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Cricklade United Church
photo: Rick Dixon

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	Link Scheme transport	07421 018 499
Cricklade Town Council	751394	Boots Chemist (100 High St)	750226
Lattonclerk@lattonparishcouncil.org.uk		Dentist (104 High St)	750388
Wiltshire Councillor (Bob Jones)	750773	Gas leak reporting	0800 111 999
Emergency Services	999	Library (113 High St)	750694
Non-Emergency: Police	101	Open Door	07599 987851
Non-Emergency: NHS	111	Optician (82 High St)	750415
Non-Emergency: Covid Helpline	109	Purton Vets (Bath Rd).....	751698
Defibrillator locations	see page 24	Samaritans	FREE: 116 123
Doctors: Purton Surgery	770207	Schools: St Sampson's Primary	750452
Green Gables Surgery	752633	Cricklade Manor Prep	750275
Cricklade (De Silva)	750645	Bradon Forest	770570

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



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From the Editor

All publications like to be as up-to-date as possible. Some try to do it by predicting the future; perhaps one of the most famous examples was the headline of the Chicago Daily Tribune in the first edition of 3 November 1948. The editor wanted to be ahead of the imminent release of the U.S. Presidential Election results, so his banner written at midnight read **DEWEY DEFEATS TRUMAN!** The newly elected and smiling President Truman held up a copy of the paper in triumph at the error.

It is therefore difficult to write on 1 April about the most obvious headlines of our day without being totally out of date by the time you read this. The only possible forecast is that the turmoil, destruction and suffering in Ukraine and among its new refugees will take many years longer than any military or political "conclusion" to resolve. Many individuals and organisations in Cricklade are joining the evident support of the British nation to help as they can.

We can hope but not predict that Cricklade's return to normal life following

the pandemic will continue. We see inside that the Library will now be open on Saturdays (morning until 1pm) and that the Museum which restarted on Saturday mornings in April will now also open on alternate Wednesday afternoons.

Easier to predict is that there will be a total lunar eclipse in the early hours of 16 May. See page 25 for further information.

The England Women's Cricket team has reached the World Cup final, playing Australia on Sunday 3 April - what will be the result? But on page 41 we see that Women's Cricket was played in Cricklade 100 years ago.

Christian Aid envelopes will have been distributed with your copy of the Chronicle this month with the hope that your generosity can help those in need in Ukraine and in other areas of the world.

Whatever we may predict, I believe that, although I am writing on 1 April, this issue has no "April Fools" or "Fake News"!



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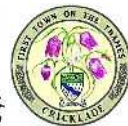
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The deadline for the June issue is Sunday 1 May 2022

Cricklade Town Council

Town Council Meetings

Monday 9 May 2022	Planning, Conservation and Transport Committee
Monday 16 May 2022	Annual Meeting of the Council
Monday 23 May 2022	Premises and Finance Committee
Monday 30 May 2022	Community and Leisure 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.

Cricklade Spring Clean 2022

Cricklade Town Council would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to all the residents that turned out on Saturday 2 April to support with the Cricklade Spring Clean. You all did a fantastic job and the Town looks so much better for your hard work. Look out for next year's date later this year.

CRICKLADE CIVIC AWARDS

At the Annual Town meeting on 12 April, Cricklade Town Council awarded the following Civic awards.

Young Person of the Year: Caitlin Goodman

Caitlin's nomination read 'for your work in keeping Cricklade clean and tidy for your volunteering element of your DofE and Platinum Chief Scout award. Also, for advocating awareness of mental health at school and on the wider online communities you use'.

Community Group of the Year: Red Lion Charity Fund

The nomination for the Red Lion Charity fund 'for the hard work the Charity has made over the last 35 years, and the difference you have made to so many local people and groups'.

The Cricklade Community Award: Linda Cantillon

Linda's nomination was made 'in recognition of your valuable contribution to Cricklade, as a retired teacher, for delivering the Chronicle, being the Cricklade Link secretary and volunteer and all you did for the community during the pandemic'.

All nominations received are considered and voted on by the Full Town Council. Well done to all our residents who were nominated. Look out for this year's details in the autumn and keep nominating our residents for all the hard work they do.

Cricklade in Bloom

Coming to Cricklade soon - Look out on Facebook and our website for more details - as some gardens are not visible from the roadside, if you specifically would like your garden to be judged this year then please call 01793 751394 or email admin@crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk.

