

South Marston Community News

Twelve Days of Christmas Illuminated Walk

by Claire Fleming, Travel Plan Officer, Swindon Borough Council



Come and join us on Saturday 21st of December from 4.30pm for a short festive walk, depicting the twelve days of Christmas!

There will be carol singing with the Church choir, a fairy light illuminated walk around the woods, along with an elf hunt for the children. Santa can be found in his grotto until 6pm. Complimentary light refreshments will also be available.

Entry is from the main car park at St Julian's Wood, at St Julian's Close, off Thornhill Road. PLEASE NOTE - The car park will be closed to vehicles during the event. Also, it will be very dark, so torches are advisable to supplement the fairy lights!

This event has been 12 months in the planning and our village volunteers have been busy salvaging items from skips, and borrowing items to ensure that it is sustainable.

Small amounts of funding have come from both South Marston Parish Council and Bellway Homes via the travel plan for the Magdalene Gardens site, with the aim to bring residents old and new together through active events such as this.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Lets Light Up the Village

by Hazel Andrews



With each year that passes, I'm happy to see that our South Marston in Lights Event continues to gain popularity in the village. One day it might really take off and we could be enjoying glasses of hot mulled wine and mince pies at the Village Hall with a brass band playing carols!

Though SMILE isn't even about winning or taking part, but about getting out to enjoy the magical twinkling festive displays of light that are put on by people who love to light up the dark evenings. It's also a fantastic opportunity to walk around the village and see those that have chosen to embrace the festive magic. Last year's main winner pictured.

Judging will start from Monday 16th of December and finish around Christmas, weather permitting! Our judges are completely independent, and they will choose the top 3 or 4 displays for which each will be awarded a goodie bag of prizes, supported by the F and E Harris Memorial Trust. This year there are no set categories, so just get creative and more importantly, have some fun!

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The F and E Harris Memorial Trust

by Robbie Taylor

Christmas Hamper 2024

To qualify for this years' Christmas Hamper the recipient is required to have been a permanent resident of South Marston for 3 years prior to their registration submission. The criteria this year has been extended to include applicants who are either already in receipt of, or become eligible for, the state Retirement Pension at anytime throughout 2024.

Application forms can be obtained from Robbie Taylor, telephone 01793 823757 or email robina.taylor@btinternet.com. **Registration closing date** is the 8th of November 2024.

Hamper collection day for residents who have registered is on the 5th of December 2024 at The Carriers Arms from 2 - 4 pm. Amanda will be serving hot drinks for you.

If you are unable to collect your hamper please let Robbie know before 5th of December to enable alternative arrangements to be made. Any hampers that are not collected by Friday 28th February 2025 will be returned to Trust Funds.

FREE Fortnightly Thursday bus service to Swindon or Cirencester

This bus service is open to ALL residents of South Marston.

The pick-up location in South Marston is adjacent to the Carriers Arms Pub leaving at 9.30am. The return bus to South Marston will depart Swindon/Cirencester at midday.

Upcoming and remaining bus service dates for this year:

CIRENCESTER 14th of November and 12th of December. SWINDON 28th of November.

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South Marston Friendly Club

If you are over 50 and live in South Marston why not come along to our meetings in the Village Hall? It's a great way to meet new friends and neighbours.

We host entertaining speakers and interesting events, look out for our new 2025 programme.

Tuesday 12th of November at 2pm - The Jay Birds Choir

Tuesday 10th of December at 12 Noon - Christmas Lunch at Stanton House Hotel

Tuesday 14th of January at 2pm - Social Afternoon with Bingo and Mince Pies

For more information about the club please contact Sheila by email to smfriendlyclub@gmail.com.



South Marston Gardening Club

by Angela Newton

Monday 2nd of December, 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Christmas Social with Food and a Quiz

Join us for our final meeting of the year. Meet Gardening Club members and learn more about us. We're a small, friendly group eager to welcome new members.

We'll have tea and coffee available, but feel free to bring something a little stronger and a plate of food to share.

Prizes await the winning Quiz team!

Our 2025 programme will be in the next issue of Community News in the New Year.

All our events are held in South Marston Village Hall, Old Vicarage Lane. Refreshments included – Optional raffle.



