extremely thankful to Joan for taking this on now it has moved to its new drier locations in Quat Goose Lane and the Village Hall.

Taking on the Village News was my last project. I really couldn’t see it fold, so persuaded Katie to join me as co-editor. It does add to my grey hairs as I’m not the best with technology, but I have a very patient teacher. Maija, I am eternally grateful to you.

The thing of which I am most proud is that for one weekend a year I oversee ticket sales and all things financial at Prescott Hill Climb – a fundraiser for Blood Bikes. I will write more about the event next month, but in a nutshell, this is a one-day event where people come from all over the country to watch vintage and rare bikes run the hill on the Prescott track. I have a brilliant team of ten – all volunteers who man the gates, deal with enquiries, count the money and admit over 1000 people into the event.

There are many people behind the scenes who make all of these things possible. People often say to me “I don’t know how you do it all” and my point is that I don’t!

Karren

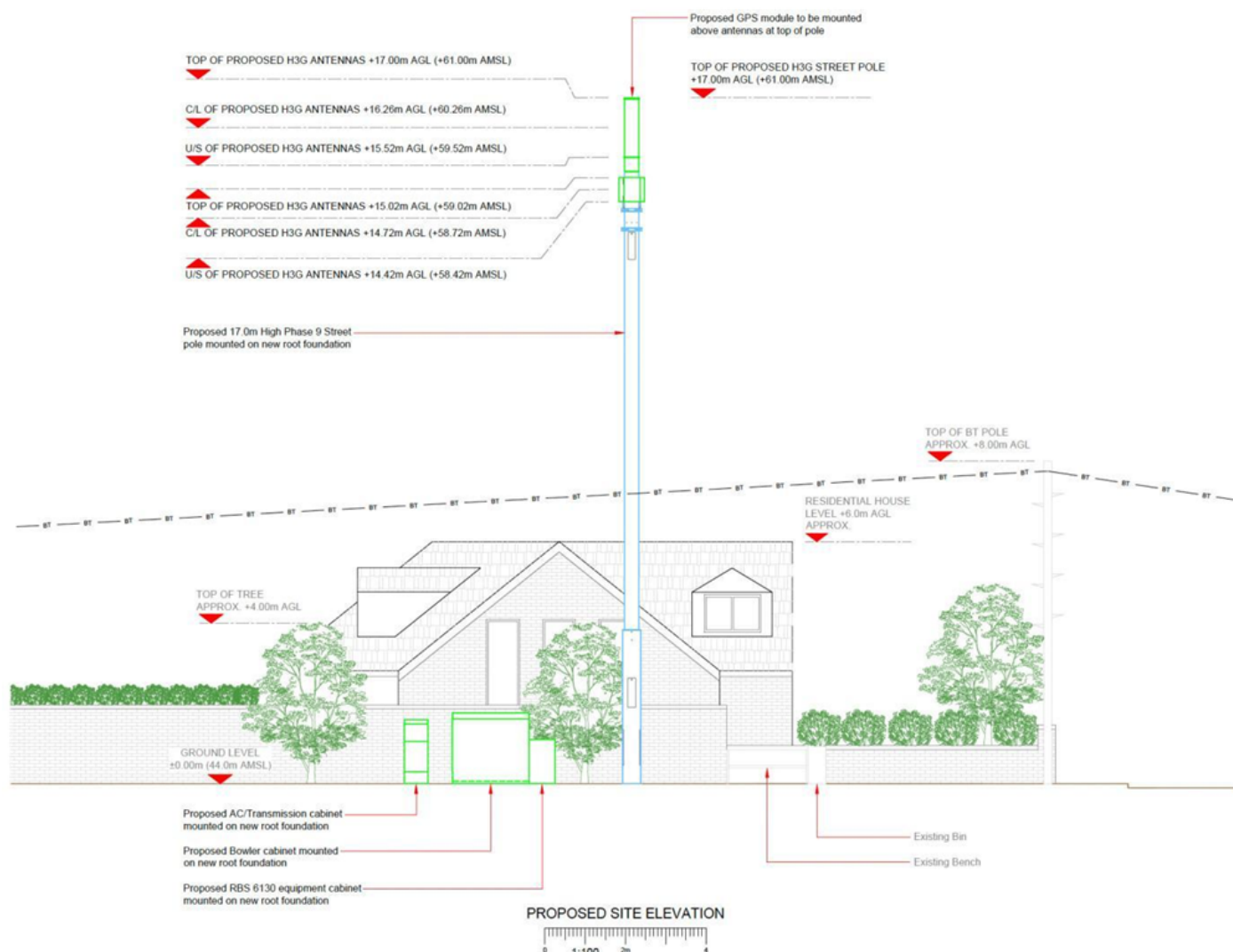


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SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

We have had two major planning applications to consider recently; the proposal for a telecoms mast to be built at the junction of Rivelands Road and Church Road, and the proposal for 180 homes to be built at Home Farm, Quat Goose Lane.

