

# THE CHRONICLE

✠ *Serving Cricklade & Latton*

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with January 2023



*Snowy St. Mary's*  
photo: Alan Styler

# Community contacts all 01793 unless stated or emergency

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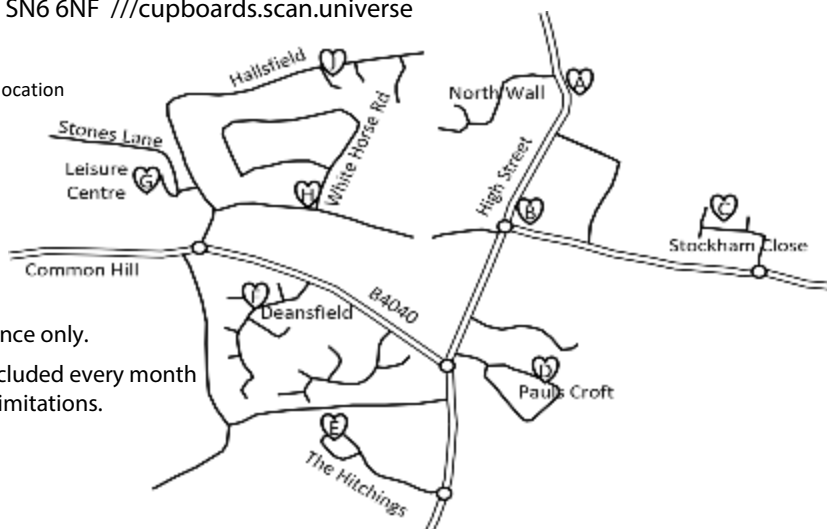
Churches .....	see centre pages	Link Scheme transport .....	07421 018 499
Cricklade Town Council .....	751394	Boots Chemist (100 High St) .....	750226
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Wiltshire Council hub .....	0300 456 0100	Library (113 High St) .....	750694
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Non-Emergency: Police .....	101	Optician (82 High St) .....	750415
Non-Emergency: NHS .....	111	Purton Vets (Bath Rd ).....	751698
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- Cricklade Dental Practice, SN6 6AA ///trackers.motivate.joystick
- 33 Stockham Close, SN6 6EF ///advances.bakers.opts
- 17 Pauls Croft, SN6 6AH ///grace.bind.framework
- 48 The Hitchings, SN6 6NJ ///thing.hydrant.height
- 24 Deansfield, SN6 6BP ///enabling.gymnasium.records
- Cricklade Leisure Centre, SN6 6JW ///smarting.drags.member
- Culverhay Stores (Londis), SN6 6EN ///awaiting.sunflower.achieving
- 9 Kitefield, SN6 6NF ///cupboards.scan.universe



♥ Defibrillator location



Map for guidance only.

May not be included every month due to space limitations.

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# From the Editor

Well I think everything's in and no contributor is (too) disappointed. But I must thank them all for getting everything in (sort of) on time. And every month...

Space was always going to be a problem with this Issue. We're trying to get a quart into a pint pot – though I can't work out a metric way of saying that! But thanks for keeping the number of words down a bit!

Guess what? It's Christmas! We have a special spread in the middle with all the Church Services for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany and an Organ Recital.

We have a concert by Sing Four Four to look forward to (page 28), Carols by Candlelight, Mulled Wine, Mince Pies and Brass Bands. There are Christmas Lights and Competitions (page 21) and road closures to keep the celebration safe (p4). There are Wreath Making Sessions at

Cricklade Bloomers  
Walled Garden - but you must book (see p39).

The Chronicle is looking for a Main Distributor.

The job involves delivering bundles of magazines to street distributors in Latton. If this could be you, please look at page 23.

Several clubs are announcing dates into the new year whether it be the hurly-burly of the Rugby Club, the furious clicking of the Camera Club or the more sedentary promotions of Cricklade Cinema ... but even those can get you out of your seat at times I'm told!

If you want to know what a FeNO device is, see page 5. Then explain to me.

But after all that, *MERRY CHRISTMAS* to you all and a happy 2023.

See you in February!



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**The deadline for the February issue is Sunday 1 January 2023**

# Cricklade Town Council

## Town Council Meetings

Monday 28 November:	Full Town Council
Monday 5 December:	Premises and Finance Committee
Monday 19 December:	Planning, Conservation & Transport Committee
Monday 9 January:	Community and Leisure Committee
Monday 16 January:	Full Town Council
Tuesday 17 January:	Planning, Conservation & Transport Committee
Monday 30 January:	Personnel Committee



All meetings, commence at 7pm, in the Council Chamber, 113 High Street Cricklade SN6 6AE. Members of the public are welcome and have an opportunity to ask questions at the beginning of each meeting.

*Town Councillors and Staff would like to wish Cricklade residents  
a very Happy Christmas and New Year.*

## Christmas Competition

It's almost time for our houses to be decorated for the festive season. The competition is open to all households and businesses with the Judges making their decisions in the 2 weeks leading up to 25 December. There is no need for you to register to be judged in the Christmas Lights competition.

## Christmas Lights High Street Switch On

We are pleased to announce that once again there will be Carols around the tree and Cricklade will be having a visit from Santa. This year's event will be held on Saturday 3 December from 5.30pm. **A road closure is in place at 5pm from the Jubilee Clock to Abingdon Court until 9pm.**

## Council Office Hours over Christmas Period

The Town Council office closes on Friday 23 December and reopens on Wednesday 28 December. The office will close again on Monday 2 January 2023 and reopens on Tuesday 3 January.

