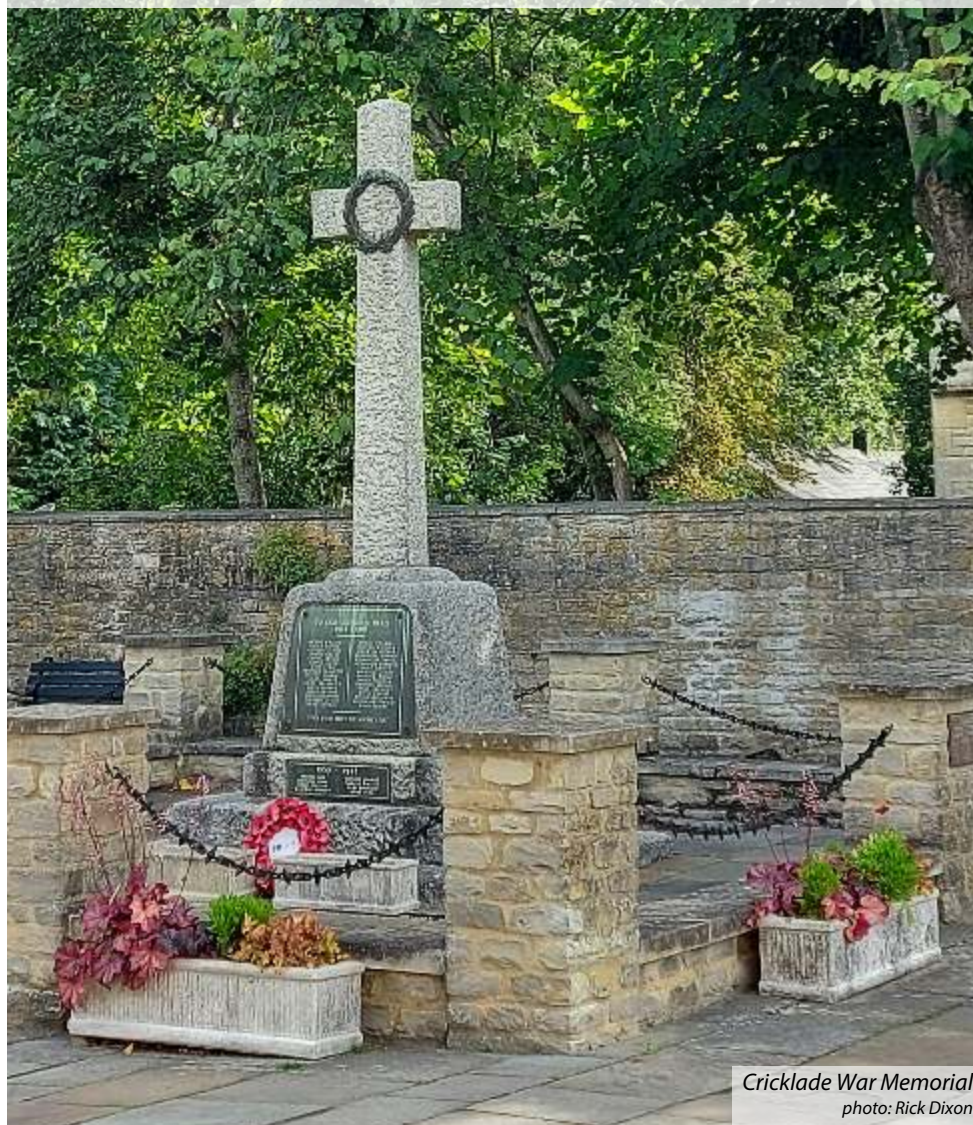


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Cricklade War Memorial
photo: Rick Dixon

Community contacts all 01793 unless stated or emergency

This section is intended to give quick access to emergency and community help phone numbers. If you spot something missing, please let us know: RickDixonChronicle@gmail.com or 01793 759123.

Churches	see centre pages	Link Scheme transport	07421 018 499
Cricklade Town Council	751394	Boots Chemist (100 High St)	750226
Latton clerk@lattonparishcouncil.org.uk		Dentist (104 High St)	750388
Wiltshire Councillor (Bob Jones)	750773	Gas leak reporting	0800 111 999
Wiltshire Council hub	0300 456 0100	Library (113 High St)	750694
Emergency Services	999	Open Door	07599 987851
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
Doctors: Purton Surgery	770207	Schools: St Sampson's Primary	750452
Green Gables Surgery	752633	Cricklade Manor Prep	750275
Cricklade (De Silva)	750645	Bradon Forest	770570

Cricklade Town Hall - Your Community Hall

Notice is hereby given that the Town Hall's **Annual Meeting** will be held on Tuesday 1 November at 7.30pm in the Main Hall.



Agenda

- Committee's Annual Report & Annual Balance Sheet.
- Appointment of Independent Financial Examiner
- Election of 4 Committee Members for a period of 3 years. Retiring members are Alan Armstrong, Brenda Muir, John Robinson and Vivienne Tomkins.
- Any other business.

