

Stratton Parish NEWS

Serving the Community



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Annual Parish Assembly 2015

The meeting was well attended by the local community who heard presentations from local grant recipients such as Shirley Ludford, Station Manager at Radio 105.5 who explained how the grants issued by the Parish Council benefit their organisation. As well as presentations from the Swindon & District Branch of Parkinson's UK and Friends of Upper Stratton Library.



Shirley Ludford, Station Manager at Swindon's 105.5

A fundraising cheque for £1,637.68 was given to the Great Western Hospital's Intensive Care Unit. This money is in addition to the £1,000 given last year. Fundraising has been possible through the Council's Christmas Extravaganza and Christmas Carol Concert both held last year, along with several Table Top sales where all the monies raised through bookings go directly to the Chairman's chosen charity.



Liz Jaffrey, Matron at ICU, Great Western Hospital receiving a cheque for over £1,600

During the meeting the Council issued Honorary Freedom of the Parish scrolls to six Councillors including the Mayor of Swindon, Teresa Page, Chair of the Council, Cllr John Foley and Vice Chair of the Council, Cllr David Roberts. This award is in recognition of the eminent, valuable and devoted service to the Stratton St Margaret Parish as a member of the Council during the period of 2011-2015.



Vice Chair to Council, Cllr David Roberts receiving his award

Certificates for 'Serving the Community' were handed out to the Council's current and past members who have served the Parish Council since 2011 or before.



Fitzroy Simpson, ex Portsmouth Football player, now budding gardener receiving his award for the Best Newcomer, White Hart Allotments

Liz Jaffrey said the money will be used to purchase clocks which have time and dates to help the patients on the ICU orientate themselves.

Prizes and plaques were also awarded to our 2014 Allotment Competition winners including Mr Fitzroy Simpson who received a plaque for the Best Newcomer award at White Hart Allotments, one

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of two allotment sites in the Parish. His award was one of many given out on the night as part of the Council's Annual Allotment Competition.

Cllr John Foley said "We have had a wonderful evening in what was the final Parish Assembly of Stratton St Margaret in its current format. This Parish Council has been in existence for over 120 years and during that time the Parish has grown, from a few isolated hamlets of Upper and Lower Stratton, Coleview and Nythe, to the large suburban area that it is today. In fact it is probably the largest Parish/Town council in England, and since its inception has endeavoured to serve the residents of the Parish by providing the best facilities possible."

"We heard from several of our grant recipients informing the audience on how our Grants benefit local community groups and charities. I was also very honoured to receive and issue 'Freedom of the Parish' scrolls to my esteemed colleagues. As well as handing over a cheque to the ICU for over £1,600 following a successful year of fundraising by holding events such as our popular Christmas Extravaganza and Carol concert last year."

This makes the Council's final fundraising total for 2014 at £4,200 with events such as Stratton Festival and Christmas Extravaganza and a charity trek up Mount Snowdon raising money for the ICU and Swindon MIND in 2014.

The evening concluded with a Cheese & Wine reception where residents mingled with the local Parish Councillors.



Digital radios purchased for the ICU in December last year

The Stratton St Margaret Precept explained

In December last year, the Parish Council agreed its Precept demand on the Swindon Borough Council. The Precept is set at £783,458 a 1.52% increase from last year's Precept figure which was £771,753.

Due to the loss of Nythe Ward there will be an inevitable increase in the Band D charge of 12%, which equates to £1.05 per household per month.

This necessary increase will ensure that there will be no compromise to the high level of standard that the Parish Council provides which includes grass cutting and maintenance of Recreational areas, 11 Play Parks, two Allotment sites and Burial Grounds. The Council also maintains a Leisure Centre, Coffee Shop, Bar and Community Hall. It prides itself with its successful Stratton Festival and Christmas Extravaganza and produces a magazine to every household 3 times a year. The Council is also working on a Neighbourhood Plan and will embark on improvements to its play areas around the Parish.

In May this year Swindon Borough Council will hold Parish Council elections as a mandatory requirement and the Parish Council is being charged approximately £14,000 for this by the Borough Council.

At the time of going to print, Swindon Borough Council will also be transferring 15 devolved Open Spaces and play areas which they are no longer able to maintain to Stratton St Margaret Parish Council. The Parish Council will then bring these areas up to the high standards that residents know and expect.





Good evening, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to welcome you all to this, the final Parish Assembly of Stratton St. Margaret Parish Council in its current format.

