

Update on Community Activities – December

Christmas in the Community Event

We are pleased to report that the Christmas in the Community event was a significant success and extremely well received by those who attended. The event provided a warm, welcoming environment on Christmas Day for individuals who may otherwise have spent the day alone or isolated. Guests were offered a full three course Christmas meal, festive treats, drinks, gifts, and takeaway meals, ensuring both immediate support and reassurance beyond the day itself.

78 Meals were received on the day.

The event was made possible through strong partnership working, volunteer commitment, and the continued support of Central Swindon North Parish Council. Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing gratitude for the sense of belonging and community the day created.

We would like to request permission from the Community Centre Manager and Parish Councillors to run this event again this year. We would need full access to the Cafe space, kitchens, main hall and tables and chairs. We aim to expand number of attendees for Christmas Day 2026.

Swindon 24 dropped by and wrote a fabulous article, which is great publicity for The Kelly Foundation / Kell's Kitchen and the Parish.

https://www.swindon24.co.uk/news/kelly-foundation-hosts-first-christmas-day-lunch-in-swindon/?fbclid=IwY2xjawPLaiZleHRuA2FlbQIxMABzcnRjBmFwcF9pZBAyMjlwMzIxNzg4MjAwODkyAAEeCCunKmdbQcE1Ac1gMpStebqzuFGi5KVtfcQHRHsk5DEo8y0CIEsYSHwXFs_aem_jFWMp-hoM8UB4RsmMlylKQ

Moredon Lunch Club

The Moredon Lunch Club continues to run very well and has become an important part of the local community. Residents from Maple Court, located next door to Moredon Community Centre, now form our largest group of attendees. They have expressed how valued the lunch club is and how pleased they are to have a regular, welcoming activity within their community. Several residents have shared that they previously felt this part of the parish had been overlooked, and the lunch club has helped address feelings of isolation and exclusion.

Christmas Lunch Clubs and Café Activity

In the week leading up to Christmas, we successfully delivered two sell out Christmas Lunch Clubs, one at Moredon and one at Pinetrees. Both events were fully booked and enjoyed by attendees, highlighting the growing demand for these services.

In addition, the café catered for the Memory Café Christmas Party, which was very well received and provided a festive buffet attendees and their carers.

Café Improvements

During December, the small kitchen within the café was repainted in magnolia and refreshed, creating a brighter, cleaner, and more welcoming working environment for staff, volunteers, and service users.

Summary

Overall, December was a very positive month, marked by strong community engagement, successful festive events, and growing participation in ongoing activities such as the Moredon Lunch Club. We are extremely grateful to Louise Whately and Central Swindon North Parish Council for its continued support, which has played a vital role in enabling these services to run and in ensuring that no part of the parish feels forgotten.