

What's On

Free guide to What's On in and Around

SWINDON FEBRUARY 2012

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SWINDON
BOROUGH COUNCIL

- Wed 01** **New College Open Evening for School Leavers.** New College, Queens Drive, Swindon, SN3 1AH. *Staff and students from all areas will be on hand to talk to you about every aspect of College life from academic matters to extra curricula activities; from bus transport routes to student finance. You can talk to tutors about your possible subject choices, view demonstrations, hear presentations about College life, talk to current learners and have a tour of the College facilities.* **Open:** 17.00-19.00. **Contact Tel:** 01793 611470
Email: admissions@newcollege.ac.uk **Website:** www.newcollege.ac.uk/open/
- Glenn Wool - No Lands Man.** M.E.C.A., Regent Circus, Swindon. *Seated performance. Under 14yrs need to be accompanied by an adult over 18yrs. ID required to purchase alcohol.* **Open:** doors open 18.30/performance from 19.30. **Admission:** £11.00 (includes £1 booking fee). **Tickets on sale at Swindon Visitor Information Centre, Ground Floor, Central Library, Regent Circus, open 10am-4pm Mon-Sat, Tel: 01793 466454.** Email: infocentre@swindon.gov.uk
- Swindon Film Society - Life, Above All.** Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Old Town, Swindon. *In her South African village, 12-year old Chandra is trying to hold her family together in the face of disease, ignorance and prejudice. A deeply moving tribute to the human spirit. A Swindon Film Society presentation, 106 mins, Cert 12A.* **Open:** 19.45. **Admission:** SFS members £5.00/£4.00 concessions/ Guests £6.00. Tickets and membership (£2) available on the door. **Contact Tel:** 01793 330639. www.swindonfilm.org.uk
- Wed 01 - Sun 24 June** **Commemorating 100 Years of the Titanic.** STEAM Museum of The Great Western Railway, Fire Fly Avenue, Kemble Drive, Rodbourne, Swindon. *Display showing some never seen before material relating to the GWR and the ill-fated ship.* **Open:** 11.00-16.00. **Admission:** Adult £6.40/ Children 3-16yrs £4.25/Children under 3yrs free/Senior citizens £4.25/Family ticket from £17.00. **Contact Tel:** 01793 466 637
www.swindon.gov.uk/steam
- Wed 01 - Sun 30 Dec** **Blunsdon Market & Car Boot Sale.** Abbey Stadium, Lady Lane, Blunsdon, Swindon. *Open every Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday, (& Easter Sunday), free parking for over 1000 cars.* **Open:** Market 09.00-15.00; Car Boot 06.00-14.00. **Admission** (car boot): £7.00 per car or £10.00 per van, second hand goods only. **Contact Tel:** 01793 706006. www.blunsdonmarket.co.uk
- Wed 01 - Mon 31 Dec** **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:** Mon 13.00; Wed 17.30; Fri 13.00 & 19.00; Sat 18.30. **Admission + Racecard:** Adult £5.00, (Sat £6.00)/Children under 16yrs £1.00. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Contact Tel:** 01793 721253. www.swindongreyhounds.com
- Thurs 02** **Live Music: Credo + Comedy Of Errors – Progressive Rock.** Riff's Bar, 26 Greatfield, Nr. Hook, Swindon. **Open:** 19.00. **Admission:** £5.50. **Tickets on sale at Swindon Visitor Information Centre, Ground Floor, Central Library, Regent Circus, open 10am-4pm Mon-Sat, Tel: 01793 466454.**
Email: infocentre@swindon.gov.uk
- Fri 03** **Swindon Folksingers' Club: Trio Threlfall.** Milton Road Club, Milton Road, Swindon. *JANE & AMANDA THRELFALL, working with musician ROGER EDWARDS, are universally acknowledged as natural ambassadors for English traditional song. In accordance with current licensing legislation: to attend Swindon Folksingers Club you must be a member. However Membership is free but you must apply at least two days prior to the first evening you wish to attend. Milton Road Club members are entitled to entry, EFDSS, WFA or other similar folk organisations may also attend. Members may bring a guest. Regular visitors to the Club are requested to take out annual membership of the Milton Road Club.* **Open:** 20.15-23.00. **Admission:** Guest Nights £4.50/Senior Citizen/student £3.50. Club Nights £3.50/Senior Citizen/student £2.50, Plus Milton Road Club non – members charge of £1 per head. **Contact Tel:** 01793 521301.
www.swindonfolk.org
- Live Music: Sam Kelly's Station House.** Riff's Bar, 26 Greatfield, Nr. Hook, Swindon. *A mix of influences including British funk, soul, jazz, calypso and reggae.* **Open:** 19.00. **Admission:** £5.50. **Tickets on sale at Swindon Visitor Information Centre, Ground Floor, Central Library, Regent Circus, open 10am-4pm Mon-Sat, Tel: 01793 466454.** Email: infocentre@swindon.gov.uk
- Fri 03 - Fri 28 Dec** **Wroughton Country Market.** Ellendune Hall, Barrett Way, Wroughton, Swindon. *Open every Friday with free parking in the Ellendune car-park. 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.* **Open:** every Friday 09.15-11.00. www.wroughtoncountrymarket.org.uk
- Swindon Country Market St. Aldhelm's Church, Edgware Road, Swindon. *Selling home baked preserves, crafts, plants & garden produce in season.* **Open:** every Friday 09.00-12.00. **Contact Tel:** 01793 740620
- Sat 04** **Swindon Stamp & Postcard Fair.** Western Community Centre, Somerset Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. *Collectors and enthusiasts of both stamps and postcards have a regular opportunity to add to their collections with monthly fairs. There is a minimum of 12 dealers in attendance at each fair, two of who, carry a substantial stock of postcards. Light refreshments are available throughout the day. Plenty of free on-site parking.* **Open:** 09.30-15.30. **Admission:** Adult 20p/Child free. **Contact Tel:** 01793 528664

- Sat 04** **FREE Weekend Stay and Play – for families with under 5's.** RLK Children's Centre, Westcott Street, Swindon. *Come along, join in and meet new friends at our stay and play sessions, with access to RLK Children's Centre outdoor play area and indoor crèche with toys, games and books. Our staff are available for any questions you may have. Children will receive a snack. Donations welcome. Please book for this weekend stay and play by Thursday 2nd Feb to let us know that you are coming to play! Booking required (by 02/02/12).* **Open:** 10.00–12.00. **Booking Number:** 01793 525830
Email: barnardosinswindon@barnardos.org.uk www.barnardos.org.uk/rlkchildrenscentre
- Npower League 2: Swindon Town v Burton.** The County Ground, County Road, Swindon. **Open:** 15.00.
