

Village News

in Swindon Village

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July

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| Saturday | 1 | St. Lawrence's Midsummer Market - Village Hall 2.30pm |
| Monday | 3 | Marle Hill W.I. - St. Nicolas' Hall 7.30pm
Eugene & Margaret Schellenberg - The Ifakra Bakery Project |
| Wednesday | 5 | Wednesday Club - Village Hall 8.00pm
Tore Fauske - Norway under the German Occupation |
| Tuesday | 11 | Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall
Beginning with Public Session at 7.30pm |
| Wednesday | 19 | Swindon Village Society - Village Hall 7.30pm
Mr. Arthur Ball - The Birds of Cleeve Common |
| Wednesday | 26 | Wine Club - Village Hall 7.45pm
Marion Beagley - My Mum was a Cockney |
| Saturday | 29 | Beetle Drive with Hot Dog Supper for church restoration appeal
Village Hall - Doors open at 6.30pm |

August

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| Wednesday | 2 | Swindon Village Society Annual Garden Party 7.00pm
(Members only) |
| Tuesday | 8 | Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall
Beginning with Public Session at 7.30pm |
| Sunday | 20 | Teddies' tea at St. Lawrence's Church - 2.30 to 4.00pm |

September

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| Monday | 4 | Marle Hill W.I. - St. Nicolas' Hall 7.30pm
Alysia Cameron-Price - The History of Sue Ryder |
| Wednesday | 6 | Wednesday Club - Village Hall 8.00pm
Susan Marshfield MBE - My memorable day at Windsor Castle |

(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.)

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on 25th May. Sadly there were only a handful of us present despite this being probably the only opportunity for local residents to discuss issues of common concern. The Parish Council would like to be more ambitious in implementing improvements to the area, particularly the park. It is important that we get your views and we do our best to consult and inform. It is frustrating when these opportunities are not taken up.

BMW have moved from their premises on Tewkesbury Road to their new home next to the Golden Valley. Lidl have put in a planning application to redevelop the former BMW site to create a large new supermarket. Cheltenham Borough Council are considering the application and by the time you read this the application will be formally closed to comments. The Parish Council have raised objections to the scheme.

The evening of Sunday 11th June again saw significant cruiser activity in the area. The howling engines and squealing tyres were loud enough to be heard streets away from the centre of the activity. We seem to be a soft touch for travellers and cruisers alike. A number of people reported the goings on to the police and I received this response.

“One of our traffic cars attended and found around 20 vehicles parked up in the retail park. At the time of attendance they weren’t able to locate any vehicles speeding or driving inappropriately on the roads in the area, most likely due to the police presence. Please ask the residents to continue reporting so that we can attend to deter or catch those driving inappropriately.”

Stuart Deakin, one of our parish councillors, is going to collate complaints made by residents to the police in an effort to get more done. A letter will be delivered to homes in the worst affected area. If you are concerned about the cruisers please report the matter to the police by ringing 101 or emailing 101@gloucestershirepolice.uk . If you let Stuart or me know that you have done this it will help us to build up our evidence and press for action. (Contact details on back cover.)

On the subject of the police, I recently performed an audit of one of Stroud's parish councils. I was told that because of concerns over speeding (15 cows killed on a rural road in a year) they entered into a partnership with the police that saw them buy a

combined speed and automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) camera. The intention was not to prosecute motorists but for the police to identify the car owner and send them a warning letter asking them to show more consideration. The camera was so successful that the police have withdrawn from the scheme because they don't have sufficient resources to send out the letters!

Sadly you will have read that there will be no church fete this year and its future is under consideration. This has been a part of summer in the parish for many years and has been enjoyed by young and old alike; in fact some people who visited the fete as children have been taking their own children in recent years. The fete has ended because no-one is willing to take on its organisation and its success in previous years is mainly down to the efforts of Tony Jilbert. As we are finding with the Village Hall and the Parish Council very few people seem to be willing to volunteer these days. A big thank you to Tony for all he has done for the parish over the years.

