

Village News

in Swindon Village, Cheltenham

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SEPTEMBER

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7.30 Swindon Village Hall, bar area.

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OCTOBER

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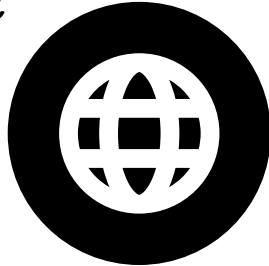
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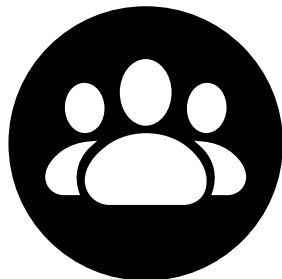
Parish Council Website

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.



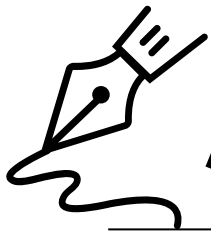
Anti-Social Behaviour

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)
email101@gloucestershire.police.uk
<https://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/ro/report/>

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

As I write, we are halfway through August. The sun is shining (again) and the grass is starting to look more like straw than the luscious green we are used to.

Everyone who I've spoken to that have plumped for a UK holiday, have enjoyed fabulous weather which makes all the difference to a beach holiday in the UK. They have had the holidays that you see in adverts or films - children running in and out of the sea, making sandcastles and eating ice-creams surrounded by other families doing the same. All of them a shade or two browner than they arrived. That is how they will remember their holidays and if they feel slightly smug about it, then who are we to deny them of that!

I can remember many beach holidays like this as a child, but when I look at the photos, I see something different; my Brother and I wrapped in a towel, slightly shivering, smiling for the camera; Mum in the background with at least two layers on plus a blanket around her legs; my Brother and I hiding in the sun shelter tent, that had been requisitioned to keep the rain off; Dad in waterproof and welly boots building a boat in the sand. The funny thing is I don't remember it that way, just that we had a great family beach holiday.

Maybe when someone asks if we've had a good holiday, we should just ask them to direct that question at the children!



Karren



Swindon Parish Council

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

After 10 or more years of planning activity and arguments residents are now moving into the Regents Village development, also known as Swindon Farm or Elms Park phase 1. Regardless of how we got to this point it is the future that is important. Welcome to your new homes and our Swindon Parish community. We are trying to make sure you get information that will be useful as you settle into your new homes. We hope you will take an interest in what goes on in the area, including the work of the Parish Council. Perhaps even join us?



It was well known and unavoidable that there would be a big increase in traffic in the area as a result of the extended closure of the A435 past the racecourse. on road works. The Parish Council were active in trying to mitigate the effects on local residents and achieved an agreement that other roadworks in our area would be postponed unless they were required to address an emergency. Imagine our surprise when contractors set up works which would cause major disruption in the Kingsditch area.

Our councillors intervened, the contractors were told to withdraw and National Grid were issued with a fixed penalty notice.



Swindon Parish Council

Questions have been asked about access to the defibrillator at the village hall. It is owned by the Parish Council. It is registered on the National Defibrillator Network (thecircuit.uk). This service is owned by the British Heart Foundation and registration is recommended by the South Western Ambulance Service. The defibrillator is checked monthly. Its registration also means that I am notified of any technical issues with the defibrillator requiring it to be recalled, modified or updated. I have just looked at a recall for our type of machine but the serial number indicates that we are not affected.

If an emergency occurs, recommended practice is for someone to ring 999. They will be directed to an appropriate defibrillator by the emergency services and provided with the code to unlock it. Members of the public do not need to search for a defibrillator themselves.

We continue to suffer graffiti issues from the same perpetrator. Goodness knows what they get out of it but it makes work for a lot of people who have better things to do with their time. We have ordered some posters from Crimestoppers to encourage people to keep their eyes open and report suspicious activity.

