

What's On

Free guide to What's On in and Around

SWINDON

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- Mon 1** **Steven Hill's Fun Fair**
The Link Centre, Whitehill Way, Swindon
Open: 18.00-22.22. **Admission:** £1.00 per person on all rides.
- Mon 01 -** **Stop Messing About**
Wed 03 Wyvern Theatre, Theatre Square, Swindon.
Based on the eponymous 1960s BBC Radio show, Stop Messing About is set during a live recording, packed with outrageously funny sketches, parodies and songs.
Open: 17.30, Tues Matinee 14.30. **Admission:** £17.00/ Concession Monday Evening £15.00. **Booking Tel.** 01793 524481 www.wyvernthatre.org.uk
- Mon 01 -** **Five week course: An Introduction to Calligraphy**
Mon 22 The Health Hydro, Milton Road, Swindon.
(Course begins Monday 22nd February). Learn how to do beautiful handwriting with a broad-nibbed pen. We'll start by practising basic letter shapes and patterns, and go on to writing words, phrases and verses which you can use for a variety of purposes - greeting cards, invitations, favourite poems, etc. Basic materials provided.
Open: 10.00-12.00. **Admission:** £44.00, but free to those on certain means-tested benefits. **Contact Tel:** 01793 618233 (Workers' Educational Association).
- Mon 01-** **Inspired By Stonehenge**
Sat 27 Swindon Museum & Art Gallery, Bath Road, Old Town, Swindon
Stonehenge-related memorabilia collected and curated by well know archaeologist and broadcaster Julian Richards will show the changing ways people have experienced and been inspired y the iconic monument in the past two centuries.
Open: Mon-Sat 10.00-17.00. **Admission :** Free. **Contact Tel:** 01793 466556 www.swindon.gov.uk/arts-museum
- Mon 01 -** **Six week course: An Introduction to Digital Photography**
Mon 26 The Health Hydro, Milton Road, Swindon.
(Course begins Monday 22nd February). Learn how to use your digital camera using non-automatic settings, transfer your pictures to computer, improve and print them. Please bring your camera, instruction manual, USB lead, and charged batteries.
Open: 13.00-15.00. **Admission:** £52.80, but free to those on certain means-tested benefits. **Contact Tel:** 01793 618233
- Mon 01 -** **Sub Zero Friday**
Fri 03 Link Centre, Whitehill Way, Swindon.
Dec *The first Friday of every month is Sub Zero Friday, with a club atmosphere in the ice rink. DJ's will perform at one of the biggest venues in Swindon, creating an environment, which turns the rink into the hottest club night on ice.*
Open: 20.30-22.30. **Admission:** Adult £7.80//Swindon Card holders from £1.80. All prices include skate hire. **Contact Tel:** 01793 445566. www.subzeroswindon.co.uk
- Mon 01 –** **Monday Night Poker Tournament**
Mon 20 The Beehive Pub, 55 Prospect Hill, Swindon
Dec *Every Monday night Poker Tournament, 1st & 2nd places win*
Open: 20.00. **Admission:** £3.00. **Contact Tel:** 01793 523187. www.bee-hive.co.uk
- Tues 02** **The Life & Times of William Hooper Photographer Extraordinaire by Paul Williams**
Central Library, Regent Circus, Swindon.
William Hooper was one of the major Swindon photographers of the first part of the twentieth century, producing hundreds of photographs and postcards of scenes of the local area. Paul Williams will be presenting the story of his life ,illustrated with many examples of his work
Open: 19.30. Café open for refreshments until 19.30. **Admission:** Free, but please book in advance.
Booking Tel: 01793 463238 Email: central.library@swindon.gov.uk www.swindon.gov.uk/libraries
- North Wiltshire RSPB Local Group: Birdwatching in Southern Europe**
Even Swindon Community Centre, Jennings Street, Rodbourne, Swindon.
This talk will be given by Terry Bond. Non members welcome.
Open: 19.40. **Admission:** £3.00. www.rspb.org.uk
- Publick Transport presents The Department of Smelling Pistakes**
The Bradon Forest Theatre, The Peak, Purton, Wiltshire.
Following the success of "20,000 Leagues Under the Office", Bristol-based Publick Transport returns with "The Dept. of Smelling Pistakes", a new physical comedy two-hander.
Open: 19.30-20.30. **Admission:** Adult £6.00/Student £5.00 (11yrs+). **Booking Tel:** 01793 773981.
Email: purcellj@bradonforest.wilts.sch.uk
- Scottish Falsetto Sock Puppets and Ali Cook**
The Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Old Town, Swindon.
The stars of BBC 3's Comedy Shuffle and Upstaged, and MTV's Best Show Ever, and the darlings of YouTube bring you songs, sketches, socks and violence.
Open: 20.00. **Admission :** Adult £10.00/Swindon Card £9.50/Party Booking £9.00/Theatre Treat £8.00/Student Ticket £6.00. **Booking Tel:** 01793 614837. www.swindon.gov.uk/artscentre

Tues 02 Live Music: Banjo Pete's All Stars
The Trout Inn At Lechlade, St. John's Bridge, Farington Road, Lechlade, Gloucestershire.
Cast away the winter blues with some great musical entertainment, something for everyone.
Contact Tel: 01367 252313 www.thetroutinn.com

Wed 03 Lunchtime Recital
Wyvern Theatre, Theatre Square, Swindon.
The Original Sax Quartet.
Open: 13.05. **Booking Tel:** 01793 524481. www.swindonrecitalseries.org

Live Music: 'Lord Bishop Rocks' Battle of The Bands! Heat 1
Riffs Bar, 26 Greatfield, Nr. Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire.
1st Prize: A weekend in Germany with "The LORD" inc. Food, accommodation, Tour Manager & use of backline. It will be a showcase for the POPKILLAZ Agency for future booking possibilities! The final will be held on May 8th when the LORD brings his Hard Rock show to RIFFS!!
Open: 21.00. **Admission:** £3.50 **Tickets on sale at Swindon Visitor Information Centre, 37 Regent Street, open 9.15am-5pm Mon-Sat, Tel : 01793 466454. Email : infocentre@swindon.gov.uk**

Live Jazz: Kevin Figes Quartet
The Bank, Wood Street, Old Town, Swindon.
Rhythmic melodic improvised alto sax.
Open: 20.00-22.30. **Admission:** Free. **Contact Tel:** 01793 791043

Live Music : Ash Mandrake
The Beehive Pub, 55 Prospect Hill, Swindon
Musician/Storyteller with a double guitar, loop machine and lots of interesting hats!
Open: 20.30 **Contact Tel:** 01793 523187. www.bee-hive.co.uk

White Horse Folk Club Singaround
Fox Inn, Swindon Street, Highworth.
Blues, traditional, rock 'n' roll, contemporary, music hall, ragtime. This club is a non-profit making organisation.
Open: 20.00. **Contact Tel:** 01793 762070/520417. www.focsle.org.uk/SCoFF/whitehorse/index.htm

Swindon Film Society: Katyn (PG)
The Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Old Town, Swindon.
Powerful, heartfelt drama about the Katyn Forest atrocity of 1940 in which 22,000 Poles were murdered - including the director's father. Only members and their guests can attend SFS films, but you can join on any of our film evenings. Please note that tickets cannot be reserved in advance.
Open: Doors open 19.15/performance 19.45. **Contact Tel:** 01793 330639. www.swindonfilm.co.uk
Email: swindonfilm@ntlworld.com

Wed 03 - Open Mic Night
Wed 29
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The Rolleston, 73 Commercial Road, Swindon.
Every Wednesday Open Mic Night with Kicaberry & Friends. Bring your own plectrum, voice, guitar, or anything else you wish, just plug in and play! Age limit 18yrs+
Open: 20.30-23.30 (food until 21.00; bar open until 12midnight).
Admission: Free. **Contact Tel:** 01793 534238. www.therolleston.co.uk

Blunsdon Market & Car Boot Sale
Lady Lane, Blunsdon, Swindon.
Every Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday. Over 250 stalls all under one heated roof, hundreds of bargains for all the family. Free parking for over 1000 cars.
Open: Car Boot 6am-2pm. Market 9am-3pm. **Admission :** Car Boot £7.00 per car or £9.50 per van.
Contact Tel: 01793 706006. www.blunsdonmarket.co.uk

Swindon Greyhounds
Lady Lane, Blunsdon, Swindon
Races are staged every Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday. Free admission and racecard for all afternoon meetings. Swindon Stadium races under the National Greyhound Racing Club (NGRC) rules.
Open: Mon13.00; Wed 17.30; Fri 13.00 & 18.30; Sat 18.30. **Admission + Racecard:** Adult £5.00/Children under 16yrs £1.00. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free admission and racecard for all afternoon meetings. **Contact Tel:** 01793 721253. www.swindongreyhounds.com

Thurs 04 Q&A with STFC Players
Legends Lounge, The County Ground, County Road, Swindon.
The line up will be...Gordon Greer, Jon-Paul McGovern, Billy Paynter and Kevin Amankwaah.
Open: doors open 19.00, Q&A to begin at 20.00. **Admission:** £3.00 (free to Season Ticket Holders).
Tickets on sale at Swindon Visitor Information Centre, 37 Regent Street, open 9.15am-5pm Mon-Sat, Tel : 01793 466454. Email : infocentre@swindon.gov.uk

Thurs 04 The Tiger Lillies

The Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Old Town, Swindon.