Booking Tel: 0871 876 1993 www.swindontownfc.co.uk
- Swindon Recital Series Jubilee Concert.** The Platform, Faringdon Road, Swindon. *To celebrate the accession of Her Majesty the Queen on 6th February 1952 and in the presence of Wiltshire's Lord-Lieutenant, the Music Of Renown Ensemble, in collaboration with the JTP Trust concert choir, presents a programme of music with Royal connections. The concert will feature a performance of Walton's 'Façade' – a jazz-based work written by the composer of the famous 'Crown Imperial', commissioned for the coronation itself. The concert also features a new piece by composer Rachel Stott commemorating not only the accession but also the decommissioning of GWR locomotive 'Princess Elizabeth' at the Swindon Works in February 1952.* **Open:** 19.30. **Admission:** £5.00, accompanied children aged 14 yrs & under free.
- Live Music: Echo – Rock/Pop Party Covers Night @ Riffs!** Riff's Bar, 26 Greatfield, Nr. Hook, Swindon. **Open:** 20.30. **Admission:** £3.50. **Tickets on sale at Swindon Visitor Information Centre, Ground Floor, Central Library, Regent Circus, open 10am-4pm Mon-Sat, Tel: 01793 466454.** Email: infocentre@swindon.gov.uk
- Live Music: Sgt. Peppers Only Dart Board Band.** The Vic, 88 Victoria Road, Old Town, Swindon. *Doors open 8pm unless otherwise stated. R.O.A.R. Strictly over 18's only.* **Admission:** £6.60. **Tickets on sale at Swindon Visitor Information Centre, Ground Floor, Central Library, Regent Circus, open 10am-4pm Mon-Sat, Tel: 01793 466454.** Email: infocentre@swindon.gov.uk
- Sat 04 - Sat 29 Dec** **Highworth Market.** Market Square, Highworth, Swindon. **Open:** Every Saturday 09.00-14.00.
Contact Tel: 01793 763377 www.highworth.co.uk
- Sun 05** **HF Swindon Walking Group -** Barbury Castle, Ogbourne & Gallops - 9 miles. Meet near Civic Offices, Euclid Street, Swindon. **Open:** 10.00. **Contact Tel:** 01793 522964 or 07974 954984
- Hills and Enclosures.** Meet at the bottom entrance to Pentylands Park on the junction of Pentylands Lane and Blackworth Road, Highworth. *Explore a corner of Swindon borough that feels a long way away from the centre of Swindon itself. With a stop in a lovely rural pub to rest our legs on this 5.5-mile walk. Please wear suitable warm, weather-proof clothing and footwear. Bring binoculars if you have them, and money for the pub stop.* **Open:** 11.00-15.00. **Admission:** Free event, but please book in advance on 01793 490150.
www.swindon.gov.uk
- Wedding Fayre.** Lydiard House Conference Centre, Lydiard Tregoze, Swindon. *Situated in the heart of Lydiard Park in West Swindon, this beautiful wedding venue is a definite must see! Come along to the Lydiard House Conference Centre to visit a huge variety of exhibitors with venue tours available.* **Open:** 11.00-15.00. **Admission:** Free. **Contact Tel:** 07765 705669
- Live Music: OX (Canada) + The Right Hooks.** The Vic, 88 Victoria Road, Old Town, Swindon. *Doors open 8pm unless otherwise stated. R.O.A.R. Strictly over 18's only.* **Admission:** £3.50. **Tickets on sale at Swindon Visitor Information Centre, Ground Floor, Central Library, Regent Circus, open 10am-4pm Mon-Sat, Tel: 01793 466454.** Email: infocentre@swindon.gov.uk
- Sun 05 - Sun 30 Dec** **Swindon Farmers' Market- Swindon Designer Outlet.** Train Street, Swindon Designer Outlet, Rodbourne, Swindon. *Every Sunday (not Easter Sunday or between Christmas and New Year Certified as a genuine farmers market, this weekly market has a great range of stalls every week. Local free range meats and poultry, fresh seasonal fruit and vegetables, breads and cakes, Pippin Doughnuts, wines and ciders, cheeses, plants for the garden, hot dogs, burgers, chicken rolls, seafood paella and falafel ready to eat and craft stalls make up this excellent market, bringing local food to Swindon every week. Free entry.* **Open** every Sunday 10:00-16:00. **Contact Tel:** 01453 758060 www.fresh-n-local.co.uk
- Car Boot Sale.** Link Centre, Whitehill Way, Swindon. *Our Swindon. Car Boot Sale is long established, and is the best in the area. Open every Sunday afternoon.* **Open:** Sellers 12noon/Buyers 13.00-16.00.
Admission: Car £9.00, Car & Trailer £18.00, Vans from £18.00. **Contact Tel:** 07860 550380.
www.mlpromotions.co.uk
- Swindon Miniature Railway.** Coate Water Country Park, Marlborough Road, Swindon. *The Railway operates every Sunday (weather permitting), giving train rides to the general public, steam hauled when available, otherwise electric.* **Open:** 12.00-17.00. **Admission:** £1.00 per ride.