If you pay Council Tax or are registered to vote in Cricklade, you can stand for election, nominate someone else for election and also vote at the election. Nominations, signed by two sponsors, should be delivered to the Chairman (Mr D.N. Tetlow, 1 Pleydells, Cricklade, SN6 6NG tel 01793 750712) prior to the meeting. Retiring Members are eligible for re-election.

Hall Bookings:

Book your event at Cricklade Town Hall. Birthdays, anniversaries, wedding celebrations, children's parties, quiz nights, club meetings, etc. - we have done them all! The Town Hall offers flexible space with tables, padded chairs, excellent kitchen facilities and free WiFi.

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

Please contact our Bookings Secretary, Mrs Nicola Fry on 01666 861023 (before 9pm please) or via email at crickladetownhall@hotmail.com for further details. Check out our Facebook page for photos and other information: www.facebook.com/crickladetownhall/

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

From the Editor

You may not be thinking of Christmas. But we have to! One reason is that my wife tells me there were displays up in some shops back in September – fortunately Rudolph and Bing Crosby didn't seem to be around... However we do know that shopping has to be done at some time. We can't all wait to buy a turkey on Christmas morning as Mr Scrooge apparently did! We are told on page 20 the sort of Christmas goods that were on sale at the shop run by W.J. New on the High Street.

Or you could make your own from ideas at the Climate Action Group Café on 5 November – see p26 You might need to book some Bloomers Christmas workshops in December as we read on the same page.

Another reason for thinking of Christmas is that the December issue is a joint issue with January 2023. The **deadline is 1 November** – to advertise events for December 2022 or

January 2023, please get information to me by that date! (The following issue won't be until February 2023.)

But remembering all this, we also note that November is a month of remembrance. Our cover picture represents the nation's feelings towards those who have given so much in service of their country. Remembrance services will be held at the War Memorial on Friday 11 and Sunday 13 November. To make these events work, the High Street will be closed at that point for the duration of the two services. If you are travelling anywhere ... remember to move your car in advance!

Finally a plea! The current Chronicle distributor for Latton is retiring and we are looking for a volunteer (or two) to take on magazine deliveries there. See page 21 for more information. Thank you in advance!



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The deadline for the joint Dec/Jan issue is Tuesday 1 November 2022

Cricklade Town Council

Town Council Meetings

Monday 14 November: Community & Leisure Committee

Monday 21 November: Planning, Conservation & Transport Committee

Monday 28 November: Full Council Meeting



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.

Remembrance Arrangements

Please remember that there will be road closures in place in the High Street area on both Friday 11 November and Sunday 13 November to allow the Remembrance services to be held by the War Memorial. All are welcome to attend.

If you are able to help marshal the road closures, please email or phone us. Many thanks.

Leisure Centre Car Park

Hopefully by the time you read this the much-needed refurbishment works on the car park will have been completed. It is already proving a great improvement, providing greater capacity and new surfacing. The project was a joint one between Cricklade Town Council (CTC) and Cricklade Leisure Centre following the asset transfer from Wiltshire Council in 2021. The costs were funded from the lump sum transferred to CTC as part of that arrangement.



Community Directory

Cricklade Town Council has a supply of a new community directory which is 'a guide to groups and services available for older and vulnerable people covering the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade community area.' Please call into the Tourist information point during opening hours to collect a copy – see below.

November Days

One final mention is of the 5th of November and the humble hedgehog. It is hibernating time for these beloved creatures, so check your bonfires before lighting them, especially if you have used brushed up leaves.

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

Website: www.crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk

Follow the Council @ www.facebook.com/CrickladeTownCouncil



Purton & Green Gable Surgery PPG

Serving patients in Purton, Cricklade & surrounding communities

PPG Fundraising

Three years ago we raised funds for and purchased a Doppler Machine. Patients who suffer from leg ulcers have a risk of developing deep vein thrombosis (DVT) and therefore need regular checks. The procedure that is undertaken is called a Doppler assessment where the nurse checks the blood flow through legs and ankles. Although the Doppler machine allows the measurement to be done in minutes, the pre-resting time and assessment can extend it to 50 minutes.

Another machine has been ordered for Green Gable Surgery in Cricklade, costing £3,000. This will benefit patients and free up valuable appointment time for other patients.

A treatment couch for the consulting room at Cricklade Green Gable Surgery has also been ordered. We are very grateful for the generosity of Purton & District Age Concern for offering to buy a high-backed chair with arms for the Green Gable waiting room.

PPG and Purton Scarecrow Trail in September raised over £256 for the Surgery. Many thanks to Sylvia and Colin Freemantle for their support and the use of their drive.

200 Club Draw

The September draw was made by Punita, one of the practice Clinical Pharmacists, and the £100 winners were Andrew and Valerie Knowler.

The new year for the Club has now started and membership is closed for this year – membership is up by 34% on last year. We will let you know when we are starting our next membership year.

As always, your support for our work is much appreciated.