Annual Memberships is only £15 or as a Visitor for £5 on the door. Please contact Angela on 07789068340 for more information on any of the above.

Tots & Toddlers

Hello from everyone here at Tots and Toddlers!

We were excited to kick off this term and extend a warm welcome to all the new faces joining our group each week. It's truly delightful to see the village hall filled with laughter and fun! We hope that all our children and their families are making the most of this rather soggy season; there's nothing like a good puddle jump!

We love celebrating a wide range of events and some fantastic highlights this term have been our harvest messy play session where the children had to create their very own farmyard. They also made some sparkly glitter pirate hats, that some of our little ones loved so much that they wore them for days!

If you'd like to stay up to date with what we've been up to, be sure to check out the board in the Village Hall. The children have done a wonderful job creating our autumn tree. We'd be thrilled for you to join us as we watch the board change with the seasons and decorate the tree for Christmas with our homemade crafts.

Looking ahead, we're excited for next term's fun activities planned, like celebrating National Gingerbread Day, creating dazzling indoor firework crafts for Guy Fawkes, and making personalised tree ornaments to cherish for years to come.

Tots and Toddlers has been a part of our community for many years, and we take pride in providing a friendly, inclusive environment for all carers and their little ones. We're still on the lookout for volunteers to help with the weekly running of our group. Without this vital support, we unfortunately may have to pause our sessions in the new year, until we have some help.

Tots and Toddlers meets on Wednesdays during term time from 9-11am at South Marston Village Hall. There's a small charge of £2.50 for up to two children (50p for each additional child), and we provide drinks and snacks. We absolutely love welcoming new faces! If you're caring for a tot or toddler on Wednesday mornings during term time, we'd be delighted for you to join us. We can't wait to see you!





Nightingale Lane Application Refused

The application for planning permission for a permanent travellers' camp with 12 plots has recently been refused by the Borough Council. Many residents had lodged objections, including a Parish Council submission based on planning grounds that were cited in the refusal. These planning grounds related to the safety of walkers on Nightingale Lane, coalescence between Rowborough and South Marston, drainage, lack of facilities and isolation from the village.

Flooding

The September rains resulted in standing water across much of our floodplain. Roads were again under water, with a number of houses being threatened and one house flooded internally. Longer term, the Panattoni development will reduce the risk, but action is also required from the Borough Council to ensure that the flood storage lagoons are maintained and roadside drainage, particularly through the 'bends' on Highworth Road, is cleared.

We are still awaiting a response from our major Flood Report prepared back in November 2023 after Storm Babet. We are assured its contents will be incorporated in Swindon's response to Borough-wide flooding, but it has now been 12 months since village residents helped us produce it.

Cllr Matthew Vallender is asking a series of questions of the Borough Council, where we have not received answers, about maintenance of the flood lagoons upstream of the village and drainage alongside Highworth Road.

Separately, the developers (Taylor Wimpey and Vistry), have prepared a schedule of ditch clearing along Old Vicarage Lane and elsewhere. Very little maintenance of hedges and ditches has been done on developer land over the past decade, so this is a positive sign. However, at the moment, this does not include clearing the ditch between Magdalene Close and Manor Park that would drain the field behind Bell Gardens, but we are pressing them to include this.

Report on Flood Risk in the South Marston Brook Area
following the 2023 storms

Compiled by South Marston Parish Council

November 2023



Introduction

The main focus of this report is the catchment area of South Marston Brook and its 4 tributaries emanating from the storage lagoons upstream of the village. These join prior to reaching Nightingale Lane and then flow south, supplemented by water that flows across Old Vicarage Lane from the fields south of the village.



30mph and 20mph Speed Limits

The developers have applied for a reduction to 30 mph of the current national 60mph speed limits along Old Vicarage Lane and Thornhill Road, to reflect the planned new junctions and development. We had been arguing for some time that the planned speed reduction should have been implemented before, but had found that both the Borough Council and developers work at their own pace. The Borough Council has also sent the plan for our long-awaited 20mph zone to engineers for updating, to reflect resident concerns about measures to reduce speeds in the centre of the village.



