

# Village News

in Swindon Village

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## *July*

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| Monday         | 2         | Marle Hill W.I. - St. Nicolas' Hall 7.30pm<br>Chris Evans - The Butterfly Garden                     |
| Wednesday      | 4         | Wednesday Club -Village Hall 8.00pm<br>Peter Berry - Around the World in 80 Images                   |
| Thursday       | 5         | Village Hall Committee meeting - in the Lounge 7.15pm  |
| Saturday       | 7         | Plant Sale at the church - 11am to 1pm   |
| <b>Tuesday</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall<br/>Beginning with Public Session at 7.30pm</b>             |
| Wednesday      | 18        | Swindon Village Society - Village Hall 7.30pm<br>Fiona Mead - Social History from old school records |
| Sunday         | 22        | Praise in the Park - Playing field 3.00pm<br>Followed by tea in the Village Hall                     |

## *August*

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| <b>Tuesday</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall<br/>Beginning with Public Session at 7.30pm</b> |
| Wednesday      | 15        | Swindon Village Society Garden Party at 3 Swindon Hall 7pm<br>Members only               |

## *September*

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| Monday    | 3 | Marle Hill WI - St. Nicolas' Hall 7.30pm<br>Barry Simon - The History of Aviation |
| Wednesday | 5 | Wednesday Club -Village Hall 8.00pm<br>Tax Care and Toyboys                       |
| Thursday  | 6 | Village Hall Committee meeting - in the Lounge 7.15pm                             |

*(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.)*

Brace yourselves; this is going to be an upbeat article! There has been much moaning and groaning of late, mostly from me. I was in danger of alienating both of my readers. As there is no News in August this has to last you for two months so let's focus on the positive and leave you with a skip in your step for the summer.

We are told that parts of Church Road outside the school are to be resurfaced, as are the parts of Hyde Lane that were missed last time. What a start!

Our County Councillor is allocated some money to spend at his discretion under what is known as the Highways Local scheme. He is looking at the potential to use this funding to install speed humps on Malmesbury Road Trading Estate to make the area unattractive to cruisers/boy racers (at least to those that want to thrash their cars up and down).

I told you last time that we were organising a litter pick as a collaboration between Spirax Sarco and local folk. Well, we assembled a collection of over twenty people and a more decent, positive-minded group you could not wish to meet. I felt like going straight round to Spirax to apply for a job so that I could spend more time with these people. The locals too were a great bunch, keen to make a difference (I am already a member of that club).

Everyone set to and we gave the area around the park and Kingsditch Industrial Estate a good spring clean. I say "we", I was incapacitated due to injury and had more of a co-ordination role. This is an activity that we would love to continue. We could extend this to other areas (suggestions welcome but please be prepared to "muck in").



A big thank you to the Spirax Sarco staff and the locals who made the effort and to Janice from the Borough Council who brought the equipment plus her infectious energy and enthusiasm. We all came away thinking we had enjoyed ourselves!

We also have in mind doing a bit of clearance work at the south end of the park by the brook. By knocking back some of the undergrowth and putting down bark chippings we could increase the utility of the area and make it a safe, exciting, natural space to explore for young and old.

Speaking of decent, positive-minded folk, we have a new Parish Councillor! I knew I would wear someone down eventually. We have welcomed Yvonne Pirso to the team. Ironically, Yvonne lives just outside the parish boundary but as her home is within three miles of it she qualifies. No-one is safe! Being outside the boundary, Yvonne does not receive the Village News and would have been unaware of my constant whining about apathy, so I can claim no credit for her recruitment. Yvonne has strong, long term links with the parish through the Scouts and the school. She is committed to the well-being of the area, and we look forward to the contribution she will make in the future.

Through chatting with some of the residents participating in the litter pick it is clear that, even though we advertise it regularly, many people do not think to look at the parish web site. With no Village News in August this would be the perfect way to keep up to speed with local happenings. The address is at the foot of this article. Type it into your browser. NOW!

