

Village News

in Swindon Village

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March

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| Wednesday | 2 | Wednesday Club - Village Hall 8.00pm
Professor Collywobbles - The history of Punch & Judy |
| Monday | 7 | Marle Hill WI - St. Nicolas' Hall 7.30pm
Francis Benton - Tears of the Dragon (Pearls) |
| Tuesday | 8 | Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall
Beginning with Public Session at 7.30pm |
| Saturday | 12 | Scout Group Jumble Sale - Village Hall 11.00am |
| Wednesday | 16 | Swindon Village Society - Village Hall 7.30pm
Peter Petrie - Gloucester Cathedral Through The Ages |
| Saturday | 19 | Church Cake & Coffee Morning - Village Hall 10.30am |
| Wednesday | 23 | Wine Club - Village Hall 7.45pm
Mr Manuel Queirz - "overland from Alaska to Argentina" |
| Thursday | 24 | Art & Craft Club - Village Hall 7.30pm
Presentation/talk by Geoff Tristram - Visitors welcome |

April

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| Monday | 4 | Marle Hill W.I. - St. Nicolas' Hall 7.30pm
Nic Munnings - "Tax Care and Toy Boys" |
| Wednesday | 6 | Wednesday Club - Village Hall 8.00pm
Lenette Isko - Fascinating Hats |
| Tuesday | 12 | Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall
Beginning with Public Session at 7.30pm |
| Saturday | 16 | Swindon Village Society Bird Walk
Start from the Village Hall car park at 9.30am. |

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

Keep Britain Tidy has launched a country-wide clean up ahead of the Queen's 90th birthday in April. Cheltenham Borough Council is supporting the campaign and inviting other organisations (including Parish Councils) to participate. The national dates for this initiative are 4th – 6th March but Cheltenham Borough Council will be using the period Saturday 19th – Monday 21st March for a clean-up in Cheltenham, as this will avoid Mothering Sunday and will also be after Gold Cup week. I will be away for my son's stag do so I have an excuse. Perhaps we can organise something that can be promoted in the April Village News. If you have an area in the parish that could do with a litter pick please suggest it (but be prepared to lend a hand!).

The inquiry into the Joint Core Strategy is in recess at the moment. The meetings resume on 22nd March. One of the biggest topics yet to be discussed is transport. The current and future state of our roads is a major concern for the Parish Council. I am sure the consultants will tell us it will all be fine. Anyone using Tewkesbury Road or Kingsditch Lane at peak times may beg to differ.

Sadly we have received the resignation of Councillor Arran Stibbe. Arran has been a major contributor to the Council's efforts to oppose or at least mitigate the effects of the housing developments proposed under the JCS. He will be missed. We now have two vacancies on the Council. Please consider joining us. You don't need experience as training and guidance can be offered. If you are interested in the future of our community and could give a little time it would be appreciated. Please get in touch.

On the planning front, the former Ultra Electronics building on Kingsditch Lane has stood empty for some time. Once it had been vacated attempts were made to find a new tenant but the building is old, inflexible and unattractive to modern businesses. Development consultants representing the site owner came to the February council meeting to show the latest plans for the site. Their intention is that the single large building will be demolished and replaced with two buildings containing nine flexible units of varying sizes. Permission for demolition was granted some months ago. The plans for the redevelopment will be submitted shortly.

Two planning applications have been considered for Apple Tree Cottage, Hayden Road. The first application sought permission to raise the height of the chimney and retrospective approval of a new fireplace. The Parish Council had no objection but the Borough Council refused permission as the new chimney was deemed to be out of character. This seemed harsh. The property is thatched and the owner wished to use the fireplace without risking burning the house down. The second application removed the change to the chimney and related only to the fireplace. The Parish Council had no objection previously and therefore no objection to the revised application.