A consultation is underway on the introduction of 20mph speed limits. Probably not appropriate for the major routes through the area but for side roads/estate roads all the evidence points to this being beneficial. Get in touch with your views.



Swindon Parish Council

Bernard Fisher recently stood down as a councillor (he represented us at both County and Borough level). Being a councillor is not an easy task. As we remind you all from time to time the role is unpaid and the powers are limited. People tend to approach their councillors when they have a complaint and expect them to work miracles. In the years I have been Parish Clerk I have worked closely with Bernard. He has been a true friend to our area and has gone in to bat on our behalf, solving problems, finding funding and providing advice. Bernard did not seek re-election so this is not a campaign message but a simple thank you from Swindon Parish Council to a hard working man who has served his community with distinction.

Speaking of which, our application for a grant to meet the cost of the gates to the Village Hall car park was approved. Bernard suggested we apply and supported our bid.

Sadly I was away for both the Village Fair and the annual cake sale at the church (also the plant sale, but that is of less interest to me!). I know the Fair was a success and I trust that the cake and plant sale also did well. Thanks and congratulations to the organisers. It's great to have positive initiatives on our patch.

Shaun Cullimore
Clerk to Swindon Parish Council
parish.clerk@swindonparish.org.uk

Read with Me

<https://readwithme.org.uk/>



As demand for our service grows, Read With Me is looking for funding and volunteers. Read With Me provides volunteers to hear children read in Gloucestershire's schools.

Set up in 2020 to meet the crisis in children's literacy, we are now a charity with 400 volunteers in over 100 Gloucestershire schools.

Read With Me's one-to-one reading sessions help children learn to read well which in turn improves their literacy and builds their confidence. These fundamental skills position a child in the 'driving seat' of their own future, opening up the opportunity to break the cycle of poverty and deprivation and to fulfil their potential. Children who don't learn to read, struggle with the school curriculum, employment and self-sufficiency; and are disproportionately represented in the prison population.

Read With Me also runs the Not-So-Secret Book Clubs every holiday, providing storytelling and creative opportunities, treasure hunts, crafts and, of course, free preloved books. In particular, children in areas of greatest deprivation and those arriving in Gloucester with English as a second language, may not have any books at home.

Read With Me runs on a shoestring. In addition to operational expenditure, it costs £100 to check and train each volunteer and £70 a year thereafter to maintain their role.

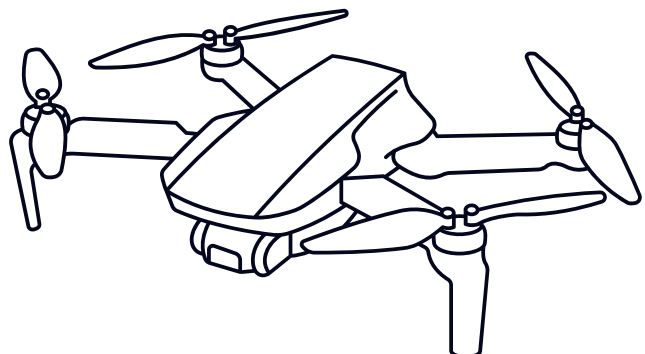
Locally, Read With Me is partnered with Swindon Village Primary School and as such we are seeking £580 towards the costs of maintaining the role of 4 existing volunteers and onboarding 3 new volunteers.

Equipping the youngest residents in the community is key for each child and essential to the social fabric of Gloucestershire.

We need more volunteers and continued financial support to reach every child who needs us.



Back in July, a drone was launched from a garden of Swindon Manor and flew towards Manor Court and out of sight. The youngster had only just received this for his birthday and is obviously distressed. If you live in Manor Court, particularly if your garden backs onto Swindon Manor, please would you check your gardens. If anyone has any information, please let the editor know and I will pass it on. Thank you in advance.



