

# THE CHRONICLE

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*Cricklade Museum  
photo: Paul Marley*

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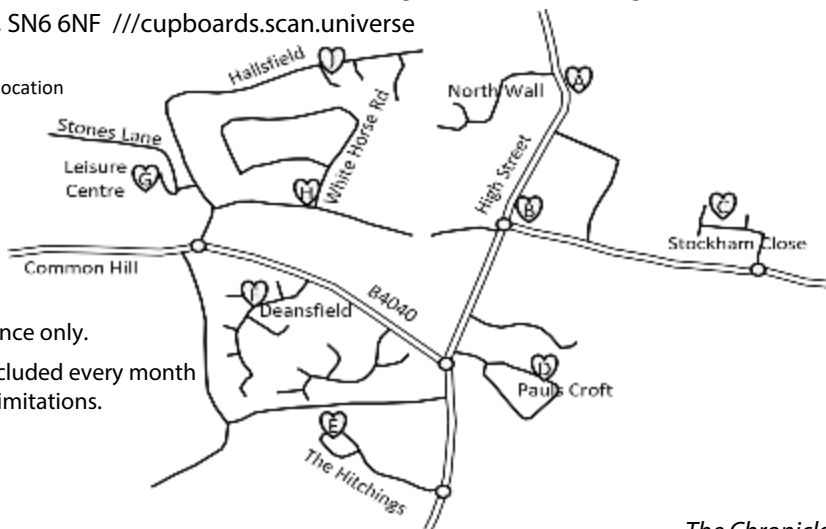
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Green Gables Surgery ....	752633	Cricklade Manor Prep .....	750275
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- A former Meadowpark School, SN6 6DD ///snapping.clearcut.tunnel
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- C 33 Stockham Close, SN6 6EF ///advances.bakers.opts
- D 17 Pauls Croft, SN6 6AH ///grace.bind.framework
- E 48 The Hitchings, SN6 6NJ ///thing.hydrant.height
- F 24 Deansfield, SN6 6BP ///enabling.gymnasium.records
- G Cricklade Leisure Centre, SN6 6JW ///smarting.drags.member
- H Culverhay Stores (Londis), SN6 6EN ///awaiting.sunflower.achieving
- J 9 Kitefield, SN6 6NF ///cupboards.scan.universe



♥ Defibrillator location



Map for guidance only.

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# From the Editor

Last month I asked you to send me some photographs for future covers of *The Chronicle*. I was delighted to receive a good selection including the picture of the Museum on this month's cover. The Museum occupies the former Rehoboth Baptist Chapel on Calcutt Street. According to the Book of Genesis, Rehoboth was a well in Gerar (near Beersheba) which was dug by Isaac. The building now provides a well of information on our local past.

Of the more recent past, we may have recovered from the excitement of Jubilee celebrations. But the Brownies will, I am sure, still be celebrating their Jubilee Badges for a while yet! – see page 5. If you haven't had your fill of street parties, there will be cake available at the Cricklade Pre-School's "Cakes in the Park" event on Saturday 13 July - page 21 has details.

St Sampson's is in on it too. They are hosting a Fete at the church on 16 July (page 24), which also seems to feature cake plus the sight of fearless teddy bears and friends parachuting from the top of the tower. You will also be able to visit the tower. It's quite a splendid view as another photo I received for the cover attests. Unfortunately you will have to wait a bit to see that one. Don't forget the Flower Festival on 1 to 3 July (page 23).

The Camera Club has just had its Annual Exhibition and we send our congratulations to the winners of the six classes. There is never enough space in our pages so I have had to limit those shown on page 42 to the photographs that will come out best in black and white.



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**The deadline for the August issue is Friday 1 July 2022**

# Cricklade Town Council

## Town Council Meetings

Monday 4 July Planning, Conservation & Transport Committee

Monday 25 July Community and Leisure Committee



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

## Council Leaders

The first meeting of the new Council year took place on 16 May when Mark Clarke and Angela Jensen were re-appointed as Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The Planning, Conservation & Transport Committee Chairman is Jonathan Hill and Vice-Chairman is Tony Clements. Bob Jones remains in place as Chairman of the Community & Leisure Committee with Russell Osman continuing as Vice-Chairman. The Chairman of the recently formed Premises & Finance Committee will be Mark Clarke and the Vice-Chairman Bob Jones. All councillors will be working hard for the community over the next twelve months.

## Cricklade in Bloom

This year's judging will take place between 18 and 31 July, and the categories will be Best Garden, Best Hanging Basket or Container, Best Front Door and Best Property on the High Street. If you would like your garden to be considered, but which cannot be seen by the judges walking by, then please let us know.

