

# Village News

**in Swindon Village, Cheltenham**

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

**July and August 2026 Edition No.525**



## **JULY**

**Saturday 4th** **Cake and Plant Sale** 10am. St Lawrences Church

**Wednesday 15th** **Swindon Village Society.** Village Hall 7.30pm  
A talk by John Reed about The Gloucester  
Warwickshire Steam Railway (GWSR) .  
Visitors welcome - £3

**Monday 20th** **Parish Council meeting.** 7.30pm  
Swindon Village Hall, bar area

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

## **AUGUST**

**Monday 17th** **Parish Council meeting.** 7.30pm  
Swindon Village Hall, bar area

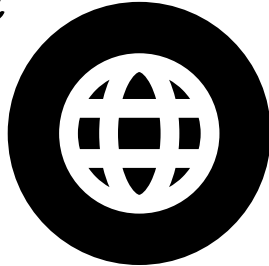
**Wednesday 19th** **Swindon Village Society.** 7pm Annual Garden Party.  
Members only.  
See Swindon Village Society article inside for details

**Sunday 30th** **Litter Pick.** Start 10.30 Village hall .

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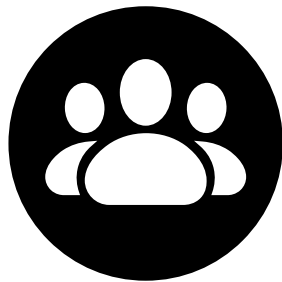
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For full, detailed information from and about the Parish Council visit [www.swindonparish.org.uk](http://www.swindonparish.org.uk)



## 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.



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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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Twice a year, we have a lovely month where there are no deadlines for the Village News. There are no editions in August (it is assumed that a lot of you lovely folks are on holiday and not around to read it) and January (there is enough to do in December without extra deadlines!)

At the moment, I am writing this inside a volcano, with two fans pushing warm air back at me. We have resisted the fans for years but have now decided enough is enough! I'd like to tell you that I saw the forecast, planned the exact models to suit us and smugly waited for the weather to hit boiling point. The reality was that we'd been away for the weekend, and hadn't seen or read any news. The heatwave had come as a surprise. Luckily when I went to get milk, Tesco had a huge pile inside their door saving me some internet surfing! Unfortunately, this is typical of us. Deadlines for work and other commitments, whilst perhaps not the epitome of efficiency get done in an orderly fashion. It's the home stuff the goes awry!

My Mother-in-Law, Marion has always been extremely organised. Nothing is put off that can be done today and she's always ahead of the game. Recently, she has taken this to extremes though. She's always gone to bed and got up early (she used to be a milk lady), but one morning last week she woke at 1am. Having decided that sleep was unlikely, she got up, showered and made Christmas cakes. Now that is just showing off!

Have a great summer and I'll see you for Christmas cake when you get back!

*Karren*



# Swindon Parish Council

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

Well, I am no longer a Parish Clerk! I took up the post on 2nd January 2013 and my last day on contract was 15th June 2026, over 13 years. I've loved most of it and hated some of it but, overall, I've learned a lot which was the main reason for taking the job on.

When I started in the job things were simpler (ee, when I were a lad...). Now, with changes in legislation and an increasing population the job has got bigger. The Parish Council recognises this and is happy to increase the number of working hours per month. This doesn't fit with what I want to be doing, so I made the decision to step away.



From 15th June 2026 my successor, Meg Humphries, has taken up the reins (or the cudgel!). Meg has been a parish clerk in the past and has also recently taken on the role for Gotherington Parish Council. I will be around and will happily assist Meg as and when she needs it but she is already getting a handle on the job and making a significant contribution.

I would like to welcome Meg to “the team”. I know you will treat Meg and your parish councillors with respect and kindness as they continue to do their best for you and the area. Meg has already pointed out some aspects of the job that I either never knew or had forgotten (there's a bit of a fog around which is which these days!).

In other news, the “big hitter” is obviously the plans that have been unveiled for the fields between Swindon Lane and Hyde Lane. I have decided to cover the issues around housing development in general and these proposals in particular, in a separate article in this issue.



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Moving on, there will be a consultation on the Community Governance Review. The consultation is around parish boundaries and will run until 31st July.

The Parish Council registered an interest in being part of the scheme to introduce 20mph speed limits in certain areas. We are on the County Council's radar and there will be public engagement commencing in the autumn.

