

# THE CHRONICLE

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*Jenner Hall and beyond*  
photo: Damien Davis

# 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
Latton .....clerk@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 .....	119	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.

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



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# From the Editor

Have you ever been up to the top of the tower at St Sampson's? You may get your chance on 3 September as part of the Church Fete - page 24. Our cover picture shows the view you might get. Damien took this picture on a bright sunny day and the view is outstanding.

The building lower left of centre is the Jenner Hall built in 1652 which had many functions in its time. Today it is managed as a community venue, and can be booked for events - see page 42. On a regular basis it is the venue for Cricklade Open Door (p25). One of the first floor rooms is used as the Upper Thames Group Parishes Office.

3 to 4 September is also the weekend of the very first Cricklade Scarecrow Trail (p39). Maybe you could visit the Fete while on the Trail but keep an eye on the time as the Fete is only open for 2 hours.

If that smacks of getting your ducks in a row, don't miss the Cricklade Scouts Duck Race on the 11th from the Town Bridge by the Thames Hall - details on page 27.

If I add that the Thames Hall can be booked via the Town Council (p4) and the Town Hall via their charitable trust (p5) I can't be accused of favouritism!

We don't like to keep you in the dark but, in case you wish to be, we welcome the return of Cricklade Cinema this month for its 10th Anniversary season at the Town Hall. See page 40 for how to book and the programme for the next three months.

Sing Four Four get back to rehearsing on Thursdays this month (p24). (If my choir didn't rehearse on a Tuesday, I'd also be able to go to the Cinema!)



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The deadline for the October issue is Thursday 1 September 2022

# Cricklade Town Council

## Town Council Meetings

Monday 19 September: Community & Leisure Committee

Monday 26 September: 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.

## Cricklade in Bloom

The judges have been out and about in Cricklade and have seen some wonderful gardens and displays.

The winners will be announced in the October Chronicle.

## Overgrown Hedges and Bushes

Everything in the garden is growing rapidly, unfortunately not just the flowers and vegetables.

The Council is receiving many enquiries relating to hedges and bushes, where foliage is drooping or has grown over property boundaries, making footpaths and pavements difficult to walk along for everyone. Please look at your boundaries and clear the ways for others to walk without difficulty. If you have elderly neighbours, they may appreciate a hand to clear theirs.

## New footpath on Fairview Fields

Thanks to a National Lottery Community Fund grant, Cricklade Town Council was able to refurbish the footpath from Hatchetts to Fairview fields and also install a new path from Stockham Close path down to the river. This makes a completely accessible path for those residents that would like access to green space but are unable to walk across the grass. It's a lovely addition for those that need it.

## Protect your Open Spaces

***Please help us to protect these important community areas.***

We have received several complaints relating to Fairview Fields and the Millennium Wood. We would ask residents not to camp in these areas. In recent weeks, we have had to clean up waste of all descriptions!

- BBQs are now banned from use on any land belonging to Cricklade Town Council.
- If you are walking your dogs, please pick up your dog faeces and place it in one of the many bins on site or take it home with you.

Hallsfield Meadow, Fairview Fields: these, together with the Millennium and Jubilee Woods, are there for all the community to enjoy. Feel free to picnic but no BBQs please.

## New Belisha Beacons

Thank you for the positive responses about the new beacons that have been installed on our four zebra crossings. The old ones were not very visible during daylight hours leading to many 'near misses' that put pedestrians at risk. Although Highways matters are a Wiltshire Council responsibility, we were able to bring pressure to bear (and cover 25% of the cost!) to bring about the upgrade.

## Town Council Grants

The Town Council has a Small Grant Scheme for local community and voluntary groups. Application forms and guidance can be found on our website and hard copies are available from the Town Council offices.

### **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)

## 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.

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](https://www.facebook.com/crickladetownhall)

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



## Cricklade Link Scheme

### **We Need Your Help - We need Drivers**

We are seeking Link Drivers to take clients to and from mainly local appointments on a one-off basis.

We don't ask for a regular commitment but if you have any spare time that might fit with a client's needs that would be ideal. A petrol allowance is payable and any out-of-pocket expenses. Please call 751049 or 07421 018 499 for more details.

