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*Cricklade Town Crier, Eric Cripps reads the Proclamation of the Accession of King Charles III on 11 September 2022, flanked by (left to right) Town Council Chairman Cllr Mark Clarke; Manorial Court Steward & Town Cllr John Coole; Deputy Lord-Lieutenant of Wiltshire Angus McPherson; Town Council Vice-Chairman Cllr Angela Jensen; Manorial Court Scavenger, Wiltshire Cllr & Town Cllr Bob Jones MBE*

# Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

21 April 1926 – 8 September 2022

reign 6 February 1952 – 8 September 2022



It is with sadness that we heard of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at Balmoral on 8 September 2022.

Most of the population of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth will only have lived under her reign and the coming changes under a new monarch will seem strange.

But it is the legacy of her reign that the institution of constitutional monarchy is secure and change will not be as dramatic as it can be in other less fortunate lands.

We celebrate her long life of service to the nation, the Commonwealth and to the world in general.

We recognise the enormous changes that have occurred during her lifetime and her reign; from wireless to smart phones, from Empire to a multi-cultural country.

We wish King Charles III a long and happy reign.

*GOD SAVE THE KING!*



## EDITOR'S NOTE:

This sad news came after much of this October issue had already been printed. As a result "From the Editor" and articles from other contributors do not reflect it, except for the Final Word. The cover photo is not the same as mentioned in the Editorial, but the Town Crier is centre placed on the cover.

*The Editorial Team*

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Non-Emergency: Police .....	101	Optician (82 High St) .....	750415
Non-Emergency: NHS .....	111	Purton Vets (Bath Rd) .....	751698
Non-Emergency: Covid Helpline .....	119	Samaritans .....	FREE: 116 123
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# From the Editor

Oyez, oyez! That's old Norman French for Listen Up! We have news for you!

Eric on our front cover is perhaps the most visible presence of the Manorial Court of our Hundred and Borough, dating from Henry II's charter of around 1257.

The functions of the Officers of the Manorial Court have been overtaken by time but were the predecessors of today's social legislation: even the Ale Taster's role has been taken over by Home Office Weights & Measures!

The Court's current role covers the management of rights to graze cattle on North Meadow and the appointment of the status of Freedom of Cricklade. Do go to the public meeting on 28 October at the Town Hall! Details are on page 5.

The Jenner Hall has its AGM on the 4th and will be looking for a new Chair as John Hickman will be retiring from the post after many years' service.



Marion Parsons has been publishing her 'Cricklade Revealed' series for many years and is also now retiring. There will be no further reprints so, if you haven't got your own set of these books, now is the time to contact her. See page 21.

St Sampson's Church Appeal is hosting a concert by The Wessex male choir on the 15th. See page 25 for details of how to book. Always popular, there may not be many tickets left on the door.

Oyez, oyez! Don't forget that the clocks go back an hour on 30 October – the last Sunday of the month.

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The deadline for the November issue is Saturday 1 October 2022

# Cricklade Town Council

## Town Council Meetings

**Monday 3 October** Full Council Meeting

**Monday 24 October** 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.

## Good Luck wishes from the Town Council

... To all those taking part in the Half Marathon, 10k and Fun Run on Sunday 2 October.

## Cricklade in Bloom

Congratulations to all the winners of the Cricklade in Bloom event. Why not take a look at our window display to see a selection of the wonderful floral displays?

### *Best Front Garden*

Winner: 25 Hallsfield

Highly Commended:

Parsonage Farm Close top area

### *Best Hanging Basket or Container:*

40 Stockham Close

Highly Commended: Cricklade Bowls Club

### *Best Front Door*

79 High Street

### *Best Property on the High Street*

Winner: Red Lion

Highly Commended: Michael Hart Butcher

## Welcome to our newest member of the Grounds Team

We are happy to announce that Matthew Chamberlain started in September as our newest member of the Grounds Team. Please say hello and welcome him to the team.

## Remembrance Services

On Friday 11 November at 11am there will be a short closure of the area around the War Memorial to enable the local schools to attend a brief service of remembrance.

The Remembrance Sunday Parade on 13 November will muster at Waylands and march down the High Street to the War Memorial, where the Act of Remembrance and a short service will take place. The parade will then march back up the High Street and then Bath Road to St Sampson's Church.

