

# Village News

in Swindon Village

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## June

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| Monday         | 1        | Marle Hill W.I. - St. Nicolas' Hall 7.30pm<br>Mr Mason - Motorcycle safety              |
| Wednesday      | 3        | Wednesday Club - Village Hall 8.00pm<br>Brian Draper MBE - "Water over my wellies"      |
| Tuesday        | 9        | Inaugural meeting of Chatterbox - Church 10.30am  |
| <b>Tuesday</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall<br/>Starting with Public Session at 7.30pm</b> |
| Saturday       | 13       | School Summer Fair - 11am - 2.00pm<br>(see details inside)                              |
| Wednesday      | 17       | Swindon Village Society Evening Garden Visit<br>Meet in Village Hall car park at 7.00pm |
| Wednesday      | 24       | Wine Club visit to a vineyard   |

## July

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| Wednesday      | 1         | Wednesday Club - Village Hall 8.00pm<br>Shaun McCormack - Yeomen of the Guard           |
| Saturday       | 4         | Annual Church Fete - Playing Field & Village Hall 1.00pm                                |
| Monday         | 6         | Marle Hill W.I. - St. Nicolas' Hall 7.30pm<br>Alison Hesketh - Wed to the Cloth         |
| <b>Tuesday</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall<br/>Starting with Public Session at 7.30pm</b> |
| Wednesday      | 15        | Swindon Village Society - Village Hall 7.30pm<br>Harry Hopkins - Eastern Australia      |

*(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.)*

The Borough Council has been busy preparing the ground for flower planting. Following the success of last year's display a more extensive area in the park is being planted this year. The Parish Council is also getting the entrance splay to the Amenity Area (near the bridge on Manor Road) planted. We hope this will be popular but please let us know your thoughts at the end of the summer.

The wooden bus shelter on Wymans Lane was badly damaged either accidentally or maliciously by a person or persons unknown. The Parish Council has now had it repaired. This is a bit of drain on resources that could otherwise have been used in a more positive way. The bus stop itself was moved a little way up the road some while ago but I am sure the shelter is still used in bad weather. It also provides an "office" for our intrepid lollipop lady and lets people read my parish notices without being exposed to the sun!

The Annual Parish Meeting was held at the school on 21<sup>st</sup> April. Once again attendance was poor. This is a shame as it is a rare chance for everyone in the parish to get together to discuss issues of concern and interest. The Parish Council have discussed what might be done. In the past only controversial topics (and speakers) have provoked interest. Another approach might be to make it an evening where all local clubs and societies give presentations on their activities. If we don't get better attendance next year we might as well hold it in the repaired bus shelter.

The other annual meeting we have held is that of the Parish Council itself (on 12<sup>th</sup> May). The meeting is required by law to elect a chairman for the new (council) year. Councillor Peter Allen indicated his willingness to stand for another year and his hand was duly bitten off by his colleagues. Councillor Glenn Simpson was unable to attend the meeting and suffered the consequences by being re-elected as Vice-Chairman. So much for our very own cabinet reshuffle; the team is as it was.

Our Parish Council election was last year. Many of Gloucestershire's parishes have just held their elections coincident with the general election. Some parishes are finding it very difficult to get councillors. I know of one council with just three councillors, the minimum number required to be able to conduct business. If any one of them is ill their council will be unable to do anything. We are fortunate; we only need one more councillor to complete our team. Come on, you know you want to....

The Joint Core Strategy is set to be examined in a hearing conducted by an independent planning inspector at the Borough Council Offices during June/July. This is the last chance for those who oppose the building of huge numbers of houses in the area to get their voices heard. The Parish Council is supportive of the Cheltenham Alliance's position; that the housing numbers are higher than can be justified, that the

money set aside for investment in transport infrastructure is wholly inadequate and that the public consultation process was mismanaged.

Eric Pickles was the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. Many planning matters were brought to his door and much controversy ensued. I hear he has now been replaced in the reshuffle following the election. Whether the new incumbent prefers green belts to new housing estates remains to be seen.