This Parish Council has been in existence for over 120 years and during that time the Parish has grown, from

a few isolated hamlets of Upper and Lower Stratton, Coleview and Nythe to the large suburban area that it is today. In fact it is probably the largest Parish/Town council in England, and since its inception has endeavoured to serve the residents of the Parish by providing the best facilities possible.

We have always had elected members who were dedicated to serving our community, such as Arthur Miles, Bill Winton, Wally Hayward, Eric Smith, Sue Owen, Percy Jefferies, Derek Cawte, Dennis Carver just to name a few and it is to their foresight that the Parish Council were able to provide services that Wiltshire County Council, Highworth Rural District Council and latterly Thamesdown/Swindon Borough Council could not, or would not provide.

Over the years, the Parish Council has installed bus shelters, Street lights, provided 13 recreation and play areas and let's not forget our two immaculate burial grounds together with the benches we have placed throughout the Parish and of course this building we are in now, Grange Leisure Centre.

We continue to provide facilities for residents. Over the past 18 months we have changed the reception area here to a more welcoming entrance to the Centre, with a Coffee Shop where users can sit and relax before or after using the centres facilities. By popular demand we have provided a 3g football pitch our young (and not so young) can enjoy a game of football whatever the weather. We have also improved our gym facilities and up-dated our Council Offices to give a better working environment for our staff.

I am pleased to announce that all of these facilities are up and running, they have increased the foot fall in the centre, and have increased our revenue so that despite the loss of Council Tax from the loss of Nythe, we were able to keep our precept to just an increase of 2 ½%. If Nythe had remained in the Parish we would have been able to reduce our precept for the 5th consecutive year.

As you can see, we have not stood still but have continued to improve our services.

Early in 2014 we appointed a new Parish Clerk, Mrs Tracy Predeth and later in the year a Deputy Clerk, Mrs Georgina Morgan-Denn and I am pleased to say that they have settled in well and worked extremely hard to arrange the functions we held during the year.

In July this year we held our Annual Festival to celebrate our Patron Saint, St. Margaret, which was very well attended and despite a thunder storm, was a great success with over 2,500 people of all ages attending.

One of the highlights of the year was the dedication of our new Peace Memorial, on Ermin Street, on 3 August 2014, which was attended by the Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire, the Deputy Lieutenant, the High Sherriff of Wiltshire and also the Worshipful Mayor of Swindon who is of course our own Councillor Theresa Page. I would like to thank all of those who took part in the dedication and remembrance service especially the Bishop of Swindon, the Rev. Lee Rayfield, who together with the late Rev. Carol Stone, the Rev. Vicky Fleming, Rev. Father Michael McAndrew and Mr. Vanderveld of the Jewish Community who conducted the service together with the Royal British County Chairman and Secretary, The Officers and members of Stratton St. Margaret Branch RBL, The Stratton Wing of the ATC and all of the residents of the Parish who attended.

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Once again we held our Christmas Extravaganza, attended by hundreds of excited and enthusiastic children (of all ages) who visited Santa's Grotto to receive their presents and to feed the reindeers. We were graced by the presence of Princess Elsa from Frozen and she was accompanied by Olaf. This was followed by our Carol concert which was very well attended and once again thanks to all our Clergy of all denominations who have been very supportive over the years.

Although I cannot speak or commit the incoming new Council to continue with our celebrations I sincerely hope that they do.

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Our new Council will be elected on 7 May 2015 and will see a new era in the history of Stratton St. Margaret Parish Council, it will also see the Council taking on more responsibility from the Borough Council as it will be taking over 15 new areas of open space, including Claridge's Pond on Swindon Road, so that they can be maintained up to the standard that our residents expect of our open spaces and also to help out the Borough who say they cannot afford to keep them up to the high standard that our grounds team can.

It has been my pleasure and honour to have served this Parish in many capacities over the past 48 years, as a Wiltshire County Councillor, Thamesdown/Swindon Borough Councillor but I have enjoyed being a Parish Councillor most of all, especially for the past three years as the Chair of the Council as this has brought me into contact with many organisations (many who are represented here tonight) which help assist and advise our less fortunate residents and on your behalf I would like to express our appreciation for all your good work. May it long continue.

In conclusion may I thank you all for the privilege of being your Chairman for the past three years and I would like to wish your new Council every success in their new ventures and I hope that all the members of the new Council enjoy their terms of office as much as I have.