## Events Diary 2023

With 2023 upon us, we'd like to remind residents about the Town Diary which can be found as the 'Events Calendar' on the Town Council website. You can email details of any events or meetings etc. to [admin@crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk) and the website will be updated with your event details.

## Civic Awards 2023 - Do You Know Someone Who Goes the Extra Mile?

Cricklade is renowned for its community spirit, so do you know of someone, or a group of people, who volunteer in the community and deserve to be recognised for all their hard work, bravery or courage?

The Town Council is seeking nominations towards three categories of award: Young Person of the Year; Cricklade Community Award; and Community Group of the Year. Details and forms are available on the website or from the Town Council offices. Closing date: Friday 3 March 2023.

# Purton & Green Gable Surgery PPG

*Serving patients in Purton, Cricklade & surrounding communities*



## Next PPG purchases

*A Fractional Exhaled Nitric Oxide (FeNO) device.* This is a novel medical technology used to aid in the diagnosis of asthma. FeNO devices measure nitric oxide in the breath of patients. Nitric oxide is a biomarker for asthma which provides an indication of the level of inflammation in the lungs. Testing produces an FeNO score which gives a value to the level of inflammation which aids clinicians in the diagnosis of asthma. Although the FeNO device is primarily a diagnostic tool, it has an additional use in the ongoing monitoring of chronic asthma.

*A second Dermatoscope.* This is a piece of equipment used for examining the appearance of the skin, ordinary skin as well as moles, to diagnose skin problems. Although dermoscopy can be helpful in all forms of skin diagnosis, it is particularly helpful for the diagnosis of skin cancer. This will ensure patients are referred timely and appropriately to hospital, if required. Several staff are now using the one purchased by the PPG four years ago and a second one would help enormously.

## 200 Club draw

Thank you to all who are supporting the 200 Club. Membership which has increased by 34% this year. The October draw was made by Myra Hetherington, Healthcare Assistant and the £100 winner was Jeanne Perons.



## Table Top and Books in Purton Surgery

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

As always, your support for our work to both inform and support patients is much appreciated. If you know of anyone who would like to be included in our email list (all sent bcc) then please ask them to contact via [groupforpatients@gmail.com](mailto:groupforpatients@gmail.com)

*Sheila Fowler, PPG Secretary*

### **The Town Council and Tourist Information Point is open:**

Monday to Friday 10.00 - 16.00 hrs (Closed 12.30 - 13.30 hrs)

*Closed Friday 23 December until reopening Wednesday 28 December  
and Monday 2 January 2023 until reopening Tuesday 3 January.*

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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# 50 Shades of Green

## The Adventures of an Eco-Warrior Wannabee.

I recently went to a talk on matriarchal medicine – I thought it might involve lots of witchy brews and holistic healing but it turns out that the way matriarchal physicians make a diagnosis is by getting a bunch of women together who get stoned and dance all night until they ‘see’ the problem. Of course this is where I spot the flaw in their method; I often don’t remember the boogie with the girls on the following morning. Still, I feel there is some ancient, spiritual wisdom to be found so I’m willing to keep trying.

I had thought the structure of matriarchal societies was just a reversal of our current patriarchy. It’s far more interesting than that: the home is centred around the women of a family – a mother, her sisters, granny and aunties will live together in one house. Their brothers will also live in this house permanently and are the male role models to any children of the women. Everyone will act as a parent to all the children.

‘So where do the kids come from?’ I hear you wondering. Well, romantic liaisons are simply that – a dalliance with no long term attachments and involve men visiting overnight with their chosen ‘squeeze’. In the morning they return to their sisters to parent their nieces and nephews in the clan house. So if a romantic relationship breaks down, the children experience no fallout – their clan carries on the same.

The old tribal systems that used this form of society have pretty much died out now.

But a modern version has emerged in Colombia. Nashira is an eco-village created by women fleeing domestic violence or the civil war. The women help build their own homes using waste materials and houses remain the property of the women and cannot be taken away, even if they fall into debt. The village grows its own food and they trade within the village with their own currency so that wealth remains within the village. Of course men are welcome in the village but the homes and resources remain in the hands of women, providing stability, a route out of poverty and room to explore sustainable methods of living. As the saying goes ‘where women do well, communities do well’ and seven more eco-villages are underway in Colombia.

Some suggest that our western civilisation has reached its limits its current form. While today we face multiple challenges within our climate, ecosystem, society and economy, there may be other ways to organise ourselves. Over the millennia humans have created numerous kinds of societies, each of them designed around the current knowledge and environment.

I just heard an exciting new word: Solarpunk - *a movement that envisions and works toward a sustainable future connected in with nature and community*. “Solar” represents renewable energy sources and optimism for a future embracing technology and rejecting doom. “Punk” senses an enthusiasm to break the mould to create that future.

Let’s keep our minds open to new ways of living – as you’ll guess, I’m always up for a bit of ‘matriarchal medicine’ and I’m rather partial to a bit of Punk too.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year, but do us all a favour and don’t buy any new lights eh? Bah Humbug!

Theresa Green

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## Focus on Wiltshire Council

Fly tipping is on the increase in our area, and I thought it appropriate to remind you of the rules you should be aware of when disposing of your unwanted goods and waste.

Firstly, you can take almost any item to the Recycling Centre at Purton at no charge; (winter hours, open 10-4, closed Tuesday and Wednesday.) You do need to take some proof of address. If you use one of the many people offering waste removal via advertising on social media, doorstep flyers etc, remember that **your waste is your waste** until properly disposed of. Fly-tipping is an offence under Section 33 of the Environmental Protection Act (1990). If you are a householder, you are required to take reasonable steps to check that the people removing waste from your premises are authorised to do so.