- Mon 06** **The Ocelot Comedy Club.** The Vic, 88 Victoria Road, Old Town, Swindon. **Open:** 20.00. **Admission:** Free. **Contact Tel:** 01793 535713

- Mon 06** **Wanborough Gardening Club Meeting.** Village Hall, High Street, Wanborough, Swindon. *Our speaker will be Graham Nicholls who will give a slide-illustrated talk entitled: Introduction to Alpines. Graham has been growing and showing alpine plants for over 40 years and speaking on them for over 20 years in the USA, Ireland and the UK and his expertise and presenting ability is very well known. He is author of 'Alpine Plants of North America' and 'Dwarf Campanulas and Associated Genera'. Expect a fascinating presentation.*
Open: 19.45. **Admission:** £2.00 includes refreshments and raffle prize draw entry.
- Tues 07** **Social Afternoon Strolls.** FREE, guided walks from Broome Manor Golf complex at 2pm. *The groups walk at a leisurely pace and explore local green spaces and beauty spots for about an hour, followed by a refreshment break (bring or buy your own).* For more information contact Amanda Rothwell on 01793 465413 or 07866 418537 or visit the Challenge Swindon website: www.challengeswindon.org.uk
Npower League 2: Swindon Town v Barnet JPT (S) (F2). The County Ground, County Road, Swindon.
Open: 19.45. **Booking Tel:** 0871 876 1993 www.swindontownfc.co.uk
- Wed 08** **HF Swindon Walking Group.** Meet Marlborough Lane, (Croft Sports Centre car park), Old Town, Swindon.
Open: 10.30 a.m. Walks generally 6/7 miles & are arranged on previous Wednesday & always include pub lunch.
Higher Education Open Evening. Swindon College, North Star Avenue, Swindon. *Get a degree from Oxford Brookes or University of Bath and study at Swindon College!* **Open:** 17.00-19.00.
- Thurs 09** **Bargain Bazaar.** St. Andrews Methodist Church, Moredon Road, Swindon. *Bric-a-brac stall, secondhand books, CDs, curtains etc. Homemade refreshments and tea or coffee on sale.* **Open:** 14.00-15.30. **Contact Tel:** 01793 636444
FREE Post-natal support group for first time mums and dads – for families with under 5's. RLK Children's Centre, Westcott Street, Swindon. *Taking baby swimming with Trudi Akrell. All first time mums and dads with babies under 8 months are welcome. Supported by a Nursery Nurse from the Health Visiting team who is available for any questions you may have. Meet other first time mums and dads, share experiences and learn new skills, while babies can enjoy the colourful crèche surroundings. This session will include information about taking baby swimming. Just turn up! No booking required.* **Open:** 12.15–13.30.
Contact Tel: 01793 525830. Email: barnardosinswindon@barnardos.org.uk
www.barnardos.org.uk/rlkchildrenscentre
An Instinct For Kindness. The Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Old Town, Swindon. *Chris Lerner accompanied his chronically ill ex-wife to Switzerland's Dignitas clinic. This bittersweet show reflects on the circumstances, morality and humanity surrounding the journey. In a candid, poignant and sometimes comic performance, Chris explores both the personal implications and the wider ethical considerations of assisted dying. The show premiered at the Edinburgh Fringe 2011, where it won the coveted Scotsman Fringe First Award and was featured on BBC's Newsnight Review as a highlight of the festival. Recommended age: 14yrs+.* **Open:** 20.00. **Admission:** £12.00/ concessions £10.00. **Booking Tel:** 01793 614837 www.swindon.gov.uk
Live Music: Mr. B The Gentleman Rhymer. The Vic, 88 Victoria Road, Old Town, Swindon. *R.O.A.R. Strictly over 18's only.* **Open:** 20.00. **Admission:** £8.80. **Tickets on sale at Swindon Visitor Information Centre, Ground Floor, Central Library, Regent Circus, open 10am-4pm Mon-Sat, Tel: 01793 466454.** Email: infocentre@swindon.gov.uk
- Fri 10** **Kings of Harmony.** M.E.C.A., Regent Circus, Swindon. *Seated performance. Under 14yrs need to be accompanied by an adult over 18yrs. ID required to purchase alcohol.* **Open:** doors open 18.30/performance from 19.30. **Admission:** £8.80 (includes £0.80 booking fee). **Tickets on sale at Swindon Visitor Information Centre, Ground Floor, Central Library, Regent Circus, open 10am-4pm Mon-Sat, Tel: 01793 466454.** Email: infocentre@swindon.gov.uk
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Live Music: The David Bowie Experience. The Vic, 88 Victoria Road, Old Town, Swindon. *Doors open 8pm unless otherwise stated. R.O.A.R. Strictly over 18's only.* **Admission:** £6.60. **Tickets on sale at Swindon Visitor Information Centre, Ground Floor, Central Library, Regent Circus, open 10am-4pm Mon-Sat, Tel: 01793 466454.** Email: infocentre@swindon.gov.uk
- Sat 11** **Meet The Railway Workers.** STEAM Museum of The Great Western Railway, Fire Fly Avenue, Kemble Drive, Rodbourne, Swindon. *Take a step back in time and meet the engine drivers, firemen and railway workers who worked on the locomotives and in Swindon Works. The former GWR workers will show you how the locos worked and bring stories of the steam age to life. These events are popular with all ages, from 1-100.* **Open:** 11.00-16.00. **Admission:** Adult £6.40/ Children 3-16yrs £4.25/Children under 3yrs free/Senior citizens £4.25/Family ticket from £17.00. **Contact Tel:** 01793 466 637
www.swindon.gov.uk/steam

- Sat 11** **Ice Hockey - English Premier League: Swindon Wildcats v Basingstoke Bison.** Link Centre, Whitehill Way, Swindon. League/Cup Game. Please check with the hosting club on gameday to avoid disappointment in late changes to the schedules. **Open:** 17.45. **Admission:** Adult from £11.50/Child from £4.50/Concession from £8.50/Family from £23.20. **Booking Tel:** For credit card/debit card ticket bookings please call 01793 445566. For reserving tickets which you can pay for on the night please call 01793 886857. www.swindonwildcats.com Email: info@swindonwildcats.com
