

November 2024

Swindon IVC meet several times each month to take part in a variety of events. November sees us enjoying a wide range of activities. They are open to all members—we all enjoy different events so join in with those that interest us. Why don't you come along?

We meet to talk about books or films that we read or see.

We love Sunday roasts and eating out. We are book worms, theatre addicts, walkers, cyclists, and lots more.

We are single or couples or groups. Why not join us?

We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 8pm in the Woodlands Edge pub (Known locally as "The Wedge"), in West Swindon.

We meet a second time each month at the Sun Inn (East side of town) on the 4th TUESDAY of each month.

Membership is just £12 a year or £3 for a trial 3 months.

We are affiliated to the national Association of IVC clubs and have the opportunity to join in events around the Country.

If you want to join us, come along to the next meeting.

Upcoming events

Fri 01 Nov	The Vicar of Dibley
Sat 02 Nov	Faringdon Fireworks
Sun 03 Nov	WEEKEND IN OXFORD
Sat 09 Nov	Another crafty chat
Sat 09 Nov	Elkie Brooks on Tour
Sun 10 Nov	Kiri Pritchard-McLean
Wed 13 Nov	Lunchtime Recital
Wed 13 Nov	Publicity Action Event
Sat 16 Nov	Christmas Craft and Food Fayre
Sat 16 Nov	Agatha Christie's THE HOLLOW
Fri 22 Nov	Book Club
Sun 24 Nov	Old Town Christmas Festival
Sun 24 Nov	Coleshill Estate Christmas Fair
Wed 27 Nov	Annual General Meeting

Sun 01 Dec	Closing Date PHOTO Comp
Thu 05 Dec	Christmas Wreath Making
Fri 13 Dec	CHRISTMAS PARTY
Sun 15 Dec	Royal Ballet's Cinderella
Sun 22 Dec	Royal Ballet's Nutcracker
Tues 31 Dec	NYE Dinner

Saturday 9th November

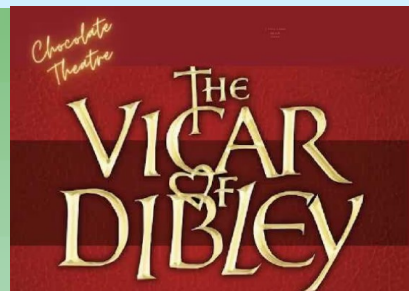
Craft and Chat

Another chance to chat, eat cake....
oh...and do some crafting.

Come along with your own creation, share with others...and you could even get some helpful tips and tricks from others

Non crafters also welcome.

Please let Denise know if you plan to come.



The Long Farewell Tour



Sunday 10th November

Kiri Pritchard-McLean

Star of 8 out of 10 Cats Does Countdown, Have I Got News For You and QI Kiri Pritchard-McLean has had a busy few years. As well as hosting Live at the Apollo, fronting the Radio 4 panel show Best Medicine and starting a comedy school, she's become a foster parent.

Didn't know that about her? Well, until now she hasn't been able to talk about it on stage, she hasn't even told the kids in her care that she's a comedian. Oh, and she uses a different name - she's the Bruce Wayne of comedy but without the mansion.

So, come and join "Louise" as she lifts the lid on social workers, first aid training and what not to do when a vicar searches for you

Pat has put this event on so join her for an evening of fun at the Swindon Arts Centre.

Saturday 16 November

Christmas Craft and Food Fayre

Join Pat at the Roves Farm Craft and Food Fayre .

There is also a Cafe on site for coffee and cake or light lunch.

FREE ENTRY, ROVES FARM SHOP - CRAFT STALLS - FOOD & DRINK - TASTINGS - CHRISTMAS FOOD TO ORDER - HAMPERS - ROVES FARM, SEVENHAMPTON, SN6 7QG

Kick start the festive period with a weekend showcasing the best food from our farm shop and butchery as well as a selection of gifts from local designer-makers.

With twinkling Christmas lights and locally sourced seasonal food and drink it's a great festive day out for all the family.

Entry to the Christmas Craft and Food Fair is FREE.

Please note entry to the play barn, animal barns and other farm activities will require a valid wristband.

Wednesday 13 Nov

Lunchtime Recital

Join Paul at the Wyvern Theatre on Wednesday 13th November for Music by Shostakovich

Music from 'The Gadfly' and his viola Sonata - and Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata.

<https://swindonrecitalseries.org/>

The tickets for this are not seat numbered so please arrange to get your ticket and meet the others there.

The Wyvern cafe will be open before and after the performance, but Paul will likely grab a coffee elsewhere after the performance if anyone wants to join him.

Wednesday, November 27, 2024 - 19:15 Annual General Meeting

All members are invited to attend our Annual General Meeting at The Sun Inn, Coate Water.