On other planning matters, some time ago our Chairman asked me to include in my Village News round-up information about the planning applications the Council has to consider. Of course since then very little of significance has come up! People continue to add the odd porch and conservatory but there hasn't been much beyond that. I have previously addressed the proposed development at Manor Farm (in the field behind the church). In view of the considerable local opposition to the scheme (including from the Parish Council) the application was referred to the Borough Council planning committee with a planning officer recommending that the development be allowed. A debate took place at the meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> April with local residents able to state their case, but the cause was lost. Permission has been granted for development (with certain constraints to protect the context of the church).

Workplace pensions are creating a bit of a buzz at the moment. The principle is to get as many people as possible into pension schemes. However, for small organisations like the Parish Council it is a nightmare. I am the Parish Council's only employee, and then only part time. I do not want a pension from the Parish Council but the law requires that a scheme be set up, I have to be offered membership of it and I can then decline it. As I am the one that gets to write the Council's letters it looks as if I have to set up a scheme that no-one will use, write to myself offering membership and reply to myself thanking myself for the offer but declining. I am sure these initiatives are established with the best of intentions but some just create work (and profit for the Post Office if I actually post these letters to myself!).

**Shaun Cullimore**

Clerk to Swindon Parish Council

## Services and events in June

Monday	1 <sup>st</sup>	7.00pm	PCC, St Lawrence church
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm	Tuesday Group, Rivelands Road
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am 3.30pm 6.30pm	Together @ Ten Thirty Baptism of Max Taylor Holy Communion with the Airborne Forces Association
Tuesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am 7.00pm	Chatterbox, St Lawrence Church Holy Communion followed by Tuesday Group
Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Evensong
Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am 7.30pm	Chatterbox Tuesday Group
Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup>	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Evensong
Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am 7.30pm	Chatterbox Tuesday Group
Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Evensong
Tuesday	30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am 7.30pm	Chatterbox Tuesday Group

Much of the life of Jesus was spent reaching out to those who were in need. It's something Christians are called to do too!

I read a rather saddening statistic the other day from Age UK, which stated that a million older people hadn't spoken to anyone in a month. Loneliness in the older person is clearly a real issue.

Some time ago, the church community at St Lawrence decided we wanted to offer friendship and conversation to people within the community in which we live. Our hope is that it will draw people together, for a chat and a drink. That's it – simple. So on **June 9<sup>th</sup> we are launching 'Chatterbox' - a weekly coffee drop in on Tuesday mornings from 10.30am until 12 noon in church.** You don't have to be a member of the congregation, you just need to want a cup of coffee or tea, perhaps a biscuit or cake! You won't be asked to come to church on a Sunday – we are simply offering our building as a community space for those who would like a bit of company. Let's make sure that people in our community don't become one of Age-UK's statistics. If you think of someone who might want to come along please let them know. All ages are welcome!

On a completely different note – we are looking forward to an all age service with a difference in July. On the **5<sup>th</sup> July** we are holding a **'Together @ Ten Thirty with our pets'** service. Please do come along with your (well behaved!) pet to this celebration of all creatures great and small. If you're in the sad position of having lost a much loved pet, do feel free to bring along a photo, as there will be an opportunity to give thanks for pets past and present.

I look forward to seeing you!

**Revd Liz**

### **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.**

## From the registers



### Baptisms

Dixie Bayliss	3 <sup>rd</sup> May
Ethan Brown	3 <sup>rd</sup> May
Ivo Blankley	17 <sup>th</sup> May
Jack Starkey	24 <sup>th</sup> May



### Burial of ashes

Michael George Phelan	19 <sup>th</sup> May
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## Chatterbox

**Pop into church for  
a cup of coffee and a chat.**

**St Lawrence Church**

**Tuesdays 10.30am**

**Beginning 9<sup>th</sup> June**



## Thoughts from the pew on God's blessings

*"We plough the fields, and scatter the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand:"*

The writer Matthias Claudius who lived 1740 to 1815, continued:

*"We thank thee then, O Father for all things bright and good,  
The seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food."*

This is among many people's favourite hymns.

