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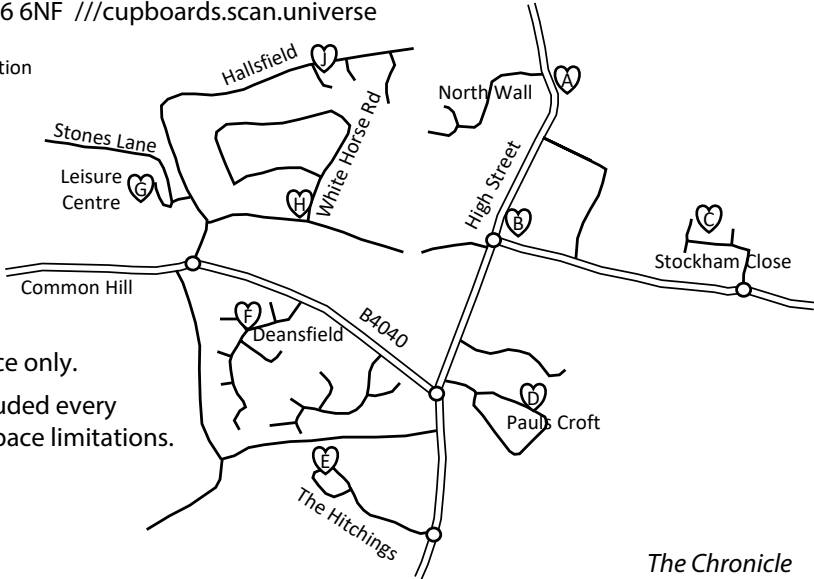
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- D 17 Pauls Croft, SN6 6AH ///grace.bind.framework
- E 48 The Hitchings, SN6 6NJ ///thing.hydrant.height
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- J 9 Kitefield, SN6 6NF ///cupboards.scan.universe



♥ Defibrillator location



Map for guidance only.
May not be included every month due to space limitations.

From the Editor

April ... and Easter is with us. Whether or not you are a church-goer, it is a time of optimism and, as this month's Final Word imparts, a blossoming renewal of the world. And, we hope, to see the back of those "named storms" that set some new records just a few weeks back.

Fritillaries are a symbol of our town and we hope to see them this year. Cricklade Bloomers work hard all year round to make our streets and public places so inviting. They are hosting lunches, snacks and teas at the Fritillary Tea Rooms over two weekends in April (page 39).

Fritillaries in days gone by are featured on page 19 - but only look, don't pick! Take only memories, leave only footprints.

The Museum in Calcutt Street will be open on Saturday mornings from 9 April (page 42). As a former curator of Purton Museum, that is wonderful news to me!

May's issue will come with the annual Christian Aid Week envelopes. There will

be more information with that issue.

We need a new distributor to do the rounds at Parsonage Farm flats. Can you spare 20 minutes a month? If so, have a look at page 40.

Have you heard of a Blue Moon? That's when there are two full moons in a single month. This month we have two new moons though of course we won't see either because ... well that's the way with new moons! The second of them on 30 April has a special name: Black Moon.

Another important date of course this month is HM The Queen's 96th birthday. I'm sure we can come together to say, "Happy Birthday!"

I cannot end without mentioning the appalling events in Ukraine, as I write. We must all believe that good will prevail over evil even though it may take some time. Kyiv was not built in a day.



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Cricklade Town Council

Town Council Meetings

Monday 4 April 2022: Community & Leisure Committee

Monday 11 April 2022: Planning, Conservation and Transport Committee

Monday 25 April 2022: Personnel Committee



All meetings, commencing at 7pm, are held in the Council Chamber, 113 High Street. Members of the public are able to ask any questions at the beginning of each meeting.

Annual Town Meeting – Tuesday 12 April 2022

This year the Annual Town Meeting is on Tuesday 12 April at 7pm in 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.

Everyone is welcome to attend and refreshments will be served from 6.30pm. During the evening there will be plenty of opportunities for you to ask questions. These can be lodged in advance (*by Thursday 7 April please*) if it is likely that your question would need research to answer fully.

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.

Graffiti and E-Scooters

There has been an increase in graffiti in the area, and we are working with the police on tackling this anti-social behaviour. Please let us know if you find any graffiti in the area.

Also, a polite reminder that legally E-Scooters are only to be used on private land in Cricklade – not on public roads or pavements.

