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Haymaking at Stones Farm
photo: Jamie Edwards

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.

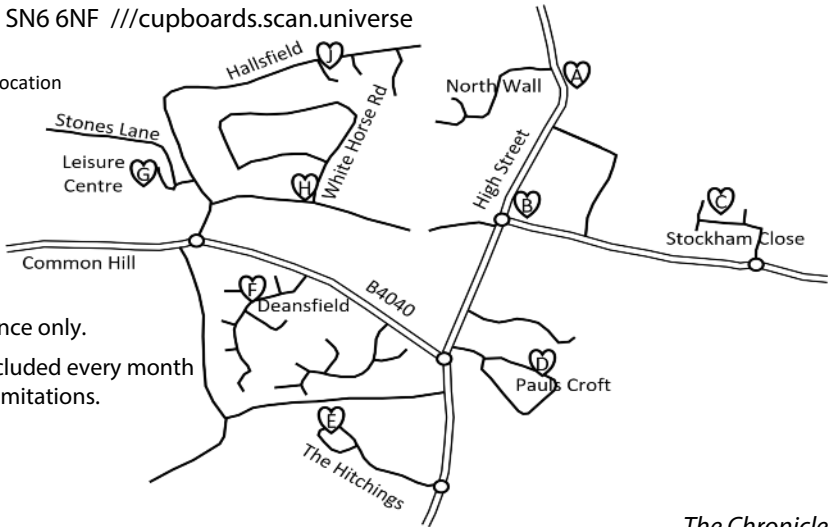
Churches	see centre pages	Link Scheme transport	07421 018 499
Cricklade Town Council	751394	Boots Chemist (100 High St)	750226
Lattonclerk@lattonparishcouncil.org.uk		Dentist (104 High St)	750388
Wiltshire Councillor (Bob Jones)	750773	Gas leak reporting	0800 111 999
Emergency Services	999	Library (113 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

Defibrillator Locations - you will need to have a phone to ring 999 for medical help and to get the code to access the machine. Public machines outside these premises: What3Words location (///) is directly in front of the machine. To find the app, google What3Words.

- A former Meadowpark School, SN6 6DD ///snapping.clearcut.tunnel
- B Cricklade Dental Practice, SN6 6AA ///trackers.motivate.joystick
- C 33 Stockham Close, SN6 6EF ///advances.bakers.opts
- D 17 Pauls Croft, SN6 6AH ///grace.bind.framework
- E 48 The Hitchings, SN6 6NJ ///thing.hydrant.height
- F 24 Deansfield, SN6 6BP ///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.
May not be included every month
due to space limitations.

From the Editor

Here in Cricklade it often seems that things stay the same as they were. But they don't. Not even Belisha beacons - we can now see the new ones in daylight!

I've just come back from a short holiday in Belfast. Through the wonders of modern communications, I was able to receive and compile the articles for this August issue while away. Some changes are good!

Cricklade Railway Station closed for passengers in 1961, two years before the demise of many of the smaller lines and stations around the country. The line here is preserved in part by the Swindon & Cricklade Railway operating from Blunsdon Station. They are holding two special weekends in August which may be of interest if you are trying to keep the children amused during the school holidays! See the Diary on p43 for dates.

On page 27, Marion Parsons describes the livestock market that used to be held in the High Street. Other street names around town suggest their former usage such as Horse Fair Lane and Mutton Lane. The latter is now called Gas Lane, but that refers to a small gas works that was once there. The discovery of gas in the North Sea in 1965 led to the eventual conversion of the UK to natural gas and the closure of coal gas works around the country.

This month's cover shows a sight we may not see for much longer, hay making at Stones Farm, where a new housing development is proposed. My thanks to Jamie Edwards who was one of several to send me photos for future issues following my appeal in June.



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The deadline for the September issue is Monday 1 August 2022

Cricklade Town Council

Town Council Meetings

- Monday 1 August Planning, Conservation & Transport Committee
- Monday 8 August Full Town Council
- Monday 22 August Premises & Finance Committee
- Tuesday 30 August: Planning, Conservation & Transport Committee



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

What happens at a Council Meeting?