I think back to the time when I was a youngster growing up at the beginning of the second world war when our house was bombed. My brother and Mum and Dad survived although we became homeless. After some months Dad found an old farmhouse in an ancient village in Hampshire and we lived there for about three years.

So I was fortunate to spend my receptive boyhood years in the country. I continue to thank God for my preservation and all the blessings of a life in a then unspoilt, old village. I absorbed the way of life in this agricultural community and I learnt to love the natural world in all its aspects. I was so privileged!

As you all know Swindon Village was an agricultural community for most of its existence until changes in the 20th century resulting from its closeness to Cheltenham.

As a church we like to remember the past so recently we celebrated Rogation Sunday. The congregation used to walk around some of the village roads in order to mark the blessing of the fields in accordance with the old tradition of 'beating the bounds'. This activity got its name from the 'ceremony' when boys were beaten on boundary stones to make them remember for ever where the village ends and begins. This year we were determined to observe Rogation Sunday and so we had a service within church instead of outside.

Many of you will be gardeners and many will be connected with the farming community. Let's all remember:

*"All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love."*

**Ralph Griffin**

Sat 13<sup>th</sup> of JUNE 2015  
Swindon Village Primary School

# SUMMER FAIR

11am - 2pm



Entry:  
50 pence  
SVPS children free!