Ukraine

Cricklade Town Council has expressed its solidarity with the people of Ukraine at this difficult time. We have also taken up the plight of the refugees with our MP. Thank you to all those that have contributed to the DEC article on our Facebook page which has, at the time of writing, raised £855. A special thank-you to all the residents and community groups that have engaged in their own fundraising and other support activities.

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 Holiday: Monday 2 May 2022 **

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

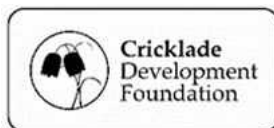
Website: www.crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk



Follow the Council @ www.facebook.com/CrickladeTownCouncil

Cricklade Development Foundation

We are arranging another Open Day to view the Old Police Station in Cricklade High Street. It's your opportunity to view the building and to see our renovation plans, which we hope will help this community-purchased property play a role in supporting the High Street for years to come. Please come along to meet the CDF team and view the property in its original state while you can. We'd love to meet you!



The Old Police Station • Open Day • Monday, 2 May 2022 • 10.30am to 12.30pm

All are welcome!

Thanks to all those who have visited our previous Open Days. It was good to see you all. If you are thinking about becoming a member of CDF, please get in touch. More needs to be raised to finance the renovation, so we would very much appreciate your support.

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

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 (07421 018 499) 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

Christian Aid Week: 15 - 21 May 2022

PLEASE HELP US!

Turning hunger into hope



The ground-breaking work of Christian Aid began in 1945, when the charity was founded by British and Irish churches to help refugees following the Second World War.

For more than 75 years, Christian Aid has provided humanitarian relief and long-term development support for poor communities worldwide, while highlighting suffering, tackling injustice and championing people's rights. Here, in Cricklade and Latton we have been involved in supporting this work throughout that time.

Sadly, this year Christian Aid has once again been called on to support refugees in Europe. Support has been given in providing food aid to Ukrainian refugees crossing the borders into Hungary and Romania. Longer term aid is being given to assist them in settling and rebuilding their lives. First Aid emergency kits (similar to those used by paramedics) for use on civilian casualties have been funded and supplied.

This is in addition to the work Christian Aid is already undertaking in supporting development projects, addressing the problems of drought and famine in many countries including Afghanistan and supporting the continued roll-out of Covid-19 vaccines.

Please can you help us? A gift envelope has been enclosed with this issue of the Chronicle. Please could you make a donation and post your envelope through the letterbox of one of the following collection points. There should be a collection point within a few minute's walk of your home

CRICKLADE

1 Calcutt Street	8 Manor Orchard	2 Frays Garden, Bath Road
"Songbirds" 7b Abingdon Court Lane		Courtyard Cottage, Horse Fair Lane
21 High Street	83 High Street	3 North Wall
7 Reeds	1 Pleydells	1 Foxlease
57 Paul's Croft	16 Waylands	19 Byre Close
73 The Fiddle	21 Saxon Close	6 Matilda's Piece
39 Pittsfield	85 Pittsfield	98 Deansfield

LATTON

5 Collett Place	Churchfield House, Upcott	6 Limes Place
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COLLECTION BUCKETS will be in:

St Sampson's Church	The United Church	St Sampson's Primary School
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If you would prefer to make a donation directly to the local Christian Aid bank account the details are: Account Number is 0076 0162 - Sort Code is 30-13-35

Christian Aid Volunteers will be collecting in the High Street on the morning of Saturday 21 May.

Thank you for your generous support over previous years. Any help you can give us this year will be gratefully appreciated.

Churches Together & the Christian Aid Team

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Focus on Wiltshire Council

This month has been taken up in three main areas.

Firstly, continuing from last month, thank you to all those that responded to last month's article; in particular residents subjected to speeding in and around the Forty and the Fiddle. I have taken up a number of your suggestions with Cricklade Town Council's Planning and Transport Committee to see if any progress can be made. As always the wheels of Wiltshire Highways are incredibly slow and will take months to assess the safety issues, but I am ever hopeful there are suitable measures that can be put in place to protect pedestrians in the area.

I make no excuse for condemning Wiltshire Council's decision to cut financial support for the Cricklade Open Door. Whilst the Cabinet Member denies that it is a withdrawal of funding for all Lunch Clubs, the proposed alternative funding precludes almost all such clubs from Wiltshire funding. The Open Door's current 65 member, three times a week meetings will be in jeopardy, pushing some of our most vulnerable residents into isolation and loneliness. Despite speaking against the funding cut proposals at Full Wiltshire Council and the Cabinet Meeting along with many other Councillors, the Cabinet have chosen to reduce the funding by fifty percent this year and down to nil in the second year. This leaves the Open Door seeking around £9,000 next year to maintain its services.

