

# Village News

in Swindon Village

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## May

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| Wednesday      | 2        | Wednesday Club - Village Hall 8.00pm<br>John Dixon - "How did you obtain your first pair of nylons?" |
| Thursday       | 3        | Village Hall Committee Meeting - Lounge 7.15pm   |
| <b>Tuesday</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall<br/>Beginning with Public Session at 7.30pm</b>             |
| Monday         | 14       | Marle Hill W.I. - St. Nicolas' Hall 7.30pm - Resolutions   |
| Wednesday      | 16       | Swindon Village Society - Village Hall 7.30pm<br>Nigel Thompson - War in the Air 1914-1918           |
| Sunday         | 20       | Save The Countryside Annual Walk - Stanton's Drive at 2.00pm   |
| Saturday       | 26       | Art & Crafts Club Annual Exhibition - Village Hall 2 - 5pm   |

## June

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| Monday         | 4         | Marle Hill W.I. - St. Nicolas' Hall 7.30pm<br>Sarah Cooper - Making Ice Cream              |
| Wednesday      | 6         | Wednesday Club - Village Hall 8.00pm<br>Angela Panrucker - Quaint & Quirky Gloucestershire |
| Thursday       | 7         | Village Hall Committee Meeting - Lounge 7.15pm   |
| <b>Tuesday</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall<br/>Beginning with Public Session at 7.30pm</b>   |
| Wednesday      | 13        | Wednesday Club Coffee Morning (details next month)   |

*(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.)*

Did you know that an election does not necessarily imply voting? Every parish council seat in Cheltenham was up for election this year (and also half the seats on the Borough Council). I can report that four of the existing councillors on Swindon Parish Council made the decision to stand again and two decided to step down. Sadly no-one new came forward. That leaves us with four councillors and five vacancies. Because the number of candidates standing was not larger than the number of seats available those persons standing are deemed elected; no poll (or vote) will be necessary. Whilst this saves the Parish Council money I think it would have been far healthier to have a range of candidates step forward. While there are vacant seats the Parish Council can co-opt new members, so I will continue to try to persuade people to give something back and join the Council.

Sometimes I put a “deliberate” mistake into my articles to see who has remained awake whilst reading. I did this last month. I said that the next collection of allotment rents will be in Autumn 2019. I fell off my chair when I read that back. Of course I meant Autumn 2018. Now it is the turn of the allotment holders to pick themselves up off the floor. Sorry everyone.

The Parish Council year ends on 31<sup>st</sup> March. Even without the election process this is a very busy time. As required by law we commissioned an independent audit of how we had conducted our business during the year. I have received the auditor’s report and, whilst there are things we can look to improve, the auditor did not find any substantial issues. This is a healthy process. It is always possible to learn and do better.

I mentioned last month about the changing audit regime. In a nutshell, we must produce similar end of year documentation as in previous years. However, provided this information is made available to the public on a website the requirement for an external audit for smaller councils has been waived. The role of the external auditor has been replaced by public scrutiny. That means you! Our website is packed with information about our accounts and our governance. I have put the accounts for the year on the site already, with more information to follow. I will shortly publish the formal declaration of a period during which the public can exercise their right to ask questions. In practice, I don’t mind receiving questions at any time. Please take a look on our website and feel free to ask any questions you want.

The Horse Trough Task Group (if I can call it that) met at, funnily enough, the horse trough. We met to discuss the future planting and maintenance of the trough. I was delighted to meet Sarah for the first time. Sarah, along with her sister, has given us brilliant year round floral displays in the trough. Sarah now lives in Cleeve (their gain and our considerable loss). Jackie and Victoria, who run the local Rainbows and

some of the Rainbows, were also present. They have agreed to incorporate watering of the trough into their Friday evening routine. The fourth participant was Neil. Neil is a local man who runs his own landscape gardening business. He is taking over responsibility for the planting from Sarah. The last person present was your humble war correspondent, whose only role was to express our collective gratitude for what has been done in the past and what will continue to be done in the future.

I have been advised that there will be a talk entitled “Building with Nature” by Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust on Thursday 14th June at 7.30pm at Swindon Village Hall. It will be interesting to hear how organisations such as the Wildlife Trust work with developers to mitigate the effects of developments on the flora and fauna.

