

# Village News

**in Swindon Village, Cheltenham**

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

**March 2023 Edition No.491**


## Upcoming Events



### MARCH

- Monday 13th** **Parish Council Meeting.**
- Wednesday 15th** **Swindon Village Society.** Talk – ‘H H Martyn’ by James Rendell. See the article inside for more details on this important local industrialist. 7.30pm. Visitors welcome.
- Sunday 26th** **Litter Picking.** Meet at Swindon Village Hall 10.30.

### APRIL

- Monday 10th** **Parish Council Meeting.**
- Saturday 15th** **Swindon Village Society.** John Heathcott will take us for a walk around historic Painswick. Meet in the Village hall car park at 9.30am. Visitors welcome.
- Wednesday 19th** **Digibus** at the Village Hall
- Wednesday 26th** **Annual Parish Meeting** at the Village Hall (refreshments available, all are welcome to attend)
- Sunday 30th** **Litter Picking.** Meet at Cross Hands 10.30.
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## **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) or **email**  
[101@gloucestershire.police.uk](mailto:101@gloucestershire.police.uk)

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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Another month, another editorial, another quandary of what to write, so today I shall do what we British do best and talk about the weather!

This weekend we were blessed with the most beautiful weather. The sun shone, the wind dropped, and it almost felt like summer -well a warm Spring day at least. I gleefully went out on Saturday without a coat and was wandering around Tewkesbury without a care in the world. This lasted almost two hours, until it clouded over, and I regretted my optimism.

But I am one of life's eternal optimists. I will always think the best of people, cheer on the underdog, and expect the best outcome of a situation. I rarely regret giving people the benefit of the doubt -people usually surpass their expectations and I smile quietly, enjoying their inevitable success.

Today, Sunday the sun was shining and it was another beautiful morning, so I left the coat behind again. I did however pick up a jumper. I might be an optimist, but I am not entirely a fool!

*Karren*

The Parish Council kindly fund the publication of this magazine and the adverts in it go a small way to offset the cost.

We are keen to attract new businesses to promote themselves over the coming months. We are offering a unique opportunity:

**Book four months advertising and only pay for two! \***

There are no strings attached. Let's promote and support local businesses. Please contact the editors for further information on [village-news@swindonparish.org.uk](mailto:village-news@swindonparish.org.uk)

\* Usual monthly advertising rates:

Whole page £36, Half page £18, quarter page £9



# Swindon Parish Council

At its January meeting, the Parish Council set its budget for the next financial year (2023-2024). The budget may be summarised as follows.

- Projected income (other than precept) £1,487.00
- Precept (unchanged) £12,175.58
- Projected expenditure £19,164.19
- Funding from reserves £5,501.61

We get some income from renting the allotments and from advertising in the Village news, but the bulk of our income comes from the precept (a charge which residents pay through their council tax). We decided to leave the precept unchanged again, and to make up any shortfall from reserves. With some new homes having been built in the parish this means that a “band D” household will see a small decrease in what they pay towards the Parish Council (from £17.36 to £17.21 per annum). These are difficult times and we don’t want to make life harder for families already feeling the pinch.



We have continuing problems with gas canisters being used for recreational purposes and then discarded in our lanes and streets. It is not just the small, shiny metal canisters but much larger ones as well. The gas canisters have legitimate uses and their sale is not restricted.

Alison took this matter up with the police and with Laurence Robertson MP. As a result of Alison’s

persistence we received a response from Mr. Robertson. Questions have been asked in parliament. The government is awaiting the recommendations of the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs (ACMD). It is likely that legislation will be brought before parliament to restrict sales of the canisters.



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At present it may not be illegal to use these gas containers for “recreational purposes” but dumping them in the streets for others to clear up certainly is.

You will read elsewhere in this issue about the Annual Parish Meeting. It will be held on 26th April in the Village Hall. As if the opportunity to discuss local issues with your councillors isn't a sufficient draw, we will be looking to turn it into a social event and will be offering FREE PIZZA.