The Council apologises for any inconvenience these events may cause residents but at no time will emergency services be hindered.

**Urgent:** We need volunteers to help with the road closure barriers for the events on 11 and 13 November. Please contact us if you are able to assist!

## Hitchings Link Path

We are delighted to see that the new footpath linking Hitchings with The Forty is already being well used. It provides a quicker and much safer access to the town centre, school, and leisure centre for the residents on the new development and easier access to Dance Common and open countryside for residents walking in the other direction.

The scheme was devised by your Town Council and came to fruition solely because of the persistence of the Planning Committee. The connectivity will provide a community benefit for generations to come.

# The Manorial Court of The Hundred and Borough of Cricklade

Public Court Leet on Friday 28 October at 7pm  
Cricklade Town Hall



There are records of The Manorial Court holding meetings going back for several hundred years. These are known as a Court Leet. These Courts existed throughout the country, but many have been lost as their duties to manage and enforce justice have been replaced by legislation. Historically this Court's main function is to manage the grazing rights on North Meadow on behalf of residents. This responsibility was guaranteed by Act of Parliament as recently as the 1960s.

The last Public Court was scheduled for 2020 but, like many other organisations, could not go ahead due to Covid. Since then, the Court has managed to purchase, with the help of a Lottery Grant, the last privately owned 'compartment' on the meadow. Historically the meadow was divided into several compartments and owned by various farmers and residents, but grazing rights continued to be held for a period each year. All of these have over the course of many years been purchased by Natural England to help protect the special status of the meadow. This is an exciting development for the Court and this meeting is an opportunity to hear more about our plans and to ask questions. Whilst reports from Officers are often entertaining, the responsibility for the maintenance and protection of North Meadow is perhaps more important than ever with the impact of climate change and pressure from development.

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**I hereby give notice** to all Freemen, Burgage holders and Residents of the Town that Officers and Jurymen of the Court have been summoned by the Lord of the Manor to attend on the above date to hear reports, including an update on North Meadow, make such decisions that are necessary and to conduct any other relevant Court business.

This is a public meeting – light refreshments will be served afterwards.

*Michael Neeld, Lord of the Manor. Clive Smith, High Bailiff. John Coole, Steward*

## **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)



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## **Notice to Advertisers**

Due to continued increases in cost of paper (more than 10% so far this year) with another rise promised in November we will be forced to increase our costs from 2023.

We are sorry that we have to pass on these costs to already hard-pressed businesses as without your support we could not produce *The Chronicle*.



# High Street Strategy Group

## Online High Street Survey Results

Wow! 432 responses were received to our recent High Street online survey – way beyond our expectations! Thank you to all who completed it. It's clear from the survey findings that our community really values the High Street and what it has to offer. Please view the survey results by going to the news section of our website at: [www.crickladefoundation.org.uk](http://www.crickladefoundation.org.uk).

The High Street Strategy group, a partnership of Cricklade Development Foundation and Cricklade Town Council, is getting together to discuss the wealth of suggestions made by respondents. It is hoped the survey can help to unlock funding from Wiltshire Council's new 'Towns Programme', which is a rejuvenation programme for high streets across the county. So watch this space!

If you have any questions or thoughts that you wish to share, please get in touch with Terri Robertson, Chair of the High Street Strategy Group at: [contact@crickladefoundation.org.uk](mailto:contact@crickladefoundation.org.uk)

## U.S.P.G. Elephants

Thank you all again for your generosity by raising just over £610 towards the Primary Health Care Scheme in southern Malawi.

Sadly Malawi is one of the poorest nations on earth and all contributions are gratefully received.

The Autumn Round-up takes place on Sunday 2 October. If you are able to bring your elephants to St. Sampson's on that day I'd appreciate it or I can collect them.

If anyone would like to help support this scheme please contact me on 750740.

*Thanks, Paul Fray*

## 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	

## CAREC - Cricklade Assisting Refugees Escaping Conflict

### Community Sponsorship

Four years ago CAREC was formed to assist a Syrian refugee family to resettle in the UK. A family came to live in Cricklade three years ago and started the process of rebuilding their lives here. The response from the community was heart-warming - via financial donations, gifts of household items, clothes and toys, support and friendship in so many ways. The schools in Cricklade and Bradon Forest were welcoming and supportive. The family have recently moved to new accommodation out of the town, taking with them many happy memories of their time here. It was a good start to their lives in the UK and we would like to thank everyone who made a contribution to this.