On a personal note, I would like to extend my best wishes to a lady who had the misfortune to break her leg outside our house a few days ago. To her eternal credit she didn't want to inconvenience her lovely family and was trying to persuade them to carry on home, with the argument that it would be fine to leave her lying on the grass verge. To their eternal credit they would have none of it!

To create this positive, optimistic article I have set aside all the bad, disappointing and negative news. Shielding you in this way comes at a price. These items will probably resurface in September!

**Shaun Cullimore**

Clerk to Swindon Parish Council

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

At the time this plea was submitted for print we still had not had any response from anyone interested in filling any of the vacancies that will occur on the hall committee at the AGM 2019.

The vacancies are as follows:

Chairman

Treasurer

Booking secretary

Should you be considering any of the above you can

1. Contact any serving committee member
2. Attend a committee meeting - they are always open to all
3. Leave a message on telephone number 690479
4. Contact the Parish or Church Council who will forward any interest.

So many of you or a family member rely on the Village Hall for various activities, so I'm sure you would agree it would be a shame to see the hall close its doors due to lack of interest in its running.

### **Future meetings:**

July 5th

No meeting in August

September 6th

All our meetings are held on a Thursday in the lounge at 7.15pm.

Act now - it's up to you.

### **Peter Piff**

Chairman, Village Hall Committee

*We have a lot of photos for you this month. Black & white printing doesn't do them justice but they can be seen in full colour on the parish website. Go to [www.swindonparish.org.uk](http://www.swindonparish.org.uk) and click on Village News on the menu bar at the top of the page.*

*The Editors*

**Services and Events in July**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Sunday	10.30am 6.30pm	Together @ Ten Thirty Holy Communion
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In
8 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Evensong
10 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon 7.00pm	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In Holy Communion
15 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	10.30am 6.30pm	Together @ The Table Evensong
17 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sunday	9.15am .3.00pm	Holy Communion Praise in the Park followed by Tea in the Village Hall (No Evensong)
24 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In
29 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Songs of Praise at St. Mary Magdalene, Elmstone Hardwicke

**Services and Events in August**

5 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	10.30am 6.30pm	Together @ Ten Thirty Holy Communion
7 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In
12 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Evensong
14 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon 7.00pm	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In Holy Communion
19 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	10.30am 6.30pm	Together @ The Table Evensong
21 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In
26 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Evensong
28 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In

## Services and Events in September

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sunday	10.30am	Together & Ten Thirty
		6.30pm	Holy Communion
4 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In

### 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 Revd. Nick Bromfield (Team Rector) by email [nick.bromfield@northchelt.org.uk](mailto:nick.bromfield@northchelt.org.uk) or via the office.**

### From the registers



#### Funerals

*We gave thanks for the life of*  
Catherine (Kate) Dryburgh  
Kathleen RUTH Hudson

4th June  
22nd June

#### Interment of Ashes

*We commemorated the life of*  
Sheila Joy Poulson

12th June

# PLANT SALE



St. Lawrence's Church

Saturday 7th July  
11am to 1pm

We are grateful to Mr Relf who has  
donated plants to us for many years.

Small Bring & Buy table  
There might also be cakes, jams etc.  
for sale

Tea/coffee & biscuits



# Praise in the Park

Sunday 22nd July at 3pm  
in Swindon Village Park

With a band from the Salvation Army

Join us for an outdoor informal service of praise  
followed by tea and cake in the Village Hall.

Please bring your own chair if you have one.

Donations of cakes for the tea  
would be gratefully received -  
please contact Mary Halliwell on 692423.

## **Could you help tidy the Rectory garden, please?**

Revd. George Davis and his wife Jo will move in to the Rectory in September. Sadly the garden is looking rather neglected - Tony has been cutting the grass but a lot of work is needed to tidy the borders. If you could spare a few hours to help make it look welcoming for the new vicar you will be welcomed with open arms.

