

THE CHRONICLE

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Community contacts all 01793 unless stated or emergency

This section is intended to give quick access to emergency and community help phone numbers. If you spot something missing, please let us know: RickDixonChronicle@gmail.com or 01793 759123.

Churches.....	see centre pages	Dentist (104 High St).....	750388
Cricklade Town Council	751394	Gas leak reporting.....	0800 111 999
Lattonclerk@lattonparishcouncil.org.uk		Library (113 High St).....	750694
Wiltshire Councillor (Bob Jones).....	750773	Open Door.....	07599 987851
Emergency Services.....	999	Optician (82 High St).....	750415
Non-Emergency: Police.....	101	Purton Vets (Bath Rd).....	751698
Non-Emergency: NHS.....	111	Samaritans.....	FREE: 116 123
Non-Emergency: Covid Helpline.....	109	Schools: St Sampson's Primary.....	750452
Doctors: Purton Surgery.....	770207	Manor Park.....	750275
Doctors: Green Gables Surgery.....	752633	Meadowpark.....	752600
Doctors: Cricklade (De Silva).....	750645	Bradon Forest.....	770570
Boots Chemist (100 High St).....	750226		

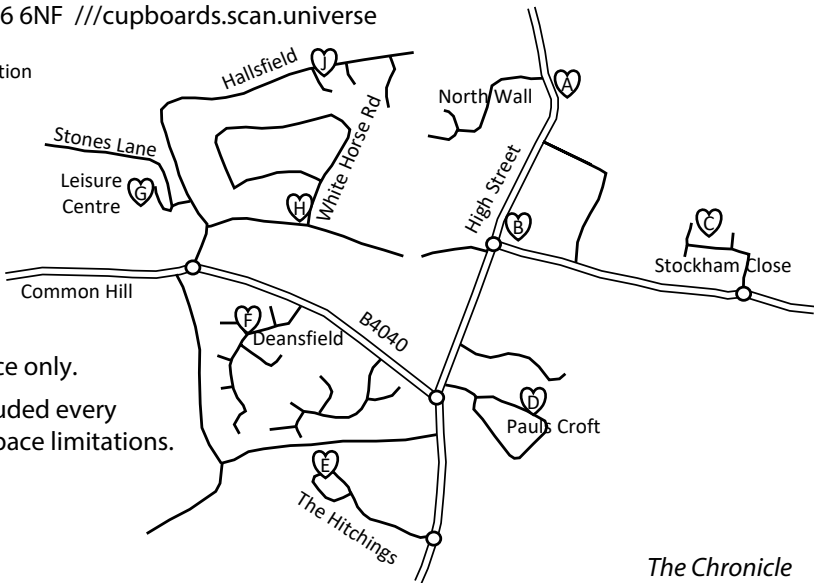
Defibrillator Locations - Public machines outside these premises:

What3Words location (///) is directly in front of the machine. To find the app, google What3Words.

- A Meadowpark School, SN6 6DD ///snapping.clearcut.tunnel
- B Cricklade Dental Practice, SN6 6AA ///trackers.motivate.joystick
- C 33 Stockham Close, SN6 6EF ///advances.bakers.opts
- D 17 Pauls Croft, SN6 6AH ///grace.bind.framework
- E 48 The Hitchings, SN6 6NJ ///thing.hydrant.height
- F 24 Deansfield, SN6 6BP ///kilt.massive.unspoiled
- G Cricklade Leisure Centre, SN6 6JW ///smarting.drags.member
- H Culverhay Stores (Londis), SN6 6EN ///awaiting.sunflower.achieving
- J 9 Kitefield, SN6 6NF ///cupboards.scan.universe



♥ Defibrillator location



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Map for guidance only.

May not be included every month due to space limitations.

From the Editor

My second month ... and I've not been fired yet! Actually it has been very pleasing to receive so many comments and positive suggestions. Thank you. A phone number corrected, contact email now on this page, a missing bookings article reinstated. But no one spotted that 1 February wasn't actually a Monday! (I think it's right for the March cut-off...)

The highlight on defibrillators resulted in four kind offers of sponsorship so far: two families and two local businesses. Their details have been passed to Jeremy, your defib organiser, who will take it from there. I hope to be able to report the result in a future issue.

This month's cover photo comes with a warming Community story. In October 2021, I discovered I'd lost my credit cards, my driving licence, bus pass, National Trust card *and* my Covid vaccination record card from my phone case.

I cancelled the credit card and paid DVLA £20 for a replacement licence. However, with the help of the Cricklade Town Council

Admin desk and the Latton Parish Clerk, I was put in contact with a lovely family who had reported on the Latton community Facebook page that they'd found the cards. I'd dropped them while taking this cover photo!

My thanks to everyone concerned!

The end of March brings us back to British Summer Time, so don't forget to set your watches forward by one hour on the 27th - the last Sunday of the month. I always remember it as "Spring forward, Fall back". A bit American, I know, but "Autumn" doesn't make sense!

Cover: St John the Baptist's church, Latton
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The deadline for the April issue is Tuesday 1 March 2022

Cricklade Town Council

Town Council Meetings

Mon 7 March 2022: Full Council Meeting

Mon 14 March 2022: Planning, Conservation & Transport Committee

All meetings, commencing at 7pm, are held in the Council Chamber, 113 High Street. Members of the public are invited to participate in a public forum at the beginning of each meeting.



Annual Town Meeting: Tuesday 15 March

This year the Annual Town Meeting is on Tuesday 15 March 2022 at 7pm at the Town Hall.

It is an opportunity for you to hear from Councillors, who will give presentations on the Council's activities and to let you know a bit about what is planned for the next 12 months. It is not just a Council meeting. The Cricklade Town Council Civic Awards will be presented at this meeting. The meeting is also an opportunity to meet and hear from community groups and individuals on matters that are of local importance; so make a date in your diary now for this exciting annual event.

