

# Village News

**in Swindon Village, Cheltenham**

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

**March 2026 Edition No.521**



## **MARCH**

**Monday 9th** **Parish Council meeting.**  
7.30 Swindon Village Hall, bar area.

**Wednesday 18th** **Swindon Village Society.** 7.30pm.  
The talk is 'Tewkesbury Abbey – An Armchair Guide' by Richard Goddard. Visitors Welcome - £3

**Saturday 21st** **Easter Eggs-travaganza**  
Swindon Village Hall 1 - 5pm. Look out for posters and on social media

**Sunday 22nd** **Litter Pick.** Start 10.30 Village hall. NB NOT USUAL DAY.

## **APRIL**

**Monday 13th** **Parish Council meeting.**  
7.30 Swindon Village Hall, bar area.

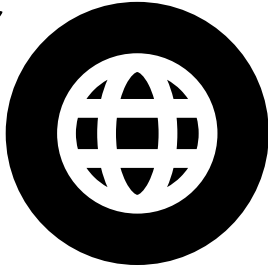
**Saturday 18th** **Swindon Village Society.** 9.30am  
A visit to Cirencester guided by John Heathcott.  
Meet in the Village Hall car park.

**Sunday 26th** **Litter Pick.** Start 10.30 Village hall

# 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](http://www.swindonparish.org.uk)



## Parish Council Facebook Page

A public page for live information and news updates from the council:  
[www.facebook.com/swindonparish](http://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](mailto: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

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Recently, I overheard two ladies chatting. One said to the other “Well, now he’s watched two episodes of Strictly, he thinks he’s an expert!” It made me chuckle!

We are enjoying watching the Winter Olympics at home. I’m not a big sports fan, but I do appreciate the technical ability of the skiers, skaters and other disciplines. The snowboarding terrifies me, as does the anything where they are hurtling down an ice tunnel, headfirst at speeds of over 75 miles an hour.

What really makes my day though, is the curling. How on earth do they make a lump of granite, albeit smooth and polished to a high shine, glide gracefully along an ice track? It’s a game of such precision, that a slight tap from one stone, can send another out of the house (the scoring area which looks like a target with three circles around the central point).

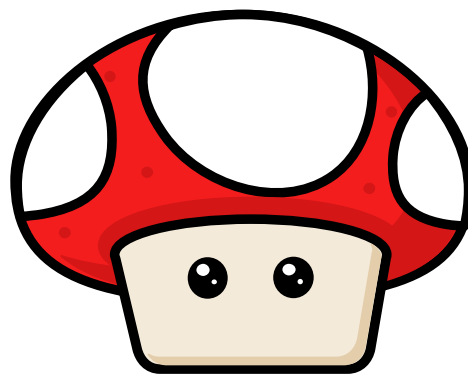
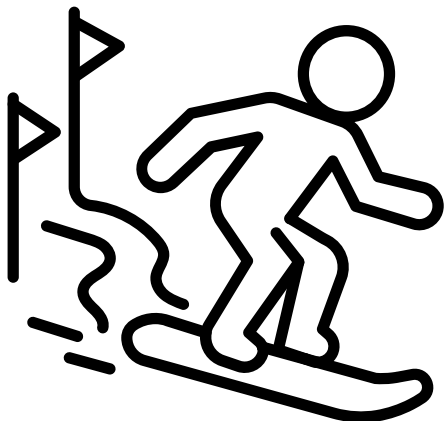
What’s even better than the actual game, is the harmonious nature of most of the teams. Every accurate shot is heralded by positive praise from the rest of the team and still, when the shots fall short of the intended target, the team talk is still upbeat, looking for the positive and full of encouragement. It’s a lesson for real life, I think!

Unfortunately, by the time you read this, the Olympics will over. Only another four years to wait for the next one....

*Karren*

P.S. I’m just waiting for Matt to say to a friend “Karren watched two games of curling and now she thinks she’s an expert!”

1. Which event comes between the downhill and giant slalom in skiing?
2. Which event was won by the Seattle Seahawks in 2026?
3. What is the third part of the psyche, along with the Ego and the Id, according to Sigmund Freud?
4. What is used to visualize and preserve latent fingerprints on non-porous surfaces like glass and plastic by reacting with moisture in the print residues to form a white polymer?
5. What name is given to the United States presidential primary election day when the greatest number of U.S. states hold primary elections and caucuses?
6. What game franchise revolves around an Italian plumber, set in the mushroom kingdom?
7. What term is given to the colossal, luminous explosion marking the death of a star, often briefly outshining an entire galaxy?
8. Whose alter ego is Clark Kent?
9. Which brand was started by Julian Dunkerton in Cheltenham?
10. What do all the answers have in common?