ENERGY 20 SMART 25 GLOUCESTERSHIRE

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**OCTOBER
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9AM TO 1PM***

**PITVILLE
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ROOM**

*Doors open at 9am. First presentation begins at 10am.

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-  **Check your eligibility for local grants only available to Gloucestershire residents.**

SCAN TO REGISTER



St. Lawrence's Church Swindon Village

Monthly Services

1st Sunday	9.30am	Family Communion
	5.00pm	Evensong
2nd Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion
3rd Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Evensong
4th Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion
5th Sunday	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion
		Alternating between St. Lawrence's and St. Mary Magdalene, Elmstone Hardwicke (Phone Churchwarden for venue)

The church is open for private prayer
every Wednesday between 10am and 12noon



St. Lawrence's Church

RECTORY REFLECTIONS - REV JACQUELINE

I wonder if you ever get that “back to school feeling” at the beginning of September? No matter how old we are, somehow the end of August marks the end of a season where the pace has perhaps slowed down a bit as people take a break and have some time to recharge their batteries.

The beginning of September is always a time when the Church year gets a little boost and we look forward to the events which herald a new period. The back-to-school energy helps to focus on what needs prioritising. At St. Lawrence, we are thinking about stewardship and how we might use our talents and time to help the Church, both as a building, but also as a body of people. The Churchyard Crew are an excellent example of stewards.

They meet every Wednesday morning to work together to maintain the churchyard, to make it a place where everyone can enjoy sitting quietly in a peaceful environment. We enjoyed an awards evening recently in the community bar, where everyone’s efforts and individual talents were recognised!

Christian stewardship is also about how we handle money, wealth and possessions and we are all called to think about what we do with them. In a society which marks success through material possessions, holidays and our hobbies, we need to refocus on what is important.

St. Lawrence’s Church is a beautiful, individual building of which we should be very proud. But it costs £546 a week to keep running – that’s before any maintenance or repairs. The National Church does not pay towards the upkeep. We need to fund the work and ministry of this parish



St. Lawrence's Church

properly if we want to keep it going. In all this, we want to embrace an understanding that looks to bring together both stewardship of the village Church and our Christian witness in this community.

If you would like to know more or find out ways in which you can help, please contact me for a chat. A small, meaningful change would make a huge difference to the legacy of the Village.



Services and events in September

2	Tuesday	10.30am	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In
3	Wednesday	10am - 12noon	Church open for private prayer
7	Sunday	9.30am	Family Communion
		5.00pm	Evensong
9	Tuesday	10.30am	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In
10	Wednesday	10am - 12noon	Church open for private prayer
14	Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion
16	Tuesday	10.30am	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In
17	Wednesday	10am - 12noon	Church open for private prayer
21	Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion
		5.00pm	Evensong
23	Tuesday	10.30am	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In
24	Wednesday	10am - 12noon	Church open for private prayer
28	Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion
30	Tuesday	10.30am	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In

Services and events in October

1	Wednesday	10am - 12noon	Church open for private prayer
5	Sunday	9.30am	Family Communion for Harvest Festival
		5.00pm	Evensong
7	Tuesday	10.30am	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In
8	Wednesday	10am - 12noon	Church open for private prayer
12	Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion