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## Focus on Wiltshire Council

With Wiltshire Council in summer recess during August and writing this on 1 September, there is very little to report.

Planning still tops the subjects for Wiltshire Councillors as developers exploit the lack of housing land supply. Here in Cricklade yet another development for 55 homes has been proposed. The developer promises smaller homes and even some bungalows. Should the development go ahead, I am sure this would be most welcome to those wishing to downsize. In the meantime the planning applications on Common Hill and Stones Lane continue through the planning process which will see outcomes in the coming months.

The new street scene contract has been approved and the good news is that idVerde have retained the contract for 5 years which will give some stability in the contract transition.

The bad news is that the contract is expected to make considerable financial savings. With services already cut back one has to ask what else will be cut.

Further cuts have been announced by GreenSquareAccord with the stopping of garden services to vulnerable clients who in the past have had their gardens maintained. I am constantly calling GreenSquare Estates team about poor maintenance. The walls and public gardens on Culverhay are a disgrace. The response is always the contractor didn't do it. The anomaly that grass verges in Thames Lane are also GreenSquare Estates has yet to be resolved. For the last six years I have had to prompt their estates team every year of their responsibility.

I remain 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 if they are without online access they are being denied essential funds. Our Community needs to take a big step to help our neighbours. It is already autumn and it will be getting colder. No one in Cricklade, Marston Meysey or Latton should be cold or have to make a choice between food or warmth. Look out for your neighbours – they may be too proud to tell you. Be a little nosy, a flask of soup, an extra duvet could be a life saver. Many will not ask for help until it's a crisis. If you feel you cannot be directly involved then perhaps you could support the "food bank" – see article on page 27 in The Chronicle.

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*



# Cricklade Development Foundation

This is an update on our community initiative to convert the Old Police Station so that it provides 2/3 new businesses, 2 starter flats for local people, and a community space/garden at the rear.



## PR Expertise

Can you help us? We're undertaking a great project for the benefit of all in Cricklade and it would really help if we could convey this to a wider audience. If you can help us, or know someone who can, please get in touch.

## Funding update - we need £150k

Our not-for-profit community project still needs another £150k to complete the conversion of the Old Police Station.

- We're applying for grants where we can but even if successful, these will only take us a little way towards our goal.
- We still need to generate the remainder by encouraging new members to join us.
- We appreciate times are difficult with the cost of living crisis. However, if you are able to, please consider becoming a member today (or perhaps buy a Christmas gift of membership for someone else?) and help us to make a positive difference to the Cricklade community.

## Building works update

The last few months have been extremely busy and at the time of writing, the following has been achieved:

- Our excellent team of volunteers (around 30) have cleared the site following the installation of the steels and the removal of the chimney.
- This involved cleaning and saving 3,500 bricks, barrowing hardcore and rubble to the rear of the garden and creating a base for the car park area – a great effort, by a great team!
- The next stage will be the groundworks for the drains and extension footings. Once completed, we hope to begin internal works on the residential flats.

We are very grateful for all the support received so far. Of course, there's still much more to do. If you can help by becoming a member (or buying someone else a membership as a gift), please contact us by phoning Terri Robertson on 07902 421 756 or via email at: [contact@crickladefoundation.org.uk](mailto:contact@crickladefoundation.org.uk). We would love to hear from you!

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

## Parkinson's UK

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

**10.30am - noon**

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

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.**

# 50 Shades of Green

## The adventures of an Eco Warrior Wannabee

"Are we nearly there yet?" How many times have you heard that this summer? I've had a great summer with some lovely trips, and I hope you have too. I've discovered that although I can drink pretty much any wine served to me, I'm a lot more choosy about the beers. I've also discovered an exciting array of clear spirits across Europe, many of them called something along the lines of Raki or Arrak, Slivovic or Tsiprou, and the locals get very animated and welcoming when you ask to try it. Limoncello, however, is in a different class and I don't often get to 'help' anyone to finish that off. Dang it!