They are open to the public and you are all welcome to attend. Some very interesting topics are discussed that affect the community you live in. Topics range from the provision of new play parks in the town to the transfer of assets and services from Wiltshire Council. If there is a specific topic that you would like raised, or if you are curious as to what happens, then please come along. You will meet a friendly group of Councillors, whose top priority is the concerns of Cricklade's residents.

Floral Displays

We would like to express our thanks to Cricklade Bloomers for their floral displays that decorate the length of the High Street and the four corners of the town. We must not forget the Council's own Grounds Team, David and Michael, for their hard work in keeping the hanging baskets and all the other displays watered. Cricklade looks lovely and everyone's hard work is greatly appreciated by all.

Platinum Jubilee celebrations

Cricklade Town Council would like to thank all the residents who took the time to decorate their properties to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee; the Town looked wonderful. The array of events that were put on in the Town was varied and attracted so many residents to participate in at least some form of celebration, whether it was the Proclamation and Beacon Lighting, the Band Concert, the Family Fun Day or the walks available. We would like to offer a huge thank-you to all the community groups involved for their contribution especially the Court Leet, Cricklade Leisure Centre and Cricklade Band. We hope you all took time to have celebrations with family or friends to mark the historic event.

Public Toilets

The Town Council took ownership of the toilets in 2016 following the decision by Wiltshire Council to close their facilities county-wide. Town councillors took the view that it was essential that the public toilets continue to be available for our residents and visitors. Since 2016 we have operated the toilets and have made improvements from time to time such as installing new hand washer-dryers and fitting much more secure doors. We wish to say a special thank-you to our cleaner, Sarah, who does an excellent job for us!

Civic Awards 2022 - Do You Know Someone Who Goes the Extra Mile?

Do you know someone or a group of people who volunteers in the community and deserves to be recognised for all their hard work, bravery, or courage? The Town Council is seeking nominations towards three categories of award: Young Person of the Year; Cricklade Community Award; and Community Group of the Year. Forms are available on the website or from the Town Council offices. Closing date: Friday 3 March 2023.

Neighbourhood Plan Review working party

In 2018 Cricklade Town Council published its first Neighbourhood Plan. It's now time to revisit and update that plan. If there are any residents who would like to join the working party and have some input into the review of the plan then please contact admin@crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk. Duncan May, the Town Clerk, is happy to answer any questions you may have, or give you more information.

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 29 August **

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

Website: www.crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk



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Wayland Estates Charity

At their last meeting, the Trustees to the Wayland Estates Charity considered grant applications from organisations towards projects for the general benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Cricklade and the neighbourhood thereof.



A total of £6,076.28 was awarded to the following:

Cricklade Bloomers
Friends of Dance Common
Latton Basin Restoration

Cricklade Leisure Centre
Cricklade Open Door
Prospect Hospice

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Purton & Green Gable Surgery PPG

Serving patients in Purton, Cricklade & surrounding communities



A message regarding appointments from Kai Howard, Practice Manager

Patients can now book smear appointments on line once they have received a letter inviting them to book. These are the only appointments that we can offer to book on line currently. This is due to having various clinicians now working for Purton surgery.

We need to ensure that patients are seen by the most appropriate clinician and our reception team needs to ask you a few questions to ensure they book you an appointment with the most suitable team member. For example, if you have a medication query this is dealt with by our practice clinical pharmacists; a wound dressing, diabetic review or blood test will be managed by our practice nurses; a urine infection, earache or chest infection by our prescribing nurse practitioners, etc.

Help for appointments from Purton Age Concern Minibuses

For those who qualify to use them, the Purton Age Concern Minibuses are available for getting to and from appointments at Purton surgery. Cost £2, please phone Hazel Woodbridge 770862.

Tabletop sale and books – Purton Surgery Waiting Room

The Tabletop will be up and running in the Purton Surgery Waiting Room from 5 July. From that date there will also be books in the bookcase for purchase (50p each). If you wish to purchase from the Tabletop please hand your money to the reception team. Please also donate any books by handing them to the reception team

PPG and the Purton Open Gardens - 9/10 July

Over the weekend of the Open Gardens the PPG will be selling plants at the home of Peter and Sue Berry, 44 Witts Lane. Do come and see us – and buy some plants!