The Songs of Shockheaded Peter and other Gory Verses. The Tiger Lillies are the Godfathers of alternative cabaret; Direct from a sell-out London West-End run and the Edinburgh Festival, they take their show celebrating 20 years of dark and deviant theatrics on tour. Age limit: 16+

Open: 20.00. **Admission :** £15.00. **Booking Tel:** 01793 614837. www.swindon.gov.uk/artscentre

Off The Wall

Wyvern Theatre, Theatre Square, Swindon.

Off The Wall play the music of Pink Floyd in their own innovative style, recreating classics from the 1960s to the present day, backed up with superb sound and dramatic visual effects.

Open: 17.30. **Admission:** £18.00/Concession 17.00. **Booking Tel.** 01793 524481

www.wyverntheatre.org.uk

Live Music : Bluestyle

The Beehive Pub, 55 Prospect Hill, Swindon

Norman Oxley has been playing the Blues for nearly 50 years and has recently performed in Ireland and the Philippines.

Open: 20.30 **Contact Tel:** 01793 523187. www.bee-hive.co.uk

Fri 05 Philosophy In Swindon

The Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Old Town, Swindon.

A Relationship With God. Speaker – Paul Archer. Everyone is welcome, just turn up on the night. The normal format is a one-hour talk, followed by questions and discussion. Changes to the published programme are sometimes unavoidable.

Open: 19.40-21.40. **Admission:** £2.00/students free. **Contact Tel:** 01793 619687/694708

Larry Miller Band

The Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Old Town, Swindon.

International Blues Rock Guitarist, Vocalist & Song-Writer.

Open: 20.00. **Admission :** £10.00. **Booking Tel:** 01793 614837. www.swindon.gov.uk/artscentre

Swindon Folksingers' Club

Milton Road Club, Milton Road, Swindon.

Brian Peters. Traditional songs and music from England with squeezeboxes and guitar. Swindon Folksingers' club is a 'Not for Profit Organisation'.

Open: 20.15-23.00. **Admission:** Club Night £3.50/Senior Citizen £2.50/Student £2.50. Guest Night £4.50/Senior Citizen £3.50 Student £3.50. **Contact Tel:** 01793 521301

Live Music: In The Absence Of Light (EP Launch)

The Furnace, 73 Commercial Road, Swindon.

With support bands: Senturia, The Cold Harbour, Alexandra Awaits. Music genre: Metal. Presented by Matt Itaol. Over 14yrs only, ID required.

Open: 19.30-22.30. **Admission:** In advance £3.00/On the door £4.50. **Tickets on sale at Swindon**

Visitor Information Centre, 37 Regent Street, open 9.15am-5pm Mon-Sat, Tel : 01793 466454.

Email : infocentre@swindon.gov.uk

Fri 05 - Sat 06 Teresa's School of Dance

Wyvern Theatre, Theatre Square, Swindon.

And the Beat Goes On is a fun filled show packed with a variety of music and routines to suit all. The show is performed by the students of Teresa's School of Dance, a school that has been established for six years in Swindon and has students as young as two years old taking part in the show.

Open: 17.30. **Admission:** £9.00. **Booking Tel.** 01793 524481 www.wyverntheatre.org.uk

Fri 05 - Sun 07 Steven Hill's Fun Fair

The Link Centre, Whitehill Way, Swindon

Open: weekdays 18.00; Sat 13.00; Sun 14.00. **Admission:** £1.00 per person on all rides.

Fri 05 - Skatemaniamania

Oasis Leisure Centre, North Star Avenue, Swindon.

Whether you are an expert skater, a beginner or want to try roller skating for the first time, this session every Friday is suited for all. Music to suit everyone plus games and races.

Open: 19.45-21.15. **Admission:** Entry with own skates £3.00/Entry plus hire of skates £3.50. **Contact**

Tel: 07740 396011 www.downlandsartistic.com

Fri 05 - Swindon Country Market

St. Aldhelm's Church, Edgware Road, Swindon.

Selling home baked goods, preserves, crafts, plants & garden produce in season.

Open: every Friday 09.30-11.45. **Contact Tel:** 01672 540159

**Fri 05 –
Fri 31
Dec**

Wroughton Country Market

Ellendune Hall, Barrett Way, Wroughton, Swindon.

Wroughton Country Market is a co-operative of local bakers, growers and crafts people who produce high quality home baked goods and preserves, plants and garden produce and crafts. You are always warmly invited to place orders for your favourites for special occasions or if you are unable to get there for opening. We now have a monthly raffle, which takes place on the last Friday of every month. Prizes are chosen from a selection of goods on offer at the country Market and offer great value as well as a bit of fun!

Open: every Friday 09.15-11.00. **Contact Tel:** 01793 521464/638240.

www.wroughtoncountrymarket.org.uk

Sat 06

Craft Fair

The Village Hall, Lacock, Wiltshire.

Open: 10.00-17.00. **Admission:** Donation. **Contact Tel:** 01380 860261

Football: Swindon Town v Bristol Rovers

Swindon Town Football Co Ltd, County Ground, County Road, Swindon.

Open: Kick off 15.00. **Admission:** Adult £22.00/Senior Citizen (over 60yrs) £15.00/Young Adult (16-20yrs) £15.00/Junior (under 16yrs) £9.00. **Tickets on sale at Swindon Visitor Information Centre, 37 Regent Street, open 9.15am-5pm Mon-Sat, Tel : 01793 466454.** Email: infocentre@swindon.gov.uk.

www.swindontownfc.premiumtv.co.uk

Ice Hockey: Swindon Wildcats v Bracknell

The Link Centre, Whitehill Way, Swindon.

English Premier League Fixture. Please check with the hosting club on gameday to avoid disappointment in late changes to the schedules.

Open: 17.45. **Admission:** Adult £11.00/Child £5.50/Student with ID £5.50/Senior Citizen £8.00/Family from £24.00. **Booking Tel:** 01793 445566. www.swindonwildcats.com

Cyclists Touring Club Saturday Ride : Malmesbury

Meet Freshbrook Centre. Grid Ref : 112834

Open : 10.30. **Contact Tel :** 01793 530039/539904 www.ctcwest.org.uk/swindon

Gift & Craft Fayre

St. Paul's Church Centre, Covingham, Swindon.

50/50 Game in aid of Cancer Research UK ; Various stalls selling reasonably priced gifts for all occasions. Everyone welcome. Refreshments available. For your convenience there will also be a collection point between 10.30-12.45 on the day for donations of any unwanted gifts, clothes, bric-a-brac, toys, books or DVDs that are in good condition. Please make sure that these items are bagged up ready to be collected by the local Cancer Research UK shop in Swindon.

Open : 10.30-13.30. **Admission :** Free. Email : giftsandthings24@live.co.uk

Swindon Stamp & Postcard Fair

Western Community Centre, Somerset Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon.

There is a minimum of 12 dealers in attendance at each fair, two of whom, carry a substantial stock of postcards. Light refreshments are available throughout the day, plus plenty of free on-site car parking.

Open: 09.30-16.00. **Admission:** 20p/children free. **Contact Tel:** 01793 528664

The South Cotswold Branch of The Society of Recorder Players

Methodist Hall, Lechlade, Gloucestershire.

Playing day with Pam Smith. Bring a packed lunch.

Open: 10.00-16.00. **Contact Tel:** 01367 253510 Email: jaymathews124@mac.com www.srp.org.uk

The Harbour Project Quiz Night

St. Joseph's Catholic College, Ocotal Way, Swindon.

Fish & Chip supper (vegetarian option available).

Open : 19.00 for 19.30. **Admission :** £10.00 per head. **Booking Tel :** 01793 611682

Email : harbouroffice1@aol.com

Janice Thompson Performance Trust Concert – Spring Cabaret

Nova Hreod School, Swindon.

To include a performance of the oratorios 'Did and Aeneas'

Open: 19.30. **Contact Tel:** 01793 535185 www.jtpttrust.org

Email: jtpttrust@aol.com

Live Music: Deft Leppard Tribute

The Furnace, 73 Commercial Road, Swindon.

Presented by Status Promotions. Over 14yrs only, ID required.

