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*"St Sampson's Moon"*  
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# From the Editor

Easter is a season defined by the moon as you'll read in an article on p18. We have a wonderful picture of the full moon over St Sampson's church for our cover this month. My thanks to Barry Hammond for this. Also, colour pictures for future issues are welcomed to our Editorial email address (p44). They need to be portrait (tall not wide) with the subject fitting in the dimensions of our cover!

Easter features in Final Word and in the production of Jerusalem Joy on 1 April at the United Church - see p21 for details.

April is the month for seeing the fritillaries in North Meadow, fingers crossed. Cricklade Bloomers are hosting their annual Fritillary Teas again this month. If you haven't tried them (the teas) they are quite scrumptious and you'll find them at the Thames Hall just across the Town

Bridge. Sales go a long way towards funding the work of the Bloomers in helping to making our town look so wonderful all year round.

Another hardy perennial is the Annual Town Meeting on 18 April at the Town Hall. Here you will find out more about the Town Council and plans for the year ahead. Details are on page 4.

Plans are a-foot for the celebrations of the Coronation of King Charles III. Read all about it on pages 4, 6 and 24. There will be more next month, I'm sure!

We are happy to send our congratulations on a Diamond Wedding and joint 80th birthday celebrations to a couple who have lived in Cricklade for some 50 years. See page 39.

Happy Easter to everyone.



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# Community contacts all 01793 unless stated or emergency

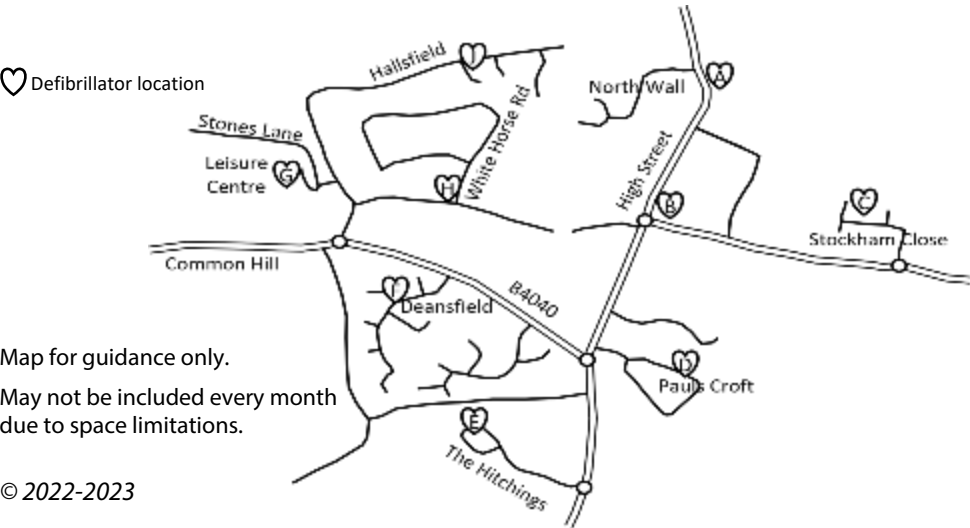
This section is intended to give quick access to emergency and community help phone numbers. If you spot something missing, please let us know: RickDixonChronicle@gmail.com or 01793 759123.

Churches .....	see centre pages	Link Scheme transport .....	07421 018 499
Cricklade Town Council .....	751394	Boots Chemist (100 High St) .....	750226
Latton P/Council ...clerk@latton-pc.gov.uk		Dentist (104 High St) .....	750388
Wilts Councillor (Bob Jones)...07973 863702		Gas leak reporting .....	0800 111 999
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Emergency Services .....	999	Open Door .....	07599 987851
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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

## Defibrillator Locations - Public machines outside these premises:

What3Words location (///) is directly in front of the machine. To find the app, google What3Words.

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



## Focus on Wiltshire Council

The Wiltshire Council budget setting meeting took place on 21 February and as expected, after a ten-hour meeting, the Conservative Administration set the Council Tax for the year at a 4.99% increase, the maximum permitted. This will mean about £60 to £100 increase on your Council Tax.

Additionally there will be an increase for the Police and a long awaited increase for the Fire and Rescue service who have been limited by Central Government for the last five years.

These increases will not cover the expenditure forecast meaning, that to make a legal balanced budget, services will have to be cut back. 52% of your Council Tax is spent on Adult Social Care as Central Government pass more and more responsibility to Wiltshire Council. We will see a further decline in non statutory services such as street cleaning and grass cutting. Services previously financed by Wiltshire Council even in the statutory element will be cut back to the legal minimum.