The Village Fair took place on Saturday 20th June. The weather was perfect; it was dry, generally overcast and with a temperature in the low twenties rather than the high thirties. As we had done previously the Parish Council agreed to make a contribution to the expenses of the day. The event was staged for the benefit of the community. It wasn't about turning a profit.

The last time we did this I was the enforcer on the bouncy castle. This time, instead of a single bouncy castle we had three, and Alison, Chair of the Parish Council, stepped up to help ensure that the children had a lovely time and didn't require the services of a paramedic. People work hard behind the scenes to stage events like this, so a big thank you to Jana and her team for making this happen.

Our financial year ended on 31st March. To close out the year we have to complete an internal audit and an external audit. Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils (GAPTC) provide an internal audit service and I requested that they conduct ours back in February. Due to staffing issues and mis-communications the internal audit has not yet been completed, so we are up against it in terms of time. Everything has to go off to the external auditor by the end of this month.



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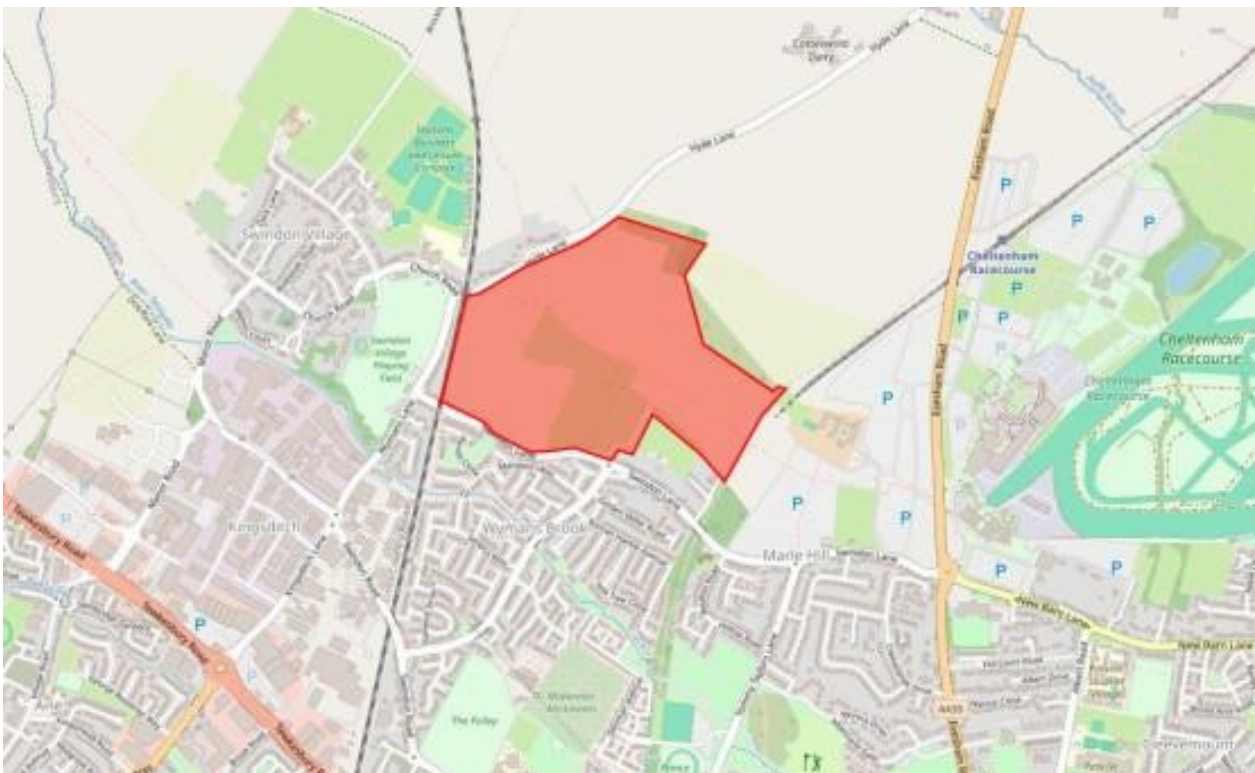
No doubt we've all been looking for a shady spot outside to avoid the heatwave. I was sitting quietly in the garden when the Edinburgh to Plymouth express roared though. A little later a huge Lufthansa A380 flew over at 38,000 feet. The service was flying from Munich to Boston. As darkness descended I sat and watched three satellites traverse the clear sky. Puts our little parish in perspective. What a curious, fantastic world.