We are hopeful that a solution to the problem of the hedge in Swindon Lane has been found. Residents were annoyed that the hedge had been allowed to grow so high that the views they had previously enjoyed were obscured. The hedge was pruned by some residents, much to the annoyance of the landowner. He retaliated by erecting pallets to obscure the view again. We are grateful for the intervention of our Borough Councillor who seems to have negotiated a peace treaty. The landowner will cut the hedge and the residents will leave it alone. We hope the truce holds!

I mentioned that the Parish Council used to have a notice board in the vicinity of the Cross Hands pub. Imagine my excitement when a resident was kind enough to text me to say that the missing notice board had been found. Sadly the item in question is just beyond our border and belongs to Uckington Parish Council, so the quest goes on. I think it is important that the Parish Council has a means of communicating information to our many residents living south of the Tewkesbury Road. We must try to get a glazed notice board. We have two notice boards that have open fronts. The notices tend to get torn down as soon as my back is turned. Strangely it only seems to happen when the schools are in session. If I were Inspector Morse I might think that I could narrow down the suspects on that basis!

We have been told that Cheltenham Borough Council car parks are going to revert to being free after 6:00pm at some point. Sadly on-street car parking (controlled by Gloucestershire County Council) and privately run car parks (e.g. Pittville Street) will not be affected. I'm not sure when this will be implemented but this should please our film buffs, theatre lovers and clubbers!

The Council has heard that some refuse collection rounds are still starting before 7:00am. Generally I think our refuse collection operatives do a difficult job very well but making a start before 7:00am is unnecessary; it disturbs people and is contrary to agreed working arrangements. The matter has previously been reported to Ubico. If you are aware of this happening let me know the time and date so that Ubico can identify the crew involved.

I have mentioned before that Swindon Parish gets confused with other Swindons in the land. A lady emailed me recently asking if she could rent an allotment. As she lived in the town of Swindon I assume this was another case of mistaken identity. You'd have to be a keen gardener to push a wheelbarrow along the A417.

Shaun Cullimore

Clerk to Swindon Parish Council

Swindon Village Allotments

A social evening was held on November 27th at the Civil Service Club where a skittles evening and sausage and chip supper were enjoyed by many of the allotment holders. The evening was a great success and raised £57 from a raffle; the money raised was donated to the Midland Air Ambulance Charity.

There are no vacant plots at this time but anybody wishing to become an allotment holder in the future may contact me.

Ian Brown

Swindon Village Allotment Manager

From our Village Agent



Well, here we are already lurching into Spring at an alarming rate. Today, as I write, this the sky is a beautiful blue and the sun is shining brightly, putting a smile on everyone's face and a spring in their step. Tomorrow though, as we all know, we could open the curtains in the morning and the rain could be pouring from the sky making it impossible to get out of our villages due to more flooding!

We never know what may be around the next corner in our lives; it has a knack of throwing the unexpected at us – illness, family issues, bereavement, the boiler packing up or having too much time on our hands and not quite knowing what to do with it.

Since I started doing this job in December I have been getting to know you out there in my parishes, meeting you at Monday Clubs, Knit and Natter Groups and W.I.s. Several of you have rung me to ask me if I can help you and that is great – that is what I am here for.

So, if you're finding yourself with a question or a problem and you're not quite sure of who to turn to for help then please don't hesitate to give me a ring or drop me an email. I can visit you in your own home, chat to you on the 'phone or if you'd like me just to visit your community group I'd love to do that too.

As a Village Agent my job is to provide older and disadvantaged people with easier access to information and service. Oh, and the service is free.