Maintaining the theme of public service, the Parish Council is already two councillors down and we will lose another, a true stalwart, with the departure of David Iliffe and his wife to Stroud. I have already clocked up four years of involvement with the council and in that time I have come to respect David for his commitment to the area, his knowledge and his keen wit. David has been prepared to do whatever is required. He has chaired the council in the past and co-edits the Village News. He has offered to stand down if others come forward and has stood up when they haven't. Most people will be unaware of the debt they owe to the likes of David and Tony in working to keep this a great place to live.

Apologies if I have shared this with you previously but my favourite one-liner from David (which still makes me laugh when I think of it) was the following:

Councillor: "The sign was put up to celebrate the royal wedding but it rotted away".

David: "No, it wasn't much of a marriage".

From a personal point of view (both as Parish Clerk and as a resident) I would like to express my gratitude to David for his service and wish him and Marlene the best in their new home.

I have been trying to sort out the fact that I don't expect a pension from the Parish Council. I was prepared for it not to be straight forward (you may remember I have to be offered a pension and then decline it). It is proving more thorny than I anticipated. I needed to get a Government Gateway ID so that I could act as agent for the Parish Council (in a way I am my own employer). Eventually I managed to do this and this opened up a whole new world of government services to me. One of the more memorable ones was entitled "Sheep and Goats Ear Tag Allocation System for External Officials". However, it was not all good news. When I tried to access the appropriate pension page I was told it didn't exist. Perhaps I'll tag some goats' ears instead....

Shaun Cullimore

Clerk to Swindon Parish Council



News from our Village Agent

At this time of the year the garden is supposed to need watering isn't it? Or have I got that wrong? Aren't we supposed to be going outside with a watering can or the hosepipe to give the flowers and vegetables a much-needed drink after being in the baking sunshine? Mmmm!

(It was raining when Liz wrote this! - The editors.)

All new houses now have a water meter but for older houses the water bill is based on the old fashioned water rates – that is, a kind of guess on how much water you might use based on how big the property is. If your circumstances have changed due to bereavement or grown-up children leaving home it could be that you are paying a lot more than you should be for your water.

Having a water meter fitted would mean that you would only pay for the water that you use and that has to be a good idea doesn't it?

Severn Trent Water Authority <https://www.stwater.co.uk/> can fit a water meter free of charge to see if this can reduce your water bill. If you want to revert back to the old way of paying your bills you have two years to do it. They also have grants available if you are having difficulty paying your bill.

If you would like any more information then please don't hesitate to contact me.

Until next time I'll leave you with this: *"Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces us up, snow is exhilarating; there is really no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather."* John Ruskin.

Liz

Village Agent 07810 056770

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

Ring 101 or email 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".

Services and Events in July

1 st	Saturday	2.30pm	Midsummer Market – Village Hall
2 nd	Sunday	10.30am 6.30pm	Together @ Ten Thirty 'Be thou my vision' Holy Communion
4 th	Tuesday	10.30am 7.30pm	Chatterbox coffee drop-in Tuesday group
8 th	Saturday	3.30pm	Wedding
9 th	Sunday	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Evensong
11 th	Tuesday	10.30am 7.00pm	Chatterbox Holy Communion followed by Tuesday Group
16 th	Sunday	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Evensong
18 th	Tuesday	10.30am 7.30pm	Chatterbox Tuesday Group
23 rd	Sunday	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Evensong
25 th	Tuesday	10.30am 7.30pm	Chatterbox Tuesday group
29 th	Saturday	12.30pm 6.30pm	Wedding Beetle Drive in the Village Hall
30 th	Sunday	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Songs of Praise at Elmstone Hardwicke

Services and Events in August

1 st	Tuesday	10.30am	Chatterbox coffee drop-in
5 th	Saturday	1.00pm	Wedding
6 th	Sunday	10.30am 6.30pm	Together @ Ten Thirty Holy Communion
8 th	Tuesday	10.30am	Chatterbox
13 th	Sunday	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Evensong
15 th	Tuesday	10.30am	Chatterbox
20 th	Sunday	9.15am 2.30pm 6.30pm	Holy Communion Bring a teddy for tea Evensong
22 nd	Tuesday	10.30am	Chatterbox
27 th	Sunday	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Evensong
29 th	Tuesday	10.30am	Chatterbox

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 (Team Vicar) on 575547, liz.palin@northchelt.org.uk.