After this (July) edition of the Village News we have a break. The next one will be published on or around the 1st September, so we have time to consider how best to keep you amused, informed and entertained with news from the Parish Council.

Shaun Cullimore

Former Clerk to Swindon Parish Council

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# Swindon Parish Council

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## Planning Matters - Both General and Specific

### Introduction

The reason for the significant activity in the fields bounded by Hyde Lane and Swindon Lane and the railway has become clear.

See map on previous page

This has caused a lot of consternation locally, so I thought it time to inform you with more detail about the planning process and also tell you where we are with this particular planning potential development.

### The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

Let's start at the top. The NPPF sets the government's policies and priorities. Right now the government sees a huge shortfall in available housing and wishes to increase the rate of supply of new homes. To do this every planning authority is required to meet housing targets. Cheltenham's target for delivering new homes was 450 per year. It has recently been increased to 824 per year. In association with that there is a need to demonstrate a five year land supply. Cheltenham Borough Council only has a 2.52 year land supply. I'll come back to why this is important.

### Joint Core Strategy

The JCS was the high level planning policy document put in place by the councils of Cheltenham and Tewkesbury Boroughs and Gloucester City. Its period of validity runs until 2031. Below the JCS each of the councils has their own local plan. The JCS and local plans allocated areas for development (e.g. the North West Urban Extension, known to us now as Elms Park).



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## **Strategic and Local Plan (SLP)**

This is a document that will replace the JCS and the three local plans. It is being worked on at present.

## **Housing supply**

Now, back to the question of housing supply. Developers can put forward plans for development that are outside the areas previously allocated. If the Borough Council could demonstrate a five year land supply it could reasonably refuse permission. However, we do not have a five year land supply. In this circumstance a developer is likely to win an appeal against refusal of planning permission. The Borough Council could be left having to pay both its own and the developer's legal bills.

## **The Fields between Hyde Lane and Swindon Lane**

The prospective developer applied to the Borough Council asking whether, in its opinion, an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) would be necessary. The developer would like to build 750 dwellings and set forward its argument that such an assessment would not be required. The documents associated with the application for a screening opinion can be viewed on the Borough Council's planning portal. Search for 26/00833/SCREEN. This activity alone attracted 132 comments. The Parish Council fully supported residents in requesting an EIA. Anyway, the Borough Council disagreed with the developer and an EIA will be required.



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## Planning Application

To be clear, the developer has not yet lodged a planning application. Leaflets have been distributed describing what they will be proposing and a public information event has been advertised for 26th June. Note that that is NOT a formal planning consultation.

Once a planning application is lodged people will have 21 days to respond. Objections must reflect “material planning considerations”. Such considerations include:

- Overlooking and loss of privacy
- Loss of light, daylight, or overshadowing
- Design, appearance, layout, and building materials
- Traffic generation, road access, and highway safety
- Adequacy of parking
- Noise, dust, fumes, and smells
- Impact on nature conservation, biodiversity, and trees
- Effect on listed buildings or conservation areas

Objections cannot be considered if they relate to:

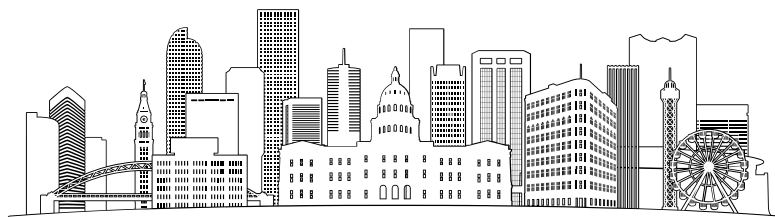
- Perceived loss of property value
- Loss of an individual's private view
- Commercial competition between businesses
- Disruption and noise strictly related to the construction phase
- The applicant's personal motives or morals

We await developments (if you'll pardon the pun).

