

## February 2026

Well the weather may not be very encouraging, but February brings in the later sunsets and brighter evenings. We can soon start enjoying evening strolls again!

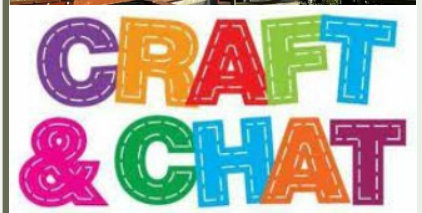
Until then, there are plenty of events being added to the programme - do keep an eye on the website for events added between newsletters.

For those of you seeing this newsletter for the first time and wondering what SIVC is all about, you are welcome to join any of our listed events to see for yourself, or you can email or call us for more information.

We are essentially an organised and expanding group of friends who like to have an active social life and enjoy sharing events with others. We are single or couples or groups.

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.



TADPOLE GARDEN VILLAGE

### Upcoming events

**Wed 11 Feb: Club Night**

**Sat 14 Feb: Stroll in Coate Water**

**Sat 21 Feb: U2 Baby live**

**Sun 22 Feb: Sunday Lunch**

**Tue 24 Feb: Club Night**

**Sat 28 Feb: Crafty chat**

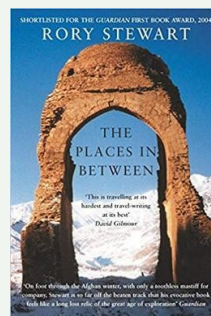
**Sat 28 Feb: Devizes Festival of Ales**

**Sun 01 Mar: Publicity Event**

Watch the website for new events added throughout the month

### Book Club

For our next read, Bill has chosen "The Places In Between"



This is a travel narrative by Rory Stewart, a British writer, academic, broadcaster, former diplomat and Member of Parliament, detailing his solo walk across north-central Afghanistan in 2002

Those interested will meet at Goddards in Old Town Swindon on 6th February 2026. Do let someone know if you want to attend.

Saturday, February 14

### Stroll around Coate Water

Join Jill for a leisurely wander around this lovely park.

Watch Spring approaching throughout the walk.

The plan is to meet by the café at 2.30pm.

Please let Jill know if you are planning to go.

You might want to think about car sharing as the car park is pay & display!

Saturday, February 21

### U2 Baby live

Lindsay invites you to join him for an evening with U2Baby,

"one of the world's most respected U2 tribute bands".

This is taking place at Christ Church SN1 3HB.

Tickets are £18.50 for unreserved seating.

A bar is available.

As there is limited parking, think about using public transport or car sharing.

Let Lindsay know you are coming so you can look out for each other and sit together.

### Publicity Event

In an effort to let more people know about our group and encourage them to join, we hope to have a table at the Tadpole Garden Village Community market on Sunday 1st March.

Anyone able to come along and help that day will be most welcome!

### Sunday 22nd Feb Sunday Lunch

The Bell @ Purton Stoke

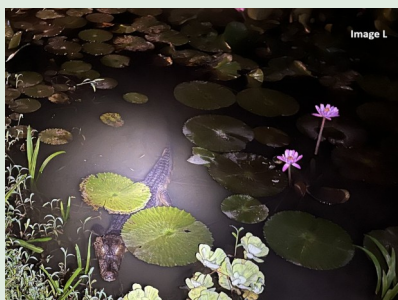
Brenda has booked a table for 12 at 4pm - the pub is so popular an earlier time would have meant waiting until the end of March!

This is probably (by now) fully taken but please contact Brenda to check!

If someone wants to arrange a Sunday lunch in March—please do!

### Photo Competition

In our last photo competition on 2025, Richard's photo was chosen as the winning entry.



Congratulations to Richard!

Well done to everyone who took part.

Watch out for the next competition!

### Saturday 28th February Festival of Winter Ales

Join Bill at the Devizes Corn Exchange for the much-loved Devizes Festival of Winter Ales, with an exciting selection of ales, live entertainment, and great food. The ticket includes a festival glass & your first pint free.

Enjoy live bands, cabaret performances, and fresh pies!

Let Bill know if you can join him there.

### 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 the group and welcome new friends.

Do come along!

### Saturday 28 Feb Craft and Chat

This monthly event is proving very popular.

An informal afternoon to chat, drink tea and do any crafting you feel inclined to do!

Hosted by Ann this month, please let her know if you are hoping to go along.

Tea and coffee will be available.

### Events 2026

We need you all to put on events or invite us to join you for a drink or a bite to eat. That's what makes this work.

If you would like help to invite friends to join you for something, please just speak to anyone on the committee.

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