Development

Applications for all the development parcels that will expand the village have now been submitted and are in various stages of discussion. We recently had a fruitful round-the-table meeting with the Vistry development team and Borough Council planners relating to the development opposite Rowborough Lane. We achieved recognition that it should be designed with a 'rural feel' rather than be an isolated suburban ghetto.

Ensuring that the builders deliver on our Neighbourhood Plan policies in their concept drawings is hard work. They and their consultants are bringing forward isolated housing parcel plans without initially looking beyond their red lines to consider, for example, how children can walk safely to school. We are pressing home the concept of the expanded village being centred around the new hall, school and recreation space, easily accessible from all housing.

Sylvia Brown facilitated a meeting of the developers and those residents most affected by new roads and supply of utilities such as water, power and broadband. Progress is now being made, including exploring whether all utilities infrastructure can be underground, alongside the roads and cycleways. Disappointingly, the developers won't now be mounting a wider November community presentation of their plans. If necessary, the Parish Council will mount its own event in the New Year.

School

The plans to expand the school to receive the expected influx of children, whilst well advanced, remain paused. There is general acceptance that they need to be revived to match the development timetable. There are five separate stakeholders and I am pressing for them to be brought together to agree the current position and necessary steps to carry the project forward.

School Update

by Mr Mason Conlan, Assistant Headteacher

At South Marston School, we are dedicated to fostering leadership skills in our pupils. Recently, the children have elected new School Councillors, House Captains, Worship Council members, and Librarians. Research highlights that giving children opportunities to contribute to their school community enhances their motivation, resilience, communication, decision-making, and mentoring abilities.

Through our Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) curriculum, we aim to shape pupils into active citizens. This involves teaching British Values and protected characteristics, promoting and valuing pupil voice, offering roles and responsibilities, educating about government, engaging in community work, and enriching children's cultural capital.

This term, we introduced our new behaviour mascots and we have three core expectations that all students are encouraged to follow - 'Ready, Respect, and Safe'.

We had a wonderful day on Monday 23rd of September celebrating the European Day of Languages. The children learnt songs, numbers, geography, and history, and many were treated to a food-tasting session to fully immerse us in the culture of our country.

We have spaces in some of our year groups, so please do share and encourage prospective parents to contact us to arrange a tour of our school and to visit our website at <https://smcea.org.uk>.

We are excited that our PTA will be holding their annual 'Winter Fayre' on Friday 29th of November at the Supermarine Club. We are also looking forward to our annual Nativity and Carol Concert, which will be taking place later in December.

A reminder that we have an active Facebook page and website – please do visit these, as we update them regularly!

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Harvest at South Marston Church

St Mary Magdalene Church was very pleased to welcome children from South Marston School into the church for their Harvest Festival on the 9th of October and share a delightful upbeat service together.

Mrs Jones opened the service and each class performed a Harvest song, as well as the whole School singing together. Reverend Tim gave an excellent talk, engaging the children with a magical story of the creation.



The School Worship Council delivered harvest prayers, with Reverend Tim offering a blessing. The service closed with the whole School singing the Harvest Samba.

The children had also donated food items in support of the Swindon Food Collective for their Harvest collection. Thanks to all those who attended and for giving their support and sharing in this wonderful Harvest Service.

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Christingle Service

At St Mary Magdalene Church
Sunday 1st December
10am



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come and join us to sing
Carols At The Carpenters

Friday 13th at 7pm



**St Mary
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Stratton Team Ministry
invite you for
Carols by Candlelight

Friday 20th at 7pm

Crib Service

**A Short Service for all
ages**



Christmas Eve
24th December 5pm

**At St Mary Magdalene
Church**

Dear Friends,

'How lovely you're coming for Christmas! Auntie Mary will be in the guest room, so you'll have to kip on the sofa – OK?'. Conversations like this may now be happening and with several guests staying, a little negotiation may be required to work out who gets to shower when but it's still wonderful to catch up, play games, eat and drink, and to simply be together.



Though not everyone feels this way and some dread Christmas. If we've lost a loved one, memories of previous Christmases can heighten pain. For others, financial worries and increased alcohol consumption can raise tensions in strained relationships. Sadly, domestic abuse rises over the festive season, in the homes of the least well-off to the wealthy, with male and female victims. Signposts to sources of help are below.