From the registers



Baptisms

We welcomed in to the family of the church

Ivo Blankley

18th June

Emelia Cresswell

25th June



Marriages

We celebrated the marriages of

Dean Letts and Shelley Jovanovic

3rd June

William Alexander and Leah Wong

10th June



Funerals

We gave thanks for the life of

Margaret Evans

19th June

Gravestones

The churchwardens and PCC are responsible for the safety of our churchyard and are required to conduct a topple test on a regular basis. This is to identify those gravestones that are at risk of falling and therefore potentially causing harm. In order to ensure the churchyard is safe, gravestones found to be at risk of falling have to be laid down.

A recent topple test has identified some gravestones that will need to be laid down in the near future. They are all very old, and are untended, but in order to ensure that no distress is caused we will be listing the graves in question in the next edition of the Village News.

The upkeep of memorials is the responsibility of the next of kin, so if you are concerned about a gravestone that you tend, do please get in touch to find out how to go about repair – the Diocese of Gloucester has issued graveyard regulations which we have to adhere to, so work has to be approved by the clergy and churchwardens. The regulations are displayed at both entrances into the churchyard.

Swindon & Cheltenham St Peter PCC

I'm writing this on what has been the hottest day in June since 1976. I remember the summer of 1976 – it was before cars had air conditioning, and the only way to stay cool on the long drive home from our holiday in Devon to Leeds in Yorkshire, was to have the windows down. This was fine until you hit a traffic jam – which happened fairly frequently! We were so uncomfortable!

During this latest bout of hot weather it has been lovely to pop into church – the building has a natural cool temperature. It helps sooth the body, and restore equilibrium. But it's not just the body that church is good for. It is good for the soul too.

Following recent tragedies, people have turned to church buildings to find quiet, to reflect, to pray and light a candle. Churches are places of peace and calm for both the body and soul.

I suspect many of you will be thinking ahead to your summer holidays, that time of well-earned rest and relaxation, the opportunity to spend time with those who are most important in our lives. Whilst on holiday, why not pop into a church in the place you are visiting. Appreciate its heritage, savour the atmosphere created by centuries of worship and prayer. Experience a moment of peace, stillness, and cool temperature in the midst of busyness noise, (and hopefully heat!) and whilst you're there why not give thanks for those you love, and those who share your life with you.

Jesus often used to take himself off to a quiet place – to gather his thoughts, reconnect with God, and recharge his batteries. If it was good enough for him it's good enough for us.

The church here in Swindon Village is open all day for prayer and reflection on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Why not pop in and appreciate the treasure on your doorstep?

Revd Liz



St. Lawrence's Church

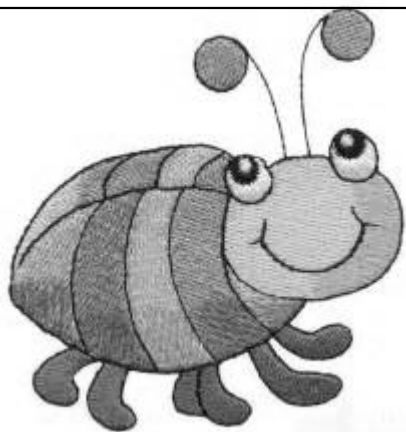
Midsummer Market

**Saturday 1st July
at 2.30pm
in the Village Hall**

Plants Books Craft
Cakes & Bakes
As Good As New
Raffle
Cream Teas

This event replaces this year's fete and funds raised will be used for the day-to-day running costs of St. Lawrence's Church.

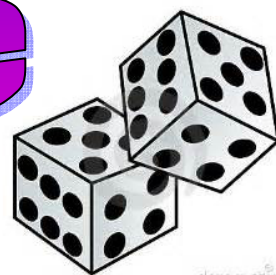
If you can help on the day or if you have goods to donate for any of the stalls please contact
Karen Evans, phone 241678.



The Beetles are back!...