The third area of concern is the ever-increasing gravel extraction across the borders of Wiltshire and Gloucestershire. Many years ago, Central Government set aside policy for strategic mineral extraction and whilst we are forced to live with this decision, the way it impacts the lives of those living in the areas of extraction is of deep concern.

The range of concerns include::

- Water course alterations causing both flooding and drought.
- Extensive engineering and environmental disruption by noise, dust and lack of privacy.
- Lastly road safety, with larger lorries and inappropriate roads to match the increase in quarry traffic.

These are all exacerbated by being cross-border issues with neither Local Authorities wanting to take responsibility. Locally the parishes and villages are working together to co-ordinate the highlighted issues and to bring the Authorities to the table to give the communities an opportunity to seek solutions.

Some good news for two of our communities. The outline planning application has been approved to move the Latton Village Hall project forward and at a residents meeting over fifty residents turned out during the session to support the project. Hopefully, a Trust can now be established to move the project forward.

In Cricklade the Community Development Foundation (CDF) has been notified that planning consent for the Old Police Station has been approved and it can now commence work on alterations, subject to CDF still raising much needed funds. Members are eagerly sought to join the 140 members already committed to bringing the Police Station back into use within the Community. (Google Cricklade CDF for further information.)

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 I am 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

Bob Jones, Wiltshire Councillor

Cricklade Historical Society

We will be holding the forthcoming events:

Wednesday 18 May

"Castle to Home" - a talk by Christopher Rogers.

The development of the Country House in Medieval times.

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

Entrance to the talk is free for CHS 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 is open on Saturday mornings (10am - 12noon) and also **afternoons** (2pm - 4pm) on the **first and third Wednesdays** of each month from May until September, so please come along and visit us.

Sing Four Four Community Choir

The Community Choir are now working hard at their varied repertoire which will be performed at concerts during the summer. Our first outing will be as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations on

Sunday 5 June at 2pm at the Leisure Centre.



On **Saturday 25 June** we travel to Immanuel Church, Upham Rd, Swindon to take part in a charity concert called 'Sing Out for Brighter Futures'. Our slot is 5pm for 30 minutes. We are also planning an informal concert in July - date and venue to be confirmed.

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.

The rehearsals take place in Cricklade United Church on Thursday evenings between 7.30 and 9.30pm.

Please use our contact form for more information, which can be found on our website: singfourfour.org.uk or email musical director Jen Bamford: jenloubamford@googlemail.com

Purton & Green Gable Surgery PPG

Serving patients in Purton, Cricklade & surrounding communities



Wearing of face masks in the Surgery

You must wear a mask when you attend the Surgery and in other healthcare settings. The consistent application of Infection, Prevention and Control measures, alongside the roll out of the vaccine programme and staff and patient testing, remains the most effective defence against the entry and spread of Covid-19 in healthcare settings.

200 Club draw

Membership will soon be open again, so please consider joining. The annual cost is £15 and a Standing Order payment is preferred. Monthly prizes: first prize is £100, second is £15. The £100 winner of the February draw was Linda Arnold. The March draw was made by our Receptionist, Dawn, and the £100 winner was Frances Blissett.

Our Chair, Marietta Crockford, said, "We are very pleased with the success of our 200 club and would like to thank you for your support in this fundraising which helps towards providing equipment the NHS does not provide. We hope very much that you will continue to support us in the next 'season'.

"From late April we will be contacting members to ensure they are happy about arrangements for the new 'season' starting in September and we will be opening the doors for new members to sign up."

Purchase of Equipment

Two consulting rooms still use the old consulting couches. We have purchased adjustable couches for the other consulting rooms and we will soon buy two more for these rooms.

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'.

Thank you

As always, your support for our work to both inform and 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



Dawn with the February ...



... and March draws.

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.

You can 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.

Thank you to everyone who generously responded to our social media request for emergency food items. Please keep an eye out for similar requests in the future. We are very grateful to everyone who is continuing to support us. In the current economic climate we are seeing an increasing number of people needing our help.

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.

As an alternative, or if you are unable to visit one of our drop-off points, may we suggest a financial donation? Such a donation would enable us to purchase extra supplies as and when the need arises. Please go to the Malmesbury & District Foodbank website (see above), click on the red 'Donate' button at the top of the 'Donate Food' page.