The principle of these developments is a done deal. The government is keen to extend high speed broadband access as a means of boosting the economy. We can't argue against the principle of these aerials being installed, but we can argue against their location.





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It would be difficult to pick a more inappropriate location for a tall aerial and its associated equipment. In total 113 comments were made to the Borough Council. The Planning Officer agreed and the application was refused. The Planning Officer stated that “The proposed mast, by reason of its size, siting and appearance, would have a detrimental impact on the design and character of the area, including that of the Swindon Village Conservation Area”.

The Parish Council would welcome the opportunity to discuss with the developer the siting of an aerial that meets the technical constraints in terms of coverage whilst also being sensitive to the character and visual amenity of the area.

Similarly, despite much opposition, the Joint Core Strategy (JCS) is now in place and allocates areas of land for housing in the Cheltenham/Gloucester/Tewkesbury areas. The Home Farm outline planning application is part of the broader Elms Park/North West Urban Extension detailed in the JCS. Again, the principle of development is established. However, any development must take account of factors including traffic, education, the environment, etc.

The proposals for the development at Home Farm generated a huge amount of concern locally. As I write 225 comments have been registered on the Borough Council planning portal. I know that some residents (and one of our Borough Councillors!) struggled to register their comments on the portal. The Borough Council has suggested that the sheer volume of comments has crashed the system!

For future reference the Borough Council has advised me that comments can also be submitted via email to either

"dcomments@cheltenham.gov.uk" or

"planning.comments@cheltenham.gov.uk".



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The Parish Council registered a number of concerns, one of the principal ones being the plans (or lack of them) for dealing with the traffic the new development will generate. In the outline planning application that has been submitted the intention is to route this traffic through Quat Goose Lane.

This planning application should be compliant with the JCS but the proposed arrangements for the increased traffic are completely at odds with it. This has also been recognised and commented upon by National Highways and by our Borough and County Councillors.

I have been advised that the Government's new Emergency Alerts system is now live, and many of you should have received a test message on 23rd April. The system will be used to warn people when lives are in danger. Emergency Alerts are sent to compatible



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mobile phones within an area of risk. They don't track your location, need your phone number, or collect personal data, and only the emergency services can send them. You can check an alert is genuine at gov.uk/alerts. An Emergency Alert is a loud, siren-like sound with a message on your screen. Find out more at gov.uk/alerts.

The system was tested in East Suffolk and Reading. Hard to understand how my wife's phone kept getting them then...

We are aware that there have been tree issues in the Amenity Area (behind Manor Court). Rather than address issues on an ad hoc basis we are intending to put in place a plan to actively manage the Amenity Area, including the stream and the trees.

The layers of fibre cabling have continued to enrage local residents. Roads and paths seem to be closed without any notice or the proper authority and trenches are left unguarded. The area in front of the noticeboard by the Cross Hands was actually cordoned off when I was trying to post notices. At the time the cable laying team was meeting with the big boss. Everyone was staring down into the trench and deep in melancholy discussion. Not wishing to distract them I slipped in behind them to put my agenda on the noticeboard. Eventually I was spotted and all hell broke loose. Given the apparently tenuous adherence to health and safety best practice I was amazed by the consternation that I invoked. The immediate concern appeared to be that the 18 inch deep 12 inch wide trench (45cm by 30cm for our younger readers) represented an immediate danger to my life. Between you and me I think attitudes were tempered by the presence of the big boss.



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On a personal note if I may I would like to thank my Parish Council colleagues and our friends and neighbours and for all their understanding and support during a period of ill health in the family. If this sentence causes my piece to cross a page boundary I'll pay for advertising space. And if you run a local business that is what you should be doing!

Shaun Cullimore

Clerk to Swindon Parish Council

Meet the Councillors!