We are seeking drivers to help our community.

**We need Volunteers 07421 018 499**



## Ride & Stride

St Sampson's Church Ride and Stride will take place on Saturday 10 September.



Join us on a bike, on foot or on horseback to help maintain Wiltshire's historic churches, chapels and meeting houses.

Half of the money we raise for Ride+Stride comes back to us and the other half goes to the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust from whom we have had several grants.

Sponsorship forms are available in Church or from Rob Crow, 01793 751386

# Purton & Green Gable Surgery PPG

*Serving patients in Purton, Cricklade & surrounding communities*



**Dr Chandran:** After 22 years at the practice Dr Chandran has decided to leave general practice, leaving us on 19 August. This is sad news to all of us. He will continue with his hospital work, but will no longer be a GP.

We would all like to thank Dr Chandran and wish him all the best for the future.

## **New NHS organisation replacing CCGs**

On 1 July the CCG (Clinical Commissioning Committee) was replaced with the Integrated Care System (ICS) made up of NHS and local authority organisations working together. Our ICS brings together an Integrated Care Board, three hospital trusts, private providers, a mental health trust, an ambulance trust and voluntary sector organisations.

Please follow the link for more information: [bsw.icb.nhs.uk](http://bsw.icb.nhs.uk)

## **Holiday Medication** – a message from Kai Howard, Practice Manager

Please ensure you request your medication in good time (7-10 days before running out), particularly if you are going on holiday. Also, don't forget to bring your medication back home from holiday with you!

We have had several patients asking for a prescription immediately as they are either going on holiday and forgotten to request their medication or returned from holiday and left their medication behind.

This puts a huge demand on the practice staff and means that we cannot provide the care and service to other patients.

**Tabletop Sale and Books:** The Tabletop is now up and running in the Purton Surgery Waiting Room. There are also, once again, books in the bookcase for purchase (50p each). If you wish to buy from the Tabletop please hand your money to the reception team, please also donate any books by handing them to the reception team. And don't forget once you have read a book ... you can always bring it back for the shelves!

**200 Club draw:** Membership is now 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 July draw was made by Receptionist Marie Chapman (*top*) and the £100 winner was Eric Cripps. The August draw was done by Dr Au-Yeung (*right*) and the £100 winner was Paul Baker.

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*

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## Focus on Wiltshire Council

In July, I made a plea that if you wanted to contact me please could you make sure you leave your telephone number or contact address. Last month I had two letters without contact details, both requiring a response to the residents, so if you wrote to me, please contact me so that I can assist you.

I have received many complaints about the poor road repair in Bath Road. Despite further lobbying there seems little hope of the rest of Bath Road being repaired despite the apparent insanity of doing only half a job.

At a recent briefing as Vice Chairman of the Environment Select Committee, I was told there are over 6,000 kms of Rights of Way (RoW) across the county, plus canal towpaths and 31 Country Parks containing 400 acres of land. The County has statutory obligation to keep these all in usable condition. This department is also responsible for all trees not on the highway verges, the legal mapping of all Rights of Way and any amendments.

Wiltshire Council received over 4000 entries on the 'My Wiltshire App' last year regarding blocked or unpassable RoWs. The mapping of RoW is apparently a very skilled and time consuming task taking four full time staff engaged in the work. Such is the time taken to process the mapping that there is over 50 years of backlog and the number of amendments is increasing all the time.

Despite the legal responsibility of WC there are only two Tree Officers for the whole county, and six Rights of Way Officers (1000 km each) and a miserly budget of £1.2 million. Walking for pleasure and its health benefits are well known, yet the opportunities to explore the countryside are being curtailed. There is, however, an opportunity for local groups to volunteer to keep the ROWs open and inspected. Maybe you could lead a group to walk the footpaths in Cricklade, Latton or Marston Meysey and report back on your findings? The Parish Clerks all have maps of the footpaths. Highways Engineers have also been out in some areas inspecting, and you may get a reminder to keep hedges and boundaries on your property clear of the footpaths.