**Dog Fouling** is on the rise again - on our pavements, footpaths, and open spaces!

Over the last few weeks, we have received many reports and photographs from all corners of the town of inconsiderate dog owners who are not picking up after their dogs. There are over 60 bins in Cricklade, all emptied regularly. As our stencil says – BAG THAT POO, ANY BIN WILL DO!

If you need a free emergency dog poo bag, they are available from the Council Offices.

## Town Council Grants

The Town Council has a Small Grant Scheme for local community and voluntary groups. At the last meeting of the Full Town Council awards were made to Cricklade Open Door and Thames Pre-School. Application forms and guidance can be found on our website and hard copies are available from the Town Council offices.

## Horse Riders

We have reports of horses been ridden on open spaces in Cricklade that are not recognised bridleways. Please can you stick to designated bridleways when out exercising your horses.

## Wiltshire Council – How do you report Complaints?

The Town Council is often contacted by residents who have a complaint; many of these issues are the responsibly of Wiltshire Council. Wiltshire Council is responsible for: dead animals in the verge, drains and manholes, dog mess, flyposting, fly-tipping, footpaths, pavements and kerbs (includes weeds), graffiti, oil and debris on the roads,



overhanging bushes and trees, pedestrian crossings, potholes, public litter bins, roads (includes closures and diversions), salt bins, street lighting, street litter and sweeping. To report an issue to Wiltshire Council, log on to the MyWiltshire app and complete the online form at My Wiltshire ([www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywiltshire-online-reporting](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywiltshire-online-reporting)). If you do not have online access, telephone 0300 456 0100.

### Queen's Platinum Jubilee

We write this in the lead up to the Jubilee and so we will give a full response in *The Chronicle* next month. However, it is already clear that many residents and business owners have contributed to make the event a memorable one by decorating their homes and shop windows and premises. Thank you to all of them.

#### **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 \**

Tel: 01793 751394 E-mail: [admin@crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk)

Website: [www.crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk)



Follow the Council @ [www.facebook.com/CrickladeTownCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/CrickladeTownCouncil)

## 1st Cricklade Rainbows

1st Cricklade Rainbows have just completed their Jubilee Badge, ending the term with a Princess Party which included party games and crown decorating.

Rainbows and Brownies held a stall at the Jubilee celebration at the Leisure Centre on Sunday 5 June.

For anyone interested in joining Girlguiding (children or adult volunteers) please go to [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)



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# Purton & Green Gable Surgery PPG

*Serving patients in Purton, Cricklade & surrounding communities*



## Telephone appointments

Some patients are becoming confused thinking that they don't need an appointment for a telephone call from a doctor. Please remember that when a patient requests a telephone call from a GP this is still an appointment. The call request is added to the GP's appointment list, along with their face-to-face appointments.

## Pre-booking tests

If you require any procedures at the surgery following a hospital appointment, such as a blood test or removal of stitches, please call us straight away to book this. This also applies to blood tests required before a hospital appointment.

The nurse appointments can be booked 4-6 weeks in advance.

## Hay fever medication

A reminder that the NHS does not support the prescribing of hay fever medication. Most hay fever medication can be purchased over the counter from pharmacies, supermarkets and reputable online retailers at very reasonable prices. Please speak to your local pharmacy for advice.

## Surgery car parking

Please remember to be respectful of others when using both Purton and Green Gable Surgery car parks – only use these car parks if you have an appointment and don't park in a way that could make it difficult for other patients to access.

## 200 Club draw

Membership is now open so do consider joining. The annual cost is £15, payment by Standing Order preferred. Monthly prizes: first prize is £100, second is £15. Forms are available from the Surgery, for more information on the 200 Club contact Trish Baker (tel 770371) who is a member of the PPG committee.

The May draw was made by Care Co-ordinator Teresa Philpott and the £100 winner was Mrs Mary Jones.



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](mailto:groupforpatients@gmail.com)

*Sheila Fowler, PPG Secretary*

## 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.

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## Focus on Wiltshire Council

I start this month with a plea. Many residents contact me during the month and, whilst you all know how to contact me, it is very difficult to respond to telephone answer messages and even emails if you don't tell me who you are. Please, if you are contacting me, give your name, address and telephone number on voice and email messages. Recently a very distressed resident left a message and I was unable to assist her until she called again several days later complaining I had not contacted her.

Some highways updates: good news to start with, the path from Hitchings to The Forty is now open, offering a safe route to the town centre via Church Walk without walking along the Purton Road. Please be aware of the traffic when crossing from The Forty to Church Walk. I have requested additional signs along The Forty to remind motorists of pedestrians crossing, but I suspect it will be some time before they are installed.

You will see some patch repairs along Bath Road and despite begging, pleading and just downright common sense, the Highways Officers have only authorised the work on a small section of the road.