# Swindon Parish Council

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

The day after our February edition went to press Bloor Homes announced plans to build 1,700 homes north of the Tewkesbury Road between Uckington and the M5. I don't think our magazine going to press was the trigger; it was the announcement that funding had been found for the M5 junction 10 improvements. The housing development will be called Willowbrook and will also include a new primary school, shops and community facilities. It is outside the parish but of more than passing interest to us, mainly because of the traffic situation. We have been invited to engage with the developers and will be taking the opportunity.



The land that the development will occupy was classed as “safeguarded” in the Joint Core Strategy (JCS). It is likely to be brought forward for development in the successor to the JCS, the Strategic and Local Plan (SLP). Bloor is running an online consultation exercise from 26th January until 6th March 2026. The dedicated consultation website at [www.willowbrooknwc.co.uk](http://www.willowbrooknwc.co.uk).



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The traffic lights at the junction of Manor Road and Runnings Road have been commissioned and the temporary traffic lights (temporary in the sense that half the time they didn't work!) have been removed.

The food truck is now doing business in park. Many locals were against the proposal and were supported by the Parish Council. However, we are where we are. I would be interested to hear your views. What do you think of it? Do you use it? Does it have less of an impact than we feared?

The Tewkesbury branch of Lloyds Bank will close in June 2026. This follows the closure of many other local branches. Lloyds is not alone in doing this, with the banks blaming changes to the way people do their banking. I only highlight the Lloyds situation because the Parish Council banks with Lloyds. It is true that I used to deal with cash and cheques far more than I do today. Cash can always be paid into a Lloyds account through the Post Office. Good luck finding a Post Office!

The Parish Council receives money from the local housing developments. The money can only be used for capital projects, not running and maintenance costs, salaries, etc. We have now set up a grant awarding policy and are keen to fairly distribute money to deserving local organisations. The first beneficiary will be the Village Hall. The volunteers have put in a huge amount of work identifying how best to provide good audio and visual facilities. This should attract more customers and enable the hall to host a broader range of events.





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After the Christmas break our monthly litter pick was held on 25th January, another well supported success. The next one is scheduled for 22nd February but in March we are moving from our “last Sunday of the month” slot to participate in the The Great British Spring Clean. Come and join in, all equipment provided. Meet at the Village Hall at 10:30am as always. Avoiding the Sunday 29th March slot also means that we dodge the changing of the clocks and all the confusion that causes! Whether the clocks go forward or back it always seems like an excuse to stay in bed.

Behind the Delapina factory were some willow trees. They have been cut down. Delapina rents the site and their landlord was concerned that the roots of the trees were damaging the drains. Always a shame to lose trees.

By way of compensation, we are delighted that a local benefactor has donated and planted two trees in Old Mill Way (the other side of the brook). We want to maintain biodiversity in the area with a focus on native species. Hopefully we can maintain a habitat that is friendly to wildlife and interesting for human visitors.

Interesting to read Karren's editorial last month. I can certainly identify with the feeling of being overwhelmed by competing deadlines, but one admission that Karren made left me reeling. She still had Christmas chocolate left in February!

Shaun Cullimore  
Clerk to Swindon Parish Council  
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# Swindon Parish Council

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## Looking for a new challenge?

Swindon Parish Council is looking for a new Clerk.

## About the Role

The Clerk is the Council's chief officer. The Clerk:

- Implements the Council's decisions,
- Manages the Council's projects,
- Advises the Council on legal matters,
- Administers the Council's finances,
- Organises the Council's procedures,
- Gathers information to help the Council make decisions,
- Attends and records Council meetings including monthly evening meetings.

## About you

We are looking for someone with strong organisational skills with the ability to manage agendas, meetings, and deadlines. You should be a good communicator (written and verbal). You will need to be able to accurately manage money including budgeting and supporting audits. You should be a confident user of digital tools, office software, and online platforms. You will also be able to work independently with minimal supervision. Ideally it would be good if you have experience in a similar local authority role and have a good understanding of local government law, procedures, planning and governance. However, training and support is available for the right candidate.