A family evening

Beetle Drive



Hot Dogs, Ice Creams
Tea, Coffee, Soft Drinks
all included

Raffle

Saturday 29th July

Swindon Village Hall

Doors open at 6.30pm

Admission £5 for adults and £3 for Under 12s

Please book by phoning
Karen Evans on 01242 241678

Let us know if you require a veggie hot dog

Profits to St. Lawrence's Church Restoration Appeal

**crafts - stories - food
all free**

*You are invited to
bring a teddy for
tea*

*St Lawrence Church
August 20th*

2.30pm - 4.00pm

**baptism children are invited to
bring their baptism teddy with**

 **@musicfest
them!**

Wednesday Club

We experienced an unexpected turn of events at our meeting in June. We were supposed to be having a visit from Boots No 7 make up for a demonstration but we found out on the Tuesday that they would not be coming. (They no longer do these demonstrations apparently). Shirley and June were frantically trying to find another speaker for the next evening and eventually found Pam Slater from the Cotswold Perfume Company based at Bourton-on-the-Water and what an interesting speaker she was.

Pam told us that the company is presently run by John Stephen but was started several years ago by his mother. All the perfume is made on the premises by John (the nose) and visitors are able to see the process for themselves as they are able to walk around while work is taking place. Their business has expanded over the years as they have taken on buildings on either side of the original house. You cannot buy their perfume anywhere in Cheltenham but it is for sale in Harrods and of course there are testers and goods to buy in their shop in Bourton.



For all those going on our trip to Bowood House on Wednesday 12th July, the coach will leave the Village Hall at 10 am and we should be home again at around 5 pm. I hope the weather is good for you all and from what I can see on my Facebook page, the gardens are a real treat at the moment.

Thanks to all our members who brought along cakes, plants and books to sell at our last meeting and we took £45.85 to help with our funds. Again, many thanks.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 5th July and our guest that evening will be Tore Fauske and he will be telling us about "Growing up in Norway under the German Occupation". Please do come along and join us and visitors are always welcome for a fee of £3 to include supper.

Looking forward to seeing you in July.

Pauline Wright

We were due to have a talk on The Wild Flowers of Gloucestershire in May but a couple of days before the event our speaker had to pull out because of her husband's sudden serious illness. So the unsuspecting members of the society who turned up had to settle for my old talk on 'Historic Gloucester'.

Of course Cheltenham is just a new town compared with Gloucester which is where all the history lies. If you walk through Gloucester, especially during Heritage Open Days in early September, you can still see many traces of that history. I was pleased to see an update on one bit of that history in the newspapers recently. A few years ago we had a talk which indicated that Edward II may not actually be in his tomb in the Cathedral. Edward is well in the running to be declared our most useless king. The new story goes that, after his toy boy, Piers Gaveston, was killed, he saw the writing was on the wall and slipped away to spend the rest of his life in a religious house in Italy. A substitute body ended up in the tomb instead. Now when we had the talk this was put forward as no more than a rather far-fetched theory. So I was interested to see that a book has just been published by an academic which explores that theory and gives it some credence. It seems that after Edward's supposed death there were those in authority in England who spoke of him as still being alive and, indeed, continued to raise money to support him. So it is possible that Edward is not in his magnificent tomb after all, although there are other academics who say that the tale does not hold up. If the theory is true it would be somewhat ironic because the main reason that Gloucester Cathedral was not flattened by Henry VIII is because a King is buried there. Strange stuff, history. I didn't even get an O level in the subject, being a sciences lad at school, and had always assumed that most history is fact but now that I dabble in it myself I find that so much of it is actually supposition.

The Joint Core Strategy wanders haplessly on.

Our next talk will be on 'The Birds of Cleeve Common' by Arthur Ball. I have to say that when I go up on the common my heart does tend to soar along with the Skylarks and Meadow Pippets. The former are getting scarce around the country but not, so far, on Cleeve Common. It was Arthur who several years ago told us about Dowdeswell Reservoir and that the discarded pieces of corrugated iron lying around are not a result of fly tipping but provide havens for snakes. Since then I have several times found just such beasties underneath them to the delight of my sons.

Then in August we have our annual garden party and it seems most likely that we will be at a different venue this year with the Manor hosting. Please note a change of date for this to Wednesday 2nd August. This is a member only event.