Liz Heckford

Village Agent 07810 056770

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Services and events in March

1st	Tuesday	10.30am – 12noon 12noon – 2.00pm 7.00pm	Chatterbox coffee drop in Lent Lunch all welcome Holy Communion followed by Tuesday group bible study
6th	Mothering Sunday	10.30am 6.30pm	Together @ Ten Thirty all age service for Mothering Sunday Sung Holy Communion
7th	Monday	7.00pm	PCC meeting
8th	Tuesday	10.30am – 12 noon 12noon – 2.00pm 7.00pm	Chatterbox coffee drop in Lent Lunch all welcome Holy Communion followed by Tuesday group Bible study
13th	Passion Sunday	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Sung Evensong
15th	Tuesday	10.30am – 12noon 12noon – 2.00pm 7.00pm	Chatterbox coffee drop in Lent Lunch all welcome Holy Communion followed by Tuesday group Bible study
17th	Thursday		Early years visit to church
19th	Saturday	10.30am – 12noon	Coffee Morning & Cake Sale in the Village Hall
20th	Palm Sunday	10.00am 10.15am 6.30pm	Meet outside CTFC training ground in Quat Goose Lane to process to church Holy Communion Sung Evensong
21st	Monday	All day	Experience Easter
22nd	Tuesday	All day 7.00pm	Experience Easter (No Chatterbox or Lent Lunch) Holy Communion followed by Tuesday group bible study

24th	Maundy Thursday 7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Mass followed by Watch at All Saints church
25th	Good Friday 12noon	Good Friday reflection
26th	Holy Saturday 9.00pm	Vigil and first Eucharist of Easter at St Mary's Prestbury
27th	Sunday - Easter Day 9.15am 6.30pm	Family Communion Sung evensong
29th	Tuesday 10.30am – 12noon	Chatterbox coffee drop in

Dear Friends,

Spring is nearly upon us. I say nearly because for every beautiful sunny day we seem to get plenty of wet, windy, and rather grim days in between. Such is the reality of living on an island in the North Atlantic.

Around this time of year the activities of the church can be a little like the weather... changeable. We have the season of Lent, where we spend time considering our walk with God and the things in our lives which get in the way of that walk. Some of us give up things in the hope that it will help us to focus on God in a more profound way, to help bring our lives more into focus. However, what many people don't realise is that, as Christians, even when we give up things during Lent we are 'allowed' to have them on a Sunday. Sunday is to be a 'feast day', a celebration, a party, a reminder of Easter when Jesus rose again, breaking death once and for all!

Jesus' life on earth was more of a roller coaster than many of our lives are today. He truly experienced the highs and lows of life: from birth - surrounded by farm animals - to preaching - surrounded by thousands of people; from being hated by religious leaders to being loved by his disciples; from fasting in the wilderness to turning water into wine... the list goes on.

As we consider the events leading up to Easter we are reminded that, through Jesus, God truly knows what life is like as one of us. From intense suffering to the joy of meals with his friends. We are also reminded that Easter brings new life out of the darkest of experiences. So whatever we are going through this Easter, good or bad, sunny or grim, we can be sure that God knows how to meet us there because God has experienced it too.

Rev Liz

From the registers



Baptisms

We welcomed in to the Church

Felix & Florence Masters 28th February



Funeral

We gave thanks for the life of

Iris Hunter 24th February

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.

N.B. There will be no Team Surgery on Saturday 26th March (Easter weekend.)

Lent, Holy Week & Easter at St Lawrence Church

Join us at these special services as we journey together towards Easter.

6 March	10.30am	Mothering Sunday All Age Service
20 March	10.00am	Palm Sunday Procession & Service
25 March	12noon	Good Friday reflection with music and readings
27 March	9.15am	Easter Day Family Communion service. <i>Suitable for all the family.</i>



**‘Make a mother’s day’
by joining with us to celebrate
Mothering Sunday
on 6th March at 10.30am**

An informal service for the whole family
where we can say thank you
to all those who ‘mother’ us.

There’ll even be a gift for all who
mother us, so don’t miss out,
make sure to come along
(and bring someone special!)



**Palm Sunday Procession
20th March at 10am**

Join us as we process from outside Cheltenham Town FC
training ground in Quat Goose Lane to St Lawrence Church
for our Palm Sunday service.

Bring branches, drums, tambourines etc.

Suitable for all ages.