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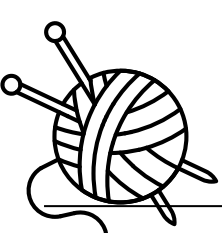
## What you can expect from us

- A starting salary of SCP7 to SCP12 (pay scale range £25,584 to £27,711) pro rata based on 18.5 hours per week FTE 37 hrs (the exact grade to depend on your skills, qualifications and experience).
- A working from home allowance of £26 per month, reimbursement of out of pocket expenses and travel outside the parish.
- A holiday allowance equivalent to 25 days per annum FTE pro rata.
- Funding for any agreed training, including Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) Level 3.
- A supportive team working environment.

A full job description is available from the [parish.clerk@swindonparish.org.uk](mailto:parish.clerk@swindonparish.org.uk).

Please forward your CV to: [parish.clerk@swindonparish.org.uk](mailto:parish.clerk@swindonparish.org.uk). Closing date for applications is 28<sup>th</sup> February, and interviews will take place during March 2026.





# Marle Hill WI

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We met on Monday 2 February 2026 at St Nicholas Church hall.

Our speaker this month was Sarah Davies who gave us a very interesting insight into dementia. Members were very impressed with her talk and gained a lot of important information. .

Our monthly lunch and book club dates were given out to the members.

Do come and join us and have some ME time and enjoy the company of like-minded ladies.

Our next meeting is on Monday 2 March 2026 and our speaker will be Sue Dove who will be talkng abut her life as an adult tutor.

We will have the usual Bring and Buy table, with items left over going to the charity shop.

If you would like any more information, please contact Sara Jefferies.

Sue Davies  
Marle Hill WI



# Cheltenham Horticultural Society Spring Flower Show

Sales stalls to include Plants from local nurseries, Garden Equipment. Home made Cakes, Books, Jewellery, Photographic prints and Cards and Locally Produced Jams, Chutneys and Marmalade.

Tombola, Refreshments and Free Parking.

**WHERE:** Pittville School, Albert Road, GL52 3JD

**WHEN:** Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 12.30 to 4pm

**ADMISSION:** Adults £2.50 Under 16's Free

**[www.cheltenhamhorticultural.co.uk](http://www.cheltenhamhorticultural.co.uk)**



## **THE TERRAPINS OUT OF HOURS CLUB**

I am looking for an enthusiastic, friendly, reliable person to join our team to work with children 4-11 years old. Experience would be preferable, but not essential as training would be provided. You will support the children to follow their own ideas and interests for play and help to provide snacks. Hours are:

Breakfast 7.30am to 8.30am  
After school club 3pm - 5pm  
Job shares considered.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Becky at [theterrapins@hotmail.com](mailto:theterrapins@hotmail.com)



# St. Lawrence's Church

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## RECTORY REFLECTIONS - REV JACQUELINE

The end of February marks the start of Lent – the forty days where Christians reflect on Jesus' time in the wilderness before returning to Jerusalem. We give up things during the Lent season to remind ourselves of the suffering and pain that we know Jesus will experience at the end of the season.

This is also a time when we might give up things to remind ourselves of the material things in life we could try to manage without, with a view to reflecting on the things which could be more of a priority. Caffeine and chocolate shouldn't be the things which compel us to live. God's love and grace is what should compel us to live and love. I haven't decided yet about whether to give up the Friday night gin and tonic and/or the weekend glass of wine. But giving up any indulgence should remind us of God's mercy and grace and presence, rather than being treated as some kind of crash diet.

Lent can also be likened to some sort of Spring cleaning. Just like how we may clean our house to prepare for warmer weather or for a guest, we take time to examine our lives and clean our hearts to prepare to encounter the risen Christ at Easter. So we clear out the things that clutter our relationships with God and with others.

Taking a different perspective, we could try to do something positive instead of an overwhelming sense of doomed-to-fail approach. There are people in our communities and wider society who would hugely appreciate some of the luxuries we might give up. What about if we donated the money we save from our daily cup of coffee to charity? Perhaps we might stop using plastic and opt for more environmentally friendly alternatives? Ian Richings, a Church warden from St. Mary Magdalene's church is giving up his bed and replacing it for a tent, for



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the four Fridays in Lent. He will be raising money for Gloucestershire Night Stop and Afrikids – a charity which supports street children in Africa. If you would like to sponsor Ian, please contact me.