Under the domestic waste 'Duty of Care', householders are responsible for ensuring that their rubbish is only passed on to authorised waste carriers. Some people pose as legitimate waste carriers, and then fly tip rubbish that they have been paid to dispose of properly. If any fly tipped waste is traced back to you, you could be prosecuted or fined for breaking the law. A fine of up to £400.

Recently, a lorry load of green waste and hedge cuttings was dumped in Cricklade on the old Latton Road completely blocking the road and, on the Spine Road, an entire bathroom suite was dumped. Someone had paid for the removal - if you employ a Tradesman or Waste Collector, ask to see their Waste Carriers Licence and preferably take a photo of it, to prove you have seen it. Be warned, Wiltshire Council is stepping up investigations and the number of Officers to trace rogue fly tippers.

Some really good news: earlier this year, I invited the head of Economic Development at Wiltshire Council to visit Cricklade. At the time she was most impressed by our High Street and the range of retail outlets and the facilities we offer. Some of you may have taken part in a survey in the summer asking about Cricklade. Over 400 of you submitted survey forms which were compiled by the High Street Strategy Group and the Town Council. Wiltshire Council complemented the work of the two organisations. This has led to Cricklade taking part in a new Wiltshire Council initiative "Wiltshire Towns Programme". Cricklade has been invited to bid for finance for projects to further enhance the Town under this scheme. At the end of October, a very successful meeting was held to move the project forward. This has resulted in a financial package for Cricklade, the full details are still to be worked out. For one of the smallest towns in Wiltshire this is a great achievement.

The Chronicle takes a break in January, so I will hopefully start the new year in February with further good news to report on the outcome of the grant awarded.

That just leaves me to wish you all a Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year and a request to look out for your neighbours to ensure they stay safe and warm.

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 Open Door

Christmas Greetings from Open Door to everyone in Cricklade and surrounding areas. We wish you all a happy, healthy, fun filled season with your families and friends, despite the doom and gloom we hear on the television and read in the newspapers.



November has been a lively month at Open Door with quizzes, games, Beetle and the always, very well attended, Seated Exercise Group, Knitting Group and Bingo afternoon. We always welcome new members to all our afternoon groups and of course, in the mornings for coffee and chat.

We are looking forward to our Christmas special events. On 30 November we have been invited to Cricklade Manor Prep School, to watch their Christmas production - 'Shine Star Shine'. We are always made very welcome and the production is always a delight to watch. Thank you to the school for inviting Open Door to watch their production and also for all the excellent lunches they provide for us during the year and the extras - cream teas in the summer and mince pies at Christmas.

On 9 December we will have a Christmas lunch at The White Hart Hotel, which is already fully booked and on Thursday 15 December we will enjoy our 'in house' Christmas Tea Party with entertainment, carols and raffle, also fully booked, before we close for a Christmas break.

As the end of the year is getting close, Open Door would like to say a big 'thank you' to all our volunteers who take on varied roles and give endless hours of service, always with a supportive smile and much laughter to lift everyone's spirits. Our thanks too, to the Jenner Hall trustees who make sure that we are safe and warm in the hall. Thanks also to everyone in the community who supports us with raffle prizes (there's still time for a few more prizes for our Christmas raffle!), donations of goods, paperbacks for our book table and generous monetary donations. Thank you all, you are helping to keep a much needed service going from year to year.

Open Door will close after the Christmas Tea Party on Thursday 15 December and reopen on Tuesday 3 January 2023. However, the mobile telephone number will still take your calls or return messages left over this period - 07599 987 851.

Come along in 2023 and join in with friendship, fun and support, in a lovely, warm hall. We hope you all have a good Christmas. Nadolig Llawen Ffrindiau.

*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*

# St John the Baptist Club 100

The club 100 draw for October 2022 has taken place and the winners all from Latton are:-

1st	£100	Mrs C Davies	3rd	£21	Mrs F Downe
2nd	£32	Mrs D Donovan	4th	£9	Master T Dearsley

It is that time of year again when I write to wish you a Happy New Year. Please renew/continue your membership for 2023!

The club's aim is to help maintain the fabric of the Church of St John the Baptist, Latton. Last year we had 108 members at £12 each, generating an income of £1296. Half of this is given out as prize money over the four quarters (Jan/Apr/Jul/Oct). But this year we had to pay bank charges for the first time in our 20 years. This amounted to £66.60 which was paid from the other half of the income going to maintain the fabric of the church. There were no postage or printing charges again.

To join the club please contact Keith Bowen on 01793 752753. If you already pay your membership by Direct Debit, then no further action is required. If you wish to pay online, the Club's banking details are:

HSBC Cirencester, Sort Code 40-17-25, Acct No 51398091.

Or you can send a cheque made payable to "St John the Baptist Club 100" to:

Keith Bowen, Ash House, Upcott, Latton SN6 6DS

Please NO cash; we have no traceability with cash.

If you were a member in 2022 and I don't hear from you, I will assume you wish to continue and will include you in the 1st draw in January.

*Many thanks for your continued support and our Very Best Wishes for 2023.*

## Cricklade W.I.

We were delighted to welcome Nicholas Baxter to our October meeting where he gave us an interesting and informative talk on 'A Journey Through Time in Wiltshire'. Due to Christmas, our next meeting will be held earlier than the normal third Thursday of the month on 8 December. We look forward to hearing about Lydiard House and Park in a talk by Nancy Heath.