Go-karts

Ice-cream

Tombola

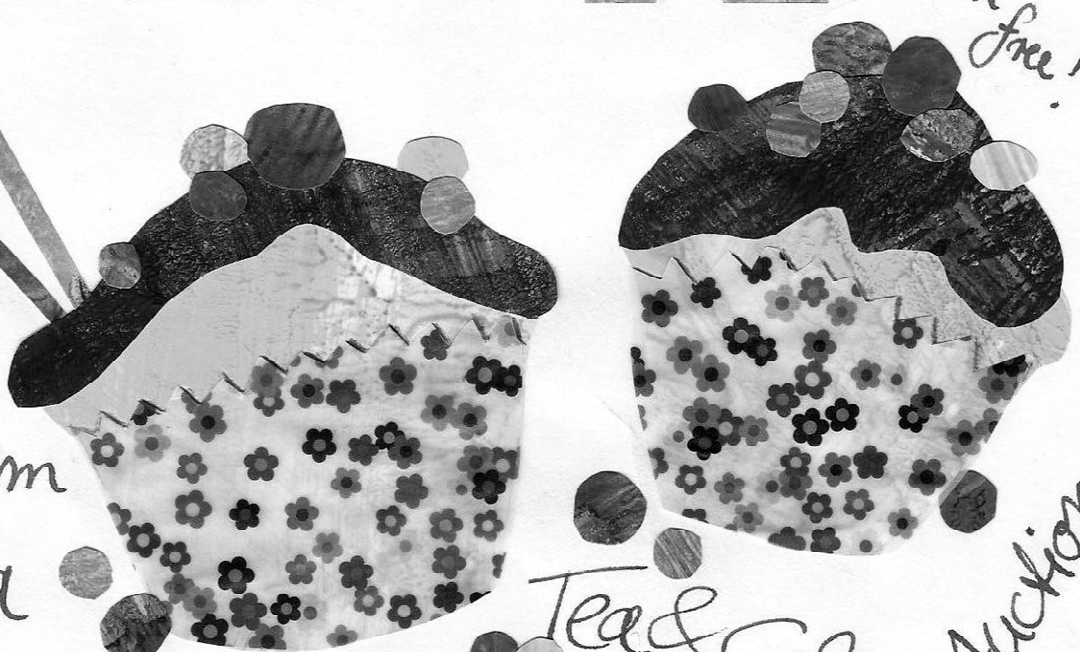
Bouncy Castle

Games

BBQ

Tea & Cakes  
Toys

Auction  
Pony ride





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St. Lawrence Church

# *Annual Fete*

## *Saturday 4th July*

On the playing field and in the Village Hall

Opens 1pm

Admission £1

Entertainment by  
Swindon Village School Dancers  
Frampton-on-Severn Band

Grand Raffle  
Teas  
Bouncy Castle

Lots of stalls

More details in next month's magazine



## Together @ Ten Thirty with our pets

10.30am on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July

St Lawrence Church Swindon Village

A service to celebrate our pets  
and all that they mean to us.

Come along with your pet!



## Wednesday Club Coffee Morning

**WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2015**

**From 10.30 am until 12 noon**

**17 QUAT GOOSE LANE**

*ADMISSION £1.00 to include drink and biscuit*

*Raffle tickets £1.00*

*Table top sale of Cakes, Books & Plants*

***Please come along, all are welcome (bring a friend)***

## Wednesday Club

John Dixon came along with his wife Jan to tell us all about “Beguiling Barbara” at our last meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May. This turned out to be Barbara Cartland who was born in the Midlands, her maiden name Hamilton. The family lived in Tewkesbury for many years until her grandfather committed suicide following bankruptcy.

They were then looked after in Pershore by the Earl of Coventry who gave them a house at a modest rent. Barbara lived a very varied and interesting life, working as a Society reporter and then a writer of romantic fiction. She wrote over two hundred novels and they are still selling to this day. It was a very enjoyable evening ending with John and Jan staying and talking to us all over supper.

We are holding a **Coffee Morning on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June** at 17 Quat Goose Lane from 10.30 am. All are welcome; entry will be £1 to include coffee/tea and biscuit. There will be a raffle, tickets selling at £1 each, and a table top sale of books cakes and plants. Please do come along and fingers crossed for fine weather.

June promises to be a busy month as our trip to **Hampton Court Castle and Gardens** in Herefordshire is on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**; we will be leaving the Village Hall at 10 am. I still have a few seats left should anyone else like to join us. Please telephone me on 693112 if you are interested.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** and **Brian Draper MBE** will be telling us about “**Water over my Wellies**”. There will also be a **Cake Stall** that evening so please get baking and bring along your goodies to sell.

Looking forward to seeing you in June; new members or visitors will be made very welcome.

**Pauline Wright**

## Art & Crafts Club

We held our Annual Exhibition on Saturday - thanks to all our members 'mucking in' the day went well - one member even supplied us with a very delicious buffet lunch - another new member sold two of his pictures - we raised £85 on the raffle and tea/coffee and biscuits were sold to our visitors, and two people showed interest in joining the club when we resume in September. Photos were taken and I will share these with you all when I receive them - so all in all a successful day.

Helen signing off for now... ..

**Helen Dicks**

As I write there have been no meetings since our April birdwalk. However there are a few items for the future.

June always features a garden visit and this year it will be to Barn House, Sandywell Park which is up by Dowdeswell. We are told that it is a large and fine garden and it is opening just for us. As a result there will be a charge for entry of £4.50. However, since funds are not too tight the society will subsidise this for members – just how much we will decide on the night when we know the turnout. There will be tea afterwards at £3. Non-members will be very welcome and we would hope to offer lifts for free. See the front of this News for date and timings.

Then we have a new entry for our calendar. Every year there is an event called Heritage Open Days which takes place early in September. Historic sites all over Britain open their doors and welcome visitors. The Society has been asked by Cheltenham's Civic Society if we would consider taking part. We did this once before, about ten years ago, and so have decided to give it another go. The event will consist of the talk on 'The History of Swindon Village', to be held in St Lawrences at 2pm on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2015. Afterwards we will conduct a walk around the core of Swindon Village so visitors can see the places they have been told about. If we get the volunteers we will put on tea in the church afterwards. Now the rules of Heritage Open Days do not allow us to charge for the event but a donations plate will be out and, of course, we can charge for the teas. The aim will be to make a bit of money for the church. And of course you don't have to be a visitor to attend – if there are any villagers out there who have not heard the talk or just want to be able to take a stroll through the Hall and Manor grounds this will be the time to connect with your own history.