So that makes a good reason to join. Single membership is £5 for the year and family membership is £10. Come to a meeting, visitors are always welcome or if you come to the door of 3, Swindon Hall with money in hand there is every chance of a cup of tea and a lecture on the history of the Hall. Or you could just put the money through the letter box and run..

Barry Simon

Swindon Village Winemakers

At the May meeting it was our annual B.B.Q evening and Sweet Orange wine competition, and what a glorious summer evening it was too. We invited other clubs to join us including Cheltenham, Glevum, Newent, Stroud, Reddings, Gloucester, and Charlton Kings. The number of members including Swindon Village came to seventy three of us. The chefs for the evening were Tony Jilbert and John Beardsley who did a splendid job. The wine competition was judged by Mark Smith; in second place was Harold Kent and in first place John Beardsley.

At the July meeting we have a speaker, Marion Beagley, the talk being "My Mum Was A Cockney".

Roy Harper

The Wine Club on holiday

Twenty present and past members of the Wine Club enjoyed a great weekend in Weymouth over 9th-12th June. We stayed at the Royal Hotel on the promenade, a Shearings hotel, with great food and some interesting evening entertainment on the Friday and Saturday evenings!

Members went in their own cars, so were able to go out and about independently, going to Portland, Swanage, Lulworth Cove, while others stayed closer to home and enjoyed the various delights of Weymouth itself. The weather was kind to us and the sun shone, though it was a tad windy at times!



It was wonderful to meet up with old wine club friends, Tony & Jill Huggard, who now live in Somerset, and Simon & Jan Cooper, who now live in Yorkshire, and there was no shortage of conversation over the weekend. We also celebrated Tony Huggard's special birthday, with several bottles of bubbly provided by Jill.

Everyone enjoyed the break, and we look forward to repeating it, somewhere different.

Mandy Jilbert

A change of speaker for our June meeting meant that Ged Cassel gave a very interesting illustrated talk on 'Florida and the Everglades'. He said that the best way to observe the wildlife was to travel by canoe, as it was less disturbing. Ged had taken many photographs of turtles, snakes, various ibises, egrets and herons and a strange snakebird that swims under water with just its long neck and head visible. We learnt the difference between alligators, which do not normally attack people and can be found in the everglades, and crocodiles, which can be dangerous, and that vultures are the only birds with a sense of smell. Mockingbirds, hawks, eagles, pelicans and gulls were some of the other birds seen.

Unfortunately, we lost our Skittles Trophy match against Benhall WI (I have heard that since then they have beaten last year's winners). In the next round for the Plate the other team conceded, as they could not get a team together, meaning that we have another round to play. At the WI Fair at Alexandra Palace Sue Davies won some tickets for Highclere Castle, so she and I spent an enjoyable day there living the 'Downton Abbey Experience'. Other activities included a meal at The Royal in Charlton Kings, a coffee morning at Jenny's and the Book and Craft Club meetings.

Several members went to Liverpool to the National Annual Meeting. Two interesting resolutions were debated and passed, one on 'Plastic Soup', that mainly concerned micro fibres getting into the oceans and thus entering the food chain, and the other on 'Loneliness'. Some members spoke to say that joining the WI had helped them overcome the problem and that it was a shame men did not have a similar organisation they could join. The guest speakers were Jo Fairley, journalist and co-founder of the organic chocolate brand Green & Black, and Susie Dent from the 'Dictionary Corner' on Channel 4's Countdown. Susie's passion is words and their meanings and she pointed out unusual meanings and the links between words. The National Chairman, Janice Langley, was retiring after four years in office. We had a group, called The Retros, entertain us with music from the 70s that saw thousands of WI members singing and dancing in the aisles! Quite an experience and a fantastic note to end on!

At the Royal Three Counties Show, where it was Gloucestershire's turn to run the WI marquee, a team of members volunteered to help with the catering, bake cakes, demonstrate crafts and man the stalls. We spent the morning cooking bacon for the bacon baps and serving drinks, sandwiches and cakes and so had the afternoons to see the rest of the show. On the Sunday Sue D. and I were demonstrating lace-making. The weather was extremely hot and by Sunday afternoon most people seemed content with just trying to find a bit of shade to sit down in. A very hot and exhausting weekend, a good thing we only do it every three years!