Our January meeting returns to the third Thursday of the month and we are looking forward to our New Year party on 19 January with drink and nibbles.

We are always delighted to welcome new members so if you would like more information please contact our secretary Viv Tomkins on 01793 752459 or email [vivienne.tomkins@btinternet.com](mailto:vivienne.tomkins@btinternet.com)



## Parkinson's UK

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

Join us for coffee, cake and chat on - 21 Dec; 18 Jan; 15 Feb.

We 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.**

## New Minibus for Cricklade Open Door

On Saturday 5 November, Cricklade Open Door took delivery of a new Vauxhall minibus to replace the aging Mercedes minibus that has been a familiar sight around Cricklade for the past 10 years. The new minibus has 17 seats and has been adapted with a tail lift for the less mobile of Open Door members together with handrails at the side entry door.

The provision of the minibus was made possible by a legacy from the late Martin Read, a driver for Open Door for some eight years. In recognition of Martin's generosity, the minibus has been named after him with a duck motif as he was very fond of ducks. Some 36 people came to view the minibus ribbon cutting at the Town Hall.

The minibus is available for hire by local organisations which are charities and meet the qualifying conditions. For further information please contact Paul Fray 01793 750740, email [avril.paul@talktalk.net](mailto:avril.paul@talktalk.net)

*Martin's close cousin Diane Spray (left) after cutting the ribbon on Saturday 5 November together with Open Door's oldest member Doris Archer (99). Also present from the family were Andy Spray, and best friends Tina and Andy.*

*Diane is holding a duck mascot for the minibus to go with the 'theme'.*



*Town Crier Eric Cripps (right) made a Call to announce the ribbon cutting, accompanied by deputy Chris Atkins.*

# CRICKLADE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS EVENT!

• **The Cricklade Band**

• **Santa's Grotto**

• **Carols**

• **Stalls**

**Returning after 3 years!**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 6pm!**

We are so excited to announce that Cricklade will be having a wonderful Light Switch On event this year! This is always a fabulous opportunity to bring our community together to enjoy an evening of Festive Fun! We look forward to seeing you there! Best Wishes, The Cricklade Community Lights Team.

*The Chronicle*

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# CAROL SINGING

in St Sampson's Church

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
starting 6.30pm

**All welcome!**

*Refreshments available*

and... don't forget to wear your  
Christmas Jumper!

## Cricklade Garden Club

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

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 13 December** and our speaker is Victoria Logue, an outstanding plantswoman and owner of Whitehall Garden Plants Nursery. Her talk is entitled "The Highs and Lows of Vegetable Gardening." Food for thought for everyone whether experienced, novice or never even attempted veggie growers.

We do not have a meeting in January, but to remind us of our gardens, think of the brave plants which flower in that miserable month, such as aconites, snowdrops and Algerian irises. These irises are small with evergreen leaves and like a poor, dry soil at the foot of a sunny south facing wall. Tough little cookies!

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

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

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

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

We look forward to seeing you!

# *Churches Together (CLAK & L)*

## **The Upper Thames Benefice**

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

Contact details – website: [www.upperthames.org.uk](http://www.upperthames.org.uk)

Vicar: Revd Canon Debbie Dewes email: [vicar@upperthames.org.uk](mailto:vicar@upperthames.org.uk) tel: 01793 752718

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) tel: 01793 979304

## **St. Mary's Catholic Church**

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

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

Parish website [www.stthomasparish.plus.com](http://www.stthomasparish.plus.com).

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

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

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

## **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>

## **Christmas Organ Recital**

**At St Sampson's Church, Bath Road SN6 6AX**

Thursday 22 December at 1pm

Free entry, with a retiring collection.

# Churches Together

## Services for the Churches Together

### **4 December      Advent 2**

- 8am      Holy Communion *at St Sampson's*
- 9.30am      Mass *at St Mary's R.C. Church*
- 10am      Holy Communion *at Holy Cross*
- 10am      Morning Worship *at St John the Baptist*
- 10am      Morning Worship *at St Sampson's*
- 10.30am      Morning Worship *at United Church*
- 4pm      Christingle Celebration *at Holy Cross*
- 4.30pm      Christmas Tree Lighting *at St John the Baptist*
- 5.30pm      Christmas Tree Lighting *at All Saints Leigh*
- 6.30pm      Evensong *at St Sampson's*

### **11 December      Advent 3**

- 9.30am      Mass *at St Mary's R.C. Church*
- 10am      Upper Thames Holy Communion *at St Sampson's*
- 10.30am      Morning Worship *at United Church*
- 4pm      Informal Worship *at St Sampson's*

### **18 December      Advent 4**

- 8am      Holy Communion *at St Sampson's* followed by breakfast
- 9.30am      Mass *at St Mary's R.C. Church*
- 10am      Holy Communion (said) *at St Sampson's*
- 10.30am      Morning Worship *at United Church*
- 4pm      Carols by Candlelight *at United Church*
- 5pm      Carols by Candlelight *at Holy Cross*
- 5pm      Carols and Crib Service *at St John the Baptist*
- 6.30pm      Carols by Candlelight *at St Sampson's* with Mince Pies & Mulled Wine

### **20 December (Tuesday)**

- 6.30pm      Carol Singing with Refreshments *at St Sampson's*  
*Wear your Christmas jumper!*

### **24 December      Christmas Eve**

- 4pm      Crib Service *at St Sampson's*
- 4pm      Crib Service *at Holy Cross*
- 6.30pm      Carol Service *at St Mary's R.C. Church*
- 7pm      Vigil Mass of Christmas *at St Mary's R.C. Church*
- 7pm      Carols by Candlelight *at All Saints, Leigh*
- 11pm      Midnight Mass *at St Sampson's*
- 11pm      Midnight Mass *at Holy Cross*