St. Lawrence's Church

From the registers



Baptisms

We welcomed into the family of the church

Luna Ann Jane Holder

29th June

Marriages



We celebrated the marriage of

David Hatfield and Louise Sandy

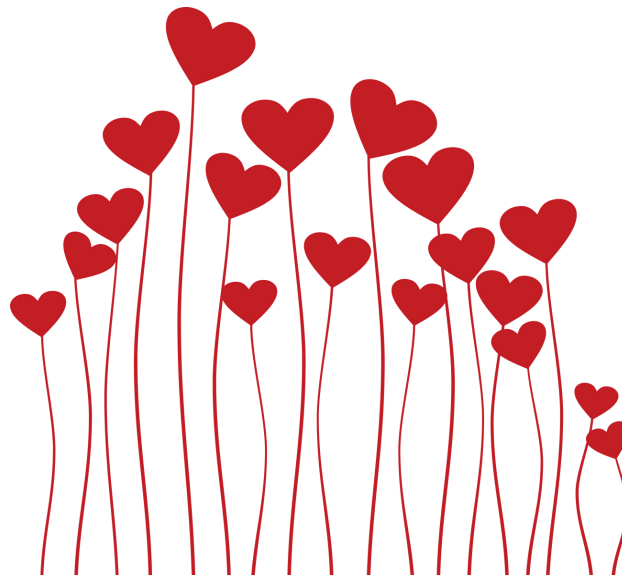
9th August

Renewal of marriage vows

We celebrated with

James and Laura Gilder

26th July



St. Lawrence's Church
Backbypopular demand... the annual

Quiz & Supper

Saturday 18th October

in the Village Hall

Doors and Bar open at 7.00pm

Supper at 7.30pm

Menu

Jacket potato with a variety of hot and cold fillings
(chilli, ratatouille, chicken, sausage, cheese, salad)

An apple pudding with cream

£12 per person

6 bottles of wine for the winning team

Book as a team (max. 6 per team)

or individually and make up a team on the night

Bring cash for the raffle!

Karen Evans - 01242 241678 or karen.j.evans@outlook.com

Profits to St. Lawrence's Church



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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 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.



The Swindon Village Society

Our July meeting gave us the lowdown on early policing in Gloucestershire. In fact Gloucestershire was the first county to have a fully authorised Constabulary up and running. I think it was Worcestershire that was the first authorised but Gloucestershire was approved the next day and had a Chief Constable in place the day after. However, rather than go into detail of subsequent policing I will instead quote an extract which not only involves that Chief Constable but gives an interesting picture of Swindon Village a hundred and seventy years ago.

This extract is from 'Diary of a Cotswold Parson, 1783-1854' by the Reverend F E Witts:

18th March 1852

I arrived at the Police Station in Cheltenham where I found the Chief Constable's (Lefroy) open carriage waiting to convey me to his house at Swindon. Drove thither by the back roads passing Maud's Elm. All very much altered in the lapse of years by the increase of building in the suburbs, and the line of the railway. The village of Swindon with its Manor House, its ancient church restored, its parsonage, and two or three lesser residences the property of Mr Surman, in one of which the Chief Constable resides, is a pretty rural hamlet embosomed in trees. Lefroy was fortunate in selecting this house on his marriage as it is within half an hour's walk, or ten minutes drive of his constabulary office. It is near the church. The wealthiest neighbour is Mr Surman, one of the legatees of the miser banker of Gloucester, Jemmy Wood. He is unmarried but has changed his name from Goodlake, and has a sister living with him, a pleasing person. It is strange how women accommodate themselves to a change of circumstances better than men. Miss Goodlake looks the lady, Mr Surman does not look the gentleman.



The Swindon Village Society

He was a clerk to his kinsman the banker, and now possesses at Swindon a good estate with a handsome and large house, for the most part newly built, situate in very enjoyable pleasure grounds, bordered at a distance by the Bristol and Birmingham Railway, and commanding beautiful views of the surrounding hills. In these grounds I walked with Lefroy, who introduced me to Mr Surman, whom we found playing billiards with Mr Agg in an iron billiards room in the grounds. Mr and Mrs Agg were staying with the Lefroys. They have let their place, Hewletts, and are going for a twelvemonth to sea bathing places. At half past six Lefroy's small dining room contained a large party including Lady Steel whose husband finds Cheltenham more pleasant as a residence than Mickleton Manor. Cards and music in the evening.

Well, maybe things have changed a little, but the Village Society garden party (still to take place as I type this) should be much the same as the soiree described above. Mr Surman's house was Swindon Hall.