I would also like to thank all the current and past members of the Parish Council for all their hard work and dedication over the years and good luck to everyone who is standing for re-election on May 7.

Thank you for your attendance and perhaps you would like to join us in a glass of wine later to conclude a very successful 120 years.

Annual Report

Chair of Planning & Highways Committee, Councillor Andree Murphy

As a Parish Council we receive approximately 100+ planning applications per year, from a small extension to a large development like Headlands, Catsbrain Farm and the land to the rear of the Rat Trap Public House. Whatever it is, we endeavour to put the people of Stratton's best interests and points of view to the top of the agenda.

We as a Planning Committee are sure that you will understand, that when it goes to Swindon Borough planning they do not always take your, or our concerns, into consideration. When it is appropriate we do require them to make a site visit, but never the less we always try to do our best for the community.

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Annual Report

Finance Committee

In a lot of ways it has been a good year and in others poor. The Leisure Centre refurbishment was completed and is showing the returns we were looking for, at the same time we were able to add a Library to the Café area, supported by Swindon Library Service. In addition we were able to fund and install the new Peace Memorial, paid for mostly by donations from Local Developments. The biggest upset is the loss of Nythe, this has forced the council to increase the average precept by around £12 for next year, we have however not had to put any additional increases and the loss of Nythe is the sole reason for this increase.

We took on new Finance Officer and staff this year and they have settled in well, I think we can say with their experience we can look forward to a good future.



Annual Report

Community Centre Committee

I am pleased to announce that 2014/2015 year produced an overall economic breakthrough in areas such as the Gym, Bar, Coffee Shop and exciting enterprises such as the School Meal Service (a non-profit making venture) being provided



This modern centre is not only for the local people of Stratton but for the whole of the surrounding areas



to Grange Federation – giving something back to the Community of Stratton St Margaret.

Taking each area in turn the Gym in particular sees continued economic growth. The Steps to Health initiative is in place and in collaboration with local businesses, ensures the boosting of numbers of memberships. The specific programmes of fitness for the community ensures great benefits to health.

Capital projects continue in the shape of improvements to the Grange Bar. In particular with regard to barriers outside,



The décor inside the Bar will be featuring a bespoke feature wall of historic images of Stratton St Margaret and upgraded furniture.

The Coffee Shop continues to thrive as a meeting place for residents and non-residents alike. The addition of the Community Library has proved to be a great success.

On the catering side, this continues to be a great success through successful Weddings and functions of all types predominantly featuring.

The halls are also regularly used for Weddings, Dog shows and a National Bonsai exhibition.

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Annual Report

Chair of Recreation, Councillor David Roberts

Good evening Chair, ladies, gentlemen, all our staff at the Parish, volunteers and fellow Councillors. My name is David Roberts and I am Vice Chair to the Council and Chair of the Recreation Committee.

I am pleased to be able to give this short address on behalf of the Recreation Committee on just some of the work carried out over the last 12 months within the Parish. It is important at this stage to say a big thank you to the Grounds Team under the leadership of Danny Mason for the upkeep of our Parish. This is often a forgotten team who are dedicated, skilled and conscientious people who make our environment a much better place.

I reported last year that the Parish had taken on an additional 15 open spaces from the Swindon Borough Council and the Grounds Team have been hard at work to bring these areas in line with our 14 existing sites.

After three years improvement on a number of the recreation sites the last year has seen a period of consolidation, to bring all the sites up to the Parish standards.

In last year's report I brought to your attention the vandalism that had taken place to the new notice boards. I am sorry to report that minor vandalism still takes place; last year some of the notice boards were damaged along with fires to the Multi-use Games Arena at Meadowcroft.

The All-Weather Pitch at Grange Leisure continues to be very popular and bookings for the pitch continue to meet targets. A wide diversity of people use this facility including Swindon Town FC for its youth training.

After much debate the Council has taken the decision, on financial grounds, not to renew the contracts to empty dog bins for other local Parishes. The current contracts will end on the 1 April 2015

With the help of the community, the Woodland Trust and local organisations we continue to plant trees within the Parish. Thanks must go to Cllr Roger Smith for his lead role along with the Grounds Team who work tirelessly to ensure we have an abundance of trees.

We continue through a rolling programme to update our plant and machinery and in the coming year will be looking at a number of options to update our ageing fleet of vehicles.