Great Spring Clean - Saturday 2 April 2022

The Council is holding a community litter pick on Saturday 2 April from 9.45am to 11.45am. Meet at the Bath Road Play Area at 9.45am (adjacent to the Fire Station). Together, we can make a massive difference. All our individual actions can help to transform our country for the better, creating cleaner streets and open spaces, protecting our wildlife and, ultimately, stopping the tide of plastic that is doing so much damage to our oceans and marine life. We will be finishing at Thames Hall where refreshments will be available.

The Great Spring Clean is about demonstrating that you love where you live.

If you and your family, or community group would like to take part in this popular event please email admin@crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk, or call 01793 751394, or pop into the office during opening hours.

Events Diary 2022 - Advertise Your Community Events

With 2022 upon us, and hopefully things returning to a new normal, we'd like to remind residents about the Town Diary which can be found as the 'Events Calendar' on the Town Council website.

This is a useful tool for those involved with local organisations planning meetings and social events, or those arranging their own fundraising ventures. Checking the Town Diary at the planning stage will avoid your event being double-booked and, once you have a date chosen, you can email the details to Cricklade Town Council and we will update the diary.

You can view the Town Diary on our website and email details of your upcoming events, meetings etc. to admin@crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk. We look forward to hearing from you.

Halls and Meeting space to hire

Are you looking for either a hall or meeting room to hire for a one-off event or on a regular basis?

Did you know the Council rents out the Council Chambers at 113 High Street - Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm, with minimum hire of 1 hour. There is a boardroom table with seating for 18 people and additional seating for a further 22 people. We also hire out Thames Hall which comprises a large hall type room, small kitchen, 3 toilets and a small separate room useful if you need to have a breakout group, or small group area. If interested in either of these spaces to rent then call 01793 751394 or email admin@crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk for more details.

The Town Council and Tourist Information Point is open:

Monday to Friday 10.00 - 16.00 hrs (Closed 12.30 - 13.30 hrs)

Tel: 01793 751394 E-mail: admin@crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk

Website: www.crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk

Follow the Council @ www.facebook.com/CrickladeTownCouncil



Cricklade Library

The Library is above the Town Council Office at 113 High Street. The entrance is through the gateway and there is a lift as well as stairs to the library level.

Current opening hours are:

Mon: 2 - 4pm

Wed: 2-4pm

Fri: 2-5pm

Tues: 10am-1pm

Thurs: 2-7pm

Sat/Sun: Closed

Closed Bank Holidays.

Cricklade Town Hall

Your Community Hall

Book your event at Cricklade Town Hall. Birthdays, anniversaries, wedding celebrations, children's parties, quiz nights, club meetings, etc. - we have done them all! The Town Hall offers flexible space with tables, padded chairs, excellent kitchen facilities and free WiFi.



We offer a choice of one or more of the Main Hall, the Annexe, and a Committee Room, to meet your particular requirements. The Main Hall toilets and foyer area have been recently refurbished to a high standard, making our facilities eminently suitable for that special event you might be planning.

Please contact our Bookings Secretary, Mrs Nicola Fry on 01666 861023 or via email at crickladetownhall@hotmail.com for further details. Check out our Facebook page for photos and other information: www.facebook.com/crickladetownhall

The Town Hall was established on 11 July 1933 for the Parish of Cricklade and is a Registered Charity, No. 305499

Cricklade Development Foundation

AGM 2022 at Cricklade Town Hall



We were really looking forward to it as it was our first ever 'in person' CDF AGM. Last year, our membership was barely into double figures and now it stands at over 125 (at the time of writing). The AGM represented a great opportunity to meet the membership and they did not disappoint – the turnout was excellent. As ever, the Directors are extremely grateful for their support and their contribution towards the purchase and renovation of the Old Police Station.

At the AGM, retiring Directors, Terri Robertson and Bob Jones, were reappointed and the Chair's Report and financial accounts were noted. Most importantly, Members asked a range of questions about CDF and the renovation of the Old Police Station. In response, some key points were made by the Directors:

- Around £100k still needs to be raised to meet our renovation target of £250k.
- Views on the type of businesses required in the High Street (and the Old Police Station) will shortly be sought from both residents and High Street businesses via surveys.
- Proposals for the use of the rear garden were welcomed from everyone, with the guiding principle being that any initiative must be beneficial to the wider community.

Go to crickladefoundation.org.uk to find our draft AGM minutes and other paperwork.

Plugging the funding gap remains the top priority for CDF. If you can help us to do this by becoming a Member and/or referring us to potential sources of grant funding, we would love to hear from you. Get in touch by emailing contact@crickladefoundation.org.uk or phoning our Secretary, Terri Robertson, 07902 421 756.

We have two Open Days coming up when we will be showing off the Old Police Station: Saturdays **26 February** and **5 March**. Both from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Contact Terri as above for further details.

Cricklade Link Scheme

We urgently need drivers to support the Cricklade Link Scheme.

Letters for long overdue hospital appointments are now being sent out and we need to be able to help our most vulnerable residents to get to hospital for consultations and treatment.



How long does it take to get to Great Western Hospital? If you have to go by public transport you have to go to Swindon and change for a second bus to the hospital. The journey can take up to 3 hours. And that is if you are physically able to go by bus.

Could you be a Link Driver? You use your car and **we pay your expenses**. Most of our journeys are short to GWH or Cricklade / Purton Doctors, less than a couple of hours. We recover our costs from a Wiltshire Council grant and donations from grateful clients. Please call Linda Cantillon, 01793 751049, to find out how you can be a volunteer driver.

The commitment is as much or as little as you can spare.

