

Village News

in Swindon Village, Cheltenham

Your local newsletter sponsored by the Parish Council and delivered by volunteers.

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Upcoming Events



OCTOBER

Sunday 6th Litter Pick. Meet 10.30am at Village Hall

Monday 7th WI Meeting 7.30 St Nicholas Church Hall

Monday 14th Parish Council Meeting - 7:30pm in the Village Hall bar area

Wednesday 16th Swindon Village Society. 7.30pm Village Hall
Talk - The ' Boatbuilding in Tewkesbury'
by John Dixon. Non members welcome £3

NOVEMBER

Monday 11th Parish Council Meeting - 7:30pm in the Village Hall bar area

Sunday 17th Litter Pick. Meet 10.30am at The Cross Hands

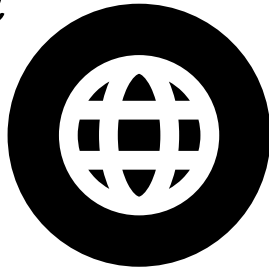
Wednesday 20th Swindon Village Society. 7.30pm Village Hall
Talk - 'The History of Gloucester Docks'
by Tony Condor. Non members welcome £3.



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Parish Council Website

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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.

St. Lawrence's Church

It's the annual

Quiz & Hot Potato Supper Evening

Saturday 26th October

Village Hall

7pm for 7.30pm

£10 per person

Jacket potatoes with a choice of toppings
(chilli, chicken, sausage, ratatouille)
followed by an appley pudding

Team quiz - 6 bottles of wine for the winning team
(maximum 6 people per team)

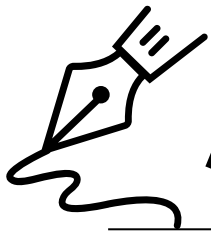
Bar open

Raffle

Book as a team or make one up on the night

Karen Evans - tel. 01242 241678

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A Note From The Editor

I had quite an old-fashioned upbringing:

We sat at the table for meals, except for tea on a Sunday which was served off the coffee table in the sitting room. Dad got changed out his work clothes when he got home and Mum would brush her hair and put lipstick on for when Dad arrived back. My Mum had a part time job until we were older and was almost always at home when we got back from school. I like to think my brother and I appreciated this, but I think it was probably the hot ribena ready with a warm towel after a wet cycle home!

We had a large extended family on both sides of the family and spent lots of time with cousins, grandparents and aunts and uncles. Some of the aunts and uncles were even blood relatives and not just Mum's friends from down the road - but back then everyone pitched in, and family was who you spent time with.

When you spent time with these people, many of them older, you had to watch your manners. Life was a series of pleases and thank yous. This Village News is very similar! We have some requests for help and some thank yous too. Please do give a little time if you can - it makes such a difference to others. For example, our lovely Joan who maintains the Village libraries does so when she's on her daily walk. We are very grateful for her detours to the libraries at the bus shelter and Village Hall.

I must also mention the sharing wall. For anyone who doesn't have Facebook, the wall at the corner of Stantons Drive and Dark Lane often hosts surplus fruit and vegetables that can be taken by anyone. Thank you to Arran for setting this up.

I am also going to take advantage of this “please and thank you” edition of the Village News, to ask for some help. Rebekah our resident recipe writer is flying the coop. In all honesty, she’s only moving to the other side of the Parish, but her new job means that she has very little free time. Would anybody like to take this on? It doesn’t have to be every month and could even be a few people submitting a couple of times a year.

When I compile the Village News, I must make sure that the edition consists of pages in multiple of fours for the printers. You can bet that I always have a few spaces to fill up and have used colouring, word searches etc in the past. It would really help to have a “stock” of items to add in when needed. It could be anything from the wonderful article about Guy Richie that we have later (no peeping), to a fun fact section, recipes or even a jokes section. Remember it’s your village news, so let me know what you’d like to see.

Finally, although our values growing up were old fashioned, they weren’t quite so archaic as the hints given to me by my lovely neighbour. She found them in a newspaper when cleaning out her loft. So, for your amusement...

“Table cloths will wear longer if, when ironed, they are folded in three one week and four the next”

“When starched linens have become too dry to iron, spread a damp cloth under each item to be ironed”

More next month...