# ther (CLAK & L)

## ether over Advent & Christmas

<b>25 December</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>
8am	Holy Communion <i>at St Sampson's</i>
9.30am	Dawn Mass <i>at St Mary's R.C. Church</i>
10am	Christmas Morning Service <i>at United Church</i>
10am	Christmas Day Celebration Holy Communion <i>at St Sampson's</i>
10am	Christmas Day Celebration (optional Holy Communion) <i>at Holy Cross</i>
11.15am	Christmas Day Celebration Holy Communion <i>at St John the Baptist</i>
<b>1 January</b>	<b>Christmas 2</b>
9.30am	Mass <i>at St Mary's R.C. Church</i>
10am	Upper Thames Holy Communion for New Year's Day <i>at St Sampson's</i>
10.30am	Morning Worship <i>at United Church</i>
<b>8 January</b>	<b>Epiphany</b>
9.30am	Mass <i>at St Mary's R.C. Church</i>
10am	Upper Thames Holy Communion <i>at St Sampson's</i>
10.30am	Morning Worship <i>at United Church</i>
<b>15 January</b>	<b>Epiphany 2</b>
9.30am	Mass <i>at St Mary's R.C. Church</i>
8am	Holy Communion <i>at St Sampson's</i> followed by breakfast
10am	Holy Communion <i>at St John the Baptist</i>
10am	Morning Worship <i>at St Sampson's</i>
10.30am	Morning Worship <i>at United Church</i>
4pm	Evensong <i>at Holy Cross</i>
6.30pm	Evensong <i>at St Sampson's</i>
<b>22 January</b>	<b>Epiphany 3</b>
9.30am	Mass <i>at St Mary's R.C. Church</i>
8.30am	Holy Communion <i>at Holy Cross</i>
10am	Holy Communion <i>at St Sampson's</i>
10am	Morning Worship <i>at St John the Baptist</i>
4pm	Informal Worship <i>at St Sampson's</i>
<b>29 January</b>	<b>Epiphany 4</b>
9.30am	Mass <i>at St Mary's R.C. Church</i>
10.30am	Morning Worship <i>at United Church</i>
11am	Deanery Service <i>at Malmesbury Abbey</i>

Note: Mass is also said at St Mary's R.C. Church on Fridays at 10am



# From the Registers of the Upper Thames Churches

## Baptisms

23 October Oliver Michael Brenchley *at St Sampson's*

23 October Hugo James Withers *at St Sampson's*

## Weddings

29 October Simon Kevin Burns & Kathryn Louise Gwilliam *at St Sampson's*

## Funerals

5 October Dr "Lys" (Elizabeth) Hocking *at St Sampson's, interred at Cricklade Cemetery*

12 October June (Edith June) Little *at St Sampson's, interred at Cricklade Cemetery*

18 October "Kim" (Kenneth Michael) Blackwell *at North Wilts Crematorium followed by  
Thanksgiving service at Holy Cross*

21 October Ernest James Ward *at Holy Cross with interment in churchyard*

27 October Marlene Victoria Poole *at St Sampson's followed by Kingsdown  
crematorium*

28 October Gwendoline Russell *at Kingsdown crematorium*

## In Memoriam

### Dr Lys Hocking

The family of Dr Elizabeth "Lys" Hocking, formerly of Abingdon Court Farm thank the people of Cricklade for their kindness and thoughts at this sad time.

Lys passed away peacefully at Gloucester Royal on 19 September after a short stay at Ashley House in Cirencester. A heart so full of her love and kindness finally stopped.

Thanks to Revd Shirley Danby at St Sampson's and Russell Osman at Blackwells.

In the words of Terry Pratchett:

*No one is finally dead until the ripples they cause in the world die away - until the clock he wound up winds down, until the wine she made has finished its ferment, until the crop they planted is harvested. The span of someone's life, they say, is only the core of their actual existence.*

With this in mind we have asked that anyone, kind and generous enough to want to make a donation, plant a sapling with the National Trust so that Auntie's memory will be a lasting legacy and help create a place of beauty.

*Seán Devine, on behalf of the family*

### Marlene Poole

Many thanks to those involved subsequent to the passing of Marlene. I would like to thank in particular Revd Shirley Danby for the support provided, Brian Danby and the bellringers, the church choir, the Town Band, Tony Hurst (Bagpipes), all involved at The Club (in particular Talia, Jake and Simon), Dr De Silva, all involved at Hilliers (in particular Kyle, Kelvin and Michael).

I would also like to thank those who attempted to resuscitate Marlene - but whose names I do not know. In addition many thanks for the cards and messages of condolence and support the family have received.

*Alan Poole, on behalf of the family*



## St Sampson's Church Appeal

We enjoyed a wonderful concert by The Wessex choir in November. By the time you read this we will have been similarly entertained by the Magnificent AKs from Ashton Keynes.



Our next fundraising event at St Sampson's church is the Christmas concert by the Sing Four Four Community Choir on Sunday 4 December at 3pm.

### Advance Notice Quiz Night February 2023 Date TBA

Many thanks to those who have so generously supported our appeal in 2022.