Grant Funding Opportunities

There is a new grant funding pot available in the Town Council's Small Grant Scheme for Cricklade based community and voluntary projects. Further information is available

from the Town Council offices and on our website at www.crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk

The Dog Walkers Code of Conduct

Dog mess is the most unacceptable and offensive type of litter on our streets. Dog fouling is not only deeply unpleasant, but also dangerous. Whilst rare, contact with dog excrement can cause toxocariasis – a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness or seizures.

- Pick up dog faeces.
- Keep dogs out of areas signed as exclusion areas e.g, children's play areas.
- Keep dogs on leads in designated areas such as the Town's allotments, the Cemetery, car parks and footpaths used to reach nurseries or schools.
- The Town Council maintains over 60 bins in Cricklade, all emptied regularly – so there is no excuse not to use these.

Staffing Updates

The Town Council welcomes our new front office receptionist Emma Wheeler who starts on 14 March 2022. We look forward to working with Emma and wish her every success in her new role.

HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Are you planning an event for HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee? If so, then please let the Council know so that we can publish it on the Events Calendar. Please email admin@crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk

The Town Council and Tourist Information Point is open:

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

** Closed on Bank Holidays: Friday 15 April & Monday 18 April 2022 **

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

Website: www.crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk



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Cricklade & District Probus Club

We are looking forward to two group meetings in April.

On 14 April the talk will be on 'Amusing and Amazing Moments when dealing with Disasters'. This will be followed by the **A.G.M. on 28 April**.



The meetings normally 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.

Sing Four Four

The Community Choir now has a new home. From the beginning of March, we have been rehearsing in Cricklade United Church. The choir would like to extend grateful thanks to St Sampson's Church for allowing us to use their building for our rehearsals. The large space enabled us to follow the Covid protocols in place at that time.

Our rehearsal day and time remain the same – Thursday between 7.30-9.30pm.

The choir embraces a wide range of musical abilities. There is no audition, only a love of singing. We enjoy a wide repertoire of sacred and secular songs, old and new, accompanied or unaccompanied. The majority of the songs are SATB, so there is something for everyone.

Please use our contact form for more information at: www.singfourfour.org.uk or email musical director Jen Bamford: jenloubamford@googlemail.com

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 Link Scheme

We Need Your Help - We need a Co-ordinator

We are seeking a Link Co-ordinator. We take requests on our answer machine and once a day the Co-ordinator matches up drivers and Link tasks. The Co-ordinators can operate from any location. We supply a mobile telephone.

Co-ordinators currently cover a two-week stint every six weeks.

Could you give a couple of hours a week to be a Co-ordinator? Please call 751049 or 07421 018 499 for more details.

We are also seeking drivers to help run this service for your community.

We need Volunteers 07421 018 499



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Focus on Wiltshire Council

I am focusing on **road safety** this month. I get many calls about road safety issues so thought it appropriate to try and explain the procedures and ways you can report and get involved. Firstly there is the **"MyWilts" App**. Download to your smart phone, iPad or PC. There you can report a long list of issues: street lights (don't forget to record the lamp standard number), pavements, potholes, drains, traffic lights, road signs, graffiti and fly tipping. Your message goes direct to the relevant desk and normally gets a response within 24 hours.

All of the roads within Cricklade, Latton and Marston Meysey are the responsibility of Wiltshire Council (WC) except the A419 which is run by National Highways (formerly Highways England). Your first line of reporting is to your Town or Parish Council who will contact the Local Highways Engineer. For Cricklade the Town Council (CTC) has a Planning Transport and Conservation Committee (PCT, next meeting 11 April) where you are most welcome to write or attend to voice your concerns. In turn, concerns are referred to the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) for consideration and hopefully be resolved. (CTC has to contribute to any costs.) Members of the public can report Road Safety issues direct to CATG through the Area Board Community Area Manager (details online at Wiltshire Council). I am always here to assist.

Current issues include:

Speeding: This is a police matter and is regularly referred to them. The use of Community Speed Watch through volunteers helps to reduce the problem. Volunteers are always needed. In Cricklade remember it is 20 mph throughout the Town, Bath Road and Culverhay. Is it worth 3 points on your licence? The police are regularly checking all of these areas.

Road Markings: I have received many complaints regarding the diminished road markings at the Clock Tower in particular, and all the pedestrian crossings. These have all been reported to Highways and should have been repainted last summer. Various excuses have been offered but they will remain unpainted now until late spring, as this repainting work can only be carried out when frost free and dry weather are guaranteed.

Pedestrian Crossings: CTC and I have been demanding the crossings be better lit and more visual to motorists following numerous near misses. After the Highways engineers report, WC agreed to upgrade 2 of the 4 crossings but, after appealing the decision, WC have finally agreed to upgrade all 4. This will take some months to be completed.