You may have heard that, in future, voters in local and parliamentary elections will be required to produce photo id. Some areas of the County will have local elections in May. However, the next scheduled elections to take place in Cheltenham are in May 2024 so I'll say more about this nearer the time.

You may recall that we hosted a visit from the Digibus in early 2022. This is a double decker bus which has been converted to act as a mobile classroom for people wishing to understand more about everyday technology. From using a smartphone, tablet or PC to accessing online services, the tutors can help- and it is free. Here are some examples of topics that the staff can cover:

- Staying safe on the Internet whilst browsing, shopping, etc.
- Using online banking
- Making doctor's appointments or ordering medication from your phone or tablet
- Writing letters and CVs and applying for jobs
- Using your device to make video calls with friends and relatives

They are happy to tackle anything technology-related.





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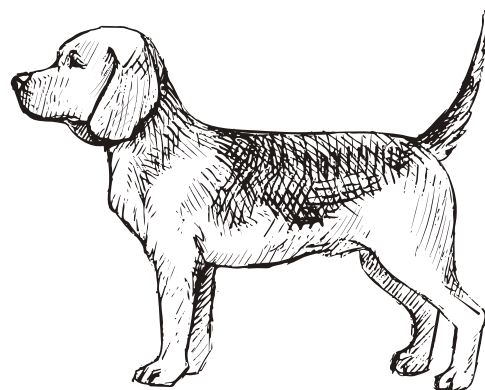
**DigiBus**  
Connecting Communities

The bus will be parked at the Village Hall on 19th April and 10th May. Pop the dates in your diary and come along to chat.

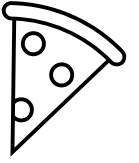
Another litter pick was held on 19th February, this time starting at the Cross Hands. The team collected ten bags of rubbish from Tewkesbury Road and Manor Road. The next pick will start at the Village Hall on 26th March starting at 10:30am. There will be another one starting from the Cross Hands on 30th April. We are considering afternoon picks for those who are unable to get to the morning sessions.

Please join us. The more the merrier and you can be sure your efforts will have a very direct and positive impact on the area.

Shaun Cullimore  
Clerk to Swindon Parish Council



FREE SLICE OF PIZZA!



# Annual Parish Meeting

26 April 2023 : 7.30pm : Swindon  
Village Hall

Everyone\* welcome  
Refreshments provided



Come and meet your team of councilors and hear what we've been up to lately.

Have your say on our priorities for the coming year and beyond.

Topics to include: Major developments; transport; local green space and parks;  
transport; community events; the Coronation; and more!



*\*for any official business, only 18+ residents may vote*





# Swindon Parish Council

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## **Just who are Swindon Parish Council?**

We are a friendly team from all sorts of different backgrounds, but we all have one thing in common - we love where we live and want to safeguard the parish for future generations, as well as improve the parish now.

Swindon Parish Council should have 9 councillors, but currently we only have 6. We need a minimum of 3 councillors present to run a meeting. We are keen to get more people involved in the Parish Council and in particular are looking to fill the 3 empty spaces.

Over the coming years there will be big changes within the parish, with the upcoming Elms Park development, the M5 Junction 10 work, and planning the local green spaces- so this is your opportunity to help shape how these developments unfold. With more councillors we can do more things - for example, putting more work into fighting climate change locally.

## **Who can be on the parish council?**

Anyone can be a councillor if you are a UK citizen and live within 3 miles of the parish. It is a voluntary position. No training or prior knowledge is needed, though training is available if you want to get more deeply involved.

## **What does it involve?**

We have a monthly meeting (which is open to the public) where we address issues raised by members of the parish, review any planning applications big and small that have been made and consider other issues local to the parish, such as green spaces, sustainability, littering, roads, footpaths, speed limits, warm spaces, etc.

## **How much time do I need to give?**

We understand time can be precious. Our current parish councillors are busy people with jobs and some have young children. There is no set time commitment you would need to give - you can be involved as much or as



little as you want to.