Speaking of flora, work has taken place on vegetation around the railway bridge on Hyde Lane that necessitated closing the road. Network Rail share our concerns about the bridges on Hyde Lane and Swindon Road. As a result they may be supportive of our attempts to reduce traffic speeds and have a roundabout installed at the junction of Windyridge Road and Swindon Road.

We were anticipating seeing work being done on new play equipment in the park by now. It appears the wet weather has prevented the Borough Council from making a start. Hopefully we will have more to report next time.

We aim to install a parish notice board close to the Cross Hands on Tewkesbury Road. People living in the area around River Leys and Glynbridge Gardens are very much part of the parish. It is important that we serve them. We are not simply “The Village”.

At the time of writing the Annual Parish Meeting is only a few days away. It needs either free food (which we have planned) or a controversial speaker (neither Trump nor Putin were available) to pull in the crowds. Talking to other parish clerks it is clear that all parishes struggle to get people to come along. I am sure we will get a few more than usual because of the presentation of his Freeman award to David Iliffe. David served the parish for many years and deserves a big thank you. I’ll report on how the evening went next time, for those of you who didn’t make it!

12th Feb 2013 was my first meeting flying solo as clerk. Prior to that I spent a month or two shadowing Stephen, our previous clerk. During that time he was a model of efficiency and I learnt virtually nothing. It is being thrown in at the deep end that kick starts the learning process. Forced to make sense of things for myself I started to piece things together. Clearly earlier this year it was my fifth anniversary as clerk. I have looked round the area but I can’t see any new blue commemorative plaques. This also means that you will have received over 50 of these articles from me (or the same article 50 times!). I indicated earlier that there is always something new to learn and, hopefully, something new to pass on.

**Shaun Cullimore**

Clerk to Swindon Parish Council

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

## **Freedom of Swindon Parish Presentation to David Iliffe**

The usual proceedings and reports of the 2018 Annual Parish Assembly were followed by an historical event when the Parish Council conferred the Honorary Freedom of the Parish on David Iliffe in recognition of his lengthy service to this community as a Parish Councillor.

Sadly this honour does not have any fringe benefits such as driving his sounder of swine (group of pigs) through the parish or allowing his sheep to graze on the park.

A summary of David and his wife, Marlene's many contributions to the community was published in a recent issue of Village News. David was a Parish Councillor for forty years and served for many of those years as Chairman. David and Marlene moved to Stroud last summer to be nearer to their family.

David pointed out that he stood in and survived a few elections. This is worthy of note because it shows that historically there were more than enough people who wanted to be on the Parish Council and it must have been heartening to realise that the community wanted you to be one of the people who should represent them.

The Chairman pointed out that whilst the honour was being bestowed on David the members of the Parish Council realise that David had benefitted greatly from the support and probably from not a small amount of tolerance of his wife Marlene.

David was supported on the evening by Marlene who was presented with a bunch of flowers. David and Marlene's son with his wife and their son-in-law also attended the ceremony along with a number of David and Marlene's friends and ex-neighbours. The evening finished with a buffet which provided an opportunity for us all to catch up with recent events and to share memories.

### **Peter Allen**

Chairman, Swindon Parish Council

### ***A note from David and Marlene:***

*Marlene and I were so very pleased with the presentation on Wednesday evening. The whole procedure was uplifting and I felt so honoured to be the first person from Swindon Parish to have the honorary award bestowed on me. The wording on the scroll is quite touching. I cannot thank you all enough. The framed scroll is now hung on the hall wall.*

*Marlene has passed it via Facebook to our friends in Gloucestershire, around the west country and in New Zealand.*

*We also thank you all very much for the refreshments, the wine, the champagne and the flowers.*

*With all our best thoughts from David and Marlene.*



Councillor Peter Allen presenting David with his Freedom of Swindon Parish scroll

David with his wife Marlene and their family



The wording on the scroll reads:

*"We the council grant you this highest honour we can bestow for the selfless service you have rendered to the community for over forty years.  
During that time you have served both as a member and as chairman of the parish council.  
We loudly applaud and commend your valuable and sterling service whilst thanking you most sincerely."*

## Services and Events in May

1	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In
5	Sunday	10.30am 6.30pm	Together @ Ten Thirty Holy Communion
8	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon 7.00pm	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In Holy Communion
12	Sunday	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Evensong
15	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In
19	Sunday	10.30am 6.30pm	Together @ The Table Evensong
22	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In
26	Sunday	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Evensong
29	Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon	Chatterbox Coffee Drop-In