Some people, however, have spent the summer asking, "Is it nearly here yet?" – about creeping wildfires, or dried up riverbeds, not in sun drenched, Mediterranean countries but here in the no-longer-soggy UK. In some countries climate threats are now commonplace – I spent a week on a beach in Greece watching reconnaissance helicopters scour the hills for signs of a fire, water planes dispatched to smouldering islands. And I saw a fire start on the hills above Athens as I stood on the Acropolis. This week Pakistan has been virtually swept away by flash monsoon floods following record breaking summer temperatures of 50°+. More parts of the earth are becoming unliveable and that means more refugees and migration, less land to grow crops and fewer supplies in the markets.

So are we nearly there yet? Are we beginning to really comprehend that things are changing rapidly, and they will affect us all? Am I a hypocrite for wanting climate action but flying on aeroplanes? Possibly? But I am not a frequent flyer, I believe we incorrectly focus on small, individual actions when at this stage in the game we need large scale action. Extinction Rebellion, Just Stop Oil and Insulate Britain are pilloried for their disruptive protests, but they are trying to focus attention on the fundamental, large-scale changes that need to be made in order to avoid a catastrophic rise above 2°. We have already missed the initial target of 1.5° and will likely see most of that 2° rise – the resulting increased number of climate emergencies are costing billions. The argument that we can't afford to make the necessary changes is looking weak.

I have thought more this year about my flights. A few years ago, we caught the sleeper train overnight to Verona and Venice, an adventure in itself, and we only flew one way. I still treasure the memory of pulling out of Paris Gare De Lyon as we settled down with a few beers and our music on a speaker in our family cabin. We didn't really sleep, the entire journey felt like a trip on the Polar Express (perhaps more beer was needed?) but that didn't stop us from staying up until 1am the next night in order to subject the children to 5 hours of opera on the marble steps of an amphitheatre. They'll thank us one day.

I've also seen a couple of adult friends this year using the Interrail ticket to explore Europe - perhaps I need to make more use of Europe's fantastic railways so that I can continue giving my kids a sense of their place in this world, before it becomes inaccessible to them. What I will also do is support and advocate for groups who are putting their own liberty on the line to challenge the status quo and move our whole society forward into true action and leadership.

*Theresa Green*

## Cricklade Revealed Books: Last Chance Saloon?

Sadly after 20 years, of writing, the time has come to phase out Cricklade Revealed books. In future the series will only continue both from me and from the Museum while existing stocks last. This means 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 (£3.60 each) should any be missing from your collection.

For those unfamiliar with this unique and popular series, **Cricklade Revealed's** fifteen booklets tell the story of local social life in this town and its surrounding area from the early twenties, right through the Second World War years and up to 1970. They are based on the tape recorded memories of hundreds of local people, and contain numerous facts, anecdotes – both entertaining and sad – plus unique personal photographs. Many of the people who contributed to the books are no longer with us, and without their invaluable memories detailed information of past times would have been lost forever ...

*Proceeds as ever from my remaining books will be donated to Cricklade Open Door.*

*For further information please call me on 01793 750542, or email*

*mfparsons071@btinternet.com*

*Marion Parsons*

## Cricklade Historical Society

**Wednesday 19 October:** "Blakehill Update" - Speaker Vince Povey

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

This will be the last Talk for 2022, but look out for information regarding the Talks we have lined up for you in 2023.

Our 2023 Calendar, illustrated with photographs Old & New, is now available for purchase and is priced at £10.00. To get your calendar(s) please either email [cricklademuseum@outlook.com](mailto:cricklademuseum@outlook.com) or contact Pam Debenham on 07453 766 744.

## Cricklade & District Probus Club

On 6 October we hold our Ladies Lunch. This is members and their partners only and prebooked.

We are looking forward to our coming group meetings.

13 October: 'Dionysius Lardner - a rogue for all seasons'.

27 October: the talk will be on 'Causes of the Civil War - the slide to war'

The group 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 Vicar: Revd Shirley Danby

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

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

## Services for the Upper Thames Churches

### 2 October

#### Trinity 16

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

### 9 October

#### Trinity 17

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

### 16 October

#### Trinity 16

- 8am Holy Communion at St Sampson's
- 10am Morning Worship at St Sampson's
- 11.30am Harvest Celebration at Holy Cross
- 10am Holy Communion at St John the Baptist
- 4pm Informal Worship at St Sampson's
- 6.30pm Evensong at St Sampson's

### 23 October

#### Last Sunday of Trinity

- 8.30am Holy Communion at Holy Cross
- 10am Holy Communion at St Sampson's
- 10am Morning Worship at St John the Baptist

### 29 October (Saturday)

Light Party – *Children: 4-5pm; Youth: 6.30-8pm* in the Jenner Hall.