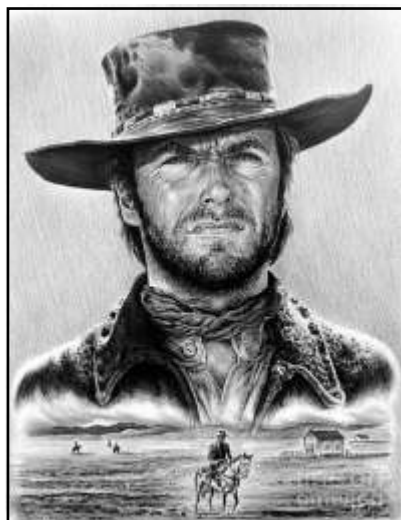
*We wish you all a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.*

### St Sampson's Church 100 Club

The lucky winner of our November draw was Mr and Mrs Burgess who won £30. St Sampson's Church Appeal benefitted by £30

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>.



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**REWARD - GOOD FEELING**

# Christmas with The Cricklade Band

## Keep on carolling...

For well over 100 years, Cricklade's community band has upheld the most joyous of its traditions; playing carols around and about Cricklade in the lead-up to Christmas.



The Covid restrictions of 2020 meant an all-change - our lovely Band Crew no longer go door-knocking! Instead, we'll once again have some bright red buckets near the band for you to drop in some coins (or notes!). Perhaps more importantly we'll be using social media to the full with rolling updates and pictures - and we've also gone all tech-savvy with cashless payment facilities!

So that you know when to keep an ear out, and have your camera phones ready - join us for a while and have a sing too if you like - here's the when and where:

**Wednesday 14 December**, from 7pm – Heberden House, then the Malmesbury Road estates, crossing to Bath Road, a couple of stops in Culverhay, finishing at Kennel Cottages.

**Sunday 18 December** – *Christmas Show* at the Town Hall – watch out for social media and poster announcements!



**Tuesday 20 December**, from 7pm – the West Mill Lane estates and again a couple of stops in Culverhay.

**Wednesday 21 December**, from 7pm – Stockham Close, The Fiddle and The Forty, then the Purton Road estates

**Saturday 24 December** - Cricklade High Street – from 9.30-11.15am.

**Christmas Morning**, from 8.30am – High Street north, North Wall, the 'lanes', then to Calcutt Street, High Street south and its estates and finishing at the Weighbridge by the Town Hall.

**Here's the really important bit:** keep watching the band's Facebook page and 'The Only Way Is Cricklade' for all the pictures and news of what we're up to.

Can we all wish you a happy festive time as we  keep on carolling...   
– and thank you!

*Paul, and everyone in the band 'family'*

## Sing Four Four Community Choir

Sing Four Four's Christmas Concert will take place in St Sampson's Church on Sunday 4 December at 3pm. Tickets are £5 for adults. Children under 16 years are 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 last concert, the choir will make a donation to St Sampson's Church.

Tickets can be obtained from the Town Council Office and choir members. Hope to see you there!

# Cricklade 100 Years Ago

## Carol Singing memories

In the 1920s three little boys lived with their parents at the west-end kennel cottage in Bath Road. Bert, the middle brother, described their carol singing just before Christmas: "We visited most of the roads in and around Cricklade. Half a dozen of us would walk from house to house singing, and carrying one or two hurricane lamps to light our way. We shared our earnings between us, but for me and my two brothers it was more rewarding to go on our own to Flores Ville where Colonel Fuller lived. We'd stand outside and sing, and then tap on the door. Mrs Smithson his housekeeper would answer and say, 'And who are you?', and we'd say, 'The Turner boys.' 'You wait while I tell him.' Then she'd say, 'The Colonel wants you to sing 'The First Noel' to him, and then he'll give you five shillings.' So we'd go in and sing, and he'd say, 'That was very nice. Now Mrs Smithson will give you some drinking chocolate and mince pies.' We had good voices, and looked forward to that every year!"



And here is one from a church member: "Just before midnight on Christmas Eve a group from the church would go carol singing all around the streets and the lanes stopping mostly around the lampposts so that they could see to sing. The Town Crier would come with them with his bell, and after midnight struck he'd ring it, and cry, 'Awake! Awake! Salute this happy morn,' and then they'd move on a little bit further." *From: Cricklade Revealed, Part 3, Ch.5.*

*Some Cricklade Revealed books are likely to be in short supply in the future. To ensure your copy is still available please contact Marion Parsons on 750542, or [mfparsons071@btinternet.com](mailto:mfparsons071@btinternet.com) Thank you.*

*Pictured: "Saint Wenceslas and his Page" ... or "There's no such thing as bad weather, just inappropriate clothing." [Ed.]*

## Cricklade & District Probus Club

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

- |             |                                   |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| 8 December  | Graphene – The truth and the myth |
| 15 December | Members Christmas Lunch           |
| 22 December | Magic Lantern Christmas Show      |
| 12 January  | Jerusalem – Whose City?           |
| 26 January  | Alternative Energy.               |



The meetings normally take place fortnightly on a Thursday at 10am at the White Hart Hotel in Cricklade. Ours is a friendly group who enjoy keeping our minds active and socialising over a drink in the bar after the meetings. We are actively seeking to expand our numbers and look forward to welcoming new members to the Club.

For further information about our local club please contact the Honorary Secretary, Richard Roberts on 01793 751063.

# Cricklade Town Hall

## Your Community Hall



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

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

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

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

## Cricklade Camera Club



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?

For full details of our 2023/24 events go to: [crickladecameraclub.org](http://crickladecameraclub.org) or contact Club Secretary Anne Eckersley (email: [clubsecretary@crickladecameraclub.org](mailto:clubsecretary@crickladecameraclub.org))

### **6 December** - Town Hall Annexe at 7.30pm – Members' Evening

A predominantly social evening, so come and enjoy an informal evening with other members over a drink and bite to eat while we watch members' AVs and see all the images from this year's Annual Exhibition. There will also be a small bring and buy sale, so come along with handfuls of cash!