Councillor Natalie Blankley

Councillor Natalie Blankley and her family have lived in the parish since 2015 and Natalie became a councillor in 2021. She is a doctor in the NHS and has three young boys, with the oldest two attending the local primary school

Natalie joined the Parish Council to make a difference as she has an interest in sustainability and is particularly concerned about safeguarding the local area for future generations. She is the council representative on the Swindon Village Hall committee.

In her limited free time, Natalie enjoys walking her dog around our green spaces, being Yorkshire born she loves a good cup of tea, reading and keeping active - spending time with her friends and family especially in the outdoors.



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Councillor Alison Berry

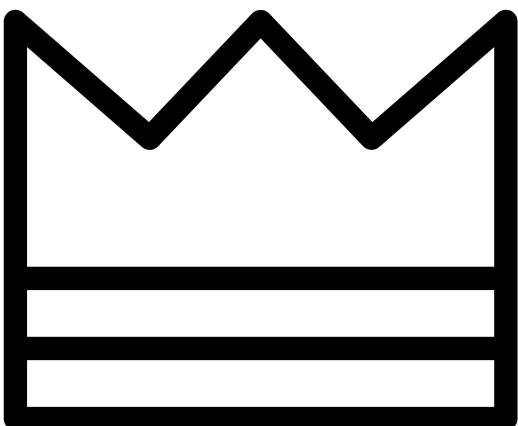
Councillor Alison Berry has lived in Cheltenham for over 20 years and in Swindon Village since 2021. She has been a councillor since 2022.

Although new to the council Alison has taken on the roles of flood and snow warden.

Alison lives with her husband and has two children at university. She works full time for a higher education data agency; and is also a trustee (governor) at a local secondary school.

Her main interests are local parks and the environment. She is particularly interested in how to mitigate the loss of the natural environment as a result of developments.

Outside of her work and other commitments, now that her children have mostly left home Alison is enjoying developing her green fingers in her new garden and is a keen cinema goer.



There will be chance to decorate your own crown at the Coronation Fair. Why not try out your design here?

Revised waste collection dates for early May bank holiday and the King's Coronation 2023

Normal Collection Day

Monday 1 May 2023 (Early
May bank holiday)

Tuesday 2 May 2023

Wednesday 3 May 2023

Thursday 4 May 2023

Friday 5 May 2023

Monday 8 May 2023

Tuesday 9 May 2023

Wednesday 10 May 2023

Thursday 11 May 2023

Friday 12 May 2023

Revised Collection Day

Saturday 29 April 2023

No change

No change

No change

No change

Tuesday 9 May 2023

Wednesday 10 May 2023

Thursday 11 May 2023

Friday 12 May 2023

Saturday 13 May 2023

Please note
that this is an
early
collection!

Normal collections resume Monday 15 May 2023



Save The Countryside Anniversary Walk

Celebrating years of strength in our community
voice and a passion for the beautiful place in
which we live!

Starting at Stantons Drive, Swindon Village

Sunday 21st May 2pm

Everyone welcome, including dogs and
horses Refreshments available at the end.



*For further details contact 07842 163876 (Anne)
or 07770 986078 (Helen)*



Community Litter Pickers



Sundays 10.30-12pm

30th April - starting from Cross Hands pub on Tewkesbury Rd

Urgent- Volunteer Delivery drivers Needed

Community Connexions is a local community transport organisation. We help many local residents by providing transport vital for helping people retain their independence and tackle loneliness from social and rural isolation.

We rely on volunteers to help deliver our services, without volunteers we wouldn't be able to take people shopping, to visit their loved ones or to health appointments.

We are in urgent need of volunteer drivers in your area. Drivers use their own vehicles and expenses are paid. For further information interested parties can email info@communityconnexions.org.uk or call 0345 680 5029.



St. Lawrence's Church

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Chatterbox



Every Tuesday
10.30am to 12noon



Pop in any time
Coffee/tea and biscuits
and a good old chat about anything and everything.
Everyone's welcome, old or new.
(It's free!)

