

# Village News

in Swindon Village

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## **April**

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| Monday         | 4         | Marle Hill W.I. - St. Nicolas' Hall 7.30pm<br>Nic Munnings - "Tax Care and Toy Boys"     |
| Wednesday      | 6         | Wednesday Club - Village Hall 8.00pm<br>Lenette Isko - Fascinating Hats                  |
| <b>Tuesday</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall<br/>Beginning with Public Session at 7.30pm</b> |
| Wednesday      | 13        | Church fete meeting - in the church 7.30pm   |
| Saturday       | 16        | Swindon Village Society Bird Walk<br>Start from the Village Hall car park at 9.30am.     |
| Tuesday        | 19        | Annual Parochial Church Meeting - St. Lawrence 7.30pm                                    |

## **May**

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| Wednesday      | 4         | Wednesday Club - Village Hall 8.00pm<br>Susan Marshfield - Holidays Afloat                  |
| Monday         | 9         | Marle Hill W.I. - St. Nicolas' Hall 7.30pm - Resolutions                                    |
| <b>Tuesday</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall<br/>Beginning with Public Session at 7.30pm</b>    |
| Saturday       | 14        | Art Club Exhibition - Village Hall 1pm - 4pm  |
| Wednesday      | 18        | Swindon Village Society - Village Hall 7.30pm<br>Dave Walton - The Arts and Crafts Movement |
| Sunday         | 22        | Save The Countryside Walk (see inside for details)  |

*(Full minutes of all Parish Council meetings are available on the Parish website [www.swindonparish.org.uk](http://www.swindonparish.org.uk). They are also available on request from the Chairman.)*

We have to have an Annual Parish meeting and it must be held in either April or May. Though the meeting is chaired by the chairman of the Parish Council it is a meeting for the community; it is not a council meeting. Both the School Hall and the Village Hall are popular venues, making it hard for them to accommodate a one off booking so as I write the most likely date for our meeting is Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May and the venue would be the Village Hall. We have been considering what form the meeting should take. One idea is that we should make the meeting interesting to as many local people as possible by inviting local groups to briefly describe what they do and how their year has gone. These groups might attract new recruits and those attending would get a better view of what is going on in the area. Nothing confirmed as yet but I will have more definite plans to share in the next issue of the Village News.

With the pause in the Joint Core Strategy planning enquiry we have been considering more local planning matters. Planning applications throw up some interesting debates. In many cases there are differences of opinion between our councillors and we have to reach a consensus view through debate (we don't argue!). A recent application for the extension of a semi-detached house caused the Council to consider whether there should be a nod towards symmetry when one house has already been extended and plans are produced to extend the other. Extensions used to be "set back" from the line of the original building so that the shape of the original building could still be seen. This seems to be guidance rather than a requirement these days. However, the Council thought that, on balance, it would be best if development follows precedents set in the area (i.e. if one extension is set back then it seems reasonable to request that the other be set back).

Another interesting debate (as usual with no right answer!) concerns the change of use of industrial premises to leisure-related businesses. It can be argued (sorry, debated!) that refusal to allow such a change of use preserves industrial capacity and means that it is less likely that parts of the Green Belt will need to be given over to industrial use in the future. The opposing point of view is that it is best to support initiatives that provide more facilities to the public within walking/cycling distance rather than forcing people to drive to the town centre. Such changes may also make the area more residential in character. The latter view won the day and an application to convert an industrial premises on the Kingsditch estate into a children's adventure play area was not opposed.

The Parish Council did oppose an application to convert a stable block into two dwellings. The Council took the view that the development did nothing to support the continued agricultural use of the land and was therefore an unwelcome incursion into the Green Belt.

Of course it is the Borough Council that decides planning applications; the Parish Council can only make observations for the Borough Council to consider along with views from the County Council highways department, the police and other bodies. Often the final decision to allow or reject a development is made by one of the Borough Council's planning officers. More contentious applications may be referred to the Borough Council's planning committee, where the councillors vote to decide the matter.

There have been a few local cases of houses left vacant for extended periods of time. Apparently there is a house in Rivelands Road that has been vacant for 13 years. This is disappointing to say the least when we are told there is an acute shortage of housing and that swathes of the Green Belt will have to be sacrificed as a result. However, provided the Council Tax is paid and basic maintenance is undertaken to prevent the property becoming dangerous there is nothing the local councils can do. Neighbours concerned at the devaluation of their own properties have the option of taking appropriate legal action.

