

## February 2025

Swindon IVC meet regularly to take part in a variety of events.

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 usually meet informally on the second Wednesday of each month at 8pm in the Woodlands Edge pub, in West Swindon. **They are closing for refurbishment on 9th so this month we will meet at the Village Inn, Shaw.**

We meet a second time each month at **The Runner** in Wootton Bassett Road 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 you have the opportunity to join in events around the Country.

### Upcoming events

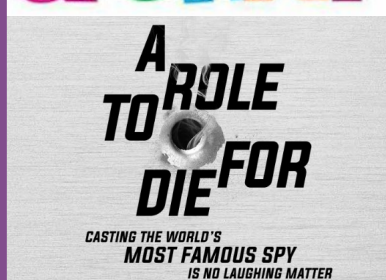
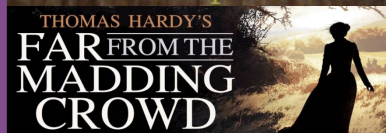
Wed 29 Jan	Lunchtime Recital
Thu 30 Jan	Wyvern Tea and Tour
Thu 30 Jan	Swinterfest
Sat 01 Feb	Swindon Museum and Art
Sun 02 Feb	Les Misérables
Tue 04 Feb	Myra's Story
Tue 04 Feb	Science Cafe
Thu 06 Feb	Billie and Louie (Sold Out)
Fri 07 Feb	Book Club
Sat 08 Feb	Breakfast brunch or cake!
Sat 08 Feb	Far from the Madding Crowd
Sat 15 Feb	Craft Chat
Wed 12 Feb	Pub Night at The Village Shaw
Mon 17 Feb	Chris McCausland
Thu 20 Feb	A Role to Die For
Sat 22 Feb	Malmsbury Stroll and lunch
Tue 25 Feb	Pub Night at the Runner
Sun 02 Mar	Sunday Lunch

### Saturday 1st Museum and Art

Liz has organised a visit to our own local museum. Museum & Art Swindon looks after thousands of objects, specimens, artworks and ephemera, collected from the early 1900s up until today.

There is a special exhibition to Explore the landscapes that inspired Thomas Hardy, in this exciting touring exhibition developed by our partners at Wessex Museums.

If you would like to join Liz, please let her know.  
Entry is free but you need to pay for parking nearby.



**Tue 4th February**

### **Swindon Science Café**

Liz and Rod are going to the February Science Cafe via the Festival of Tomorrow at the Innovation Centre for Applied Sustainable Technologies (iCAST) Creative Hub • Swindon SN1 5FB. It is a free event from 7pm to 9pm. The topic this month, Is Hydrogen the fuel of the future? invites us to join the discussion as we explore what role hydrogen could play in the transition towards net-zero, with William Mezzullo, Centrica.

### **Sunday 2nd Feb**

#### **Les Misérables**

Pat invites you all to join her for a staged concert version featuring an all-star cast!

**Showing at Cineworld in Shaw Ridge—tickets are £14.50. Please liaise with Pat if you would like to join her. Details are on the web site!**

### **Brunch & Coffee**

Liz has booked tables to meet up for coffee cake or brunch at the Three Trees in Chiseldon on Saturday 8th Feb.

An informal get together for a chat and amazing food.

There is a farm shop on site for anyone wanting even more great food.

Lots of parking available or it is on a cycle path if you feel energetic!

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### **Club Nights**

We hold a committee meeting on the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm.  
All members are welcome.

After the meeting come along for a drink and a chat at the Village Inn, Shaw village centre.

From February, we will be holding a second club night on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Runner in Wootton Bassett Road Swindon —8pm onwards.

Club nights are informal get togethers for a drink and a catch up. We can talk about future events or plan car sharing to get to them. We might get a bite to eat if time has been short that day!

Anyone interested in seeing what we are about can come along to a club night. If you want to talk to us first, please email Sally or Bill, or call us on the number below.

6th Feb 2025

**Billie and Louie**

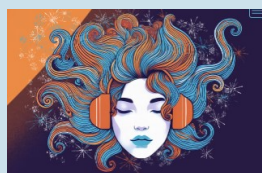
Finalists in the Voice 2024 performing at the Wyvern.

Tickets now sold out but further dates to follow!