Two of the biggest hits for Cricklade will be the removal of Wiltshire Council grants of nearly nine thousand pounds to run the Open Door. Cricklade Open Door will have to find this money from other sources for its annual income if it is to survive. In my view, this a very short sighted cut – Open Door offers over eighty elderly residents facilities to ensure their wellbeing and a cooked meal three times a week. The second cut will be to the grant for youth work, cutting the budget to support some of our most challenging young people; there is good evidence that not engaging with these young people leads to increased crime and social problems for them in later life.

With ever decreasing support it is hard to get projects financed. I have received many complaints about the bridleway at the bottom of Pauls Croft leading to the Sustrans track. It is the responsibility of Wiltshire Council to maintain the bridleway but it remains a low priority in their big picture. I am assured that as soon as materials become available (normally old road planning material) they will consider repair. In the meantime they do not consider it dangerous despite the muddy condition. In the same area there are a number of trees backing onto Pauls Croft in need of pollarding. This area of the old railway line is actually in the ownership of Swindon Borough Council and I am endeavouring to find a contact who will take responsibility.

There is some better news for residents at Water Eaton. A reduction in speed and a traffic calming plan has been approved on the C114, A419 to Castle Eaton.

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 or available by 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 Town Council

## Town Council Meetings

**Tuesday 11 April:** Planning, Conservation and Transport Committee

All meetings are held in the Council Chamber, 113 High Street Cricklade SN6 6AE and start at 7pm.

Members of the public are welcome and have an opportunity to ask questions at the beginning of each meeting.

## Annual Town Meeting – Tuesday 18 April 2023

This year the Annual Town Meeting is on Tuesday 18 April at 7pm in the Town Hall.

It is an opportunity for you to hear from Councillors, who will give presentations on the Council's activities and to let you know a bit about what is planned for the next 12 months. The Cricklade Town Council Civic Awards will be presented at this meeting. The meeting is also an opportunity to meet and hear from community groups and individuals on matters that are of local importance so make a date in your diary now for this interesting and informative annual event.

Everyone is welcome to attend, and refreshments will be served from 6.30pm. During the evening there will be plenty of opportunities for you to ask questions. These can be lodged in advance (by Thursday 6 April please) if it is likely that your question would need research to answer in full.

## Great Spring Clean – Saturday 15 April 2023

The Council is holding a community litter pick on Saturday 15 April from 9.45am to 11.45am. Meet at the Bath Road Play Area at 9.45am. Together, we can make a massive difference. All our individual actions can help to transform our Town for the better, creating cleaner streets and open spaces, protecting our wildlife and, ultimately, stopping the tide of plastic that is doing so much damage to our oceans and marine life. We will be finishing at the Council office where refreshments will be available.

The Great Spring Clean is about demonstrating that you love where you live.

If you and your family, or community group would like to take part in this popular event please email [admin@crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk) or call us on 01793 751394.

## CORONATION EVENTS IN CRICKLADE

As we are all aware, the Coronation of King Charles III will take place on Saturday 6 May 2023. Cricklade Town Council would like to launch a best dressed residential house or window, a best dressed business property, and also a best made crown competition for the younger residents. Please contact the office to have your address added to the judging list.

## Sunday 7 May

Coronation Concert and Picnic in the Park arranged by Cricklade Court Leet with Cricklade Band. Loyal Toast and celebrations to follow! Here is where any young people with crowns can come along and be judged. Look out for posters for the Party in the Park around Cricklade soon.





## Monday 8 May

'Beating the Bounds' arranged by Cricklade Court Leet with Cricklade Historical Society. A chance to walk the old town boundaries starting and finishing at the Museum.

### PARKING ISSUES IN CRICKLADE

There has been a noticeable increase in the number of parking infringements in the town in recent months. It has now reached the point where pedestrians and other motorists are being put at risk by the selfish behaviour of a small minority of drivers.

#### Disabled Parking Bays

The marked disabled parking bays in the town are ONLY to be used by legitimate BLUE BADGE HOLDERS at all times. Blue Badge holders must display their parking clock during the posted times. Other motorists MAY NOT use these bays.

#### Double Yellow Lines

Where there are double yellow lines, YOU MUST NOT PARK AT ANY TIME. However, you may stop briefly to pick up passengers or to drop them off. You may also stop to load or unload, but you must be continuously loading or unloading the whole time you are parked. Such activity is limited to 40 minutes for heavy goods vehicles and 20 minutes for light goods vehicles. Blue Badge holders may park for up to three hours and must display their parking clock.