### 30 October

#### 4 before Advent

- 10am Joint Upper Thames Group Holy Communion at St Sampson's
- 4pm All Souls Service for Ashton Keynes & The Leigh at Holy Cross
- 6.30pm All Souls Service for Cricklade & Latton at St Sampson's

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

### Baptisms

21 August Alfred David Hawes *at St John the Baptist, Latton*

### Weddings

6 August Timothy William James & Laurey Jade Saunders *at St Sampson's*

### Funerals

3 August Teresa Poulton *at St Sampson's church*  
*followed by North Wilts Crematorium*

11 August Arthur Robert "Bob" Newman - *Thanksgiving service at All Saints, Leigh*  
*with interment of ashes*

15 August Faye Doris Hardy *at St Sampson's church*  
*followed by Kingsdown Crematorium*

16 August Hilary Una Galt *at St Sampson's church followed by interment Cricklade*  
*Cemetery*

17 August John Kenneth Winslow *at St Sampson's church*  
*followed by North Wilts Crematorium*

## St. Mary's Catholic Church

**Weekly Mass times** 9.30am on Sundays  
10.00am on Fridays

For notices please see the noticeboard on the railings of St Mary's.  
Parish website [www.stthomasparish.plus.com](http://www.stthomasparish.plus.com).

Father Michael Robertson can be contacted on 01285 712586 or by email  
[michael.Robertson@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:michael.Robertson@cliftondiocese.com)

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

The Friends of St Mary's website with more details of the history of the church is at  
[www.cricklade.stmary.org.uk](http://www.cricklade.stmary.org.uk)

## Cricklade United Church

Calcutt Street, Cricklade

Minister: Revd Sarah Simpson, tel. 01666 826866

Email: [sarahsimpson14@btinternet.com](mailto:sarahsimpson14@btinternet.com)

As a United Reformed / Methodist Church, we are part of the URC North West Wiltshire Pastorate and the Upper Thames Methodist Circuit. Services of worship take place on Sunday mornings at 10.30am and all are welcome. Please have a look at our website for all the current information regarding our services, dates, times and other events.  
<https://crickladeunitedchurch.co.uk>



## Friends of St Mary's Cricklade

INVITE YOU TO A

### QUIZ EVENING

At Cricklade Town Hall

**On Friday, 25 November 2022**

Starting at 7pm until 10pm

Teams of 6 but we will fit you in if you can't make a team of your own.

Tickets: £10 per adult and £5 for child under 16 years old,  
to include a light supper

Bring your own liquid refreshment and glasses.

Tickets available from 'Animal Fayre', and 'Stitches' in the High Street,  
or from Gerry Dudley on 01793 750107.

Get your tickets early or you might miss an enjoyable evening.

## St Sampson's Church Appeal

By the time you read this our church fete will be over and will have helped to raise much needed funds for the St Sampson's Church Appeal. We are very grateful to all who have contributed in any way to support this fundraising event. And [Stop Press] the weather was kind for us!

Our concert with The Wessex is our next Fund Raiser on 15 October – see the item on the page opposite.

*We have another fundraising event coming up soon!*

### ***The Magnificent AKs at St Sampson's Church***

19 November.

Doors open 7pm for 7.30 Bar Raffle

Tickets £12 -look out for posters for availability

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

The lucky winners of our August draw were... Mr Rob and Mrs Kate Crow who won £32. St Sampson's Church Appeal fund benefited by £32.

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>.



## All Souls Service

All Souls Bereavement Service, remembering those we love and see no longer for Cricklade and Latton will take place on Sunday 30 October in St Sampson's Church starting at 6.30pm. In our service, we'll include the names of those who have departed this life over the last year, whose services we have taken and who were associated with Cricklade and Latton. The families involved will receive a letter of invitation from our ministers.

We know that many of you like to come to this service and remember family members who have died - please do come if you would like to; everyone is welcome as we seek God's comfort and hear the message of hope we have through God's love in Jesus.