The C70, back road to Swindon from Broadleaze crossroad to Cross Lanes (near to Blunsdon Station) has now been closed at Cross Lanes for over six months. This experimental temporary closure was at the request of Purton Parish Council, as Purton Councillors considered the Cross Lanes Junction dangerous. Many alternative road layouts have been considered and all were turned down as too costly to implement by Wiltshire Council. Cricklade Town Council objected to the closure and now the closure is being considered for a permanent closure order.

There have been several accidents since the closure, if not more than previously, at the Cross Lanes junction, and some residents from Purton have expressed a view that turning right from Purton towards Cross Lanes is now more dangerous due to the increased traffic. The residents from Purton Stoke have noticed the vast increase of traffic passing their entrance. The bends at Purton Stoke at the Jubilee Project and access to the project entrance are also now more dangerous. During the temporary closure there were also several accidents which blocked the Cricklade to Purton Road and with the Cross Lanes closure in place there was no alternative route. A report is being prepared by the Traffic Engineer and it is not too late to have your view recorded. Email your comments to [steve.hind@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:steve.hind@wiltshire.gov.uk)

Staying with traffic issues, there are two planning applications currently in the system for increased warehouses and distribution centres at Braydon Lane, Chelworth. These applications will, if successful, bring even more HGVs through Cricklade. You can see the details and the scale of the proposed development at Wiltshire Planning online applications PL/2020/01840 and PL/2020/00541. Individuals can object online to help protect the Town.

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](mailto:bob.jones@wiltshire.gov.uk)

*Bob Jones, Wiltshire Councillor*



## Latton Community: New Village Hall Project

### Your Village Needs You!

Following the Latton Community Open Evening on 29 March to discuss a New Village Hall in Latton, a small core of dedicated volunteers are making positive progress behind the scenes ... but now we need more help! This is how you can get involved...

We have formed a Latton Parish Committee and new members are always welcome. The next important step is to form a Charitable Trust, and this is how you can help...

**Trustees:** To apply for Trust status, we need at least three Trustees. Our Chairman (Ben Stevens) and Secretary (Emma Fletcher) have each kindly agreed to become a Trustee; however, we need at least one more to get to the next stage so please consider joining us. For further information, contact [lattonvillage@gmail.com](mailto:lattonvillage@gmail.com)

**Specialist Support:** As part of our Trust application, we need more specialist support and advice. We appreciate that not everyone can give up their valuable time to be on the Committee, however we would appreciate being able to contact anyone who may be able to give advice or support us on any of the following:

- Charities and Trust status
- Fund Raising
- Property, Planning & Construction
- Legal aspects in relation to the above
- Running Village Halls or initiatives

If you or anyone you know has knowledge in any of these subjects (or anything else you think useful), we'd be very grateful to hear from you. Please contact us on [lattonvillage@gmail.com](mailto:lattonvillage@gmail.com)

It's great that we have the energy and interest to progress this amazing opportunity and the more support we can get, the more likely we are to succeed. *Thank you.*

## 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		

# 50 Shades of Green

## The Adventures of an Eco-Warrior Wannabee.

Who's fault is it, this eco-pickle we're in? Is it my carbon footprint causing the problem? All my Prosecco and boozy trips to Bath? Who came up with the idea of a personal carbon footprint? Not to sound like a tin foil hat wearing, chemtrail, flat earth woo woo but it was Big Oil!

Companies like BP and Shell have spent 50 years deflecting, denying and disinforming so that they could carry on pumping oil. We have been encouraged by our media and fossil fuel companies to look the other way, to think that we must personally make the changes necessary or that it is just too costly to change (might we have to give up Prosecco, heaven forbid!?) How do we move forward from this state of paralysis?

George Monbiot, environmentalist and journalist, tells us that just as our natural systems can flip into unstoppable cascades of change, so can social attitudes and systems. If just 25% of the population take up the environmental cause then 'domino dynamics' come into play and the culture begins to change. It's time to sell the future – one of '15 minute cities' (look up Anne Hidalgo, mayor of Paris), local economies, vertical farming and reconnecting with nature. Our current social model of consumerism and perpetual economic growth is creating inequality and poor mental health, as well as exhausting our planet – but that isn't the only way to construct a society.

Don't worry, we don't have to form anarcho-syndicalist communes and go back to the iron age\*. Let's build ourselves a better life and start by bypassing the vested interests of media and big business, start talking to our neighbours about what our lives could be like – a fabulous amalgamation of old fashioned thrift and cutting edge technology, home brewed wine (phew!) and hydra-loop water systems. And let's demand a society built to support people and eco-systems, not stock markets and corporations.

Why not start today - what is your favourite green project or practice that you would like to share with our community?