So on to the next three months. In September our own John Heathcott is going to give us a talk on 'The History of the Cotswolds'. John has been a long time Cotswold Warden and has devoted much time and energy to maintain the region from dry stone walling to guiding around the area. Our last few town and village visits led by John have all been both pleasing and informative. I can strongly recommend this talk and, of course, visitors will be very welcome for £3. In October David Aldred will tell us about 'Hailes Abbey and the mystery of the Holy Blood'. Then in November we have 'Cheltenham's Iconic Buildings' by David Elder.

Barry Simon

1. Which Italian Island, famous for its Blue Grotto and luxury shopping, lies in the Bay of Naples and has long been a popular destination for Roman emperors and modern celebrities alike?
2. Complete the RAF's motto: Per ardua ad.....
3. What word refers to a vigorous spirit or enthusiasm, a combination of style and energetic confidence, or the ability to dart or move with flair?
4. What word can signify either a gentle breeze, the Greek god of the west wind, or a type of lightweight fabric?
5. What word comes before "Las Vegas" in the title of an Elvis Presley song and film?
6. Which famous Spanish artist, known for pioneering the Cubist movement, is best known for works like Guernica and Les Demoiselles d'Avignon?
7. Which alpine town hosted the 1956 Winter Olympics and is scheduled to co-host the 2026 Winter Olympics alongside Milan?
8. In which sport might you use the terms "mulligan", "gimme" and "shank"?
9. Which animal is used for the logo of the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)?
10. What do the above answers have in common?



1st Swindon Village Scout Group

We hope all the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have had a great Summer break and are looking forward to the start of a new term in September.

Urgent Help

Our Scout section are now urgently looking for someone to volunteer on Monday evenings, 7.15pm to 8.30pm in the Village Hall to help run the sessions.

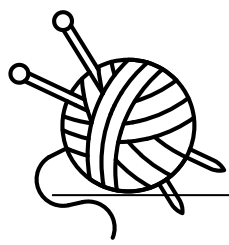
The role includes some basic online training and a really useful first aid course. There is no need to have a knowledge of scouting. Full support is available and we can arrange for you to come along to a session and learn about the role and what may be involved. Our admissions criteria gives priority to young people with parents or guardians who are regular volunteers in the Group.

Please contact Shane Gough, the Group Scout Leader at gsl@1sv-scouts.co.uk if you, or someone you know, might be interested in helping this local community group.

Waiting List

We are still looking for enthusiastic young people to join the Beaver section waiting list. The Beavers start at 6 years old and meet on a Monday evening, 5pm to 6pm in the Village Hall. You can fill in an enquiry form via the Contact Us / Waiting List Enquiry Form page of <https://1sv-scouts.co.uk>. Please feel free to email beavers@1sv-scouts.co.uk if you have any queries.

All information about the group can be found at <https://1sv-scouts.co.uk>



Marle Hill WI

We met on Monday 7 July where we celebrated our 54th Birthday. Members were asked to bring a bring and share plate of food. We also invited 2 members from surrounding WI's.

Our speaker was a lovely lady Angela Rendall, who gave a very interesting insight into how ladies in Jane Austin's era dressed. Kate, her daughter, demonstrated the clothes from day wear, to going to special occasions.

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

We do not meet in August. A coach trip has been arranged for several of us to go to Hampton Court, Chelsey Flower gardens and the Chelsea Pensioners.

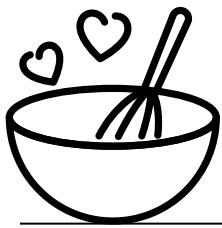
Our next meeting is on Monday 1 September 2025 at 7:30pm. Our speaker will be Adrian Moss talking about the Commonwealth War Graves.

We meet at St Nicholas Church Hall.