The local government financial year is drawing to a close on 31<sup>st</sup> March. At that time I have to close the books and produce the accounts for the financial year. We will then be audited and the result of the audit must be announced to the public. The accounts and the audit report will also be made available on our web site.

In May the Parish Council is required to elect (or re-elect) the chairman and the vice-chairman for the forthcoming year. This will happen at our meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> May. Not quite the pomp of the Lord Mayor's Show but you're welcome to come along and observe!

As I write the Cheltenham Festival race meeting is getting into full swing. A scheme has been put in place to make parking in some roads "permit holders only". Whilst the idea of stopping visitors to the races taking all the available local parking spaces seems a good one, I understand that only two parking permits are provided to each household. We have heard that this causes difficulty for households with more than two cars (or residents expecting visitors). Let us know your views.

The long-standing issue with the height of the hedge along Swindon Lane has hopefully been resolved, at least in the short term. Racing aficionados returning with empty pockets will at least be able to enjoy views of the fields and hills, as will the residents of Swindon Lane.

The Parish Council has had a long-standing vacancy for a councillor. This became two vacancies with the resignation of one of our members, reported last month. When a vacancy occurs we have to advertise the fact to the general public for a period of 14 days. If there were more interested, eligible people than vacancies there would have to be an election. However, we were not inundated with applications. Once the 14 days have elapsed the Parish Council is free to consider the co-option of any individuals who wish to join the council. We are always delighted to hear from public spirited individuals with an interest in joining us, and I am very happy to report that the co-option of such a person will be considered at our April meeting.

The role of Parish Councillor can be whatever you make of it; it doesn't need to take over your life. However, a County Councillor from Norfolk was recently reported missing by his family. Four police officers participated in the search for him. He was eventually found alive and well attending his sixth council meeting in two days. We would not expect that level of commitment!

## **Shaun Cullimore**

Clerk to Swindon Parish Council



## **News from our Village Agent**

How can it be April already? Seriously? The year is flying by!

In the last few weeks my time has been spent knitting like a maniac. A Harry Potter jumper for the daughter of a friend, and for the charity Knitted Knockers UK, a small charity that knits cotton prostheses for women that have undergone a mastectomy.

In my job as a Village Agent I have visited knitting groups where ladies get together to knit (obviously) and socialise and chat. Sometimes they help each other with a difficult knitting stitch and sometimes they help each other with things that are far more difficult or personal than knit one purl one.

These social gatherings are harder to find for men to attend. Men's hobbies tend to be more solitary – tinkering in the shed, or pottering on an allotment. I was talking to someone though who said that a draw for men might be rugby or football. What do you think? Would you be interested in going to some kind of regular daytime social event at a rugby club? Or would you (as a chap) prefer to become a befriender and volunteer to befriend other people? Friends for You offer a countywide befriending scheme. Do let me know if you'd like any more information on becoming a befriender.

I'm off to pick up my needles again now – I may see you at one of the knitting groups. Do come across and say hello. And if I see you at the rugby club, chaps, say hello to me there too!

## **Liz Heckford**

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**Services and events in April**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	10.30am 6.30pm	Together @ Ten Thirty Sung Holy Communion
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am–12noon 7.30pm	Chatterbox coffee drop in Tuesday Group
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	9.15am 2.30pm 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Baptism Evensong
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am – 12noon 7.00pm	Chatterbox coffee drop in Holy Communion followed by Tuesday group
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm	Wedding of Wayne Newman & Emma Taylor
Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup>	12noon	Renewal of vows of Andrew & Georgina Townsend
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Evensong
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am-12noon 7.30pm	Chatterbox coffee drop in APCM followed by refreshments
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Evensong
Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am-12noon 7.30pm	Chatterbox coffee drop in Tuesday group

**Fete meeting**

A second meeting to plan this year's church fete will be held  
**on Wednesday 13th April at 7.30pm in the church.**

We need as many people as possible to attend as we would like to explore some different ideas this year and would value your thoughts.

If you can't come to the meeting but have some ideas  
please phone **Tony Jilbert on 693639.**

It feels odd to be writing this before Easter, when I have already sent Easter greetings in the last village news but it doesn't hurt to say it again – Happy Easter!

As the days get longer and lighter it really feels like we have turned a corner. For Christians the time after Easter feels like that too. Our buildings are filled with beautiful flowers, white or gold frontals adorn our altars, and the hymns and songs have a more upbeat feel about them.

It has been a joy to spend time with so many of the children of the village in recent weeks as we have retold the Easter story in school, had the school visit for Experience Easter, and the Early Years making an Easter Garden at church. It reminds us of the cycle of new life that Easter celebrates, and gives us hope for the future.