Sheila Fowler, PPG Secretary



Cricklade Garden Club

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

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 8 November** when our speaker is Cathy Limbrick, Chair of the Dance Common Management Committee. Her talk is entitled "Dance Common: Past, Present and Future."

On the southern edge of Cricklade, Dance is an ancient common and Cathy will outline its history and explain to us its importance as the habitat of a variety of plants, insects and animals. But what of its future?

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

Membership is £20 p.a. We are affiliated to the Gloucestershire Federation of Gardening Societies (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

50 Shades of Green

The Adventures of an Eco-Warrior Wannabee

Oh the end of summer seems so depressing doesn't it? It's all back to school, back to work, and back on the diet, so no booze in the week. Actually – there's a couple of sniffers left in a bottle in the fridge and what with a cost of living crisis it seems criminal to let it go off. Anyway, when things are getting me down I always cheer myself up by singing Monty Python's The Galaxy Song . "Whenever life gets you down Mrs Brown, and Things seem hard or tough, and people are stupid, obnoxious, or daft, and you feel like you've just had enough..."

Just remember that you're standing on a planet that's evolving..."

One thing Cricklade has had enough of is the medicine blister pack and they're not going away anytime soon. Our wonderful pharmacy team at Boots were all on board to collect medicine blister packs and work with the Boots Area Manager to find a route for recycling them. After all, Superdrug are doing it. However, our hardworking shop manager did her best but was met with a total lack of interest from Boots' management and has unfortunately had to stop collecting the blister packs in the box provided by Cricklade CAN. The shop staff see how many hundreds of these packs they dispense and empty every day and are dismayed by the amount of waste. We can also see, by how many of you brought bags of blister packs in, that this is a concern for Cricklade residents too. I'm not sure that the Boots Environmental Policy, which includes the line 'Ensure responsible management of waste that is unavoidable' is really being honoured currently.

There may be a way forward though. In some industries, companies that profit from a product have long been required to make sure there is a process and funds allocated for dealing with that product at the end of its life. I first came across this while working in the tyre industry 20 years ago but since then it has been rolled out into the electronics industry – it's called Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR). From April 2023 the UK Government will require all large companies to manage an EPR process for their own brand products. Boots already do this for their cosmetic items, so they are on the ball. But they also sell millions of packs of medicine, produced by other companies, which Boots have no legal responsibility for, and which Boots will not currently take back. As homework I'd like as many of you as possible to write to Lucy Reynolds, Director of Communications and Corporate and Social Responsibility at Boots (just put Nottingham and it will find her!) and ask what plans Boots has to manage a waste system for medicine packaging when the pharmaceutical companies are required to provide an EPR system from next year. Hopefully this new regulation will also encourage companies to review their packaging and create something less bulky and easier to recycle, as they will be charged a waste management fee for any packaging that is likely to end up in household waste, unless they have clear evidence that the packaging is being managed elsewhere. Well, that's the theory but...

"... remember when you're feeling very small and insecure, how amazingly unlikely is your birth. And pray that there's intelligent life somewhere up in space, 'cos there's bugger all down here on Earth!"

Theresa Green

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Focus on Wiltshire Council

It has been a busy few weeks as Council gets back to work following the summer break. It will be of no surprise that planning tops the subjects yet again this month.

“The Local Plan” is the basis against which planning applications are determined and neighbourhood plans developed. It is a legally required document containing planning policies and site allocations to deliver Wiltshire Council’s strategic priorities. The original plan was adopted in 2015 and the review now will take us to 2036. This document is the one that currently allows developers to exploit the 5-year housing supply shortage.

In September, Wiltshire Council announced further delays in the review process which will give even more uncertainty to the communities and allow further planning applications from developers to be approved. The Planning Inspector has overruled several more planning applications this month in favour of the developers in Malmesbury through this loophole and no doubt we can expect a similar approach in Cricklade by the developers and receive little sympathy from the Inspector.

A better planning result on another planning matter; the Bio Digester proposed for Water Eaton has been under scrutiny by planners. The site is actually within Swindon, but all roads leading to it are in Wiltshire. It would appear that the applicant’s wish to carry out major road widening to service the Bio Plant has not been submitted to WC and a complete review of the application is now underway jointly with Swindon Borough Council.

I am Vice Chairman of the Wiltshire Council Environmental Select Committee (ESC). The committee topics at our meeting included a review of waste management. You will have noticed your bins sometimes get collected a day late. This is because WC has reduced staff and vehicles and made collection rounds larger. The outcome is that their collection teams can’t complete the task and the trucks are full quicker. ESC has sent this back to Officers to resolve. The proposed savings in another service, “Street Scene” were discussed at length with planned less grass cutting and more ‘wilding’ along with reactive instead of proactive services - meaning more complaints, I fear.

Locally, Gigaclear are on the move again digging up all over Cricklade for broadband fibre cable installation. Generally they are doing a tidy job without much inconvenience apart from some areas of poor ground restoration which I am communicating with them to rectify.