Some other Highways news: there has been an increase in funding for small highways improvements. The increased cost of materials will swallow up much of this, but we should see an increase in minor works such as drop kerbs and white line replacement. The additional funding will come from the revised Local Highways and Footway Improvement group (LHFIG). Parishes can apply for projects to be considered through the Area Board. Please bear in mind that parishes will have to contribute up to 25% of the cost and the total amount available is only around £85,000.

I am concerned that many of our elderly residents are not getting the financial assistance they are entitled to. If you are in contact with any vulnerable residents, please ensure they are aware of the grants they are entitled to from Wiltshire Council and Central Government. In particular, many of these grants are initiated online and without online access they are being denied essential funds.

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 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 my mobile 07973 863 702 or email me at [bob.jones@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:bob.jones@wiltshire.gov.uk)

*Bob Jones, Wiltshire Councillor*

## Waylands Estates Charity

**Supporting Cricklade, Past & Present**



### **Leave a Legacy to Cricklade**

Wayland Estates Charity would appreciate residents of Cricklade considering making a donation or leaving a gift in their will to the Charity.

**WHY?** Currently, Wayland Estates Charity gives approximately £10,000 per annum to community groups. The Charity has a limited amount of capital, providing a small amount of income, with little opportunity for growth. In future we would like to be able increase our income allowing us to help more groups and support bigger projects.

**We started in 1551!** Wayland Estates Charity was originally set up in 1551 when the income was used to maintain the highways of Cricklade. In the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries the charity funded some street lighting and helped maintain the Jubilee clock. Any surplus monies were given to the local authorities to help reduce rates. From 1976, with the approval of the Charities Commission, the income has been used to help local groups with grants for capital items.

**Who are we?** There is a committee of twelve Cricklade residents who, as Trustees, meet twice a year to decide the grant awards and to maintain the running of the charity.

**Who do we help?** Examples of projects that have been supported are machinery for the Cricket Club, equipment for the Town Band, a gate at the Jenner Hall, the Clock at St Mary's, mirrors in the Dance Studio at the Leisure Centre. Our grants, given for capital projects not for running costs, enable groups to provide a community facility that may otherwise be lost in the future without valuable support.

It is hoped that you may like to donate now or leave a legacy in your will for the benefit of Cricklade and the future of Cricklade. Wayland Estates Charity is the perfect way to do this by adding to the Charity's capital and ensuring a healthy future income with which to help groups supporting everyone in Cricklade.

### **A GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING!**

For more information contact John Harman (clerk to Wayland Estates Charity)

Tel: 07962 116526 Email: [jharman@btopenworld.com](mailto:jharman@btopenworld.com)

or visit our Facebook page: [facebook.com/waylandestates](https://facebook.com/waylandestates)

or donate at: [donate.giveasyoulive.com/charity/waylandestatescharity](https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/charity/waylandestatescharity)

(or scan the QR code on the right)





## 1924 Austin 7 Pramhood Chummy

In September last year, I was passed a snippet of Cricklade's history from Jim Beavis in Giles Avenue, via John Coole. Jim wrote, '... A 1924 Austin 7 is coming up for auction on 23 September [2021], which had been stored in Cricklade for 28 years before being discovered in 1966 and restored.'

I found the auction house's website and their description of it was:

"1924 Austin 7 Scoop Scuttle Pramhood Chummy – same family ownership since 1966. Reg. no. DD 4046 Chassis no. A13044 Engine no. M3087

"In 1966 DD 4046 was discovered in Cricklade, near Swindon, by well-known Austin 7 enthusiast Fred Eley. Fred secured the car from the farmer owner, [and] he then stripped the car down, cleaned and restored the paintwork where necessary, but Fred declared at the time that the car was in such good condition, with just 32,000 miles on the odometer, that it didn't take very long to make it roadworthy, with everything still in very original condition. Fred then exhibited DD 4046 at many rallies, winning numerous awards, and he even toured Holland in it in 1970. At the 1982 Austin Diamond Jubilee DD 4046 was the fifth oldest Austin 7 present ... After Fred died in 1997 'Bluebell', as she was affectionately known, was placed on loan to the Atwell Wilson Motor Museum, in the same town where Fred resided [Calne], and she has been there on display until now [2021]. [The auction house] understands that the engine was last started in 2003, so full recommissioning will be required prior to use. DD 4046 is offered with a display board of various trophies won, some award certificates, old photographs, postcards, newspaper cuttings, a V5 and a full Austin 7 tool kit also on a display board."