Please contact **May on 241033** or **Tony on 693639**

### **Pauline Szarko**

We would like to thank everyone for the love and support given to us as a family over the last few months. Pauline and I had both taken part in many village activities since moving to Cheltenham in 1972 and made many friends in the village despite neither of us ever living there.

We intend as a family to carry on the fund raising we started before Pauline passed away. Our next event is taking place at Seasons in Quat Goose Lane on 4th August at 7:30 pm where we are holding a Charity Night Extravaganza in aid of Maggie's. Maggie's provides emotional and social support to people with cancer and their family and friends.

For further information and tickets (£10.00 each) please contact Laura on 07789685107

**Chris Wiggall**

## Wednesday Club

Our meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> June was not as advertised as Angela Panrucker was ill and so Barry Simon very kindly stepped in and talked to us about St Kenelm and the Kenelm Way.

Barry told us about the legend of St Kenelm who, incidentally, was a Gloucestershire Saint, and a little bit of history connected to that time (King Offa etc). We then had a photographic look at the walk starting in the Clent Hills and ending in Winchcombe. Once Barry had got down as far as Droitwich places became familiar and a few of us knew some of them quite well. It was a lovely talk and should you see it advertised, be well advised to pop along and have a listen to it. Again, many thanks, Barry, it was a lovely evening.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July and Peter Berry will be taking us "Around the World in 80 Images". Please do come along, you will be made very welcome.

Looking forward to seeing you in July.

**Pauline Wright**

## Swindon Village Winemakers

At the April meeting we had a speaker, Mr Alan Pilbeam, who gave us an interesting talk on Medieval Vineyards around Gloucestershire.

The May meeting was our annual B.B.Q where we invite members from clubs in Gloucester, Stroud, Charlton Kings, Glevum, Newent, Cheltenham and The Reddings. There was also a wine competition being judged by Stewart Wilsden. The Peach wine was won by Mark Smith and the Social Kit wine was won by Roy Harper, second was Mike Attwood and third was Mark Smith.

At the July meeting we'll have a Punch & Judy man to entertain us.

**Roy Harper**

Our talk in May was about the start of air fighting in the First World War. Nigel Thompson told us how aviation was still in its infancy at the start of the war but steadily grew in ability and utility until it was a major force by the war's end. To start with, the main use of aircraft was reconnaissance or spotting for the guns. However, since both these tasks greatly improved the effectiveness of ground forces, efforts were soon made to remove the threat by shooting down the spotters. A great step forward was made when the Germans developed a mechanism that allowed pilots to shoot through their propellers so that they could aim their whole aircraft at the enemy. This was the start of air to air combat.

Nigel then concentrated on two great proponents of this new skill – Mick Mannock and the rather more famous Manfred von Richthofen. Both were excellent pilots and fighters though both were killed in the end. There really was a degree of chivalry present in these fights although the result was still charred bodies and grieving mothers.

Swindon Village had its own participant in this affray. Our Rector at the time was the Reverend Arthur Gabell. His sixth son, Douglas Ridley Clunes Gabell, went straight from Cheltenham College to Sandhurst in 1916 and then joined the Gloucestershire Regiment with a regular commission. However, in September of 1916 he was seconded to the Royal Flying Corps and trained as a pilot. Soon he was flying BE2cs on the Western Front in the reconnaissance and artillery spotting roles. The BE2c was an old aircraft very much outclassed by that time. In March 1917 he was shot down after having been engaged in combat with six enemy aircraft. He was badly injured and sent home. When he had recovered he was posted to 13 Training Squadron, Yatesbury, as an instructor and later Flying Wing Examiner. On 12 July 1918 he was killed with Lt Delmar-Williamson while test flying an RE 8. It seems that the aircraft might have suffered a structural failure. He was buried at St Lawrence's Church, Swindon Village together with his father and one brother. His name appears on our war memorial as well as Cheltenham's war memorial. He is listed as Captain DRC Gabell RAF. This is because the RAF was formed on 1 April 1918 from an amalgamation of the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service. He was therefore a founder member of this new service but because the amalgamation was done in something of a rush the new blue RAF uniforms were not immediately available and so members kept their old army rank until such date as they were. Had the

right uniform been available Captain Gabell would, in fact, have been Flight Lieutenant Gabell. He was 20 years old. The grave is at the rear of the church near the southern boundary.