*\*It is true that violence is inherent in the system. (Monty Python said so.)*

# CRICKLADE CINEMA!

We will be holding our AGM on Wednesday 20 July at 7pm in the Town Hall Committee Room.

It's been three years since our last AGM so this is an opportunity to find out how we have been performing, discover what our plans are for the year ahead, ask any questions and provide us with some good honest feedback.

For the very latest information on Cricklade Cinema please check out our website: [www.cricklodecinema.org.uk](http://www.cricklodecinema.org.uk) or Facebook page Cricklade Cinema.

Feel free to email us at: [cricklodecinema@gmail.com](mailto:cricklodecinema@gmail.com)

Lester Buck tel: 750782

# Foodbank

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

The cost of living crisis is adversely affecting a growing number of people and this has been reflected in the increase of clients visiting Cricklade Foodbank on a Friday morning. Our clients are welcomed by our friendly band of volunteers and offered a cup of coffee or tea. Many clients are pleased to be able to chat to the volunteers who can often signpost them to the specific agency dealing with any issues that arise. We prefer clients to have 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](mailto:cricklade@malmesburydistrict.foodbank.org.uk)

Visit the website: [malmesburydistrict.foodbank.org.uk](http://malmesburydistrict.foodbank.org.uk)

We are very grateful to everyone who supports us. Sadly, however, we are giving out more than we are receiving in donations.

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, click on the red 'Donate' button at the top of the 'Donate Food' page.

Items that are in short supply:

- |                     |                         |                      |
|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| • Soup              | • Tinned fruit          | • Vegetable pies and |
| • Pasta sauce       | • Sponge puddings       | meals suitable for   |
| • Tinned vegetables | • Tinned potatoes       | vegetarians and      |
| • Tinned fish       | • Long life fruit juice | vegans               |
| • Tinned meat       | • Snacks                | • Tinned spaghetti   |
| • Meat pies         | • Jam                   |                      |

We have plenty of: Rice puddings; Sanitary items; Toothbrushes; Toothpaste; UHT milk; Tinned tomatoes; Rice; Cereals; Sweet biscuits



## Cakes in the Park

Cake sale and refreshments by the Pre-School  
by the park, Bath Road, Wednesday  
13 July, 2.30-4.30pm.



Registered Charity No: 1136706

# 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](mailto:vicar@upperthames.org.uk)

Associate Minister: Revd Shirley Danby

email: [shirleydanby21@gmail.com](mailto:shirleydanby21@gmail.com); tel. 07980 548844

Parishes Administrator: Jane Templeton email: [admin@upperthames.org.uk](mailto:admin@upperthames.org.uk)

## Services for the Upper Thames Churches

### 3 Jul

#### Trinity 3

- 8am BCP Holy Communion *at St Sampson's*
- 10am Morning Worship *at St Sampson's*  
(with guided craft activities for children)
- 10am Morning Worship *at Latton, St John the Baptist*
- 10am Holy Communion *at Ashton Keynes, Holy Cross*
- 6.30pm Evensong *at St Sampson's*

### 10 Jul

#### Trinity 4

- 10am Upper Thames Group Holy Communion *at St Sampson's*

### 17 Jul

#### Trinity 5

- 8am BCP Holy Communion *at St Sampson's* followed by breakfast
- 10am Morning Worship *at Leigh, All Saints*
- 10am Holy Communion *at Ashton Keynes, Holy Cross*
- 11am St Sampson's Day Holy Communion *at St Sampson's*
- 11.15am Holy Communion *at Latton, St John the Baptist*
- 6pm Evensong *at Ashton Keynes, Holy Cross*
- 6.30pm Evensong *at St Sampson's*

### 24 Jul

#### Trinity 6

- 8am BCP Holy Communion *at Ashton Keynes, Holy Cross*
- 10am Holy Communion *at St Sampson's*
- 10am Morning Worship *at Latton, St John the Baptist*

### 31 Jul

#### Trinity 7

- 10am\* Upper Thames Group Holy Communion  
*at All Saints Leigh Old Chancel, Waterhay*
- 6.30pm\* Upper Thames Group Evening Service  
*at All Saints Leigh Old Chancel, Waterhay*
- Notes\* Both are open air services – bring camping chairs  
Contact Parish Office if you need directions.  
The evening service will take place at St Sampson's if raining.