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I followed the auction on line and not every lot sold. But this one did and it sold for £24,000 almost twice the original auctioneer's estimate of £12k-£15k.

The British Motor Museum near Coventry has just started a 100th Anniversary Exhibition for the Austin 7 which I was pleased to be able to visit in July. Their "Small Car - Big History" exhibition takes visitors on a journey "from the Austin Seven's conception in 1923 in Britain, to its reach and influence worldwide. The exhibition uses a combination of the Museum's rich collections of archive materials, artefacts and seven special vehicles."

Their Chummy is red. Our one above is blue!

*Commentator*

## Parkinson's UK

**At The Cricklade Club, High Street, SN6 6AY**

**10.30am - noon**

Join us for coffee, cake and chat on - 21 Sept; 19 Oct; 16 Nov

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

**PARKINSON'S<sup>UK</sup>**  
**CHANGE ATTITUDES.**  
**FIND A CURE.**  
**JOIN US.**

# Cricklade Revealed Books

## Important Notice

Sadly after 20 years of writing, distributing and promoting my 15 books, the time has come to phase them out. This means there will be no further reprints of any issue, making this year and next the last opportunity to purchase a full set (4 remaining at £48 each) or an individual issue (see below at £3.60 each) should any be missing from your collection. In future the series will only be available from me and from the Museum while existing stocks last.

My current stock lists show that all of the main books 1-9, and CRE1, are now below 10 copies (Part 2 is already sold out) while there are still good supplies of my CR Extra books (Parts 2-5) and main book Part 10. The Museum stock, which I supply, may be different. Animal Fayre and the Town Council Office have kindly agreed to continue to sell my final book (CRE 5) only.

Thank you as always to my regular readers for your ongoing support for this most enjoyable project. Proceeds as ever from my remaining books will be donated to Cricklade Open Door.

*Marion Parsons, tel:750542, or [mfp Parsons071@btinternet.com](mailto:mfp Parsons071@btinternet.com)*

## Cricklade Historical Society

**Wednesday 21 September:** Malmesbury Coin Hoard – Speaker Maria Marsh (Please note – this is 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.

**Wednesday 19 October:** “Blakehill Update” - Speaker Vince Povey

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

Our 2023 Calendar, illustrated with photographs old and new, is now available for purchase at £10 each. To get your copy please either email [cricklademuseum@outlook.com](mailto:cricklademuseum@outlook.com) or contact Pam Debenham on 07453 766 744.

## Cricklade & District Probus Club

We are looking forward to our coming group meetings.

On **1 September** the talk is on ‘Explaining the inexplicable – from ghosts to aliens’.

On **15 September** the talk will be on ‘The Nuclear Ship Savannah’.

This will be followed on **29 September** by a talk entitled ‘The Elizabethan Country House’.

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



# 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

### 4 September

#### Trinity 12

- 8am Holy Communion *at St Sampson's*
- 10am Holy Communion *at Holy Cross*
- 10am Morning Worship *at St Sampson's*
- 10am Morning Worship *at Latton St John*
- 6.30pm Evensong *at St Sampson's*

### 11 September

#### Trinity 13

- 10am Upper Thames Holy Communion *at St Sampson's*
- 5.30pm Harvest Celebration *at All Saints, Leigh with "Bring & Share" harvest supper*

### 18 September

#### Trinity 14

- 8am Holy Communion followed by breakfast *at St Sampson's*
- 10am Holy Communion *at Latton St John*
- 10am Morning Worship *at Holy Cross*
- 11am Harvest Celebration *at St Sampson's*
- 6.30pm Evensong *at St Sampson's*
- 6pm Evensong *at Holy Cross*

### 25 September

#### Trinity 15

- 8.30am Holy Communion *at Holy Cross*
- 10am Holy Communion *at St Sampson's*
- 10am Morning Worship *at Latton St John*
- 4pm Informal Worship *at St Sampson's*