However you might choose to commemorate Lent, it is my hope and prayer that you will know God's love amongst the temptations and challenges of life.

*“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” (Matthew 6:33)*

## From the registers



### Baptisms

We welcomed into the family of the church

Lee William James Conner &

Raven-Lee Troy Conner      15th February

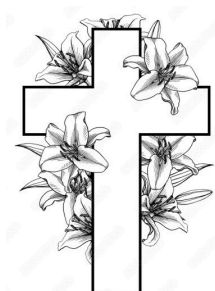


### Blessing of marriage

We celebrated the 68th wedding

anniversary of Brian and May Shurmer

11th January



### Funerals

We commemorated the lives of

Cornelius (Neal) Alfred Hollister Cooper

6th February

Heather Dawn Pickard

13th February

## Services at St. Lawrence

### March 2026

Sunday 1st March	9:30am	Family Holy Communion
	5pm	Evensong
Sunday 8th March	9:30am	Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer
Sunday 15th March <i>Mothers' Sunday</i>	9:30am	Holy Communion
	5pm	Evensong
Sunday 22nd March	9:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 29th March <i>Palm Sunday</i>	9:45am	Procession of Palms from Seasons Football ground
Benefice Service	10am	Holy Communion



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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, **Rev. Jacqueline Henson**, by email: **revjacquelinehenson@gmail.com** or by phone: **01242 220053** or via the office as above.

## Cornelius Alfred Hollister Cooper, known as Neal



Swindon Village was deeply important to Cornelius Alfred Hollister Cooper, known as Neal. He was born in a cottage in Quat Goose Lane on 4<sup>th</sup> June 1926 and was christened and married in the village church. Many members of Neal's family are buried in our churchyard, including his parents and his beloved wife.

Neal lived a long, full and extraordinary life that was rich with stories and acts of kindness. He loved to share memories of his childhood (he did with me right up to his death) – milking the cows, cultivating the fields and learning the value of hard work from a very young age. Neal frequently travelled back to Swindon Village where he would look out of the car window and point out the fields and remember the size of each one as if no time had passed at all. Those journeys were often to place flowers on the graves of loved ones, moments that mattered deeply to him.

One memory that he often recounted was that in 1941 he was cycling home after milking the cows and he witnessed a Wellington bomber crash-land in a nearby field. Without hesitating Neal rode to the site to see if he could help. He was 15 and, of course, there was little he could do; but that moment says everything about the kind of person that he was – instinctively kind, brave and always thinking of others before himself. Neal felt strongly that the crew involved in the plane crash should be remembered. As a result, Barry Simon and I found out the names of the eight crewmen and they are now remembered every year at our Remembrance Sunday service.

He had many achievements in his life, but none meant more to him than his marriage to Valerie. They were married for 64 years and he proudly arranged a surprise letter from the Queen for their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary – something he planned quietly, just to see the joy on Valerie's face.

Neal and Valerie started their honeymoon by taking a train to Torquay. They had very limited funds and were unsure how to find the hotel but they still chose to walk rather than pay for a taxi. Neal said that each morning they made sure to have a big breakfast at the B&B so it would last them all day, as they were determined to make the most of every moment without being wasteful. That was Neal all over: practical and grateful for what he had.

He loved going out for a meal when his relatives came to visit. Neal never let anything go to waste and always took a doggy bag home, which he'd happily enjoy the next day, usually followed by a slice of cake; he had a very sweet tooth!

Neal loved horse racing and spent time looking after horses. He and his wife even towed their caravan to the races where they camped for days and made an adventure of it.

He took great pride in his work and when he retired his employers gifted him a car – a gesture that showed just how valued and respected he was. As well as Swindon Village, Neal lived in many places over the years – Basingstoke, Devizes, and, lastly, Hereford. Wherever he lived, he collected stories and anyone who visited him would be sure to hear one.

One day, while waiting for an appointment at Cheltenham Council offices, he spotted a framed photograph that was taken when he was in the Territorial Army, serving as a guard of honour for the late Queen Mary (King Charles' great grandmother). He was completely surprised, having had no idea that the photograph had been taken, let alone that it was on display there. His final personal written request to me was that I should find out if the photograph still existed. I think that Neal had intended to insert the note in the Christmas card that he never got to send.