There is a survey online asking about your views on Wiltshire Council’s website and My Wiltshire App. If you have used either please complete the survey. There is a new telephone number for contacting Wiltshire Council (0300 456 0100) and I would like to hear from anyone that has used it for some feedback on the service given.

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

Bob Jones, Wiltshire Councillor

Parkinson's UK

At The Cricklade Club, High Street, SN6 6AY

10.30am - noon

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

Hello to everyone who has helped the Parkinson's UK - Cricklade Cafe to survive and provide support and friendship to those recently diagnosed or further along with their Parkinson's journey.

The latest sad news for the UK is confirmed that "Two people are diagnosed with Parkinson's each hour of each day, every day."

The Parkinson's UK (PUK) - Cricklade Cafe meets on the third Wednesday of each month, at The Cricklade Club, High Street SN6 6AY – 10.30 to 12 noon and all with Parkinson's (wherever you live) and their carers are always welcome to attend if they wish. We are a friendly social group, providing support, answers and more questions. Great drinks and cakes are available to purchase. We are extremely grateful that The Cricklade Club have provided us with such a great venue and happy staff to make us feel more than welcome. At our September Cricklade Cafe, thirty-six people attended, including four new visitors. The next Cafe is on **16 November**.

We are now regularly hosting expert visitors who come and talk to the visitors by mingling amongst us and helping further with those endless questions.

On 19 October we welcomed Rachel Gardner, Lead Parkinson's Disease Nurse Specialist from GWH Swindon.

On **21 December** at PUK Cricklade Cafe, we will once again be visited by Ashley Harris, Community Connector from Carer Support Wiltshire.

Other regular key visitors do appear unannounced and they are always welcomed too including PUK Head Office or Branch and / or PUK committee members and Volunteers from Malmesbury, Cirencester, Shrivenham and Swindon.

We look forward to seeing our visitors, both regulars or new faces at a future PUK - Cricklade Cafe. No need to book; just turn up when it suits you to get there and you will receive a warm welcome.

If you do have any questions regarding the above, please contact:
parkinsonscafecricklade@gmail.com or call Vincent on 07951 944 760.

Letters Received

■ Party Thanks

Janet and Colin would like to thank everyone who came to our Surprise 65th Wedding Anniversary Party from far and wide, also for all presents and cards.

Janet & Colin Missen

Cricklade 100 Years Ago

Christmas shopping.

Most Cricklade people, without personal transport, only shopped locally at Christmas. Many families paid into Christmas Clubs operated by shops throughout the year at so much a week. By Christmas they'd use these savings to buy goods at that particular shop.

The New family at No. 31 High Street, who generally sold hardware and green grocery, ran such a scheme. They'd keep their window blind down enticingly while they dressed it for Christmas, before raising it to everyone's delight to reveal a large selection of Christmas goods. For little girls there were large dolls, dolls' pushchairs, prams and houses, plus blackboards and easels, desks with seats, pen and pencil sets, 'Fairy cycles', baby walkers, children's sewing machines, toy pianos, tea sets and musical boxes. For the boys there were Triang pedal cars, scooters and tricycles, air guns, roller skates, Hornby trains, Meccano sets, table tennis equipment and footballs. Nurse and cowboy outfits, and paper chains for house decoration were popular with both. For adults there was a large selection of pottery, china, glass vases, water sets, cutlery, chromium teapots, watches and clocks for all ages, even perfume and manicure sets.

W.J. New's shop was also a green grocery, and in the final two weeks before Christmas, hundredweight sacks of various nuts would arrive, plus barrels of Canadian red apples. Christmas trees, holly wreaths and mistletoe were much in demand followed by cases of oranges, bananas and grapes and boxes of dates and figs. The last few days were really hectic with as many as three hundredweight of sprouts being brought down from Evesham!

From: Cricklade Revealed, Part 3, Ch.5.



Cricklade Revealed - for Christmas while stocks last?

Stock UPDATE

Remaining books, all now at £3 each, still available (as of 1 October 2022).

CR main series: Parts 2 & 3 now SOLD OUT and Parts 1 – 9 under10 of each left.

CRE extra books: CRE1: now SOLD OUT, Part 2: only 8 copies left, Parts 3 – 5: 40+ copies left.

SETS, perhaps as Christmas presents or stocking fillers?

3 x Complete sets of all 15 books remaining, now @ £45each.

5 x WW2 sets of 4 @ £12 each.

5 x Post-war sets of 4 @ £12 each.

Proceeds as ever from my remaining books will be donated to Cricklade Open Door. To obtain your copy (or copies) please call me on 01793 750542, or e-mail mfp@parsons071@btinternet.com

Cricklade Art Group



Enjoy art exhibitions? Thinking of what to buy family and friends for Christmas? If so, why not come along to our exhibition in November? Our members exhibit twice a year and there will be a breadth of talent on display, from those starting out on their artistic journey, to our more established artists. Entrance is free of charge. Refreshments – including homemade cake – will be available for a small donation. Please come along and enjoy the atmosphere!

Autumn Exhibition 2022
Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 November 2022
10am to 4pm at Cricklade Town Hall
Free entry!
All are welcome!