The meetings once a month generally last around 2 hours. Very occasionally we have extra meetings when there is a particularly important issue, or something that requires urgent action. For example, reviewing documents related to the Elms Park development. As these extra meetings are not open to the public, they are generally held at someone's house & involve snacks! The more councillors we have, the more things we can do.

If you are interested in becoming a parish councillor please contact Shaun, the Parish Clerk ([parish.clerk@swindonparish.org.uk](mailto:parish.clerk@swindonparish.org.uk)).

Let's introduce ourselves properly...

Each month we'll give you a brief biography of a couple of our councillors.

Let's start with our Chair and Vice Chair....

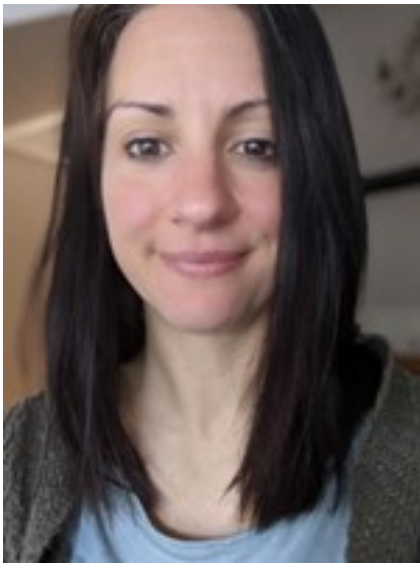


### **Councillor James Cornish (Chair)**

James has lived in the parish since 2017 with his wife Zara. He joined the parish council in 2018, where he took the lead on many projects, and he was elected chair of the council last year.

James' a physicist by training and an engineer by practise, his work is out of this world working for a space business. James also guest lectures and mentors at Lancaster University. Outside of work he is a keen walker, swimmer and bookworm – loving science fiction and politics.

James joined the council because he wanted to make a difference locally as well as make friends in a new town. He is really proud of the role the council and local volunteers played supporting vulnerable households during the pandemic.



## Councillor Lisa Whitaker (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Lisa Whitaker moved to Swindon Village in 2020, having lived across town in St Marks for the previous 13 years. She became a Parish Councillor shortly afterwards, and was elected Vice Chair in 2022. The main reason was to get to know the community, and contribute to the betterment of the Parish.

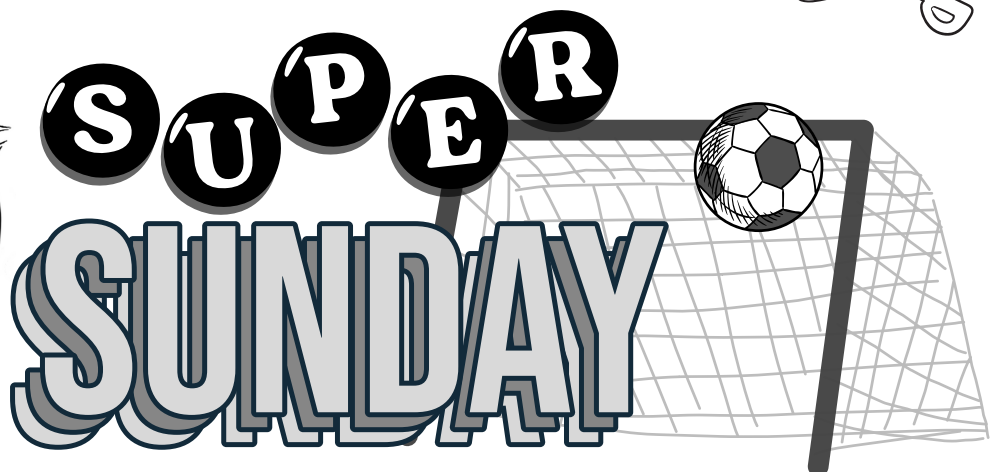
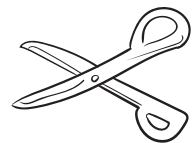
Since joining she's learned a lot about the history of the area, as well as local planning, and the who's who of Swindon Parish!