It has now been confirmed that our October meeting will be a talk on 'Gloucestershire's Industrial Heritage' by Ray Wilson, Chairman of the Gloucestershire Industrial Archaeology Society.

In July, our own Harry Hopkins will tell us about Eastern Australia where he overwinters each year. It is not only the birds which fly south for winters; old pilots do it too. Bring your own Kangaroo.

**Barry Simon**

The day of our May meeting happened to be Betty's Birthday and so we presented her with a card and sang 'Happy Birthday' to her. This year's Resolution for the National Annual Meeting, to encourage better and more supportive care programmes, was discussed and mulled over. Sue will vote on our wishes when she represents us at the Royal Albert Hall. After tea and coffee, and stocking up with plants from the sales table, Eunice Owen showed us some of the many decorated eggs she had made. Members were amazed at the imaginative creations she had made out of eggshells of all sizes and admired her patience and dexterity.

The Skittles and Supper Evening at the Suffolk Arms proved very popular again with any profits going into our funds. Speaking of skittles, we had an enjoyable practice evening in Charlton Kings in readiness for the next round of the County Tournament when we have been drawn against Tibberton and Taynton WI. The match is booked to be played at the Gala Club.

A few members met at the Theatre to see 'Rebecca', a meal at the Tarragon Restaurant was much enjoyed and Annette hosted a coffee morning with delicious cakes. Mo is collecting the names of those who would like to make up a regular Theatre/Cinema Group.

A great time was had at Jenny's Hen Night. We sent Steve in his open top Morgan to chauffeur her to the Daffodil where we all met up to sup cocktails. Then we walked round the corner to the Suffolk Arms with the Bride-to-Be bedecked with tiara, veil, sash and balloons. There we enjoyed a meal of chicken and chips and a few rounds of skittles and 'Killer'. Jenny was a great sport and was exchanging pictures with Groom Jon, who was on his Stag Night elsewhere. Some members were invited to the party after the wedding – more excuses for celebrations! Jenny arrived at our May meeting wearing the sash and veil and carrying the balloons!

At the Cleeve Hill Group meeting Sue and Sarah from 'Eden of Cleeve' demonstrated some beautiful flower arrangements, their themes being red, white and blue. They were very entertaining with the flowers being in a giant wine glass, a very tall flute vase, a basket with twigs, a large candle wreath, bird cage and a pair of ceramic wellies. The six final arrangements were then raffled off – I came home with the fabulous giant wine glass complete with '100' in lights to celebrate the WI Centenary!

In June Sue and Linda are off to Buckingham Palace to a WI Centenary garden party to be hosted by the Duchess of Cornwall. The National Annual Meeting in the Royal Albert Hall will also be a royal occasion as the Duchess will be joined there by the Queen, Princess Anne and the Duchess of Wessex, all WI members. This event is to be relayed live to venues all over the country, including the Roses in Tewkesbury, and over the internet. In Gloucestershire we are holding a Centenary Picnic at Highnam Court, which was the home of Hubert Parry of 'Jerusalem' fame. More food will be served at the WI Racing Club annual lunch at the Panoramic Restaurant on the Racecourse!

For our annual outing we are joining Rover's coach trip to Shrewsbury with a trip on the river and tea. Hopefully we shall have the same good weather we had on our day-out last year. There is a talk by a Criminal Barrister, tea at Eileen's and a celebratory evening hosted by Gotherington, Woolstone and Oxenton WI. Craft demonstrators are required at the WI Exhibition in the Gloucester Folk Museum being held from June until the end of October. We are looking forward to hearing how Jayne got on with her jewellery making course at Denman College. She won our biannual bursary to attend any course she chose.