Weight Limits and Speeding: The Fiddle and Forty: It would appear that many lorry drivers are disregarding both the speed limit and weight limit. This is particularly concerning as soon the footpath from Hitchings will join up with Church Walk. This I hope will then be a safe route to school, without Hitchings residents battling with being splashed from the puddles and HGVs on the Purton Road. I am preparing a case to present to CTC and CATG for width restrictions and additional road markings in the Fiddle and Forty. I would like to hear your views on this idea.

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 Fritillaries

When the fritillaries were out in North Meadow, local people were free to wander wherever they pleased unhampered by officialdom, and to pick the 'snakes-heads', as they were known, indiscriminately. Doing so did not appear to harm the plant which grew prolifically every year. There are countless memories from the 1920s to bear this out, from family picnic trips to gather the flowers for home, to the arrival of gypsies who filled tin baths with them to sell on locally. Reg Coole (b. 1919) remembered, "Fritillaries were always recognised as being peculiar to Cricklade; they're on our town badge, but in the 1920s they grew mainly in the north of the meadow. They were quite tall then; eighteen inches to two feet in length, whereas today they're only a third of that but more widely spread. We had nature walks from school in the twenties and some of the teachers got quite interested in the fritillary long before it received today's national acclaim. There were lots of other meadow flowers too and sometimes we brought some back for pressing."



[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.]

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50 Shades of Green

The Adventures of an Eco-Warrior Wannabee.

Insectageddon!!!! I know I'm on a voyage of discovery but some things I just didn't need to know about. Insects? Armageddon? Pretty high on my list of things not to think about. In fact hearing it caused me to dribble red wine on S's tablecloth and that's just not like me.

Once I'd calmed down it wasn't as bad as I thought in one sense but much worse in another. We aren't all going to die at the pincers of giant earwigs but all the earwigs are going to die at our hands. According to Friends of the Earth some estimates suggest that flying insect numbers are reducing at 6% per year, with a number of possible causes – loss of habitat, industrial farming methods and cumulative pesticide use being the prime suspects.

I have witnessed it myself – having lived next to common land for 16 years, I have seen the decline in dragonflies, damselflies, butterflies and crickets that wander into my home. With their decline, it follows that the frogs, toads, newts, birds and small mammals that feed on them will also disappear.

Learning about this has made me feel slightly kinder towards earwigs and wasps, which also have their place in life's tapestry. It's time to set my garden up for the spring and I for one shall be planting insect friendly plants and steering clear of ALL pesticides. S has just offered me foxgloves, toadflax, borage and field geranium ... and a bottle of worm wee from her wormery as fertiliser. Aren't I the lucky one?

Theresa Green for Cricklade Climate Action Network
email: trizagreen@icloud.com

Have fun at “It's a Prospect Knockout!”

It's a Prospect Knockout promises a fun day out with friends, family or colleagues while tackling wacky challenges.



The event, in aid of Prospect Hospice in Swindon, involves entertaining games including those with foam and water, running over large inflatable obstacles and more. Not only a challenge for those taking part, but great for spectators to come along and cheer on your team.

It is being held on Sunday 17 July at Swindon Cricket Club, County Road, Swindon, from 10am to 2.30pm and is for teams of ten adults aged 18 or over.

The friendly competition will involve teams competing in several games and working together to get as many points as possible.

Sheryl Crouch, Head of Income at Prospect Hospice, said: “Everyone who takes part will have an unforgettable experience and will also be helping Prospect Hospice to care for people who need end of life care and supporting their loved ones.”

Entry is £300 per team (or £30 per person) and each team is asked to raise an additional minimum of £500 (or £50 per person).

To find out more and to enter a team go to www.prospect-hospice.net/knockout

Foodbank

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



We have seen a steady rise in the number of clients visiting our Foodbank on a Friday morning. Clients are warmly welcomed by our friendly volunteers who offer tea or coffee and a chance to chat. There are leaflets on the tables which offer information on specific help which is available. We prefer clients to come with a referral voucher, but we won't 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

The Foodbank has become part of the Fuelbank initiative. It means that we can now give emergency help to Foodbank clients who have pre-payment electric and gas meters and are in danger of running out of energy because they can't afford to put credit on their pre-payment meter.

With the continuing rise in week by week demand, the warehouse is running low on some items, with other items being completely depleted. A big thank-you to everyone who generously responded to our emergency poster for food that had run out. Please keep an eye out for similar posters in the future. You can donate into our usual boxes, 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.