200 Club draw

Membership is open so do consider joining. The annual cost is £15, 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 June draw was made by Medical Secretary Linda Fisher and £100 winner was Melanie Allsop.

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.

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 us via groupforpatients@gmail.com



Sheila Fowler, PPG Secretary

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Focus on Wiltshire Council

The unions continue to be in dispute with the waste contractors, Hills. The waste collection operators are holding a series of one-day strikes randomly, causing considerable disruption to waste collection services. The advice is to put your bins out as usual and they will be emptied in turn albeit several days late.

The dispute over pay and unsocial hours working is affecting several other Wiltshire Council departments, including traffic enforcement officers and social workers. Wiltshire Council have deemed that all hours within the contracted hours of these employees will be paid at the standard rate. It is a cost cutting exercise by the Administration not supported by the opposition parties.

What it means is that any previous unsocial hours payments have ceased and therefore the staff have lost 20% of their pay in out-of-hours payments. Traffic Enforcement staff are currently on strike and only working core hours, so no after hours or Sunday enforcement. But do not be tempted to overstay or park illegally as not all staff are in dispute. Whilst Wiltshire Council will be losing enforcement revenue the implications for social services are far more severe with no out-of-hours support for the most needy in our community.

This month sees the **Neighbourhood Policing Team** stepping up evening patrols around the area where there have been numerous drug related incidents of selling and consuming. Because you live in a village or out-of-the-way location please don't think it is not happening near you. In fact these quiet country lanes and car parks are ideal for dealing to take place. If you see or suspect a car is parked and meeting with others please report it to 101 so that the police can log it and investigate. Likewise if you see abnormal activity in houses around you such as unusually high numbers of frequent visitors, please report it.

Green waste bins. This service is now a paid-for service at £60 per year and is very expensive. If you want this service, make sure you have purchased your bin sticker on line or your green waste will not be collected.

Grass cutting remains an issue, with the contractors regularly missing areas particularly the areas that should be maintained by Green Square. If you inform me of missed areas i will report them.

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 that 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

Bob Jones, Wiltshire Councillor

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*.

Cricklade Court Leet

Notice of Public Court and Appointment of Honorary Freemen

Due to Covid restrictions it has not been possible to hold our usual biennial Public Court since 2018. I am pleased therefore to give notice that the next public Court Leet will be held on 28 October 2022 in the Town Hall with the Lord of the Manor Michael Neeld presiding.

Officers will give reports and members of the jury will have been duly summoned to attend.

Part of the function of The Court is to award Honorary Freeman status to persons 'who in the sole opinion of the Court have given outstanding or exceptional service for the benefit of Cricklade'. The award carries with it no rights or privileges simply the recognition of work undertaken, generally over many years, in our community for the benefit of us all. The number of recipients is limited by our rules, so it remains a special award to those who have received it in the past.

If you feel you know of someone who may be suitable for such an award, please speak to any member of The Court who can, if they wish, take the nomination forward for you. A list of names and contact details is held at the Town Council Offices or speak to me. See our website crickladecourtleet.org.uk

*John Coole - Steward to The Manorial Court
for the Hundred and Borough of Cricklade.*

Clive Smith High Bailiff

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 now fully completed and is remote controlled to make setting easier.

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 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.booking@gmail.com or call 07900 122 099.

John Hickman, Chairman, Cricklade Jenner Hall Community Trust

50 Shades of Green

The Adventures of an Eco-Warrior Wannabee.

I've had cause to ponder on the nature of friendships lately. I've been abandoned by my friend S who has been lured away by the offer of a puppy and home baked bread and cakes. I can't say I blame her; he's quite a nice bloke too.

What it means though is that she hasn't been here to share a bottle of wine with me and help write 50 Shades – and you can tell. How serious was I last month!! S is a particularly good friend to share a bottle of wine with as she's a bit of a lightweight so I get most of the bottle! But it made me realise that we need our friends for us to be our whole selves, that our friendships bring out the best of us and fill the gaps.