## Services in June

3	Sunday	10.30am 6.30pm	Together @ Ten Thirty Holy Communion
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## From the registers



### Baptisms

*We welcomed in to the family of the church*

Lyla Belle Kear

8th April



### Funerals

*We gave thanks for the life of*

Doris Relf

Lawrence Sherwood

12th April

19th April

## 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](mailto:admin@northchelt.org.uk)**

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



*St. Nicolas' church was packed for Revd. Liz's leaving service*



## **Jesus our Good Shepherd**

There is a lovely old tradition when a shepherd dies. When a shepherd dies, a piece of wool is placed on his chest. Why is that? Well, when he arrives at the gates of heaven St Peter will meet him and ask why should he let him in? I've never seen him in church or at a service. And St Peter's assistant will tell him – sir, that's a shepherd and every Sunday he was out in his fields tending his sheep and bringing back any that were lost. That's why you have not seen him! OK, says St Peter, he can come in all right.

Imagine if this is true. What would others have on their chests? I'll bet there will be lots of golf clubs, fishing rods, football boots arriving on chests. Even shopping trolleys, barbecues, bottles of wine, six packs of beer... And there would be police helmets, firemen's uniforms, paramedics' equipment; people whose vocation it is to look after us. And that's good.

But if you're not at church, why not let there be a reason, not an excuse. Imagine a lump of coal. At home, I'll soon be burning this in the fire (even if spring finally seems to have arrived!). If I try to burn it on its own, it will hardly light. But if I surround it with other pieces of burning coal, it will glow red with heat and warmth, for hours. So it is with us. We need other lovers of Jesus around us – like the coal, we work better that way. You do not need perfect faith or anything like it – just come as you are.

Some people say, "I watch Songs of Praise every Sunday." And maybe if it's hard to get about that's great. But it's not the same as worshipping together. What would St Peter say if you arrived in heaven with a 28-inch plasma TV on your chest – would he recognise you?

**Revd Nick Bromfield**

Team Rector

## **Farewell to Revd. Liz**

The Revd Liz Palin left the North Cheltenham Team Ministry on Sunday 15th April, to take up a new position as a Team Vicar in the Stroudwater Team. During her ministry here Revd Liz was able to display the love of God for his people, through the time, consideration and empathy she showed to so many.

Her final service, at St Lawrence, was tinged with sadness in having to say goodbye to someone who has meant so much to many people in the North Cheltenham Team, and especially here in Swindon Village. We presented her with a picture of Pittville Pump Room as a reminder of her time in Cheltenham.

The same afternoon more than a hundred people from all the churches in the North Cheltenham Team came together for a farewell service during which Liz handed the



keys to all the churches back to the relevant churchwardens. The service was packed with emotion as we exchanged farewell prayers with Liz and her family, husband Simon and daughters Sophia and Emma. Liz was presented with gifts from the whole team and a book was provided for friends to write their own messages in.

Liz had requested an informal party so we had a pigroast with salads and puddings. It was an opportunity to say our final goodbyes. We gave her a good send-off.

Revd Liz will be sorely missed and she will be in our thoughts and prayers as she starts her new ministry. The Church, however, will continue to serve Swindon Village ,as it has done through the centuries, to spread the good news of the living God and his son Jesus Christ.

### **Tony and May** Churchwardens



*Revd. Liz returning the church keys to the churchwardens (the churchwardens checking they have the correct keys!)*



*Revd. Liz with husband, Simon, and daughters Emma and Sophia*



*Revd. Nick Bromfield inviting people to sign Revd. Liz's leaving book*

# Swindon Village Primary School

## Summer Fair

**Saturday 16th June 2018  
11am to 2pm**

**Bouncy Castles  
Pony Rides  
Refreshments  
Burger Van  
Tombola  
Raffle  
Fun and Games  
Face Painting  
Army Assault Course**

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*The Swindon Village Society*

**War in the Air 1914 to 1918**

**A talk by Nigel Thompson**

**Wednesday 16th May at 7.30pm  
in the Village Hall**

**Non-members welcome for £1**

In April our spy, Robert Skelt, returned to bring us the next instalment of the wartime code breaking saga, this time focusing on Bletchely Park itself and the people who did the work. The talk was very well attended, but then the modern day Bletchely Park is just down the road and there is a lot of local interest. I know Robert has several more spy based talks so he is certainly on the list for consideration next year.