We aim to arrive in church at approx 10.15am so if you can’t
manage the procession join us at the church gates!

St. Lawrence Church

Cake and Coffee Morning

Saturday 19th March

10.30am to 12noon

in the Village Hall

Donations of cakes and raffle prizes would be gratefully received.

Contact Mary Halliwell tel. 692423

St Lawrence Church - Annual Fete

This year's church fete will take place on Saturday 2nd July. Put the date in your diaries and on your calendars now!

This popular village event provides much-needed income to help pay for the general running costs of the church building.

We rely on a lot of helpers to plan, set up and run the fete and we would always welcome more.

If you have received this magazine early enough - **The first planning meeting for this year's fete will be held on Monday 29th February at 7.00pm in the church.** Everyone will be welcome at the meeting.

If you feel you would like to help in any way then please contact me.

Tony Jilbert

Tel. 01242 693639

Save the Countryside: 9 years and counting!

Since May last year the team have been hard at work on the Government Inspector's Inquiry on the Joint Core Strategy (JCS) for Cheltenham, Gloucester and Tewkesbury's 20 year development plans. We continue to work in collaboration with the Parish Council and our colleagues across the town in Cheltenham Alliance.

The process is extremely arduous, with many reports written, tours of the area given, evidence presented and discussions from the Council's JCS team, the developers and Save the Countryside plus other concerned parties including our partners in Cheltenham Alliance. The investigation has now paused as the Council return to their homework to double check their calculations for housing need for the 3 boroughs and work on their plans for transport and other infrastructure provision and to demonstrate where exactly the demand for housing and new jobs is coming from.

So far as the overall plan has not been agreed, no planning applications have been made by developers. We expect that this inquiry will continue well into this year with no decision being made on our green belt land around Swindon Village until next year.

We appreciate that the Inspector is listening to our strong arguments, our evidence. and she agrees with our argument for sequential planning i.e. building on brownfield sites before greenbelt.

We are also pleased that the Inspector has stated that the Parish Council's Local Green Space application is justifiable and understands how important we feel it is for our village to keep its rural nature with protection of at least a key area of green land around it.

The Local Green Space can be put to use in many ways such as community orchards, play spaces, footpaths and bridleways or retained as farmland. Of course the developers tell us that their master plans include lots of green space, but what they don't tell us is that's only because of constraints such as the River Swilgate and a gas main that you can't build on!

So until the next JCS sessions in the spring we will continue to review the new evidence that the council officers provide and ensure that fair decisions are being made for those that need new housing, the existing residents and the continued success and sustainability of our town and countryside.

Everyone is invited to our 9th Annual Walk on **Sunday 22nd May at 2pm.** How wonderful that so many of us have enjoyed this community event for so many years. Please do come and join us again if you can.

Helen Wells

Save The Countryside 9th Annual Walk

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

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

Sunday 22nd May 2pm

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

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



Art & Crafts Club

ATTENTION, ATTENTION! ... Special evening coming up for SWINDON ART AND CRAFT CLUB!

We have booked Geoff Tristram to give a talk/presentation on all aspects of Art. It will be an entertaining art/comedy evening, and should be enjoyed by all.

The date is **THURSDAY 24th MARCH** starting at **7.30pm** in the Village Hall. Non-members are invited for a small charge of £1 to include tea/coffee and biscuits. Must be worth an hour and a half of anyone's time. We would love to see you!

Helen Dicks

Rather as expected the Village Society AGM did not produce revolution so here we are, off on another year. After the AGM, however, we were given a really interesting viewing of some of the vast number of old views of the village, local area and villagers that Eileen Allen has collected over the years. Many of these are culled from Eileen's research in the Gloucester Records Office or Cheltenham's Local History Library while others come from families who lived here.