From the registers

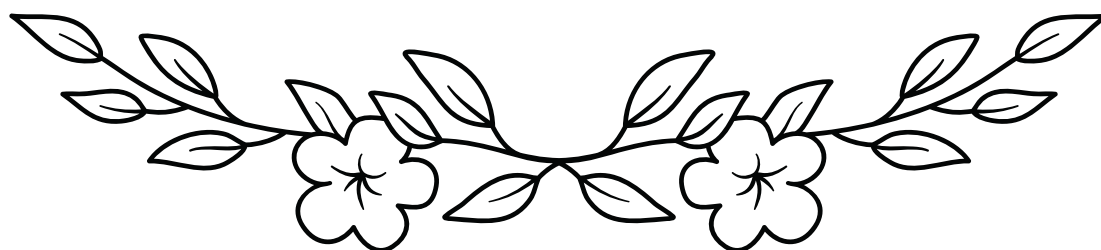


Funerals

We gave thanks for the life of

Mavis Bartholomew

28th March





St. Lawrence's Church

Praise in the Park



Sunday 4th June

3.30pm

Swindon Village Park

(near the Village Hall)

Come and sing some of your favourite hymns with a band from

The Salvation Army

Tea and cakes in the Village Hall afterwards

Retiring collection for

The Salvation Army and St. Lawrence's Church

Please bring your own chairs if possible



St. Lawrence's Church

 North Cheltenham
Team Ministry

St. Lawrence's Church
Swindon Village

Regular Services

1st Sunday of the month:

10.30am Together @ Ten Thirty all-age worship

6.30pm Holy Communion

All other Sundays:

9.15am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evening Prayer

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.

The office is not currently staffed regularly but phone calls and emails are being picked up. 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.



Quiz #24



QUIZ TIME!

On the 6th May, the coronation of the new King shall occur at Westminster Abbey. This month, all of the questions relate to the history of this important ceremony. **Good luck!**

1. The King and Queen consort will arrive at Westminster Abbey after a procession that begins at which royal palace?
2. During the ceremony, the King will sit and be crowned in the “coronation chair”. Which King is this named after, he commissioned the chair in 1300-1301.
3. Sometimes called “Jacob’s Pillow” or “The Tanist Stone”, what object was stolen from a ruined abbey near Perth in 1296? It is now kept with the Scottish crown jewels when not used in coronation events.
4. Traditionally, the ceremony is held in a mixture of two languages. English is one, what is the other?
5. Westminster Abbey has been the venue for all coronations since 1066, with one exception. Henry III was crowned at which cathedral in 1216, it was then called St. Peter’s Abbey?
6. The coronation in 1689 was a very unusual occasion, as it was and remains the only coronation when two joint monarch were crowned, who were they?
7. Although coronations are usually grand affairs, what was the regnal number of William, who was crowned in 1831, was nicknamed the “penny King” due to the frugality of his event, which finished without the traditional banquet?



8. Two Kings of England never had a coronation. One was Edward V one of the “princes in the tower” who may have been killed before he could be crowned. The other abdicated before he could be crowned in ceremony, what was his name?
9. The regalia for the ceremony had to be re-made for the coronation of Charles II, after the original regalia was destroyed in which war of the 1600s?
10. Every coronation since George III has featured a piece of music called “Zadok the Priest”, created by which famous German composer?

Philippa blazes a trail in Paris Part 2

I hope you all enjoyed last month's article about Philippa and her wonderful wheelchair rugby. I inadvertently omitted the photo showing her in action defending the ball in the gold medal match. I apologise profusely and hopefully late is better than never so here it is...





The Swindon Village Society

In March, James Rendell came to tell us about H H Martyn, a remarkable man and a remarkable firm. The man came from the humblest origins. He was born in 1842 into a very working class family in Worcester. At 14, he was apprenticed to a picture frame maker. Later, he studied at the School of Design in London where he became a journeyman architectural carver, earning 7 shillings a week. Soon, he moved to a firm in Worcester carrying out restoration work on Worcester Cathedral and when that firm moved to Cheltenham he moved with them. He then set up as a freelance carver in wood and stone and worked on many local churches. In 1888 he formed H H Martyn and Co as an association of craftsmen. Finally, in 1900, together with his son, the firm became a private limited company which undertook cabinet making, wrought iron work and making small objects in bronze and gunmetal, plasterwork and joinery. By 1909 the firm employed 200 craftsmen and they undertook work fitting out ocean liners such as P & O's Queens and they also undertook work in Buckingham Palace and the Houses of Parliament including making the Speaker's Chair.

Because of their woodworking skills, in the First World War they were contracted to make aircraft fuselages and in 1917 established the Gloster Aircraft Company in a 50/50 venture with Airco of Hendon. At first they made the aircraft in Cheltenham, either in a factory at Sunningend near the railway station which can still be seen, and also in the Winter Gardens glasshouse which stood in what is now Imperial Gardens in town. Later Gloster's bought Hucclecote airfield and moved manufacturing there. At the start of the Second World War, the firm created a large new factory on the other side of the airfield and changed its name to Brockworth. In the first year of the war, they built one-thousand Hawker Hurricane fighters and later three-thousand three-hundred Hawker Typhoons.