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## From the Registers of the Upper Thames Group of Churches

### Baptisms

8 May Archie Ronald & Lexie Louise Kirwin *at All Saints, Leigh*  
22 May Arthur Robert & Edith Helen Ford *at St Sampson's*  
28 May Gabriel James Lovatt *at Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes*

### Weddings

7 May Richard Edwards & Emma Smith *at Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes*  
11 May Jake Dennys & Rebecca Moffat *at St Sampson's*

### Funerals

3 May Betty Wilson – graveside committal *at All Saints, Leigh*

## 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](http://www.stthomasparish.plus.com).

Father Michael Robertson can be contacted on 01285 712586 or by email  
[michael.Robertson@cliftondiocese.com](mailto: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](http://www.cricklade.stmary.org.uk)

## Cricklade United Church

Calcutt Street, Cricklade

Minister: Revd Sarah Simpson, tel. 01666 826866

Email: [sarahsimpson14@btinternet.com](mailto: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 Flower Festival

St Sampson's Church is holding a flower festival on **1- 3 July**. **Opening times** will be Friday 1 July: 11am - 4 pm, Saturday 2 July 10am - 5pm and Sunday 3 July 11am - 4pm.

There will be an extensive display of flowers, with refreshments available throughout the day and some musical interludes.

There is no charge for entry but donations will be welcomed and the proceeds will go towards the improvements of the church building.



## St Sampson's Church Appeal

### St Sampson's Church Fete, Saturday 16 July 2022

To continue raising funds for our appeal  
we will be holding a fete at St Sampson's Church.

Stalls! Cream teas! Trips up the tower! Soft toy parachute jumps! And more!  
Please look out for posters for more information!

### St Sampson's Church 100 Club

The lucky winner of our April 2022 draw was ... Mr Massey £30  
St Sampson's Church Appeal fund benefitted by £30

Thank you to all members supporting the St Sampson's Church 100 club. To join the club please contact Sharon Smith on 01793 751375 or email [sharonjsmith54@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:janda.grace447@outlook.com) or 01793 750138.

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



## Cricklade Twinning Society - AGM & Summer BBQ

### Saturday 30 July

Join us to find out our exciting post-Covid plans to reinvigorate our Twinning with our delightful French town, Sucé-sur-Erdre, near Nantes.

AGM will start at 4.30pm. BBQ from 5pm in the garden of the Atkins house, 45 High Street, Cricklade. Tickets for BBQ - £8.50 for adults, under 16s free. Raffle prizes and salads welcome, BYO!

To reserve tickets and advise of dietary requirements, email [chair@crickladetwinning.org.uk](mailto:chair@crickladetwinning.org.uk)  
See you there - santé!

## Cricklade Historical Society

A big "Thank You" to all of those people who have recently supported our fund raising activities, by either buying Raffle tickets or coming to our Quiz Night, where a good time was had by all.

Also thanks to all the Traders and individuals who kindly donated prizes for the Raffle.

Our next event will be the Annual Walk which will be on Sunday 28 August. It will start at 2pm and finish at the Museum where refreshments will be served – full details to follow next month.



## Cricklade Open Door

Open Door continues to offer fun activities, good company, support and good food for Cricklade folks and will be open for our usual 3 days throughout the summer - Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays. We don't close for the summer holidays!



We held two very successful extra activities at the end of May, beginning of June-the Jumble Trail and a Platinum Jubilee Tea Party Celebration. The day of the Jumble Trail was warm and dry, which certainly encouraged folks to walk around Cricklade looking for bargains. Our Open Door stalls raised £221.46 and we would like to thank everyone who donated goods for sale, our customers, members who joined in and Chris, Wendy and Jean - volunteers, who were busy all day. To swell our donations for that week, Amanda at 'Stitches' in the High Street brought in £35.00 from her customers - thank you so much.

We joined in with the rest of the country in celebrating our Queen's Platinum Jubilee and held a Celebration Tea Party on Thursday 2 June. Lots of fun, lots of laughter, lots of singing, lots of food and rather a lot of fizz!

Monday 20 June was our Singalong morning with Sian and Rob from the Wiltshire Music Centre, followed by a delicious buffet lunch. We are so fortunate to have the support of the Wiltshire Music Centre, who bring music to Open Door.

Jan is writing this at the end of May but there are two exciting outings planned for the end of June, which have always been great successes in the past but can't be commented on at this early time! We are having a pub lunch outing on Friday 24 June though the venue is still in the pipeline - Jan and Chris haven't quite finished testing out suitable pubs but the date is in the diary. Then on Wednesday 29 June, we have been invited to watch Cricklade Manor Prep School's summer production, which is always excellent.

Our usual programme of activities will carry on through July and we look forward to seeing all our regular members and welcoming new members.

*Cricklade Open Door, The Jenner Hall, tel: 07599 987 851  
Open: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays - 10am to 3.30pm  
Lunch can be booked before 10am on the day - £5.00  
We also have a mini bus, if you need transport*

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

In the Monthly Draw held on 26 May the lucky winners were:-

First Prize:	Mrs M. Bracher	£39.30
Second Prize:	Mrs J. Long	£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*

## Cricklade W.I.

It was lovely to welcome additional visitors to our May meeting during which we learnt about waste management – 'Minimising Waste' from Sarah Standing and Cathy Limbrick. We all came away with MORE knowledge and understanding on how to leave LESS of an impact on our environment, with lots of practical tips on alternative products to use, a great evening - thank you Sarah and Cathy.