## 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>

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

### Baptisms

3 July Amelia Jessie Anne Murray *at Holy Cross*  
3 July Isabelle Leia Fisher *at Holy Cross*  
3 July Dimphana Eilish Rai Eustace-Pope *at Holy Cross*  
3 July Deacon James Christopher Ray Pope *at Holy Cross*  
3 July Leanne Pope *at Holy Cross*

### Weddings

28 July Caleb James Smith & Montana Marie Isaacs *at St Sampson's*  
29 July Jonathan Phillip Ball & Gemma Louise Hargreaves *at St Sampson's*

### Funerals

8 July Kathlyn Mai (Kay) Ellison *at Holy Cross*

## 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.crickladestmary.org.uk](http://www.crickladestmary.org.uk)

## Concert for St Sampson's Church Appeal

**15 October 2022, 7.30pm at St Sampson's Church**

### The Wessex

Tickets are now available, priced £12.50, from

[TheWessex.org/tickets](http://TheWessex.org/tickets)

or Adina Grace on 01793 750138

[janda.grace447@outlook.com](mailto:janda.grace447@outlook.com)

or Helen Dixon on 01793 759123

[HelenDixonMail@gmail.com](mailto: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!

### **St Sampson's Church 100 Club**

The lucky winner of our July 2022 draw was ... Mr Nigel Massey who won £31  
St Sampson's Church Appeal fund benefited by £31.

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

## Sing Four Four Community Choir

Whilst 'resting' the choir have enjoyed a couple of social events at The Red Lion during August. Now we are all raring to go with our new repertoire, which we hope to perform at our Christmas Concert on Sunday 4 December at 3pm in St. Sampson's Church.

Rehearsals begin on Thursday 1 September at 7.30pm in the United Church. The first meeting will be open from 7pm for members' social time; greeting old friends and having a catch-up. Tea and coffee will be served. That night the rehearsal will begin at 7.45.

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.

For more information, please use our contact form which can be found on our website ([singfourfour.org.uk](http://singfourfour.org.uk)) or email our musical director Jen Bamford at: [jenloubamford@googlemail.com](mailto:jenloubamford@googlemail.com)



# Cricklade Open Door

Here comes autumn and the countdown to Christmas! If you have received your Chronicle during the first week of September, then there are just 16 weeks to Christmas!



At Open Door, we have already decided on dates for our Christmas Lunch and Christmas Tea Party and begun thinking about entertainment at the Tea Party, Jan F booked with her keyboard for Christmas music and the Volunteers' Choir primed to sing again this year!!

Our August special activities were all very well supported and enjoyed - Friendship Day Tea Party, Monday Summer Buffet Lunch and a great pub lunch at The Carpenter's Arms in South Marsden. Our usual afternoon activities carried on, all the way through the summer - Monday seated exercises, Tuesday afternoon activities and Thursday bingo, with the mornings being a chance to meet with friends, chat, read the papers and enjoy coffee/tea and biscuits. The winter months ahead of us can be quite long and sometimes a bit lonely, so we would encourage you to come along to the Jenner Hall. If walking a distance is difficult, our minibuses can pick you up, or if walking into the hall on your own makes you anxious, then one of our wonderful volunteers can call for you or meet you at the gate of the Jenner Hall.

Now here is a date not to be missed - put it in your diaries now!!

On **Saturday 10 September** 10am to 12 noon we will be holding a **Coffee Morning** with **Vintage Clothes Sale, Jigsaw Sale** and **Chris's Renowned Cakes and Scones** - plus a raffle. Please come along and support Open Door.

We would like to thank McFarlane Estate Agents in the High Street for supporting Open Door with the proceeds from their 'Guess these House Prices' fundraiser, with a chance to win a big teddy bear and other prizes. We always appreciate local businesses supporting Open Door - thank you.

A sad note to finish - we were all very sad to learn that John Winslow, one of our very special members, passed away in hospital at the end of July. He is greatly missed at Open Door, he was always so helpful, kind to others and so gentlemanly towards Jan and Chris - lifting heavy chairs, moving tables, clearing tables - my word, we miss him.

