

Coeliac UK - Swindon

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Hi and welcome to the latest update from the Swindon local group of Coeliac UK.

Please forgive the old-school appearance of this e-mail but we are experiencing technical problems with generating e-mails so please bear with us while we find a solution. This month's update is a mix of exciting news about lots of upcoming events and some sad news about our Group Organiser, Martin, who has announced his intention to stand down at the upcoming Annual General Meeting due to ill health. Please read on for more information.

This month we're talking about:

[Swindon Coffee Afternoon](#) – 13 March at Tesco

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Swindon Coffee Afternoon

Our next coffee afternoon is today, Wednesday 13th, in the café at the big Tesco Extra in Swindon where we shall enjoy gluten free cakes, tea and our friendly and jovial chatting from 2:00-3:30pm in a café. New faces, family and friends are always very welcome. Free entry, free parking, no booking required.

Where: [Tesco Extra Café, Ocotal Way, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN1 2EH](#).

Royal Wootton Bassett Coffee Afternoon

Next week sees our coffee afternoon in RWB on Wednesday 20th. A chance to sample the delightful range of gluten free products at the Dandelion Gifts & Coffee Shop in Royal Wootton Bassett while chatting to other people who are experiencing a gluten free life. From 2:00-3:30pm. New faces, family and friends are always very welcome. Free entry, no booking required. Parking is available on the High Street or in nearby paid car parks.

Where: [Dandelion Gifts & Coffee Shop](#), 49 High Street, Royal Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire, SN4 7AQ.

Next month's events

In April, alongside our regular coffee afternoons, we also have a [pub night at the Tawny Owl](#) in Taw Hill on Tuesday, 9th April from 7:00-9:00pm. Just look out for us in our orange t-shirts. New faces, family and friends are always very welcome. Free entry, free parking, no booking required.

Where: [The Tawny Owl](#), Taw Hill, North Swindon, Wiltshire, SN25 1WR.

On Friday 12th April, we'll be heading to Chiseldon to try the gluten free menu at Farr's Fish and Chips. Chiseldon Sports and Social Club have kindly offered us free use of their facilities and access to their bar where they have a range of gluten free beers at lower than pub prices. Buy your fish and chips from Farr's Fish and Chip van in the car park then join us inside for a social evening. We will be there between 6:30pm

and 9:00pm (Farr's stop serving at 8:00). You are welcome to join us for a drink if you don't wish to eat. The social club will waive their normal entrance fee if you let them know that you are with Swindon Coeliacs. [Fish and Chip Supper - Coeliac UK](#)
Where: [Chiseldon Sports and Social Club](#), Draycott Road, Chiseldon, Wiltshire SN4 0LS.

Can't make it on the night? Look up where else Farr's are going to be on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/farrsfishandchips/>.

Membership milestones

We were delighted to see that we now have over 500 members on our mailing list. Last year, we gave you the chance to tell us what you wanted from the group. Many of you said that you are content to receive the monthly e-mail and that you're happy just knowing that we are here if you need us. Others said that you wanted more events in the evenings and weekends. We hope you like the new events we're organising and we're looking forward to meeting many of you there. However, none of this would be possible without the work of the Committee and volunteers and we have some exciting news about a volunteering opportunity which is open to anyone who has an interest in leading our group...

Local Group Organiser role

Our current Group Organiser, Martin, has announced his intention to step down from the Committee at our AGM on 23rd April due to ill health. Martin started the group just over five years ago and has been the driving force behind its growth and continued success. Many of you will be familiar with his warm welcome at our group meetings. We will very much miss him on the Committee but hope to see him regularly at our group meetings.

We now need a new Group Organiser to ensure the continued success of the group. Are you a people person? Do you have the drive and passion to lead our group with the support of our experienced and dedicated committee? The time commitment is flexible.

Please email us at Swindon@coeliac.org.uk or call our Group Secretary, Zoe, on 07936 474202 for more details.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Join us on 23rd April for a chance to catch up on the latest news about your group, at the delightful [Dandelion Gifts & Coffee Shop](#) in Royal Wootton Bassett. Find out what we have achieved over the last year and what the future holds. With over 500 members, it's really important that everyone has a chance to have their say on how the group is run.

The business of the AGM will be brief and will be followed by a chance for you to talk to our committee and volunteers whilst sampling the delights provided by the Dandelion.

Where: [Dandelion Gifts & Coffee Shop](#), 49 High Street, Royal Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire, SN4 7AQ. 23 April 2024, 7:00pm.

New faces are welcome here, too.

There is parking available on the High Street or in nearby paid car parks.

Click here for the full notice of AGM: [AGM Notice 2024 - Coeliac UK](#)

Venue recommendations

Looking for a Sunday Roast? Jim recommended [The Waggon and Horses](#) in Beckhampton. They offer gluten free Yorkshire puddings, sausages and stuffing! Make sure you ask for gluten free. Spencer was

enquiring about the suitability of [Siam Thai](#) in Old Town. People suggested it was a good place to eat, the Pad Thai and Sweet and Sour were the particular favourites. Staying with Old Town, Ann visited [Biplot](#) and had an amazing meal, which was dairy free too. Karen was looking for the best Chinese that delivered. Overwhelmingly [Oriental Aroma](#) was the suggestion, however location and minimum spend is a factor to remember.

Don't forget, if you're looking for a venue to eat at within Swindon and/or surrounding villages, then download our **Food Venue List PDF** from one of the following links:

[Facebook](#)

[Coeliac UK](#)

[Google Drive](#)

Or alternatively, get the interactive map directly on your phone [here](#).

If you see a venue missing, or believe one should be removed or updated, then drop us an email at Swindon@coeliac.org.uk, or contact us via Facebook.

Keep your recommendations coming as the venue list gets updated using your feedback. And, as always, please check the venue's suitability before ordering.

And finally...

We hope you enjoy receiving our e-mail updates. We really enjoy hearing from you, too. If you have any tips, recipes, or recommendations, please do send them to us or drop them onto one of our social media channels.

Wishing you very good health

Claire, Gareth, Lisa, Martin and Zoe

The Committee

Special thanks go out to our local volunteers: **Chris, Kristyna & Marian**

Our next issue of this monthly newsletter will be published on:

Monday 8th April 2024

We very much welcome contributions from local members. If you have anything to share, drop it onto our Facebook group or e-mail to us at Swindon@Coeliac.org.uk

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