



Parish News

Stratton St. Margaret

Swindon Polish Community Mark 60 Years of Living in Town

"The Swindon Polish Community are celebrating the 60th anniversary of their arrival in the town this weekend.

Organised by the Polish Roman Catholic Mission, the landmark event will be marked with a concert, exhibition and masses at the Polish Community Centre.

It was during World War II that many Poles left their homeland.

In Britain, those who wanted to remain in the country were housed together in redundant military camps known as hostels by the British Government. One of the hostels, was situated in the Stratton St. Margaret area of Swindon. The first of the Polish families began to settle between 1947 and 1948. As more Polish family members found employment, more left the camps and moved into the town.

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Typical Polish costume and street celebration