Our May meeting will feature Nigel Thompson, who gave us the excellent talk on Iberia last year. This talk will be on the rather different subject of Air Warfare from 1914 to 1918 and I understand will concentrate on two participants in particular, Baron Manfred Von Richtofen and Mick Mannock. I think we can consider this to be the Captain D R C Gabell RAF memorial lecture. Captain Gabell features on our own war memorial and if anyone queries why a person of army rank appears as a member of the Royal Air Force I can explain on the night. Details of the meeting are on the front cover. As ever, non-members are welcome.

However, on a rather different subject, we now have an extra meeting to take place in June which is not on the current programme. The developers for Elms Park, soon to fill the green belt space between us, Uckington and Elmstone Hardwick, have been told that they have to enlist the help a new organisation to advise on how best to accommodate nature into the development. This organisation is called Building with Nature and has been put together by The Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust and the University of The West of England. I understand that the developers were not too happy with this requirement which means that it might actually do some good. Anyway, two of the members of this organisation are going to come and tell us what it is all about and what their objectives are. This is a joint initiative between Save the Countryside and the Swindon Village Society. The meeting will be in the Village Hall on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm and Professor Gemma Jerome and a colleague will tell us what they are about. This meeting is open to anyone in the village though we will charge £1 to any non-members of the Village Society to help defray expenses.

And finally I can confirm that we will be hosting a Heritage Open Day event in the village on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September. This will feature a talk on 'The History of Swindon Village' in St Lawrence's Church at 2pm given by that well know history expert – me – who did not even get an O level in the subject. The talk will be followed by a walk around the village led by Eileen Allen and myself and tea and buns in the church. The event will be free but the tea and buns will not.

**Barry Simon**

The speakers were not able to join our April meeting due to a case of 'flu. This gave us an opportunity to entertain ourselves. Five members had just returned from the Gloucester Federation weekend at Denman College and had come ready to show off the results of their labours. Sue D., Jayne and I had spent our time on the Silver Clay Jewellery course; though a very intense and productive few days it was also enjoyable. We came home with a variety of silver items, some pieces for ourselves and others as gifts for friends and family – if we could bear to part with them. Chris took her watercolour paints and learnt how to use them, something she had always wanted to do but had never had the opportunity to try. Her final picture, though not finished, was certainly an improvement on her first attempt! Wendy joined an interesting course on London Markets. They spent a day visiting some of the markets and learning their history. On the Saturday evening we were entertained by the Showstoppers, the members who were on the song and dance course. In between all the activities we enjoyed some very appetising food, everything cooked on the premises, even the biscuits, and good company. We emerged into the outside world, after a delicious Sunday lunch, and made our way home intent on returning to the College in the near future.

After a short quiz, then a break for tea, coffee and a chat we reconvened for the business of the evening. Eileen gave a report on the Annual Council Meeting that had been held in the Town Hall; we heard that the main guest artiste at our Christmas Concert would be the return visit of Only Men Aloud, by popular request. We are planning to make a banner and join a march in London to commemorate the centenary of the Suffragettes winning the vote for women. We shall have a few more lunches at the college before the end of their term.

Other future events in May include a Mokume Gane workshop, a talk on Understanding Paganism, our usual book and craft clubs, a tea afternoon and a meal out.

We are organising an evening of entertainment called 'Shades of Blue'. The music will be by the Kim Cypher Quartet and also Misha Dawn will sing for us - she is a member of the WI. We shall be providing some delicious canapés and there will be a bar and raffle. We are holding the event at Seasons in Quat Goose Lane, Swindon Village (where Cheltenham Town Football Club have their training ground) on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June from 7.15pm until late. The tickets cost £12 (good value!) from Wendy on 01242-233883, or myself on 01242-692500. It should be an enjoyable evening so please come and join us.

At our meeting on Monday May 14<sup>th</sup> (please note date) Sheila Hope is to instruct us in some First Aid and using a defibrillator. We hope to hear what the members did on their holiday in Bournemouth and we shall be debating the resolution to be presented at the National Annual Meeting that is to be held in Cardiff in June.