Sadly, another of our members also passed away in hospital - Mrs Marie Puskas. Marie was a founder member of Cricklade Open Door but hadn't been able to be with us for several years. She is however, remembered very fondly by us all.

God bless you both, John and Marie.

*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 Garden Club

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

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 13 September** our speaker is Peter Holloway, a past President of the British Fuchsia Society. He will be talking about "Propagating and Growing Fuchsias."

Fuchsias come in many forms but all have those wonderful, jewel-like hanging flowers in hardy shrub varieties and tender container and border plants. Every garden should have some!

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

Membership is £20 p.a. We are affiliated to the Gloucestershire Federation of Gardening Societies ([gfgs.org.uk](http://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!

## Foodbank

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



Every week volunteers at the Foodbank are seeing new clients coming to the Jenner Hall. A number of clients come in without a voucher, perhaps on the spur of the moment. They are always welcomed by our band of friendly volunteers and offered refreshment. The volunteers are always happy to sit with the client to discuss anything they wish to bring up. Often the volunteers are able to signpost the client to the agency best equipped to deal with the problem. Although we prefer clients to have a referral voucher, we will never turn away anyone in genuine need.

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)

As we are part of the Fuelbank initiative, we can give emergency help to Foodbank clients who have pre-payment electric and gas meters and who 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 but we are still 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.

**Please note:** Tesco now hosts 2 boxes for food donations. **The one for Cricklade**, part of Malmesbury & District Foodbank is a wire basket with our name on it and the items


we would like donated. All our donated food goes to people in Cricklade and immediate surrounding villages.

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

Here's the list of our top five needs:

- Long life fruit juice
- Puddings
- Chocolate/sweets
- Tinned potatoes
- Deodorant

Thank you, we now have plenty of these: Fish; Rice puddings; Sanitary items; Toothbrushes; Toothpaste; Tinned tomatoes; Rice; Cereals; Sweet biscuits.




## Duck Race


Cricklade Scouts are holding their Annual Duck Race  
**on Sunday 11 September between 1 and 3pm**  
from Thames Hall.

Tickets are £1 per duck and can be purchased from  
[justgiving.com/fundraising/2ndcrickladescoutgroupduckrace2022](https://justgiving.com/fundraising/2ndcrickladescoutgroupduckrace2022)  
... or by scanning the QR Code to the right.

**PRIZES! 1st - £50 / 2nd - £30 / 3rd - £20**



Plus: Tea & Cake Stall and Children's Games.  
All proceeds will go to 2nd Cricklade Scouts.



## Saxons Pétanque Club, Cricklade

As I write, we've just enjoyed an evening at the Red Lion in Cricklade and we have another couple of social events planned for August. With a few new club members this year, these events are a great way to get to know each other better.

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 to 4.30pm

Saturday mornings, 10am to 12.30pm

Wednesday evenings, 7 to 9.30pm (summer only)

We also provide training on some Wednesday mornings, 10 to 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](https://saxonspetanque.co.uk).

# Cricklade Bloomers

## Whispers from the Walled Garden

### Dates for your Diary

Don't forget to join the Scarecrow Trail on 3 and 4 September - entry maps from Council Office or the Bloomers Walled Garden, behind Tesco's.



Cricklade Bloomers is always looking to improve our floral displays around the Town. We have recently replaced some of our aged planters with modern variants with water reservoirs to maximise the floral displays and minimise the work to maintain them. There is now an opportunity for you to sponsor one of these planters with your company or club logo or perhaps your family would like to remember an event or family member. Sponsorship starts at a few pounds to have the floral display planted twice a year spring and winter.

**Call 07889 986 166**

**Help Keep Cricklade Beautiful, Sponsor a Planter**

## Take part in Cricklade's very first Scarecrow Trail!

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:CrickladeScarecrow@Gmail.com)



## Computer Club

After our summer break we will be resuming the Computer Club on 19 September. The club operates every Monday at the Cricklade Leisure Centre from 10am to 12 noon. If you have any problems using your Laptop, Tablet, Phone, Camera, of whatever type, then bring it along and we will try to help you, but remember we do not do equipment repairs. You don't need to book an appointment and there is no charge.