Items in short supply this month are:

- Baked beans
- Tea and coffee
- Tinned cat food and tinned dog food
- Vegetable pies and meals suitable for vegetarians and vegans
- Toothbrushes
- Pasta sauce
- Tinned rice pudding
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned fish
- Laundry powder/liquid
- UHT milk
- Fruit juice
- Sauces (ketchup etc)
- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned spaghetti

We have plenty of: rice, cereals, sweet biscuits.

Bingo 4 Us

Bingo4Us is a small non-profit group who meet at the Jenner Hall, Cricklade on Wednesday afternoons at 1.30 and it is 'EYES DOWN' at 2 pm. We are keen to have more members from the local area, including Purton, who will be made very welcome.

There is no joining fee, just a fee of £1 per session to cover prizes.

There are no forms to complete, so just come along on the day. For venue details and any questions please give Vicky a call on 07801 952 027.

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

Services for the Upper Thames Churches

3 April

5th Sunday of Lent

- 8.30am Holy Communion *at St Sampson's*
- 10am Morning Worship *at St Sampson's*
- 10am Morning Worship *at Latton, St John the Baptist*
- 10am Holy Communion *at Ashton Keynes, Holy Cross*
- 4pm Informal Worship *at St Sampson's*
- 6.30pm Evensong *at St Sampson's*

10 April

Palm Sunday

- 10am United Service *at St Sampson's*

14 April

Maundy Thursday

- 7.30pm Holy Communion *at St Sampson's*

15 April

Good Friday

- 2-3pm Good Friday Service *at St Sampson's*

17 April

Easter Day

- 8.30am Holy Communion *at St Sampson's*
- 9am Holy Communion *at Leigh, All Saints*
(followed by Easter Egg Hunt)
- 10am Holy Communion *at St Sampson's*
- 10am Holy Communion *at Ashton Keynes, Holy Cross*
- 11.15am Holy Communion *at Latton, St John the Baptist*
- 4pm Informal Worship *at St Sampson's*
- 4pm Evensong *at Ashton Keynes, Holy Cross*
- 6.30pm Evensong *at St Sampson's*

24 April

Easter 2

- 8.30am Holy Communion *at Ashton Keynes, Holy Cross*
- 10am Holy Communion *at St Sampson's*
- 10am Morning Worship *at Latton, St John the Baptist*

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From the Registers of the Upper Thames Group of Churches

FEBRUARY 2022

Funerals

27 February John Eric "Taff" Lee Funeral service at St Sampson's

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 24 February the lucky winners were:-

First Prize:	Mrs J. Missen	£39.30
Second Prize:	Mrs P. Hewer	£26.20
Jenner Hall Funds:		£65.50

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



Don't get out much?

We've just passed 23 March which marked the 2nd anniversary of Covid lockdown restrictions in some form or other. As we come out of those restrictions, do you feel you haven't actually been anywhere for two years now?

Maybe you have!

Cricklade sits at approximately 51.6°N of the equator (latitude) and the earth has an approximate average diameter of 7,917 miles. That is of course approximate as, apart from the hills, valleys and other lumpy bits, the planet is a bit squashed like say a plastic beach ball squeezed gently on top and bottom. But if we ignore that, the latitude circle round the globe at 51.6°N is about 15,450 miles. (The maths is at the bottom if you are interested!)

So our mother planet turns on its own axis in 1 day. That is precise because that is what we call a day. As a result, Cricklade revolves around the earth's axis at a speed of 15,450 miles per day, so 644 miles an hour, or 84% of the speed of sound. And you thought you were standing still?

Over the 2 years of travel restrictions you have actually travelled 15,450 miles every day, 365 days per year for 2 years. That's 11.3 million miles. If you tried to do that by car at 70mph that would take you 161,000 hours non-stop or a bit over 18 years. Earth managed it in just those 2 years.

With an average car fuel economy of say 50mpg (11 miles per litre) you would have needed 1 million litres of fuel which, at today's locally cheapest price of 142.7p per litre, would have cost you £1.5 million [28 February 2022].

That's not quite the end of the story. The earth revolves around the sun in 1 year; on average 365.25 days - that extra quarter is why there's a leap year every fourth year. We are on average 91.46 million miles from the sun. If you remember maths from school, our orbital distance round the sun is 2π times R (the distance from the sun) which comes to 575 million miles. 575m miles per year is 66,000 miles an hour. 86 times the speed of sound ...