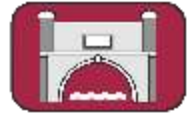
**20 December** - Zoom Meeting - 7.30pm. SCPF PDI League 7 hosted by Cricklade with Leo Rich. See some great images from other clubs in the Southern Counties Photographic Federation as well as our images as we host this round of the league.

**3 January 2023** - Town Hall Annexe at 7.30pm - An Image Seen with Sarah Howard  
Sarah is a professional UK landscape photographer based in the Cotswolds. A passionate traveller and lover of the natural world, she is known for her authentic and faithful style of photography. Tonight's presentation shows us how to create atmospheric images and how we can tell a story in our photographs. Her website is [sarahhowardphotography.com](http://sarahhowardphotography.com)

**17 January 2023** - Zoom at 7.30pm - Let's Get Creative with Adrian Lines MPAGB FBPE EFIAP  
This talk demonstrates how to create images and explores a range of Adrian's newer images, many created during lockdown using toys and making self portraits. He shows the transitions from the starting image to the finished work. Web: [adrianlines.com](http://adrianlines.com)

# Waylands Estates Charity

Supporting Cricklade, Past & Present



## Leave a Legacy to Cricklade

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

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

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

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

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

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

## A GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING!

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

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

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

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

(or scan the QR code on the right)



## 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 Bloomers

## Whispers from the Walled Garden

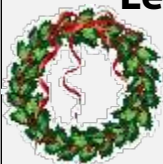
The town has now been transformed with winter plants and bulbs in planters, troughs and baskets. Thank you to all our sponsors and businesses who support Bloomers. The border at the start of Malmesbury Road has undergone a much-needed renovation and will be planted as a spring border with all year-round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



**Reserve Your Slot for Cricklade Bloomers 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](mailto:anita@crickladeinbloom.co.uk)

**Call 07889 986 166**

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

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## 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](mailto: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 27 October the lucky winners were:-

First Prize:	Mrs M. Chunn	£37.50
Second Prize:	Mrs T. Kimber	£25.00
Jenner Hall Funds:		£62.50

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

To Join the Jenner Hall "Save It Club" Please contact Paul Marley, tel: 01793 752851.

The Subscription for the "Save It Club" is only £12 per year. Subscribers are encouraged to pay a year's subscription of £12 by Standing Order.

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

## CRICKLADE CINEMA!

A huge "Thank You" to everyone who came along to our Autumn 2022 season. It was great to have a packed Town Hall once again with the opportunity for everyone to see films on a big screen and share the experience.

We are planning our Spring 2023 season and I can confirm that we will once again be screening four films on the following Tuesdays at 8pm in Cricklade Town Hall.

**24 January 28 February 14 March 28 March**

Tickets can be purchased from the Town Council Offices at 113 High Street or on the door (subject to availability). Single ticket: £5, Season Ticket: £12 (that's just £3 per film). Our Season ticket has been extremely popular and we sold out very quickly last time so please pick yours up early to avoid disappointment.

More details about all the films being shown and information on Cricklade Cinema can be found on Town Council notice boards plus our website [www.cricklodecinema.org.uk](http://www.cricklodecinema.org.uk) and Facebook page Cricklade Cinema. Why not take a look?

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

### 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		



# Foodbank

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



A huge 'thank you' to our local churches and schools who contributed items for the Foodbank as a result of their Harvest Festivals. We have been able to restock the warehouse. However, client numbers are rising week by week, so your ongoing generosity will be much needed. As we are getting near to Christmas, some more festive items would be appreciated.

You can donate items at Tesco, Animal Fayre (pet shop), Culverhay Stores or any of the churches.

There is a useful little App which can remind you of our needs when you are near to one of our collection points. It is called 'BanktheFood'. Download it and give it a try

If you, or someone you know, have need to access the Foodbank you can do so in the following ways:

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)

Good news: Cricklade Foodbank will be open as usual on both 23 & 30 December

Items in short supply are:

- |                     |                           |                   |                |
|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| • Tinned meat       | • Instant coffee          | • Chocolate       | • Small boxes  |
| • Pasta sauces      | • Puddings                | • Tinned fruit    | laundry powder |
| • Tinned vegetables | • Brown Sauce and ketchup | • Tinned potatoes | • Shower gel   |
|                     |                           | • Loo rolls       |                |

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

## Cricklade Development Foundation

All are welcome!

**OPEN DAY**

**Saturday, 10 December 2022**

**10am to 12 noon**

**The Old Police Station**

*Bringing More To Cricklade High Street*



Cricklade  
Development  
Foundation

It's now been a year since the community helped us to buy the Old Police Station. If you want to see how it is progressing, please come along to see us.

Help make a difference by becoming a Member today or Christmas is around the corner, why not treat your family or friends to a membership too?

Email: [contact@crickladefoundation.org.uk](mailto:contact@crickladefoundation.org.uk)

Phone Terri on: 07902 421 756

Facebook page or website: [www.crickladefoundation.org.uk](http://www.crickladefoundation.org.uk)

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!*

*Thank you for your very generous support throughout this past year*

The Club needs First Aiders for Saturday games (about 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](mailto:michaelmurray198922@gmail.com) or phone 07514 596 910. Training is on a Thursday at 7pm at Fairview Fields, all are welcome. We are a friendly club and welcome new players and supporters.