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Focus on Wiltshire Council

February has seen the annual round of budget briefings and meetings as Wiltshire Council tries to balance the books. The current administration believes they will cut the deficit forecast of £40 million to under £30 million by the end of the current year. The cutbacks and increased charges they propose will affect us here in Cricklade and surrounds. Already Cricklade Open Door have been informed that their grant will be reduced by 50% in 2022/23, a loss to them of £4,491 and that the remaining 50% (£4,491) will be withdrawn in 23/24.

Whilst I and many of my fellow Wiltshire Councillors are currently very angry that some of our most vulnerable residents in Wiltshire are to have their funding removed, it appears the administration are focused on building reserves and not looking after the residents. More bad news, the cost of the green waste bin will increase by £10 to £70 per year and a visit to the recycling centre will incur charges for some items, currently believed to be an introduction of charges for tyres, rubble, plasterboard and gas bottles. This concerns me a great deal as I am sure we will see the incidents of fly tipping increase.

The car parks in Cricklade will remain free of charge as they are owned by Cricklade Town Council in the main. However, Wiltshire Council will increase its charges by 10p an hour and many concessions such as “free after three” and Blue Badge free parking are to be withdrawn.

And just to top it off your Community Charge will be increased by 2.9%.

On page 37 in this month’s Chronicle you will see notice of rescheduling of waste collections for household waste. Look out for a label on your wheelie bin with the details.

Regrettably there has been an outbreak of graffiti around town. The perpetrators’ “Tags” are being investigated by the police. Last time such an incident took place, school books with tags on were identified and action taken against the youths. Please, if you see graffiti or those carrying it out, report it. Some good news at last, unless you know different, all of the street lamps in Cricklade are now LED costing less to run and hopefully requiring less maintenance.

For several weeks I have been putting together the case to support Latton Parish Council in their bid to overturn the planning application refused by Wiltshire Council to build a new Village Hall. The time taken to prepare the case and the three-hour planning meeting on 2 February was all worthwhile culminating in getting all ten committee members to pass a unanimous vote in support of the application. The work now begins to bring the project to reality and for the Parish Council to seek support to move the project on. A big thank-you to those who came to Chippenham to support the application and a victory for common sense

If you are having a problem with Wiltshire Council, the Housing Association, or just need some general advice, I can normally find the right contact or highlight your problem to someone who can help. I have a direct telephone contact to all Officers in Wiltshire Council, and you will be surprised what can happen if you talk to the right person. I cannot promise to fix your problem personally, but I can assist you to resolve it.

I am also out and about in Cricklade, Latton and Marston Meysey during the week and even with the current restrictions always happy to meet with you if you have a specific problem to discuss. Please email me or phone to arrange a meeting. I can be contacted on 01793 750773 or my mobile 07973 863 702 or email me at bob.jones@wiltshire.gov.uk

Councillor Bob Jones

Cricklade 100 Years Ago

Until 1975 when Cricklade bypass was opened, the A419 (then Ermin Street) passed through the town's Calcutt and High Streets on its journey north. Maps show the unusual kink in an otherwise straight Roman road at this point because the marshes surrounding the River Thames were then impassable. A short diversion using higher ground at Cricklade was made with a causeway built just beyond The Priory to provide a navigable route out.

Despite this, local floods were so common in winter in the 1920s that Bath Road through to Common Hill was often the only route left when entering or leaving the town. Roads through to Swindon, Purton and even Latton were impassable, since in a very wet season the river level on the causeway could rise as high as three feet over the Blue Bridge.

At Calcutt Forty, children would stand on the higher path beside the road just to watch the spectacle of cars trying to get through. First the engine would stop, and then the drivers would get out removing their shoes and socks and rolling up their trouser legs before attempting to push their vehicles out. If all this failed an old style Ford car, which was very high off the road, was hired from the nearby garage to tow them out of trouble. Those who remembered these conditions believed that years of gravel extraction has made the difference between water levels then and now.

[Excerpt from *Cricklade Revealed* books, all fifteen of which cost £3.60 each, apart from reprints at £4. Full sets are £48. Please contact Marion Parsons on 01793 750542 or mfp Parsons071@btinternet.com for further details. Profits are donated to Cricklade Open Door charity.]



The Town's postman pictured standing by the flooded causeway

Parkinson's UK

16 March 2022: Cricklade Café 10.30am - noon
The Cricklade Club, High Street, SN6 6AY

Join us for coffee, cake and chat on the third Wednesday of each month. We now meet in The Living room, inside the Club turn right and follow the sign from the Foyer.

Contact: ParkinsonsCafeCricklade@gmail.com or call 07951 944760

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Purton & Green Gable Surgery PPG

Serving patients in Purton, Cricklade & surrounding communities

200+ Club draw

Although membership is closed at the moment, for an annual cost of £15 you can join our 200 Club from 1 April. There are monthly prizes: the first prize is £100 and second is £15. Judy, Practice Nurse, did the January draw and the winner of £100 was Peter Hansen. If you wish to join, then membership of the 200 Club will reopen on 1 April 2022.



Donations for the PPG

We would like to thank all those who have donated to our PPG funds. If you would like to make a donation please make cheques payable to 'Purton Patient Participation Group', with the cheque being taken into the surgery. Please label your envelope 'For the attention of Kai Howard'.

As always, your support for our work to inform and to support patients is much appreciated. If you know of anyone who would like to be included in our email list (all sent bcc) then please ask them to contact via groupforpatients@gmail.com

Sheila Fowler, PPG Secretary

Cricklade Camera Club

Cricklade Camera Club is now in its fifth season. Monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month in the Town Hall between September and June at 7.30pm. Membership is £35.00 for 2021/22.