If you wish to learn more about the Cricklade Art Group, and the artwork likely to be on display, please visit our website crickladeart.co.uk or our Facebook page www.facebook.com/CrickladeArtGroup.

The group meets monthly on the third Tuesday of the month at the Cricklade Town Hall Annexe at 7.30pm. If you have any questions or are interested in becoming a member, please drop us a line at crickladeartgroup@gmail.com

Sing Four Four Community Choir

The choir is practising hard for the Christmas Concert with a variety of Christmas songs. The Concert will take place in St Sampson's Church on Sunday 4 December at 3pm.



The ticket price will be £5 for adults (to include refreshments), with children under 16 years admitted free. Refreshments will be served after the concert. There will also be a Raffle with lots of desirable prizes. At this concert we will be joined by a small vocal ensemble called 'Voces Mates'. We hope you will be able to join us for this joyful occasion. It is a great way to start preparations for the Christmas Season. As at the previous concert, the choir will make a donation to St Sampson's Church. Tickets available from the Town Council Offices; or email singfourfourcommittee@groups.outlook.com

Although we work hard in rehearsals, we have a lot of fun and there is always a lovely atmosphere. Rehearsals take place in the United Church on Thursday evenings, beginning at 7.30pm. New members will always be welcome.

Chronicle Distributor Needed!

The Chronicle needs a new distributor for our Latton round to start from February 2023.

The current round is for the delivery of 192 copies, but could easily be split between two (or more) people. If you live in Latton would you be willing to help? Or do you live in Cricklade with easy access to Latton?

The outgoing distributor is retiring from the role but is happy to go round with you to show you the ropes. For more information please contact Nick or Allan on 752898.

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 tel: 01793 752718

Associate Vicar: Revd Shirley Danby
email: shirleydanby21@gmail.com; tel. 07980 548844

Parishes Administrator: Jane Eyles
email: admin@upperthames.org.uk tel: 01793 979304

Services for the Upper Thames Churches

6 November 3 before Advent

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

13 November 2 before Advent

- 10.55am Remembrance Service at Holy Cross
- 10.55am Remembrance Service at All Saints, Leigh
- 11.15am Remembrance Service at St Sampson's

20 November Christ the King. Next before Advent

- 8am Holy Communion at St Sampson's followed by breakfast
- 10am Holy Communion at St John the Baptist
- 10am Morning Worship at St Sampson's
- 10am Morning Worship at Holy Cross
- 4pm Evensong at Holy Cross
- 6.30pm Evensong at St Sampson's

27 November Advent Sunday

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

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From the Registers of the Upper Thames Group of Churches

Baptisms

18 September Arthur Douglas Ralph Winter *at Holy Cross*

Weddings

9 September William Joseph Walker & Laura Uglow *at Holy Cross*

17 September Jake Moss Young & Hester Freya Mintern *at Holy Cross*

17 September Thomas Michael Sheridan & Hannah Rose Fathers *at St Sampson's*

24 September Hugh James Burgess & Emily Elizabeth Oates *at St Sampson's*

Funerals

2 September Susan Yvonne Webb
at St Sampson's followed by Kingsdown 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.

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

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

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

Cricklade United Church

Calcutt Street, Cricklade

Minister: Revd Sarah Simpson, tel. 01666 826866

Email: sarahsimpson14@btinternet.com

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

Traidcraft Christmas Sale

Tuesday 1 November

Pop in between 10.30-12.00 | 18.00-19.30 At the Vicarage, 14 Bath Road, Cricklade

Order Fairtrade cards, presents and food for Christmas, and enjoy refreshments. Some samples available.





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

Our next fundraising event is:



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
or contact Sharon on 01793 751375



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

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



Cricklade W.I.

During our September meeting we were treated to 'Humorous Poems & Monologues' by Paul Evans; this was such a fun evening with Paul reciting some of his own poems and some from other authors all in a humorous and characterisation way - everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening and it brought a smile to our faces - thank you Paul.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 17 November - all meetings are held at 7.30pm in Cricklade Town Hall Annexe on the third Thursday of the month.

New members are always welcome if you would like to know more please contact our secretary Viv Tomkins on 01793 752459 or email Vivienne.tomkins@btinternet.com



Cricklade Leisure Centre

After the unsettling times of the pandemic, your local leisure centre is going from strength to strength. We have more members than ever before and our finances are healthy: details at crickladeleisure.com/finances.

We are excited to announce that we will soon be making available for download a Cricklade Leisure Centre App, compatible with both iPhones and Android phones. This will allow you to make bookings for classes and facilities online!

We are looking forward to our popular annual Christmas Fayre on 6 November, where you can find some of your Christmas presents and treats.

And, to everyone's relief, the car park has been resurfaced. We hope you are pleased with the results.

We are in a good position to face the many challenges ahead. We are extremely grateful to those members who continued to support us through the pandemic, in spite of not being able to use the facilities for much of the time – it's the main reason for our sound finances.