We may not always see huge signs of hope. Sometimes we need to look for it in the little things. April is the time for Annual Meetings in our churches. In recent years attendance at these meetings has been rather on the low side. It can be tempting to feel there is little hope for the future when people don't come forward to get involved. However, it does appear that someone always does step up, to give us hope. I suspect you can identify times like that in your life as well.

At St Lawrence there are lots of small signs of hope. We have had more baptisms in the past twelve months than in any other year for ten years, and we continue to enjoy welcoming families to our all-age service on the first Sunday of the month.

But church is not just about getting people into the building – it's about being a presence in our community. We have started a coffee drop in morning on Tuesdays which is going from strength to strength, and is a real community event. We are making good relationships with organisations in the St Peter's area of our parish, an area we are keen to reach.

All these are signs of hope that God is most definitely at work in our community – it's up to us to join in!

**Revd Liz**

*Thank you to  
Swindon Village Early Years  
for our Easter Garden*



## **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 church, please visit the Team Surgery at St. Nicolas' Church, Swindon Lane on any Saturday morning between 10.30am and 11.00am. (Enter through the main door and turn right.)

If this is not possible contact the Team Office, which is open Monday to Friday from 9am until 12 noon. The office is based at St Nicolas' Church in Swindon Lane. Contact the Office on **244373** or **admin@northchelt.org.uk**

**You can contact me, the Revd Liz Palin (Associate Priest) on 575547, liz.palin@northchelt.org.uk.**

## **The Parish of Swindon St Lawrence & Cheltenham St Peter**

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting  
will be held on  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016  
at 7.30pm in St Lawrence Church

All those on the church's Electoral Roll are allowed to attend and vote. All who are interested are invited to attend (but won't be allowed to vote).

Why not come along? Hear what we have been up to in the past year and our plans for the future.

There will be time afterwards to chat socially and enjoy a glass of wine or fruit juice with some nibbles.



Although I'm sitting here and writing this on a beautifully sunny evening in March it's hard to imagine that, by the time you read this in April's Bulletin, Easter will be behind us and everyone at SVPS will be preparing themselves for the summer term! Where has the year gone?

Looking back, we've had a great spring term – busy but very rewarding! I think it is fair to say that the staff are exhausted trying to keep up with the DfE's ever-changing demands whilst, at the same time, providing our children with a curriculum which is broad, balanced and memorable but they continue to do a fantastic job and I am immensely proud to work with such a dedicated and talented team.

Those of you who are regular readers of my round-up will know that Swindon Village Primary School is about having fun! Yes, of course, academic achievement is imperative but there is overwhelming evidence to show that children who are happy, safe and confident will be our best learners! Every topic undertaken in the school involves a 'wow' day and these involve the children taking their learning outside of the school environment or inviting visitors into school to enrich the curriculum. So far this calendar year we've had visits to the Birmingham NEC and Bristol Aquarium and the next few months will see our children going as far afield as Pembrokeshire and Bristol Zoo.

As well as all of these visits, we've also had a number of themed days including a Superhero Day for our Reception children not to mention a memorable celebration of World Book Day where we all got the opportunity to dress up as our favourite book characters. Like a lot of people, we have been following Tim Peake's time in the International Space Station and we were thrilled last month to have a visit from astronaut Richard Farrimond who both fascinated and inspired us all with stories of his time with NASA and the space shuttle programme.

We are proud to be part of the Swindon Village community and are very keen to make full use of the opportunities available to us locally. We continue to welcome members of our local churches into school to lead assemblies as part of 'Open the Book' and, during the last week of the spring term, we will be taking part in 'Experience Easter' which involves all of our KS2 children and staff visiting St. Lawrence's Church to take part in a series of activities led by members of the Swindon Village community. During the summer term, we will be starting an exciting enterprise project with Whole Foods and some of you may have seen us in the Echo litter picking in Swindon Village Park as part of the 'Clean for the Queen' initiative. This was a great chance to give something back to our community and we are always looking for initiatives to become involved in – please let us know if you have any opportunities for us.

If I may, I would like to sign off with a request for Sainsbury's 'Active Kids' Vouchers. I am aware that a number of people without school-age children often refuse the vouchers so if you, or any of your friends and neighbours etc. are looking for a school to donate your vouchers to, please send them in our direction. Thank you!