- Gabby Young and Other Animals.** Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Old Town, Swindon. Rescheduled from October, Gabby Young's twisting roots have carried her & that stunning voice from her native Wiltshire around the UK to land with a bang at the centre of London's music scene. **Open:** 20:00. **Admission:** £13.00. **Booking Tel:** 01793 614837 www.swindon.gov.uk
- Live Music: John Coghlan's Quo – A live set of classic Quo tunes with the Quo's original drummer!** Riff's Bar, 26 Greatfield, Nr. Hook, Swindon. **Open:** 19.00. **Admission:** £8.80. **Tickets on sale at Swindon Visitor Information Centre, Ground Floor, Central Library, Regent Circus, open 10am-4pm Mon-Sat, Tel: 01793 466454.** Email: infocentre@swindon.gov.uk
- Sat 11 - Sun 19** **On Top Of The World!** Lydiard House & Park, Lydiard Tregoze, Swindon. Get ready for the Olympics and test your geography with our new global quiz trail to take you round the state rooms of Lydiard House! Find objects from far-flung countries and learn about well-travelled members of the St John family and design and make your own flag to take home. **Open:** Tues-Sun 11.00-16.00. **Admission:** House entry applies. **Contact Tel:** 01793 770401. www.lydiardpark.org.uk
- Sun 12** **HF Swindon Walking Group** - Edge & Haresfield Beacon - 8 miles. Meet near Civic Offices, Euclid Street, Swindon. **Open:** 10.00. **Contact Tel:** 01793 826161 or 07973 109657
- The Adventures Of Andy Kershaw.** The Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Old Town, Swindon. Andy is among the UK's most-decorated broadcasters, working for Radio 4 and, for 15 years, as a Radio 1 DJ, where he shared an office with John Peel and legendary producer John Walters. **Open:** 19.30. **Admission:** £15.00. **Booking Tel:** 01793 614837 www.swindon.gov.uk
- Mon 13 - Fri 17** **February half term for families with under 5's.** RLK Children's Centre, Westcott Street, Swindon. RLK Children's Centre are running various activities for families with under 5's! Please contact the centre for more information. **Contact Tel:** 01793 525830. www.barnardos.org.uk/rlkchildrenscentre
- Tues 14** **Paw Prints, Poo and Nibbled Nuts.** Stanton Park, Stanton Fitzwarren, Swindon. By searching for the signs we will discover what animals have passed through our park. If it's raining or snowing we will look at skulls, break open some owl poo, make a bat puppet and stroke a mole. Please wear warm clothes and stout shoes. Suitable for children of all ages. **Open:** 10.00-12.00. **Admission:** Free, but please book in advance. **Booking Tel:** 01793 490150. www.swindon.gov.uk
- John Peel's Shed.** Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Old Town, Swindon. In 2002, John Osborne won a competition on John Peel's Radio One show. His prize was a box of records that took eight years to listen to. This is an ode to radio, those records and anyone who's ever sought solace in wireless. **Open:** 20.00. **Admission:** £12.00/Concessions £10.00. **Booking Tel:** 01793 614837 www.swindon.gov.uk
- Valentine's Day Love Bugs** Lydiard Park, Lydiard Tregoze, Swindon. Make a bling love bug for the one you adore! No booking required - drop in to the Coach House Education Room between the house and walled garden. **Open:** 12.00-15.00. **Admission:** £3.00 per child. **Contact Tel:** 01793 770401. www.lydiardpark.org.uk
- Npower League 2: Swindon Town v Crawley Town.** The County Ground, County Road, Swindon. **Open:** 19.45. **Booking Tel:** 0871 876 1993 www.swindontownfc.co.uk
- Wed 15** **HF Swindon Walking Group.** Meet Marlborough Lane, (Croft Sports Centre car park), Old Town, Swindon. **Open:** 10.30 a.m. Walks generally 6/7 miles & are arranged on previous Wednesday & always include pub lunch.
- What's in the Woods?** Stanton Park, Stanton Fitzwarren, Swindon. Come and discover what lives in the woods at Stanton Park, be a nature adventurer and discover some of the park's secret inhabitants on this fun hands-on junior event. Please wear warm clothes and stout shoes. Suitable for children of all ages. **Open:** 10.00-12.00. **Admission:** Free, but please book in advance. **Booking Tel:** 01793 490150. www.swindon.gov.uk
- Theo the Mouse in Magical Mayhem.** The Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Old Town, Swindon. A fantastic family show from the writer of TV favourites Sooty and The Basil Brush Show comes the UK's funniest children's character, Theo The Mouse. Join him for a fun show packed with magic, laughter and music for all the family. Also featuring his special friends, the fabulous Wendy Abrahams and, from TV's Sooty Show, Wink Taylor. **Open:** 13.30. **Admission:** £8.50. **Booking Tel:** 01793 614837. www.swindon.gov.uk
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- Wed 15** **Chiseldon Local History Group Meeting.** Holy Cross Church Hall, Butts Road, Chiseldon. *A Slide Show of Chiseldon Memories, by Joan Sharpe, who has lived in Chiseldon all her life.* **Open:** 19.30. **Admission:** Free to members, small charge for visitors. **Contact Tel:** 01793 740784. www.chiseldonlhg.org.uk
- Swindon Film Society - How I Ended This Summer.** Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Old Town, Swindon. *This gripping psychological thriller is set in the isolated wilderness of a remote Siberian weather station - an unflinching study of human fragility under siege. A Swindon Film Society presentation, 124 mins, Cert 12A.* **Open:** 19.45. **Admission:** SFS members £5.00/£4.00 concessions/ Guests £6.00. Tickets and membership (£2) available on the door. **Contact Tel:** 01793 330639. www.swindonfilm.org.uk
- Live Music: Blues Burlesque – The Filthy Dirty Blues Band.** The Vic, 88 Victoria Road, Old Town, Swindon. *Dress code Burlesque. R.O.A.R. Strictly over 18's only.* **Open:** 20.00. **Admission:** £5.50. **Tickets on sale at Swindon Visitor Information Centre, Ground Floor, Central Library, Regent Circus, open 10am-4pm Mon-Sat, Tel: 01793 466454.** Email: infocentre@swindon.gov.uk