Neal wrote several articles for the Swindon Village Collections and shared some of his family photographs. In Collection 3 he wrote about the soldiers who were stationed at Swindon Hall in WW2 (one of his aunts, remembered in Collection 5, married one of them) and his memories of growing up in the village are in Collection 4. He recorded the field names and locations plus his memories of Swindon Farm (now gone), Dog Bark Lane and the Beacham family who lived in what is now Stantons Drive in Collection 6. In Collection 7 he remembered the Neems family who lived at Cotteswold in Brockhampton Lane, and his work and leisure activities, especially his milk round.

This last Christmas was the first that I did not receive a Christmas card and a letter from him so I knew that something was wrong. Neal had died on 20<sup>th</sup> December, less than 6 months before his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, and he was buried with his wife in our churchyard on 6<sup>th</sup> February this year.



Neal carried a strong sense of fairness and respect for others and he got considerable pleasure from doing things for other people, simply because it was the right thing to do. He lived a life filled with love, hard work, devotion to family, and kindness to everyone he met. He leaves behind memories that will continue to be told and retold, just as he would have liked. His family are incredibly proud of him and grateful for his stories, his values, his love and his life. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Eileen Allen with the help of Andy Cooper (Neal's son)

in  
loving  
memory



# The Swindon Village Society

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In January we had the excitement of our AGM. Maybe excitement is an overstatement. What it did confirm is that we have a reasonable number of members, that we are managing well financially and that we have at least a good start of a programme for the year.

I know I did this in the January edition, but I will repeat our current bookings. In February the talk will be on Gloucestershire's Inland Waterways. In March the talk will be 'An Armchair Guide to Tewkesbury Abbey'. In April, John Heathcott will take us round historic Cirencester. Non members who would like to join us for this outing us please contact me first. In May, we have a talk about the life of Amy Johnson. She was the UK's most famous pre-war aviatrix who lived in Stoke Orchard. We now have a copy of the National Garden's Programme and are looking for a suitable garden to visit in June. August will be the Garden Party. We have asked if the Gloucester/Warwickshire Railway would like to give us a talk later in the year.

The meeting did confirm that the annual membership fees will stay at £10 for an individual and £20 for a family.

The AGM was duly followed by Eileen Allen talking about the March Phillipps family. Now you may not be aware of them and will almost certainly not have met any of them wandering around the village, but they do take up quite a bit of space in our graveyard. On the right of the path leading to the church is a large Celtic cross. This is their memorial and alongside it are a couple more March Phillipps graves. And yet they never lived here. Eileen has traced the family back to Westminster and 1637 when Ambrose Phillipps was baptised there. . And, yes, the name does have two ls and two ps. The family was wealthy and prospered. The head of the next generation was another Ambrose, and he married well and bought an estate in Leicestershire called Garendon and also the nearby Manor of Grace Dieu. He became Sir Ambrose Phillipps. Through marriage and education, the family had links with Hampshire, Dorset, Somerset and some French estates but not anything local. 20



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That is until the 1851 census shows Charles March Phillipps living at Kenilworth House, Pittville Lawn, Cheltenham, a widower but with five servants. His sister, Harriet, was living nearby. He was buried here in Swindon Village in 1862 by the Reverend Thomas Goodlake, Rector, and the Reverend George Roberts, Minister of St John's Church, Cheltenham.

It would seem that the reason he was buried at Cheltenham rather than near his considerable estates in Leicestershire was to be near his sister, Harriet. She had lived in Lisle Villa, Clarence Square, had died there in 1859 and she had chosen Swindon for her grave. Over the years three or more descendents on the March Phillipps line chose to be buried with the family in Swindon although none ever lived here, but rather in Cheltenham. Several more have memorials here.

There was much more March Phillips history with some remarkable characters, but I am afraid I don't have room for it here. Thanks, Eileen, for a fascinating talk.

So if you would like to join us just turn up at any meeting with a small amount of legal tender.

Barry Simon

## FRIDAY NIGHT BAR



- Every Friday night from 7pm till late
- Wine, beer, spirits and soft drinks
- Indoor and outdoor seating (weather permitting)
- Everyone welcome. Bring your friends and meet your neighbours!
- Sorry no dogs allowed inside unless assistance dogs.

Hey all, Winter is over and so Spring gardening can commence!