Mr Mason is to reveal the facts of Motor Cycle Safety at our meeting on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June if anyone would like to join us at 7.30pm at St Nicolas Church Hall, Swindon Lane.

**Sara Jefferies**

## Swindon Village Winemakers

First of all in March we held our Spring Dance; it was well attended by other clubs in the county. The entertainment was provided by a father and daughter called "TANDEM".

The April meeting was a Wine tasting evening, well organised by Tony Jilbert and Jim Ruxton. There were wines from Chile, South Africa, Spain, Italy and France.

Almost everyone tasted each wine and the object of the exercise was to try and guess the country where the wine was produced and the price. There were two winners and they were Sue Beardsley and Shirley Ruxton.

In June the club will be visiting Lovalls Vineyard near Upton-on-Severn followed by an evening meal at a local pub.

**Roy Harper**

## 1st Swindon Village Scout Group

### **Celebration of Scouting and Promise Renewals**

These take place each year on or close to St George's Day in April. All the Scout groups in each District around the country gather together, parade their flags and celebrate what it means to be a Beaver, Cub, Scout, Explorer and Leader in the movement. Our celebrations this year started with a parade from Whaddon Park to All Saints church, where a short service was held. We had the honour of leading the

parade by carrying the flag of St George – a job well done by **Bethan Avery** assisted by flag escorts **Victoria Emery** and **Luc Upton**. The theme of this year's service was about helping others and our Cubs together with Rachel took a leading role in the proceedings, describing how they had helped to make a difference to one particular family and then led everyone in an action song. Each section then took it in turns to renew their Promise and the afternoon was rounded off with refreshments and cakes.

### **Mountain Activities in the Lake District**

Two of our Scouts, **Ellie Swift** and **Joshua Williams**, took part in the County organised Mountain Activities trip to the Lake District over the May bank holiday weekend with other Scouts and Explorer Scouts from around Gloucestershire. They stayed at Great Tower Scout Activity Centre, close to the shore of Lake Windermere, and enjoyed two full days of exhilarating mountain walking as well as games, some shopping and the obligatory visit to a local chip shop! They both came back full of their adventures and are now well on the way to gaining their Scout Hillwalker Badge.

### **Cub Activate Camp**

In May we took a party of 14 Cubs away for a camping weekend at Rhydd Covert Scout Camp Site near Kidderminster. We were fortunate with the weather and it remained mostly dry and sunny throughout the weekend. After pitching the tents on Friday evening, we went for a short night hike in the local woods, before returning for some fish finger baps and a drink before bedtime. Following a good night's sleep (?), we had a Cub activity day to take part in with other Cub packs from around Worcestershire and Herefordshire. Our Cubs split into groups and got to take part in Fencing, Climbing, Abseiling, Grass Sledging and Crate Stacking – all great fun. Exhausted, they all headed back to the campsite to strike camp and return home. I'm not sure any of the Cubs needed much help getting off to sleep afterwards! A good time was had by all and it is a camp that we hope to repeat in the years to come. Huge thanks are due to the eight leaders and one young Scout that gave up their weekend to make this camp run so smoothly, as well as all the Activate staff at Rhydd Covert Scout Camp Site.

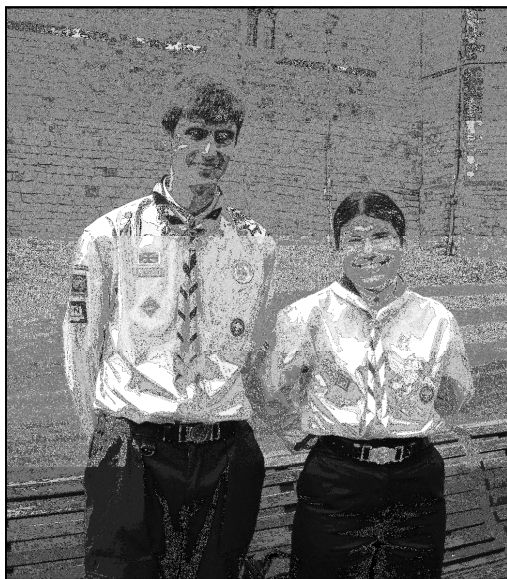
### **Cheltenham District Scouts Fete & Funday**

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 Royal British Legion" as well as Cheltenham District Scouts. Thank-you to everyone who came along and supported us - we hope you enjoyed the day.