Open: 19.30-23.00. **Admission:** In advance £8.00/On the door £10.00. **Tickets on sale at Swindon Visitor Information Centre, 37 Regent Street, open 9.15am-5pm Mon-Sat, Tel : 01793 466454.** Email :

infocentre@swindon.gov.uk

- Sat 06 Colvin Quarmby**
The Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Old Town, Swindon.
The Friends of Swindon Arts Centre are delighted to present their first show here at the Arts Centre. Colvin Quarmby's musical style stubbornly refuses to be pigeonholed, hardly surprising when they combine guitars, drums and percussion with fiddle, cello, squeezebox and spine tingling five part vocal harmonies
Open: 20.00. **Admission:** £12.00/£10.00 Concession. **Booking Tel:** 01793 614837.
www.swindon.gov.uk/artscentre
- Sat 06 - Highworth Market**
Sat 18 Market Square, Highworth, Swindon, Wiltshire
Dec *Every Saturday*
Open: 09.00-14.00. **Contact:** 01793 763377
- Sun 07 Signs of Spring**
Meet at Croft Sports Centre, Marlborough Lane, Swindon.
Wandering through this relic of old woodland we'll be looking for the first signs of spring appearing amongst some magnificent trees. A gentle 2-mile (3.2km) walk. Please wear stout footwear and warm clothes. Please book in advance.
Open: 14.00-15.30. **Booking Tel:** 01793 829704. Email: stantonrangers@swindon.gov.uk
- Live Music : Just Jim & Friends**
The Beehive Pub, 55 Prospect Hill, Swindon
Jim from Hip Route and friends playing rootsy acoustica.
Open: 15.00 **Contact Tel:** 01793 523187. www.bee-hive.co.uk
- Spiers & Boden**
Thomas Hughes Hall, Uffington, Nr. Swindon.
'The finest instrumental duo on the traditional scene' The Guardian.
Booking Tel: 01367 820282 www.spiersandboden.com
- Swindon Symphony Orchestra – A Concert in Support of Action Aid**
St. Luke's Church, Broad Street, Swindon.
Mozart – Overture The Magic Flute ; Beethoven – Symphony No 6 in F Major (The Pastoral) ; Hindemith – Symphony Mathis der Maler. Conductor Malcolm Webb, Leader Nikki Attwood.
Open: 19.30. **Admission:** Adult £7.00/Concessions £5.00 /accompanied children admitted free of charge. **Tickets on sale at Swindon Visitor Information Centre, 37 Regent Street, open 9.15am-5pm**
Mon-Sat, Tel: 01793 466454. Email: infocentre@swindon.gov.uk
- Peter Andre In Concert**
Oasis Leisure Centre, North Star Avenue, Swindon.
The Australian crooner will be performing songs from his new album Revelation, including top five single Behind Closed Doors as well as a number of his previous hits.
Admission: £23.00 + £2.00 booking fee (seated concert). **Booking Tel:** 01793 445401
www.swindon.gov.uk/oasisevents
- Charlie Landsborough**
Wyvern Theatre, Theatre Square, Swindon.
Open: 17.30. **Admission:** Adult £19.00/Concession £18.00. **Booking Tel.** 01793 524481
www.wyverntheatre.org.uk
- Live Music: Jazz Giants**
The Trout Inn At Lechlade, St. John's Bridge, Faringdon Road, Lechlade, Gloucestershire.
Cast away the winter blues with some great musical entertainment, something for everyone.
Contact Tel: 01367 252313 www.thetroutinn.com
- Breakthrough Breast Cancer Mad March Hare 5 & 10km Walk, Run, Fun**
Contact Tel: 07968 199948 Email: helen200@btinternet.com www.madmaarchhare.org
- Sun 07 - Car Boot Sale**
Sun 19 Link Centre, Whitehill Way, Swindon.
Dec *If you love a bargain (and who doesn't?) why not join the growing army of car boot sale enthusiasts? ML Promotions are specialist promoters of Car Boot Sales and Fleamarkets. Our Swindon Car Boot Sale is long established, and is the best in the area. With the growing popularity of TV programmes such as Boot Sale Challenge, Car Booty and Treasure Hunt, car boot sales have never been more popular! It's a bargain hunter's heaven! Open every Sunday afternoon and Good Friday.*
Open: Sellers 12noon/Buyers 13.00-16.00. **Contact Tel:** 07860 550380. www.mlpromotions.co.uk
- Farmers' Market**
Train Street, Swindon Designer Outlet, Rodbourne, Swindon.
There are around 10 to 20 stalls each week, including freshly baked bread and cakes from "La Parisienne", freshly harvested vegetables, Wiltshire Cheese and honey, farmhouse butter, traditionally reared free-range meat, farmhouse sausages and home-cured bacon, organic vegetables and free range eggs from Purton House Farm, cut flowers, doughnuts, ice cream, goats cheese & milk, apple juice and wine, plants for the garden, and more.
Open every Sunday 10:00-16:00. **Contact Tel:** 01453 758060 www.fresh-n-local.co.uk

- Mon 08** **Christian Aid Spring Event: The Water Mystery of Kyamwilu: Christian Aid working through partners in Kenya**
Emmanuel United Reformed Church, 81 High Street, Haydon Wick, Swindon.
Come along to enjoy some Fairtrade drinks & snacks and listen to our guest speaker Ed McGregor and his first hand stories from Kenya. Everyone is welcome.
Open: 19.00-21.30. **Admission:** Free.
- Wed 10** **The Swindon Society: Swindon to Didcot 'Early Days of Cycling'**
The Broadgreen Centre, Salisbury Street, Swindon.
Speaker Bob Townsend. Admission includes light refreshments. Visitors welcome.
Open: 19.30. **Admission:** £3.00
- Live Music : Poppy and Friends**
The Beehive Pub, 55 Prospect Hill, Swindon
Open: 20.30 **Contact Tel:** 01793 523187. www.bee-hive.co.uk
- Live Jazz: Gareth Williams Trio**
The Bank, Wood Street, Old Town, Swindon.
Intensely dynamic exciting pianist
Open: 20.00-22.30. **Admission:** Free. **Contact Tel:** 01793 791043
- Live Music: 'Lord Bishop Rocks' Battle of The Bands! Heat 2**
Riffs Bar, 26 Greatfield, Nr. Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire.
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- Wed 10 - Sat 13** **Western Players present 84 Charing Cross Road**
The Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Old Town, Swindon.
In 1949 a struggling American writer, indulging her love of beautiful books, starts a correspondence with a British antiquarian bookshop that was to last for 20 years.
Open: 19.30. **Admission :** £6.00/£5.00 Concession. **Booking Tel:** 01793 433297.
www.westernplayers.co.uk
- Thurs 11** **Live Music: Monster Shark Promotions Presents: The Half Hour Sessions**
Riffs Bar, 26 Greatfield, Nr. Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire.
Original Night/New Bands/Band Debuts, you gotta start somewhere..... Dubbed the Half Hour Sessions, each band gets to impress you with half an hour of their finest material.
Open: 21.00. **Admission:** £3.50 **Tickets on sale at Swindon Visitor Information Centre, 37 Regent Street, open 9.15am-5pm Mon-Sat, Tel : 01793 466454. Email : infocentre@swindon.gov.uk**
- Live Music : State of Undress**
The Beehive Pub, 55 Prospect Hill, Swindon
Overflowing with spirit and a compelling energy ... a performance that marries verve, power and a lung-busting joie de vivre...the accompanying blend of roots-rock, country, Celtic flavourings and a full-bodied melodic musical assault creates a powerful live combination
Open: 20.30 **Contact Tel:** 01793 523187. www.bee-hive.co.uk
- Thurs 11 - Sat 13** **The Hot Mikado**
Wyvern Theatre, Theatre Square, Swindon.
This production will be a lively, colourful take on traditional Gilbert and Sullivan. The music is a mixture of jazz and gospel arrangements, complemented by exciting tap-dance routines; this will be a show for all of the family to enjoy.
Open: 19.30, Saturday matinee 14.30. **Admission:** Adult from £10.00/Under 16yrs from £3.50. **Booking Tel:** 01793 524481 www.wyverntheatre.org.uk
- Production by The Clarendon Players**
Memorial Hall, Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire.
Booking Tel: 01793 853202 www.clarendonplayers.co.uk
- Fri 12** **Farmers' Market: Swindon Town Centre**
Canal Walk, Swindon.
Fresh, tasty local food, and other produce, available to the public. Our members not only sell, but they also produce the things that they are selling.
Open: 10.00-14.00 2nd Friday of each month. **Contact Tel:** 01380 870566.
Email: enquiries@wiltshirefarmersmarkets.org.uk www.wiltshirefarmersmarkets.org.uk
- Philosophy In Swindon**
The Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Old Town, Swindon.
Feminism & Morality. Speaker Dr. Alison Assiter. Everyone is welcome, just turn up on the night. The normal format is a one-hour talk, followed by questions and discussion. Changes to the published programme are sometimes unavoidable.
Open: 19.40-21.40. **Admission:** £2.00/students free. **Contact Tel:** 01793 619687/694708