Karren

P.S. I have a book of Dad jokes if anyone needs inspiration?



Swindon Parish Council

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

SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Last month I featured the ongoing debate about whether housing could be built at Home Farm, using the Village roads for access. We are delighted to see that Gloucestershire Highways have made their position very clear.

The Highway Authority has undertaken a detailed assessment of the planning application. Based on the analysis of the information submitted the Highway Authority concludes that the use of Swindon Village for general purpose access and construction traffic would not provide safe and suitable access for all users and therefore recommends that this application is refused.

We are delighted that GCC Highways supports the view of the Parish Council and the local residents.



We have been subjected to continuous disruption from various roadworks in recent months. Manor Road has at last been reopened but with traffic light controls so that work can continue on one carriageway at a time. According to the permit that has been issued this phase should end on 14th November. One of our Parish Councillors has been

told the traffic lights will remain in place for 28 weeks!

Church Road was under traffic light control again. We have also had road works in Hayden Road, Tewkesbury Road and Swindon Lane. Our Borough Councillor is seeking a meeting with the appropriate authorities to see if better coordination is possible.



Swindon Parish Council

We haven't had any problems with travellers in recent times, but they did attempt to break into the park on the night of 16th August. Thankfully the current security measures appear to have discouraged them.

We inch ever closer to owning the Village Hall car park. All of the paperwork has been signed and is with the solicitor. We have also agreed a contract for the urgently needed repairs to the sewers. To minimise disruption to users of the hall excavation work will start just before half term but will carefully avoid causing any access issues. The excavation outside the main entrance will take place during half term when use of the hall is minimal.

Our litter pick on 8th September was very sparsely attended. Well done to Sharon for leading. We were missing one of our stalwarts due to a bereavement. You are in our thoughts. Love and best wishes to you at a difficult time.

Sadly, another passing to report. David Iliffe, long time Parish Councillor, passed away on 25th July. David's knowledge and patience (and sense of humour) were a huge help to me when I became Parish Clerk. David was made our first Freeman of the Parish on 8th August 2017 for his outstanding service to the parish. David moved to Stroud for family reasons but always retained his love of Swindon Parish. Our thoughts are with David's family and many friends.



Cheers David!



Swindon Parish Council

The Parish Council has received an appeal on behalf of elderly residents to organise/facilitate the provision of handyman services. Even tasks as apparently simple as changing a light bulb can be problematic for people with limited mobility. The Parish Council discussed the matter. Whilst we would love to help we think it would be difficult to maintain some kind of register. After all, we could be responsible for introducing individuals who are unknown to us into the homes of vulnerable people. If anyone has an idea as to how such a scheme might be operated safely let us know. We would also encourage tradesmen who may be able to help to advertise their services in the Village News. In the absence of any formal scheme the Parish Councillors would generally be happy to assist individuals if necessary.

The police were present at the Village Hall on the 14th September security marking bikes and adding them to the bike register. Over 20 bikes were processed. If a stolen bike is recovered, its entry on the bike register allows it to be reunited with its owner. The temper-proof security markings applied to the machine may also deter casual thieves. The police provide this service regularly so there will be other opportunities if you missed this one and your bike isn't stolen in the interim!

More for the police. Does anyone know who is writing this graffiti tag?





Swindon Parish Council



It is appearing on both public and private property all round the area. Some of the Parish Councillors are spending time trying to remove the offending graphics. The Borough Council is also involved in cleaning up after this person, and that costs money which, ultimately, we all pay. If you know who is doing this please tell us or the police or the Borough Council.

Finally, I was looking at dog leads on Amazon. One example said “Store it in an airtight, dark, and cool place. Do not swallow. Avoid contact with eyes, mouth, and nose.” Is that your eyes, nose and mouth or the dog's?

Shaun Cullimore
Clerk to Swindon Parish Council

St. Lawrence's Church

Chatterbox

Every Tuesday

10.30am to 12noon

Pop in for coffee/tea and biscuits
and a good old chat about
anything and everything.



Everyone's welcome, old or new. (It's free!)