Outside of the council, Lisa works full time as a Senior Project Manager for Gloucestershire-based sustainability charity, Severn Wye Energy Agency, supporting businesses, households and communities with conserving energy and cutting carbon emissions, as well as leading fuel-poverty relief schemes off the back of the pandemic.

She has a primary school aged son, and you may see her with her family cycling around town – she's passionate about active travel (walking, cycling, scooting or anything that involves getting around on your own steam) and making this an easier choice for everyone.

She also organised last year's Community Garage Sale – which was well received in the Parish and plans for this year's spring-clean clear out are already afoot!

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50p off bacon rolls with this voucher.

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is valid

# Save The Countryside Anniversary Walk

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

Starting at Stantons Drive, Swindon Village

**Sunday 21st May 2pm**

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



*For further details contact 07842 163876 (Anne)  
or 07770 986078 (Helen)*



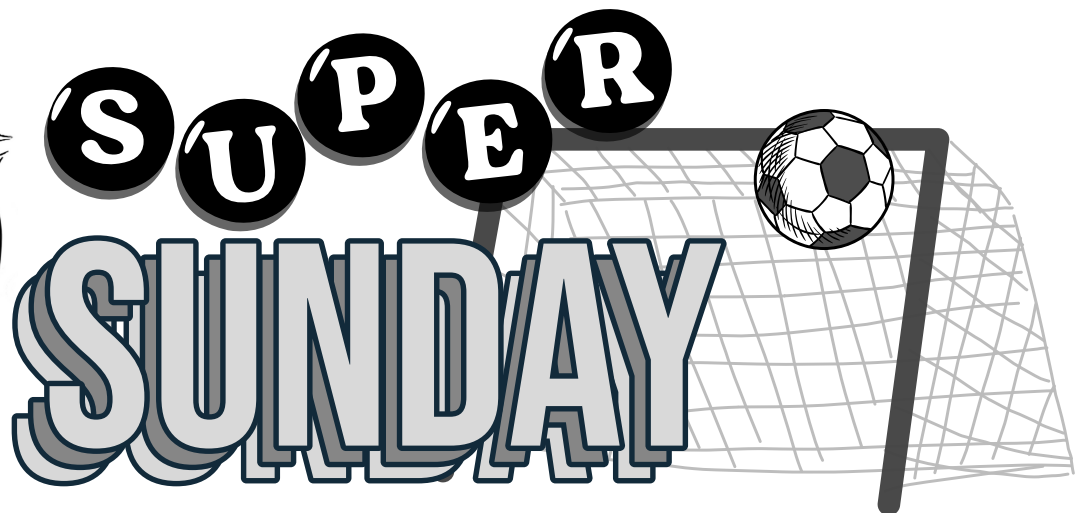
# Community Litter Pickers



**Sundays 10.30-12pm**

**26th March - starting from Swindon Village Hall**

**30th April - starting from Cross Hands pub on Tewkesbury Rd**



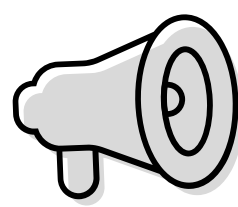
**KEEPING YOU WARM EVERY SUNDAY DURING  
THE PARK FOOTBALL SEASON 10AM-1PM!**

Serving fresh bacon baps, hot and cold drinks  
and snacks from the Village Hall bar.

**Everyone welcome! Come and say hello!**



## Quiz #22



# QUIZ TIME!

This month's edition is all about major historical events that celebrate their (fairly) major anniversaries in March. I've placed them in chronological order to see if that helps. Answers on back page. Good luck!