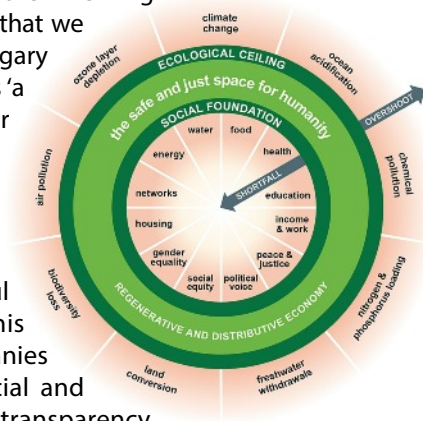
While I was contemplating this vacuum at the centre of my soul it reminded me of the Doughnut Economics my boss is currently studying. I'm lucky enough to work with a very forward-thinking boss, some might call him woke, but he has an unquenchable thirst for learning and self improvement and I think it does him credit. You can dive quite deep into Doughnut Economics but let's be fair, I'm no economist, so I'll give you a brief taste and let you find out more for yourselves.

Developed by Kate Raeworth in 2012 in a paper for Oxfam, the concept is based on the idea of sustainable development, with the aim of ensuring everyone has the resources they need to live a fulfilling and happy life while staying within the ecological ceiling which keeps our life support system from deteriorating. The diagram to show this looks like a doughnut, with the outer ring being our planetary limits and the inner ring showing the minimum amount of life's essentials that we should expect everyone to enjoy. The carby, sugary dough of the doughnut is what Kate Raeworth calls 'a just and safe space for humanity'. This means our society and our businesses need to change their goals and further work by Raeworth sets out clear paths for businesses choosing to walk this road.

You may think this is pie in the sky and unobtainable but some of our most successful businesses are already moving towards this template – look out for B-Corps registered companies which are required to meet high levels of social and environmental performance, accountability and transparency. Examples of B-Corps in the UK include Cook, Charlie Bighams, Riverford, Body Shop, Emma Bridgewater and Cheeky Panda.

Before I go I just want to be clear, doughnuts are lovely, but if forced to choose between the calories in a doughnut and those in a glass of wine I will always choose the glass of wine. But you should never drink on an empty stomach and my Italian friend E would be disappointed if I drank without food so it's lucky I have a doughnut to go with my wine!

Theresa Green – TrizaGreen@icloud.com
Cricklade Climate Action Network



Foodbank

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



An increasing number of people are finding the rise in the cost of living a challenge. If you are struggling, the Foodbank is here to help you. Our friendly band of volunteers will welcome you and offer you a cup of coffee or tea. They will also offer a listening ear and are often able to signpost you to the relevant agency specialising in that area of concern. We prefer clients to come with a voucher but will not 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

Our Foodbank is now part of the Fuelbank initiative. This means we can 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 for your continuing generosity. We are very grateful to everyone who supports us. Sadly, however, we are giving out more than we are receiving in donations. Please see the foot of this article for items that are in short supply.

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

Items in short supply are:

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|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| • UHT milk | • Dog food | • Instant coffee |
| • Long life fruit juice | • Cat food | • Tinned custard |
| • Tinned 'hot' meat | • Soup | • Squash |
| • Puddings | • Pasta sauce | • Shampoo |
| • Loo rolls | • Savoury snacks | • Washing powder etc |

We have plenty of: fish; rice puddings; sanitary items; toothbrushes; toothpaste; tinned tomatoes; rice; cereals; sweet biscuits.

Letter to the Editor

■ Thank You

Heartfelt thanks for all the help and kindness we have received during these past weeks. A difficult situation has been made easier.

Elizabeth & Michael Chaplin

Churches Together

The Upper Thames Benefice

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

Contact details:

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

Associate Minister: Revd Shirley Danby

email: shirleydanby21@gmail.com; tel. 07980 548844

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

Services for the Upper Thames Churches

7 Aug

Trinity 8

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

14 Aug

Trinity 9

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

21 Aug

Trinity 10

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

28 Aug

Trinity 11

- 8.30am Holy Communion *at Ashton Keynes, Holy Cross*
- 10am Upper Thames Group Holy Communion *at All Saints, Leigh*

From the Registers of the Upper Thames Group of Churches

Baptisms

12 June Thomas Muir *at St Sampson's*

Weddings

25 June Charlie Dickinson & Lisa Palfreeman *at St Sampson's*

Christian Aid

Christian Aid week in Cricklade and Latton raised £2,400 this year. Many thanks to all those who made donations, lent their houses as collection points and helped in any way. The funds raised are needed so much to help those facing poverty, drought and war in so many parts of the world.



ther (CLAK & L)

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. Mary's Catholic Church

Weekly Mass times 9.30am on Sundays
 10.00am on Fridays

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

Parish website www.stthomasparish.plus.com.