Shaun Cullimore

## June 2026: Miles

1. Where is the Royal Mile?
2. Who broke the 4 minute mile in 1954?
3. Where in the UK is the Golden Mile, known for its attractions and arcades?
4. Which city is known as the Mile High City?
5. In which US State is Mile 0, a sign indicating the start of Route 1 that runs to the north of Maine?
6. Who had a hit with "I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)" in 1988?
7. In which UK city can you find Mile End?
8. What is the last word in the Native American aphorism, describing the feeling of empathy, "walk a mile in someone else's ...."?
9. Markers are used to designate the boundary of the Square Mile in London. What do these markers depict?
10. Who wrote the book "The Green Mile" on which the film starring Tom Hanks was based?



# CAKE SALE



**St Lawrence's Church**  
**Saturday 4th July 10am**





# St. Lawrence's Church

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## RECTORY REFLECTIONS - REV JACQUELINE

As summer settles in around us, there is a noticeable softening of pace in our parish. The days stretch out, the gardens fill with colour, and even the familiar walk to the shops seems gentler in the warm light. Summer has a way of reminding us that rest is not a luxury but a gift –one God encourages us to receive with open hands.

This time of year also brings its own shared rituals. Wimbledon returns with its comforting traditions: the quiet before a serve, the collective intake of breath during a long rally, and of course the strawberries and cream. The cricket season unfolds with the T20 world cup and the finals of the FIFA World cup will give us moments of national excitement—times when we gather in living rooms, pubs, and community halls to cheer, hope, and occasionally groan together.

These sporting moments, whether triumphant or tense, remind us how deeply we value being part of something larger than ourselves. They draw us into community, into shared emotion, into the simple joy of being together.

Scripture often uses the imagery of summer—growth, ripening, gathering—to speak of God’s quiet work in us. Jesus tells stories of seeds taking root and harvests coming in their season. These images reassure us that God is present not only in the dramatic moments of life but also in the slow, steady unfolding of ordinary days.

So perhaps this summer, amid the matches, the holidays, and the gentle hum of parish life, we might allow ourselves to be more attentive: to the beauty around us, to the people who cross our path, and to the still, small voice of God. Rest is not idleness; it is an act of trust. When we pause, we make space for gratitude, healing, and renewed purpose.



# St. Lawrence's Church

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## RECTORY REFLECTIONS - REV JACQUELINE

Whatever your plans—whether you're travelling, tending the garden, watching the tennis, or simply enjoying the long evenings—I pray that this season brings you peace, refreshment, and a renewed awareness of God's enduring love.

*"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters,  
he restores my soul."  
(Psalm 23 vv.1-3)*

I wish you a relaxing and enjoyable summer.

Rev. Jacqueline

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

 North Cheltenham  
Team Ministry

## Services at St. Lawrence – July 2026

Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	9:30am	Family Communion
	5pm	Evensong
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	9:30am	Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	9:30am	Holy Communion
	5pm	Evensong
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	9:30am	Holy Communion

**Everyone Welcome**



# St. Lawrence's Church

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## Cake and Plants Sale

Take this great opportunity to treat yourself to some home-made cakes and browse an array of plants for your garden.

St. Lawrence's Church annual cake and plants sale will take place at the church on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July, starting at 10am.

Proceeds from the sale will go towards building repair and maintenance funds. An ancient building like St. Lawrence's constantly requires repair and renovation and we currently face the cost of replacing the tower roof which is leaking.

Donations of cakes, other bakes and plants will be gratefully received by May Shurmer (01242 241033), Helen Harris (01242 239239) or Liz Attwell (01242 692483).

Thank you in advance for your support.

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](mailto:admin@northchelt.org.uk)

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



# St. Lawrence's Church

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St. Lawrence's Church invites you to

# Praise in the Park



**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 3pm  
Swindon Village Park**

(In the Village Hall if wet)

Come and sing your favourite hymns  
with a band from the Salvation Army



Please bring something to sit on

Tea and cake in the Village Hall afterwards

Retiring collection for the mission of the  
Salvation Army and St. Lawrence's Church



# St. Lawrence's Church

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## SAVE THE DATE!

St. Mary Magdalene Church  
Community Christmas Lunch

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*Sunday 13th December*  
**2026**

Uckington Village Hall

Everyone Welcome



# St. Lawrence's Church

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## Church cleaners wanted

Could you spare a bit of time to help keep the church looking clean and welcoming by doing some dusting and polishing and running the vacuum cleaner over the carpets? Sadly, some of our long-term helpers have had to give up recently and we'd like to boost the numbers in the team.