St. Lawrence's Church

RECTORY REFLECTIONS - REV JACQUELINE

Summer has been and gone, in what seems to have been a mixed cycle of rain, a heatwave and a return to “normal” temperatures. We feel the transition of the seasons more keenly when the differences are so diverse. Autumn marks the start of something new, which I for one anticipate with excitement and a sense of joie de vivre. The colours of the leaves, the crisp mornings and the shorter days remind us that nothing stays the same. Whilst we have enjoyed glorious sunshine, warm evenings and perhaps the chance of a holiday, October heralds a change in pace, both in nature and our lives.

Autumn gives us opportunity to appreciate and admire the beauty of the world in which we live. It's important to take the time to stop and look at our surroundings and make the most of the here and now. We live busy lives and the hustle and bustle often prevents us from reflecting on the things which we might take for granted. This is the time where we look forward to slowing down, to letting go of the frenetic activities of the summer months. We may not be quite ready to pack away our summer clothes or banish the camping equipment to the garage or attic for yet another year! But just as nature shifts, it is important that we change with seasons too. As we celebrate the harvest of crops and fruits, we gather in ourselves and our energies to refocus on what lies ahead.

Winter seems a long way off, but creation is preparing for the colder months. Nature begins to let go of the things it doesn't need in order to sustain itself and be ready for growth in the Spring. Animals and birds begin to store food for the winter. Perhaps we could use autumn as a period to let go of the extraneous things which are preventing us from growing, whether that's emotionally, spiritually, or socially. After all, “change is inevitable, growth is optional.” (John McKewan)



St. Lawrence's Church

In our churches, we celebrate Harvest as both an ending and a beginning. Endings are not always synonymous with sadness but can be a celebration of what is to come. If we walk through our transitions with hope and faith, the new seasons in our lives will be full of anticipation rather than trepidation. God is beside us, even in those moments when we find life difficult. The steadfastness and predictability of God's love for everyone means that we can feel enabled to let go of the things which are holding us back from being who God intends us to be.

“Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.” (James 5. 7-8)

From the registers



Baptism

We welcomed into the family of the church

Ruth Lyra Tomkinson 1st September



Funeral

We commemorated the life of

Eunice Mary Owen 13th September



St. Lawrence's Church

Services and Events in October

6th	Sunday	10.45am	Harvest service at St. Mary Magdalene, Elmstone Hardwicke with the Bishop of Tewkesbury, (No evening service today)
8th	Tuesday	10.30am -	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In
		12noon	
		7.00pm	Holy Communion
10th	Wednesday	10.00am -	Church open for private prayer
		12noon	
13th	Sunday	9.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		6.30pm	Evensong
15th	Tuesday	10.30am -	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In
		12noon	
16th	Wednesday	10.00am -	Church open for private prayer
		12noon	
20th	Sunday	9.15am	Holy Communion
		6.30pm	Evensong
22nd	Tuesday	10.30am -	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In
		12noon	
23rd	Wednesday	10.00am -	Church open for private prayer
		12noon	
26th	Saturday	7 for 7.30pm	Annual Quiz and Hot Potato Supper in the Village Hall
27th	Sunday	9.15am	Holy Communion
		6.30pm	Evensong

Services and events in November

3rd	Sunday	10.30am Together @ Ten Thirty for All Saints 5.00pm All Souls - a service to remember those we love who have died (No Evensong today)
5th	Tuesday	10.30am - Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In 12noon
6th	Wednesday	10.00am - Church open for private prayer 12noon
10th	Sunday	Remembrance Sunday 9.15am Holy Communion 10.45am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial (No evening service today)
12th	Tuesday	10.30am - Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In 12noon
13th	Wednesday	10.00am - Church open for private prayer 12noon
17th	Sunday	9.15am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong
19th	Tuesday	10.30am - Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In 12noon
20th	Wednesday	10.00am - Church open for private prayer 12noon
24th	Sunday	9.15am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong
26th	Tuesday	10.30am - Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In 12noon
27th	Wednesday	10.00am - Church open for private prayer 12noon



St. Lawrence's Church

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

St. Lawrence's Church is part of the



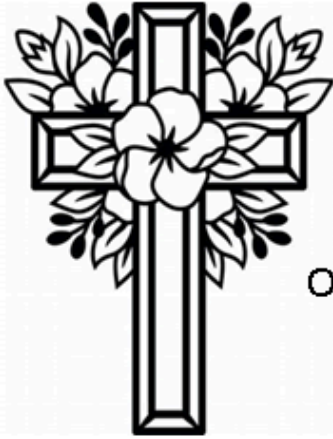
Enquiries about baptisms or weddings

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 Karen in the Team Office on 01242 244373 or admin@northchelt.org.uk

You can contact the Team Vicar, Revd. Jacqueline Henson, by email: revjacquelinehenson@gmail.com or by phone: 01242 220053 or via the office as above.