The Swindon Village Society

While doing this, they also made Britain's first jet aircraft, the Gloster E28/39 at Regents Garage in the middle of town. This was then taken to Brockworth for taxi trials and actually became airborne for three hundred yards on one of these tests. Its first official flight was made later at RAF Cranwell in Lincolnshire but Britain's first actual jet flight really took place just down the road from here.

Gloster's also spawned several other local aircraft firms such as Dowty's but finally closed in 1984 when along with most other British aircraft firms it was amalgamated into British Aerospace. For many years H H Martyns and its offshoots were the biggest employers in the area. Not bad for a chap who rose from almost nowhere.

As ever, remember that new members are always welcome and visitors are welcome at any meeting for £2. We will be glad to see you.

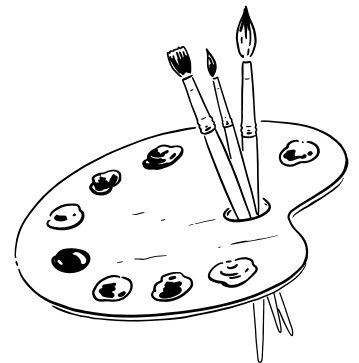
Barry Simon



Swindon Village Arts & Craft Club

Our forthcoming exhibition is approaching!

It will be held in the Village Hall, on Saturday 3rd June with doors open from 2pm-4:30pm. Admission is free and tea and cakes will be available on the day.



This will be a great opportunity to see the great work that has been produced by our members on club nights, and we look forward to welcoming many visitors.

EVERY SCHOOL
HOLIDAY!

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Aubergine Lasagna (Serves 4/5)

Ingredients.

- 3 small/regular aubergines or equivalent
- Lasagna sheets
- Carton of passata
- 100g of cheddar cheese
- 50g butter
- 4tbsp plain flour
- 500ml milk
- 1 clove of garlic
- Herbs – I use basil, oregano, chili, rosemary and thyme
- Olive oil



Method:

1. Preheat the oven to 180 degrees.
2. Cut the aubergines into 1cm rounds and lay them flat in an oiled baking tray and season with salt and pepper.
3. Cook in the oven for 15 minutes, turning them over half-way through.
4. Add the passata (rinse the carton and add some water too), herbs and chopped garlic to a saucepan season generously with salt and pepper and heat until hot.
5. Next make the cheese sauce. Add the butter, flour and milk to a saucepan and heat it up while whisking continuously. The butter will melt, the milk with heat, the flour will disappear, and the sauce will thicken – and your arm will ache!
6. Add in the cheese, season with salt and pepper, delicate on the salt as the cheese is salty and keep whisking – maybe switch arms just to even out the muscle growth!



Bekah's Bites

7. Time to assemble the lasagna! Find an oven-proof dish, roughly 20cm squared or equivalent.
8. First put a layer of aubergines, then a layer of lasagna sheets, then enough passata to cover the pasta, finally the cheese sauce on top.
9. Repeat step 8 until you run out of aubergines – I normally have 3 layers – it looks very aesthetically pleasing if the final layer of cheese sauce is solid so you can't see the passata.
10. Add some extra cheese on top, measure with your heart.
6. Bake in the oven for at least 25 minutes, I normally do between 30 and 40 for an extra crispy top!
11. Enjoy!

Kerry Nailed It!

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 07961 582465  @kerrynailedit  @kerrynailedit

Answers to Quiz:

1. Buckingham Palace
2. Edward I
3. Stone of Scone
4. Latin
5. Gloucester Cathedral
6. William and Mary
7. William IV
8. Edward VIII
9. English Civil War
10. Handel