1. Which famous magazine was first published in New York 100 years ago? It is famous for its "Man of the Year" award.
2. Which film, famous for the titular primate hanging of the Empire State Building premiered 90 years ago?
3. Who became the 32nd US president 90 years ago? He served in the role throughout World War 2. (Hint- he was the second member of his family to serve as president)
4. A vaccine against which disease was introduced 70 years ago? It was famously given along with a sugar cube to children?
5. Which famous prison, with a name coming from the Spanish for "pelican" closed 60 years ago?
6. Tippi Hedren was known for her role in which Alfred Hitchcock film that premiered 60 years ago?
7. Which famous album, featuring a prism refracting light into a rainbow, was released 50 years ago?
8. On which bridge would you find the A3 road? It was opened 50 years ago.
9. Which racehorse won its first Grand National 50 years ago, famously coming from 30 lengths behind to clean victory?
10. Who released "Let's Dance" 40 years ago?



# Swindon Village Early Years

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The children have had a fabulous half term! We started back after Christmas looking at pantomimes and creating a wall display about Dick Whittington. The children created magic wands and shared their wishes.

We have enjoyed looking and entering discussions 'all about me' where the children created self portraits, made pizzas with an opportunity to make their own choices in toppings. We looked at maths through creating a height chart. The children have had fabulous mark marking opportunities with shaving foam play, chalk and paint activities.

We enjoyed 2 weeks of Chinese New Year celebrations exploring culturally relevant materials ("Gung Hey Fat Choy"). We enjoyed food tasting with Chinese rice and prawn crackers. We explored the use of chopsticks, made lucky money envelopes, lanterns, explored the art of origami and enjoyed a daily session of Tai Chi. Plenty of stories, music and acting out a dragon dance.

We have enjoyed visitors to the group with Boogie Beat, Jo Jingles and Little Kickers. The children have had a chance to recognise Winter with the backdrop of the beautiful playing field and walks around the village. On the very cold days we had porridge for snack time. We used the fabulous story of Stone Soup to support activities such as our green grocers shop and vegetable printing. The children made and tasted pea soup.

This week, it definitely feels like spring is in the air! We took some of the group for a walk around the village to see the beautiful snowdrops and daffodils.

Happy Half Term everyone - stay safe

Kind regards  
Sally & Debbie



# Swindon Village Wine Club

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It is with much sadness and regret, that I write the final report for Swindon Village Wine Club.

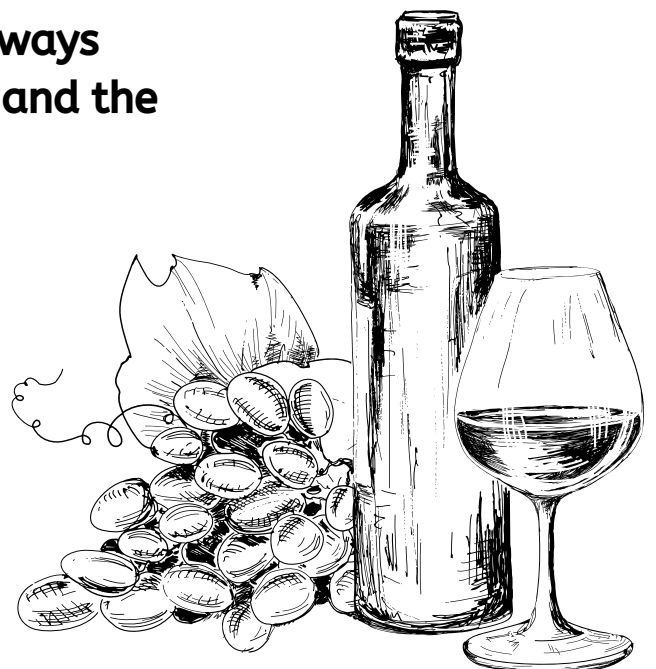
The Committee and members have had to take the difficult decision to disband the club, due to falling numbers and difficulties finding people who are willing to take on roles on the committee. Also, the cost of speakers has, like everything else, increased so it has become increasingly difficult to find speakers as well.