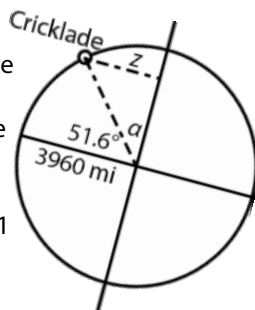
In 2 years we've travelled twice that distance, so 1.15 billion miles!

So we're all globetrotters really!

Commentator

[Note: Schools were closed from 19 March 2020 ahead of the national lockdown.]

Maths: the diameter of a circle is 2π times the radius and π (pi) is about 3.142. If Cricklade is at 51.6°N the corresponding sector angle $\alpha = 90 - 51.6 = 38.4^\circ$. The sine of an angle in a triangle is defined as the length of the opposite side O divided by the hypotenuse H. We approximate H to the earth's radius (r) as half the diameter, so $7917 / 2 = 3960$ miles. O is the latitude sector radius, which is z in the diagram. From triangle: $\sin \alpha = z/r$, so $z = r \cdot \sin \alpha = 3960 \times 0.6211 = 2459$ miles. The latitude circumference at Cricklade = $2\pi \cdot z = 15,450$ miles.



Cricklade Open Door

'Hello' from Open Door and our very best wishes to everyone for a happy and enjoyable Easter, which can you believe, is 'just around the corner'. Nearly 4 months into 2022 and if you're still debating whether to come along to Open Door - come along now and join in with the support, friendship and fun. There is no membership fee and you are free to come for as many hours and days, as little or as often, as you would like.



We started March with a flourish - 1 March was both Shrove Tuesday and St David's Day, so pancakes, leeks, bara brith and Welsh cakes were in abundance! Throughout March we have enjoyed the usual Knitting Group, Seated Exercises, Bingo and a selection of activities on a Tuesday afternoon - our Tuesday programme is on the various notice boards in the town. Unfortunately, the storms damaged the Jenner Hall notice board but, hopefully, it will be repaired soon as it is a great help to the Cricklade community. Our A.G.M. was held during the morning session at Open Door, on Thursday 24 March and was very professionally organised by our trustees. If the 24th was a serious morning, then the 25th was a less serious Friday lunchtime when members and volunteers had lunch at Jicsaw Thai Restaurant. As always, we were treated so well and nothing is ever too much trouble.

In April we are holding another Coffee Morning and Jigsaw Sale, with raffle and tombola and Chris's baking - cakes and scones. Pop this date in your diaries and come along - Thursday 14 April, 10-11.45am.

Our exciting news is that Open Door will be receiving their new minibus in April, custom made inside, to accommodate walking frames etc. We have been able to purchase a new minibus thanks to Martin Read's very generous legacy. Martin was a volunteer driver with Open Door for many years and stipulated that the money was for a minibus, because the current one is pretty elderly and sometimes lets us down. Martin passed away, very suddenly, in the summer of 2019.

Cricklade Open Door, The Jenner Hall, tel: 07599 987 851

Open: Mondays (not Easter Bank Holiday), Tuesdays and Thursdays - 10am to 3.30pm

Lunch can be booked before 10am on the day - £5.00

USPG Elephants

I would like to thank everyone who have kept their elephants safe during these Covid times and I hope that you all managed to keep safe also.

Our collections for 2021 totalled £1,122 and these monies are for the Primary Health Care Scheme in S. Malawi.

I would like to have an elephant round-up on Sunday 3 April so, if you can bring your elephants to St. Sampson's that day I would appreciate it. Thank you again for your generosity towards this scheme.

If you would like to help towards this scheme and would like an elephant for storing your loose change until emptying time please let me know.

Paul Fray 750740

St Sampson's Church Appeal

Dear Friends,

Our programme of events continues to grow! Please put these dates in your diaries!



Saturday 23 April St George's Day Quiz at St Sampson's School

7pm for 7.30 start Teams of 6

Tickets £6 to include hot supper. Alcoholic and soft drinks available.

Advance notice:

Saturday 14 May The Cricklade Band Concert

Saturday 15 October 'The Wessex' Male Choir

Look out for posters giving full details or visit www.stsampsonschurchappeal.co.uk.

All events helping to raise funds for the St Sampson's Church Refurbishment.

St Sampson's Church 100 Club

The lucky winner of our February 2022 draw was:-

Mr and Mrs Fray £28.50

St Sampson's Church Appeal fund benefited by £28.50

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 sharonsmith54@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 by scanning the QR code (right) or visiting <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com>.

With best wishes from the Church Appeal Team.