### **Swinterfest ...**

runs from Thursday 30 January to Sunday 3 February and is a live music festival in multiple venues raising funds for Prospect Hospice.

Lindsay plans to go to the Tuppenny and probably nipping to the Vic on the Thursday and spending some of Sunday afternoon and evening at the Beehive. Let him know if you plan to go along at any time.



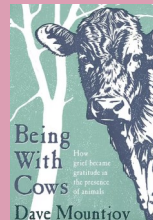
**February 7th**

### **Book Club**

The book club is a sub-group for members of Swindon IVC. It meets about once every 6 to 8 weeks at different venues, sometimes in people's houses.

**For our next read, Katie has chosen a memoir, "Being With Cows" by Dave Mountjoy.**

The book details the incredibly moving story behind the tragic death of one man's brother and how his personal quest for inner healing came to him unexpectedly on his organic farm in the French Pyrenees.



**Tues 4th Feb**

### **Myra's Story**

Direct from the West-End and the four time smash-hit at the Edinburgh Fringe, Myra's Story is an incredible story of a middle-aged homeless alcoholic living rough on the Streets of Dublin. Audiences have described the play as funny, heartbreaking, and unforgettable.

If you would like to join Pat, please let her know.

### **Sat 8th Feb—Swindon Arts Centre Far From the Madding Crowd**

**Lindsay** has booked this and would love you to join him. Thomas Hardy's masterpiece about love, class and gender roles is set against the rural landscape of Victorian England and is thrillingly brought to life by the acclaimed Conn Artists Theatre Company.



We have lots of members who enjoy craft activities. It can be any craft at all. If you prefer, you can watch others crafting and just enjoy the chat and a cup of tea. Each event is held at a members house and it is a great excuse for a get together.

February sees Therese inviting you to join her at home to work on your individual projects and to get help and advice where needed. Or you can just chat!

**Monday 17 February**

### **Chriss McCausland**

Penny and Richard thoughtfully arranged this a long time ago and the event is now sold out. But it seems a further show is planned for next year so perhaps someone wants to set up a new event for that! Hoping everyone waiting for this long planned event has a great time.

**Sunday 23rd Feb**

### **The Importance of Being Earnest....**

A screening of the National Theatre's production of The Importance of being Earnest.  
A Trivial Comedy for Serious People

Being sensible can be excessively boring. At least Jack thinks so.

Unfortunately, living a double life has its drawbacks, especially when it comes to love. Hoping to impress two eligible ladies, the gentlemen find themselves caught in a web of lies they must carefully navigate.

Showing at the Shaw Ridge Cinema—please let Brenda know if you want to join her.



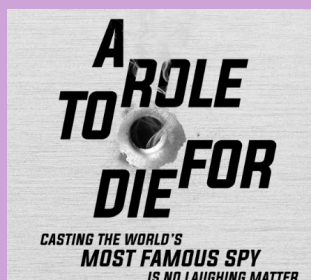
### **A Role To Die For**

On Tuesday 20 Feb

Brenda has booked tickets to see this at the Barn Theatre in Cirencester.

For anyone who has yet to visit this theatre it is a fantastic small venue with great productions. A Role to Die For is a rip-roaring, wickedly funny comedy full of secret agents, secret agreements and secret family feuds.

Why not join Brenda for a fun afternoon?



### **March!**

Lots of events are already in the pipeline for March. If there is something you would like to arrange please let us know and we can help organise it.

Don't forget to keep checking the website  
All events are on the member site and contact details available.

**February 22**

### **Walk and lunch**

#### **Malmesbury circular stroll and lunch stop**

Join Lindsay for a walk at from SN16 9JT for a walk taking in Conygre Mead Wood and historic Malmesbury Kings Walk and riverside path.

Return for an optional lunch at the Kings Arms Hotel for a light lunch.

They serve Mediterranean/ Middle Eastern tapas, soup, etc.

We will avoid the more muddy riverside route but still wear stout walking shoes



Anyone interested in doing more regular walks please let the committee know. There are lots of members that would like to set up regular walks!

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## IVC MAGIC ROUNDABOUT

Pub nights

Meals out

Walking & the  
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Book  
club

Live music  
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Social activity club

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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/>