

# Swindon iVc



## December 2025

December has arrived so much sooner that we anticipated! We have been lucky to enjoy a lovely warm summer, and even though the weather has changed recently, it has still been a clear and good start to the winter months.

Lots of walks have been enjoyed this year. We have had a huge number of meals out—and that continues!

The book club flourishes and always gets a good turnout.

Thank you to all our members who join others to have fun and enjoy a wide variety of activities.

To anyone reading this that are looking to make friends—come and join us!

We are single or couples or groups. Why not join us?

Membership is just £12 a year or £3 for a trial 3 months.

We are affiliated to the national Association of IVC clubs and you have the opportunity to join in events around the Country.



### Upcoming events

Tue 02 Dec: Science Cafe

Wed 10 Dec: Club Night

Sat 13 Dec: IVC Christmas Party

Sun 14 Dec: A Big Band Christmas

Thu 18 Dec: Book Club

Tue 23 Dec: Christmas Club Night

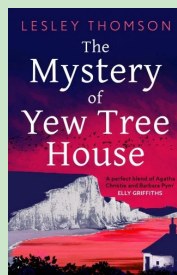
Wed 31 Dec: Dine and Wine

Watch the website for new events added throughout the month

### Book Club

18th December

For our next read, Liz has chosen "The Mystery of Yew Tree House" by Lesley Thomson.



Plenty of time for you all to read this book!

Please let Liz know if you want to join the discussion.

The group are meeting at The Cold Harbour, Ermin St, Broad Blunsdon, Swindon SN26 8DJ

## Christmas Party 2025

If you haven't signed up for this year's Christmas Party then it is sadly too late now.

22 of us will be partying the night away at Lydiard House - menu choices have been made and it leaves us just to choose our glad rags to dance the night away!

## Sunday Lunches

We have enjoyed many Sunday roasts this year.

If you have any suggestions about a new venue to try, or would like help in organising an event, please talk to committee members.

Thank you to everyone who has made the effort to host an event in 2025.

We have been able to enjoy a variety of events because you have made the effort to invite us to events we might otherwise have missed.



Christmas and New Year is lovely for most of us. But we know that some find it very lonely. If you are on your own at Christmas or New Year and would like to join with others to enjoy the festivities, please let us know.

Many of us will be having friends or family joining us and the more the merrier if you can come too.

There is a number at the foot of this newsletter and you can call us if you would like to join us this year for all or part of special days.

## Tuesday, December 2nd Swindon Science Cafe

### Food Futures; the case of cultivated meat Information

An informal evening of discovery and discussion with Dr. Atenchong Talleh Nkobou

Science Cafes are an informal opportunity to explore the latest ideas in science and technology. Rather than a long lecture, you can expect a lively, two-way conversation with a researcher - over a drink or two! . Liz has organized this if you would like to know more!

## AGM

In November we held our AGM. We have to hold this every year and need to elect members to stand for committee so that we comply with legal stuff!

The new Committee was elected at that meeting and we agreed a budget for the forthcoming year.

We are very pleased to welcome two new members to the committee this year. Mike G has joined to act as Webmaster and Mark C as a "Meet and Greet" member together with Sally B.

Committee meetings are held before the Wednesday group nights. Anyone is welcome to come along and we are always happy to see those that would like to help us arrange events or get more involved.

## Photo Competition

After Dark invites you to explore the magic that emerges when daylight fades:

from the quiet warmth of bonfires and sparklers to the electric pulse of city streets and the mystery of moonlit landscapes.

Our photo competition is open to all members and any camera including mobiles.

Your photos must have been taken in 2025. Deadline for entries midnight Wednesday 24 December.

## Regular Meets

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Woodlands Edge Pub and on the 4th Tuesday at the Runner Pub.

These are informal meetings where we can chat about events, catch up with friends and invite new members.

On 23rd December we shall meet at the Runner for Christmas drinks

New members very welcome!

## Sunday Dec 14 A Big Band Christmas Extravaganza

Brenda invites you to join her at the Arts Centre to listen to Brian Clemens Jazz Orchestra.

Brenda has a ticket for row D but you can meet for pre concert drinks.

It would be good to let her know if you are intending to join her.

Full contact details are on the website for all members to see.

## New Years Eve

Colin and Jaki are hosting a New Years Eve dinner. Dependent on numbers, it will either be a sit down meal or a buffet arrangement.

Please let them know as soon as you can if you would like to join them to bring in the new year!

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