St. Lawrence's Church



St. Lawrence's Church

All Souls service

Sunday 3rd November at 5.00pm

Our annual service to remember all those we love

who have died

Everyone is welcome

If you would like the name of a loved one read out during the service please contact Karen Evans – karen.j.evans@outlook.com or 01242 241678



St. Lawrence's Church

Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th December

“Our natural world”

Only 2 months to go - start designing your tree!

Everyone, individuals and groups, is welcome to take part -

help us grow a bumper crop of trees this year!

Details from Karen Evans tel. 01242 241678



The Swindon Village Society

In August we had our garden party. It did not rain. In fact it was as fine an evening's weather as we could hope for. About 20 members congregated in the back garden of No 3, The Hall. And Sarah and I have to say it was good to see you all. The white wine was reasonably cool and the red wasn't. However, I could not possibly tell you all the things that were discussed or writs could ensue. So this will be quite a short report.

So, what do we have coming up? Well, in October we have John Dixon along to tell us about 'Boat Building in Tewkesbury'. I do know that John worked on the boats that plied their trade on the Severn in days of yore. I do believe that he was also Mayor of Tewkesbury. So we have a pretty authoritative speaker. I also seem to remember that Tewkesbury built small fast craft for the services in the Second World War – possibly Air Sea rescue craft and such like. However, this is possibly wrong so do not put money on this fact in the pub quiz. If you really want to know what happened come along on 16th October and find out.

In the week I that I write this report I have been checking out a walk for the group I walk with. It is from Swindon Village to Stoke Orchard and back. Some of you may remember the excellent talk we had on the part RAF Stoke Orchard played in the war training army glider pilots and much more. Many of these pilots then went on to take part in the attempt to capture a bridge at Arnhem and the crossing of the Rhine. At the end of the talk we were told that Stoke Orchard's playground now had a climbing frame in the form of one of the gliders that Army pilots learned to fly. So, since I was there, I went for a look and I was most impressed that there was indeed just such an excellent memorial to the local airfield and those who



The Swindon Village Society

served there that could serve to pass the tale on to younger generations. And then I discovered that just behind the playground is a small store with rather a good coffee bar. So now I am pleased to recommend both the coffee bar and the playground. And if you do visit, I would also suggest a visit to the Church which has the remnants of some very old wall paintings with good explanations in a book. The church and the paintings are dedicated to St James and as a result there are many marks made by pilgrims as indeed we have on the side to the entrance porch of our own church. There are also the graves of four who died while serving at the airfield.

Barry Simon

History Buff? Genealogist?? Collector ???

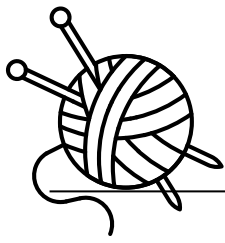
Dive into the Past with our Military History Collecting and Research Group!

Join us on the 2nd Thursday of every month, for entertaining and educational talks on the men, their medals and military history from across the globe and throughout time.

Informal and friendly, our meetings are a great way to learn something new and a place to discuss your passion for collecting medals and military memorabilia. Arrive at 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start at The Swindon Village Hall. The evening wraps up about 9:30pm. Membership is open to all adults.

For more information contact Steve Lewis, at Q&C Militaria, on 01242 519815.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Marle Hill WI

As is common for most WI's we do not meet in August instead we arrange an outing of some sort. So, in August there was a trip to Javelin Park, the incinerator that you see if you go down the M5. It was a very interesting visit. I urge other organisations to try and get to see it. It is quite popular and there is a waiting list so get in early.

There are a lot of do and don'ts for this trip like covering your legs and arms, no mobile and we have to wear high vis jackets and a hard hat. Our other trip was with Marchants coached on an organized visit to the Wye Valley with a cream tea at Tintern. All very enjoyable.