There will be a time during the service when families can light a candle as we remember our loved ones. Please email our administrator Jane Eyles at [admin@upperthames.org](mailto:admin@upperthames.org) or leave her a message on our parish's office phone 01793 979304 to let us know the names of anyone you would like us to remember. There will also be a list on the table near the main door in St Sampson's onto which you can add names.

## Sing Four Four Community Choir

Rehearsals are now in full swing for our Christmas Concert on Sunday 4 December at 3pm in St Sampson's Church. The repertoire includes songs religious and secular, old and new, well-known and unfamiliar. In fact, there should be something for everyone to enjoy!

Rehearsals take place in the United Church on Thursday evenings, beginning at 7.30pm. New members will always be welcome.

The choir embraces a wide range of musical abilities. There is no audition, only a love of singing. The majority of the songs are SATB, so there is a part 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)



## 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.





## Cricklade Garden Club

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

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 11 October 2022** when our speaker is Jonathan King, a chartered landscape architect, whose career has included working in Beijing and Shanghai.

His talk is entitled "15 Years in China: a Journey of Landscape and learning".

Our gardens have evolved as a reflection of our own natural landscape but we have long been influenced by Mediterranean, Japanese and Islamic gardens. But what about China? Surely we will find out it's more than willow pattern plates!

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

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

Visitors are welcome at £3 a session – come and give us a try!

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

We look forward to seeing you!

## Cricklade Open Door

September was a short month for Open Door, due to the closure for a week of The Jenner Hall for essential maintenance work. We missed meeting up as usual but one week's closure after the pandemic closure, was 'small fry!'

Our Vintage Clothes Sale and Coffee Morning was a great success and a good fundraiser for Open Door, especially in these times of cutbacks in funding from Wiltshire Council. A BIG 'thank you' to all the volunteers and members who worked so hard and contributed in so many ways.

We are planning an Autumn Tea in October, games of beetle and bingo, we will continue our seated exercise programme and most importantly, always looking forward to meeting friends and making new friends and chatting over a cuppa. There will also be one last pub lunch outing before the winter really sets in.

*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 Fun Run 2022

Fun Run, 10K and Half Marathon

on 2 October from 10.30am. Start venue: St Sampson's Junior School

Participants can sign up at "Full on Sport": [cricklade.fullonsport.com](http://cricklade.fullonsport.com)

# Foodbank

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



Everyone visiting the Foodbank on a Friday morning can be assured of a warm and friendly welcome from our volunteers. Clients are welcome to chat about any concerns they have and there is another room where they discuss it in confidence.

Although we prefer for 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.

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.

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

Or could you make a financial donation? This 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 this month:

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| • Tinned soup            | • Tinned custard          | • Sauces (cooking)     |
| • Tinned spaghetti       | • Puddings (sponges)      | • Ketchup, brown sauce |
| • Tinned tomatoes        | • Tea bags                | • Jams, marmalade etc  |
| • Tinned meat (hot/cold) | • Snacks/savoury biscuits |                        |

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

## 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](http://www.facebook.com/crickladetownhall)

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

# Cricklade Bloomers

## Whispers from the Walled Garden

A couple of new planters are arriving this month to replace home built ones that have given good service over many years.

The new ones are eco friendly made from recycled materials and all with water reservoirs to make watering both easier and conserve water.

We are looking for sponsors for these new planters. If you would like to have your name on one of these please contact us for sponsorship details.



October will see Bloomers in full swing planting up the winter baskets and planters

### October Events & Dates for your Diary

9.30 till 12.30 please meet at Bloomers walled garden.

Wednesday 5th Stripping out planters ready for winter plants and bulbs

Saturday 8th planting up baskets and troughs

Wednesday 12th, 19th, 26th planting around the Town

Come along and help us to make the winter brighter in Cricklade.

**Stop Press Scarecrow Weekend:** Over 200 maps were sold and Cricklade turned out to search the Town for over 50 Scarecrows. The weather held out and a great time was had in the search for the scarecrows. The winners judged by you were:

- 1st The Fisherman at Riverside (*pictured*)
- 2nd 66 High Street The Talking Scarecrow
- 3rd 2 Bishopsfield The Scarecrow Band



**Call 07889 986 166**

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

## Cricklade W.I.

For our August meeting we were treated to a talk and interesting PowerPoint on Roman and Saxon Treasure in Wiltshire by John Clark a local historian.