# CRICKLADE CINEMA!

Cricklade Cinema marks its 10th anniversary this September and we are hoping to recreate those great film nights once again by removing all of the restrictions which have been in place over the past 24 months. Therefore we are delighted to announce our Autumn Season which is packed full of crowd pleasing films ...

**27 September** – The Duke (12, 96 mins)

**25 October** – Belfast (12A, 98 mins)

**8 November** – Downton Abbey: A New Era (PG, 125 mins)

**22 November** – The Railway Children Return (PG, 95 mins)

**CINEMA  
FOR ALL**

All films start at 8pm in the Town Hall.

Tickets can once again be purchased from the Town Council Offices at 113 High Street or on the door (subject to availability) and the extremely popular SEASON TICKET is back on sale. We have recently reviewed our prices and we have had to increase them slightly for the first time but we still believe that they offer excellent value for money. Single ticket: £5, Season Ticket: £12 (that's just £3 per film).



We kick off the season with a British comedy-drama directed by Roger Michell

## **Tuesday 27 September 8pm The Duke**

(Cert 12, 96 mins)

In 1961, a famous Goya portrait of the Duke of Wellington went missing from the National Gallery. The man eventually prosecuted for the crime was a well-meaning, 60-year-old eccentric Kempton Bunton. Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren star in this engaging fact-stranger-than-fiction story. (Contains: infrequent strong language, moderate sex, discrimination)

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

Email us at: [crickladecinema@gmail.com](mailto:crickladecinema@gmail.com) or phone on 750782

Check us out at Facebook Cricklade Cinema

## **Great Western Embroiderers**

The Embroiderers are taking part in Swindon Open Studios Weekend. We have been meeting in Cricklade for the past 15 years.

Please come and see our work on display and meet some of our members who will be demonstrating their skills.

**Saturday 17 September**, 11am - 4pm at Jenner Hall, Bath Road

**Sunday 18 September**, 12noon - 4pm at Jenner Hall, Bath Road



## Cricklade Camera Club



Our sixth season starts 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 takes 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, will be covered on the night.'

On **20 September**, in a change to our advertised programme, we are joined via Zoom by Darren Pullman for an evening - "You've taken the picture, now what?"

How many times have we each taken a shot of something that has caught our attention only to find the image is let down by a nondescript sky, or in our haste has a wonky horizon, or has simply turned out as flat as a pancake.

This highly informative talk on post-processing by Darren Pullman has answers for all these issues and many more, and at the same time will provide guidance on how to turn the mediocre into excellent - Website [pullmanphotography.co.uk](http://pullmanphotography.co.uk)

**4 October:** Steve Kirkby "All things Audio Visual" in the Town Hall Annexe at 7.30pm

**18 October:** Brian Sandham "Crazy journey of Light" via Zoom

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

In the Monthly Draw held on 28 July the lucky winners were:-

First Prize:	Mrs V. Atfield	£39.00
Second Prize:	Mrs D. Ponting	£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*

## St John the Baptist Club 100

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

1st	£100.00	Mrs F Rochmankowski of Latton
2nd	£32.00	Mr Mrs Beagriell of Latton
3rd	£21.00	Mrs S Tipper of Latton
4th	£9.00	Mr B Byford of Cambridge

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

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



Cricklade Rugby Football Club played its very first game in September 1992 and will be 30

this September 2022 so we want to celebrate. Members past and present are coming together on Friday, 16 September. Please come and join us as we unveil our new floodlights at Fairview Fields starting at 6pm with U13s and U14s playing the first game under the new lights at Fairview Fields, followed by 1st XV vs President's XV at 7pm.

Celebrations continue the following evening, Saturday 17 September, with a 90s Disco at the Town Hall. For more information and tickets email [crickladerfc@gmail.com](mailto:crickladerfc@gmail.com)

The Club is keen to recruit new players, experience not necessary; please contact Mike Murray, our Club Captain, at [michaelmurray198922@gmail.com](mailto: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 all players 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](mailto:sethwareing@hotmail.com) or phone 07305 059 879. We would also welcome any parents who want to get involved and support the Minis, so if you are interested please contact Seth.