Father Michael Robertson can be contacted on 01285 712586 or by email michael.Robertson@cliftondiocese.com

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

The Friends of St Mary's website with more details of the history of the church is at www.crickladestmary.org.uk

Concert for St Sampson's Church Appeal

15 October 2022 at St Sampson's Church

7.30pm

The Wessex

Tickets are now available, priced £12.50, from

TheWessex.org/tickets

or Adina Grace on 01793 750138

janda.grace447@outlook.com

or Helen Dixon on 01793 759123

HelenDixonMail@gmail.com

The Wessex, award winning male choir, will be singing
from a wide repertoire drawn from pop, folk,
musicals and sacred songs.





St Sampson's Church Appeal

**St Sampson's Church Fete,
Saturday 3 September, 2pm-4pm**

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!
(We are sorry we had to reschedule this event originally advertised for July.)

St Sampson's Church 100 Club

The lucky winner of our April 2022 draw was ... Derek Whitbread £30.50

St Sampson's Church Appeal fund benefited by £30.50.

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 sharonsmith54@hotmail.com or download the application form from The St Sampson's Church Appeal website.

We would still be grateful for any further donations to the next phases of the church appeal.

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



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

Sing Four Four Community Choir

After the success of our summer concert last month the choir is taking a break during August. Rehearsals will recommence in September when we will start preparing for our Christmas Concert. This will be on Sunday 4 December in St Sampson's Church at 3pm. Please put the date in your diary - we'd love to see you. More details to follow later in the year.



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.

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

**SATB four-part choir: soprano, alto, tenor, bass. Ed.*

Cricklade Open Door

We can't believe it's coming into autumn already and Open Door must start thinking about activities for Harvest, Guy Fawkes and even Christmas! However, we have had a great end of June and July with two invitations to watch school end of term productions, when we joined both Cricklade Manor Prep School and St Sampson's C of E Primary School and thoroughly enjoyed refreshments and the shows - 'The Amazing Adventures of Super Stan' and 'What a Knight'. It makes us very happy to be included in the community with a much younger generation and to be given such warm welcomes. Huge thanks to staff and pupils at both of our Cricklade schools.



We also had a very successful pub lunch at The Bolingbroke Arms, which was enjoyed by everyone because the food was excellent, the service first class and we certainly enjoyed everyone's company with lots of laughter and fun.

All our usual activities will continue throughout August and new members and visitors are always welcome and we are also planning a few extra activities.

Saturday 30 July is International Friendship Day and as friends give each other support and fun, which is what Open Door offers, we are going to have a Friendship Afternoon Tea on the following Tuesday 2 August. Our regular members will come along and enjoy themselves and they will be encouraged to bring a friend with them, someone who doesn't already come to Open Door. Why don't YOU come along if you've ummed and aahed about Open Door? Just pop in beforehand or give us a ring, so that we can ensure we have plenty of food for extra folks!

We will be having a Summer Buffet Lunch on Monday 15 August, with a great, served buffet, with Chris's homemade quiches and puddings, Anne's coleslaw, a glass of fizz and lots of fresh produce.

Getting towards the end of August, we will have another pub lunch on Friday 19 August - venue to be decided - lots of checking of venues needed beforehand by Jan and Chris!

*Cricklade Open Door, The Jenner Hall, tel: 07599 987 851
Open: Mondays*, Tuesdays and Thursdays - 10am to 3.30pm
(*Closed Bank Holiday Monday 29 August)
Lunch can be booked before 10am on the day - £5.00
We also have a mini bus, if you need transport*

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.

Cricklade W.I.