There are camps and activities on many of the upcoming weekends between now and the beginning of August, so plenty for us all to look forward to – all we need is some good weather to make all the camping fun. Fingers Crossed!

**Sos**

## Queen's Scouts celebrated at Windsor Castle



*Matthew and Charlotte*

Charlotte Brewer and Matthew Evans were among the 450 newly appointed Queen's Scouts from all over the United Kingdom whose achievements were celebrated at the annual St. George's Day parade and service at Windsor Castle by permission of Her Majesty the Queen. It was a wonderful occasion for the Scouts and their guests.

The ceremony took place on the Quadrangle lawn outside the castle's "front door" where guests were entertained by a marching Scout band until the arrival of the parade. The Queen's Scouts were led in by a military band and, although their morning's marching practice hadn't been 100% effective, they moved very tidily to their places on the lawn.

The parade was inspected by HRH The Duchess of Gloucester and the Chief Scout, Bear Grylls who, between them, shook hands with or talked to every Queen's Scout while the two bands took turns at playing.

Following a celebratory walk around the perimeter of the Quadrangle, to the applause of the guests, the parade was led through the castle grounds to St. George's Chapel for a lively service celebrating the values of Scouting. The organ voluntary at the end of the service began with a burst of Queen's "Don't stop me now; 'cause I'm having a good time"!

The Scouts were addressed briefly by the Chief Scout before parading out of the castle grounds to yet more applause.

Charlotte was a Rainbow, Brownie, Guide and Ranger with 1st Swindon Village Guides before joining Scouting with Hanging Tree Explorers. After a short break she joined the university Scout and Guide group in her final year. Returning home she helped at 1st Swindon Village Cubs and is now an Assistant Leader at a Cub pack in Bath where she now lives. (She misses Scouting in the village though!)

Matthew was a Beaver, Cub and Scout with the 1<sup>st</sup> Swindon Village Scout Group and then a member of the Hanging Tree Explorer Scout Group. He continued with Scouting while at university, helping with groups in Leeds and Brisbane, Australia and is now a member of Gloucestershire Network and Leader at the Devil's Chimney Explorer Unit in Leckhampton.

The Queen's Scout Award is the highest award in Scouting and recognises the completion of an expedition and long-term dedication to a physical challenge, learning and developing a new skill and public service.

**Karen Evans**





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**The Cotswold Savoyards present a double bill of 'HMS Pinafore' and 'Cox & Box' at the Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham from 9th to 13th June.**

Most people are familiar with the 'HMSP' but possibly not 'Cox & Box'. It was a collaboration between F.C. Burnand, editor of 'Punch' magazine, and Arthur Sullivan. It's a fast moving one act story about two men renting the same room from the rascally landlord Bouncer. Cox works by day and Box by night, doubling Bouncer's rent! When Cox has a day off he discovers Box and mayhem ensues!

Performances are 7.30 pm with Saturday matinee at 2 pm.

Box office: 01242 572573 or [www.everymantheatre.org.uk](http://www.everymantheatre.org.uk)

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Cub Scout Leader	Rachel Smith (Chil)	693107
Beaver Leader	Charlotte Mitchell (Mole)	701854
Rainbow Guider	Jackie Bailey	07871 169308
Village Hall Booking Secretary	Sandy Thornton	232045
Village Hall Secretary	Rose D’Gama	574964
Wednesday Club	Pauline Wright	693112
Play Group	(Playgroup hours)	690479
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