New members are always welcome - you don't even need a camera. Everyone is welcome. So if you are a budding novice or a more experienced photographer, why don't you try us out for an evening for a guest fee of £5.00. If you decide to join, up to three guest fees can be deducted from the full membership fee, which entitles you to regular newsletters, access to our Facebook page, and enables you to participate fully in all our competitions.

For further details see our website: <https://crickladecameraclub.org> or email the Club Secretary Anne Eckersley for more information at clubsecretary@crickladecameraclub.org

1 March - Town Hall Annexe at 7.30pm

It is our turn this year to host the Annual Battle with Wootton Bassett Camera Club

15 March – Zoom Meeting at 7.30pm: Behind the Scenes with Alf Myers

Ever wondered what happens behind scenes during the production of a film? Well, this talk gives a little insight into how a film comes together. I had access during the whole process and I'll give you a little insight into that process, from the initial conception to casting, fundraising, filming and finally the premiere. Visit www.alfmyersphotography.co.uk

Foodbank

Open every Friday 10.00am to 11.30 am
in the Jenner Hall, Bath Road



Over the past couple of months, the number of people visiting our Foodbank client-facing sessions has continued to rise. We are also seeing a number of new clients. They are welcomed by our friendly volunteers and invited to have a cup of tea or coffee. Any client wanting to discuss matters of a more confidential nature are offered a separate room. We have a selection of leaflets on the tables which can offer specific help and information. We prefer our clients to come with a voucher but will not turn away anyone in genuine need.

Contact us: Call: 01666 826982 (we will call you back)
Email: cricklade@malmesburydistrict.foodbank.org.uk
Visit the website: malmesburydistrict.foodbank.org.uk

Thank you to everyone who donates regularly to the collection boxes, which are situated in Tesco, Culverhay Stores and Animal Fayre (pet shop). Our local churches: St Sampson's, St Mary's and Cricklade United will accept donations. Please check to make sure the church is open.

The weight of the donations has been steadily increasing:

Oct 2021	108.86 kg	Dec 2021	300.88 kg
Nov 2021	198.00 kg	Jan 2022 to 13th	104.66 kg – so far

Your donations are much appreciated.

Items in short supply this month are:

- Loo rolls
- Laundry powder/liquid
- UHT milk
- Fruit juice
- Sauces (ketchup etc)
- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned rice pudding
- Tinned spaghetti

We have plenty of: baked beans, rice, cereals. sweet biscuits, dog food, tea, tinned fruit.

Cricklade & District Probus Club

We are looking forward to meeting as group in March. The talks will be:

- 3 March: 'The Galapagos Islands'
31 March: 'Dionysius Lardner- a rogue for all seasons'.



On 17 March the 35th President's Lunch will now take place having been rescheduled from 10 February.

The meetings take place fortnightly on a Thursday at 10am at the White Hart Hotel in Cricklade. Ours is a friendly group who enjoy keeping our minds active and socialising over a drink in the bar after the meetings. We are actively seeking to expand our numbers and look forward to welcoming new members to the Club.

For further information about our local club for retired gentlemen, please contact the Honorary Secretary, Richard Roberts on 01793 751063.

Churches Together

The Upper Thames Benefice

Cricklade St Sampson's, Latton St John the Baptist, Ashton Keynes Holy Cross and the Leigh All Saints

Contact details:

Vicar: Revd Canon Debbie Dewes email vicar@upperthames.org.uk

Associate Minister: Revd Shirley Danby
email shirleydanby21@gmail.com; tel. 07980 548844

Parishes Administrator: Jane Templeton email admin@upperthames.org.uk

From the Registers of the Upper Thames Group of Churches

JANUARY 2022

Baptisms

14 January Noah Jesse Pinnegar at Holy Cross

Funerals

11 January David Lawrence Interment of ashes at St John the Baptist Latton

Services for the Upper Thames Churches

6 March

8.30am Holy Communion *at St Sampson's*
10am Morning Worship *at St Sampson's*
10am Morning Worship *at Latton, St John the Baptist*
4pm Informal Worship (email admin@upperthames.org.uk for more info)
6.30pm Evensong *at St Sampson's*

13 March

10am Holy Communion *at St Sampson's*

20 March

8.30am Holy Communion *at St Sampson's*
10am Holy Communion *at Latton, St John the Baptist*
10am Morning Worship *at St Sampson's*
4pm Informal Worship (email admin@upperthames.org.uk for more info)
6.30pm Evensong *at St Sampson's*

27 March Mothering Sunday

10am Holy Communion *at St Sampson's*
10am Morning Worship *at Latton, St John the Baptist*

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St. Mary's Catholic Church

Weekly Mass times 9.30am on Sundays
 10.00am on Fridays

For notices please see the noticeboard on the railings of St Mary's.

Parish website www.stthomasparish.plus.com.

Father Michael Robertson can be contacted on 01285 712586 or by email

michael.Robertson@cliftondiocese.com

Gerry Dudley, our Church Secretary, is on 01793 750107.

The Friends of St Mary's website with more details of the history of the church is at

www.cricklade.stmary.org.uk

Cricklade United Church Calcutt Street, Cricklade

Minister: Revd Sarah Simpson, tel. 01666 826866

Email: sarahsimpson14@btinternet.com

As a United Reformed / Methodist Church, we are part of the URC North West Wiltshire Pastorate and the Upper Thames Methodist Circuit. Services of worship take place on Sunday mornings at 10.30am and all are welcome. Please have a look at our website for all the current information regarding our services, dates, times and other events.

<https://crickladeunitedchurch.co.uk>

Cricklade Jenner Hall (Parish Hall) "Save It Club"

In the Monthly Draw held on 27 January the lucky winners were:-

First Prize: Mr S. Foxton £39.30

Second Prize: Mrs C. Keep £26.20

Jenner Hall Funds: £65.50

In 2021 the "Save It Club" raised a total of £788.00 for the Jenner Hall funds. Thank you to all the "Save it Club" members for their continued support.