Sometimes a treasure arrives unexpectedly. About a year ago I was contacted on the internet by two ladies where were researching a large country house in Wales and who asked if I could identify a house they thought lay in the parish. Indeed what they sent was a rather splendid photograph of Queen Anne's Cottage with two ladies in front of it dressed in crinolines. The picture was obviously taken over a hundred years ago. Their interest was that a member of staff of the house they were researching had retired to Swindon and Queen Anne's Cottage house to live with a relative. I was able to send them back a photograph of how the cottage looks now.

Our programme for the year is pretty much as indicated in last month's article. The March talk will be by Peter Petrie who will tell us about the very long and colourful history of Gloucester Cathedral. Of course less than half of its life has been spent as a Cathedral. Before that it was the Abbey Church and before that there were previous abbey churches. Now I have seen most of the Cathedrals in England and the more I see of the others the more Gloucester goes up in my estimation. York may be bigger, Canterbury may be more central to church history and Worcester may be older as a cathedral but to my mind only Durham is definitely superior to Gloucester in totality of building, history and location. I am, of course, prepared to argue – but only over a glass of wine. In addition, rather than having a rather hefty entrance charge, Gloucester merely asks for a donation.

So do come along. Join the Society or just come for the one talk – non members only pay a pound and there is tea afterwards and you can join in the raffle though you are recommended not to actually win the raffle because it is a long dark walk home in a village with no street lights.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 16th March Gloucester Cathedral Through the Ages – a talk by Peter Petrie a Cathedral guide. 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Non-members welcome for £1.

Saturday 16th April Our annual bird walk. We will stay close to the village so no hard walking. Meet in the Village Hall car park at 9.30am. Do join us. Non-members welcome.

Barry Simon

Swindon Village Winemakers

The 37th Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 27th January 2016 and was followed by an American supper. This was a straight forward meeting. Last year's minutes were read and approved; there were no matters arising. The chairman gave her report about what we had done the previous year. We then came to the treasurer's report; the treasurer was very happy with how things were in the club. The election of officers was straight forward as everyone on the committee was willing to stand so they were all elected en bloc. Ray Hales agreed to stand again as Village Hall rep.

The rest of the evening was taken up eating and socialising.

Our Spring Dance this year is on Saturday 5th March, dancing to BRIAN BLACK.

On March 23rd we have a speaker, Mr Manuel Queirz giving a talk entitled "Overland from Alaska to Argentina".

Kind regards,

Roy Harper

Wednesday Club

On 3rd February we held our AGM. The committee were pleased to announce that our funds are looking quite healthy despite the rising costs of speakers. After the AGM we enjoyed a game of bingo followed by a lovely supper.

Our next meeting is on 2nd March when Phil Collins (no, not the famous drummer), otherwise known as Professor Collywobbles, will tell us the history of Punch & Judy. We will also be having a plant stall so please bring as many plants as you can spare.

Visitors are always welcome.

Margaret Pointing

Stephen Rowley introduced himself at our February meeting dressed in his Mummers costume and accompanied by dance music. He also had his decorated Wassail Bowl for collecting money when the Mummers performed and sang carols at Christmas. Various forms of Mummers are found worldwide; they are based on pre-Christian fertility rituals and can be traced back to the 14th Century. Their activities included dramas, mime (hence Mummers), Twelfth Night revelries and Court entertainment based on classical themes such as Robin Hood, Jack the Giant Killer and St. George and the Turkish Knight (the dragon came later). Moresks were dances that later became Morris Dancing! The Mummers were dying out in the 19th Century but have been greatly revived as there are many groups performing now.

We welcomed Latha (who met us in Pittville Park when we had our celebration on WI Day) as one of several new members and Sandra has rejoined us since she moved back to Cheltenham. The members voted to lay a Poppy Wreath on Remembrance Sunday this year. Lunch at the Star Centre was much enjoyed and we also met at the new Montpellier Lodge Restaurant to try out their menu. The theatre visit, skittle evenings, Craft Club and Book Club are all proving popular.