We were sad to have to accept Kate Grainger's resignation as Centre Manager and we wish her all the best in her new job. We will have a new person in overall charge of the daily running of the Centre by the time of this publication after selection from some great candidates.

We are in a good position to face the many challenges ahead. Not least of those is the spiralling cost of utilities. You will know that gas, electricity and water prices are rising at an unprecedented rate and this affects us as it does you at home. You can, perhaps, imagine how much gas, electricity and water the Leisure Centre uses on a daily basis?!

The Leisure Centre is managed, on your behalf, by Cricklade & District Community Association, a group of local volunteers who provide their time and effort for free. We do not want to disappoint loyal members and customers, but please note that a price rise may be necessary due to rising costs. We constantly monitor the utilities market for the best prices. We are also taking steps to keep our usage of all utilities to a minimum. We will, of course, try and keep any price-rises to a minimum.

C&DCA is not a profit-making organisation - our purpose is simply to manage Cricklade Leisure Centre in the best way possible, so that it can continue to provide its services to you without losing money.

Thank you, again, for your continued support.

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	

Cricklade Open Door

Here we are in November with dark mornings, darker evenings, chilly, grey days and worries about the current economic situation but Open Door can lighten and brighten our days by offering a warm place to visit, once, twice or three times a week, where we can laugh and enjoy good times with others, have refreshments, lunch and most of all have support and company. So don't feel low or SAD during the winter, come along to the Jenner Hall on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday between 10am and 3.30pm and spend some time with us. We have welcomed several new members recently but still have room for more!



During October we have enjoyed the usual Seated Exercise afternoon and Bingo afternoon and a programme of varied activities on a Tuesday afternoon. If just chatting is 'your thing', then that's what happens in the mornings over several cuppas. Just £1 for a mug of tea or coffee - best value in Cricklade! The Knit and Natter group on a Monday morning recently gave several bags of blankets, jumpers, scarves and gloves to The Harbour Project in Swindon and received a charming thank you letter from one of the recipients. Open Door would also like to say 'thank you' to Amanda at Stitches, in our High Street, for all the wool she donates to our knitting group and also for her and her customers' generous donation recently received.

We celebrated the harvest season with an Autumn Tea Party on 11 October with autumn apples, plums and blackberries made into delicious cakes baked as always by Open Door's 'Star Baker' - Chris. Our last pub lunch outing was towards the end of October, when our mini bus and several cars went out to Crudwell and we all had a super time.

We are all set to enjoy a Christmas Lunch at the White Hart on 9 December and a Christmas Tea Party at the Jenner Hall on 15 December.

If you would like any further information about Cricklade Open Door, just call in or telephone: 07599 987 851 and do leave a message if you ring outside Open Door hours and we will return your call.

*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*

STOP PRESS: We hope to be collecting our **brand new minibus** on 4 November from the van builders in Stoke-on-Trent. So that everyone can see it, we will be parking it at the front of the Town Hall on **Saturday 5 November** with the official launch at 11am.

Repair Café & Eco Christmas Crafting Event

Cricklade Action Network are holding a Repair Café and Eco Christmas Crafting Event at the Jenner Hall on Saturday 5 November between 10am and 1pm.

Come along with a broken item and see if the local craftspeople of Cricklade can fix it!

Sewing Repairs Knife Sharpening Computers Mobile Phones Cycle repairs etc

There will also be a chance to make eco friendly Christmas crackers or beeswax melts.

Cricklade Camera Club

Our club always welcomes new members - you don't even need a camera. Are you a budding novice or a more experienced photographer? Try us out for an evening at a guest fee of £5.



For full details of our 2023/24 season's events see our website: crickladecameraclub.org. Or contact Club Secretary Anne Eckersley at clubsecretary@crickladecameraclub.org.

This month our first meeting is on **1 November** in the Town Hall Annexe at 7.30pm. This is the first round of our annual projected digital image and print league. It is a members only competition, but come along and see some great images. It is being judged by Alan Copeland LRPS.

Our next session is a Zoom meeting on **15 November** at 7.30pm - "Adventures of a Duchess" with Margaret 'Flo' McEwan. Her adventure talk is about her love of abandoned buildings and her photography from escapades around the world. You will also hear about her obsession with sea forts and how she came to spend her birthday being winched up onto a 7-storey WW2 gun tower in an evening dress and tiara!

Cricklade & Latton Records at the History Centre

At the Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre we safeguard records from parishes all across the county. These originated at parish churches and were transferred to us in Chippenham once they had served their original purpose. Here they become part of the historic written evidence of our county and can be made available to researchers.

The parish records of St Mary's, St Sampson's and St John the Baptist's tell us a great deal about issues, activities, and decision-making within the area. They note the successive ministers and churchwardens, church council minutes; records of the Overseers of the Poor, parish schools, registers of baptisms, marriages and burials - the oldest date from 1578. All pre-1916 registers have been digitised and their contents can be searched via Ancestry.com. Many of the original volumes are too fragile for public access and we have withdrawn them to safe-keeping.