Cricklade W.I.

At February's meeting WI members heard from local resident and Glass Artist, Lesley Cowley, who talked about her work and displayed a selection of items available to purchase. In March Jackie Lucas provided an understanding of the importance of a Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA).

On 26 April, Jenny Etheredge joins Cricklade members to give a display of Armchair Yoga to help improve fitness. The meeting is at the Town Hall Annexe.

For further details please contact Viv Tomkins on 01793 752459 or email: vivienne.tomkins@btinternet.com.



Royal British Legion Cricklade & District Branch

Did you know that you do not need to have served in the Armed Forces to be a member of the RBL?

The Cricklade and District Branch of the RBL is small but active, leading the Town in Remembrance events every November. But the RBL is about much more than just the 11th November. It has a long history of supporting those that have suffered in conflict or indeed in many other situations, providing financial, social and emotional support to serving members and veterans of the British Armed Forces, their families and dependants.



We are seeking new members to help us in our aims. Together with the many ex-servicemen and women living in and around Cricklade, you can make a difference with your support.

Have you served, or are you still serving? Now is the time to give back a little to your fellow service personnel. If you have never served but share our values, come and support us. Join our family to make a difference to those in need.

We meet in a very sociable setting at the White Hart.

Interested? Call our Membership Secretary Yvonne Hill on 07485 135 395, or email us: rblcricklade@gmail.com

Cricklade Jenner Hall continues to be at the Heart of Cricklade for over 300 years

Our *Easter Open Morning* is on Saturday 2 April at 10am. You are all welcome to come and meet your friends and make others.

You can enjoy tea or coffee with free refills, and homemade cakes made by our supporters. Lucky dip on the day with good prizes.



The Jenner Hall continues to be a popular place for family events and smaller wedding receptions.

Our new team of Trustees aim 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

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 Bloomers

Whispers from the Walled Garden

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 - come and join us.

Bloomers 07889 986 166 / 07973 863 702 email: anita@crickladeinbloom.co.uk

Fritillary Tea Rooms will be open at the Thames Hall by the Town Bridge

Saturday 16, Sunday 17, Saturday 23, Sunday 24 April.

Open from 11am until 4pm. Indoor and outdoor seating available.

Cricklade Bloomers welcome you to our hugely popular Fritillary Tea rooms where you can enjoy fresh homemade sandwiches, soup, cakes and cream teas. All made and served by our volunteers.

Browse our home-grown organic plant sales, where you can buy a range of perennials, annuals, and pots of flowering Fritillaries.

Exhibition by Great Western Embroiderers.

Leaflets and information about North Meadow National Nature Reserve.

Fritillary Watch - Cricklade Court Leet

All proceeds to Cricklade Bloomers for the Town's floral displays, trees and borders.

Follow us on our Facebook page or crickladeinbloom.co.uk

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, 12 April**. Our speaker is Paul Green of Green Leaves Nursery. He will be talking about: **Sensory Sensations**. The Town Hall Annexe will be transformed with masses of wonderful, unusual, and healthy plants for sale. An evening with Paul and his plants is not to be missed!

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

Membership is £20 p.a. We are affiliated to the Gloucestershire Federation of Gardening Societies (www.gfqs.org.uk) and to the RHS. Visitors are welcome at £3 a session - come and give us a try.

Queries to: Anne 07717 695 022, Janet 07765 276 534, Bizzie 07876 347 973

We look forward to seeing you.

Cricklade Development Foundation

Our recent Open Days at the Old Police Station in Cricklade High Street have been well attended, so much so that we are arranging another one! If you've always wondered what the place was like inside and/or want to learn more about our community initiative to renovate the property for the benefit of the High Street and the wider community, please pop into our next Open Day. We'd love to meet you!



The Old Police Station
Open Day Saturday, 9 April 2022
10.30am to 12.30pm
All are welcome!

Contact details - email: contact@crickladefoundation.org.uk or phone our Secretary, Terri Robertson, 07902 421 756. For all the latest news, please check out our Facebook page (4) Cricklade Development Foundation | Facebook and website: crickladefoundation.org.uk

North Meadow Wildlife Courses

North Meadow is an internationally important, species-rich lowland hay meadow habitat. This type of habitat is now rare in the UK as 97% has been lost in the last 100 years. Our local national nature reserve is a special place that is home to 250 plant species which support huge numbers of butterflies, moths, bees, damselflies, and dragonflies.

Cricklade Court Leet is hosting 3 courses this year for anyone who would like to find out more about North Meadow:

14 May – A Bumblebee Identification Course tutored by Richard Comont, Science Officer at the Bumblebee Conservation Trust.