The club was started in the Village, 43 years ago, so as you can imagine, there have been a huge number of members over the years, who have all helped in one way or another. It was a lovely social club, where so many great friendships were made, and where people could make wine, beer and liqueurs, enjoy a wide variety of speakers, as well as trips out to vineyards and breweries.

We have also had some fantastic social events with other Wine Clubs from around the local area, including, dances, quizzes, BBQ's & assorted competitions, along with some wonderful weekends away all over the country.

We all have so many great memories of our time at Swindon Village Wine Club, and will always remember the happy times we shared, and the friendships we have made.

**Mandy Jilbert**







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## Motorbikes and Thin Places!

As I enter my seventh year as the Team Rector, one quiet delight has been to discover the number of transport aficionados in our parish – the ‘Tesco train’ springs to mind! There is also a love of motorcycles, with a dealership too, of course, originally belonging to Dave Parry. Another delight over the years, has been the enthusiasm for outdoor church services, like our own ‘Praise in the Park’ each July and also those in the Celtic tradition. You might wonder what connection there might be between these two things!

Your Rector has been a keen motorcyclist, starting with a Honda XL125, graduating through some ‘big thumpers’ of trail bikes, so hard to get going that you had to jump on the kickstart, and concluding with a silky smooth four cylinder Kawasaki 650.

As these bikes grew larger, I was able to escape over the original Severn Bridge and head into South Wales, the Wye Valley and the Brecon Beacons. Nothing can be more delightful than climbing on that Kawasaki in the warmth of a July afternoon, electric start and through the lanes to the Bridge with the river glinting silver below, laden with a summer haze. There was the road into Chepstow and up the floor of the Wye to Monmouth, your eye sometimes caught by salmon arcing in the river around Tintern Abbey. The Brecon Beacons lay in their own peace, accessible by steep single lane tracks, larks singing and gorse plentiful. You could lie down and ‘cloud watch’ and not see another human being for hours. A ride westwards took you into the Valleys, with lines of terraced houses and the mines and steelworks still open, a wonderful world of extended families and heavy industry.

One ride I remember took me to Llanthony Abbey, an annual pilgrimage site today. The bike’s engine pinged in the hot sun as it cooled from the journey, the smell of the tyres’ warm rubber filled the air. I scooped fresh spring water to drink from the stream by the abbey. Around me,



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goldfinches and robins sang joyfully, and small deer graced nearby forest tracks. In a mystical moment, it seemed that the boundary between heaven and earth was removed, and God's presence permeated the place. The Romantic poets like William Wordsworth and lovers of the picturesque before him, opened up these sites for those stuck in the new cities, bereft of their rural roots and reconnecting them in poetry and tours. In that moment, God was reconnecting me with His love and His embrace in the beautiful stillness.

It will be spring soon and the chance to enjoy some of our own Celtic Communion as we move outdoors on balmy spring and summer evenings, where the language and music are as soft as the sunshine. Our Celtic services at St Mary Magdalene Church, Elmstone Hardwicke run twice monthly, and we've also held Celtic Communion in the churchyard, on Cleeve Hill, and by the old canal behind the Swan pub on the A38. We are hoping that Hailes Abbey might allow us to hold a service in the ruins there. Come along and give these services a try. We always finish up with lots of laughter and chat over refreshments!

Revd Nick

PS Please ring Nick on 01242 232883 for forthcoming outdoor service times and dates if you're interested.

From the registers



Interment of ashes

*We commemorated the life of*

Margaret Jean Honeysett

11th February



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 North Cheltenham  
Team Ministry

**St. Lawrence's Church**  
**Swindon Village**

## Regular Services

### **1st Sunday of the month:**

10.30am Together @ Ten Thirty all-age worship  
6.30pm Holy Communion

### **All other Sundays:**

9.15am Holy Communion  
6.30pm Evening Prayer

### **Every Wednesday:**

10.00am to 12noon Church open for private prayer

(Services are subject to change at short notice;  
contact the Churchwardens if you want to check.)

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## 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 the Team Office.