We have booked the conservatory/meeting room for the formal meeting to start at 7.30pm.

Please arrive from 7.15pm to ensure we are quorate for the start of the meeting.

This is an opportunity to review our activity from the last year, decide on a budget for the next year, and elect the committee for the coming year.

There is an option to eat prior to the meeting. If you are planning to eat you will need to arrive earlier at 6.45pm for the food to be served at 7pm. Liz will co-ordinate pre-orders for food when their new menu is published.

As our Club is run by the Members for the Members we would encourage as many members as possible to attend.

Several existing Committee Members have been working in their roles for a number of years, and we expect to have some vacancies to fill. We hope some members who have not been on the committee ever (or for a while) may be willing to join the Committee. Please consider if you can offer to help.

Coleshill Christmas Craft Fair

24 November: pick up the perfect gifts for Christmas, all handmade by talented crafts people.

Join Penny at lunchtime 12.30 in Blake's Kitchen

Pick up the perfect gifts for Christmas at the Coleshill Christmas Craft Fair, hosted at the home of the Heritage and Rural Skills Centre. Explore this maker's market to discover artisan gifts handmade by local crafts people and some of our craft course providers. Browse locally made crafts, gifts, and much more.

There are already lots of events being added to the calendar for December. Keep them coming! It looks like we will have a fun and active festive month!

Sunday 3rd November

Oxford IVC

The programme starts with a social pub evening on the Friday evening at The King's Arms Pub 40 Holywell Street, OX1 3SP Followed by Coffee morning on Saturday and a dinner in the evening. Sunday morning there will be a historical walk around Oxford with a talk on what makes Oxford the city it is renown for.

Pub Nights

13 November 2024 - The Wedge Publicity Drive

We would like as many of you as possible to come along and put together a publicity plan to support the idea of a six-monthly New Members Event to start in January 2025. This event will be partly to generate ideas and gather suggestions and to start to get the event promotion up and running.

Do come and join us from 7pm.

Friday 22 November

Book Club

For our next read, Nina has chosen "Goats" a novel by Mark Poirier.

Goats is an extra-mellow coming-of-age tale - quirky, touching and very funny. It's about growing up and getting your shit together.!



Saturday 2nd November

Join Steph and Mike to watch a fantastic firework display in Faringdon, followed by a takeaway back at theirs to warm up!

Do please let them know if you will be joining them.

More details and tickets at <http://www.rcfd.club>

Agatha Christie's THE HOLLOW

Jaki and Colin are looking forward to another Murder Mystery event—do you want to join them and try and solve the Crime?

Venue: The Memorial Hall, Royal Wootton Bassett
Cost: 8.00 plus refreshments

Do let them know if you want a ticket too!

PHOTO

Competition Time Again!

Our next photo competition is open to all members and any camera including mobiles.

Entries should relate to one of the themes

1. Remembering Summer
2. Textures

Deadline for entries midnight Sunday 1st December

£10 prize for the winning entry



Thursday 5th December

Making A Christmas Wreath

Join Brenda for an evening at the Rugby Club to make your Christmas Wreath.

This may now be fully booked but do check with Brenda if you are interested.



FRIDAY 13th December Christmas Party

We are joining a larger party at The Marriott Hotel in Swindon.

Cost of food and entertainment is £52.00 but Swindon IVC members will have a £10 subsidy provided.

There are still a few places left so book your place with us now!



Saturday, November 9, 2024 - Elkie Brooks

The Long Farewell Tour

Join Pat for this amazing concert at the Wyvern.

Starting her career in 1960, Elkie Brooks has become a significant figure in the music industry. Her farewell tour promises to be a fitting celebration, featuring timeless hits and new songs from her upcoming twenty-first studio album. Fans can look forward to live performances of classics such as Pearl's A Singer' Lilac Wine, Fool (If You Think It's Over), and Don't Cry Out Loud.

27 November 2024

Our regular meet at the Sun will be replaced by our annual general meeting this month—please remember it is on the Wednesday!

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IVC MAGIC ROUNDABOUT

Pub nights

Meals out

Walking & the
great outdoors

Book
club

Live music
Theatre
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Social activity club

Let's be sociable! [swindonivc.org.uk](https://www.swindonivc.org.uk)

It's always good to meet new friends.

Swindon IVC is a volunteer-run activity group for anyone who wants to enjoy all kinds of recreation in good company.

Recently we've enjoyed concerts, plays and stand-up, eaten Sunday roasts and curries, kayaked at South Cerney, been carried by horse-drawn barge, read and discussed books, rambled outdoors, had coffee and cake, done crafts together and been to the circus - to name just a few.

Check out our website <https://www.swindonivc.org.uk/>