## 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 W.I.

For our July meeting a last minute change of speaker meant we were delighted to welcome Dr Nick Yerbury giving us a talk on 'A Life Well Lived'. His memories and anecdotes of his military service and personal life at home and abroad were very interesting and amusing.



Our next meeting is on Thursday **15 September** when Paul Evans will talk on 'Humorous Poems and Monologues' and we look forward to meeting him. Our meetings are held at 7.30pm in the Town Hall Annexe on the third Thursday of every month (except December).

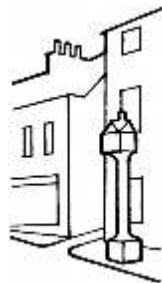
New members are always welcome and if you would like to know more about Cricklade WI please contact our secretary Viv Tomkins on 01793 752459 or email [Vivienne.tomkins@btinternet.com](mailto:Vivienne.tomkins@btinternet.com)

# The Chronicle Diary – September 2022

- 1 Th 10am Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel  
*end of day* Chronicle copy deadline
- 3 Sa 2pm *to 4pm*: St Sampson's Church Fete  
Cricklade Scarecrow Trail
- 4 Su Cricklade Scarecrow Trail
- 7 Tu 7.30pm Camera Club at Town Hall Annexe
- 10 Sa St Sampson's Ride & Stride  
10am *to 12noon*: Open Door Coffee Morning & Sale at Jenner Hall
- 11 Su 1pm *to 3pm*: Cricklade Scouts Duck Races from Thames Hall
- 13 Tu 7pm *speaker 7.30pm*: Garden Club at Town Hall Annexe
- 15 Th 7.30pm Cricklade W.I. at Town Hall Annexe  
10am Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel
- 16 F 9pm Rugby Club new floodlights evening at Rugby Ground
- 17 Sa 11am *to 4pm*: Great Western Embroiderers Open Studio at Jenner Hall  
7.30pm Rugby Club 30th Anniversary disco at Town Hall
- 18 Su 12noon *to 4pm*: Great Western Embroiderers Open Studio at Jenner Hall
- 19 M 10am *to noon*: Computer Club resumes at Leisure Centre  
7pm Town Council Community & Leisure Committee, Council Chamber
- 20 Tu Camera Club Zoom meeting
- 21 W 10.30am *to noon*: Parkinson's Café at Cricklade Club, High Street  
7.30pm Historical Society at Town Hall Annexe
- 26 M 10am *to noon*: Computer Club at Leisure Centre  
7pm Town Council Planning (etc) Committee in Council Chamber
- 27 Tu 8pm Cricklade Cinema at Town Hall, tickets from Council Office
- 29 Th 10am Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel

## 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 - September 2022

3rd ☾

10th ○

17th ☀

25th ●

## *The Final Word ...*

I hope you have all enjoyed a refreshing break this summer? Perhaps you have been able to find some peace and quiet for a relaxing holiday. Or perhaps your time was filled with things to do, and as busy as ever? After all, people say that 'a change is as good as a rest'...

And I'm sure a change can often be refreshing, bringing us back to the familiar with renewed enthusiasm. But there are many people for whom change, especially if it's unwanted or unexpected, can be anything but pleasant or relaxing.

I sometimes feel that too many things seem to be changing in our world of late – Europe, our political and economic situation, the climate. Things we used to be able to rely on have become unpredictable, unsettling. We are constantly having to learn new ways of dealing with the business of living.

So it is a comfort to me to read in the Bible that God never changes, we can absolutely depend on him to stay the same for ever.

The Bible frequently describes God as a rock or fortress, strong and enduring. Psalm 102 reassures us that whatever shifting sands there seem to be in our lives, God is constant, unchanging and everlasting. His love endures for ever. In the New Testament, we are told that even if we are faithless, God remains faithful, his words will always be relevant.

As we grapple with changes and stress, in our personal lives and in our world, it is good to know that God will never change nor abandon us, and we can trust him to love us and be with us always.

*Pauline Loveday*  
*Licensed Lay Minister, Upper Thames Group*

## **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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