To Join the Jenner Hall "Save It Club" Please contact Paul Marley,
tel: 01793 752851.

The Subscription for the "Save It Club" is only £12 per year.

Subscribers are encouraged to pay a year's subscription of £12 by Standing Order.

**All data is held under the guidelines of
the General Data Protection Regulations 2018**



How to use a Defibrillator - Easy Step Guide

Our local defibrillator coordinator, Jeremy Anderson, has provided the following simple guide.



1. Call 999 when you are with the patient, **do not go** to the nearest defib until you are told.
2. Answer the questions from the Ambulance Service.
3. The Ambulance Service will give you the location of the nearest defib and the code to unlock the cabinet if a defib is required.
4. Start CPR. Instructions will be given to you by the Ambulance Service.
5. **Do not leave the patient** unless told to do so. Wait for help to arrive; this could be a passer by or Paramedics.
6. If/when help arrives, somebody can then go and get the defib.
7. Carry on with CPR.
8. When the defib arrives, switch on and follow the voice and on screen instructions.
9. After Paramedics have taken control, return the defib to its cabinet and make sure the door is shut properly.
10. Remember **you cannot do any harm** to the patient with a defibrillator. It will only administer a shock to the patient if it is required.

source: The Community Heartbeat Trust

Cricklade Jenner Hall continues to be at the Heart of Cricklade

Our **Easter Event** will be held on **Saturday 2 April at 10am**

The event will offer an opportunity to meet your friends and meet others hopefully in a fresh Springtime Covid free place. More details will be in the April issue of the Chronicle.

Jenner Hall continues to be a popular place for family events and smaller wedding receptions. Our new team of Trustees aims to make the Hall attractive to all age groups and any suggestions would be welcomed.

If you would like to book the Jenner Hall for a party or celebration, please contact our booking secretary Charlotte Pearce at jennerhall.booking@gmail.com or call 07900 122 099.

John Hickman

Chairman, Cricklade Jenner Hall Community Trust

St John the Baptist Club 100

The Club 100 draw for January 2022 has taken place and the winners are:-

1st	£100.00	Mrs Pauline Lloyd of Latton
2nd	£32.00	Mr D Shapland of Latton
3rd	£21.00	Mrs J Emms of Latton
4th	£9.00	Mrs H Titchner of Latton

To join the Club please contact Keith Bowen on Tel 752753.

The Club's aim is to help maintain the fabric of the Church of St John the Baptist, Latton.

Cricklade Open Door

February has slipped by with the usual, well loved activities taking place in the afternoons - Quizzes, Board Games, Beetle Drive, Bingo, Knitting and Crochet Group and Seated Exercises to Music - the mornings are a relaxed time to pop in for coffee and chats with friends, old and new.

The Valentine Tea Party was a great success with members not only enjoying a delicious tea but having fun with games and a raffle and we enjoyed another music concert brought to us by The Wiltshire Music Centre, something quite different this time - a celebrated harpist - quite different from the 60's rockers who entertained us in October! We aim to suit all tastes!



In March we shall celebrate Shrove Tuesday with afternoon pancakes and as 1 March is also St David's Day, we shall include leeks in some form - or perhaps daffodils would be a better option! The Open Door A.G.M. will be held on Thursday 24 March at 11am.

We have welcomed many new members since we reopened but there is still room for more, so why not come along?

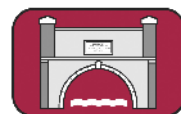
Here are our details:

Cricklade Open Door meets at The Jenner Hall, Bath Road, every Monday (except Bank Holidays), Tuesday and Thursday 10am - 3.30pm. We offer lunch at each session, two courses for £5.00, which must be booked before 10am on the day it is required. We also have a minibus, with tail-lift, which is available primarily for those with mobility difficulties and we charge just £2.00 return journey.

Telephone 07599 987851 if you would like more details or just call in on a Monday, Tuesday or Thursday.

Wayland Estates Charity

Supporting Cricklade, Past & Present



At their next meeting on 1 June 2022, the Feoffees to Wayland Estates Charity will consider grant applications from organisations and groups towards any project or activity which has commenced or is about to commence. Any project seeking a grant must be for the general benefit of the people of Cricklade and the local area.

Application forms are available from the Clerk: John Harman

mob: 07962 116 526 email: jharman@btopenworld.com

Applications must be submitted on or before 1 May 2022

Wayland Estates Charity is regulated by a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners dated 31 March 1976 as amended by resolutions dated 8 July 2009 and 5 February 2020. Copies of the Charity's annual report and investment policy can be obtained from the Clerk.

Cricklade Historical Society

The talk this month will be by Bill King. It is entitled "Australian Flying Corps in the Cotswolds". It will be held on Wednesday 16 March in the Town Hall Annexe. Meetings start at 7.30pm.

Church Appeal

Dear Friends,

At The Water's Edge A Concert by the Cantores Chamber Choir

Our first event of 2022 to help raise funds for the next stage of our project, the refurbishment of the inside of our church building, is a concert by the Cantores Chamber Choir. The theme of the concert is water, exploring its natural beauty in music. It will include pieces by a wide variety of composers such as Elgar, Delius and Vaughan Williams.

Saturday 26 March at 7.30pm, St Sampson's Church, Cricklade

Earlybird tickets in advance via Cantores website £12 or on the door £15. Under 16s FREE

Book on line: www.cantores.net

or by phone: 07800 737 078

Look out for posters containing extra information! Please come and support the choir and our project!

