



July 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.

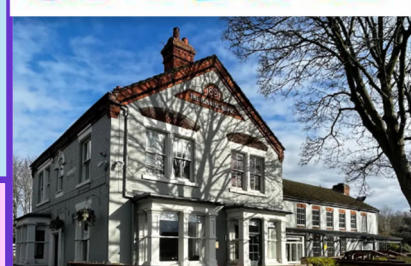
We are book worms, theatre addicts, walkers, cyclists, and lots more.

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 01 Jul 25	: Science Cafe
Fri 04 Jul 25	: Book Club
Sat 05 Jul 25	: Swindon Balloon Festival
Tue 08 Jul 25	: Seven Fields evening stroll
Wed 09 Jul 25	: Wednesday Club Night
Sat 12 Jul 25	: Crafty Chat
Tue 22 Jul 25	: Tuesday Club Night
Sat 26 Jul 25	: Faringdon BBQ

We have many events planned for the future so please look at our website for these. They include the Great British Food Festival and our summer BBQ event.

Watch the website for new events added throughout the month

Tuesday 1st July Swindon Science Cafe

Jessie Hamill-Stewart is Cyber Security CDT (PhD) researcher at University of Bristol and University of Bath, conducting interdisciplinary research about the cyber security and resilience of space infrastructure.
Contact Liz if you want to join her.



Lindsay has chosen the book up for discussion this month.

It will be discussed on Friday 4th July. The book is *The Mine* by Antti Tuomainen.

An investigative reporter sets out to uncover the truth about a mining company in Northern Finland, whose activities have caused an environmental disaster. Timely, atmospheric and chilling Nordic Noir from one of Finland's finest writers...

Atmosfera (Italian) restaurant,
High Street, Old Town

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.

Seven Fields evening stroll and drink

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

Lindsay will lead an evening walk from the Manor Farm pub carpark, Haydon Wick

[https://
www.manorfarmpubswindon.co.uk/](https://www.manorfarmpubswindon.co.uk/)

Arrive by 6.45 for 7pm sharp start. The walk will be around 3 miles traversing Seven Fields nature reserve and part of Penhill Copse.

Afterwards there is the option of food and/or a drink at the Manor Farm.

Please let Lindsay know by 5 July if you are coming and if you will stay for food or drink so he can confirm numbers with the pub.

Craft & Chat

Saturday, July 12, 14:00

A relaxed afternoon of chatting and crafting at Jane's house.

Please contact Jane W if



Swindon Balloon Festival

Lydiard Park Swindon

4th – 5th July 2025

Hot Air Balloons, Arena Entertainment, Trade & Charity Stalls, Circus workshops, Festival Catering, Licensed Bars, Large Funfair. Plus much more.

Liz has bought a ticket for Saturday— full details are on the website or contact Liz to arrange a meet-up!

**Saturday 5th July
12:00–23:00**

12:15- Paws for Thought Dog Display Team
1:00pm- Civil War Drills
1:45pm- Vikings Skirmish
2:00pm- Jump Dog Parachute Display Team
3:30pm- Stannage Stunt Team
4:00pm- Paws for Thought Dog Display Team
4:30pm- Civil War Drills
5:30pm- Vikings Skirmish
6:30pm- Bolddog FMX Display
7:00pm- Balloon Ascents (weather permitting)
8:30pm- Stannage Stunt Team
9:45pm- Balloon Night Glow (weather permitting)
10:15pm- Fireworks Display

**Saturday, September 13
Haywire @ the Barn**

This new play is to be performed ahead of the 75th anniversary year of *The Archers*, and uses the magic of radio drama and invites the audience, to travel back to those halcyon days when the public gathered around their wireless to listen and lose themselves in the lives, trials, and tribulations of a fictional farming family.

Please contact Brenda if you want to join us!

Saturday 26th

Mike and Steph's invite you all to their house in Faringdon for their annual al fresco dining experience.

Format is as in previous years: bring something to barbecue and drink, and perhaps a pudding to share. Bread and salad will be provided.

Please can you make sure you confirm that you are attending with Mike or Steph? Details on website.

**Saturday, August 2
Great British Food Festival**

More than just another food festival, this combines the nation's love of great food and drink with delightful venues like Lydiard Park.

This August, enjoy two unforgettable days exploring new flavours with the backdrop of Lydiard House Museum. Plus, **your ticket includes entry to the museum and walled garden**, valued at £6.30 for adults and £3.45 for children, making it the perfect foodie day out for the whole family!

Expect a mix of the finest local and regional artisan producers, sizzling street food stalls, top chefs live on stage, bars, craft and gift stalls children's entertainment foraging walks, and all set to the soundtrack of fantastic live music.

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