March is always a mega busy month for most gardeners, it's the time you can start a lot of seeds and rejuvenate plants via pruning for the upcoming season.

My main garden jobs for this month are as follows:

- Plant up Tomato & Onion seedlings in the Greenhouse
- Direct sow my Carrot Seeds (All year round variety)
- Hard prune Ferns
- Lightly prune Blueberries

A top tip for growing onions from seed is to cluster them, with 4-6 seeds per plug, this way you get a massive variety of sizes at harvest time, perfect for home cooking, whether it's two big ones for a bolognese or a small one for a single curry.

That's just a few of my jobs, but it's also a perfect time to move any plants around, whilst they're just coming out of dormancy. For me this year I've decided to move all our Verbena Bonariensis in between our Ponytail Grass (*Stipa Tenuissima*) to make the purple flowers really pop. I got this idea from a beautiful National Trust Garden last summer.

Our Hellebores also did remarkably well this winter, even in a particularly shady area of our garden, so we definitely plan to buy more this summer/Autumn (when they're cheapest to buy), to make our garden have more colour in winter.

On that note of planning future plants, we always go to RHS Malvern Spring Festival in May, but I've also discovered there's a new RHS show for 2026 in Badminton, South Gloucestershire this July, so we're almost definitely going to attend that too.

I hope the sun comes out for us all this spring after a very wet winter. Thanks for reading.

# **Don't Waste Your Money** **Free Utility Health Check**

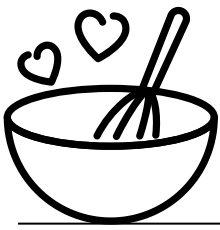
**Hello everyone,**

I am offering a **friendly, no-pressure utility health check** to help you make sure you're not paying more than you need to on your household bills.

It's amazing how many people discover they can **save money** simply by reviewing what they already have in place. This isn't a sales pitch—just a chance to:

- **Look at your current gas, electric, broadband or mobile plans**
- **Check if you're on the best tariff for your usage**
- **Spot any hidden charges or outdated contracts**
- **Get simple tips to reduce costs at home**
- **Get cash back for all of your spendings**

If you'd like a quick check or just some advice, contact me for a chat or meeting. It only takes a few minutes, and you might walk away with extra savings in your pocket. Everyone is welcome—bring a friend, a neighbour and just your latest bill if you want a closer look. Let's help each other keep costs down and stay warm. Call or message Jana on **07396727025** 23



# Cook with Dawn

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What's better on a windy day than a bowl of steaming hot soup and chunks of fresh bread..mmmmm

## **CURRIED PARSNIP SOUP**

Ingredients ...

1 tablespoon oil

1kg parsnips- peeled and cut into small chunks

4 teaspoons mild/or medium curry powder (or to your liking)

Salt & pepper seasoning

750ml vegetable stock

Sourdough bread

Method

1. Place the oil, onion and parsnips into a large saucepan and fry for about 4 minutes, stirring often, until parsnips are a light brown colour, but not dark, and onions are soft.
2. Turn the heat down low and add the curry powder. Fry off, stirring constantly for 1 minute. (Add a splash of water if it gets too dry).
3. Add the vegetable stock and season to your taste, turn up the heat, bring to a boil then turn down to low, simmer with a lid on for 15 minutes until parsnips are quite soft.
4. Now blitz the parsnips with a hand blender until smooth. If the soup is too thick, add a little extra hot water and blitz again.
5. Ladle soup into 4 bowls.... serve with lovely chunks of sourdough bread or one of your favourites.

Or save half and freeze for another day...

And of course.... enjoy 😊

# Personal Development & Wellbeing Coach

I am passionate about my business and have dedicated over 10 years to research, studying the subject and working with clients of all ages. I also work with young people, helping them to understand themselves better, control their emotions, and lead a healthy lifestyle. I keep my clients accountable and motivated by providing exercises and tools to manage stress levels, emotions and behaviour.

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Answers to quiz:

1. Super-G
2. Superbowl
3. Super-ego
4. Super glue
5. Super Tuesday
6. Super Mario
7. Super nova
8. Superman
9. Superdry
10. They are super!

## **SWINDON PARISH COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS**

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<b>Scouts, Cubs, Beavers</b>		info@ 1sv-scouts.co.uk
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There are currently two vacancies. Please get in touch if you would be interested.

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