St Sampson's Church 100 Club

The lucky winner of our January 2022 draw was:-

Mr and Mrs Fray £23.50

St Sampson's Church Appeal fund benefitted by £23.50

Thank you to all members supporting the St Sampson's Church 100 Club. The club's aim is to maintain and improve our beautiful church building. To join the club please contact Sharon Smith on 01793 751375 or email sharonjsmith54@hotmail.com or download the application form from The St Sampson's Church Appeal website.

We would still be grateful for any further donations to the next phases of the church appeal. Cash or cheques (made payable to St Sampson's PCC No. 2 Account) can be put in the donations box at St Sampson's, or sent to Adina Grace, Church Warden at Staddlestones, 4/5 West Mill Lane, Cricklade SN6 6JL. For further details please contact Adina at janda.grace447@outlook.com or 01793 750138.

Online donations can be made scanning the QR code on the right or visiting <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com>.

With best wishes from the Church Appeal Team.



Computer Club

If you need help with your laptop, tablet, phone etc, then every Monday morning between 10am and 12 noon at Cricklade Leisure Centre volunteers are available who will be happy to try to assist you. This is a free service and all you need to do is to turn up with your device and we will see what we can do to help you.

Prestigious Charity Ball returns to Swindon in 2022

Prospect Hospice's popular Full Length and Fabulous Charity Ball, hosted by singer and entertainer Jonathan Wilkes, is making a welcome return in 2022.

After having to cancel its fundraising Ball in 2020 to celebrate its 40th anniversary because of the Covid-19 pandemic, the charity has announced it will be going ahead on Saturday 14 May at the STEAM Museum, Swindon, at 7pm and tickets are now on sale.

Sheryl Crouch, head of income at Prospect Hospice, said: "We're really looking forward to holding our charity Ball in 2022 after a break of two years and we'd love our supporters to join us. It will be a James Bond themed Ball with first-class entertainment, fine dining and a chance to win fabulous prizes in our auction and raffles, including a piece of diamond jewellery donated by Deacons jewellers in Old Town, Swindon."

Sheryl added: "We've had businesses and their employees, families and friends of patients cared for by the hospice attending our Balls in the past, so if you're looking for a fantastic night out with colleagues, family or friends you really don't want to miss our Full Length and Fabulous Ball. You'll also help make a real difference to the lives of local people needing our care."

Tickets for the Ball are £80 per head or £800 for a table of ten. To book your place email SherylCrouch@prospect-hospice.net or call 01793 816159.

The Upper Thames Protection Society (UTPS)

We are a small group of interested people who meet periodically to share information about the health and wellbeing of the River Thames from its source to Inglesham.



We keep a watching brief on anything that may affect the river and liaise with other groups such as local councils, conservation groups, farming advisory groups, fishermen and monitoring organisations and look at issues such as:

- Floodplain Meadows Partnership
- River Restoration
- Thames Path
- River Thames Erosion Project
- Fish Populations

We produce an annual newsletter covering issues arising during the year. At our AGM, usually held in October or November, we invite a guest speaker to talk on a subject which concerns the river.

We have also made small donations to aid or facilitate initiatives to improve conditions or habitats along the river.

The UTPS is looking for new members to join the society so if you are keen to help protect the environs of the upper Thames, please visit our website to sign up and join: upperthamesprotection.org.uk Membership is just £3 a year.

If you would like to speak to someone, contact Richard Rumming on 01285 861253 or email waterhayfarm@googlemail.com

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We're working with Wiltshire Council to help you with the cost of:

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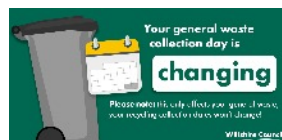
You can find a secure online referral form at warmandsafewiltshire.org.uk

Centre for Sustainable Energy, St James Court, St James Parade, Bristol BS1 3LH | www.cse.org.uk | 0117 934 1400

Your waste collection day will change from 28 February

From Monday 28 February, household waste collection days for nearly all Wiltshire properties will change.

This change will only affect your general household waste collections – there is no change to recycling or garden waste collections, which will still take place on their usual day.



You do not need to do anything at the moment.

To ensure you're informed about your new collection day, you will receive a personalised letter that explains how your collection day will change and what you need to do. You'll also have a hanger label placed on your general household waste bin on your last collection under the old schedule that will give you more information.

Letters will start landing on doormats from 31 January and for the following two weeks, so if you don't get a letter straight away, don't worry. *[Ed. Mine arrived 1 February.]*

Please do not contact us about the changes – all the information you need will be in your letter, and you do not need to do anything until you receive your letter.

Find out more about waste collections on line at wiltshire.gov.uk/waste

Donna Mountford, Wiltshire Council

New Latton Book

Latton residents may like to know that I'm currently planning a booklet exclusively about the village and its surrounding parish. It will be based on memories brought together from my *Cricklade Revealed* books with added information and previously unpublished pictures. The booklet will be a limited edition and, hopefully, the proceeds from sales can be donated to a Latton good cause.

If you support my project please contact me on 01793 750542 or mfparsons071@btinternet.com

Marion Parsons

Cricklade Bloomers

Whispers from the Walled Garden

March sees us getting ready for spring and there is a special offer for gardeners in Cricklade

**Free soil conditioner, mature and composted
in our own garden compost bins**

Come and collect on Saturday 5 March: 9.30 to 11.30am

Bring your own bags

Donations to Bloomers

Have you been taken by the gardening bug during lock down? Would you like a little more gardening space? We have room in the Walled Garden for some imaginative planting ideas.

Join us and be part of the success that is Bloomers. Everyone is welcome; you have skills we can use so come and join us.