**Sara Jefferies**





Left:  
Marle Hill WI members at Denman College  
and  
Above:  
Some of the silver jewellery they made

## Wednesday Club

We enjoyed a lovely evening in April with our guest speaker Frances Benton telling us about her Passion for Pearls. Frances brought several pieces of jewellery with her (possibly a few hundred) from large pearl necklaces to tiny pearl earrings. Frances told us how the cultured pearls were made by inserting an irritant into the shell of an oyster or mussel which they then, over a period of about five years, cover with microscopic layers of fine sand. These are still classed as real pearls as they are made the same way as Natural pearls found in the oceans. Natural pearls are found very rarely and therefore command a very high price. Frances lives in France for about six months of the year and then travels the U.K. for the other six months, giving talks on the pearls, raising money for charity each time.

We have had to cancel our trip to Webbs of Wychbold and the Jinney Ring Craft Centre as there wasn't sufficient interest to make the trip viable. The committee will meet again and see if we can come up with something of interest to our members.

We will still be holding our coffee morning on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June and there will be more details of that next month.

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, John Dixon will be our guest speaker and he will be asking "How did you obtain your first pair of nylons?" We will also have a Sale Table for cakes and plants and the usual book stall. Hope you can come along and join in with us.

Look forward to seeing you in May.

**Pauline Wright**

## Village Hall

The attendance at the Village Hall AGM held on the 5<sup>th</sup> April was abysmal to say the least. A grand total of just 8 people took the trouble to attend. A number of village organisations couldn't even be bothered to send a representative, that says a lot about what they think of the hall.

Not 1 member of the public managed to attend despite plenty of prior notification.

Well one could draw the conclusion from the poor attendance that no-one is interested in the future of the hall, present committee excluded. A positive approach is certainly needed within the near future so do come along to the next committee meeting or any in the future as they will be advertised in plenty of time so have your say, do not lose this wonderful facility.

Committee meetings will take place in the Village Hall Lounge at 7.15pm on  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

**Peter Piff**

Chairman, Village Hall Committee

## Swindon Village Winemakers

On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February we had our annual dance supported by other wine clubs. The entertainment was "TANDEM" a father and daughter from Evesham. The club meeting in February was cancelled due to the weather. The March meeting was a wine tasting given by Jim Ruxton and John Beardsley; there were five wines from different parts of the world. The evening ended with a quiz.

The May meeting is our B.B.Q when we invite other clubs to join us for a social evening; also it is the annual cup wine competition which this year is for Sweet Peach". We should have had a kit wine competition in February so this one will be held too - it is the Doug Wilkins Memorial Trophy.

**Roy Harper**

## **Building With Nature**

A talk by Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust  
on Thursday 14th June at 7.30 at Swindon Village Hall

Dr Gemma Jerome and Dr Garth Parry, directors from the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust have agreed to come to talk to residents about their project on 'Building with Nature' that they are currently undertaking on the Elms Park planning application.

Building with Nature is designed to support end-users and those involved in the planning, design, construction and long-term management and maintenance of green infrastructure to deliver high quality features which secure benefits for health and wellbeing, sustainable water management, and nature conservation.

End users of Building with Nature include developers, local planning authorities, landscape architects, ecologists, engineers, construction site managers, highways contractors, transport planners, horticulturalists, designers, arborists, facilities managers, and other and built environment professionals involved in design, implementation and long-term management and maintenance. It will also be of value to new and existing communities who wish to better understand how high quality green infrastructure can deliver benefits to the built and natural environment, to people and to wildlife.

Why has Elms Park been certified with Building with Nature? Elms Park is the largest strategic allocation in the Joint Core Strategy for Gloucester, Tewkesbury and Cheltenham. The size and significance of the scheme presents a unique opportunity to showcase the potential of large developments to contribute to priorities for green infrastructure at the county-level.

Persimmon Homes and Bloor Homes have designed a range of green infrastructure features to deliver multifunctional benefits. For example, the green and blue corridor that runs the length of the development forms a landscape-scale feature and provides functions for water management, ecological connectivity for wildlife, and acts as a site of accessible greenspace for people to connect with nature close to where they live. Given the scale of the development, it will be delivered across several phases, each delivering a key component of the wider green infrastructure framework. The Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity Management Plan will guide the implementation of features that link up across different phases to secure benefits for people and wildlife into the long-term. The development plans also show a commitment to supporting existing and new communities to access and enjoy green infrastructure from the first phase onwards.