Our June meeting saw us celebrate the Group's birthday with a celebratory little drink and nibbles - thank you to the ladies who put on the lovely spread.



We were also entertained by our speaker, Lynda Warren, who gave us an insight into how she and her husband have made their living over the years - providing anecdotes of how weird and wonderful props and gadgets are used in the world of entertainment, talking us through how some of our popular advertisements from the past came about.

Thank you Lynda you are a great source of interesting information - all without the aid of technology.

Next Talk - 18 August - Roman & Saxon Treasure in Wiltshire including Cricklade - with John Clark

If you would like to now more about our WI please contact our secretary Viv Tomkins on 01793 752459 or email Vivienne.tomkins@btinternet.com

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

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

In the Monthly Draw held on 30 June the lucky winners were:-

First Prize:	Mrs M. Chunn	£39.00
Second Prize:	Mr J. Taylor	£26.00
Jenner Hall Funds:		£65.00



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 Historical Society

Sunday 28 August – Annual Walk

"Aspects of the Town You may not have Noticed"

The walk will start at 2pm at the Town Hall and finish at the Museum where refreshments will be served.

Wednesday 21 September

Malmesbury Coin Hoard – Speaker Maria Marsh

(Please Note – this a change to the talk printed in our Programme of Events.)

To be held at the Town Hall Annexe – Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start.

Hot off the Press – Our 2023 Calendar, illustrated with photographs old and new, is now available for purchase at £10.00 each. To get your copy please either mail cricklademuseum@outlook.com or contact Pam on 07453 766 744

Cricklade 100 Years Ago

THE MARKET

Cricklade was a mainly agricultural town and in the 1920s farm labouring was the most common work for men and boys. The monthly livestock market held in the High Street had been a prominent feature of town life since the mid-nineteenth century, attracting farmers and their employees for many miles around.

Market Day therefore was a big town occasion and was eagerly anticipated by local residents. Barriers were erected between the Town Clock and Abingdon Court Lane and metal sockets were embedded in the road to

hold hurdle posts so that the animals brought in for auction from all over the area could be penned off in designated areas.

Horses and cattle occupied the top half of the street with sheep and pigs further down, while live poultry in metal cages were auctioned from the yard at the back of the Old Bear Inn.

Not all livestock were always securely penned in however, as Frances Bartlett (b.1908) recalled. "People had to make sure they closed their garden gates on Market Day or an animal might get in and eat all their vegetables. Mother once even found a cow staring at her in her own living room. She fled upstairs and to her relief the animal just calmly turned around and walked out again!"

[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 mfparsons071@btinternet.com or 01793 750542 or for further details. Profits are donated to Cricklade Open Door charity.]



Cricklade & District Probus Club

We are looking forward to our coming group meetings. On **4 August** the talk will be on the 'Wiltshire Air Ambulance'. This will be followed on **18 August** by a talk entitled 'Nelson's Navy'.



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.

A Word about Email and Web Addresses

In the Chronicle we are trying to make it as easy as possible to connect to a contact email or Internet web address. It can be difficult to type an address “exactly” as printed - one character in the wrong place will either not get you anywhere or could result in a web page you weren’t expecting! Here are a few notes about what we are doing:

Email addresses: These always have the “@” character in them. But with an email address it doesn’t matter if you use capitals or small letters. For example: in *RickDixonChronicle@gmail.com* I have tried to make it easier to read and therefore easier to type. But you don’t need the capitals. However, there must not be any spaces in an email address.

Web addresses: Sometimes we see email addresses beginning with “www.” or “https://” or “http://” in front. In most cases the https:// and the www. are unnecessary and just tire your fingers! We have printed web addresses in the easiest way to type them and I always check them to make sure what we are printing “does actually work!” (If there are capital letters in web addresses it is best to keep them as printed.)

So if you wanted get the BBC News page on the Internet, you could be told to type in **https://www.bbc.co.uk/news**. But **bbc.co.uk/news** works just as well!

Sometimes a web link can be very difficult to type correctly with all sorts of strange letter combinations. In those cases I try to provide an alternative way to get to the same page. If your mobile phone has a camera, scanning a QR code (Quick Response) will take you there without any typing - e.g. the one on page 24.