**Jonathan Dyer**, Head Teacher

## Wednesday Club

We welcomed Mr Phil Collins (aka Professor Collywobbles) to our meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March. We laughed ourselves silly all evening and apologise to the Village Hall Committee, who were meeting in the bar, for the noise emanating from the hall. Phil is a born entertainer and gave us a brief history of how Punch and Judy came about with much input from his audience. He picked on the most troublesome member of the audience, that would be Jackie, and she was his helper for the evening. They were well matched which caused even more laughter; Jackie's antics were as funny as Phil's. He performed a short Punch and Judy Show at the end of the evening which brought back lots of memories for us all. We had a great evening with supper and still much laughter. It would be nice to welcome him back sometime in the future for another of his talks.

We are holding a Coffee Morning on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June. It will be at 17 Quat Goose Lane as usual and we will be having a raffle and a sale table. Everyone is welcome to come along on that day; you do not have to be a member of the club. Fingers crossed for nice weather again, please.

There will be a coach trip to St. Fagan's in Cardiff on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June. It will be open to all and so if you would like to come along, please get in touch. More details nearer the date.

Also, we will be having a trip to Waterperry Gardens near Oxford on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September. If you are interested, again please get in touch. My phone number is on the inside back cover of this magazine; alternatively, please contact another member of the committee. We will let you know more details nearer to the time.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April when Lenette Isko will be telling us all about Fascinating Hats.

We have a very varied programme of speakers each year and so please do come along and join us. You will be made very welcome. Each meeting starts at 8.00pm and it will be lovely to see you.

**Pauline Wright**

## Art & Crafts Club

All very busy at the moment striving for perfection to display at our  
**Annual Exhibition.**

Put the date in your diaries now - **Saturday 14th May, 1pm to 4pm.**

Free admission

Refreshments (small charge) and a raffle but most of all some great pictures.  
Please come and see for yourselves it will be worth it.

**Helen Dicks**

Most of us have heard of Hales Road over on the Eastern side of town. Well, as Carolyn Greet informed us last month, it was named after a chap we could do with having in our midst right now. As Cheltenham prospered, concern was voiced about the state of the roads. There were potholes all over and no one appeared to be in charge. Enter Charles Hale, who was actually a musician and who ran a very successful music shop. He took over the job of ensuring the roads were properly maintained and he seems to have been very good at it. The long road running North to South to the East of the town was a case in point. One half of it was maintained by one parish while the other half was maintained by a different parish and both made a poor fist of it. Charles ensured that the road was taken over by the town itself and was brought up to scratch. As a result a grateful town named the road after him. Road maintenance was put on a proper basis and the town prospered. Charles, where are you now? A community needs you.

In fact his tale covered much more than just successful highway maintenance. Charles Hale was very much one of the driving forces who put Cheltenham on the map as it turned from a small village to a successful spa town. It is always interesting to realise what a new town Cheltenham is. Only St Mary's stands as a real mark of history before spa times.

Of course transport and roads are still a concern. The various transport plans related to the Joint Core Strategy are in a state of disarray and as a result the Examination in Public will continue for much of this year. Save The Countryside and the Cheltenham Alliance continue to do what they can to point out the potholes. (Nice link – eh?). In fact this may be a good place to mention that Save The Countryside does not have any political affiliation. It was established by several locals who were concerned about the plans to swamp the local greenbelt with housing. The Village Society joined shortly afterwards. We invite the local councillors and MPs of any party along to help us where they can but any thought that STC was set up by politicians is far from the mark.

Our April meeting will be our annual Saturday morning wander around the area to log any bird life we can see or indeed any wildlife. We start at the Village Hall car park and will stay close to the village this year. Anyone is welcome to join us and because we will not be going far you can bail out anytime you want. If you stay the course there may even be a coffee at the end. Bring binoculars if you have them. Well behaved dogs are tolerated – no cats.

## **For your diary:**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April** - Nature Walk. Meet at the Village Hall car park at 9.30am. A walk around the village and nearby. Non-members welcome.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May** - An illustrated talk on the Arts and Crafts movement by Dave Walton. Non members £1. In the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

**Barry Simon**

At the February meeting we held the Annual Doug Wilkins Dry Red kit wine competition. We had 7 bottles that were judged. The result of the competition were as follows: in Third place was Tony Jilbert; in Second place was Cyril Smallwood; and in First place was Mandy Jilbert.

We also had a pudding evening where there were a variety of puddings including trifles, almond tarts, meringues, profiteroles etc. The most popular pudding was a Strawberry Trifle made by Sue Jones.