Joseph and the heavily pregnant Mary had to do the equivalent of kipping on the sofa when arriving in his hometown of Bethlehem looking for a place to stay, since the Roman occupiers had ordered residents of Palestine to return to their hometowns for a census. So, with many along with Joseph returning to Bethlehem, the guest rooms would have filled up quickly. We all know they were put up in a stable because there was no room in the inn - right? Well, probably not! Archaeology suggests that many first-century Palestinian homes had three rooms: a guest room upstairs, a larger living area downstairs, and a section next to it for animals to be safe inside at night as donkeys, sheep, and oxen were valuable.

In the Gospel Luke 2:7, 'Mary gave birth to her firstborn son...and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn' – and the contested word is 'inn'. The Greek word 'katayani' in most English translations is 'lodging place' and is the same word used for the location of Jesus's last supper with his disciples, also referred to as the 'upper room'. So, it seems that Jesus may not have been born in a 'draughty stable with an open door' (much as I love that Calypso Carol's tune!), but in the 'second' guest room, with the animals' natural warmth and the handy manger where he could be laid.

At Christmastime, whether we are the hosts or the guests, let's remember those in and around modern-day Bethlehem, and many other places in the world, where there is no safe place to sleep, bed, sofa, or manger, and keep them in our prayers.

For domestic abuse help, in an emergency call the police on 999. Women and children: nationaldahelpline.org.uk, 0808 200 247. Men: mensadviceline.org.uk, 0808 801 0327.

Rev Charlotte, Curate, Stratton Team Ministry

Stratton Team Ministry

Seeking, Sharing and Serving God Together

Stratton Team Ministry will be conducting Sunday Morning services at South Marston St Mary Magdalene Church (unless otherwise stated)

10th November	10am Remembrance Service	11am at the War Memorial
17th November	10am Team Service	
24th November	11am Holy Communion at <i>Coleview Community Centre</i>	
1st December	10am All Age Worship Christingle Service	
8th December	9.30am Holy Communion	
15th December	11am Team Carol Service at <i>Coleview Community Centre</i>	
20th December	7pm Carol Service	
24th December	5pm Crib Service	9pm Holy Communion
29th December	10am Team Service at <i>St Margaret's Church</i>	
1st January 2024	10am All Age Worship	
8th January 2024	9.30am Holy Communion	

St Mary Magdalene Church is open between 10am and 4pm.

Getting in touch

We are very happy to hear from you if you have any questions about the church, our timetable of services and events, or if you need support.

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Diane Whitford ☎ 01793 824339

St Mary Magdalene Church South Marston

Community Coffee Morning



10-12
Every third Saturday in the month

Next dates:
16th November,
21st December,
18th January 2025

**Enquiries or for table
reservations please call**

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Come and join us in the Village Hall for refreshments
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Well Done Winners!

Congratulations to our August, September and October winners from South Marston Recreation Association.

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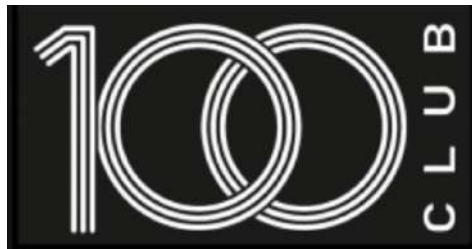
£10. 100 Roz Haines
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£10. 97 Richard Shovlar
£10. 30 Jill Sansum

September

£30. 57 Mandy Larcombe
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£10. 102 Gana Naisby
£10. 7 Reg Kilfoyle
£10. 114 Lorraine Thomas

Oct 2024

£10. 23 Diane Whitford
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£10. 102 Gavin Naisby
£10. 54 Pam Jackson



The 100 Club is an annual subscription of £12 with the chance of winning £10, £30 or £100. All profits are used to support the maintenance of the Recreation Ground and the Village Hall.

The SMRA would like to thank all the participants and Club collectors for their continued support especially in these difficult times.

If you are interested in supporting the SMRA, please contact Julie Hatherall on 07749211867 or Angela Newton on 07789068340 to obtain a number and participate in the monthly draw.