We have a Skittles and Supper evening arranged at the Suffolk Arms and are planning a Pudding Evening in May – watch this space! A trip to Bradford-on-Avon with a canal trip to The Court Gardens and a visit to Aston Pottery with, on popular demand after our visit last year, a return to Friar's Court for tea are in the pipeline. The Annual Council Meeting at the Town Hall, Ladies' Day at the races and 'Clean for the Queen' are on the calendar for March.

Francis Benton's talk on 7th March is called 'Tears of the Dragon' and she is bringing some pearl jewellery. Also, we have our annual Cake Stall now everyone has finished their New Year Diet! We would welcome anyone who would like to join us at 7.30pm at St Nicolas' Hall in Swindon Lane.

Sara Jefferies

The Cotswold Marathon

The Cotswold Marathon is a 36 mile trek across the Cotswolds through the night, aimed at the Explorer Scouts, leaders and the older members of the Scout and Guide movement, held during February each year. However, at the age of 11 and accompanied by a leader, Scouts are able to tackle the Bronze route (which is the first 14 miles, finishing at Birdlip) and at the age of 14+, they are able to take on the Silver route, which is the first 19 miles, finishing at Elkstone.

I had briefed all our Scouts on what a tough challenge the hike is and as such - just two brave souls - **Ethan Drake** and **DJ Lea** decided to join me this year. The weather was atrocious with heavy rain all day on the Saturday and as such, we decided against camping out after the hike. We set off at 5:20pm in the pouring rain, and as dusk fell we climbed to the top of a very muddy Robinswood Hill where the wind was blowing a gale and the rain was so heavy we could barely see where we were going. Well that's my excuse anyway ... as an hour after climbing to the summit, we arrived back in Tuffley where we had started our ascent from! After a 20 minute detour around the foot of the hill, we eventually found Matson and got back on the route to Upton St Leonards. By now we were soaked through to the skin and more than a little cold.

At the third checkpoint at Hucclecote Scout HQ we were able to rest with a hot drink and sort ourselves out for the rest of the hike. Despite the foul weather, the lads set a steady pace and maintained this well through the first few checkpoints and onto Brockworth, after which came the long and slow climb up Cooper's Hill. Despite tiredness and fatigue starting to take their toll, they continued without slowing down all the way to Birdlip and our finish checkpoint. We finished just after midnight having covered far more than the official 14 miles in 6 hours & 46 minutes and it's fair to say we were all shattered. We were transported back to Murray Hall by minibus and arrived back at around 1am, where a mug of hot chocolate was enjoyed before we headed back home to Cheltenham.

Also taking part this year were five former Swindon Village Scouts that have all moved onto Explorer Units in Cheltenham. All of them were aged 14 and all were tackling the Silver route for the first time and without any adult leaders walking with them. This was no mean feat and navigating in those dreadful conditions was a real achievement. All of them made it up to Birdlip and one team of three - **Sebastian Grey, Oliver Mawson-Lewis** and **George Wood** - actually managed to complete the Silver course (19+ miles) in 8 hours & 15 minutes finishing at around 2am. I was really proud of all of them and several of them exceeded my expectations of what they might achieve!

Our fellow leader, Shane Gough, has become an important part of the team that helps to make the Cotswold Marathon tick. Shane drives our minibus through the night, assisted with a radio operator beside him, ferrying back teams from Birdlip and

Elkstone as they finish and other teams and individuals as they drop out along the route. Poor Shane was driving right through the night and finally crawled into his bed around 4:30am on the Sunday morning!

So congratulations are due to all the youngsters who took part this year. There was an excellent team spirit and the Scouts all helped each other through the tougher moments. They completed the route in some of the worst weather conditions ever experienced in the last 43 years of the event – an excellent achievement at such a young age. All in all – it's a terrific event providing real challenge and adventure in really testing conditions.

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1st Swindon Village Scout Group

Jumble Sale

Saturday 12th March

Village Hall 11.00am

Great bargains

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