Bloomers 07889 986 166 / 07973 863 702

email anita@crickladeinbloom.co.uk



Fifty Shades of Green

The Adventures of a Wannabe Eco Warrior

Well February was interesting. I tried for Waste Free Feb but all I succeeded in doing is filling my recycling bin instead of my waste bin. Not quite as much Reduce or Reuse as Recycle. I did skip a few plastics by reusing detergent bottles and having them refilled by Shirley (healthy-planet@outlook.com). And I'm now doing it the old fashioned way and having a milkman once a week - local dairy 10 Green Bottles (01793 688834), whose bottles aren't in fact green, who deliver in solar powered vans and take back their glass milk bottles and yoghurt jars to reuse them.

I also learned that the waste free shop in Marlborough has wine (among other things) on draught so you can take your own containers - that was a very happy discovery! My food waste also became a bit of an issue so I've been investigating compost bins. My friend S showed me her wormery and I'm glad I had a glass of something fizzy in hand to distract me, but I've got 2 teenage boys and a dog so I don't need any more grubby creatures to look after. I think I'll get a Green Johanna compost bin with a discount through Wiltshire Council. The Green Johanna keeps your compost hot which means you can put all food waste in there not just vegetables.

Anyway must dash, I've got a Cricklade CAN planning meeting, with a glass or two obviously.

Written by Theresa Green for Cricklade Climate Action Network

Sing Four Four

Do you enjoy singing? If so, have you spotted our notice in the town diary, or the posters around Cricklade? Take a look on our website www.singfourfour.org.uk. We are growing in numbers but always looking for new recruits! We meet every Thursday from 7.30 to 9.30pm, currently at St Sampson's.



Sing Four Four is a mixed community choir of approximately 50 singers and gives a very warm welcome to members of all abilities. Drop us a line via the contact form on our website or email jenlou.bamford@googlemail.com - we look forward to welcoming you to this friendly community choir.

Letters to the Editor

Kathleen Coole died peacefully at home on 19 December 2021 aged 94. Her family would like to thank everyone for the flowers, many cards, kind messages and words of condolence which they have received since her passing.

Cricklade was Kathleen's adopted home - she moved here in 1948 and loved it dearly. She was very involved in the community serving as a District and Town Councillor for many years and was active in many other organisations within the town.

She was very proud to have been made a Freeman in 1993, the first woman to hold that role.

John & Mary Coole

CRICKLADE CINEMA!

Our Spring season continues....

Tues 22nd March 8pm Spencer Cert 12A 118 mins

During her Christmas holidays with the royal family at the Sandringham estate in Norfolk, Diana Spencer, struggling with mental health problems, decides to end her decade long marriage to Prince Charles. Kristen Stewart stars as Princess Diana.

(contains: eating disorder references, self-harm, infrequent strong language)



And coming up in April ... Last Night in Soho (Cert 18, 114 mins)

Tickets (£4) can be purchased from The Town Council Offices at 113 High Street.

More details about all the films being shown and information on Cricklade Cinema can be found on our website (crickladecinema.org.uk) so why not take a look.

Email us at: crickladecinema@gmail.com or phone on 750782

Check us out at Facebook Cricklade Cinema.

**CINEMA
FOR ALL**

Cricklade Bowls Club

The Bowls season starts in April and we're looking forward to a whole season this year (hopefully Covid is in the past).



Our **Open Day is on Saturday 12 April**. If you are interested in bowls, please come along and have a "roll up". Returning members will also be there to dust down their bowls (and pay their annual subscriptions!)

We are also supporting Bowls England's "National Open Weekend" in May, when we'll be opening our Club to all to have a go (more details in next month's Chronicle).

Come along and see what Bowls is all about, bring your friends. No previous knowledge or skill required, or bowls as we have plenty of Club bowls available. Existing Club members will show you how it works. Neil, our Greenkeeper has worked wonders with our Green. It's better than ever, the Ditch has been fitted with brand new artificial turf and the Clubhouse has been spruced up.

For those intending to have a go, you don't need special bowls shoes, just please wear appropriate footwear, i.e. trainers or flat bottomed shoes.

Cricklade Bowls Club is on the web (crickladebowlsclub.co.uk) and on Facebook too.

If you are interested, please just come along and have a go. There is no charge for the taster session ... and we have a licensed bar!

For more information please contact:

Roy Phillips (Secretary) roy2308@btinternet.com

Paul Coleman (Mens Captain) colemanpaul1@hotmail.com

Adina Grace (Ladies Captain) janda.grace447@outlook.com

or anyone in the Club.

Rotary Swindon Cares Concert

The High Sheriff of Wiltshire is hosting a concert on Saturday 26 March at 7.30pm in Christ Church, Old Town, Swindon, SN1 3HB in support of Rotary Swindon Cares and Swindon Domestic Abuse Support Service.



Swindon Cares
Rotary supporting local charities

Tickets for the Concert, featuring The Wessex (Male Choir) cost £20 per person including a Reception after the Concert, or £10 for the Concert only. They can be obtained via:

email: rotarynicky@nickyalberry.co.uk

on line: wessexmalechoir.co.uk/tickets

in person: Christ Church Community Centre (during opening times)

or: Swindon Central Library (during opening times)

post: Nicky Alberry, Business West, Park House, Church Place, Swindon, SN1 5ED

The concert is also kindly supported by Arkells Family Brewers and will be recorded by BBC Wiltshire.



Cricklade Rugby Football Club is celebrating! The groundwork for the new floodlights was completed on 25 January, (check out the photos on our Facebook page) and the columns should be going in mid to end of March. The existing lights and lighting structures will then be stripped down ready for the new ones. Look out for the cherry picker!

This is a big outlay for the club and we are very grateful for all the support we get from our town and membership.