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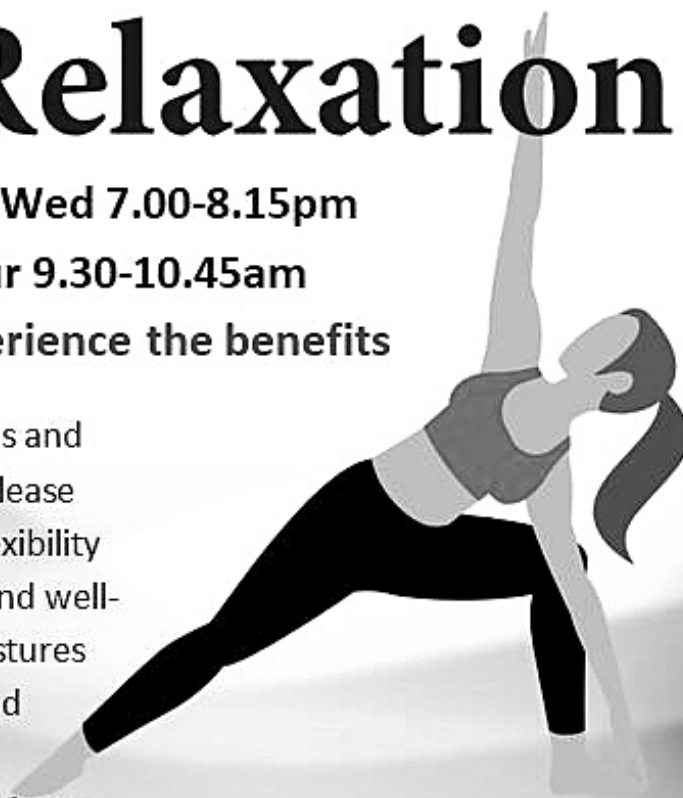
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SWINDON PARISH COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

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Rainbow Guider	Hannah Butler	07464 784155
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Village Hall Chair	Jana Bridger	07913 911930 swindonvillagehall@gmail.com www.svhall.co.uk
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Village Hall Booking Secretary	Jana Bridger	07514 594351
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Play Group	(Playgroup hours)	690479
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Winemakers' Secretary	Roy Harper	662861
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School Headteacher	Geraint Mills	690016
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Art & Crafts Club	Lynne	07515 461876
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Swindon Village Society	Barry Simon	521723
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Mary Godwin Under 5s	(Playgroup hours)	mgu5@hotmail.co.uk
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Marle Hill W.L.	Sara Jefferies	07477894639 / 692500
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Save The Countryside	Helen Wells	07770 986078
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Please inform the editors of any changes to the contact details for village organisations. We have had a request to provide contact details for the classes held at the hall. We are currently compiling this and hope to include it next month.

Deadline for the next issue of the Village News is the 16th April 2023

Please send contributions to the editors via Karren Parsons
at 29 Dark Lane or e-mail village-news@swindonparish.org.uk



Revised waste collection dates for Spring and Summer bank holiday 2023

Normal Collection Day Revised Collection Day

Monday 29 May 2023 Tuesday 30 May 2023

Tuesday 30 May 2023 Wednesday 31 May 2023

Wednesday 31 May 2023 Thursday 1 June 2023

Thursday 1 June 2023 Friday 2 June 2023

Friday 2 June 2023 Saturday 3 June 2023

Normal collections resume Monday 5 June 2023

Monday 28 August 2023

Tuesday 29 August 2023

Tuesday 29 August 2023

Wednesday 30 August 2023

Wednesday 30 August 2023

Thursday 31 August 2023

Thursday 31 August 2023

Friday 1 September 2023

Friday 1 September 2023

Saturday 2 September 2023

Normal collections resume Monday 4 September 2023

SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr. James Cornish (Chairman)	07950 196709
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Cllr. Lisa Whitaker	07715 470842
Clr. Sharon Collicutt	07884 184423
Cilr. Natalie Blankley	07725 948935
Clr. Alison Berry	07754 006634
Clr. Lynne Allen	07979 890134

Vacancy 1 (please get in touch if you would be interested in joining)

Vacancy 2 (please get in touch if you would be interested in joining)

Mr Shaun Cullimore (Clerk to the Council) 07833 089435
parish.clerk@swindonparish.org.uk

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Clr. Flo Clucas	255844
Cllr. Bernard Fisher	07523 421012

County Councillor

Cllr. Bernard Fisher	07523 421012
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Allotments Manager

Ian Brown	528683
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Swindon Parish and Community Website: <https://swindonparish.org.uk>

ST.LAWRENCE'S CHURCH

Part of the North Cheltenham Team Ministry

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	May Shurmer.....	241033
Tower Captain:	Hugh Evans,.....	241678
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North Cheltenham Team Ministry Office

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The office is open on Monday to Friday 9am to 12 noon. Outside these hours please leave a message on the answer phone.

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