11/12 June - Moths and Butterflies Course tutored by David Brown, County Recorder for Warwickshire. This includes field trips to Edge common NNR and Daneway Banks NR within the Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods AONB.

25 June - Damselfly Identification Course tutored by Sue Rees Evans, Shropshire County Recorder.

The courses are heavily subsidised by a Heritage Lottery Grant and include a free species identification book. You can find out more about these courses and book a place on the Cricklade Court Leet website at crickldecourtleet.org.uk/2022-courses or scan the QR code.



Chronicle Distributor Needed!

Can you help your Chronicle?

We need a new distributor for Parsonage Farm, to deliver 30 copies of the magazine to the flats only. Copies would be delivered to you or a safe place and it should only take you about 15 to 20 minutes each month to distribute - only 11 months a year as there's no January issue! Please contact Allan or Nicky on 752898 for more details.

Cricklade Bowls Club

The Bowls season starts this month and Neil (our groundkeeper) has been getting the green in tip top condition.

Our **Open Day is on Saturday 9 April** from 10am to 4pm for returning members to dust down their bowls - and pay their annual subscriptions!



If you are interested in bowls, please come along and have a roll up too. No previous knowledge or skill is required, or bowls - we have plenty of Club bowls available. And coaching - Club members will show you how it works. Also, we are part of Bowls England's "National Open Weekend" at the end of May. Another chance to have a go. More details in next month's Chronicle.

For those intending to have a go, please wear appropriate footwear i.e. trainers or flat bottomed shoes. You will find the Club's green in Bath Road, opposite the school.

Our web address is crickladebowlsclub.co.uk and we're on Facebook too.

If you are interested, please just come along to one of our Open Days. There is no charge for having a go, plus 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.

CRICKLADE CINEMA!

A huge "THANK YOU" to all those who have come along to Film Night this season as we slowly emerge from Covid restrictions. We hope you enjoy our **season finale** which is a BAFTA nominated British thriller.

Tues 26 April 8pm **Last Night in Soho** Cert 18 114 mins

A dazzling, time-twisting thriller that tells the story of Ellie, who moves from Cornwall to London to study fashion design and finds herself caught up in a strange parallel existence involving an aspiring singer in the 1960s. *(Contains: strong bloody violence)*



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

More details about all the films being shown and information on Cricklade Cinema can be found on our website (www.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 Rugby Club 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; all are welcome. We are a friendly club and welcome new players and supporters. Our last game of the season is away to Royal Wootton Bassett on 9 April, kick-off 3pm. We would like to thank all our supporters who came to our annual Race Night which was a great success. As usual we will be supporting the Annual Cricklade Spring Clean on 2 April and look forward to joining in with Cricklade residents to keep our town clean. Why not come along afterwards to watch our Minis play.

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 - 12pm. If you would like to join our Minis contact Danny Lloyd, 07979 864 279, or email daniel.lloyd@dhl.com or Seth Wareing, sethwareing@hotmail.com.

We would also welcome any parents who want to get involved and support the Minis, so if you are interested please contact Danny or Seth. Our last games for the Minis' season are, U7s, 8s, 9s, 11s and 12s away on 24 April at Royal Wootton Bassett, U12s away on 3 April at Supermarine and U13s at home on 3 April vs Supermarine.

Cricklade Historical Society

We will be holding the forthcoming events:

Wednesday 20 April "Great Fire of Warwick" - a talk by Dr. Gillian White.

Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm (Town Hall Annexe).

Entry to the talk is free for Cricklade Historical Society Members - Non Members £5.00.

Friday 20 May Annual Quiz Night & Raffle.

Tickets are £12.00 per person – the ticket entitles the holder to a welcome drink on arrival and a light supper at half time.

A pay bar will also be available.

For tickets please contact Tracy on 07825 430 278.

Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm (Town Hall).

The Museum will be open on Saturday mornings (10am to noon) starting from 9 April, so please come along and visit us.