At the time of writing we are looking forward to a talk by Manuel Queiroz about his journey "Overland from Alaska to Argentina".

**Roy Harper**

## Save The Countryside 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk

Celebrating 9 years of strength in our community voice  
and a passion for the beautiful place in which we live!

Walking through the fields under threat of development of  
a new town of 4800 houses  
between Swindon Village and Uckington.  
Starting at Stantons Drive, Swindon Village.

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2pm**

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

*For further details contact 01242 680602 (Anne) or 07770 986078 (Helen)*



## Marle Hill W.I.

Frances Benton laid out a display of her amazing collection of pearls at our March meeting, all shapes, sizes and colours (116 shades of white, pink, black and peacock). She explained the differences between Faux, Natural and Cultured pearls; that those found in seawater sparkled whilst those in fresh water had a softer colour. Originally only royalty, men and sheiks wore pearls, not women. They are formed inside the shells of the molluscs encasing the mummified parasitic maggot of a waterborne burrowing worm, not round a grain of sand or grit as our grannies used to tell us! They have been described as 'dewdrops filled with moonlight'. Frances sources all her pearls on her trips all over the world and then makes them up into jewellery, she was wearing a beautiful string of golden pearls which are very expensive and rare. A number of members were tempted and bought some of her wares.

We heard that Betty was home from hospital at long last and some members had been to visit her. The Craft Club had enjoyed some of Wendy's delicious pancakes at their meeting on Shrove Tuesday. Wendy S. and Annette had been on an organised County Walk around Brockhampton. A meal at Moran's, dressing up for Ladies' Day at the Races (a great day, but came home down on funds despite getting some winners), a skittles evening, a coach trip to London with a visit the Chelsea Hospital and a tea afternoon hosted by Wendy F. have all kept us occupied during the past month.

Looking forward to April, Roz has invited us to an afternoon tea at her house to say goodbye, as she is moving to Hampshire to be near her son. We have a match in the first round of the County Skittles Tournament and so will be playing Gretton WI. There is a Skittles and Supper Evening at the Suffolk Arms, a visit to the Gloucester Mosque and a Campaign and Debate Day. Further ahead, we are organising an 'Evening of Indulgence' on 21<sup>st</sup> May for which we will be selling tickets, more details next month!

The speaker at our meeting on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April is to be Nic Munnings who calls his talk 'Tax Care and Toy Boys'. If you would like to find out more you are welcome to join us at 7.30pm at St Nicolas Hall, Swindon Lane. By the way, we are using the Church entrance whilst the building work to the hall extension is on.

**Sara Jefferies**

*Sue, Best Mate and Sara*



Spring is that wonderful time of year when we can all look forward to lighter evenings and the chance to spend more time outside with hikes, trips and camps all on the agenda for us in the coming months. As usual, all the sections in the group have been busy over recent weeks.

Five of our Scouts formed a team to take part in the District Scout Cooking Competition, held at Shurdington Scout HQ. The challenge this year was to cook and serve a three course meal for five people with a budget of just £17. The theme for this year was "Best of British" which was mainly about using British sourced main ingredients, and meals reflecting food that is frequently eaten in this country. All five teams from around the district cooked meals that the judges would have been happy to sit down and eat and the standard was once again very good this year. Our Scouts prepared a delicious meal and, while they didn't win, they still got to sit down and enjoy the results of their hard work and had a lot of fun in the process ! Congratulations to all of you, and a big thank-you to your parents for all their help and support.

At the end of February we took all the Scouts over to Gloucester where we all enjoyed an evening of "Darklight Laser Tag" at the JDR Karting centre. This is always a good fun evening which the Scouts really enjoy and the leaders get to behave like children again!

On the first Sunday in March we took part in the Mothering Sunday all-age church service at St Lawrence church where we had youngsters from all the sections present and collecting flowers to pass onto their Mums and Grans - always a lovely occasion.

Finally, the spring sees our first Jumble Sale of the year and we hope you all enjoyed this and bought plenty of bargains – we certainly had plenty of goodies to buy! A huge thank-you to everybody who came to help us - your help was vital in making the sale a success and most appreciated. It's lovely to see several former Scouts coming back to help out with our fundraising efforts as well as parents of youngsters who have long since left the group. Also thanks to everybody from around the village who came to support us! It is one of our main fundraising events of the year and its success is vital in keeping the group's finances healthy.

We are also collecting **Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers** again and we hope to obtain some new equipment at the end of this scheme. If you could please hand your vouchers to any of the leaders, we would be grateful. Thank you.

**Sos**

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