*Captain Douglas Gabell and, above, his grave in Swindon Village churchyard*

In July we have Fiona Mead visiting to tell us about what school record books can tell us about social history. I am told that this is a most interesting talk – I am sure that it will take us back to a world of education very different from today's.

In August we have our annual garden party. Unless we get a better offer it will be back at No 3 Swindon Hall and in the house if it rains. Members only – so join now.

**Barry Simon**

The oldest computer can be traced back to Adam and Eve. Not surprisingly it was an Apple. But it had extremely limited memory – just one byte and everything crashed!

Anon.

'The Hugely Huggable History of the Teddy Bear' was the title of Gillian White's talk at our June meeting. This was a replacement for 'Ice Cream' as our original speaker was unavailable. We were told that there were various stories as to the origin of the toy bear. In Germany the Steiff family produced some for the 1903 Leipzig Toy Fair and received orders for 3,000. In 1904 the Ideal Novelty & Toy Company of the USA produced bears called Theodore, named after President Roosevelt who refused to shoot a bear, hence the 'Teddy' Bear. In Britain in 1905 William Terry started making toy bears, including 4" high ones for the troops of the Great War to keep in their pocket. Chad Valley went into production in 1915 and Merrythought are still producing teddy bears today. In the 1930s and 40s Sylvia Pankhurst introduced equal rights and flexi-hours for the women working at her Ealontoys factory in London. 'Rupert Bear' appeared in the Daily Express in 1920, 'Winnie-the-Pooh' and 'The Teddy Bears' Picnic' followed. TV introduced Andy Pandy's friend 'Teddy' and Harry Corbett's 'Sooty'. 'Paddington', 'Aloysius' of Brideshead and John Betjeman's 'Archie' are amongst the more recent additions, all much loved by young and old! My own much loved, but rejuvenated, Fred Bear (circa 1910), sits on the shelf as he is very delicate these days.

Five members went to the National Annual Meeting in Cardiff. The guest speakers were Dame Stella Rimington, retired head of MI5, and Huw Edwards from the BBC. Both very inspiring speakers, Stella Rimington being the first woman in the post and also the first head of the department to be publicly named. The resolution on mental health was passed with a total vote of over 98%.

With our banner flying we joined in the celebratory march for the Suffragettes from Hyde Park to Westminster. On a hot sunny day, together with thousands of others, and wearing coloured scarves, we created a ribbon of green, white and purple (we had white scarves) through the streets of London; an exhausting but memorable day!

*Right - the statue of Emmeline Pankhurst*





*Marle Hill WI members on the march for the Suffragettes.*

We joined Benhall WI on a river trip with a fish and chip lunch, had an energetic hour playing Walking Netball and had afternoon tea in Annette's garden. Members of the Racing Club enjoyed their annual lunch in the Panoramic Restaurant at the Racecourse followed by a very interesting and informative talk by the jockeys' doctor, just known as the 'Doc'.

The July diary shows a talk on Peepower (Urinicity), Bowls and Croquet taster days, walks, a visit to Lacock Abbey and Village, Silk Batik and Mokume Gane workshops. These are in addition to our regular Book and Craft Clubs, meal out and tea afternoon social. Two members have been invited to demonstrate crafts in the WI tent at the Countryfile Show in Blenheim Park in August.

We have invited members from the other WIs in our Group to our meeting on July 2<sup>nd</sup> when Chris Evans is to tell us about the Butterfly Garden. We do not have a regular meeting in August, and so are planning a visit to the Three Choirs Winery and then lunch and retail therapy at the Three Shires Garden Centre. Everything seems to quieten down for the month of August and so, after a breather, we shall be back with a full programme of events in September.

