



August 2025

Are you wanting to make new friends and try out new activities?
Then why not come along and talk to us?

Swindon IVC is a group of individuals who each invite others to join us at events that we are keen to take part in.

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.



We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Woodlands Edge Pub and on the 4th Tuesday at the Runner.

These are informal meetings where we can chat about events, catch up with friends 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.

Upcoming events

Sat 02 Aug:	Great British Food Festival
Sat 09 Aug:	Breakfast
Wed 13 Aug:	Wednesday Club Night
Fri 15 Aug:	Book Club
Sun 17 Aug:	Prosecco Pizza and Pavlova
Wed 20 Aug:	Evening walk
Tue 26 Aug:	Tuesday Club Night
Sun 31 Aug:	Summer BBQ and Games
Sat 13 Sep:	Haywire at the Barn

Watch the website for new events added throughout the month

Book Club—15th August

Therese has chosen the book up for discussion this month.

Her choice is

Strange Flowers

by Irish writer Donal Ryan.

One morning, Moll Gladney takes a bus from her rural home and disappears. Five years later she returns. What – and who – she brings with her will change the course of her family's life forever.

Information on the Book Club venue will be sent out to those wanting to attend. Please let Therese know if you want to join them.



Avebury evening stroll and drink

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

Richard and Penny have organised an evening walk from Avebury.

They are planning a 2.5-3 Mile walk towards Silbury but then to take a left turn over Waden Hill and return via The Avenue and the stone circle ending up in the Red Lion.

Please let them know to expect you by the weekend before so that if there is a big group wanting a meal/ or rain is forecast we can book the pub!!
Hoping to sit outside.



Parking is free for NT members but chargeable to others.

Pizza Prosecco & Pavlova

Sunday 17th August

Join Colin and Jaki for some food fun and 'freshments!

They will provide food and Prosecco—please bring anything else you want.

Garden games or board games dependent on weather.

Details on website but please confirm if you will be there!

Please also confirm any allergies.

Summer BBQ

Lydiard Park Swindon

31st August 2025

This is one of our events each year when we hope everyone can get together for a fun afternoon.

We have booked large BBQ stand 3 at Lydiard Park. Please bring your choice of items to grill on the BBQ, drinks, plate, cup/glass to drink from (plastic), cutlery and a chair or blanket to sit on.

There are some picnic tables but maybe not enough. The Club will provide salad and bread/rolls, sauces, and some sweet treats.

We will also be playing a range of outdoor games; boules, croquet, giant Jenga, quoits and by popular demand "Bean Bag Fun". Hopefully we will have a reprise of some rounders and axe throwing.

Please book your place with Liz if you are coming along so that we know the quantities for salad etc.

If you are able to help with setting up on the day please let Liz know.

Plan is to start lighting the coals from 12 Noon and to be ready for cooking from 1pm.

Parking fees apply.

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 9th August

Start the weekend with a tasty breakfast and great conversation with SIVC friends.

<https://www.jdwetherspoon.com/pubs/the-sir-daniel-arms-swindon>

Join Lindsay at the Sir Daniel Arms, Fleet Street, Swindon for a chat and catch up over a breakfast.

Please see website for details but do let Lindsay know if you will be there.

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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