The office is not currently staffed regularly but phone calls and emails are being picked up. Contact the Office on 244373 or [admin@northchelt.org.uk](mailto:admin@northchelt.org.uk)

**You can contact the clergy by email:**

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



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## Flowers for Easter

It's traditional to decorate the church with lilies at Easter. If you would like to donate towards the cost of this year's Easter flowers, perhaps in memory of a lost loved one, please contact Joan Howes on 01242 513573

St. Lawrence's Church

# Chatterbox



Every Tuesday  
10.30am to 12noon



Pop in any time  
Coffee/tea and biscuits  
and a good old chat about anything and everything.  
Everyone's welcome, old or new.  
(It's free!)



# The Swindon Village Society

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First, I have to say that the date of the March talk on H H Martyn as published on the cover of the Village News last month was wrong – the talk is on Wednesday 15th March, not the 18th. My mistake and not the News's. I really could do with a competent secretary- any volunteers? No, I thought not.

Well the AGM went pretty much as forecast in the last edition of the news so I am still writing these reports. Are you all quite sure there are no volunteers for secretary? We did have a good turn out and enough subscriptions to make us look OK for the year.

After the AGM (only twenty five minutes) and a cuppa, Helen Wells gave us a first rate run down on the big local plans. The expansion of M5 junction 10 is going to be very expensive with a complete rebuild finishing in a large roundabout very similar to that at junction 11 between Cheltenham and Gloucester. The A4019 will be dual carriageway at least as far as Sainsbury's with a major road branching halfway along heading south to the new cyber-park. It was interesting to hear that the Home Farm plans are really no further forward and the land has not as yet been purchased by the tentative developers. Maybe there is hope there? She also gave us a good run down on the developments planned for the A419 at the Air Balloon with a whole new dual carriageway road being built parallel to the current road. The Air Balloon itself is already shut. While I find this rather sad given its historic background, I do regret not trying to get a Grade One listing for the traffic jam; probably the most famous jam in the country! And thanks, Helen, for passing us your notes and visual displays which all who are on our e-mail list should have received. If any non-members would like to see these send me an e-mail to [barry\\_simon@hotmail.com](mailto:barry_simon@hotmail.com) and I will send them on.

Now back to the H H Martyn talk. I have heard from sources in the village that there are a few folks living here who worked for them and



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who hope to be along. So I will repeat the things I said in the last edition. Martyn's and Co was once the largest employer in this area. They made many fittings for the great ocean liners of the time such as The Queens Mary and Elizabeth; decorations and fittings for Parliament including the Speaker's chair; decorations for Buckingham Palace and metal gates for Marble Arch. They also ended up being one of the founders of the Dowty Company and the Gloster Aviation Company which made many great aircraft including Britain's first jet aircraft. This was built in Regents Garage which is where the Regent's Arcade now stands.

So even if you didn't work for these companies, come along. New members are always welcome. Family membership is £20, single membership is £10. And visitors are welcome at any meeting for £2. We will be glad to see you

Barry Simon

## **SPECIAL OFFER !**

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Contact the editors for more details.



# Bekah's Bites

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## Chickpea, Yogurt and Feta, One Pot Dish

Serves 4



I've tried to include measurements and quantities as much as I can as I realised I didn't do this on my last recipe! As usual, any ingredients you don't like can be left out)

### Ingredients:

1 can Chickpeas

An onion

A large carrot

Celery

1-2 sticks of celery

Mushrooms

1 pepper

Black olives

Garlic

Plain Yoghurt

½-1 block of feta

1 carton of passata

1 tbsp of tomato puree

Z'atar – a Middle Eastern spice mix, can be made using thyme, cumin, coriander, sumac and sesame seeds