They work on a rota basis, either individually or with friends, and it only involves a couple of hours a month, or less if we can find more people.

We know that St. Lawrence's church building has a special place in the hearts of many people even if they don't attend services, and we greatly appreciate their help.

If you think you could lend a hand, please contact May Shurmer on 01242 241033.

Thank you.

## Answers to the quiz

1. Edinburgh
2. Roger Bannister
3. Blackpool
4. Denver, Colorado
5. Florida
6. The Proclaimers
7. London
8. Moccasins (half a mark for shoes)
9. Dragons/griffins
10. Stephen King

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🕒 5:00 - 6:00pm

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## 🌀 Continue the adventure

Cubs (8-10 years)

Scouts (10½-14 years)

Scouts  
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# The Swindon Village Society

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Well, our May meeting became interesting. First, our booked speaker who was going to tell us about Amy Johnson had to cry off because of illness. However, a replacement was found who was going to tell us about education in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century. However, her disabled husband became ill on the day she was due to talk so a phone call was received at 4pm saying she had to cry off too. Fortunately a hero strode forth to save the evening. Well, it was me actually. Up to the attic to collect five local history talks and five boxes of slides and off to the meeting. A vote was held as to which talk everyone wanted to fall asleep to and 'The History of Aviation in Gloucestershire' won by a goodly margin. This was sort of good news because the talk does feature a few sentences on Amy Johnson which takes us back to what was supposed to happen that evening.

Fortunately, even those who had heard the talk before had forgotten it all and so the talk was fairly well received. It even had a good effect on the accounts because rather than paying for a speaker I did it for free except for the gift of a bottle of wine. And guess who brought that? It wasn't even a particularly good bottle. However, as I write this a much better bottle has just arrived. Thanks all.

So on to a very different matter. I have long had an interest in paintings. When I first arrived in Cheltenham I was very pleased to visit the Wilson Museum and see some very fine paintings from the Baron de Ferriere's collection. I certainly thought the quality was well up with several of the galleries I used to visit in London and other cities. Sadly, when the redevelopment of The Wilson started, the painting all disappeared into the cellars and that must have been ten years ago. So I am delighted to announce that a good selection of still life painting from the de Ferriere's together with some very interesting modern painting and sculptures have reappeared for an exhibition that will last for the rest of this year. So if this is your thing you have a destination.



# The Swindon Village Society

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Now on to future plans.

Our July talk will be on the Gloucester/Warwickshire Steam Railway.

In August we have our Annual Garden Party which will be at 3, Swindon Hall. This is a members only event and so if you hanker after a glass of lukewarm fizz while looking at a dahlia join now.

In September we will hear about Snowhill Manor which has just appeared on the television as one of the National Trusts more interesting properties.

In October our own member, Robin Holland is going to tell us about the last 600 million years of Swindon Village history. I am hoping he is talking geology or this talk could go on for rather a long time.

Then in November we hope to finally have the Amy Johnson talk. Fingers very much crossed that our speaker is back to good health or else it will be up to the attic looking for slides again.

Visitors or new members are always welcome - if you can take the tension.

Barry Simon



Hello Gardeners, it's been another strange old summer this year with big fluctuations in temperature and lots of rain!

Regardless of how the weather affects us though, the plants seem to be loving all this warmth and rain. Upon time of writing, we were away for 4 days on holiday in Somerset and when I came back my Courgettes in our raised bed had doubled in size. My potatoes in grow sacks are the tallest I've ever seen too!

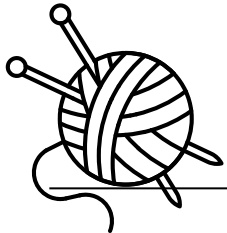
The project I wanted to share with you all this month though was my recent pond build. For around a year I've had a very tiny pond just in a metal container, but have always wanted something a bit bigger that will attract more nature. I wanted to do it right, so I went off to our favourite garden centre (Highfield), which has a 'World of Water' shop within, with all the pond supplies you could ever possibly want. I bought a 2m x 1m Pond Liner for around £35, which was of very good quality Rubber (EDPM 1mm). I also bought some horticultural grit as it's excellent as a pond floor.