## Coming Fixtures are:

3 Dec: Minety II at Home	7 Jan: Chippenham III at Home
10 Dec: Supermarine Away	21 Jan: Swindon College Old Boys II, Home
17 Dec: Swindon College Old Boys II, Home	28 Jan: Colerne 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](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

Come and join this friendly club to play pétanque. We hold regular pétanque sessions at Cricklade Leisure Centre on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon and Saturday morning. Tuesday 2pm to 4.30pm, Thursday 2pm to 4.30pm, Saturday 10 to 12.30pm. Please arrive at least 10 minutes before the stated start times.

We play three games a session with a tea break after two games. We recently had two benches donated and installed by Langley Designs next to our piste and very much enjoyed using them during our breaks.

Our hard-working committee also arrange social outings and activities for us; our Christmas pub meal is next on the list.

If you'd like to find out more about Saxons Pétanque Club, come and say hello. We have a notice board just inside the Leisure Centre or you can visit us at [Saxonspetanque.co.uk](http://Saxonspetanque.co.uk).

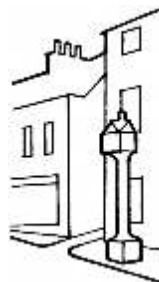
*New Club benches now installed and in use. They were donated by Langley Design. A few of the Saxons Pétanque Club members are seen making good use of them during a well earned break.*



# The Chronicle Diary – December 2022

3	Sa	5.30pm	Cricklade Bloomers: Make a Wreath Workshops – see p39 Christmas Lights ‘Switch On’ in High Street (road closure see p4)
4	Su	3pm	Sing Four Four Concert at St Sampson’s church
5	M	7pm	Town Council Premises & Finance Committee, Council Chamber
6	Tu	7.30pm	Camera Club at Town Hall Annexe
7	W		Cricklade Bloomers: Make a Wreath Workshops – see p39
8	Th	10am	Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel
		7.30pm	Cricklade W.I. at Town Hall Annexe
10	Sa	10am	<i>to noon</i> : Open Day at the Old Police Station, High Street
13	Tu	7pm	<i>speaker 7.30pm</i> : Garden Club at Town Hall Annexe
15	Th		Probus Club Christmas Lunch
16	F		Last day of school: Term 2 (Wiltshire) - other schools may vary
19	M	7pm	Town Council Planning etc Committee, Council Chamber
20	Tu	7.30pm	Camera Club Zoom meeting
21	W	10.30am	<i>to noon</i> : Parkinson’s Café at Cricklade Club, High Street
22	Th	10am	Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel
		1pm	Christmas Organ Recital at St Sampson’s Church
25	Su		<b>Christmas Day</b>
26	M		<b>Boxing Day Bank Holiday</b>
27	Tu		<b>Bank Holiday (substitute)</b>

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1	Su		<b>New Year’s Day</b>
		<i>end of day</i>	Chronicle copy deadline ... well maybe not!
2	M		<b>Bank Holiday (substitute)</b>
3	Tu		Schools resume: Term 3 (Wiltshire) – other schools may vary
		7.30pm	Camera Club at Town Hall Annexe
9	M	7pm	Town Council Community & Leisure Committee, Council Chamber
10	Tu	7pm	<i>speaker 7.30pm</i> : Garden Club at Town Hall Annexe
12	Th	10am	Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel
16	M	7pm	Full Town Council Meeting, Council Chamber
17	Tu	7pm	Town Council Planning etc Committee, Council Chamber
		7.30pm	Camera Club Zoom meeting
18	W	10.30am	<i>to noon</i> : Parkinson’s Café at Cricklade Club, High Street
		7.30pm	Historical Society at Town Hall Annexe
19	Th	7.30pm	Cricklade W.I. at Town Hall Annexe
24	Tu	8pm	Cricklade Cinema at Town Hall, tickets from Council Office
26	Th	10am	Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel
30	M	7pm	Town Council Personnel Committee, Council Chamber

## Moon Phases:

<b>Dec 2022</b>	8th	○	16th	●	23rd	●	30th	●
<b>Jan 2023</b>	6th	○	15th	●	21st	●	28th	●

## *The Final Word ...*

I wonder if you have ever sung the word 'Emmanuel' in carols and not been sure what it really means? The carol *O little town of Bethlehem* has the words 'O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel'. We might know the word as a name, we might only know it in hymns or carols, but there is a very specific meaning and therefore a reason why the word crops up more often at this time of year.

You will remember the story perhaps as told in Matthew's gospel - an angel appears to Joseph to tell him about Jesus' birth. Matthew 1:23 'You will call him Emmanuel (which means "God with us").'

God with us.

We seem to have been in some sort of chaos somewhere for rather a long time – if it isn't a global pandemic it's war in the Ukraine; if it isn't the cost of living crisis it's the government changing; if it isn't energy prices soaring it's global warming... Everywhere we look we are finding ourselves with more and more complex situations to understand and deal with.

In the midst of it all, Jesus comes to each of us, at Christmas and always, to say – I'm here. I've promised always to be with you and I keep my promises.

Which is why he was given the name Emmanuel. God with us.

The situation into which Jesus was born wasn't exactly stable ('scuse the pun!). The Romans were the occupying force, life was cheap, travelling dangerous and difficult, and, as we know, Mary and Joseph had to travel quite a way from Nazareth to Bethlehem for the census. Life was often precarious.

Into this mess and muddle, Jesus came as 'God with us'.

Today into our mess and muddle Jesus comes as 'God with us'.

May you know his presence and his peace this Christmas and New Year.

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

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