A vibrant advertisement for Barnes Coaches. The background is a scenic view of a bridge over a river, likely the Maidenhead Railway Bridge. The text is bold and colorful, with a red circular badge on the left. A brochure image is shown on the right, featuring a green bus. The contact information is prominently displayed at the bottom.

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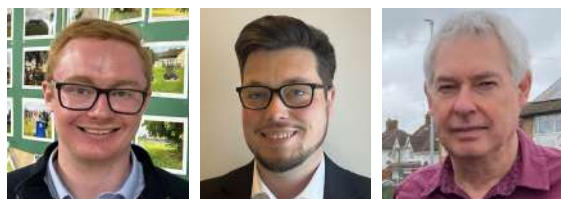
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Update from Your Local Borough Councillors



Matthew Vallender, Tom Butcher, and Simon Shelley

Update from Councillor Matthew Vallender

Local Flood Alerts: With autumn and winter fast approaching, if you have not done so already, particularly if you live in South Marston, please head to the website at www.gov.uk/check-flooding for the flooding service information and to sign up for alerts. I am continuing to work with the Parish Council and the Borough Council's Flooding Team to tackle the ongoing issues in and around the village.

Local Casework: I continue to support a number of residents with local casework, and if I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me directly using the details below.

Reporting Back from September's Full Council: Conservative Councillors proposed a motion urging the CEO to ask the government to reconsider withdrawing the Winter Fuel Allowance from pensioners ineligible for Pension Credit. We also called for a campaign to raise awareness and increase Pension Credit uptake, including targeted letters.

Update from Councillor Simon Shelley

Pensioners Winter Fuel Allowance: We are pleased to report that Swindon Borough Council will be able to offer support to those pensioners feeling the impact of the changes to the Winter Fuel Allowance. The support will target those pensioners who just miss out on the allowance.

More information will be published by the Council on their website and can be found by searching 'Household Support Fund'. Please let us know if you have a problem accessing this assistance.

If any residents wish to raise any local issues with us, please contact us on the details below - we are always happy to help.

Cllr Matthew Vallender (Conservative), 01793 295171, MVallender@swindon.gov.uk, Facebook - [@cllrmatthewvallender](https://www.facebook.com/cllrmatthewvallender)

Cllr Tom Butcher (Labour), 07795 070254, TButcher@swindon.gov.uk

Cllr Simon Shelley (Labour), 07584 042161, SShelley@swindon.gov.uk

Digging Up the Past

by Mola Archaeology

Mola (Museum of London Archaeology) has been commissioned by the developer Taylor Wimpey to investigate the archaeology south of the village. This is in preparation for construction of the new Primary Road from Thornhill Rd to Old Vicarage Lane.

We are creating a number of 'blogs' about the dig. As an introduction, there's a web page to explain some of the findings in our early investigations and how it all relates to South Marston's past on our website at www.mola.org.uk/discoveries/news/uncovering-south-marstons-ancient-past.

Early next year, we are aiming to hold some events in the Village Hall to present our findings, and hope to arrange talks at the school as well.

The Parish Council has agreed to signpost to our regular blogs on their website and Facebook so residents can keep track of our progress between now and next spring.



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----- South Marston -----

Breakfast with Santa

Monday 23rd December & Tuesday 24th December 2024

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2nd – 31st January 2025....Mondays to Saturdays

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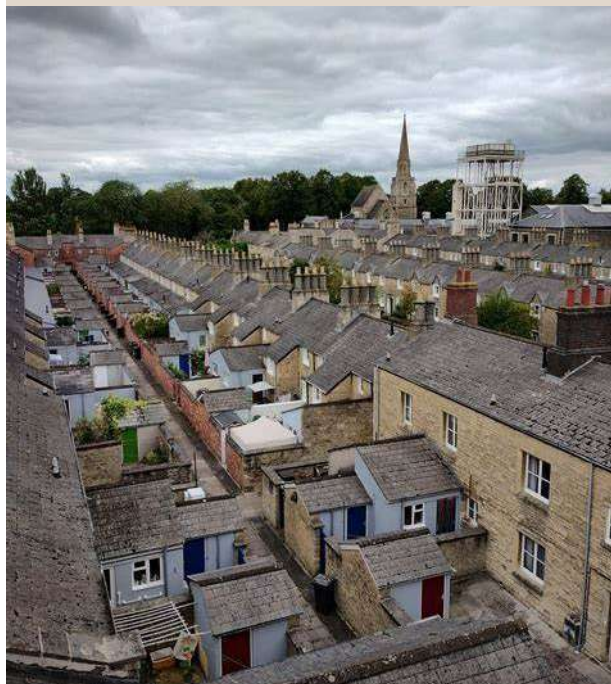
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From One Village to Another