Fri 12 Swindon Folksingers' Club
Milton Road Club, Milton Road, Swindon.
Open House – club regulars and friends. Music & songs amongst friends. Swindon Folksingers' club is a 'Not for Profit Organisation'.
Open: 20.15-23.00. **Admission:** Club Night £3.50/Senior Citizen £2.50/Student £2.50. Guest Night £4.50/Senior Citizen £3.50 Student £3.50. **Contact Tel:** 01793 521301

River Folk Sing Around

Creel Bar, Trout Inn, Lechlade, Gloucestershire.
Everyone is welcome at Riverfolk, whether you play, sing or like to listen. Just come along. Raffle.
Open: 20.00-23.00. **Admission:** £1.00. **Contact Tel:** 01367 253510 www.riverfolk.co.uk

Live Music: Little White Lies

The Trout Inn At Lechlade, St. John's Bridge, Faringdon Road, Lechlade, Gloucestershire.
Cast away the winter blues with some great musical entertainment, something for everyone.
Contact Tel: 01367 252313 www.thetroutinn.com

Live Music: Macus Malone + Support The Blue Trees

Riffs Bar, 26 Greatfield, Nr. Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire.
Malone's extraordinary voice defaults to a sound not unlike Paul Rogers in the best of his Free days, but then moves effortlessly into areas more usually occupied by Bobby Womack or even, on occasion, James Brown.
Open: 21.00. **Admission:** £3.50 **Tickets on sale at Swindon Visitor Information Centre, 37 Regent Street, open 9.15am-5pm Mon-Sat, Tel : 01793 466454. Email : infocentre@swindon.gov.uk**

**Fri 12 -
Sun 14**

Kempsford Literary Festival

Kempsford, Gloucestershire.
The first Kempsford Literary Festival will commence with Sandra Howard. (Sandra will be speaking at St Mary's Church, Kempsford). Other speakers performing include Joanna Trollope & Patricia Routledge plus lots more. The majority of authors across the weekend will be speaking at the Kempsford Primary School Hall, however there will be a few exceptions so please do check the programme for full details.
Contact Tel: 01865 52 2580 www.kempsfordliteraryfestival.co.uk

Sat 13

Cyclists Touring Club Saturday Ride : Lechlade

Meet Gable Cross, Thornhill Road. Grid Ref : 188867
Open : 13.00. **Contact Tel :** 01793 530039/539904 www.ctcwest.org.uk/swindon

Evening Star's 50th Birthday Celebrations

STEAM Museum of The Great Western Railway, Kemble Drive, Rodbourne, Swindon.
Come and join us to celebrate the birthday of this famous locomotive. The day will include special activities for all the family.
Open: 10.00-17.00. **Admission:** Adult 6.40/Child £4.25/Children under 3yrs free/Senior Citizens £4.25/Students £4.25/Family ticket from £17.00/Swindon Card holder from £2.20. **Contact Tel:** 01793 466646 www.swindon.gov.uk/steam

Health Beauty and Well-being Day

The Drove Peoples Centre, Southampton Street, Swindon.
A Variety of Therapists and Beauty Specialist will be available for taster sessions and advice . Reiki, Thai Foot Massage, Reflexology, Facial Massage, Eyebrow threading /Waxing, Kinesiology, Shiatsu Massage. Seated Accupressure, Magnotherapy, Crystal Therapy, Manicures, Pedicures, Indian Head Massage, Neck and Back Massage, Tarot Card Readings. Plus crystals and jewellery. Refreshments and Raffle will be for The MS Society - Swindon
Open: 12.00-17.00. **Admission:** £2.00. **Contact Tel:** 01793 340271. Email: e.smith15@ntlworld.com

Highworth Warneford PTA Car Boot Sale

Highworth Warneford School, Shrivenham Road, Highworth, Swindon.
Is your attic about to burst, does your car no longer fit in your garage!!!! Do you just have too much stuff? Bring it down to our car boot sale, and earn some cash for the items you no longer have any use for. Our pitch charges are so reasonable, that you'll wonder why you ever went anywhere else. Ample parking or come on the bus. The No 7 from Swindon stops nearby so no excuse not to come. Refreshments also available.
Open: 9.00-12.00. **Admission:** £5.00 per pitch. **Contact Tel:** 07752 840473

Ice Hockey: Swindon Wildcats v Guildford

The Link Centre, Whitehill Way, Swindon.
English Premier League Fixture. Please check with the hosting club on gameday to avoid disappointment in late changes to the schedules.
Open: 17.45. **Admission:** Adult £11.00/Child £5.50/Student with ID £5.50/Senior Citizen £8.00/Family from £24.00. **Booking Tel:** 01793 445566. www.swindonwildcats.com

- Sat 13 Live Music: Hi-On Maiden – The official Iron Maiden Tribute Band!**
Riffs Bar, 26 Greatfield, Nr. Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire.
Hi-on Maiden are the world's longest running and ONLY Iron Maiden tribute band officially endorsed by Iron Maiden themselves.
Open: 21.00. **Admission:** £6.60 **Tickets on sale at Swindon Visitor Information Centre, 37 Regent Street, open 9.15am-5pm Mon-Sat, Tel : 01793 466454. Email : infocentre@swindon.gov.uk**
- Sat 13 - Sun 14 Lambing Weekend**
Lackham Farm, Lacock, Chippenham
Health Guidance: Pregnant women are advised not to visit the newborn lambs; This is an outdoor experience – suitable footwear is advised e.g. Wellingtons; After visiting the farm and/or handling the animals, wash your hands.
Open: 10.00-17.00 (last admission 16.00). **Admission:** £20.00 per car or £6.00 per adult/£4.00 per child.
Contact Tel: 01249 466800 www.lackhamfarm.co.uk
- Sun 14 Swindon & Cricklade Railway Mother's Day**
Swindon & Cricklade Railway, Blunsdon Station, Tadpole Lane, Swindon.
Lunchtime Wine & Dine on the Moonraker Dining Train. Three course lunch, which includes a glass of wine, tea/coffee served at your table while travelling through the Wiltshire countryside. All day rover ticket for the train included.
Open: 13.00. **Admission:** £25.00. **Booking Tel:** 01467 820623 Email: kajim@talktalk.net
www.swindon-cricklade-railway.org
- Mother's Day**
Wyvern Theatre, Theatre Square, Swindon.
Do you want something different to do this Mother's Day? Here's a unique experience for your mum and all the family. Prior to a delicious lunch in the Circle Restaurant, join us for an exclusive backstage tour of the theatre. You can see the stars' dressing rooms and feel the tension as you wait in the wings before walking out to take centre stage.
Open: 11.00. **Admission** Two-course Lunch £15.50/Three-course Lunch £20.50. Vegetarian option available. **Booking Tel.** 01793 524481 www.wyverntheatre.org.uk
- Stanton Stumble**
Meet at Stanton Park Ranger Centre, Stanton Fitzwarren, Swindon.
Come and join a 2-mile (3.2km) guided walk through a maze of habitats, learn how we manage them and spot the wonderful wildlife that lives within. Please wear stout footwear and bring waterproofs. Please wear stout footwear and warm clothes. Please book in advance.
Open : 10.00-12.00. **Booking Tel :** 01793 829704
Email : stantonrangers@swindon.gov.uk
- Mother's Day Lunch**
Chiseldon House Hotel, New Road, Chiseldon, Swindon
Treat your mother to a special lunch.
To make a reservation please telephone 01793 741010 or email info@chiseldonhousehotel.co.uk
- Live Jazz: Midwest Big Band**
The Kings, Wood Street, Old Town, Swindon.
Big band jazz at Sunday lunchtime
Open: 13.00-15.30. **Admission:** Free. **Contact Tel:** 01793 791043
- Swindon Recital Series Concert**
The Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Old Town, Swindon.
Nigel Cliffe (Baritone); Paul Turner (Piano).
Open: pre-concert talk at 14.15, concert 15.00. **Booking Tel:** 01793 614837.
www.swindonrecitalseries.org
- Ice Hockey: Swindon Wildcats v Slough**
The Link Centre, Whitehill Way, Swindon.
English Premier League Fixture. Please check with the hosting club on gameday to avoid disappointment in late changes to the schedules.
Open: 18.00. **Admission:** Adult £11.00/Child £5.50/Student with ID £5.50/Senior Citizen £8.00/Family from £24.00. **Booking Tel:** 01793 445566. www.swindonwildcats.com
- Live Music : Built For Comfort**
The Beehive Pub, 55 Prospect Hill, Swindon
Good time R&B
Open: 15.00 **Contact Tel:** 01793 523187. www.bee-hive.co.uk
- Circus of Horrors**
Wyvern Theatre, Theatre Square, Swindon.
Following the huge success of The Asylum, The Circus of Horrors has had a major revamp and is back rocking and shocking with a brand new show. This show is strictly for adults only.
Open: 19.30. **Admission** £16.50. **Booking Tel.** 01793 524481 www.wyverntheatre.org.uk

Mon 15

Tom Wigglesworth

The Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Old Town, Swindon.