- Thurs 16** **FREE Post-natal support group for first time mums and dads – for families with under 5's.** *Bookstart Stories with Swindon Libraries. All first time mums and dads with babies under 8 months are welcome. Supported by a Nursery Nurse from the Health Visiting team who is available for any questions you may have. Meet other first time mums and dads, share experiences and learn new skills, while babies can enjoy the colourful crèche surroundings. This session will include story telling by Swindon Libraries. Just turn up! No booking required.* **Open:** 12.15–13.30. **Contact Tel:** 01793 525830. Email: barnardosinswindon@barnardos.org.uk www.barnardos.org.uk/rlkchildrenscentre
- Go Barking Mad.** Stanton Park, Stanton Fitzwarren, Swindon. *With no leaves on the trees how can we tell what species it is? Well, a big clue is often the bark. Taking lots of bark rubbings we will be able to identify the tree species and make some colourful creations in the process. Please wear warm clothes and wellies or stout shoes. Bring waterproofs if wet. Suitable for children from 4-12 years of age.* **Open:** 10.30-12.00. **Admission:** Free, but please book in advance. **Booking Tel:** 01793 490150. www.swindon.gov.uk
- Chinese Dragons.** Lydiard Park, Lydiard Tregoze, Swindon. *Bring yourself good luck and celebrate the New Chinese Year of the Dragon, by making your own dragon decoration to hang up at home! No booking required - drop in to the Coach House Education Room between the house and walled garden.* **Open:** 12.00-15.00. **Admission:** £3.00 per child. **Contact Tel:** 01793 770401. www.lydiardpark.org.uk
- Great Gran's Great Games.** The Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Old Town, Swindon. *Frankly, Ollie can't see the point of his Great Gran; and now it's even worse. She fell and hurt her hip and had to come to stay and Ollie has had to sacrifice his room. What can she do? She can't run, jump, skate, anything. She can hardly stand. However she can do something he can't. She can swim. In fact, she can do it rather well. There was a time she did it at the Olympic Games in London. No! Not those Olympic Games. The other ones in 1948... when the athletes had to bring their own towels!. A new play for the Cultural Olympiad.* **Open:** 13.30. **Admission:** Adult £7.00/Child £5.00/Family £22.00. **Booking Tel:** 01793 614837. www.swindon.gov.uk
- Live Music: Bands & Burlesque – Valentines Special.** The Vic, 88 Victoria Road, Old Town, Swindon. *Doors open 8pm unless otherwise stated. R.O.A.R. Strictly over 18's only.* **Admission:** £5.50. **Tickets on sale at Swindon Visitor Information Centre, Ground Floor, Central Library, Regent Circus, open 10am-4pm Mon-Sat, Tel: 01793 466454.** Email: infocentre@swindon.gov.uk
- Andrew O'Neill: Alternative.** Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Old Town, Swindon. *A spectacular Funny show by long-haired man Andrew O'Neill with all styles of comedy covered. You are guaranteed to be laughing through the show. As seen on Stewart Lee's Comedy Vehicle, heard hijacking the Radio One Rock Show and satirising on Radio 5 Live.* **Open:** 20.00. **Admission:** £10.00/Concessions £8.00. **Booking Tel:** 01793 614837 www.swindon.gov.uk
- Fri 17** **A Night of Swing with Frank Sinatra.** Best Western Premier Blunsdon House Hotel, Blunsdon, Swindon. *Ladies and Gentlemen welcome to an evening of swing. Phil Fryer performs a stunning show bringing back to life one of the world's greatest entertainers from the infamous Rat Pack. To be Frank, Phil is terrific! Dance the night away to Frank Sinatra followed by disco till 1am. Includes a set 4 course dinner. Meet your party in Carrie's Bar for a pre-dinner drink.* **Open:** 20.00-01.00. **Admission:** £32.95 per person. Make a night of it and stay for just £42.00 per person (includes full English breakfast and use of our leisure facilities). **Booking Tel:** 01793 721701 www.blunsdonhouse.co.uk
- Larry Miller.** Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Old Town, Swindon. *Guitarist Larry Miller is undeniably one of the 'must see' blues/rock acts. He's famous for his exciting, mesmerising guitar playing and rip-roaring shows in the UK and around Europe.* **Open:** 20:00. **Admission:** £12.00/Concession £10.00. **Booking Tel:** 01793 614837 www.swindon.gov.uk
- Live Music: The Racket CD Launch Show + The Rhubarbs + Nudy Bronque + Young Blood (DJ Set).** The Vic, 88 Victoria Road, Old Town, Swindon. *Doors open 8pm unless otherwise stated. R.O.A.R. Strictly over 18's only.* **Admission:** £3.50. **Tickets on sale at Swindon Visitor Information Centre, Ground Floor, Central Library, Regent Circus, open 10am-4pm Mon-Sat, Tel: 01793 466454.** Email: infocentre@swindon.gov.uk

- Fri 17** **Swindon Folksingers' Club: Open House.** Milton Road Club, Milton Road, Swindon. *Another great homespun evening among friends. In accordance with current licensing legislation: to attend Swindon Folksingers Club you must be a member. Milton Road Club members are entitled to entry, EFDSS, WFA or other similar folk organisations may also attend. Members may bring a guest. Regular visitors to the Club are requested to take out annual membership of the Milton Road Club.* **Open:** 20.15-23.00. **Admission:** Guest Nights £4.50/Senior Citizen/student £3.50. Club Nights £3.50/Senior Citizen/student £2.50, Plus Milton Road Club non – members charge of £1 per head. **Contact Tel:** 01793 521301. www.swindonfolk.org
- Sat 18** **FREE Dads and Male Carers Group – for families with under 5's.** RLK Children's Centre, Westcott Street, Swindon. *A chance for dads and male carers to spend time with their children, with access to RLK Children's Centre outdoor play area and indoor crèche with toys, games and books. Enjoy a bacon sarnie (or an alternative) and cuppa! Our staff are available for any questions you may have. This group also welcomes male extended family members. Just turn up! No booking required.* **Open:** 10.00–12.00. **Contact Tel:** 01793 525830 Email: barnardosinswindon@barnardos.org.uk www.barnardos.org.uk/rlkchildrenscentre