by Barry Thunder



An invitation to visit Swindon's Railway Village seemed like the ideal time to walk and explore where we had driven past many times but never stopped to look around. It was early September, and on exiting the free village bus service to Swindon provided by the F and E Harris Memorial Trust, we were greeted by some torrential rain that remained throughout our visit. This did not deter Claire Flemming and her team from Swindon Borough Council, from walking us around the Swindon Railway Village Trail, where we saw and learnt how people lived, worked, and contributed to the development of Swindon and the railway industry.

It all began with Isambard Kingdom Brunel's vision to link London and New York via Bristol, by train and steamship. In 1829 there were no railway lines on the map, so the Bristol Railway Committee engaged Brunel in 1833 to map out a line from Bristol to London, which only took him 3 months. To achieve his vision, rail engines and carriages needed to be built, and Swindon was selected to assemble these. As few workers in the area had engineering or other related expertise, a skilled workforce was brought to the area, mainly from the North and North East, with 300 cottages commissioned to house them. In 1841 GWR directors authorised the construction of the works, beginning immediately and operational 2 years later.

The oldest church in Swindon, St Marks Anglican church was built in 1845. Then farsightedly for the time, this was followed by the building of the Mechanics Institute in 1855 and the Health Hydro in the 1890s. The Bakers, formerly the Bakers Arms pub, closed in 2013 but has been restored by the Mechanics Institution Trust and is now run as a coffee shop. The last remaining public house in the Railway Village is the Glue Pot, which was named after the carriage shop's woodworkers who kept their glue brushes soft in pots full of water, ready for their return to work.

With so much more to see and do there, full details of the Railway Trail can be found under the Central and South Swindon section on the Swindon Travel Choices website at www.swindontravelchoices.co.uk/getting-around/walking/walking-routes.

We Will Remember Them

Remembrance Day

— Lest We Forget —

Remembrance Sunday this year is on the 10th of November and is a national opportunity to commemorate the brave servicemen and women who have fought in wars throughout the ages.



Special Remembrance services will be held across the country on Sunday 10th of November. St Mary Magdalene Church will have a Remembrance service at 10am, followed with a gathering at the War Memorial in the village at 11am.

There are many ways of paying your respects, from wearing a poppy, supporting the Royal British Legion, attending Remembrance services, and pausing for the two minutes' silence at 11am on Remembrance Day, on Monday 11th of November.



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Friendly Club: smfriendlyclub@gmail.com Sheila on 828545

Facebook page (South Marston): Sharon editor@southmarston.org.uk

Swindon Dial a Ride: 521123

Swindon Streetsmart 445501 or streetsmart@swindon.gov.uk

Regular Village Events

- **Community Coffee Morning** - Every 3rd Saturday of the month at the Village Hall
- **Parish Council Meeting** - Every 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Village Hall
- **The Gardening Club** - From March to December every 1st Monday (2nd Monday if a Bank Holiday falls that month) in the Village Hall from 7.30-9.30pm
- **The Friendly Club** - 2nd Tuesday of every month in the Village Hall
- **Tots and Toddlers** - on Wednesdays during term time, 9-11am in the Village Hall

About Community News



**South Marston
Parish Council**

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& makers | Food & drink producers | Café

Free entry & parking.



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Carriers Arms - Live Music

Saturday 16th November

LIVE MUSIC: 9pm, No Middle Ground, Rock, pop, indie & party covers band.

Saturday 7th December

Christmas Party, festive fun with LIVE MUSIC:
8:30pm, Black Dog Acoustic Duo, performing
covers from Bowie, The Rolling Stones, Oasis, The
Killers and many more.

Tuesday 31st December , New Years Eve party

80s New Year's Eve bash, party from 8pm



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