



May Newsletter

I don't know about you, but it feels like this year is passing very quickly indeed.

How I love the longer days and being able to walk the dog without wellingtons.

Many places are advertising great events for the coming months, which is lovely to see after such a long absence.

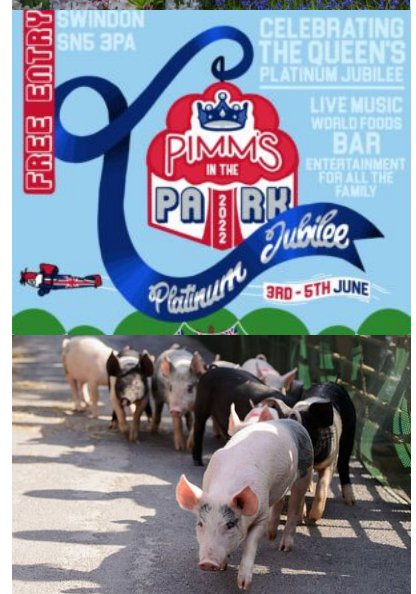
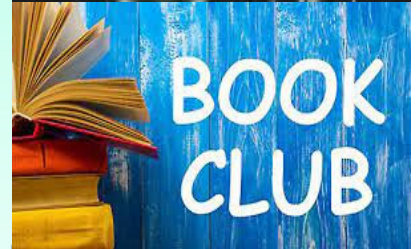
If there is anything you would like to attend why not put it on as an event so that you can enjoy it with others.

We have the fantastic opportunity to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June. More about this overleaf but it would be great if anyone planning anything that weekend would like to tell us about it.

Well done to those who have kept the film and book clubs going throughout the last couple of difficult years.

Hope to see you all very soon.

Colin—Chair



Upcoming events

- 2—8 May Swindon Literature Festival Events
- 11 May Meeting Night at H&W
- 15 May Van Gogh Experience—Bristol
- 21 May Bowood Woodlands walk
- 2 June Platinum Jubilee Events
- 3 June Pig Racing at Bishopstone
- 8 June Meeting Night at H&W
- 18 June Murder Mystery Night
- 19 June Midsummer Party
- 5 July Psychology of Serial Killers
- 8 July Rocky Horror Picture Show

Swindon IVC

Swindon IVC meet monthly for now at the **H&W pub in Wichelstowe**.

As a group, we organise events ourselves that the whole group is invited to take part in.

This can be as simple as a night out in a pub, walks, visits to National Trust properties or days out. Our upcoming events are listed overleaf.

Sometimes members will hold competitions, such as Bake-off style events.

Membership is just £24 a year. If you organise just 3 events each year, you get a discount of £8 so membership is just £16.

New members — to try out membership it is just £5 for 3 months. If you then take out full membership, your first year will be just £16.

Murder Mystery Night



Join us for an evening at Wilton Windmill and try and solve a murder!
The night includes a full hog roast and just brilliant entertainment.
Tickets for those interested have been bought—but they are still available if you want to join us.

Van Gogh Exhibit

The Immersive Experience

If you would like to join Jane for a visit on 15th May, please get in touch. Availability for 3pm and 3.30pm.

<https://vangoghexpo.com/bristol/>

Book Club—8th July

Kiss Kiss by Roald Dahl.

A series of dark, disturbing stories in which *Roald Dahl* explores the sinister side of human nature.

The club last met to discuss *Penguins Stopped Play* at The Broadtown Brewery over excellent Pizza and Beer.

Please email Bill if you want to join in (details on website).

Anyone wanting to be added to the book club email list can also contact Bill.



Bowood Woodland Gardens

21st May 2022

Join Denise for a walk through these wonderful gardens

The Woodland Gardens are only open for 6 weeks each year, during the flowering season.

This garden is an oasis of bluebells, azaleas, magnolias, and rhododendrons.

Refreshments are available by the entrance serving Tea, Coffee, and Cakes.

There are over two miles of pathways throughout the Woodland Gardens.



Well-behaved dogs on leads are welcome.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

On 6th February this year Her Majesty The Queen became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth.

To celebrate this unprecedented anniversary, events and initiatives will take place throughout the year, culminating in a four day UK bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June.

We will be inviting you all to join us at some of these events but will announce it nearer the time to fit in with the great British weather!



Pig Racing

Friday 3rd June 2022

The Royal Oak at Bishopstone

The famous organic pigs of Eastbrook farm come down from their happy lives up on the ridgeway to race through the village

(No pigs are hurt)

Bets are taken

Beer and food is available

Please contact Penny or Richard if you would like to join them.

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