The unexpectedly enjoyable next step was obviously digging a hole for the pond. Using a borrowed pickaxe and my flat spade, I spent 2-3 hours digging with my 4 year old son. The hole was around 60cm wide, 90cm length and 35cm depth. Depth is important for ponds, if you want certain pond plants, like water lilies, you need a minimum of 35cm depth, ideally 45cm. After that, I simply removed any sharp stones, laid the pond liner, then cut off the excess. After filling it with rainwater, I then washed our horticultural grit before laying it at the bottom of the pond, making sure it covered the entire pond floor. I then moved my old pond plants into the new pond and wedged their pots with a few large stones so that they're less prone to falling over. We then decorated the edges with some old branches and stones, but I still need to add some 20mm gravel just to finish it off.

After just a couple of days, the pond water looked noticeably clear and was already attracting a lot of insects. Ponds are the best way of attracting wildlife to your garden bar none and I can't wait to see if frogs arrive!

Thanks for reading.

Dale.



## Marle Hill WI

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Marle Hill WI met on Monday 1 June 2026. Our speaker was Paul Evans who entertained us with his poems.

After refreshments members were told of the various event like the coffee morning, knit and natter and book clubs dates and venues.

Our July meeting will be on Monday 6 July when our speaker will be Ken Brightwell who will give us an idea of what it is like as a Town Crier.

We welcome visitors to any of our meetings so do come and along and see what the WI can offer you.

Please contact Sara Jefferies – contact details on the backpage.

Sue Davies Marle Hill WI



# Cook with Dawn

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BBQ season is finally here, hopefully the sun will shine for friends and family get-togethers.

So here are a couple of easy, spicy dishes to share.

## Hot & Spicy Potatoes

### Ingredients

- 900g/2lb baby new potatoes, washed
- 2 tsp paprika
- 2 tsp dried chilli flakes
- 2 tsp cumin seeds
- 2 tsp black onion seeds
- 8 tbsp passata
- Salt/pepper
- Oil spray
- Chopped coriander to garnish (if desired)
- Cocktail sticks

### Method

- 1.Preheat oven to 220°C/gas 7.
- 2.Place the potatoes in a single layer in a non stick roasting tin.
- 3.In a small bowl, mix together the paprika, chilli flakes,cumin seeds, black onion seeds and the passata. Season well, then spoon over the potatoes and toss to coat evenly.
- 4.Spray with the oil and bake in the middle of the oven for 20-25 minutes, or until potatoes are tender, turning half way through.
- 5.Carefully remove from the oven, spear each potato with a Cocktail stick and Place on a serving platter.
- 6.Garnish with the chopped coriander.



# Cook with Dawn

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## Chilli Chickpea Cakes - Serves 4- freezer friendly

### Ingredients

- 2 tomatoes
- 2x 400g can chickpeas, drained
- 1 red chilli, deseeded and sliced
- 4 spring onions
- 2 Garlic cloves, peeled and chopped or 2tsp lazy garlic from a jar
- 4 tbsp chopped coriander
- Salt and pepper
- 1 egg beaten
- 57g/2oz breadcrumbs
- Oil spray
- Crisp salad leaves and Cherry Tomatoes

### Method

- 1.Prick the tomatoes with a fork, place in a bowl and pour over boiling water, leave for 30 seconds, carefully remove from the water, peel off the skins and finely chopped.
- 2.Place the chickpeas into a food processor and blend for about 30 seconds or use a hand blender.
- 3.Transfer chickpeas to a bowl and stir in the chopped tomatoes, chilli, spring onions, garlic, coriander and season well.
- 4.Divide the mixture into 12 portions and squeeze firmly into flatish Cakes.
- 5.Brush Cakes with the beaten egg and roll in the breadcrumbs. Cover and chill until needed.
- 6.Preheat oven to 200°C/gas 6
- 7.Place the Cakes onto a baking sheet , spray with oil, and bake for about 20 minutes or until golden and cooked through.
- 8 Serve the chilli Chickpea Cakes with the crisp salad leaves and cherry tomatoes And of course... enjoy 😊 😊 ... !

# Cheltenham Horticultural Society Summer 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.

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**WHEN:** Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. 12.30 to 4pm

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Please inform the editors of any changes to the contact details for village organisations.

**Deadline for the next issue of the Village News is the 16th June 2026**

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There are currently two vacancies. Please get in touch if you would be interested.

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