A cross between Sideshow Bob and Mark Thomas, Join Tom as he recounts his hilarious and heartwarming true story involving the world's biggest jobsworth, his fellow passengers, and a brown paper bag from the onboard canteen.

Open: 20.00. **Admission :** Adult £12.00/Swindon Card £11.00/Party Booking £10.50/Comedy Cracker £10.00. **Booking Tel:** 01793 614837. www.swindon.gov.uk/artscentre

Tues 16

Lawn Gardening Club Meeting

Lawn Community Centre, Guildford Avenue, Swindon.

Back by request. Mike Burgess (retired from Lackham College of Horticulture) on 'Get the most from your vegetable patch'. Questions answered

Open: 17.30. **Admission:** Membership £4.00 per year payable in January, plus 50p entrance per meeting/Visitors £1.00 per meeting. **Contact Tel:** 01793 495585

Upper Thames & Ridgeway National Trust Association

Ellendune Centre, Barrett Way, Wroughton, Swindon.

Speaker : Annalise Holt on 'Lacock Abbey'. Annalise, who works at the Abbey, will give an illustrated talk about the history of the Abbey. We enjoy a special relationship with the Abbey and regularly contribute to its appeals. All are welcome.

Open : 14.30. **Admission :** Association Members £1.50/Visitors £2.00 (to include tea/coffee). **Contact Tel :** 01793 722455

Handful of Henna

The Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Old Town, Swindon.

Based on real stories from Muslim women this is a joyous and moving story about lives lived across two cultures, and one girls journey to understanding her mother. Skipping back and forth across time four actresses create a bustling, colourful world bursting with music, dance and family celebration.

Open: 20.00. **Admission :** Adult £10.00/Swindon Card £9.50/Party Booking £9.00/Theatre Treat £8.00/Student Ticket 6.00. **Booking Tel:** 01793 614837. www.swindon.gov.uk/artscentre

Jethro Tull

Wyvern Theatre, Theatre Square, Swindon.

For 40 years, Jethro Tull have remained at the forefront of both live and recorded music, typically playing over 100 concerts each year and having sold more than 60 million albums. Jethro Tull come to town led by Ian Anderson on flute, with the stalwart Martin Barre on guitar. They will play a selection songs from their 34 album, supported by the rest of the Tull band.

Open: 19.30. **Booking Tel.** 01793 524481 www.wyverntheatre.org.uk

Chiseldon Local History Group Meeting

Holy Cross Church Hall, Chiseldon, Swindon.

Speaker Rosa Matheson - Women and the GWR. Visitors are always welcome to the meeting.

Admission: Visitors £2.00/full-time students free. Membership fee £8.00 per person. **Open:** 19.30. **Contact Tel:** 01793 740432

White Horse Folk Club Singaround

Fox Inn, Swindon Street, Highworth.

Blues, traditional, rock 'n' roll, contemporary, music hall, ragtime. This club is a non-profit making organisation.

Open: 20.00. **Contact Tel:** 01793 762070/520417. www.focslsle.org.uk/SCoFF/whitehorse/index.htm

Swindon Film Society: Let the right one in (15)

The Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Old Town, Swindon.

A film from Sweden...is it a delicate and touching story of first romance? Or is it...aaagh!...a vampire movie? In Swedish with English subtitles. Only members and their guests can attend SFS films, but you can join on any of our film evenings. Please note that tickets cannot be reserved in advance.

Open: Doors open 19.15/performance 19.45. **Contact Tel:** 01793 330639. www.swindonfilm.co.uk Email: swindonfilm@ntlworld.com

Sally Morgan

Wyvern Theatre, Theatre Square, Swindon.

Sally Morgan returns following a sold out performance here in 2009. There are no guaranteed or certain results and the show is for the purposes of amusement/entertainment.

Open: 19.30. **Admission** £20.50. **Booking Tel.** 01793 524481 www.wyverntheatre.org.uk

Live Jazz: Pete Canter Duo

The Bank, Wood Street, Old Town, Swindon.

Accomplished jazz saxophonist

Open: 20.00-22.30. **Admission:** Free. **Contact Tel:** 01793 791043

- Tues 16 Live Music: 'Lord Bishop Rocks' Battle of The Bands! Heat 3!**
Riffs Bar, 26 Greatfield, Nr. Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire.
1st Prize: A weekend in Germany with "The LORD" inc. Food, accommodation, Tour Manager & use of backline. It will be a showcase for the POPKILLAZ Agency for future booking possibilities! The final will be held on May 8th when the LORD brings his Hard Rock show to RIFFS!!
Open: 21.00. **Admission:** £3.50 **Tickets on sale at Swindon Visitor Information Centre, 37 Regent Street, open 9.15am-5pm Mon-Sat, Tel : 01793 466454. Email : infocentre@swindon.gov.uk**
- Wed 17 Live Jazz: Pete Canter Duo**
Old Bank, Wood Street, Old Town, Swindon.
Smooth Jazz Tenor Sax
Open: 20.00-22.30. **Admission:** Free. **Contact Tel:** 01793 791043
- Live Music : Kola Koca**
The Beehive Pub, 55 Prospect Hill, Swindon
Superb local band playing jazzy/poppy originals.
Open: 20.30 **Contact Tel:** 01793 523187. www.bee-hive.co.uk
- Wed 17 - Swindon Music Festival**
Sat 27 Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Old Town, Swindon. (Please note on Wednesday 17th March sessions will take place in Christ Church, Cricklade Street, Old Town, Swindon).
The Festival provides a platform for amateur performance combined with an educational element from professional musicians. The Festival encourages entries from all ages and offers classes for the under 8s up to the mature voice (upper age no limit!). We also offer a wide range of classes including Choirs, Church Choir, Church Organ, Vocal, Pianoforte, Strings, Woodwind, Guitar, Brass, Keyboard, Ensembles and Composition. (See Syllabus for further details).
Open: 3 sessions per day 09.00, 13.30 & 18.30. **Admission:** from £1.00-£5.00/Children 50p. **Contact Tel:** 01793 823849 www.swindonmusicfestival.co.uk
- Thurs 18 Bjorn Again**
Wyvern Theatre, Theatre Square, Swindon.
All of ABBA's timeless classics will be performed including; Mamma Mia, Voulez Vous, Dancing Queen and Many more.
Open: 19.30. **Admission** £19.50. **Booking Tel.** 01793 524481 www.wyverntheatre.org.uk
- Live Music : Rigadoo**
The Beehive Pub, 55 Prospect Hill, Swindon
Hi-energy,folk-inspired music, with rock, blues, jazz & ska rhythms
Open: 20.30 **Contact Tel:** 01793 523187. www.bee-hive.co.uk
- Live Music: Radio Moscow +Donga**
Riffs Bar, 26 Greatfield, Nr. Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire.
Open: 21.00. **Admission:** £3.50 **Tickets on sale at Swindon Visitor Information Centre, 37 Regent Street, open 9.15am-5pm Mon-Sat, Tel : 01793 466454. Email : infocentre@swindon.gov.uk**
- Fri 19 Philosophy In Swindon**
The Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Old Town, Swindon.
'How Would It Feel To Be Free?' Speaker – Dr. Guy Saunders. Everyone is welcome, just turn up on the night. The normal format is a one-hour talk, followed by questions and discussion. Changes to the published programme are sometimes unavoidable.
Open: 19.40-21.40. **Admission:** £2.00/students free. **Contact Tel:** 01793 619687/694708
- Swindon Folksingers' Club**
Milton Road Club, Milton Road, Swindon.
Dick Mills. Dick was born and raised in Suffolk and his East Anglian roots run deep; some of his best songs are based on the superb traditional tales of this region. Now living in Ireland, Dick finds that he is incorporating influences of the local traditional music into his own personal style. Swindon Folksingers' club is a 'Not for Profit Organisation'.
Open: 20.15-23.00. **Admission:** Club Night £3.50/Senior Citizen £2.50/Student £2.50. Guest Night £4.50/Senior Citizen £3.50 Student £3.50. **Contact Tel:** 01793 521301
- Chris Addison**
Wyvern Theatre, Theatre Square, Swindon.
A brand new show of his critically acclaimed stand-up. Daftness! Whimsy! Jokes! Lies! Smartarsery! Flapping about! All present and correct.
Open: 20.00. **Admission** £16.00. **Booking Tel.** 01793 524481 www.wyverntheatre.org.uk
- Live Music: The BOB BOWLES & SAM KELLY BAND**
Riffs Bar, 26 Greatfield, Nr. Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire.
Bob Bowles is known for his bluesy guitar playing and his soulful voice. He plays a mixture of acoustic and electric gigs either solo or with his band.