<https://www.buildingwithnature.org.uk/>



# University of Gloucestershire

**Age 22 to 80? Missed out on university? Here's a great opportunity to study at the University of Gloucestershire, just down the road from Swindon Village.**

This year, the University of Gloucestershire has launched a brand new English degree. Professor Arran Stibbe, who lives in Stanton Drive, is the course leader and would be very happy to talk with you about the possibility of studying at university from September 2018.

“There are two main reasons why you might want to study English. The first is because you want to gain confidence and skills in using language to influence, persuade and inspire. The second is because you love reading and want to explore great works of literature.” – Prof Arran Stibbe

For entry, it's not necessary to have A-levels if you have experience – for example, if you write reports at work, have read widely or done some creative writing. And it may well be possible to get a loan from the government to cover the fees.

The course is delivered in small groups within a friendly and supportive environment and assessed by coursework. You can choose your own mixture of literature, language and practical communication depending on your interests.

*For more information please email Arran Stibbe at [astibbe@glos.ac.uk](mailto:astibbe@glos.ac.uk) to arrange a chat in a convenient location.*

Course website: <http://EnglishGlo.uk>

Free online taster course: <http://storiesweliveby.org.uk>

# **Save The Countryside 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Walk**

**Celebrating our beautiful countryside and community**

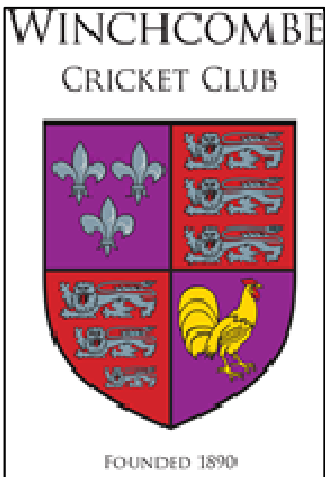
**Starting at Stantons Drive, Swindon Village**

**Sunday 20th 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)***



## WINCHCOMBE CRICKET CLUB

Corndean Lane, Winchcombe, GL54 5AN

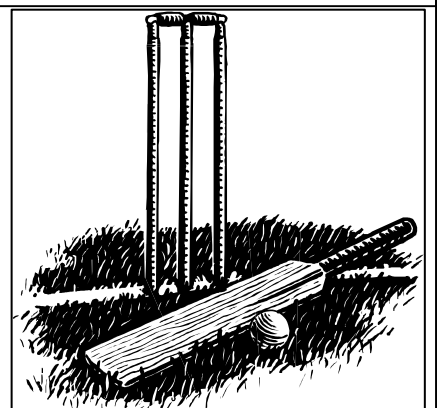
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We would like to introduce ourselves to those people who may not know that there is a 130 year old cricket club in Winchcombe! We are always looking for new members and friends to join this wonderful club and come up to either play or watch matches and for social events. Whether you are a player, a spectator, can score or umpire, or know nothing of cricket at all, we are a social and welcoming local community club with a licensed bar and the most stunning view in the area.

- Two Saturday teams in the Cotswold Hills League
- U19 team – Winchcombe Warriors 20/20 team
- U15, U13 and U11 teams playing in Cheltenham league
- All Stars 5-8 year olds cricket on Friday evenings
- Wednesday coaching for U13, U15, U19 & Adults
- Friday night coaching & social evening U8 & U11
- Social, 20/20 & Sunday matches
- Competitive membership fees

Email [winchcombecricketclub@googlemail.com](mailto:winchcombecricketclub@googlemail.com)  
or visit our website for more information.



*Swindon Village Art & Crafts Club*

**ANNUAL  
EXHIBITION  
OF MEMBERS' WORK**

*Saturday 26th May  
2.00pm to 5.00pm  
in the Village Hall*

*Raffle*

*Tea, Coffee & Cakes*

*Free admission*

An exhibition not to be missed!

Some of our new members have proved to be budding artists with different skills. Pam Stone will be there - she's our expert and offers help and advice to all members. Our craft ladies have been busy and their work will be on display. Some items will be on sale so bring plenty of cash!

Well worth a visit.



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in Gloucestershire**

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The Swindon Village Society  
and  
Save The Countryside

invite you to a presentation by  
**Building With Nature**

An explanation of how this organisation will influence the construction of Elms Park, our soon-to-be neighbours

Thursday 14th June at 7.30pm  
in the Village Hall

This meeting is open to everyone but non-members  
will be asked for £1 to help defray expenses

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