We also hold the large archive of the Diocese of Salisbury with ordination papers going back to the 17th century and glebe terriers for all three parishes, though St Sampson's can boast the eldest, dating from 1588. Cricklade was part of the Diocese of Salisbury until 1837 after which its records will be at Bristol Archives.

We also hold records of the Wayland Estate, Cricklade United Charities, Latton Parish Council, the Swindon & Cricklade Young Farmers' Club and Cricklade Historical Society, maps and more. We are the repository for county and local councils, whose files contain a wealth of information on local people, buildings, and events.

To access our holdings simply type Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre Catalogue into your search engine (e.g. Google). This will give you a link to our searchable online catalogue. If you would then like to visit us, we recommend an appointment, as our searchroom is often fully booked. We are open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. We also provide free use of Ancestry.com, as well as an extensive Local Studies library and the Wiltshire Building Record containing over 18,000 records of individual Wiltshire buildings.

Cricklade Bloomers

Whispers from the Walled Garden

The town has now been transformed with winter plants and bulbs in planters, troughs and baskets. Thank you to all our sponsors and businesses who support Bloomers. The border at the start of Malmesbury Road has undergone a much-needed renovation and will be planted as a spring border with all year-round colour and textures.



Reserve Your Slot for Our Christmas Wreath Workshop - Book Now

Learn How to Create your Own Wreath

(all materials supplied)



30 places per session - one and half hours per session

Live demonstrations. £13 per wreath (large)

Celebrate Christmas with us

Limited Places Available - so Book a Session at the Walled Garden

Saturday 3 December - 9, 10.45, or 12.30

Wednesday 7 December - 9.30 or 11.15

Mulled Wine, Coffee & Mince Pies

Also Available

Wreath kits in a cotton bag: £15 (complete with illustrated instructions to make at home). Collection only: Saturday 10 December, 10am to 12 noon.

New this year: Table Decoration Workshop. All material and live demonstrations included on Saturday 17 December from 9.30 to 11am. £6 per arrangement.

For sale on our cart: Ready made table arrangements £5 -£6 with candle.

Door hanger arrangements: £7 **Readymade Wreaths:** £15

Payments for bookings and orders by bank transfer, or cash/card at our Sales Cart

Enquiries or Bookings (essential) anita@crickladeinbloom.co.uk

Call 07889 986 166

Help Keep Cricklade Beautiful, Sponsor a Planter

Cricklade & District Probus Club

We are looking forward to our coming group meetings when the following talks will be delivered to us.

10 November Do as I say not as I do.

24 November Hailes Abbey and the Mystery of the Holy Blood.

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 please contact Hon. Secretary, Richard Roberts: 01793 751063.



CRICKLADE CINEMA!

We complete our Autumn season with two real crowd pleasers.

**CINEMA
FOR ALL**

Tuesday 8 November at 8pm – Downton Abbey: A New Era (PG, 125mins)

Familiar faces abound as the second big screen instalment of the popular TV series sees some members of the stately home's upstairs/downstairs residents travel to the South of France to learn more about a family mystery, while others remain at home to experience the fledgling moving picture industry. (contains mild bad language, sex references)



Tuesday 22 November at 8pm – The Railway Children Return (PG, 95mins)



Sequel to the 1970 film based on the E Nesbit novel. It follows the adventures of a group of children evacuated to rural Yorkshire during World War Two. Jenny Agutter stars in the film, reprising her role as Bobbie from the original.

(contains violence, racism theme, threat, language, rude humour, dangerous behaviour)

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 (crickladecinema.org.uk) Why not take a look?

Email us at crickladecinema@gmail.com or phone on 750782.

Check us out at Facebook Cricklade Cinema



CRICKLADE POLICE STATION

151 Members – Target 200 Members

Money Still Needed – Target £100k

Property Stripped Out

Walls Removed – Steels Inserted

3500 Bricks Cleaned for Reuse or Sale

Damaged Bricks / Blocks Broken for Car Park Foundations

Groundworks for Drainage / Footings Complete

Flats Formed and Electrical Installation Underway

Volunteering Brilliant - Thank You

Join Us:

- Come along and see what's going on
- Become a Member
- Buy a share/s for a loved one for Christmas?

contact@crickladefoundation.org.uk
or phone Terri Robertson on 07902 421 756
www.crickladefoundation.org.uk

Cricklade Jenner Hall ...

... continues to be At The Heart Of Cricklade for over 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.

If you would like to book the Jenner Hall for a party or celebration, contact our booking secretary Charlotte Crawley at jennerhall.bookings@gmail.com or call 07900 122099.

John Hickman, Chairman, Cricklade Jenner Hall Community Trust



Jenner Hall "Save It Club"

In the Monthly Draw held on 29 September the lucky winners were:-

First Prize:	Mrs B. Taylor	£38.70
Second Prize:	Mrs S. Gibbon	£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

Foodbank

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



All our clients receive a friendly welcome and are offered tea or coffee and a biscuit. Any client wanting to chat will always find a friendly, non-judgemental listening ear from our volunteers. The discussion can be conducted in private. 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

Visit the website: malmesburydistrict.foodbank.org.uk

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.