We continue to enjoy our Book Club, Knit & Natter, walks, workshops, meals out and social events.

We met on Monday 2 September 2024 and our speaker was Dorothy Cook with her tales of being a Midwife.

Our next meeting is on Monday 7 October where our speaker will be talking about Big Track Trackers. We meet at St Nicholas Church Hall at 7:30pm.

Do come as a visitor and you will be warmly welcomed. If you want any more information contact Sara Jefferies.

Sue Davies
Marle Hill



Swindon Village and Guy Ritchie's new film...

'*The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare*' tells the story of WWII daring exploits in Operation POSTMASTER and, particularly, Major Gustavus March Phillipps (a main inspiration for Ian Fleming's *James Bond*). The action takes place in September 1942 in West Africa and it is a complete success—paving the way for subsequent elite special forces, including the SAS.

82 years later, a band of volunteers are tackling a jungle of undergrowth and clearing a big dead holly tree when they reveal the largest memorial in St Lawrence's Churchyard, Swindon Village. This striking memorial is that of Charles March Phillipps, 7th Lord of Garendon, Leicestershire, and his descendants. Charles had moved to a house called Vallombrosa (now *Homespring House*, Pittville Circus Road) in 1859. The house is mentioned in Milton's *Paradise Lost*.

Thereafter, Gus became highly decorated and took part in other daring operations until he was sadly killed during Operation AQUATINT - a mission on what would become Omaha Beach. The body of Gustavus March Phillipps, founder of 62 Commando, was discovered and then buried there in France. A German machine gun post having been set up to prevent anyone attending his funeral!

Thanks to a merry bunch of village volunteers, the churchyard is now looking delightful once more; many old monuments have been revealed again; and it's a lovely peaceful place for quiet contemplation. If you're lucky enough to visit, take a look at this impressive monument. Perhaps you'll uncover more links between this family and our beautiful churchyard - *or yet more fascinating history worthy of Hollywood....*



The March Phillipps family memorial & other family headstones to the left

Written by Malcolm Staples

Oct 2024: Questions about Autumn

1. Which of the Romantic Poets described autumn as the "season of mists and mellow fruitfulness"?
2. According to Greek mythology, Persephone was abducted by Hades, which led to the death of all crops, causing autumn. When she was returned, the crops came back to life, causing spring. Where did Hades take her to?
3. What is Samhainophobia the fear of?
4. The term October Surprise refers to unexpected events (in October, obviously) that have an influence on the US election in November. In what year was this term coined due to the Iran hostage crisis which helped Reagan defeat Carter?
5. On 12 October, the IRA detonated a bomb at the Conservative Party Conference hotel. In which city?
6. Bill Gates was born on 28 October 1955. What company did he found?
7. What is the birthstone for October?
8. Who did Autumn Kelly marry in May 2008?
9. With around 400 players participating, what are the WCC, which are held annually on the second Sunday in October in Northamptonshire?
10. In which city is Oktoberfest held?





1st Swindon Village Scout Group

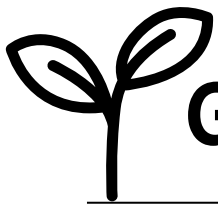
A Quest for New Beaver Leaders

Sadly, we had to suspend our Beaver section (that's the 6 to 8 year olds) this term due to lack of leaders. However, we have a healthy waiting list of young people who want to be inspired by scouting. Therefore, we are looking for a team of volunteers to come along on a Monday evening, 5 til 6pm in the Village Hall to get the Beaver meetings back up and running.

If you, or someone you know, might be interested in helping this local community group then please get in touch with Shane Gough, the Group Scout Leader at gsl@1sv-scouts.co.uk. Perhaps you're an ex scout yourself, or you have young children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, neighbours or friends who would want to benefit from this amazing organisation in the future.

The role involves some basic online training and a first aid course needs to be completed. There is no need to have a knowledge of scouting. Full support is available as we have active Cub and Scout sections. We can arrange for you to attend one of these sessions to learn about the role and what may be involved.

We are always looking for help in any form, across the Group so again please contact Shane Gough, Group Scout Leader, gsl@1sv-scouts.co.uk if you would like more information.