For your Diary

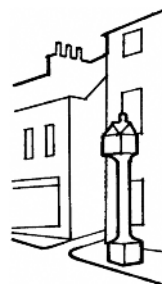
The Wessex (Male Choir) will be holding their 20th Anniversary Concert on 9 July at The Deanery CE Academy, Wichelstowe SN1 7DA. Tickets are on sale now from the choir's website: wessexmalechoir.co.uk/tickets

The Chronicle Diary – April 2022

F	1	11.30pm	Copy deadline for May issue of <i>The Chronicle</i>
Sa	2	9.45am	to 11.45am: Community litter pick from Bath Road Play Area
		10am	Jenner Hall Open Day
M	4	7pm	Town Council Community & Leisure Committee in Council Chamber
Tu	5	7.30pm	Camera Club at Town Hall
Sa	9	10am	to 4pm: Bowls Club Open Day, Bath Road (opposite school)
		10.30am	to 12.30pm: Old Police Station Open Day (CDF)
		3pm (KO)	Cricklade Rugby vs Royal Wootton Bassett 3rd XV (Away)
M	11	7pm	Town Council Planning Committee in Council Chamber
Tu	12	6.30pm	for 7pm: Annual Town Meeting at Town Hall
		7pm	speaker 7.30pm: Garden Club at Town Hall Annexe
		10am	to 11.45: Open Door Coffee Morning & jigsaw sale, Jenner Hall
		10am	Probus at the White Hart Hotel
F	15		Good Friday (Bank Holiday)
Sa	16	11am	to 4pm: Cricklade Bloomers teas etc at Thames Hall, Town Bridge
Su	17		Easter Sunday
		11am	to 4pm: Cricklade Bloomers teas etc at Thames Hall, Town Bridge
M	18		Easter Monday (Bank Holiday)
W	20	10.30am	to noon: Parkinson's UK Coffee, Cake & Chat: Cricklade Club, High St
		7.30pm	Historical Society at Town Hall Annexe
Th	21	7.30pm	Cricklade W.I. at Town Hall Annexe
Sa	23	11am	to 4pm: Cricklade Bloomers teas etc at Thames Hall, Town Bridge
		7pm	7.30 start: St George's Day Quiz at St Sampson's School
Su	24	11am	to 4pm: Cricklade Bloomers teas etc at Thames Hall, Town Bridge
M	25	7pm	Town Council Personnel Committee in Council Chamber
Tu	26	8pm	Cricklade Cinema at Town Hall - tickets from Town Council Office
Th	28	10am	Probus AGM 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
W	1.30 for 2pm	Bingo4Us at Jenner Hall
Th	10-11am	Cricklade Credit Union: in Tourist Information Office
	10am-3.30pm	Open Door at Jenner Hall
	7pm	Rugby Club training at Fairview Fields
	7.30-9.30pm	Sing Four Four choir rehearsal at United Church, Calcutt Street
F	10-11.30am	Cricklade Foodbank at Jenner Hall
Sa	10am-noon	Cricklade Museum open (from 9 April) - Calcutt Street



Moon Phases - April 2022

1st ● 9th ○ 16th ○ 23rd ● 30th ● black

The Final Word ...

There are few things that look more dead than woodland in winter. Twigs, sticks, branches, all bare, all the glory gone from them in the autumn in that blaze of glory as the leaves change colour and fall to the ground. And in the grey days of January and February, we batten down the hatches (as it were) and slug it out with the winter wind and chill – with the added greyness this year of fears about our heating bills and the rising prices.

Then, almost when we'd given up, the snowdrops appear – they always seem to come first! And we begin to think that an end to the winter might come. And bit by bit life returns. It has been dormant, but is now beginning to revive, with small steps at first and then with a gradual crescendo as the leaves appear on the trees and spring blazes into life.

So it is with Jesus' death and resurrection. He didn't just look dead, he was dead – the blazing glory of his life, his teaching and healing ministry, his graciousness and humanity, his friendships, all lost as he lay in a tomb, cold, dead, gone.

When his disciples and friends knew he was gone, they crept about trying to pick up the threads of the life they had before Jesus, trying not to gain the attention of the authorities who had just put Jesus to death. He had gone. They'd seen it happen, they knew that their master and friend was dead.

So imagine how it must have been for them to discover that Jesus was, in fact, alive!? It started in a small way, as he appeared to just one of his women disciples, then two of his friends, then the disciples together as they had supper hidden in a locked upper room. Then bit, by bit, more and more people saw the risen Jesus and more and more people believed in his resurrection truth. And the life of Jesus which came with Easter day is the life we still celebrate in all Christian Churches across the land and across the world.

This Easter, let us remember the life-giving truth of Jesus' life-giving resurrection, and rejoice that he has blazed into glory in his people's lives ever since. Join me in the celebration, being open to the new life Jesus offers because of all that he went through for us.

The Easter cry of joy: Hallelujah, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Hallelujah!

Canon Debbie Dewes (Vicar Cricklade, Ashton Keynes, Latton and the Leigh)

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