Sat 20

Open: 21.00. **Admission:** £4.50. **Tickets on sale at Swindon Visitor Information Centre, 37 Regent Street, open 9.15am-5pm Mon-Sat, Tel : 01793 466454. Email : infocentre@swindon.gov.uk**

Wanborough Farmers' Market

Village Hall, High Street, Wanborough, Swindon.

Open on the 3rd Saturday of every month. Entry is free and cars may be left in the Harrow Inn car park. Entry is free and a wide range of Wiltshire-produced goods is for sale.

Open: 09.00-12.00. **Admission:** Free. **Contact Tel:** 01793 790438

Mad March Hare

Meet at Stanton Park Ranger Centre, Stanton Fitzwarren, Swindon.

This 6-mile (9.7km) walk, through Stanton and its surrounding landscape will give us the chance to see Mother Nature waking from her winter slumber. The miracle of new life and vibrant colours are revealed in this time of rebirth and awakening. We will also be stopping at a local watering hole for some liquid refreshment. Please wear stout footwear and clothing to suit the weather. Don't forget your waterproofs, some money for liquid refreshments and a picnic lunch. Please book in advance.

Open : 10.30-15.00. **Booking Tel :** 01793 829704

Email : stantonrangers@swindon.gov.uk

Cyclists Touring Club Saturday Ride : A V 8 Kemble

Meet Foresters Arms. Grid Ref : 110867

Open : 13.00. **Contact Tel :** 01793 530039/539904 www.ctcwest.org.uk/swindon

Football: Swindon Town v Norwich City

Swindon Town Football Co Ltd, County Ground, County Road, Swindon.

Open: Kick off 15.00. **Admission:** Adult £22.0/Senior Citizen (over 60yrs) £15.00/Young Adult (16-20yrs) £15.00/Junior (under 16yrs) £9.00. **Tickets on sale at Swindon Visitor Information Centre, 37 Regent Street, open 9.15am-5pm Mon-Sat, Tel : 01793 466454. Email: infocentre@swindon.gov.uk.**

www.swindontownfc.premiumtv.co.uk

Ladies Driving Challenge

RAF Colerne, Nr. Chippenham, Wiltshire.

The event gives ladies the opportunity to drive some wonderful vehicles, examples include: JCB's, Tractors, Arctic Lorries, Dump Trucks and police cars, all whilst raising money for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Admission: £10.00 to register for the event, all ladies are asked to raise £100 in sponsorship.

Contact Tel: 0117 9427132 . Email: lucy.barons@mariecurie.org.uk

Murder Mystery Evening

The Circle Restaurant, Wyvern Theatre, Theatre Square, Swindon.

Enjoy a sumptuous three-course meal as you solve the mystery unfolding before your very eyes! Watch the scenes, interrogate suspects and search for the hidden clues whilst sampling excellent cuisine in the all-new Circle Restaurant.

Open: 19.00. **Admission:** £35.00. **Booking Tel:** 01793 524481. www.wyverntheatre.org.uk

Vive la difference – How the French eat!

Village Hall, Hinton Parva, Nr. Swindon

An illustrated talk by our wonderful lady from France – Marie-Noelle Witty MBE. A rare opportunity not to be missed. Q&A session. Presented by Hinton Parva Village Hall Management Committee.

Admission: £5.00 with french finger buffet. **Booking Tel:** 01793 791171

Oxfordshire Theatre Company present Loving April

Village Hall, Draycott Road, Southmoor, Oxfordshire.

Loving April adapted by Giles Croft from the novel by Melvin Burgess is a powerful love story about two very different people, worlds apart. (Recommended minimum age 14yrs).

Open: Doors 19.00/performance 19.30. **Admission:** £8.00/£6.00 concessions. **Booking Tel:** 01865 820051

Email: ron.green@lve.co.uk www.oxfordshiretheatrecompany.co.uk

K School of Music Presents A Touch of Disney

Wyvern Theatre, Theatre Square, Swindon.

The whole evening is dedicated to the songs from your favourite Disney shows. Sing-a-Long, have fun, and go home with that feel-good feeling.

Open: 19.30. **Admission** £9.00. **Booking Tel.** 01793 524481 www.wyverntheatre.org.uk

Live Music: The Worried Men Classic Covers...

Riffs Bar, 26 Greatfield, Nr. Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire.

"Think of Thorogood, Gary Moore, Wilko Johnson. These boys can show 'em all a clean pair of heels" - British Blues Connection. "Excellent R'n'B" – Broadsheep. "A great band... will entertain you until the cows come home" - What's On SW. "If you like ZZ Top or The Hamsters, this is for you!" – Blueprint. "Recommended", "impeccable live reputation" – Venue. "Brilliant" - AWOL Bikers' Magazine. "Strong guitar-driven band" - Radio Times

Open: 21.00. **Admission:** £3.30. **Tickets on sale at Swindon Visitor Information Centre, 37 Regent Street, open 9.15am-5pm Mon-Sat, Tel : 01793 466454. Email : infocentre@swindon.gov.uk**

Sat 20 Live Music: Hendrix Alive Project

The Furnace, 73 Commercial Road, Swindon.

Music genre: Tribute. Presented by Status Promotions. Over 14yrs only, ID required.

Open: 19.30-23.00. **Admission:** In advance £6.00/On the door £8.00. **Tickets on sale at Swindon Visitor Information Centre, 37 Regent Street, open 9.15am-5pm Mon-Sat, Tel : 01793 466454. Email : infocentre@swindon.gov.uk**

Postman Pat

Wyvern Theatre, Theatre Square, Swindon.

Get ready-for-take off and join Pat and his friends in 90 minutes of fun and participation, and remember no job is too big – the Special Delivery always gets through! Mission Accomplished!

Open: 13.00 & 15.00. **Admission:** Adult £13.00/Child £11.00/Family £42.00 **Booking Tel.** 01793 524481 www.wyverntheatre.org.uk

Sat 20 - Lambing Weekend

Sun 21 Lackham Farm, Lacock, Chippenham

Health Guidance: Pregnant women are advised not to visit the newborn lambs; This is an outdoor experience – suitable footwear is advised e.g. Wellingtons; After visiting the farm and/or handling the animals, wash your hands.

Open: 10.00-17.00 (last admission 16.00). **Admission:** £20.00 per car or £6.00 per adult/£4.00 per child. **Contact Tel:** 01249 466800 www.lackhamfarm.co.uk

Sun 21 You Moss Be Joking, What's it Wort ?

Meet at Stanton Park Ranger Centre, Stanton Fitzwarren, Swindon.

Ever wondered what a moss or liverwort was ? Join County recorder Sharon Pilkington at Stanton Park to understand a little of the amazing world of bryology on this interesting 1-mile (1.6km) walk. We will be starting from the basics so don't be afraid. Please wear strong footwear. Please book in advance.

Open : 10-00-12.00. **Booking Tel :** 01793 829704. Email : stantonrangers@swindon.gov.uk

Live Music : Jim Almond

The Beehive Pub, 55 Prospect Hill, Swindon

Open: 15.00. **Contact Tel:** 01793 523187. www.bee-hive.co.uk

Live Music: Zebrahead

The Furnace, 73 Commercial Road, Swindon.

With support bands Guests, MC Lars. Presented by Yankeeboy Promotions. Over 14yrs only, ID required.

Open: 19.00-22.30. **Admission:** £10.00. **Tickets on sale at Swindon Visitor Information Centre, 37 Regent Street, open 9.15am-5pm Mon-Sat, Tel : 01793 466454. Email : infocentre@swindon.gov.uk**

Live Music: Julie Hunt, Jazz Moves

The Trout Inn At Lechlade, St. John's Bridge, Faringdon Road, Lechlade, Gloucestershire.

Cast away the winter blues with some great musical entertainment, something for everyone.

Contact Tel: 01367 252313 www.thetroutinn.com

Mon 22 - The Woman In Black

Sat 27 Wyvern Theatre, Theatre Square, Swindon.

The most terrifying live theatre experience in the world. A lawyer obsessed with a curse that he believes has been cast over him and his family by the spectre of a woman in black, engages a sceptical young actor to help him tell his terrifying story and exorcise the fear that grips his soul.