Congratulations to Lee and Clive of the Grounds Team who, have passed their NVQ in horticulture and this coming year are looking to undertake level 3. Their skills can be seen

around the Parish. Staff have also taken training in the use of chainsaws, this will enable the team to deal with small pruning and emergency work. The Council will still continue to outsource its major tree surgery work.

The Team has played a major role in the Council's Summer Festival and the Christmas Extravaganza. They have put up lights, prepared the festival site and have even been seen herding the reindeer into the Grotto!

This is just a snapshot of the work of the Grounds Team in the last year, also we must not forget the day to day work such as daily inspections of the play equipment, litter picking, weed spraying, dog bin emptying, work at the cemeteries and the allotment sites.

To conclude, all this good work would not have been possible without the Parish Grounds staff under the leadership of Danny Mason a big thank you to them and to everyone else who contributed - we are proud of our Parish.

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The New All-Weather Pitch



Annual Report

Allotment & Cemeteries Committee

White Hart Allotments

Allotments are situated at the end of Ermin Street, with 62 allotments. The current waiting list for this allotment site is approximately two years. The White Hart Allotment Society continues to support and work with the Parish Council ensuring this site is fully tenanted and that the allotment holders abide by the allotment rules.

St Phillips Allotments

Allotments are situated off Cowleaze Walk and Beechcroft Road, with 73 allotments. The current waiting list for this allotment site is approximately one year due to many senior tenants vacating.

During the last quarter these allotment sites have been victim to thefts, but the Parish Council continue to work closely with the local police support unit and continues to look at ways to improve on security at these sites.

In July 2014, Mr Bolton (a residential volunteer) and Mrs Pat Spry, visited both allotment sites to judge the 2014 Allotment Competition, which the Parish Council commit to bi-annually.

Prizes were allocated to both sites for 1st, 2nd, 3rd winners and the Best Newcomer. Also a prize and shield will be presented to the overall winner for both sites. These prizes will be awarded at tonight's event.

Green Road & Stratton St Margaret Cemetery

Our Grounds Team work very hard to ensure that these cemeteries are maintained, with a regular grass cutting programme and introducing new plants, shrubs and flowers around both these grounds.



Days Gone By...



Dog Agility show Stratton Festival 2013



Our Grounds Team at last year's Stratton Festival



Olaf and Elsa at the Christmas Extravaganza 2014



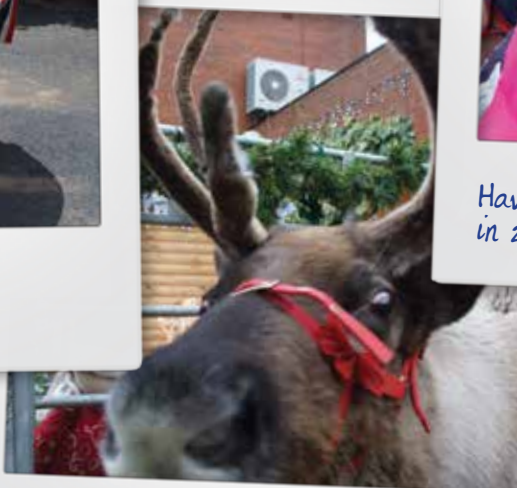
Live Music at Stratton Stroll 2013



Peace Memorial Dedication 2014



Having fun at The Stratton Festival in 2013



Christmas Extravaganza 2012

Parish Council News

Stratton St Margaret Neighbourhood Plan relaunch

In February this year the Parish Council officially relaunched the Stratton St Margaret Neighbourhood Plan following an extraordinary Full Council meeting.

Much positive work to bring together a neighbourhood plan has already taken place, including asking residents to share their views and take part in a questionnaire to help inform the neighbourhood plan, but there have been some delays during the past few months, meaning that it was necessary for the parish council to re-new the commitment to creating a Neighbourhood Plan.

As a consequence, the Council relaunched the plan and established a steering group, which will continue to work towards forming the Neighbourhood Plan.

Originally the plan included Nythe as per the neighbourhood area designation, but after Nythe became a separate constituted parish council on January 30 the decision has been taken that the Neighbourhood Plan will only reach to the boundaries of Stratton St Margaret. This is so that should Nythe residents desire to become a designated neighbourhood area, they can do so at a later date.

JOIN US

Neighbourhood Plans allow local people to get the right type of development for their community. We need to consult with all sectors of the community, come along and join in.