### **Next talk: 21 July - What is Jubilee Gardens?**

Would you like to know more about our group? For further details contact our secretary Viv Tomkins on 01793 752459 or email [Vivienne.tomkins@btinternet.com](mailto:Vivienne.tomkins@btinternet.com)

New members are always welcome. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Town Hall Annexe at 7.30pm - we look forward to meeting you.

## Cricklade Jenner Hall ...

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

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.

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

*John Hickman, Chairman, Cricklade Jenner Hall Community Trust*



## Cricklade 100 Years Ago

### **SOCIAL LIFE**

Those born in Cricklade a hundred years ago often commented that the appearance of the High Street was remarkably little changed. How society had changed in the town over the past century however was quite another story. The period through which they lived as children was one of great deprivation for



ordinary people nationwide, and hard to imagine today. Two years after the end of WW1 three quarters of the returning forces were unemployed, while those in work soon found their wages reduced triggering the National Strike of 1926. Many homes had no proper sanitation, there was no health service, and a quarter of all recorded deaths in Wiltshire were for children under five; often from fatal diseases such as whooping cough, measles or tuberculosis.

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

# Cricklade Development Foundation

Our community project to renovate the Old Police Station continues to progress – and as you will see, life has been extremely busy.



At the time of writing, we have:

- Stripped out the Old Police Station and removed the stone wall at the rear with the support of around 30 volunteers.
- Appointed a Building Regulations Inspector to oversee the entire build.
- Commenced the first stage of works eg installation of steels, removing chimney.
- Appointed an archaeological firm to produce a Written Scheme of Investigation for the proposed new extensions.
- Received a National Lottery grant of £10,000 towards the costs of creating a new accessible front to rear pedestrian access, which will also commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.
- Approached the Historical Society to help design the artwork/timeline for the passageway walls, which will both create an interesting new feature in Cricklade and a lasting legacy of the Jubilee.
- Held an online resident/visitor survey (working with Cricklade Town Council) to seek views on our High Street and suggestions on how it can be improved.

## Funding update

So, much has been achieved, but there is still much more to do! Not least, the need to raise more funds to help us to finish the project. Our community and members have been very generous and have so far raised £160k towards the renovation costs. This has enabled us to make a strong start, but another £100k or so is required to complete it.

We are applying for grants, but still need more members to buy community shares. If you support what we are doing and wish to help by becoming a member, please contact us by phoning Terri Robertson on 07902 421 756 or via email at: [contact@crickladefoundation.org.uk](mailto:contact@crickladefoundation.org.uk). We would love to hear from you!

As always, for the latest news, please continue to check out our Facebook page and website: [crickladefoundation.org.uk](http://crickladefoundation.org.uk). Thank you!

## Cricklade & District Probus Club

We are looking forward to meeting as group during July 2022.

On **7 July** the talk will be on 'Falklands War 1982 – War is total chaos-the retaking of South Georgia'



This will be followed on **23 July** by a talk entitled 'The Schneider Trophy'

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 please contact the Honorary Secretary, Richard Roberts on 01793 751063

# Cricklade Bloomers

## Whispers from the Walled Garden

Plantings are complete and summer is here. Time to enjoy the gardens and wonderful planting around the Town. Our main jobs now are to keep the gardens blooming and watered to enjoy for all to share.



The annual garden competition will take place this month and Cricklade Town Council will be looking for the best front garden, hanging basket and High Street display.

Children's Sunflower competition, in conjunction with Cricklade in Bloom: pick up your plant from Bloomers or the Council Office.

### MIKRON THEATRE PRODUCTION

#### Red Sky at Night

**Thursday 21 July**

Outdoors at Riverside next to The Thames

Get your tickets for our hugely popular Mikron Theatre evening. Tickets £15 now available from the Council Office.

Check our other dates and activities on our website and Facebook page.

Facebook - Cricklade Bloomers Website - [Crickladeinbloom.co.uk](http://Crickladeinbloom.co.uk)



## 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](mailto:crickladetownhall@hotmail.com) for further details. Check out our Facebook page for photos and other information: [www.facebook.com/crickladetownhall](http://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 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 7.30.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 12 July our speaker is Richard Rickitt, a beekeeper and editor of Beecraft, the national beekeeping magazine. He has 30 hives of his own and is beekeeper at Westonbirt Arboretum. He will be talking about "Gardening for Bees" which must be one, if not the most important, of topics for gardeners today.