Open: 19.30 Matinee performance on Thurs 25 & Sat 27. **Admission** from £19.00. **Booking Tel.** 01793 524481 www.wyverntheatre.org.uk

Sat 23 - The Great Western Embroiderers: Keeping Lydiard in Stitches

Fri 30 Lydiard House & Park, Lydiard Tregoze, Swindon.

April *Be dazzled by this fascinating display of traditional, complex and unusual embroidery inspired by Lydiard House, Park and St. Mary's Church, produced by members of the Great Western Embroiderers Guild. With a great trail for children to hunt out unusual embroidered insects, to win a small prize.*

Open: 11.00-16.00 Tues-Sun. **Admission:** from Adult £1.85-£4.50/ Child £1.00-£2.25/Senior Citizen £1.50-£4.00/Family £4.00-£11.25/ Swindon Card Holder £0.50-£4.00/Children under 5yrs free. **Contact Tel:** 01793 770401. www.lydiardpark.org.uk Email: lydiardpark@swindon.gov.uk

Wed 24 Live Music: 'Lord Bishop Rocks' Battle of The Bands! Heat 4!

Riffs Bar, 26 Greatfield, Nr. Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire.

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Open: 21.00. **Admission:** £3.50 **Tickets on sale at Swindon Visitor Information Centre, 37 Regent Street, open 9.15am-5pm Mon-Sat, Tel : 01793 466454. Email : infocentre@swindon.gov.uk**

Live Jazz: Laming/Morton/Bateman Duo

The Bank, Wood Street, Old Town, Swindon.

Unique Jazz Guitar

Open: 20.00-22.30. **Admission:** Free. **Contact Tel:** 01793 791043

Wed 24

Live Music : David Celia

The Beehive Pub, 55 Prospect Hill, Swindon

Really good Canadian musician playing original roots/pop

Open: 20.30. **Contact Tel:** 01793 523187. www.bee-hive.co.uk

Commonweal School Spring Concert

Christ Church, Cricklade Street, Old Town, Swindon

Performances will feature elements of the Old Town school's music department notably the Concert Band, Senior Choir, Chamber Choir, Junior Choir and a number of soloists.

Admission: £3.50. **Booking Tel:** 01793 612727

Thurs 25

Speedway : Swindon Robins v Poole (Challenge)

Abbey Stadium, Lady Lane, Blunsdon, Swindon.

Speedway is a very exciting form of dirt-track racing where stripped-down motorcycles race round an oval track. A speedway meeting is usually comprised of approximately twenty heats and there are various types of team and individual competitions.

Open : 19.30. **Admission :** £15.00/Concession £12.00/Child (11-16yrs) £5.00/Children under 11yrs free.

Contact Tel : 07003 921235. www.swindon-speedway.co.uk Email : info@swindon-speedway.co.uk

Live Jazz: Banjo Petes All Stars

The Kingsdown Pub, Kingsdown, Swindon.

Trad Jazz

Open: 20.00-22.30. **Admission:** Free. **Contact Tel:** 01793 791043

Live Music: Kangaroo Moon

The Beehive Pub, 55 Prospect Hill, Swindon

Kangaroo Moon weave many strands from world, rock, folk and dance, with acoustic and electronic influences into a funky, psychedelic, heart-lifting wall of sound.

Open: 20.30. **Contact Tel:** 01793 523187. www.bee-hive.co.uk

Live Music: The Johnny Henderson Experience

Riffs Bar, 26 Greatfield, Nr. Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire.

The Johnny Henderson Experience will give you a night of blues, soul and rock not to be forgotten!

Open: 21.00. **Admission:** £5.50 **Tickets on sale at Swindon Visitor Information Centre, 37 Regent Street, open 9.15am-5pm Mon-Sat, Tel : 01793 466454. Email : infocentre@swindon.gov.uk**

Fri 26

Farmers' Market: Swindon Old Town

Godwin Court, Hoopers Place, Old Town, Swindon.

Fresh, tasty local food and other produce available to the public. In most instances you will find the producer on their stall selling their own goods. Wherever possible, goods are sourced from within a forty mile radius of the market which reduces the environmental impact of their transport. There is no factory farming, no GM content and we also aim to keep packaging to a legal minimum.

Open: 09.00-13.30. **Contact Tel:** 01380 870566

Email: enquiries@wiltshirefarmersmarkets.org.uk

www.wiltshirefarmersmarket.org.uk

Cricklade Country Market

The Club At Cricklade, Nr. Swindon.

The place to buy a selection of home-baked cakes and pies, fresh eggs, delicious preserves and pickles, original gifts and cards, and plenty of seasonal plants and vegetables. Home-made refreshments available.

Open : 09.00-11.00. **Contact Tel :** 01793 750125

Swindon Stargazers Meeting

The Lawn Community Centre, (in Clubroom, upstairs), Guildford Avenue, Swindon.

Programme: AGM & Election of Officers. Afterwards: A presentation on Meteorites by Owen Brazell. New members and visitors are always welcome to attend meetings.

Open: 19.00-21.30. **Contact Tel:** 01793 825258 www.swindonstargazers.com

Philosophy In Swindon

The Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Old Town, Swindon.

Risk-Analysis-On-Thames. Speaker – Dr. Peter Von Lany. Everyone is welcome, just turn up on the night. The normal format is a one-hour talk, followed by questions and discussion. Changes to the published programme are sometimes unavoidable.

Open: 19.40-21.40. **Admission:** £2.00/students free. **Contact Tel:** 01793 619687/694708

River Folk Sing Around

Trout Inn, Lechlade, Gloucestershire.

Everyone is welcome at Riverfolk, whether you play, sing or like to listen. Just come along. Raffle.

Open: 20.00-23.00. **Admission:** £1.00. **Contact Tel:** 01367 253510 www.riverfolk.co.uk

Fri 26

Swindon Folksingers' Club

Milton Road Club, Milton Road, Swindon.

Open House – club regulars and friends. Music & songs amongst friends. Swindon Folksingers' club is a 'Not for Profit Organisation'.

Open: 20.15-23.00. **Admission:** Club Night £3.50/Senior Citizen £2.50/Student £2.50. Guest Night £4.50/Senior Citizen £3.50 Student £3.50. **Contact Tel:** 01793 521301

Dirty Dancing Tribute Evening

Best Western Premier Blunsdon House Hotel, The Ridge, Blunsdon, Swindon.

Prepare to take a trip back in time to the summer of 1962 with this toe tapping, heart thumping, blood rushing experience, definitely not for the faint hearted. Dance the night away to this tribute to the amazing film Dirty Dancing followed by Skywalkers disco till 1am. Includes a set 4 course. (Not suitable for children). Meet your party in Carrie's Bar for a pre-dinner drink.

Open : 20.00-01.00. **Admission :** £32.00 per person or stay the night for just £59.50 per person (includes admission to tribute and dinner). **Booking Tel :** 01793 721701 www.blunsdonhouse.co.uk Email : info@blunsdonhouse.co.uk

Live Music: The Quireboys Unplugged

The 12 Bar, 179 Westcott Place, Swindon.

Tonight the boys will be playing songs from their new acoustic Americana album Halfpenny Dancer. Age limit: 16yrs+. Please Note All Tickets Are Non Refundable Unless Gig Is Cancelled Or Rescheduled

Open: 20.00. **Admission:** £16.50. **Tickets on sale at Swindon Visitor Information Centre, 37 Regent Street, open 9.15am-5pm Mon-Sat, Tel : 01793 466454.** Email : infocentre@swindon.gov.uk

Live Music: Plastic Fiction

The Furnace, 73 Commercial Road, Swindon.

With support bands: The Joe Public, I Am Bodhu, Star Light City. Music genre: Original Rock/Alt/Indie. Presented by Status Promotions. Over 14yrs only, ID required.

Open: 19.30-22.30. **Admission:** In advance £3.50/On the door £5.00. **Tickets on sale at Swindon Visitor Information Centre, 37 Regent Street, open 9.15am-5pm Mon-Sat, Tel : 01793 466454.** Email : infocentre@swindon.gov.uk

Sat 27

Ice Hockey: Swindon Wildcats v Manchester

The Link Centre, Whitehill Way, Swindon.

English Premier League Fixture. Please check with the hosting club on gameday to avoid disappointment in late changes to the schedules.

Open: 17.45. **Admission:** Adult £11.00/Child £5.50/Student with ID £5.50/Senior Citizen £8.00/Family from £24.00. **Booking Tel:** 01793 445566. www.swindonwildcats.com

Meet The Railway Workers

STEAM, Museum of The Great Western Railway, Kemble Drive, Swindon.

Calling all budding engine drivers! Climb aboard famous locomotives, including the legendary Evening Star and Caerphilly Castle - and meet men who used to drive and work on the engines. They will show you the controls and answer any questions you have about how these great steam machines worked.