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:

- Tinned meat
- Chocolate
- Tinned potatoes
- Cleaning products
- Puddings
- Tinned fruit
- Shower gel

Thank you, we now have plenty of: Fish; Baked beans; Pasta; Long life milk; Biscuits.



The Club celebrated the beginning of its 30th anniversary season on Friday 9 September by cutting the ribbon on the new floodlights. This was followed by an exciting game between our 1st XV and a President's/Legend's team, many of whom played in the very first match in 1992, alongside children and grandchildren of some of the founder members! For more details contact Danny Lloyd.

The following evening was a fun 90s disco in collaboration with the netball club. Watch out for details of our next social event open to local residents.

Cricklade Rugby Club needs First Aiders for Saturday games (approximately 3 per month) to be part of a supportive coaching team – free kit, mileage and training.

If you would like to join or play please contact Mike Murray, our Club Captain, at michaelmurray198922@gmail.com or phone 07514 596 910. Training is on Thursdays 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 November are:

5 Nov:	Chippenham III at Home
12 Nov:	Colerne Away
26 Nov:	Royal Wootton Bassett Away

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 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

Come and join this friendly club for our regular pétanque sessions at Cricklade Leisure Centre on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings. We also run training sessions on the first and last Wednesday morning of the month.

Some more competitive club members have enjoyed playing in matches, including the Cotswold Pétanque League where Saxons finished the summer season in third place.

Recent social events have included drinks and meals at local venues and a morning of croquet at Cirencester Croquet Club. Some of us are off on holiday to southern Spain at the end of October where we'll have fun playing pétanque on the beach against the locals.

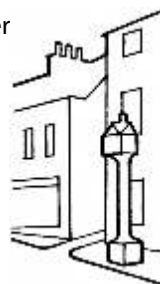
If you'd like to find out more about Saxons Pétanque Club, come and say hello, take a look at our notice board just inside the Leisure Centre, or visit us at saxonspetanque.co.uk.

The Chronicle Diary – November 2022

- 1 Tu 10.30-12 & 6-7.30pm: Traidcraft Christmas Sale, The Vicarage 14 Bath Rd
7.30pm Town Hall Charity AGM in Town Hall
7.30pm Camera Club at Town Hall Annexe
end of day Chronicle copy deadline
- 5 Sa Guy Fawkes Day
10am to 1pm: Repair Café and Eco Crafting Event at Jenner Hall
11am New Open Door Minibus launch ceremony outside Town Hall (p26)
- 6 Su Christmas Fayre at Leisure Centre
- 8 Tu 7pm *speaker 7.30pm*: Garden Club at Town Hall Annexe
8pm Cricklade Cinema at Town Hall, tickets from Council Office
- 10 Th 10am Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel
- 11 F 11am *Schools Remembrance Service at War Memorial
- 12 Sa 10am to 4pm: Cricklade Art Group Autumn Exhibition at Town Hall
- 13 Su 10am to 4pm: Cricklade Art Group Autumn Exhibition at Town Hall
11am *Remembrance Sunday Parade at War Memorial and High Street
- 14 M 7pm Town Council Community & Leisure Cttee, Council Chamber
- 15 Tu 7.30pm Camera Club Zoom meeting
- 16 W 10.30am to noon: Parkinson's Café at Cricklade Club, High Street
7.30pm Historical Society at Town Hall Annexe
- 17 Th 7.30pm Cricklade W.I. at Town Hall Annexe
- 21 M 7pm Town Council Planning etc Committee, Council Chamber
- 22 Tu 8pm Cricklade Cinema at Town Hall, tickets from Council Office
- 24 Th 10am Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel
- 26 F 7pm to 10pm: Quiz Night (Friends of St Mary's) at Town Hall
- 28 M 7pm Cricklade Town Council Full Meeting, Council Chamber
*** Road closures in place – see page 4**

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 - November 2022

1st ☾ 8th ○ 16th ☀ 23rd ● 30th ☾

The Final Word ...

I wonder whether you have stories which you like to recount, about what happened, perhaps when you were at school or in your family. Some of my remembering occasions include "Do you remember when Auntie Bridget fell in the bog?" and "Do you remember when we all hid behind the benches in the science lesson?"

It is important to remember... and this month we will remember and honour those who gave their lives in two world wars and many conflicts since in the hope that we might have a more peaceful world. The words on the memorial at Kohima which we will hear on Remembrance Sunday remind us of that "For Your Tomorrow, We Gave Our Today."

Jesus gave his life for the peace and freedom of the whole world; His way was love's way and through his death we have hope for the future in God's hands, for us and for our world. We trust God enough to know that one day His promises will come true.

Not long before he died, Jesus spoke about peace in these words...

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.

Don't let your hearts be troubled and don't be afraid."

Even in a troubled times, may the peace of Jesus be always with you.

Revd Shirley Danby

(Associate Vicar serving in the Upper Thames parishes)

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