Items in short supply are:

- Rice
- Meat pies
- Tinned meat
- Sponge puddings
- Long Life Fruit Juice
- Sauces (Ketchup, Brown Sauce, Mayonnaise)
- Washing up liquid
- Tinned cat food and tinned dog food
- Vegetable pies and meals suitable for vegetarians and vegans
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned fish
- Laundry powder/liquid
- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned spaghetti

We have plenty of: UHT Milk; Toothbrushes; Toothpaste; Tinned tomatoes; Rice; Cereals; Sweet biscuits.

Churches Together

Services for the Upper Thames Churches

1 May	Easter 3
8.30am	Holy Communion <i>at St Sampson's</i>
10am	Morning Worship <i>at St Sampson's</i>
10am	Morning Worship <i>at Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes</i>
10am	Morning Worship <i>at Latton, St John the Baptist</i>
4pm	Informal Worship <i>at St Sampson's</i>
6.30pm	Evensong <i>at St Sampson's</i>
8 May	Easter 4
10am	United Holy Communion service <i>at St Sampson's</i>
15 May	Easter 5
8.30am	Holy Communion <i>at St Sampson's</i>
10am	Christian Aid Morning Worship <i>at St Sampson's</i>
10am	Holy Communion <i>at Latton, St John the Baptist</i>
4pm	Evensong <i>at Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes</i>
6.30pm	Evensong <i>at St Sampson's</i>
22 May	Easter 6
8.30am	Holy Communion <i>at Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes</i>
10am	Holy Communion <i>at St Sampson's</i>
10am	Morning Worship <i>at Latton, St John the Baptist</i>
26 May	Ascension Day (Thursday)
8.45am	Holy Communion <i>at St Sampson's</i>
29 May	Easter 7
10am	Holy Communion for all the churches of the Upper Thames benefice <i>at Latton, St John the Baptist</i>

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Weekly Mass times	9.30am on Sundays 10.00am on Fridays
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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.crickladestmary.org.uk

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

MARCH 2022

Weddings

5 March Wallice Attwell & Charlene Loveridge at St Sampson's

26 March Adrian Johns & Claire Brasier at St Sampson's

Funerals

5 March Carol Mary Rogers Holy Cross, Interment of Ashes

12 March Sylvia Plummer Holy Cross, Interment of Ashes

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>

St Sampson's Church Appeal

The Cantores Chamber Choir put on a wonderful performance on Saturday 26 March. The excellent acoustics of St Sampson's Church were commented on by members of the choir and audience.



Our next concert

to help raise funds for the church refurbishment project is

The Cricklade Band

Saturday 14 May 2022 at 7.30pm (doors open 7pm)

Tickets £12.50 to include a glass of wine or soft drink. Refreshment interval and raffle!

Look out for posters giving full details or visit our website.

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St Sampson's Church 100 Club

Continued from p23

The lucky winner of our March 2022 draw was: Mr Nigel Massey £29.50
St Sampson's Church Appeal fund benefitted by £29.50

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 (right) or visiting <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com>.



With best wishes from the Church Appeal Team

Friends of Dance Common

Work Party Dates for your Diary. Meet at 10 am by the Information board by Dance Common.

Saturday 7 May – Path Maintenance and Hedge Tidying

Sunday 12 June – Taming the Nettles and Clearing the Ditch

Cricklade W.I.

At our March meeting WI members heard from Greg Pawsey, from LPA Made Simple, who provided an understanding of the importance of a Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA).



On 19 May, Sarah Standing and Cathy Limbrick join members to tell us how to minimise waste.

Cricklade WI meet at 7.30pm, the third Thursday of each month at the Town Hall Annexe, and visitors are welcome to join us. For further details please contact Viv Tomkins on 01793 752459 or email: vivienne.tomkins@btinternet.com.

Defibrillator Locations - Public machines outside these premises:

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

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



Cricklade Open Door

April passed with several special events, all enjoyed very much by members and volunteers. As we have all celebrated Easter, it was only fitting that Open Door had an Easter theme on many days, which included making lovely, floral arrangements with Anne and Meris on hand to help. None of us are expert flower arrangers, it's just great to make something we can take home and enjoy, whilst chatting and stopping for tea, it certainly beats sitting at home watching afternoon repeats on the television! The Easter Cream Tea and photograph afternoon was buzzing, the hall full to bursting with everyone enjoying Chris's famous scones and giggling and reminiscing over photographs from our schooldays. Easter Bingo was a bit more special than usual with Easter eggs and hot cross buns and we even gave our Seated Exercises afternoon an Easter theme.



