



## April Newsletter

Well the weather has been challenging of late, but a sunny Easter weekend looks to be on the cards. Penny and Richard have organised a walk on Easter Monday. The plan is to meet by **The Bell in Ramsbury** at 10.30 for a 4-5 mile walk along the River Kennet to Littlecote House and back, using a circular route. For those that maybe just want to eat, they can join the walkers for lunch at the pub. Do contact them if you would like to join in.

It has been great to see the Country opening up again. We have been able to start meeting openly with friends and family and some degree of normality has finally returned.

A few of us enjoyed a meal at the new restaurant in town, Dough and Co, and we hope to do this more often.

Sadly, Jaki and I both managed to come down with Covid just after that meal out and it reminds us how precious our freedom is. We also really appreciated help from friends to make sure our needs were met when we could not leave the house. If any of you find yourselves in that situation, don't hesitate to call your SIVC friends if you need any help at all.

So I wish you all a very happy Easter break and look forward to catching up with many of you at forthcoming events.

*Colin—Chair*



### Upcoming events

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| 9 April  | Gin & Rum Festival           |
| 13 April | Meeting Night at H&W         |
| 18 April | Easter Monday Walk           |
| 22 April | Book Club                    |
| 23 April | 10 Pin Bowling               |
| 2 June   | Platinum Jubilee Events      |
| 3 June   | Pig Racing                   |
| 18 June  | Murder Mystery Night         |
| 19 June  | Midsummer Party              |
| 5 July   | Psychology of Serial Killers |
| 8 July   | Rocky Horror Picture Show    |



## Swindon IVC

Swindon IVC currently meet monthly for a catch up and to talk about the events that are coming up.

We meet for now at the **H&W pub in Wichelstowe** and look forward to the warmer weather when we can enjoy sitting outside by the canal.

As a group, we organise events ourselves that the whole group is invited to take part in. This can be as simple as a night out in a pub, walks, visits to National Trust properties or days out.

Sometimes members will hold competitions, such as Bake-off style events.

There is a regular photo competition for fun—you don't need to be David Bailey or even have a camera. Your phone will do!

## Membership Fees

Membership is just £24 a year. If you organise just 3 events each year, you get a discount of £8 so membership is just £16.

**New members — to try out membership it is just £5 for 3 months. If you then take out full membership, your first year will be just £16.**

There are over 40 IVC clubs throughout the UK with a total membership of around of 4,000 and these clubs are part of the Association of Inter Varsity Clubs (AIVC).

These are social clubs, run by members for members, that cater for a wide variety of tastes and interests, from walking, theatre visits, book and film clubs, eating out, playing games or just a chat over coffee or drinks

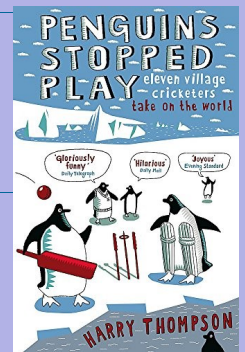
## Book Club—22nd April

**Penguins Stopped Play** by Harry Thompson.

A 2006 semi-autobiographical novel by the English writer and producer Harry Thompson. It describes the author's experiences forming and travelling with the Captain Scott XI, an English amateur cricket team, around Britain and abroad.

Please email Bill if you want to join in (details on website).

Anyone wanting to be added to the book club email list can also contact Bill.



## 10 Pin Bowling —23 April 2022

Shaw Ridge—West Swindon

If you would like to join us for this, please can you let us know no later than 19th April? We need to book the lanes at least a few days before.

<https://www.tenpin.co.uk/our-locations/swindon/>



## Murder Mystery Night

Join us for an evening at Wilton Windmill and try and solve a murder! The night includes a full hog roast and just brilliant entertainment.

We are getting tickets by 17th April—if you want us to get group tickets please confirm by then. You can organise your own tickets if you prefer and we can just meet up there.



## Film Club

Due for release on 15th April—discussion will take place in early May

Operation Mincemeat is set in 1943 as the Allies are determined to launch an all-out assault on Fortress Europe. But they face an impossible challenge - to protect a massive invasion force from entrenched German firepower and avert a potential massacre. Films are chosen by the members of the film club so join in and have your say!



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