- Health, Beauty and Wellbeing Day.** Drove Peoples' Campus Social Hall, Southampton Street, Swindon. *Variety of Therapists and Beauty Specialist will be available for taster sessions and advice. Reiki, Thai Foot Massage, Reflexology, Facials, Eyebrow threading, Eyebrow Tinting, Kinesiology, Seated Accupressure, Indian Head Massage, Shiatsu Massage, Neck and Back Massage, Magnotherapy, Crystal Healing, Manicures, Pedicures, Tarot Card Readings. Plus Crystals, Organic Skin Care. Proceeds from the Door entry, refreshments and raffle will be for Multiple Sclerosis Society Swindon Branch.* **Open:** 12.00-17.00. **Admission:** £2.00. **Contact Tel:** 01793 340271
- Live Music: Penfold – Party Night @ Riffs!** Riff's Bar, 26 Greatfield, Nr. Hook, Swindon. **Open:** 20.30. **Admission:** £3.50. **Tickets on sale at Swindon Visitor Information Centre, Ground Floor, Central Library, Regent Circus, open 10am-4pm Mon-Sat, Tel: 01793 466454.** Email: infocentre@swindon.gov.uk
- Julian Smith.** Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Old Town, Swindon. *Julian's distinctive soprano saxophone sound has been heard all over the world on Sony's classic Chillout series, under his previous stage name Joolz Gianni. He became better known after achieving second runner-up in the 2009 series of Britain's Got Talent with 700,000 telephone votes and millions of You Tube views.* **Open:** 20:00. **Admission:** £17.00/Concession £15.00. **Booking Tel:** 01793 614837 www.swindon.gov.uk
- Sun 19** **Vintage Fair.** The Vic, 88 Victoria Road, Old Town, Swindon. *Come along to The Vic and browse all the lovely stalls, find yourself a real gem! All the family welcome.* **Open:** 12.00-16.00. **Admission:** Free. **Contact Tel:** 01793 535713
- Swindon & District Bonsai Society 10th Winter Image Bonsai Show.** Stratton Community Centre, Grange Drive, Stratton St. Margaret, Swindon. *The show includes a Shohin & Mame Competition in conjunction with The Shohin Association. Licesned bar and food available. New this year, separate demo area with Tony Tickle, John Armitage & Ritta Cooper.* **Open:** 10.30-16.30. **Contact Tel:** 07982 401103. www.swindon-bonsai.co.uk
- HF Swindon Walking Group - Northleach - 9 miles.** Meet near civic Offices, Euclid Street, Swindon. **Open:** 10.00. **Contact Tel:** 01367 860535 or 07939 041468
- Wedding Fayre.** Blunsdon House Hotel, The Ridge, Blunsdon, Swindon. *Best Western Premier Blunsdon House Hotel would like to invite you to our wedding fayre where we will be showcasing an array of wedding suppliers who can help with all your requirements for your special day. To make sure your wedding day is the best day of your life come and seek advice from Swindon's leading organisers and suppliers, from cakes to cars we have it all to enable you to plan your whole wedding day under one roof. This wedding fayre will give you the perfect opportunity to experience the stunning surroundings that Best Western Premier Blunsdon House Hotel has to offer. Come along and see our fabulous grounds, a great photo opportunity for your special day. Large selection of stands Prize draw for the brides to be FREE entry and parking Everything for your wedding under one roof FREE tea and coffee.* **Open:** 11.00-15.00. **Admission:** Free. **Contact Tel:** 01793 721701
- Mon 20** **Wyvern Dowsing Society Meeting.** The Woodshaw, Wootton Bassett, Swindon. *Speaker: Kenneth Lymer – Roct Art and Deer Stones in Monglolia. All speakers have been confirmed at the time of publication but the program may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.* **Open:** 20.00. **Admission:** Entry to the meetings is free to members of The Wyvern Dowsing Society but a charge of £4 is made to non-members unless otherwise stated. **Contact Tel:** 01793 694112.
- Joseph Topping.** Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Old Town, Swindon. *Joseph Topping is known for playing anything from traditional British folk music to Delta blues slide guitar. This performance will take place in the FoSAC Studio at the Arts Centre.* **Open:** 19.30. **Admission:** £10.00. **Booking Tel:** 01793 614837 www.swindon.gov.uk
- Tues 21** **Patrick Monahan.** Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Old Town, Swindon. *The winner of ITV One's Show Me The Funny!, lovable comedian Patrick Monahan blends high-energy style with hilarious and engaging stories of his Irish/Iranian/Teeside heritage. Patrick performs this hit show direct from the Edinburgh Festival. Laugh and be hugged at the same time!* **Open:** 20.00. **Admission:** £14.00/Concessions £12.00. **Booking Tel:** 01793 614837 www.swindon.gov.uk

- Tues 21 Npower League 2: Swindon Town v Shrewsbury.** The County Ground, County Road, Swindon. **Open:** 19.45. **Booking Tel:** 0871 876 1993 www.swindontownfc.co.uk
- Wed 22 HF Swindon Walking Group.** Meet Marlborough Lane, (Croft Sports Centre car park), Old Town, Swindon. **Open:** 10.30 a.m. *Walks generally 6/7 miles & are arranged on previous Wednesday & always include pub lunch.*
- Private Peaceful.** Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Old Town, Swindon. *In 2002, Private Peaceful relives the life of Private Tommo Peaceful, a young First World War soldier awaiting the firing squad at dawn.* **Open:** 19.00. **Admission:** Adult £10.00/Child £8.00/Family £30.00. **Booking Tel:** 01793 614837 www.swindon.gov.uk
- Thurs 23 Bargain Bazaar.** St. Andrews Methodist Church, Moredon Road, Swindon. *Bric-a-brac stall, secondhand books, CDs, curtains etc. Homemade refreshments and tea or coffee on sale.* **Open:** 14.00-15.30. **Contact Tel:** 01793 636444
- Highworth Library Quiz Night.** Highworth Library, (above Co-op supermarket), Brewery Street, Highworth. Broad range of questions. *Teams of up to 4 people. £2.50 per head. Bring your own refreshments. If possible, tell us beforehand that you are coming, but you are welcome to turn up on spec and even join others to make up a team on the night. Primarily a fun evening but any surplus will be used to enhance library facilities.* **Open:** 19.30. **Contact Tel:** 01793 763262/762554 or 463500 (library).