**Sara Jefferies**

### **Cheltenham District Scouts Fete & Funday**

This year's Cheltenham District Scouts Fete & Funday took place at Montpellier Gardens in May. There were stalls and games as well as a large tea tent with refreshments on what was a warm and sunny day. The draw for the Grand Raffle took place during the afternoon, which was raising funds for "The Cheltenham Guardians" as well as Cheltenham District Scouts. Thankyou to everyone who came along and supported us - we hope you enjoyed the day.

### **Survival Skills**

Two Scouts from Swindon Village took part in the County organised Survival Skills weekend held up in woods near Duntisbourne Abbots over the last bank holiday weekend. They joined over 40 Scouts and Explorers from across Gloucestershire, Hampshire and Greater London who came to take part in one of the most challenging weekends that they can have as a Scout. This course took them through a real "Bear Grylls" style survival challenge and after several hours of training and instruction, with a knife as their only tool, they set about their survival exercise. This included building a shelter out of natural materials, foraging for wild food (including eating nettles) and preparing and then cooking rabbits over a camp fire without utensils. Both Leo and Todd were back for their second year on Survival Skills and were taking part in the "Advanced Survival" course – which involves even less equipment! Needless to say - they both came home very tired and in need of a good bath, but happy and wiser for the experience and thrilled with their achievements! Well done both of you.

### **Visitors from Uganda**

The Cubs were joined by some of the Scouts for an interesting evening last month as we welcomed Alex Gift, his wife Bennie and their daughters who were visiting us from Kampala - the capital and largest city of Uganda. Alex is a Christian Leader who runs the charity Smile Uganda where our daughter Kate did her gap year. Alex and his family explained what life was like living in Uganda and all the differences between the UK and an African country. The two biggest things that Ugandans don't have is free education for children and access to free healthcare. The Cubs and Scouts had plenty of questions for Alex and I think they were actually grateful to be able to go to school the following day! We too are grateful to Alex and Bennie for making the time to join us for an evening.

### **More camps...**

We still have plenty to look forward to this summer including a joint Beaver, Cub and Scout Camp up at Cranham, a group hike in July and the Chamboree International Jamboree in Cheshire during the summer holidays. Then the leaders might even get to visit Titley once again for some much-needed R & R!

### **Sos**

## *The Swindon Village Society*

presents

### **What School Record Books Can Tell Us About Social History**

**A talk by Fiona Mead**

**Wednesday 18th July at 7.30pm  
in the Village Hall**

**Non-members are welcome for a small charge.**



## **St. Lawrence's Church Christmas Tree Festival 2018**

1st & 2nd December  
"Hobbies and Pastimes"

At the time of writing we're all baking in a heatwave and it's hard to think of winter. But I must do it for the benefit of those of you who are planning Autumn activities for clubs and societies.

This year's Christmas Tree Festival will take place on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd December and the theme will be "Hobbies and Pastimes".

As usual the theme can be interpreted however you like.

The idea behind asking clubs and groups to take part was that it would be something for the club members to work on together, not for all the work to fall on to one person, and we've had some really good collaborative trees over the years. We hope you have fun out of doing it like that.

Of course we welcome trees from anyone, whether group or individual entries. The more, the merrier.

When the sun goes in, put your thinking caps on.

We're looking forward to it.

For more information contact Karen on 241678 or [karen.j.evans@btopenworld.com](mailto:karen.j.evans@btopenworld.com)

**Eileen, Karen & Sara**

# Gloucestershire 2050



Gloucestershire is a fantastic place to live with bustling towns, a historic city, innovative businesses and beautiful countryside. So why do we need to change? Our county will face some major challenges over the next 30 years that will impact on all our lives if we don't take action. We need to develop a long-term vision for our county now, so we are fully prepared to overcome the obstacles that threaten our future and our children's future.

For your views to be properly considered, you need to complete the online consultation survey or post us a hard-copy of your response.

Have your views count—complete the survey online

<https://glos2050.com/defaultS.asp>

Join the conversation on social media.