John had many interesting tales of finds he and his colleagues have made in and around Wiltshire. As well as these interesting facts he brought along some of the artefacts mentioned in his book.

It was a pleasure and a privilege to see and experience these items - thank you John.

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 20 October** - our meetings are held at 7.30pm in the Town Hall Annexe on the third Thursday of the month - except December.

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

# CRICKLADE CINEMA!

Our Autumn season continues on Tuesday 25 October at 8pm in the Town Hall

## **BELFAST** (12A, 98mins)

Kenneth Branagh directs this semi-autobiographical account of a story seen through the eyes of a young boy growing up in a city struggling with the onset of The Troubles in 1969. The film is beautifully shot in black and white and features an excellent ensemble cast.

*(contains moderate threat, discrimination, infrequent strong language)*

And still to come ...

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

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

Tickets can be purchased in advance from The Town Council Offices at 113 High Street or on the door (subject to availability). Price £5.

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

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

Check us out at Facebook Cricklade Cinema



**CINEMA  
FOR ALL**

## **Cricklade Jenner Hall ...**

### **... continues to be at the Heart of Cricklade after 300 years**

The Jenner Hall continues to be a popular place for family events and smaller wedding receptions. Our Trustees aim to make the Hall attractive to all age groups and any suggestions would be welcomed.

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

Notice of Annual General Meeting (AGM): The AGM will be taking place on Tuesday 4 October at 6.30pm, the agenda consisting of:

1. Annual report
2. Treasurer's report
3. Election of Chair to replace John Hickman who is standing down.
4. Election of other officers

We are looking for someone to become Chair-person. If this appeals to you, please attend the AGM.

You are welcome to attend, and new members are welcome.

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



# Cricklade Camera Club

Our season runs from September to June.



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 see our website: [crickladedecameraclub.org](http://crickladedecameraclub.org) or contact the Club Secretary Anne Eckersley for more information: [clubsecretary@crickladedecameraclub.org](mailto:clubsecretary@crickladedecameraclub.org)

Join us on **4 October** in the Town Hall Annexe at 7.30pm when we are joined by Steve Kirkby CPAGB/AV who will talk about all things Audio Visual. Steve is passionate about audio visual as a means of showing photographs. Tonight he will guide you through how to put your images together in an Audio Visual sequence, which programs to use and everything else you need to know.

And then it's over to the members for a challenge - members have two months to produce a short audio visual sequence for our members evening in December.

On **18 October**, Brian Sandham will join us on Zoom to take us on his crazy journey of light. Brian uses many light sources, coloured gels, various modifiers, and has a LOVE of all things light and drama related. He will share his portraits and his "go to" equipment

Enjoy an evening of fine art, coloured lighting, studio built art, characters, dancers and singers, street portraits, composites, location portraits, his rosettes and gallery work. Website: [lightlove.co.uk](http://lightlove.co.uk)

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

In the Monthly Draw held on 25 August the lucky winners were:-

First Prize:	Mr A. Dickson	£38.70
Second Prize:	Mr & Mrs S. Forrester	£25.80
Jenner Hall Funds:		£64.50



Thank you to all the "Save it Club" members for their continued support.

To Join the Jenner Hall "Save It Club" Please contact Paul Marley, tel: 01793 752851. The Subscription for the "Save It Club" is only £12 per year. Subscribers are encouraged to pay a year's subscription of £12 by Standing Order.

*All data is held under the guidelines of the General Data Protection Regulations 2018*



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 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.

### **Fixtures for October:**

- 1 Oct: Royal Wootton Bassett IV Home;
- 8 Oct: Chippenham III Away;
- 15 Oct: Minety II Away;
- 22 Oct: Supermarine Home, *please come along and watch your local team.*

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.

Juniors	Under 10-12	Friday 5.30 to 6.45pm;
	Under 13s and 14s	Friday 7 to 8.15pm;
Minis	Under 6s through to Under 9s	Saturday 11 to 12 noon.

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.

## **Saxons Pétanque Club, Cricklade**

We are extremely grateful for the generous donation of three seats from Langley Design, a local company. Over the summer we (well, mainly club member Jamie Edwards!) have been busy building a patio area so that we can sit together on our new seats during our tea break.