Please note we don't have a meeting in August and will be back on 13 September

For information about the club, upcoming events and trips please look at our excellent website [www.crickladegardenclub.org.uk](http://www.crickladegardenclub.org.uk)

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

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

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

We look forward to seeing you!

## Swindon & District Samaritans

### **Samaritans matters... Why?**



Every day, Samaritans respond to 10,000 calls for help and these are listened to without judgement or pressure. There's no typical person who calls and no typical problem which is talked about. What matters to us is how life is making you feel.

Samaritans' vision is that fewer people die by suicide and we hope that, by encouraging people to talk about suicidal feelings, fewer people will make this choice.

We also know that many people who call us are not suicidal but are at a point where they feel they can't cope, where it all feels too much to handle and there's no one to talk to. Sometimes feelings can become intense and overwhelming, that there's no way out.

This is where Samaritans come in. We offer people the time and space to talk through whatever is troubling them and help to explore feelings to alleviate distress. We don't give advice but listen with undivided attention and with empathy, to help people to find their own way forward. When anyone is in crisis, talking to Samaritans may help to make someone feel calmer and more able to get through that moment.

July is awareness month for Samaritans – awareness that anyone who is struggling to cope can talk to us 24/7 so they don't have to carry the dark days on their own.

Please remember, be kind to yourself today and every day and if you're struggling to cope you can contact Samaritans free, at any time of the day or the night, 365 days of the year:

- Call: 116 123 - *free from any landline or mobile; you don't even need any credit.*
- Email: [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)
- Use our Samaritans free Self-Help app to keep track of how you're feeling and get recommendations of ways to help.

## Sing Four Four Community Choir

The Community Choir is continuing to prepare its varied repertoire which will be performed at concerts during the summer. We are also planning for our informal concert on Sunday 10 July in St Sampson's Church at 3pm. Entrance will be by donation. The proceeds will be divided between St Sampson's Church and the Choir. Light refreshments will be served. There will also be a raffle.



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 [www.singfourfour.org.uk](http://www.singfourfour.org.uk) or email our musical director Jen Bamford at: [jenloubamford@googlemail.com](mailto:jenloubamford@googlemail.com)

## Cricklade Computer Club

The computer club will not be running at the Cricklade Leisure Centre during July and August. We plan to resume in September and will announce the exact dates in the September issue of *The Chronicle*.

## Parkinson's UK

**At The Cricklade Club, High Street, SN6 6AY**  
**10.30am - noon**



Join us for coffee, cake and chat on - 20 July; 17 Aug; 21 Sept  
We now meet in The Living Room, turn right and follow the sign from the Foyer.  
contact: [parkinsonscafecricklade@gmail.com](mailto:parkinsonscafecricklade@gmail.com) or call 07951 944 760

People are still finding us, newly diagnosed with Parkinson's or others who didn't know we existed. Likewise, the carers who support them are also welcomed to the cafe and they soon find that they are not alone with the role that they have found themselves with.

At the May cafe, 39 people dropped by for that all important coffee, cake and chat. Making new friends and happiness.

It is surprising what can be learned from asking questions or sharing knowledge.

We are getting regular visits from charities such as Parkinson's UK, Support groups such as Carer Support Wiltshire and Swindon Carers and soon from Wiltshire Council's Prevention and Wellbeing Team Officer. All have something to give to those requiring help and assistance.

We feel very fortunate that The Cricklade Club allows us to take over the place once a month and their beautiful venue helps attract our regular visitors, some of whom then stay for lunch.



## Saxons Pétanque Club, Cricklade

You'll find us playing pétanque on the gravel piste just in front of the entrance to Cricklade Leisure Centre. Our regular sessions are:

Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, 2 – 4:30pm

Saturday mornings, 10am – 12:30pm

Wednesday evenings, 7 – 9:30pm (summer only)

We also provide coaching on some Wednesday mornings, 10am – 11:30am.

Saxons Pétanque members are a very friendly, sociable group and we're always happy to welcome new players. You don't need any previous experience and we can lend you boules if needed. If you'd like to find out a bit more please come and say hello, take a look at our notice board just inside the Leisure Centre, or visit our website at [saxonspetanque.co.uk](http://saxonspetanque.co.uk).