We want to hear from any residents, organisations, companies, developers who are interested in having a say in the plan.

Visit the Stratton St Margaret Neighbourhood Plan on Facebook and tell us what you want to see in the plan.

For more information and to find out when the next steering group meeting is, contact the Clerk to the Council on **01793 823761** or email clerk@strattonstmargaret.gov.uk



A HAPPY RETIREMENT

In December last year we said goodbye to our favourite caretaker – the lovely Linda Harding, who after 10 plus years of service, hung up her marigolds for the last time. Thank you Linda for all your tireless hard work and commitment to the Council and local community.



THE GRAND RE-OPENING OF MEADOWCROFT COMMUNITY CENTRE



30 years ago the parish offices and community rooms at Meadowcroft were officially opened by Coun. P. L. Jefferies the

Mayor of Thamesdown and Mrs U. A. Owen the Chair of the Parish Council. Since then the building has served both the parish council administrative team and the local community who have made use of the facilities.

In 2014 the Council administrative team relocated to Grange Leisure Centre where they are better able to work alongside the parish staff team based at the centre.

On the 1st April 2015 local charity Swindon Youth for Christ signed a lease for the Meadowcroft building and re-launched the building as Meadowcroft Community Centre. The building will now serve as a resource hub for their town wide youth work team whilst still being available for hire for parties, events and weekly activities.

Chris Priddy, Director of SYFC said "We are really excited to have this opportunity to manage the community facility

at Meadowcroft and to make it a really valuable place for the community to use. I am excited by the range of groups already using the centre for Pilates, Martial Arts, Tunes 'N Tots and the Thursday Club and I hope that we can encourage more local groups to use the Centre in the future too."

A Grand Re-Opening event is being planned for the 6th May at 10.30am where Cllr John Folley and Cllr Theresa Page the Mayor of Swindon will officially mark the occasion. All are invited to this event and to share in the occasion.

Further information about the Centre can be found online at www.meadowcroft.org.uk or email office@meadowcroft.org.uk

The Council is delighted to be working with SYFC who are injecting a new lease of life at our Meadowcroft Community Centre. We were very impressed with their tender showing such commitment to work with the next generation of Swindon as well as continuing to offer the venue for the local community to hire. As a local Upper Stratton resident I am really pleased to see the halls being used to their full capacity as was planned some 30 years ago!

Cllr John Folley,
Chair to the Council

Health & Wellbeing Day

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When is it?

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Improvements to the Grange Bar

Come and visit the improved Grange Bar. The Bar holds regular events which include quiz nights, live music, discos and a weekly meat draw. See how we're transforming the Bar into a welcoming and family friendly environment with daily menu specials and low prices.

Help us with our historic wallpaper

We are designing bespoke wallpaper for the Bar and around the Leisure Centre which will feature historic images of Stratton St Margaret. Do you have any old images which you could share with us?

Call the Deputy Clerk on 01793 823761 or email deputy.clerk@strattonstmargaret.gov.uk.



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- We help with appeals when a claim is unsuccessful
- We have a website with a benefits calculator so you can check your own benefits

We run weekly drop-in sessions in Upper Stratton Library on Beechcroft Road (Bus Routes 6 and 20). We are open every Thursday morning from 10.00 am until 12.00 noon.

Why don't you call in and check you're receiving all the benefits you're entitled to?

If you can't make the drop-in sessions on Thursday you could try out the Benefits Checker on our web-site at www.strattonadvicepoint.co.uk or contact us via email at enquiries@strattonadvicepoint.co.uk

Stratton Advice Point is generously supported by Stratton St Margaret Parish Council and the Wiltshire & Swindon Community Foundation.



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For more information email deputy.clerk@strattonstmargaret.gov.uk

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Stratton Festival

Bringing the community together

FREE ENTRY

4 July 2015 Midday – 10.30pm

Grange Leisure, Grange Drive, Swindon, SN3 4JY

Picnic and Praise

Stratton Churches together are holding a joint service as part of the Stratton Festival



At Grange Leisure

On Sunday 5 July 2015

At 11.00am Please bring a picnic, refreshments supplied

Stratton Stroll

11 July 2015

Join in our stroll around Stratton taking in live music and great Arkell's beer. We've got some fab bands lined up to play at six of the local pubs. More acts to be announced.