Take part in Cricklade’s very first Scarecrow Trail!

3rd and 4th September

- Just £1 to enter your Scarecrow - there will be a prize for the best one!
- Follow the trail of Scarecrows around the town and vote for your favourite Scarecrow.
- Trail maps will be available to purchase.

Details on how to enter and where to get your trail maps available from:-
CrickladeScarecrow@Gmail.com



Cricklade Camera Club



Our season runs from September to June. During July and August details of friendly summer meets can be found on our website: crickladecameraclub.org or contact the Club Secretary Anne Eckersley for more information via clubsecretary@crickladecameraclub.org

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 full details of our 2023/24 season's events visit crickladecameraclub.org or contact the Club Secretary above.

Our sixth 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 therefore 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.

Later in the month, we are joined via Zoom by Alf Myers, who will be taking us behind the scenes of the production of a film. More details next month.

Magic Little Grants

Localgiving is working with People's Postcode Lottery, a grant-giving charity funded by Players of People's Postcode Lottery, to offer charitable organisations the opportunity to apply for grants of £500. The Magic Little Grants Fund provides charitable organisations the opportunity to access funding to deliver a range of projects which fit one or more of these funding themes:

- Improving mental wellbeing
- Enabling community participation in the arts
- Preventing or reducing the impact of poverty
- Supporting marginalised groups and promoting equality
- Improving biodiversity and green spaces
- Enabling participation in physical activity
- Responding to the climate emergency and promoting sustainability
- Increasing community access to outdoor space

Organisations must either be in their first year of operation or have an annual income under £250,000. Funding can be used to launch new projects, support existing ones, or cover core costs associated with ongoing work.

Please note that schools are eligible to apply if they are a registered charity. Groups may only apply once in 2022 for a grant.

It only takes 15 minutes to apply and if successful, you'll receive funding within six weeks.

Apply via localgiving.org/magic-little-grants or our help desk via help@localgiving.org

Cricklade Town Hall

Your Community Hall



Book your event at Cricklade Town Hall. Birthdays, anniversaries, wedding celebrations, children's parties, quiz nights, club meetings, etc.

- we have done them all! The Town Hall offers flexible space with tables, padded chairs, excellent kitchen facilities and free WiFi.

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

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

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

Cricklade Garden Club

No meeting in August

Our gardening year begins in March and this year so far we have had a wide range of excellent speakers and events:

- **Mandy Bradshaw** who gave us a slightly jaundiced view of being a journalist behind the scene in Chelsea;
- **Paul Green** with his infectious enthusiasm for his fabulous plants;
- **Jess Jones** giving us an erudite talk on fighting box blight and growing evergreen shrubs for small gardens;
- **Tim Walker** with great wit and humour on the challenges facing us with climate change; and
- **Richard Rickitt** on the strange world of bees and how we can garden for them.

Our **Spring Plant Fair** in May when we were joined by Bloomers and Twigs selling plants, and environmental groups setting out their stalls was an excellent community get together. Many thanks to one and all who contributed to its great success.

Our next meeting is on **13 September** in the Town Hall Annexe. Tea and cakes are served from 7pm. The speaker, Peter Holloway, will talk to us on propagating and growing fuchsias starting at 7.30.

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

Membership is £20p.a. We are affiliated to the Gloucestershire Federation of Gardening Societies (www.gfgs.org.uk) and the RHS.

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



The Club is keen to recruit new players, experience not necessary. Please contact Club Captain Mike Murray at michaelmurray198922@gmail.com or phone 07514 596 910 for more information. Training is on a Tuesday and Thursday at 7pm at Fairview Fields with our new female coaching team, Theresa and Rachel; all are welcome. We are a friendly club and welcome new players and supporters.

Our Minis section continues to grow and is open to all shapes, sizes and genders. We aim to provide a safe environment where every player can enjoy rugby and develop their personal and social skills as well as a wide array of transferable multi-sports skills. Training is held at our Fairview Fields ground and new players from age 6 are always welcome. We are particularly keen to recruit U13s and U14s - please contact our Director of Minis, Seth Wareing, sethwareing@hotmail.com

We would also welcome any parents who want to get involved and support the Minis, so if you are interested please contact Seth.