Cider vinegar

Ginger

Chilli flakes



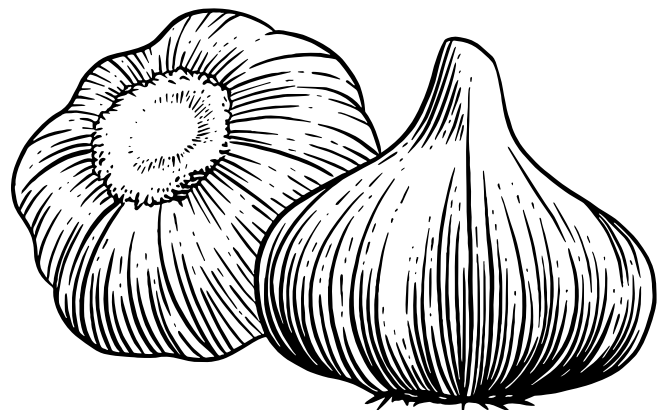


# Bekah's Bites

I like to serve this with simple lemon and coriander cous cous.

## Method:

1. In some oil add the cut onion, garlic, carrots, celery, chilli flakes and ginger to a frying pan, the wider the better!
2. After the hard veg has softened a little add the chopped softer veg, peppers, mushrooms and olives and add just under a tablespoon of z'atar and cook for a further 5 minutes – I always end up adding more chilli flakes – the yoghurt at the end cools this down!
3. Then add the passata and a little water in the carton to get all of the passata out, add the tomato puree and a splash of vinegar, if you add too much you can balance it with some sugar.
4. Add the chickpeas and season with salt and pepper to taste...possibly some more chilli here too...
5. Simmer this for about 10 minutes.
6. Dollop on spots of yoghurt, as much or as little as you'd like, and then crumble the feta over the top of the yogurt.
7. Put under the grill for around 10 minutes until the feta has turned a little brown .
8. Serves with cous cous, rice or bread and enjoy!



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- Alleviate pain
- Relax muscles
- Remove tension in joints & tendons
- Stimulate circulation



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- **Athlete's foot**
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Answers to quiz:

1. Time Magazine
2. King Kong
3. Franklin D Roosevelt
4. Polio
5. Alcatraz
6. The Birds
7. Dark Side of the Moon -  
Pink Floyd
8. New London Bridge
9. Red Rum
10. David Bowie



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# Cheltenham Horticultural Society Spring Flower Show

Locally Grown Plants for Sale from several nurseries.

Many stalls: Garden Sundries, Cakes, Greetings Cards, Books, Locally Produced Jams and Pickles. Refreshments available.

**WHERE:** Pittville Pump Room

**WHEN:** Sunday 2nd April 2023 12.30pm to 3.30pm

**ADMISSION:** Adults £2.50, Children under 16 – Free

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



## SWINDON PARISH COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

**Footpaths** John Heathcott 527753  
**Scouts, Cubs, Beavers** info@1sv-scouts.co.uk

**Rainbow Guider** Hannah Butler 07464 784155

**Village Hall Chair** Jana Bridger 07913 911930  
 swindonvillagehall@gmail.com  
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**Village Hall Booking Secretary** Jana Bridger 07514 594351

**Play Group** (Playgroup hours) 690479

**Winemakers' Secretary** Roy Harper 662861

**School Headteacher** Geraint Mills 690016

**Friends of the School** Caroline Williams chairfosvps@gmail.com  
 Sarah Martin

**Art & Crafts Club** Lynne 07515 461876

**Swindon Village Society** Barry Simon 521723

**Mary Godwin Under 5s** (Playgroup hours) mgu5@hotmail.co.uk

**Marle Hill W.L.** Sara Jefferies 07477894639 / 692500

**Save The Countryside** Helen Wells 07770 986078

Please inform the editors of any changes to the contact details for village organisations. We have had a request to provide contact details for the classes held at the hall. We are currently compiling this and hope to include it next month.

**Deadline for the next issue of the Village News is the 16th March 2023**

Please send contributions to the editors via Karren Parsons  
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### County Councillor

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### Allotments Manager

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

## ST.LAWRENCE'S CHURCH

Part of the North Cheltenham Team Ministry

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May Shurmer, Churchwardens.....	241033
Hugh Evans, Tower Captain.....	241678
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