We held a very well supported fundraising morning on Thursday 14th, with a Jigsaw sale, Easter raffle and Chris's cakes and scones.

Open Door will celebrate HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a Celebration Tea for members on Thursday 2 June.

This will be followed by a 'Good, Old Singalong' led by duo Sian and Rob, brought to us by The Wiltshire Music Centre, on Monday 6 June, 11am - 12noon and everyone is welcome to come and join in with the singing and fun.

Open Door has a warm welcome waiting for new members, so come and join in with the fun, friendship and support at:

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

Open: Mondays (not 2 May Bank Holiday), Tuesdays and Thursdays - 10am to 3.30pm

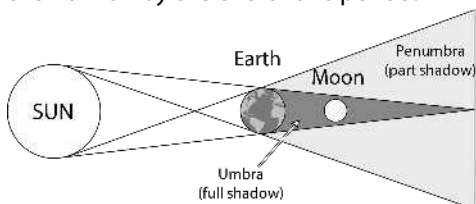
Lunch can be booked before 10am on the day - £5.00

Lunar Eclipse!

Are you an early riser? If so, and depending on the weather, you may be able to see a lunar eclipse in Cricklade on 16 May. We can hope to see the totality of the eclipse when the entire Moon turns red.

Lunar eclipses occur when the moon is hidden from the sun by the shadow of the earth. The Moon will start to enter the Earth's shadow just after 2.30am and the full eclipse will occur just before 4.30am.

However, in Cricklade we will only be able to see the eclipse from 2.32am to 5.10am. The Moon will still be partially in the earth's shadow after that but will have set below the horizon by the end of this period.



The eclipse will be total between 4.29am and 5.06am when the Moon lies entirely in the Earth's umbra (full shadow) appearing red. The whole of the Moon will still be visible.

Commentator

Cricklade Twinning Association ... is back!

After two years of sheltering from Covid with most if not all of our events cancelled, we are tentatively getting started again. We have scheduled a Murder Mystery Play for May and over the next two months as the course of restrictions and any "variants" evolve, we will arrange more events and even finally hold an AGM.

Murder Mystery Play - Saturday 7 May at 7.30pm, Cricklade Town Hall

We are staging a Murder Mystery Evening performed by Purton Amateur Dramatic Society. The evening will include supper which will be served during a break half way through the play and will be a ham and cheese ploughman's supper with veggie alternative (please let us know if you require the veggie alternative). Please note you need to bring your own drinks and glasses.

The Mystery consists of a play in which various clues are hidden as to the identity of the killer. At the end of the play, the audience are invited to identify the clues and unveil the murderer. In our version the clues are solved by the team at each table not individually.

You are invited to form tables of six, but we will find you a table to join for the evening if you don't want to organise your own table.

TICKETS: Adults - £10.00; Non-adults - £5.00; Family Price - £25.00

You can buy your tickets online by going to Ticket Source.

You can also get tickets by texting Chris on 07710 075 406 or emailing Chris at chair@crickladetwinning.org.uk. If possible, please buy using the online option.

Covid - out of respect for fellow guests, we request attendees, where possible, to take a lateral flow test before attending and to wear masks, whilst away from tables. We will open windows, set up 6 people per table, cater for 90 people in total. We request tickets are purchased a minimum of 1 week in advance: there will be no ticket sales on the door.

Chris Faulkner, Chair, Cricklade Twinning Association

High Street Strategy Group (HSSG)

A Vision for Cricklade High Street

The recently formed HSSG is a joint venture between The Cricklade Development Foundation (CDF, the group purchasing and redeveloping the Old Police Station) and Cricklade Town Council. They have recently been awarded a grant of £5,000 from Wiltshire Council Area Board towards Economic Development of Cricklade. The group is looking at a number of projects including revised route signage to promote tourism for both pedestrians and motorists.

We will shortly be carrying out resident/visitor surveys to find out what people think of the High Street and to identify our target visitors and shoppers. The future of our High Street is dependent on working together. To this end we recently hosted the Economic Development Officer for Wiltshire who was most impressed with Cricklade's independent shops and High Street.

We are looking for enthusiastic and visionary members of our community to join our group to promote Cricklade. Could that be you? If you are a business owner or resident, come and share our vision. *Call Bob Jones 07973 863 702*

Cricklade Preschool Playgroup

Registered Charity No: 1136706

Spaces available now:

From 2 years to school age, 7.30am to 4.30pm in Term Time
We accept 2-year-old funding and 3-4 year-old funded places.