Learn more by watching our videos on YouTube or reading the blog and follow Glos 2050 on social media

These are the six big ideas that could help to deliver the ambitions for the future of Gloucestershire...



## Did you help Christine after her fall?

Eddie and Christine Hunt want to thank all those who stopped to help Christine after she fell in Manor Road back at the end of April. They have a blanket which was left at the scene and which they would like to return to its owner - if it's yours you can collect it from Eddie and Christine at 4 Manor Court.

*Apologies from the editors that this was omitted from the last Village News.*

## Bats in Swindon Village

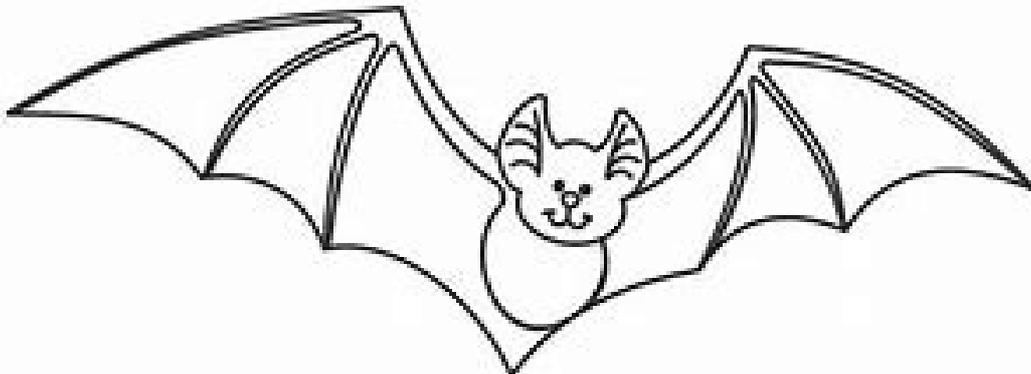
At dusk recently, Matthew and I took a walk around the village with a bat detector.

We were able to find many Common Pipistrelles in Church Road, Manor Road and the Amenity Area. Once detected, it was usually possible to see them diving and turning in search of insects.

We also briefly encountered a Noctule in Manor Court and a Myotis in the Amenity Area.

It is good to know that these endangered mammals are thriving in Swindon Village.

**Hugh Evans**



## Annual Exhibition 2018

This year's was one of our most successful - as you can see from the selection of pictures how good we are all getting!

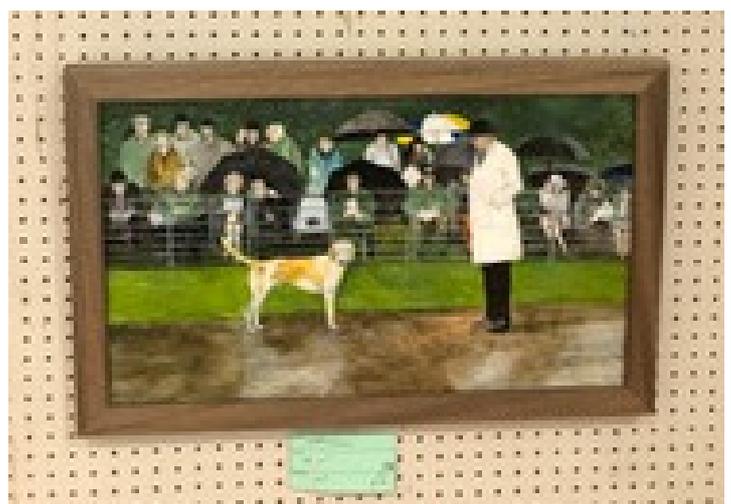
Gill won the best picture again so well done. We had a record number of visitors enjoying a very relaxed atmosphere. Money was made on the tea and cakes and on the raffle which will boost the funds for the club to be able to book more demonstrations for next term. Thanks to all who helped to make it successful - have a good summer everyone and see you on 6th September.