We are keen to recruit new players, experience not necessary. Please contact Mike Murray, our Club Captain, at michaelmurray198922@gmail.com or phone 07514 596 910 for more information. Training is on a Tuesday and Thursday at 7pm at Fairview Fields and all are welcome. We are a friendly club and welcome new players and supporters; why not come along and watch our Home game on 26 March vs Pewsey Vale, and our Away game is against Devizes II on 12 March.

Another opportunity to meet us is to come along and join in our annual Race Night on Saturday 5 March, 7 for 7.30pm at the Town Hall. It promises to be a really fun night! Tickets (£8 which includes sausage & chips) available from Nicky Lloyd, 07769 736 904 or nicolamcknight@hotmail.com

Our Minis section continues to grow and is open to all shapes, sizes and genders. We aim to provide a safe environment where every player can enjoy rugby and develop their personal and social skills as well as a wide array of transferable multi-sports skills. Training is held at our Fairview Fields ground and new players are always welcome. Under 11s, 12s and 13s is under floodlights on Fridays 7 - 8pm and U6s - U9s on Saturdays 11am to 12 noon. If you would like to join our Minis contact Danny Lloyd, 07979 864 279, or email daniel.lloyd@dhl.com. We would also welcome any parents who want to get involved and support the Minis, so if you are interested please contact Danny. Our Minis' fixtures for March are, U12s on 6th vs Bradford-on-Avon (Away) and on 20th vs Chippenham (Home). U13s on 6th vs Tetbury (Away) and on 20th vs Royal Wootton Bassett (Away).

Cricklade Garden Club

Meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month in the Town Hall Annexe. Tea and cakes are served from 7pm. Speaker starts at 7.30pm.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 8 March our speaker is Mandy Bradshaw, a freelance writer, editor and photographer. She will be talking about 'Finding the angle at Chelsea - a journalist's view of the world famous flower show'.

For information about the club, upcoming events and trips please look at our excellent website crickldegardenclub.org.uk

Membership is £20 p.a. and we are affiliated to the Gloucestershire Federation of Gardening Societies ([web: gfgs.org.uk](http://web:gfgs.org.uk)) and the RHS.

Visitors welcome at £3 a session - come and give us a try.

Queries to Anne 07717 695 022, Janet 07765 276 534, Pauline 01793 752877.

We look forward to seeing you!

The Chronicle Diary

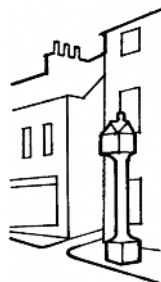
I can't include your event in this section if you don't tell me! Email RickDixonChronicle@gmail.com.

March 2022

Tu 1	7.30pm	St David's Day and Shrove Tuesday Camera Club at Town Hall
	11.30pm	Copy deadline for April issue of <i>The Chronicle</i>
W 2	5.34pm	Ash Wednesday: beginning of Lent ● New moon
Th 3	10am	Probus at the White Hart Hotel
Sa 5	9.30am	to 11.30am: Free Compost from Bloomers, The Walled Garden
	10.30am	to 12.30pm: Cricklade Devt. Foundation Open Day, old Police Station
	7pm	for 7.30pm: Cricklade Rugby annual Race Night at Town Hall
M 7	7pm	Town Council meeting in Council Chamber
Tu 8	7pm	International Women's Day speaker 7.30pm: Garden Club at Town Hall Annexe:
Th 10	10.45am	● Moon first quarter
Sa 12		Cricklade Rugby vs Devizes II (away)
M 14		Commonwealth Day
	7pm	Town Council Planning Committee meeting in Council Chamber
Tu 15	7pm	Annual Town Meeting at Town Hall - all welcome
	7.30pm	Camera Club Zoom meeting
W 16	10.30am	to noon: Parkinson's UK Coffee, Cake & Chat: Cricklade Club, High St
	7.30pm	Historical Society at Town Hall Annexe
Th 17	7.30pm	Cricklade W.I. at Town Hall Annexe: "Cricklade Glass"
F 18	7.17am	○ Full moon
Su 20		Spring Equinox
Tu 22	8pm	doors 7.30pm: Cricklade Cinema at Town Hall: - "Spencer"
F 25	5.37am	● Moon last quarter
Sa 26		Cricklade Rugby vs Pewsey Vale (home)
	7.30pm	Cantores Chamber Choir concert at St Sampson's
	7.30pm	Rotary concert with The Wessex at Christ Church, Swindon
Su 27	2am	Start of British Summer Time - clocks go forward 1 hour
		Mothering Sunday
Th 31	10am	Probus at the White Hart Hotel

Every Week

M	10am-3.30pm	Open Door at Jenner Hall
	10am-noon	Computer Club at Leisure Centre
Tu	10am-3.30pm	Open Door at Jenner Hall
	7pm	Rugby Club training at Fairview Fields
Th	10am-3.30pm	Open Door at Jenner Hall
	10-11am	Cricklade Credit Union: in Tourist Information Office
	7pm	Rugby Club training at Fairview Fields
	7.30-9.30pm	Sing Four Four choir rehearsal at St Sampson's
F	10-11.30am	Cricklade Foodbank at Jenner Hall



The Final Word ...

Days are getting longer, spring is well under way, reminding us that however dark and dismal the winter has been, there is the hope of new things to come. And with warmer weather on the way, everyone is hoping that the number of cases of Covid-19 will be much lower, so that none of us need to worry about social mixing.

So many people have experienced worries over these last months. Jesus' disciples worried when they learnt from Him that their journey to Jerusalem would result in His death. So Jesus reassured his friends with these words:-

"Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me".

When we don't know where life is taking us, when we don't know where to turn, or aren't sure how we will cope, Jesus' words are there to reassure us today.

Take His words into your hearts and minds and step out in trust along your journey of life because, with Jesus beside us, we never walk alone.

*Revd Shirley,
serving in the Upper Thames Group of Parishes*

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