## Cricklade Camera Club

For Cricklade's sixth season Annual Exhibition we welcomed Mike Martin from Bristol Camera Club to select our winners. The winners are:

**Flora & Fauna** – Early Morning Bluebells by Mike Buy (*right*)



**Mono** – Inviting Space by Chris Pocock

**Portrait** – Looks like Bardot by David Chalk (*left*)

**Landscape** – Averno Autumn by Graham Crockford (*right*)

**Open Class** – Badbury Bluebells by Mike Buy

**Print Class** – Avocado by Mike Buy



The new season starts in earnest on **Tuesday 7 September** in the Town Hall Annexe at 7.30pm for an evening with award winning photographer Michael Berkeley who is going to give us an Introduction to **Sport Photography**. Michael says he take a lot of images, not all of them work, but you can learn a lot more from your mistakes than from 'perfect' pictures. The talk is about how to get started in this field of photography. He will provide examples of what works and what doesn't and what can be achieved from just changing settings to achieve more dynamic and exciting images. A varied range of sports, which might include archery, surfing, athletics, rock climbing, polo, ice hockey, golf, snooker, bowls, cycling, touring car racing will be covered on the night.

**20 September: Zoom Meeting** - 7.30pm. Behind the Scenes with Alf Myers

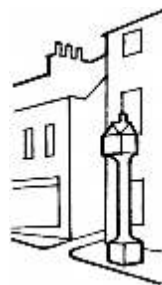
"Ever wondered what happens behind scenes during the production of a film? Well, this talk gives a little insight into how a film comes together.

# The Chronicle Diary – July 2022

- 1 F 11am to 4pm: Flower Festival at St Sampson's church  
end of day Chronicle copy deadline
- 2 Sa 10am to 5pm: Flower Festival at St Sampson's church
- 3 Su 11am to 4pm: Flower Festival at St Sampson's church
- 4 M 7pm Town Council Planning (etc) Committee in Council Chamber
- 7 Th 10am Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel
- 9 Sa 7.30pm The Wessex (Male Choir) Summer Concert at the Deanery Academy
- 10 Su 3pm Sing Four Four Concert at Sampson's Church
- 12 Tu 7pm speaker 7.30pm: Garden Club at Town Hall Annexe
- 13 W 2.30pm to 4.30: Cake Sale by Cricklade Pre-School, Play Park, Bath Road
- 16 Sa tbc St Sampson's Church Fete
- 18 M to 31 July: Cricklade in Bloom judging
- 20 W 10.30am to noon: Parkinson's Café at Cricklade Club, High Street  
7pm Cricklade Cinema AGM at Town Hall Committee Room
- 21 Th 10am Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel  
7pm Mikron Theatre evening (Cricklade Bloomers) £15 tickets  
7.30pm Cricklade W.I. at Town Hall Annexe
- 25 M 7pm Town Council Community & Leisure Committee in Council Chamber
- 30 Sa 4.30pm Twinning Society AGM followed by BBQ (5pm) at 45 High Street

## Every Week

- M 10am-3.30pm Open Door at Jenner Hall
- 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 - July 2022

7th ☾ 13th ○ 20th ● 28th ●



## The Wessex Male Choir

... presents its 20th Anniversary Summer Concert on Saturday 9 July at the Deanery Academy, Peglars Way, Swindon SN1 7DA. Special guests will be the Allegra Ladies' Choir from Newport. Tickets are available priced £12.50 from [TicketSource.co.uk/Wessex-Male-Choir](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Wessex-Male-Choir). Profits will support humanitarian aid in Ukraine.

# *The Final Word ...*

*'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11*

I've often heard the illustration about the back of a tapestry which can be jumbled threads that look like a mixed-up mess, but when we turn it over, we find a beautiful picture. We can't always make sense of God's plans; but we have to trust he has a design for our lives. For it to work, he must be allowed to do it his way. God said: 'I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out, plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for.' *Jeremiah 29:11*

There is a story about a lone survivor of a shipwreck who landed on a small uninhabited island and managed to build a shelter. He prayed to God to be rescued and continually scanned the horizon to attract the attention of a passing ship. One day, returning from looking for food, he was horrified to find his shelter in flames. Everything had gone up in smoke. The worst had happened, or so it appeared. To the man's understanding this was the most awful thing that could come about, yet his loss was for the best. The next day a ship stopped and sent a rescue crew. 'We saw your smoke signal,' they said.

At times, when calamity seems to overwhelm us, it might just be that God has to destroy our ideas in order to get his to work. God said: 'This plan of mine is not what you would work out, neither are my thoughts the same as yours! My ways are higher than yours' *Isaiah 55:8-9*.

However messed up or painful our lives are, God has a plan of love toward us. We'll often not understand our troubles, but he's never going to leave us there – instead helping us through them to better our lives. Just because nothing's obvious, it doesn't mean nothing's happening.

I confess to not being too patient when I've said I will do something and five minutes after I'm asked if I've done it. If I gave my word the first time, it will get done. I wonder how God feels when we don't trust him to keep his word. He said it; I believe it; that settles it.

Dear Lord, I'm surrounded every day with proof that you care for me. Help me to learn patience when I want things to happen at my speed and not yours. Amen.

*Suzi Tipper*

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