The highlight of our recent social calendar was a lovely summer evening playing pétanque on a club member's gravel driveway followed by a fabulous buffet supper. By the time this goes to press we will have held our competition day in memory of Eileen Mitchell and will hopefully have raised lots of money for Marie Curie.

Meanwhile, our regular pétanque sessions at Cricklade Leisure Centre continue on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, Saturday mornings and, during the summer, on Wednesday evenings. We run training sessions on some Wednesday mornings and those members who enjoy a more competitive game play in matches in the Cotswold League and in other competitions.

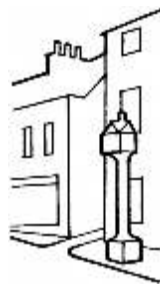
If you'd like to find out more about Saxons Pétanque Club please come and say hello, take a look at our notice board just inside the Leisure Centre, or visit our website at [saxonspetanque.co.uk](http://saxonspetanque.co.uk)

# The Chronicle Diary – October 2022

- 1 Sa *end of day* Chronicle copy deadline
- 2 Su 10.30am Fun Run starting from St Sampson's Primary School, Bath Road
- 3 M 7pm Cricklade Town Council Full Meeting, Council Chamber
- 4 Tu 6.30pm Jenner Hall Community Trust AGM at Jenner Hall  
7.30pm Camera Club at Town Hall Annexe
- 6 Th Probus Club Ladies' Lunch
- 11 Tu 7pm speaker 7.30pm: Garden Club at Town Hall Annexe
- 13 Th 10am Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel
- 15 Sa 7.30pm Concert at St Sampson's featuring The Wessex
- 18 Tu Camera Club Zoom meeting
- 19 W 10.30am *to noon*: Parkinson's Café at Cricklade Club, High Street  
7.30pm Historical Society at Town Hall Annexe
- 20 Th *to 28 Oct* Half Term at St Sampson's School - other schools may differ  
7.30pm Cricklade W.I. at Town Hall Annexe
- 22 Sa Cricklade Rugby v Supermarine at Fairview Fields Ground
- 24 M 7pm Town Council Planning etc Committee, Council Chamber
- 25 Tu 8pm Cricklade Cinema at Town Hall, tickets from Council Office
- 27 Th 10am Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel
- 28 F 7pm Manorial Court Public Leet at Town Hall
- 30 Su 2am Clocks go back one hour
- 31 M Hallowe'en

## Every Week

- M 10am-3.30pm Open Door at Jenner Hall  
10am-noon Computer Club at Leisure Centre
- Tu 10am-3.30pm Open Door at Jenner Hall
- 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  
1.30-4.30pm The Paint Palette: Ladies' Art Group at Town Hall Annexe  
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 - October 2022

3rd ☉ 9th ○ 17th ● 25th ●



## *The Final Word ...*

Trust is a strange entity, easy on one level, and yet at a deeper level many of us find trust a real issue. I wonder how you are with trust these days?

People say we used to be a much more trusting society than we are at present, though thankfully we still have pockets of great trust. But I, like you I'm sure, find myself asking sometimes is this text message real? Is this email a scam? Even our own accounts get hacked so that people get messages which seem to come from us but don't.

I continue to trust all sorts of people and institutions, and I have sometimes been let down by friends or associates, but I would still rather live in trust than distrust, hope rather than cynicism.

As I write we are just beginning to get used to having a new king, King Charles III, let us pray for him that he will find trustworthy people to support him as he has taken on the mantle of his mother, and finds his place in our country's history.

There is really only one place where, whether King or commoner, we can be sure that all will be trustworthy, secure, and safe and that is with God. You may remember a passage from the bible often used at funeral where Jesus says: 'Trust in God still and trust in me'. Good advice. And whilst I quite often don't understand what God is doing, I trust him that in the end his kingdom will come and his will shall be done on earth as it is in heaven. So, I go on trusting and praying.

Maybe God is a place of trust we can all cultivate? A place where we can say whatever we like, be whatever we really are, and know that it is held and kept by a God who has promised never to leave us, always to love us and is unendingly trustworthy.

*Canon Debbie Dewes*

*(Vicar Cricklade, Ashton Keynes, Latton and the Leigh)*

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