ACTS INCLUDE:

- The Imperial G Men
- Charlie-Anne
- Benji & Hibbz (Full Live Band)
- Penfold
- Reginal Road

- The Kingsdown (12pm – 4pm)
- The Crown (1pm – 5pm)
- The New Inn (2pm – 6pm)
- Grange Bar (3pm – 7pm)
- The Wheatsheaf (4pm – 8pm)
- The Rat Trap (7pm – 11pm)
- & Sunday (12pm – 6pm)

LIVE MUSIC HEADLINERS SOUNDBITES

- 2pm Elliott James
- 3pm I-Roots
- 4pm Ian O'Reagan
- 6pm Laylow
- 7pm Lost & Found
- 9pm Soundbites



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Parish Council Meetings

Stratton St Margaret Parish Council is committed to making local government open and accessible. Our meetings are held in the Stratton Suite at Grange Leisure on Grange Drive every Tuesday from 6.30pm or 7pm – see schedule of meetings below for more details.

Before every meeting the Agenda can be viewed on notice board throughout the Parish and on our website. All minutes are uploaded on the website.

Date	Council/Committee	Start
May 2015 Elections		
7th May	Elections	7.00am
11th May	Council Disbanded	
19th May	Annual Meeting	7.00pm
26th May	Planning & Highways	6.30pm



All Council meetings are now held at Grange Leisure

From June onwards dates will be on our website following the first annual meeting of the council on the 19 May 2015.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman continue in office until immediately after the election of a Chairman at the Annual Meeting following the elections unless they resign or become disqualified.

Borough Councillors' Ward Surgeries

Swindon Borough Ward Councillors conduct Surgeries to keep in touch with the electorate. See below to find your nearest one.

Date	Location	Time
Gorsehill & Pinehurst		
Cllrs John Ballman, Ray Ballman & Carol Shelley		
Contact Councillors for further details: John Ballman, Ray Ballman: jbswin@yahoo.co.uk Carol Shelley: cshelleyswindon@gmail.com		
Stratton St Margaret and South Marston		
Cllrs John Haines, Colin Lovell, Russell Holland		
Last Saturday of each month (apart from December)	Grange Leisure	10.00am - 11.00am
Penhill & Upper Stratton		
Cllr Paul Baker		
Every 3rd Monday of the month for a 6 month trial period	St Peter's Church, Penhill Drive, Swindon	10.00am - 11.00am
Cllrs Teresa Page & Joe Tray		
2nd Saturday of each month	Upper Stratton Library	11.00am - 12.00pm
Covingham & Dorcan		
Cllr Richard Hurley, Kevin Parry, Dale Heenan		
First Saturday of each month	Liden	11.00am - 12.00pm
First Saturday of each month	Coleview	11.00am - 11.45am
First Saturday of each month	Messenger Pub	12.00pm - 12.45pm

Useful Contact Numbers

Age UK Wiltshire	01380 727767	Merchiston Surgery	01793 823307
Alcohol Anonymous	01380 729064	National Drugs Helpline	0800 776600
Beechcroft Infants	01793 823278	National Rail Enquiries	0845 7484950
Children's Services	01793 466903	Parking	01793 445506
Colebrook Academy	01793 331960	Ruskin Junior	01793 332107
Colebrook Infant School	01793 331960	Samaritans	0845 7909090
Covingham Primary School	01793 525465	SBC Street-Smart & Waste	01793 445501
Dial A Ride	01793 616050	Smell Gas	0800 111999
Flood Line	08459 881188	Stage Coach Traveline	0871 2002233
Gamblers Anonymous	07828 081189	St Catherine's Catholic Primary	01793 822699
Grange Infants	01793 822357	Swindon Borough Council Customer Services	01793 445500
Grange Juniors	01793 822405	Thamesdown Transport	01793 428428
Great Western Hospital	01793 604020	Thames Water Leak Line	0800 714614
Housing	01793 445503	Victim Support Wiltshire	01380 738888
Kingsdown School	01793 822284	Wiltshire Crimestoppers	0800 555111
Meadowcroft communitycentroffice@meadowcroft.org.uk			

Wiltshire Police (Swindon) call 101 (non emergency). If you are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired you can text phone on 18001 101

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Sgt COPELAND 1989

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PCSO Mandi COLES 6020
PCSO Stuart BIRD 6100

Highworth
PC Sandra HIGGINS-HUGHES 2514
PCSO Lee WHEELDON 3991

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