Open Morning: Saturday 7 May, 9.30am to 12 noon.

Find us behind the Fire Station, The Old Library, Bath Road, Cricklade SN6 6AT.

No need to book, just turn up.

The Preschool will also be open for refreshments and to look around throughout the day of the Cricklade Jumble Trail on 21 May.

Contacts: 01793 750818 and playgroupcricklade@btinternet.com

Cricklade Jumble Trail

Saturday 21 May, 10am to 3pm

Lots of bric-a-brac, homemade goods, fundraising and refreshment stalls dotted throughout the town.



Maps are available on the day for £1 from Cricklade Preschool, Bath Road; The Oaks, Thames Lane; The Barista, High Street. Funds from map sales go straight to the Preschool.

If you live in Cricklade and want to host a stall, or for more information, contact Karen on 07505 004 555 or email fundraising.playgroupcricklade@btinternet.com



Cricklade Jenner Hall ...

... has been at the Heart of Cricklade for more than 300 years

It was built by Robert Jenner as a school in 1652 and since then it has been the Work House, a brewery and from 1865 until 1959 was once more the local school. The task of the Trustees is to ensure that this historic building continues to be at the heart of Cricklade.



The new central heating system is fully completed and has remote control.

During the Easter weekend the main and north halls were completely redecorated. Users are asked to remember that the walls are of lime plaster so Cellotape, Bluetac etc must not be used to stick things to the walls as it will pull the paint off when removed.

The Jenner Hall is 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.

To book the Jenner Hall for a meeting, a party or celebration, contact our booking secretary Charlotte Pearce at jennerhall.booking@gmail.com or call 07900 122 099.

John Hickman, Chairman, Cricklade Jenner Hall Community Trust

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Women's Cricket World Cup Final, Australia win by 71 runs. Nat Sciver (England) 148 n.o.

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Cricklade Bloomers

Whispers from the Walled Garden

Plans are in full swing for the busiest month in our year. Our programme for summer planting is below.



We always need additional help during this busy period so come along and help. You will then be able to point to displays around the Town and say "I made a contribution to make Cricklade Blooming".

All dates are 9am to 1pm:

Wednesday **27 April** - strip out troughs and baskets at the walled garden. (You may get your May issue of The Chronicle in time for this!)

Wednesday **4 May** - strip out winter plants and prepare for summer planting of all the planters around the Town.

Saturday **7 May** - Behind the Town Council offices: plant up 124 lamp post baskets.

Wednesday **11 May** - Planting 65 troughs and baskets in the walled garden.

Saturday **14 May** - Planting up the 45 planters around the Town.

Planting will continue each Wednesday and Saturday in May. Come along and take part in making Your Town a beautiful place, with flowers for us and for our wildlife. Please come to the walled garden behind Tesco -- your help will be very welcome. Full instruction is given, and everything is provided including refreshments, friendly faces and good conversation.

Check dates and activities on our website (crickladeinbloom.co.uk) and our Facebook page: Cricklade Bloomers.

On 28 May - Bloomers will also be at the garden club plant sale in the Town Hall.

Cricklade Bowls Club

A warm welcome was given to New Joiners to the Club who came to our Open Day on Saturday 9 April.

We are part of Bowls England's "Big Bowls Weekend" so we'll be open to all again on Saturday 28 May. For those intending to have a go, please wear appropriate footwear i.e. trainers or flat bottomed shoes. There is no charge for having a go, plus we have a licensed bar. You will find the Club's green in Bath Road, opposite the school.



For more information please contact:

Roy Phillips (Secretary) roy2308@btinternet.com

Paul Coleman (Men's Captain) colemanpaul1@hotmail.com

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

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

Cricklade Garden Club

Meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month in the Town Hall Annexe. Tea and cakes are served from 7.00pm. Speaker starts at 7.30.

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 10 May**. Our speaker is Jess Jones, a garden designer. Jess has entitled her talk "We need to talk about Box (Buxus)".

Jess has a special interest in and has undertaken research into box and its problems - think blight! She will also talk to us about how evergreens such as box itself, pittisporum, yew etc. can be used to give structure to our gardens.

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.gfgs.org.uk

Visitors 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!

A very special Date for your Diary ...

OUR SPRING PLANT FAIR

Saturday, 28 May 2022 9.00am - 12noon at the Town Hall

With tea, coffee and delicious cakes and a very warm welcome to everyone

Stalls Selling Plants:

Cricklade Garden Club • Bloomers
TWIGS (the Therapeutic garden in Swindon).

