

SWINDON PROGRAMME. WINTER 2022/23

<p>Wednesday 21st September</p> <p>DO WE JUDGE BY APPEARANCE?</p>	<p>10.00am</p> <p>North Swindon</p>	<p>General discussion to be led by Hilary.</p> <p>Do we judge people by their appearance – tattoos, body piercings, hair, clothing style and more?</p>
<p>Friday 7th October</p> <p>OUTLET GUIDED WALK</p>	<p>10.00am</p> <p>Meeting points for the walk and coffee TBA.</p>	<p>A guided walk led by a member of the Rodbourne History Society in the vicinity of the Outlet Village in Swindon. Expected to take around 1.5 hours.</p> <p>Organised by Roberta.</p>
<p>Wednesday 19th October</p> <p>NATIONAL TRUST.</p> <p>TREASURE OR TIME FOR CHANGE?</p>	<p>10.00am</p> <p>Wroughton</p>	<p>Come and hear one of our popular and thought-provoking debates - and vote for your choice.</p>
<p>Monday 31st October</p> <p>POLLUTANTS IN THE HOME</p>	<p>10.00am</p> <p>Highworth</p>	<p>An illustrated talk by Mr Peter Morris on Pollutants in the Home. Highly recommended</p>

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Wednesday 16 th November NWR ANNUAL NATIONAL TELEPHONE TRAIL	7.30pm for 8pm start. We shall divide ourselves between houses and join together via Zoom. Anyone wishing to participate from home or elsewhere is welcome to. Details to be finalised before the day.	The ever-popular annual telephone quiz with a mystery theme. Bring charged smartphones where possible and any reference material you think helpful.
Wednesday 30 th November FEMALE INVENTORS	13.30pm for prompt 2pm start Highworth	Prior to the date, Each will receive the name of a female inventor for each of us to research. Bring your findings to share – talk for around 5 minutes max.
Monday 12 th December CHRISTMAS CELEBRATORY LUNCH	12.15pm for 12.30pm	
Thursday 29 th December FIFTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS COFFEE	10.30am	

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Monday 9th January 2023 IS THE DIGITAL AGE CAUSING SOCIAL EXCLUSION?	13.30pm Highworth	Discussion on the social exclusion of those who have no access to modern technology, the cashless society and those who just find it hard to keep up.
Thursday 26 th January THE WALKING GROUP A Murder Mystery!	13.30pm Wroughton	Another exciting Murder/Mystery Play!
Wednesday 8 th February SNOWDROPS AND COFFEE	10.00am	A walk around the woodland looking for Springtime snowdrops. To be followed by coffee at the café
Thursday 23 rd February FOMO - do you?	10.00am Wroughton	FOMO, or "fear of missing out," is a real phenomenon that is becoming increasingly common and can cause significant stress in people's lives. Is it something with which you can identify? Familiarise yourself with the phenomenon for an interesting discussion.
Thursday 9 th March THE COMMONWEALTH Past, present and future	10.00am Highworth	Discussion on the history of the Commonwealth what role it plays today and what the future might have in store. What are your thoughts?

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Week Beginning 20 th March PLANNING MEETING	TBA	Forward your ideas for a sizzling Summer Programme t
Week beginning 3 rd April MYSOGONY – then and now	TBA	There has been a lot in the news about mysogony recently. Different generations of women, including all those living, have varying views in what constitutes the subject, influenced by upbringing and the norms of earlier times. What changes, major and subtle, have you experienced and how much further is there to go? Do you really want total 'equality'?

- Where research and talk about a subject is required, please limit your talk to no longer than 5 minutes.
- The designated host or leader of each meeting may conduct it how they please. That way we should have variety. They are welcome to send out additional instructions prior to the date and to organise the discussion in a number of ways such as each person speaking in turn, forming 'breakout' groups returning to the centre later and similar, plus the use of props etc.
- When we meet in a hall, tea, coffee (plain and decaf), sugar and cow's milk will be provided (Alison's responsibility). Please bring your own if you prefer something else.
- Our fortnightly walk programme is managed by Ellie and sent to all separately. **Non walkers are welcome to join in for coffee after each walk.**

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- We shall continue to follow Covid 19 guidelines as required at each venue. At present, many have been lifted but please respect the feelings of others. Do not come if you have symptoms.

CHRISTMAS MENU

2 COURSES £27.50 3 COURSES £32.50

STARTER

Spiced Pumpkin Soup with Homemade Ricotta, Crispy Pumpkin Seeds & Cumin Oil (GFA, V, VEA)

Duck Liver Pate, Spiced Plums, Gingerbread & Dressed Leaves (GFA)

Smoked Salmon Mousse, Charred Cucumber & Fennel Salad, Salted Lemon Curd (GF)

Pear & Blue Cheese Salad, Pickled Walnuts & Dressed Leaves (GF, V, VEA)

MAIN

Roast Turkey Crown, Chestnut & Cranberry Stuffing, Pigs in Blankets,

Duck Fat Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Greens & Gravy (GFA)

Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding, Roasted Carrots, Duck Fat Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Greens & Gravy (GFA)

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Pan Fried Seabass, Ratatouille, Aubergine Puree, Garlic & Herb Potatoes with Parsley Oil (GF)
Slow Cooked Belly Pork, Black Pudding Gnocchi, Parsnip Puree, Apple Sauce, Cider Cream
Mushrooms, Chestnut & Marjoram Nut Roast, Seasonal Greens, Roast Potatoes & Vegetarian Gravy (GF, VE)

DESSERT

Traditional Christmas Pudding with Spiced Plums & Brandy Sauce (GF, V)
Raspberry & Sherry Trifle, Vanilla Custard, Chantilly Cream & Flaked Almonds (GF)
Warm Chocolate Brownie, Cherries in Kirsch, Chocolate Sauce & Vanilla Ice Cream (GF, V)
Malt Panna Cotta, Poached Clementines, Honeycomb & Candied Pistachios
Selection of Cheeses & Biscuits, Homemade Chutney, Celery & Grapes (GFA)
(GF – Gluten Free) (GFA – Gluten Free Available) (V – Vegetarian)
(VE – Vegan) (VEA - Vegan Available)