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

Sue Davies
Marle Hill





Cook with Dawn

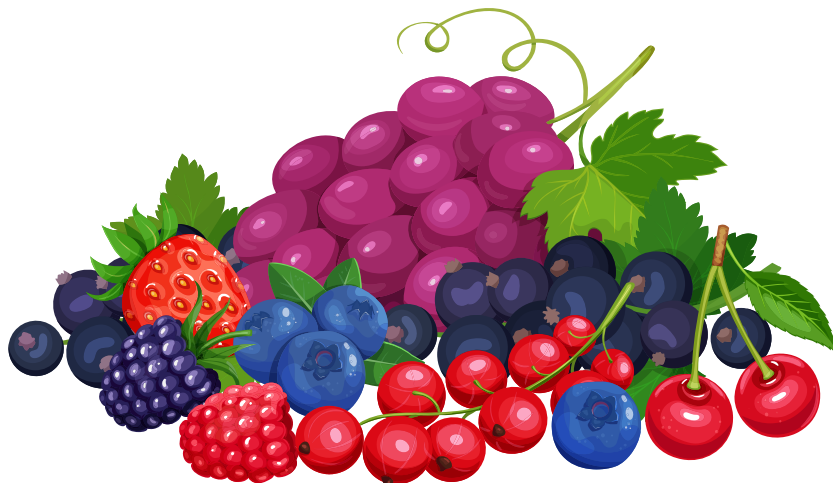
Fruit and vegetables in season ... September...

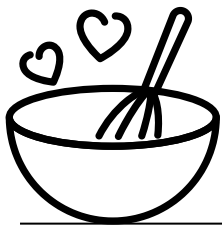
Again we are so lucky to have such a wide variety of produce to choose from...

Fruit: Blackberries, Damsons, Pears, Plums, Raspberries, Rhubarb, Strawberries

Vegetables: Aubergine, Beetroot, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Butternut Squash, Carrots, Cauliflower, Celery, Courgettes, Chicory, Chillies, Cucumber, Garlic, Kale, Kohlrabi, Leeks, Lettuce, Mangetout, Marrow, Onions, Parsnips, Peas, Peppers, Potatoes, Pumpkin, Radishes, Rocket, Runner Beans, Samphire, Sorrel, Spinach, Spring Greens, Spring Onions, Summer Squash, Sweetcorn, Swiss Chard, Tomatoes, Turnips, Watercress, Wild Mushrooms

As autumn slowly approaches and the days are getting shorter, here is a little treat for you, not one but two quick recipes...





Cook with Dawn

Chicken Quesadillas

Ingredients. Serves 4-6

Cooking spray

1/2 red onion, finally diced

1 red pepper, deseeded and diced

2 tortilla wraps

2 cooked chicken breast, shredded

90g cheddar cheese , grated (or more)

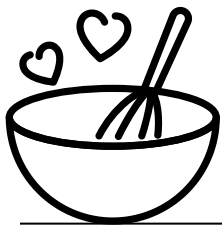
To serve

Finally chopped tomatoes mixed salad leaves and fat free yogurt

For spicy quesadilla add 1/2 tsp each cumin and chilli power when onions are cooking.

Method

1. Heat a frying pan, spray with cooking spray, cook the onions, peppers and spices (if using) until soft, set aside.
2. Add a tortilla to the pan and spoon half the veg along one half of the wrap, then the chicken and finally half the cheese.
3. Fold the wrap over and cook for a few minutes, flip over and cook a couple minutes more, slide onto a plate, keep warm.
4. Repeat process with second wrap.
5. Slice each quesadilla in 1/2 or 1/3 triangles, serve with the chopped tomatoes and yogurt.