- Nathan Caton: Get Rich or Die Cryin'.** Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Old Town, Swindon. *An evening of laughs from the award-winning comedian Nathan Caton, as seen and heard on Mock the Week, ITV's FHM Stand-Up Hero & BBC R4, tackles everything from race to school yard jokes in a hilarious show that will leave you in no doubt why Caton regarded as one of the hottest rising stars on the scene with a glittering career ahead!* **Open:** 20.00. **Admission:** £10.00/Concessions £8.00. **Booking Tel:** 01793 614837 www.swindon.gov.uk
- Fri 24 Wiltshire Farmers' Market: Swindon Old Town.** Godwin Court, Old Town, Swindon. *Fresh, local produce - it cannot be beaten for quality and taste! Open the last Friday of each month.* **Open:** 09.00-13.00. www.wiltshirefarmersmarket.org.uk
- Cricklade Country Market.** The Club At Cricklade, Nr. Swindon. *Home-baked cakes and pies, fresh eggs, delicious preserves and pickles, beautiful inexpensive gifts and cards and plenty of seasonal plants and vegetables. Everyting produced locally by us for you! Home-made refreshments available.* **Open:** 09.00-11.00. **Contact Tel:** 01793 751845/750125
- Swindon Folksingers' Club: Open House.** Milton Road Club, Milton Road, Swindon. *Time to try out that song you've been practising in the bath? Milton Road Club members are entitled to entry, EFDSS, WFA or other similar folk organisations may also attend. Members may bring a guest. Regular visitors to the Club are requested to take out annual membership of the Milton Road Club.* **Open:** 20.15-23.00. **Admission:** Guest Nights £4.50/Senior Citizen/student £3.50. Club Nights £3.50/Senior Citizen/student £2.50, Plus Milton Road Club non – members charge of £1 per head. **Contact Tel:** 01793 521301. www.swindonfolk.org
- Big Pants & Botox.** Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Old Town, Swindon. *Rebecca Wheatley gives a tour de force performance as we're taken on the emotional rollercoaster that is Barbra's 50th birthday celebration.* **Open:** 20.00. **Admission:** £12.00/ Concession £10.00. **Booking Tel:** 01793 614837 www.swindon.gov.uk
- Live Music: The Graham Mack Rock Band** with two supporting local bands Coach and Manic Street Pastors. The 12bar, Westcott Place, Swindon. **Open** 19:30. **Admission:** £5.00 on the door, all proceeds to Lights for Learning Gambia and Swindon Street Pastors.
- Live Music: Cash – Johnny Cash Tribute.** The Vic, 88 Victoria Road, Old Town, Swindon. *Doors open 8pm unless otherwise stated. R.O.A.R. Strictly over 18's only.* **Admission:** £6.60. **Tickets on sale at Swindon Visitor Information Centre, Ground Floor, Central Library, Regent Circus, open 10am-4pm Mon-Sat, Tel: 01793 466454.** Email: infocentre@swindon.gov.uk
- Live Music: The Purple Project – Explosive tribute to Deep Purple!** Riff's Bar, 26 Greatfield, Nr. Hook, Swindon. **Open:** 20.30. **Admission:** £5.50. **Tickets on sale at Swindon Visitor Information Centre, Ground Floor, Central Library, Regent Circus, open 10am-4pm Mon-Sat, Tel: 01793 466454.** Email: infocentre@swindon.gov.uk
- Swindon Film Society - The Way.** St Michael's Hall, Highworth, Nr. Swindon. *Martin Sheen leads as an irascible American doctor who travels the 'pilgrim's way' to Santiago de Compostela to try to reconnect with the memory of his son – estranged for a long time and recently deceased. A Swindon Film Society presentation, 115 mins, Cert 12A.* **Open:** 19.45. **Admission:** SFS members £3.00/Guests £4.00. Tickets and membership (£2) available on the door. **Contact Tel:** 01793 330639. www.swindonfilm.org.uk
- Fri 24 - Thurs 22 March "Nine".** STEAM Museum of The Great Western Railway, Fire Fly Avenue, Kemble Drive, Rodbourne, Swindon. A STEAM inspired photographic exhibition by 9 HND students at Swindon College. **Open:** 11.00-16.00. **Admission:** Adult £6.40/ Children 3-16yrs £4.25/Children under 3yrs free/Senior citizens £4.25/Family ticket from £17.00. **Contact Tel:** 01793 466 637. www.swindon.gov.uk/steam

- Sat 25** **Meet The Railway Workers.** STEAM Museum of The Great Western Railway, Fire Fly Avenue, Kemble Drive, Rodbourne, Swindon. *Take a step back in time and meet the engine drivers, firemen and railway workers who worked on the locomotives and in Swindon Works. The former GWR workers will show you how the locos worked and bring stories of the steam age to life.* **Open:** 11.00-16.00. **Admission:** Adult £6.40/ Children 3-16yrs £4.25/Children under 3yrs free/Senior citizens £4.25/Family ticket from £17.00. **Contact Tel:** 01793 466 637 www.swindon.gov.uk/steam
- Npower League 2: Swindon Town v Accrington.** The County Ground, County Road, Swindon. **Open:** 15.00. **Booking Tel:** 0871 876 1993 www.swindontownfc.co.uk
- Ice Hockey - English Premier League: Swindon Wildcats v Telford Tigers.** Link Centre, Whitehill Way, Swindon. *League/Cup Game. Please check with the hosting club on gameday to avoid disappointment in late changes to the schedules.* **Open:** 17.45. **Admission:** Adult from £11.50/Child from £4.50/Concession from £8.50/Family from £23.20. **Booking Tel:** For credit card/debit card ticket bookings please call 01793 445566. For reserving tickets which you can pay for on the night please call 01793 886857. www.swindonwildcats.com Email: info@swindonwildcats.com