Open: 10.00-17.00. **Admission:** Adult £6.40/Child (3-16yrs) £4.25/ Under 3yrs free/Senior Citizen £4.25/Student £4.25/Family tickets from £17.00. Reductions for Swindon Card Holders. **Contact Tel:** 01793 466646. www.swindon.gov.uk/steam

Cyclists Touring Club Saturday Ride : Ramsbury

Meet Coate Water Main Gate. Grid Ref : 133840

Open : 13.00. **Contact Tel :** 01793 530039/539904 www.ctcwest.org.uk/swindon

Highworth Choral Society Concert: Requiem - Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

St. Michael's Church, Highworth, Wiltshire.

This masterpiece of classical music is characterized by it's different emotional phases of uprising, fear, hope and salvation. Emotions that Mozart lived through during the weeks of writing the music that would be his last.

Open: Doors open 19.00/concert 19.30. www.highworthchoral.org.uk
Email: secretary@highworthchoral.org.uk

Swindon Choral Society Concert

Marlborough College Chapel, Marlborough, Wiltshire.

Swindon Choral Society and West Forest Sinfonia present Verdi Requiem with Robin Nelson (Conductor), Susan Young (Soprano), Patricia Orr (Mezzo Soprano), Andrew Rees (Tenor) and Graeme Broadbent (Bass).

Open: 19.30. **Admission:** Adult £10.00. Essential Carers/Children/Students under 18yrs are free when accompanied by full price ticket holder. **Tickets on sale at Swindon Visitor Information Centre, 37 Regent Street, open 9.15am-5pm Mon-Sat, Tel : 01793 466454.** Email : infocentre@swindon.gov.uk

- Sat 27** **Wiltshire Air Operations Unit 20th Anniversary Spring Ball**
 Dauntsey's School Memorial Hall, West Lavington, Wiltshire.
Dress code : formal. Dancing to the KJ Music Zone Band and Hitline Disco. All proceeds to the Wiltshire Air Ambulance Appeal.
Open : 19.30-00.30. **Admission :** £35.00 (includes a buffet). **Booking Tel :** 01380 734108
- Live Music: Penfold – Party Night**
 Riffs Bar, 26 Greatfield, Nr. Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire.
Featuring songs from: Snow Patrol, The Fratellis, The Zutons, Razorlight, The Kooks, Kaiser Chiefs, Orson, Arctic Monkeys, The Killers, Rolling Stones. Plus Party stuff, Dance stuff, Cheesey stuff etc etc.
Open: 21.00. **Admission:** £3.50 **Tickets on sale at Swindon Visitor Information Centre, 37 Regent Street, open 9.15am-5pm Mon-Sat, Tel : 01793 466454.** Email : infocentre@swindon.gov.uk
- Live Music: Ingested**
 The Furnace, 73 Commercial Road, Swindon.
With support bands: The Dead Lay Waiting, Traitor Born, Excessum, Beyond Chaos. Music genre: Metal. Presented by Porcelain Promotions. Over 14yrs only, ID required.
Open: 19.00-22.30. **Admission:** In advance £4.00/On the door £5.50. **Tickets on sale at Swindon Visitor Information Centre, 37 Regent Street, open 9.15am-5pm Mon-Sat, Tel : 01793 466454.** Email : infocentre@swindon.gov.uk
- Sun 28** **Hérons In The Tree Tops**
 Meet at Coate Water Ranger Centre, Marlborough Road, Swindon.
The hougng herons will have hatched at Coate Water's Nature Reserve. We'll watch them from both hides as they are fed by their parents, and learn more about these beautiful birds. This is a very popular event, so this year we are running two sessions morning & afternoon. Book early to avoid disappointment. Please wear stout footwear and bring waterproofs and binoculars. Please book in advance and state a.m. or p.m. session when booking.
Open : 10.00-12.00 & 13.00-15.00. **Booking Tel :** 01793 829704
 Email : stantonrangers@swindon.gov.uk
- Live Music: The Mill**
 The Beehive Pub, 55 Prospect Hill, Swindon
Rock and Soul covers. Featuring Pete Cousins and Anish Harrison.
Open: 15.00. **Contact Tel:** 01793 523187. www.bee-hive.co.uk
- Live Music: The Soul Box**
 The Beehive Pub, 55 Prospect Hill, Swindon
DJ playing soul, ska, reggae, good stuff.
Open: 20.00. **Contact Tel:** 01793 523187. www.bee-hive.co.uk
- The Soldiers In Concert**
 Oasis Leisure Centre, North Star Avenue, Swindon.
Introducing 'The Soldiers' – Sergeant Major Gary Chilton, Sergeant Richie Maddocks and Lance Corporal Ryan Idzi. Following the success of this album, which has phenomenally dominated the charts, the three serving soldiers are now ready to tour. The support from the public has been overwhelming...there is even a Facebook page which receives over 5000 hits per day.
Admission: £26.50-£28.50 + £2.50 booking fee. **Booking Tel:** 01793 445401. www.swindon.gov.uk
- Swindon Young Musicians**
 Wyvern Theatre, Theatre Square, Swindon.
Bringing together some the most talented young muscians in the region.
Open: 19.00. **Admission** Adult £5.50/Child £3.00/Concession £3.00. **Booking Tel.** 01793 524481
www.wyverntheatre.org.uk
- Mon 29** **Charity Tea Dance with Swindon U3A Dance Orchestra & Ken Bell**
 Gorse Hill Community Centre, Chapel Street, Swindon.
Charity: Debra. Prize Draw and light refreshments available.
Open: 14.00. **Admission:** £3.50. **Contact Tel:** 01793 740263 Email: georgeconnell@tiscali.co.uk
- Archivist Visit to Swindon Central Library**
 Central Library, Regent Circus. Swindon.
 An archivist from the Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre will be available for free consultations to advise researchers in local and family history. They will be at the Swindon Help Point on the 2nd floor on the following Mondays between 10.00 and 12.00.
Open: 10.00-12.00. **Admission:** Free. **Contact Tel:** 01793 463238 www.swindon.gov.uk/libraries
- Mon 29 -** **Hot Flush**
Tues 30 Wyvern Theatre, Theatre Square, Swindon.

Starring Lesley Joseph. Meet Myra, Sylvia, Helen and Jessica in this outrageous musical that's the perfect girls' night out!

Open: 19.30. **Admission** £18.00. **Booking Tel.** 01793 524481 www.wyverntheatre.org.uk

Tues 30

Sarah Gillespie Quartet

The Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Old Town, Swindon.

A sonic reflection of the contemporary London street, Greenwich-born singer-songwriter Sarah Gillespie delivers a melting-pot mix of urban-folk and middle-eastern blues.

Open: 20.00. **Admission** : £10.00. **Booking Tel:** 01793 614837. www.swindon.gov.uk/artscentre

Live Jazz: Dicki White Band

The Trout Inn, Lechlade, Gloucestershire.

Open: 20.00-22.30. **Admission:** Free. **Contact Tel:** 01793 791043

Live Music: Kent DuChaine

The Beehive Pub, 55 Prospect Hill, Swindon

American bluesman with a beat-up 1930s National steel guitar and a great line in stories.

Open: 20.30. **Contact Tel:** 01793 523187. www.bee-hive.co.uk

Wed 31

Buscot Weir and An Artist's Retreat

Meet in National Trust car park in Buscot village north off A417, 2 miles southeast of Lechlade.

This fairly flat walk in the beautiful area of the Upper Thames is led by Sue Crisp, walks organiser from Oxford Fieldpaths Society. It includes a visit to Buscot Weir and passes through Kelmscott village, summer home of William Morris. 6 miles/2.5-3 hours.

Open: 10.00. **Contact Tel:** 01865 553800 www.nationaltrail.co.uk Email: nationaltrails@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Rodbourne Community History Group Meeting

Even Swindon Community Centre, Jennings Street, Rodbourne, Swindon.

Speaker : Neil Lover – Swindon to Discot a different perspective.

Open : 19.00-20.00. **Admission :** Members £1.00/Guests £2.00 (includes refreshments). **Contact Tel :** 01793 616558

Email : secretary@rodbournehistory.org

Live Jazz: Clive Burton Quartet

The Bank, Wood Street, Old Town, Swindon.

Quintessential Trombonist

Open: 20.00-22.30. **Admission:** Free. **Contact Tel:** 01793 791043

Swindon Film Society: Broken Embraces (15)

The Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Old Town, Swindon.

Spanish director Almodóvar turns to affairs of the heart in his latest work, a film noir which proves to be a love letter to cinema itself. In Spanish with English subtitles. Only members and their guests can attend SFS films, but you can join on any of our film evenings. Please note that tickets cannot be reserved in advance.

Open: Doors open 19.15/performance 19.45. **Contact Tel:** 01793 330639. www.swindonfilm.co.uk

Email: swindonfilm@ntlworld.com

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