Stalls from Environmental Groups:

Oak & Furrows (RSPCA) • Cotswold Lakes Trust
Cricklade Climate Action Network (CCAN) with Healthy Planet
Wiltshire Wildlife Trust.

Prize Giving:

For the winning entry of the poster competition run by St Sampson's Primary School.

Latton Book Update

My thanks to Latton residents and others who have contacted me already with orders and information for my proposed Latton social history book set between 1920 and 1970. I'm making progress and hope to have it ready for publication by early next year. The topics I'm currently working on are village social life, personalities and recreation, concerning the waterways and lakes, the CWS farms and the Creamery, the parish including Latton Wharf and Eisey, and Latton during WW2.

Please contact me on 01793 750542 or mfparsons071@btinternet.com if you can help in any way.

Cricklade 100 Years Ago

CRICKET

Football and cricket remained the most popular team games in Cricklade in the 1920s; both were part of a tradition stretching back to the nineteenth century. The Cricket Club in those days played on the vast kennel field belonging to the Vale of White Horse hunt (now Culverhay). When the hunt left Cricklade in 1934 a new pavilion and pitch were set up in a field off Gas Lane (now North Wall). Eventually this field was sold and



the Cricket Club moved to its existing site at Southam. Cricklade ladies also had their own team which played on the kennel field against Swindon firms' teams and occasionally the men.

[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 mfparsons071@btinternet.com for further details. Profits are donated to Cricklade Open Door charity.]

Cricklade Camera Club

Cricklade Camera Club is coming to the end of 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.



New members are always welcome - you don't even need a camera. Everyone is welcome. So if you are budding novice or a more experienced photographer, why don't you try us out for an evening for a guest fee of £5.00. For further details see our website, crickladecameraclub.org or contact the Club Secretary, Anne Eckersley for more information. Email address: clubsecretary@crickladecameraclub.org

3 May 2022 - Town Hall Annexe at 7.30pm

PDI League Round 3 & Prints League Round 3 with Sandy Watson

17 May 2022 - Zoom Meeting - 7.30pm

Still Life Backgrounds - Construction Tips with Stan Farrow FRPS EFIAP DPAGB

Stan has been a photographer for almost as long as he can remember. Nowadays he would describe himself as a creative digital photographer, who enjoys applying a strong interest in modern art to his photographic work. He also greatly enjoys using Photoshop creatively to make new digital art, especially still-life work with layers of texture. He has had many works accepted for exhibition worldwide and have won several major awards. Website stanfarrowphotography.co.uk

7 June 2022 - Town Hall Annexe at 7.30pm

AGM and Annual Exhibition with Mike Martin

50 Shades of Green

The Adventures of an Eco-Warrior Wannabee.

What is overconsumption? Well I could probably give you a fair demonstration most Friday nights, or on a bottomless brunch trip (look it up, I recommend Browns in Bath). But as you know I am not yet ready to look at the environmental impact of my prosecco use, so I've started thinking about what other items or services I buy that put unnecessary pressure on the planet's resources, much of it with unseen emissions exported to China. I've also been looking at impact-tool.org.uk where we can compare the estimated carbon footprint of Cricklade to the GB average. I'm sorry to say we are a tad high – our average household annual carbon equivalent for goods and services is a whole tonne higher than the GB average and I reckon most if that is accounted for by new Christmas lights each year! That's why the Cricklade CAN slogan for 2022 will be 'Buy local, Buy loose, Buy less'. And to go with the slogan we are hoping to set up a 'library of things' so that we don't have to have a Karcher in every garage in the town - let's see if we can reduce Cricklade's impact by next year.

To show us what our community can do, we'd like to hear from individuals about the changes they are making and from local businesses and organisations, about the changes and options they can offer customers to reduce Cricklade's carbon footprint. We'll be advertising these actions on our Climate Stars board when we attend the **Garden Club Event on 28 May** and at the **Leisure Centre Jubilee celebration on 5 June**. You can either come and meet Cricklade CAN to add a star to the board at these events or email us on Triza.Green@icloud.com.