- Tribute To Chess Records.** Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Old Town, Swindon. *Chess Records is the most famous record label in Blues History. This Tribute to Chess Records will play many of the label's biggest hits. A great night of Rockin' Blues Entertainment is Guaranteed.* **Open:** 20.00. **Admission:** £13.00/Concessions £11.00. **Booking Tel:** 01793 614837 www.swindon.gov.uk
- Fight Club Promotions Presents Fight Club White Collar Boxing, with a Charity NSPCC Raffle.** M.E.C.A. Regent Circus, Swindon. *We have a list of celebs coming to the show which will be announced in the new year, all the local heros from Swindons buffest man Edoardo tatangelo Vs The Dark Destroyer Lenny Khan, Steve Rushton returns to the ring after 10 years, and many more action packed bouts. All this followed with an after party. It's the MUST SEE EVENT OF 2012!* **Admission:** £20.00 Available from Fratellos or www.swindontickets.co.uk or any of the boxers. **Booking Tel** 01793 57444 or 07979 054593. Email: bigguvnr@gmail.com
- Live Music: The Pistols – Sex Pistols Tribute .** The Vic, 88 Victoria Road, Old Town, Swindon. *Doors open 8pm unless otherwise stated. R.O.A.R. Strictly over 18's only.* **Admission:** £6.60. **Tickets on sale at Swindon Visitor Information Centre, Ground Floor, Central Library, Regent Circus, open 10am-4pm Mon-Sat, Tel: 01793 466454.** Email: infocentre@swindon.gov.uk
- Sun 26** **HF Swindon Walking Group** - Withington, Chedworth & Pinswell - 9 miles. Meet near Civic Offices, Euclid Street, Swindon. **Open:** 10.00. **Contact Tel:** 01793 522964 or 07974 954984
- Willow Weaving Workshop.** Lydiard Park, Lydiard Tregoze, Swindon. *Use traditional techniques to make a willow basket. £4 per adult. Booking required.* **Admission:** £4.00 per adult. **Booking Tel:** 01793 770401 or email: lydiardpark@swindon.gov.uk
- Prospect Hospice Walk of Memories.** *Our Walk of Memories is an opportunity to remember a loved one, or simply to enjoy a peaceful and reflective walk in support of our work, with the chance to light a candle in memory of a loved one. The walk starts and finishes at the Cotswold Four Pillars Hotel and will take you along the footpaths and bridleways that run around several of the lakes in the area near South Cerney, including the picturesque Thames and Severn Canal.* **Contact Tel:** 01793 816161. www.prospect-hospice.net/walkofmemories
- Mon 27** **Stalin's Favourite.** Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Old Town, Swindon. *Adapted from Orlando Figes' ground-breaking book 'The Whisperers', 'Stalin's Favourite' provides an emotionally engaging personal human insight into these momentous historical events.* **Open:** 19.30. **Admission:** £11.00/Swindon Card £10.00/Theatre Treat £9.00/Schools £8.00. **Booking Tel:** 01793 614837 www.swindon.gov.uk
- Tues 28** **Defying Hitler.** Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Old Town, Swindon. *Sebastian Haffner wasn't a Nazi and he wasn't Jewish. He was just a sensitive and highly intelligent, but otherwise ordinary German, striving to come to terms with the madness that was Nazi Germany. Adapted from the award-winning memoir of the same name, 'Defying Hitler' is the candid, witty and extremely moving account of a young man growing up in the shadow of Hitler's Third Reich. This production premiered at the National Theatre and has toured throughout the UK and to the Brits Off Broadway Festival in New York.* **Open:** 19.30. **Admission:** £11.00/Swindon Card £10.00/Theatre Treat £9.00/Schools £8.00. **Booking Tel:** 01793 614837 www.swindon.gov.uk
- Open Mic Night,** The Vic, 88 Victoria Road, Old Town, Swindon. *All seated chilled out night. All welcome, Solo Artists, Duo`s, Full Bands. No need to book just turn up. Full backline provided.. Anyone is welcome to use the house guitar, but you can bring your own if you want to. You should bring.....Plectrums, vocal chords, any other instrument you wish to play.* **Open:** 7.30pm. **Admission:** Free. **Contact Tel:** 01793 535713
- Wed 29** **HF Swindon Walking Group.** Meet Marlborough Lane, (Croft Sports Centre car park), Old Town, Swindon. **Open:** 10.30 a.m. *Walks generally 6/7 miles & are arranged on previous Wednesday & always include pub lunch.*

Wed 29 Swindon Film Society – Submarine. The Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Old Town, Swindon. *This cool and quirky comedy about adolescent angst in 1980's suburban Britain is a very funny and promising directorial debut from Richard (The IT Crowd) Ayoade. A Swindon Film Society presentation, 94 mins, Cert 15. Open:* 19.45. **Admission:** SFS members £5.00/£4.00 concessions/ Guests £6.00. Tickets and membership (£2) available on the door. **Contact Tel:** 01793 330639. www.swindonfilm.org.uk

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