In July there are Croquet and Bowls Taster Days, a trip to Harvington Hall and Webb's of Wychbold, a talk on 'Prehistoric Astronomy and Ritual' and various walks. We have a meal out to look forward to, a visit to Neal's Yard for an evening of pampering and Wendy F. is hosting an afternoon tea. Wendy C. has invited us to her house for our

annual August American Supper, which usually proves very popular.

Our talk on Monday 3rd July is about 'The Ifakra Bakery Project' by Eugene and Margaret Schellenberg, when we are also inviting members from the other WIs in the Cleeve Hill Group to join us for the evening. On Monday 7th August, as we do not have a normal meeting, we are going for a conducted walk around Northleach, led by John Heathcott, and lunch.

Visitors and new members are always made welcome, we are known as the 'friendly WI'. We meet at 7pm at St Nicolas Hall, Swindon Lane.

Sara Jefferies

Katie's volunteer education programme in Tanzania

Hello.

I am writing to share with you an exciting volunteering opportunity that I am taking part in this Autumn. Firstly, I would like to introduce myself – my name is Katie O'Connor and I'm 23 years old. I am currently working as a Year 5 teacher however, earlier this year, a new opportunity caught my eye – the International Citizen Service (ICS).

Having watched my younger sister take part in the National Citizen Service (NCS) as a student and now leader, I have seen the impact her volunteering work has had in the local community. From my research, I learnt that the ICS is a leading global volunteering programme that works with communities that have specifically requested their help to bring about lasting change. It also aims to inspire young people to become active citizens who are passionate about long-term community development.

This sounded so rewarding! I applied and was soon invited to an assessment day with Voluntary Services Overseas (VSO), one of the charities working with the ICS. After an intensive assessment day, I was accepted as a volunteer and will be working in Tanzania in Africa for 12 weeks from September to December! Alongside other UK volunteers, I will be teaming up with Tanzanian volunteers to tackle some of the identified issues facing local communities. The work I will be contributing towards is a project called "Elimu Fursa" – Swahili words meaning 'Opportunities in Education'.

VSO ICS is a once-in-a-lifetime volunteering opportunity backed by the UK Government. The programme and my placement are fully funded by the DFID (Department for International Development). This means that all travel, vaccinations, expenses, insurance and accommodation are organised and paid for. The first part of my placement, however, is a challenge to raise £800 towards the work of VSO and ICS. This will go towards the overall funding of ICS, ensuring that they can continue to send youth volunteers to the developing world to make a lasting difference in disadvantaged communities. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated and will be making a real difference to the lives of people in developing countries. You can

donate through my JustGiving site at: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/KatieOVSO> . If you have any other ways you believe you can support me or would like more information, please contact me via email at: katiecolleen@hotmail.co.uk

On Saturday 10th June, I held my first fundraising event – a car boot sale in Southam. Car packed full, my sister (or labourer as she called herself!) and I headed off early. Her husband even brought the dogs along which brought more interest to our stall. Four hours later, we were delighted to have raised an amazing total of £205.36! If you have anything suitable (clothing, homework, bric-a-brac) that you could generously donate towards my second car boot, please contact me. It would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you for taking time to read this. I look forward to writing again on my return in the winter months to share with you how this incredible volunteering placement went! Many thanks.

Katie O'Connor



Katie, her sister and the dogs at the car boot sale.



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Play Group	(Playgroup hours)	690479
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School Headteacher	Jonathan Dyer	690016
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Swindon Village Society	Barry Simon	521723
Mary Godwin Under 5s	(Playgroup hours)	263746
Marle Hill W.I.	Sara Jefferies	692500
St. Stephen’s Cricket Club	Tony Jilbert	693639
Echo Correspondent		
Save The Countryside	Helen Wells	07770 986078

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

There is no Village News in August.
 Deadline for the September issue of the Village News is the 16th August.
 Please send contributions to the editors via
 Karen Evans at 5 Manor Road
 or e-mail village-news@swindonparish.org.uk

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