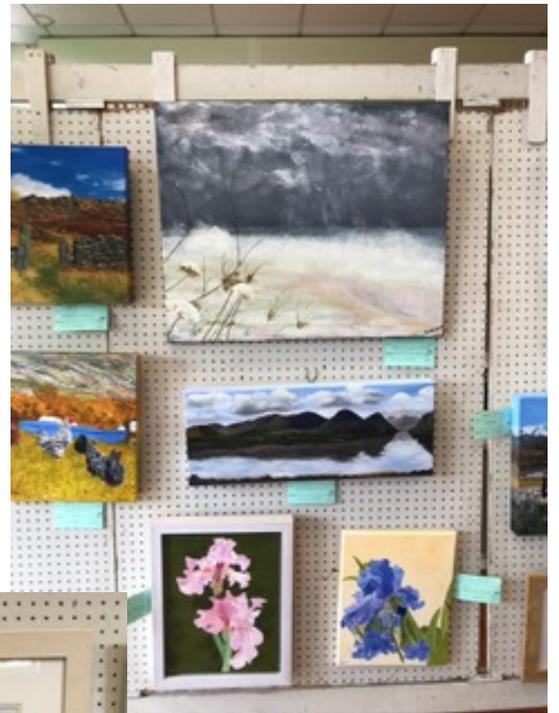
helendicks1uk@yahoo.co.uk  
07817581223 should you wish to join us.

**Helen Dicks**

*Right:  
Gill with her trophy for the best picture*

*Some of the work on display at the Art  
& Craft Club Annual Exhibition*







# Charity Night Extravaganza

## Seasons

**Quat Goose Lane, Swindon Village, GL51 9RX**

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### Information about Maggie's

Maggie's provides free practical, emotional and social support to people with cancer and their family and friends, following the ideas about cancer care originally laid out by Maggie Keswick Jencks.

Built in the grounds of NHS cancer hospitals, Maggie's Centres are places with professional staff on hand to offer the support people need.

Our Centres are places to find practical advice about benefits and eating well; places where qualified experts provide emotional support; places to meet other people; places where you can simply sit quietly with a cup of tea.

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**Saturday 4th August**

**Doors open 7pm (7.30 start)**

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### What's happening?

**Auction**

**Food (buffet)**

**Disco**

**Children's  
entertainment**

**And more...**

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**£10 (£25 Family)**

**Dress to impress**

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For more info contact Laura on 07789 685107

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/laura-gilder](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/laura-gilder)

# Save The Countryside Walk

Save the countryside held our 11th Annual Walk on Sunday 20th May. What a wonderful time was spent in the sun, beautiful walks through the meadows, and fun afterwards in the garden with great company.

The children enjoyed the teddy hunt immensely.

We were able to share some key facts about the latest regarding the expected smaller Elms Park development. Due to concerns regarding transport we don't expect to have any planning applications approved until this Autumn.

We were able to share the specific detail of the local green space which our small team negotiated hard to achieve as a wrap around the village.

Our next step alongside continuing to enjoy this beautiful land, will be to work with the Parish Council and the local Community to decide what we will do with the green space we have achieved, so it can best suit everyone, when there is news on that we will let you know.

## Helen Wells

Chair, Save the Countryside

Tel. 07770986078

*Right: One of the cuddly toys waiting to be found by children on the walk*



*Left: People gathering in Stanton's Drive for the Save The Countryside Walk*

"If you have concerns about anti-social behaviour do not hesitate to contact the police.

**Ring 101** (you may be charged for this call)  
**or email [101@gloucestershire.police.uk](mailto:101@gloucestershire.police.uk)**

Get an incident number and let the parish council know about it.  
If the police are not made aware of a problem **THERE ISN'T A PROBLEM**".

An English teacher wrote these words on the blackboard:  
"woman without her man is nothing".

The teacher then asked the students to punctuate the words correctly.

The men wrote: "Woman, without her man, is nothing."

The women wrote: "Woman! Without her, man is nothing."

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Save The Countryside	Helen Wells	07770 986078

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

There will be no Village News in August.  
 Items for publication in the September issue should be sent in by  
 16th August.  
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