

Swindon **iVc**

January 2026



We enjoyed many events towards the end of 2025, making new friends and memories that will stay with us all.

Thank you to all of you who have been part of SIVC for the last year. We look forward to many more good times

in 2026 and to making more new friends throughout the year.

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

CRAFT & CHAT



Upcoming events

Sun 04 Jan: **Crafty Chat**

Wed 14 Jan: **Club Night**

Sat 17 Jan: **Curtis Salgado**

Fri 23 Jan: **Word share**

Tue 27 Jan: **New Members Night**

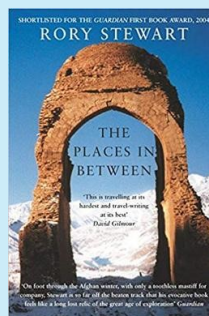
Thu 29 Jan: **Swinterfest**

Wed 11 Feb: **Club Night**

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

More details about meeting and venue will be added to website soon.

Celebrating the arts in Swindon...
Swinter is coming!

Join our mailing list

www.swinterfest.org.uk

in association with

Shuffle UK Research and Innovation

also collecting money for Prospect Hospice

Thu 29 Jan to Sun 1 Feb 2026

SWINTERFEST

Swindon **iVc**

Happy New Year

Sunday 4th Jan

Craft & Chat

Join Brenda for an afternoon of crafting, chatting and enjoying a cuppa or two!

It doesn't matter if you are a new or experienced crafter, this group has something for everyone, patchwork, cross-stitch, quilting, knitting, embroidery and so much more. Or just come along for the company. **Let Brenda know you are joining her.**

Swinterfest

Swinterfest is the winter sibling to the summer Swindon Shuffle, ie a long weekend (Thursday and Friday nights and longer programmes on Saturday and Sunday) of live music by a roster of talented bands and artists from Swindon and the wider area.

There are usually four or five venues including the Tuppenny, the Beehive and the Castle with different evenings and venues having an individual flavour, from folk to hard rock.

Entry is free but donations are collected to raise funds for Prospect Hospice.

Lindsay plans to go to one or more event. Let him know you're interested and you can liaise nearer the time when venues and acts are confirmed.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1C325HQkKC/>

Saturday January 17th Curtis Salgado

with the Giles Robson All-star Band

Oregon-born Salgado is "widely regarded as one of the great soul and blues singers to have emerged in the last 50 years, now getting the recognition he deserves". He was the singer in the Robert Cray band for a number of years and briefly fronted Santana. He has played alongside Muddy Waters, Albert Collins and Bonnie Rait. This is one of only three European dates he is playing. Giles Robson is an award-winning blues harmonica player.

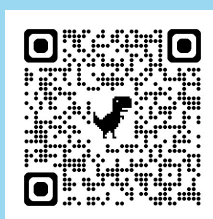
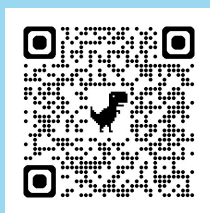
Lindsay has grabbed a ticket and invites you to do the same before they are all snapped up. Buy yours at longstreetbluesclub.co.uk

Let Lindsay know if you are going and possibly arrange transport together.

Photo Competition

Entries are now closed for the last competition of 2025. But we need you to vote for your favourite before voting closes! There are 24 photos so make sure you check both pages

https://swindonivc.org.uk/index.php/media_gallery/12



Voting is now open and will last 3 weeks. <https://swindonivc.org.uk/poll/7>

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.

Friday, January 23 Word share

In winters past it's said that friends would gather around a fire and tell stories and spin poems. Central heating will serve as the fire but Lindsay invites you to bring a poem or two, or a very short story or extract, even a song to enchant or entertain. It could even be a children's story. Bring a drink and/or snack. Lindsay will provide nibbles. Numbers are limited to 7 or 8 in order to squeeze into Lindsay's living room so let him know if you're interested as soon as possible.

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.

www.swindonivc.org.uk

Phone: 07546 949212

Email: enquiries@swindonivc.org.uk



Chair	Jaki L	chairman@swindonivc.org.uk
Treasurer	Liz S	treasurer@swindonivc.org.uk
Membership	Liz S	membership@swindonivc.org.uk
Webmaster	Mike G	webmaster@swindonivc.org.uk
Secretary	Denise S	secretary@swindonivc.org.uk
Publicity	Lindsay S	publicity@swindonivc.org.uk
Committee	All of us	committee@swindonivc.org.uk
ALO	Colin L	alo@swindonivc.org.uk
Enquiries	Bill W	enquiries@swindonivc.org.uk
Meet and Greet	Sally B & Mark C	meetandgreet@swindonivc.org.uk