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

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

In the Monthly Draw held on 31 March the lucky winners were:-

First Prize:	Mr D. Norman	£39.30
Second Prize:	Mrs M. Arthurs	£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

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: (Closed Bank Holidays)

Mon:	2-4pm	Wed:	2-4pm	Fri:	2-5pm	Sun:	Closed
Tues:	10am-1pm	Thurs:	2-7pm	Sat	10am-1pm		

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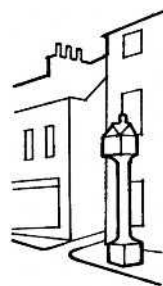
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| 1 | Su | 11.30pm | Copy deadline for June issue of The Chronicle |
| 2 | M | | Early May bank holiday |
| 3 | Tu | 7.30pm | Camera Club at Town Hall Annexe |
| 4 | W | 2pm | to 4pm: Cricklade Museum open, Calcutt Street |
| 7 | Sa | 9.30am | to 12 noon: Cricklade Preschool Open Day |
| | | 10am | Friends of Dance Common work party (meet at info board) |
| | | 7.30pm | Murder Mystery at Town Hall (Twinning Association) |
| 9 | M | 7pm | Town Council Planning, Conservatn & Transpt Cttee, Council Chamber |
| 10 | Tu | 7pm | speaker 7.30pm: Garden Club at Town Hall Annexe: |
| 12 | Th | 10am | Probus at the White Hart Hotel |
| 14 | Sa | 7pm | Prospect Hospice Ball at STEAM Museum |
| | | 7.30pm | doors 7pm: Cricklade Band Concert at St Sampson's Church |
| 15 | Su | | to Sat 21st: Christian Aid Week |
| 16 | M | 2.32am | to 5.10am: Total lunar eclipse visible in UK (cloud permitting!) |
| | | 7pm | Annual Meeting of the Town Council in Council Chamber |
| 17 | Tu | 7.30pm | Camera Club Zoom meeting |
| 18 | W | 10.30am | to noon: Parkinson's UK Coffee, Cake & Chat: Cricklade Club, High St |
| | | 2pm | to 4pm: Cricklade Museum open, Calcutt Street |
| | | 7pm | for 7.30pm: Historical Society at Town Hall Annexe |
| 19 | Th | 7.30pm | Cricklade W.I. at Town Hall Annexe: |
| 20 | F | 7pm | 7.30 start: Historical Society Quiz Night at Town Hall |
| 21 | Sa | 10am | to 3pm: Cricklade Jumble Trail (see page 27) |
| 23 | M | 7pm | Town Council Premises & Finance Committee in Council Chamber |
| 26 | Th | 10am | Probus at the White Hart Hotel |
| 28 | Sa | 9am | to 12 noon: Garden Club Spring Plant Fair at Town Hall |
| | | 10am | to 4pm: Bowls Club Open Day, Bath Road (opposite school) |
| 30 | M | 7pm | Town Council Community & Leisure Committee in Council Chamber |

Every Week

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| 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, Calcutt Street |

Moon Phases - May 2022

9th ● 16th ○ (eclipse) 22nd ● 30th ●



The Final Word ...

We approach Christian Aid Week in 2022 painfully aware of the sustained destruction and exploitation of God's generous gift to us, the earth on which we all live. As we write this, war rages in Ukraine, famine and hunger stalk Afghanistan and Yemen, the Covid 19 pandemic is still with us, the problems of climate change and global warming are ever more apparent.

Some people are feeling the effects of these events more than others. For the first time in a generation, global poverty is rising. Coronavirus, conflict and the climate crisis are pushing more of our global neighbours into a struggle for survival.

In rural Zimbabwe, seven out of ten women rely on farming to earn a living and provide for their families. But the climate crisis has brought intense droughts that have left their land barren.

Jessica Mwedzi is a mum, hungry to provide food – and hope – for her family.

Jessica is one of the many women at the mercy of the climate crisis. Drought makes every day a struggle for their survival. Jessica is hungry. Hungry for a good meal. Hungry to earn a decent living. Hungry to provide a more hopeful future for her family.

Jessica toils on her farm, but no food can grow on her dry, dusty land.

'One year, we had no rain. The scorching sun burnt my crops just as they were about to bloom. It was so painful and disheartening,' Jessica says.

Hope is a cornerstone of the Christian faith. By working with partner organisations across the world Christian Aid seeks to share the love and compassion of Christ and offer that hope to people like Jessica. We can all be part of this

By making a donation this Christian Aid Week (see details earlier in the Chronicle) you could help Jessica set up water taps on her farm, learn to grow food, and provide seeds that thrive in drought – giving her all she needs to turn her dry, dusty land into a garden of hope.

Hope does not disappoint. Hope lives in us all.

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