Cook with Dawn

Autumn fruit salad in ginger syrup

Ingredients

3 level tbsp sweeter granules
2.5 cm piece of ginger peeled and finally sliced
Grated zest and juice of 1 lemon
8 small or 4 large ripe plums, quartered or halved
1 large ripe pear, quartered, cored and sliced length wise
150g blackberries, washed and dried
150g black grapes, washed and halved

To serve

Fat free greek yogurt sprinkled with cinnamon

Method

1. Put the sweetener, ginger, lemon zest and 600ml water into a saucepan, slowly bring to the boil, stirring to dissolve sweetener.
2. Simmer for 4 minutes, then increase heat to high and boil rapidly for 3-4 minutes until reduced by half.
3. Stir in the lemon juice, then strain into a bowl, discard ginger and zest.
4. Arrange fruit in a serving bowl, pour over syrup, gently stir to coat all the fruit.
5. Cover and chill for one hour.
6. Serve with the yogurt.

And as always... Enjoy!!

Colouring fun



Hello Gardeners, welcome back after a very dry summer. It seems us gardeners have to increasingly adapt to the changes in weather in recent years, so I thought I'd talk this month about the plants that have thrived in our garden.

Despite very much being a cottage style plant, our creeping Hydrangeas have done really well, a few scorched leaves, but a lot of new growth, even from a baby that's just one year old. Most people I mention this plant to, don't seem to know it exists, but it's a beautiful plant and comes in a variety of coloured flowers, ours being white.

Out of the front of our house, we have a few small raised beds for flowers and this year it's very much been adored by the bees, due to the vigorous growth of two Catmint plants (*Nepeta cataria*), which despite lack of water, seem to have got a lot bushier and more flowers than ever before, both originally from the Webbs sale area in Autumn last year.

It might come at no surprise to most, but shrubs tend to particularly thrive when abused by the weather. Both our Red Robin Photinias and Choisya have done amazing, with zero watering this year, though they are 3-4 years old now. We've been tying down branches of our Photinias to assist them in becoming wider and more bushy, since they are over 2.2 meters tall now and they seem to have reacted very positively. So much so that we now have a male and female blackbird living within, who often wander out to find worms after I've been digging!

Obviously, but rather strangely, there have also been casualties of rather hardy plants this year too. Honeysuckle being one of them, just two years old, meant to be almost ivy hardy, but couldn't cope with the dryness. We've also lost a few ferns that got way too scorched and in hindsight, should've been in a different position (more shady).

Always learning year to year, but I'm sure the lessons will give my garden long term benefits!



Swindon Village Hall

The hall has been closed for party bookings in August to allow some maintenance to be carried out. We had previously planned to close entirely, but the scope of the work allowed the Friday night bar to carry on without interruption. The evenings have been warm and sunny, so these have been popular with families.

Hook Norton Brewery, who supply our draught beer, lager and cider have unfortunately ceased supplying Cotswold Pale Ale which was a favourite. This has been replaced with an IPA called Sundial. Although this has proved very popular, some of our regulars miss the Pale Ale. We are trying to find an alternative, but it is most likely that this will be a bottled substitute. Hook Norton has many bottled beers, so we are hopeful of resolving this. As always, if there is something that you feel we are missing at the bar, please let one of the bar staff know and we will endeavour to accommodate you.

At the AGM in May, Karren gave notice that she will be standing down as Treasurer at the next AGM. She will finish this year's accounts and will hold the fort until the AGM. This gives us plenty of time to find a replacement. Karren will happily help show someone the ropes, so if you would be interested in finding out what this entails, or would like to take this on please drop us an email.





Swindon Village Hall – What's on

October

11th Bootlacers – We welcome back the Bootlacers playing hits from the sixties and seventies.

18th Harvest Festival Quiz – see poster on page 16

25th Family Halloween event

November

22nd Craft Fair

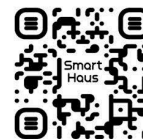
December – Dates to be confirmed:

Wreath making

Carols in the bar / in the hall depending on numbers

Santa's Grotto





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Answers to quiz

1. Capri
2. Astra
3. Elan
4. Zephyr
5. Viva
6. Picasso
7. Cortina
8. Golf
9. Panda
10. All model names of cars

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