

May 2025

Swindon IVC meet regularly to take part in a variety of events. We each invite others to join us at events that we are keen to join.

We come from all walks of life and get together to have fun.

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

We love Sunday roasts and eating out.

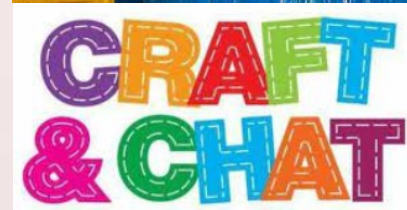
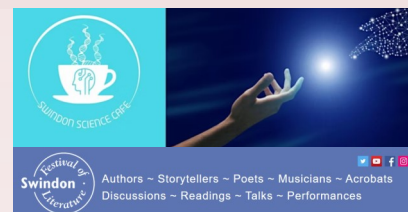
We are book worms, theatre addicts, walkers, cyclists, and lots more.

We are single or couples or groups.

Why not join us?

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

Tue 06 May Swindon Science—Digital touch

Thu 08 May Festival of Literature

Fri 09 May Festival of Literature

Sat 10 May Pewsey Downs Walk

Wed 14 May Club Night - Social Meeting

Fri 16 May Book Club

Sat 17 May Crafty Chat

Tue 27 May Club Night—Runner

We have many events planned for the future so please look at our website for these. They include Dianne & Vito - Red Hot and Ready! Swindon Balloon Festival and the Great British Food Festival

Watch the website for new events added throughout the month

Tuesday 6th May Swindon Science Cafe

Touch matters. It is fundamental to how we know ourselves and each other, and it is central to how we communicate. Digital touch is embedded in many technologies, from wearable devices and gaming hardware to tactile robots and future technologies.

Contact Liz if you want to join her.

Book Club

A popular part of our group is the regular book club.

Jane has chosen the book up for discussion this month **Tom Lake** by Ann Patchett. It is set in spring 2020, the beginning of the pandemic, and is described as a meditation on youthful love, married love, and the lives parents lead before their children are born.

Both hopeful and elegiac, it explores what it means to be happy even when the world is falling apart.

Make sure you are part of the email group for details of venue and timings if you want to join in.

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Woodlands Edge Pub and on the fourth Tuesday at the Runner.

These are informal meetings where we can chat about events, catch up with friend and invite new members.

We sometimes eat too!

Meetings start at 8pm and 7.30pm respectively.

Enjoy a drink, coffee or a bite to eat.

Swindon Festival of Literature

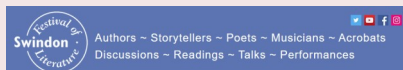
Brenda has invited us to join her at some of the events taking place at this festival in May.

Our website has detailed information about the events Brenda will be at and you can look at the link provided to see what else you might want to see.

Swindon Festival of Literature will take place from 5th to 11th May 2025.

It will present a wide range of Literature-linked events, including LitFest standing dishes such as the ever-popular Dawn Chorus (5th May) and fabulous Festival Finale (11th May); a series of fascinating Author Talks and presentations at the Arts Centre, at the town's bookshops, libraries, and Lower Shaw Farm.

There will also be Writing Workshops, poetry in a park, pub, or cowshed, a third Flash Fiction Slam, storytelling walks and evenings, a film night, and a Children & Families Activities Day (11th May).



Saturday 10th May Pewsey Downs Walk

Lindsay invites you to join him on a 6-mile circular walk over the beautiful Pewsey Downs.

If weather is good we will have stunning views on this walk that includes Alton Barnes white horse. Afterwards we can have a bite to eat and drink at the excellent Honeystreet Mills cafe.

You will need sturdy footwear for this walk.

Please make contact with Lindsay to confirm if you want to join him.



Saturday 17 May

Brenda is hosting the next Craft Chat meeting at her home. Please liaise with Brenda if you would like to go along.

All crafter and artists welcome and those that just want to come along for a cuppa, cake and chat.



We are planning another curry night and Sunday roast event shortly. If there are places you would like to try, please suggest them. It is always good to try new places!

All members are encouraged to put on at least 3 events each year so why not add a dining event to the programme?

The weather is improving so you may want to host a BBQ or picnic.

Is it time to get out on our bikes? Perhaps someone could organise a group bike ride?

We have some outside games so rounders nights, Jenga? What would you like to do?

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