Saxons Pétanque Club, Cricklade

Thank you to those of you who came and said hello and had a go at pétanque during the Jubilee Fun Day at the Leisure Centre. We hope you enjoyed the day as much as we did.

Recently, Club members enjoyed a fun evening of skittles at The White Hart and we are looking forward to a social evening at The Red Lion.

Generally you'll find us playing pétanque on the gravel 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 training on some Wednesday mornings, 10 – 11.30am.

If you'd like to find out a bit more about Saxons Pétanque Club 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.

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We're working with Wiltshire Council to help you with the cost of repairing or replacing your broken heating system, upgrading heating controls, emergency room heaters.

You will be eligible if your income is less than £28,000 (gross) for a single person or £32,000 (gross) for a couple or family. Your savings need to be less than £8,000.

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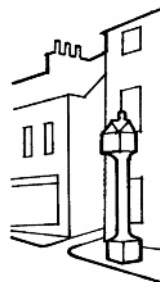
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The Chronicle Diary – August 2022

- 1 M 7pm Town Council Planning (etc) Committee in Council Chamber
end of day Chronicle copy deadline
- 2 Tu Friendship Afternoon Tea at Open Door, Jenner Hall
- 4 Th 10am Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel
- 8 M 7pm Full Town Council Meeting in Council Chamber
- 9 Tu 7pm *speaker 7.30pm*: Garden Club at Town Hall Annexe
- 13 Sa 10am *to 5pm*: Swindon & Cricklade Railway Family Festival
- 14 Su 10am *to 5pm*: Swindon & Cricklade Railway Family Festival
- 17 W 10.30am to noon: Parkinson's Café at Cricklade Club, High Street
- 18 Th 10am Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel
7.30pm Cricklade W.I. at Town Hall Annexe
- 22 M 7pm Town Council Premises/Finance Committee, Council Chamber
- 27 Sa *to Mon 29th*: Swindon & Cricklade Railway: Thomas & Friends
- 28 Su 2pm Historical Society Annual Walk starting at Museum, Calcutt St
- 29 M **Summer Bank Holiday**
- 30 Tu 7pm Town Council Planning (etc) Committee in Council Chamber

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
10-11.30am Coffee Cafe at Cricklade United Church Hall
- Sa 10am-noon Cricklade Museum open, Calcutt Street



Moon Phases - August 2022

5th 🌑 12th 🌒 19th 🌓 27th 🌔

Parkinson's UK

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

Join us for coffee, cake and chat on - 17 Aug; 21 Sept; 19 Oct
We now meet in The Living Room, turn right and follow the sign from the Foyer.
contact: parkinsonscafecricklade@gmail.com or call 07951 944 760

PARKINSON'S^{UK}
CHANGE ATTITUDES.
FIND A CURE.
JOIN US.

The Final Word ...

I write this after Glastonbury has ended, England have won the test series against New Zealand 3-0 and in the midst of Wimbledon which as yet has not suffered too much with rain.

It seems that the rhythm of our summer has returned to what we expect and no doubt the younger members of our community are counting down the days until the summer holidays begin, some may even be fortunate enough to be going away for the first time since 2020.

Normality is important. We like the comfort of what we know; it helps us to feel grounded when dealing with uncertainty and worries and there is plenty of both around at this time both globally and nationally. We worry about the people of Ukraine and what their future may be, we have concern for all peoples seeking refuge and safety from oppressive regimes, the lack of progress to deal with climate change and our ongoing cost of living crisis.

The most common command of Jesus was 'do not fear', his second was 'love one another.' I believe right now that the second one will have a huge impact if shown to those who are fearful of what the future may bring.

When the Pandemic began it seemed that we re-discovered how to be good neighbours, we took extra time to check on friends and we valued the little things. Some of that has continued but there is still a sense of isolation and loneliness for many, uncertainty about how they will cope in the future; there is still a need to offer friendship, to give others time.

Time is a precious gift. We'd all like more time but perhaps it is how we use the time we have that matters the most.

Sarah Simpson
Minister: Cricklade United Church

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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