Go grow with Dale

Hello Gardeners,

I can't believe it's now Autumn. Autumn for me is a time to admire the last few flowers, but also think about moving plants around for next year.

In this article, for a change from the norm, I'm going to cover what I've done in our garden in the past month, in the hope that it helps you if anything is relatable!

It's definitely a nicer problem to have when certain plants, Geraniums for us, get too big for the space they're in. As such I've now moved two large Geraniums from our back garden to the front, as we're really keen to add more height to our back garden, something Geraniums don't add, but they have been great for colour, ground cover and attracting the bees. The space released will likely be occupied by taller evergreens.

After months of thought, we're also planting our two Acer Trees into the ground. They're currently in large pots and doing well, but as I mentioned earlier, we're keen to add height interest to our garden and Acers are a great way to achieve that. Both of them have the potential to reach 2-3m high and look amazing too. Our back garden is very shady, but Acers actually like these conditions, so we're confident they'll do well.



Go grow with Dale

Lastly and possibly most importantly, I'm intending to move around my raised beds I use for Vegetables to make space for a small Greenhouse in the sunniest part of my Garden. This year's lack of sun & heat in the summer has really made for poor results with plants such as Tomatoes & Courgettes out in the open and my Dad made me rather jealous with his delicious Cucumbers from his Greenhouse, so I'd like to try them next year too!

Lots to keep me busy this Autumn, I hope you've enjoyed reading this differing format this month.

Until next time, thanks for reading & happy gardening.
Dale.



Swindon Village Arts and Craft

We've started again!

Thursdays 7.30 - 9.30 at Swindon Village Hall, crafting and painting as we choose, helped and guided by one of our experienced members.

Time for socialising tea, Coffee and biscuits readily available. Interested? Give us a call.
Helen 07817581223





Swindon Village Hall

**Even local celebrities
have time to volunteer
at the hall!**



Hello All,

And just like that the summer has gone and we are all getting ready for colder months. We closed for the month of August, but that certainly didn't mean a summer break for us.

Earlier in the year, we have discovered that our drain system needed to be replaced. Working together with The Parish Council to get this done, the work is planned for October half term. Please be patient with us while this is happening.

Additionally our cellar cooling system finally gave up in the first week of the summer holidays. We had to have it replaced and took the opportunity to move the cooling unit to the back of the building to reduce noise. A new shed has been put up to store the outside toys for play group making the patio look nice and tidy.

The little store room next to the bar had thorough sort out thanks to our local celebrity Judy Macey and her husband Chris, who spent lots of time helping us out. She has done absolutely fantastic job and we really appreciate it. If you didn't know Judy, she had the honour to reopen the Manor Road.



Swindon Village Hall

I would like to thank all of the volunteers who give up their time to help us, but my special thanks goes to Karren who held the fort all through the summer whilst I was galivanting all over the place.

New Early Years play group team are settling in and we wish them good luck.

The hall looks better than ever and we are not stopping there so watch the space. We are planning few events for you and will let you know in time all about them, please keep an eye on our facebook page.

Jana

P.S. Sorry to mention the C word, but.....

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

We are holding a Christmas craft fair again this year on Saturday 9th November.

There will be plenty of stalls as well as refreshments including mulled wine, mince pies, tea and coffee.

Please put the date in your diary and come along and get a head start on your Christmas present shopping.

If you would like a table to sell your own wares, please email swindonvillagehall@gmail.com ASAP as last year the demand for tables was high.



P. White. Dip SAC FHP, RGN, BSc (Hons)

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Answers to quiz:

1. Keats
 2. The Underworld
 3. Halloween
 4. 1980
 5. Brighton
 6. Microsoft
 7. Opal
 8. Peter Philips (the
son of Princess Anne)
 9. World Conker
Championships
 10. Munich
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SWINDON PARISH COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

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Play Group	(Playgroup hours) For Sept 24 admission	690479 07949 352507
School Headteacher	Geraint Mills	690016
Friends of the School		chairfosvps@gmail.com
Art & Crafts Club	Lynne Mumford	07515 461876
Swindon Village Society	Barry Simon	521723
Mary Godwin Under 5s	(Playgroup hours)	mgu5@hotmail.co.uk
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