#### Proximity to Junctions

YOU MUST NOT stop or park within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space. By doing so, you make it difficult and dangerous for unsighted drivers to pull out from or turn into the side road

*Wiltshire Parking Enforcement Officers are aware of the problems and are increasing their presence in the town. Persistent offenders will be reported.*

### 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 Public Holidays*

Tel: 01793 751394 E-mail: [admin@crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk)

Website: [www.crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk)



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## 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		

## Coronation Mugs

As part of the Celebrations for the Coronation of King Charles III, Cricklade Court Leet are presenting all children aged up to 11 who live in Cricklade with a commemorative mug.

Those children attending St Sampson's School and both the Playgroups will be given their mugs beforehand, so you need to take no action.

However, any parent of a child who is not covered by these arrangements as they attend different schools outside of Cricklade is asked to email [steward@crickladecourtleet.org.uk](mailto:steward@crickladecourtleet.org.uk) as soon as possible giving the child's name, age, address, and the school they attend so we can reserve a mug for you.

You will then be asked to call at the Town Council office on Monday 8 May between 10 and 12 to receive their commemorative mugs. The office will be open specifically for this purpose.

## Wayland Estates Charity

**Supporting Cricklade, Past & Present**



At their next meeting on 7 June 2023, the Trustees to Wayland Estates Charity will consider grant applications from organisations and groups towards any project or activity which has commenced or is about to commence. Any project seeking a grant must be for the general benefit of the people of Cricklade and the local area.

Application forms are available from the Clerk: John Harman

Tel: 07962 116 526 [jharman@btopenworld.com](mailto:jharman@btopenworld.com)

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON OR BEFORE 1 MAY 2023**

Wayland Estates Charity is regulated by a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners dated 31 March 1976 as amended by resolutions dated 8 July 2009 and 5 February 2020. Copies of the Charity's annual report and investment policy can be obtained from the Clerk.

## Cricklade & District Probus Club

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

**6 April:** Alternative Realities - the future impact of artificial intelligence on Society

**20 April:** England 1900-1970 - Evolving Changes and Attitudes in Society

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 Historical Society

**Wednesday 19 April:** Cotswold Weavers; Speaker : Richard Martin

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

**Friday 19 May:** Annual General Knowledge Quiz Night (with Supper)

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

Ticket Price £12.50 – includes a light supper and one free drink.

Bar Available, Non Members Welcome

Tickets available online at [www.cricklademuseum.co.uk](http://www.cricklademuseum.co.uk)

or from Tracy Threlfall on 01793 250352 / [tracy@cricklademuseum.co.uk](mailto:tracy@cricklademuseum.co.uk)

## 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 £5.00.



Our 2023/24 program is just being finalised and will shortly appear on our website: [crickladecameraclub.org](http://crickladecameraclub.org). Contact the Club Secretary, Anne Eckersley, for further information: email [clubsecretary@crickladecameraclub.org](mailto:clubsecretary@crickladecameraclub.org). We will continue to have many excellent speakers covering a wide range of topics.

We are also planning a number of workshops over the current months covering camera settings, composition, editing in Photoshop, and printing. Get in touch for more details.

Our April programme is:

**4 April: Flash Bang Wallop** with Graham Light, Town Hall Annexe at 7.30pm.

Graham Light is joining us this evening for one of his "How to" talks. Flash is something that adds so much to an image, yet many of us are still scared by it or unsure how to use it. Come tonight for an interactive demonstration of how to take that perfect portrait.

If you know of anyone who would be happy to be our model for the evening, please let Anne know on the email above.

**18 April: How to Put it Together** with Lynda Haney DPAGB BPE3\*

Zoom Meeting at 7.30pm.

Lynda has had great competition success and is regularly called upon to judge competitions such as the recent Southampton International. Her photographic interests are certainly wide: she says, 'my inspiration comes, mostly, from the beauty and diversity of the natural world but I like the challenge of photographing many diverse subjects. In general my main photographic interest is wildlife but I also enjoy using creative lenses to capture the natural world in a more abstract way. I put my creativity into digital art and really enjoy creating new images from my photographs.'

Tonight she will take us on her photographic journey and share images and explain How to Put it Together, along with some tips about what a judge looks for in a competition image. Website: <https://purpledaisy.uk>

## When is Easter?

The problem with Easter is that it moves about. Easter Day is defined as being the first Sunday after the first full moon following the northern spring equinox. That might sound complicated ... and it probably is! But if you saw the Diary in last month's Chronicle the equinox was on Monday 12 March, and the full moon that month was on 7 March. The first full moon after the equinox is on 6 April which is a Thursday. The first Sunday after is 9 April – there it is, Easter Sunday!

The other facts about the date of Easter Sunday is that it cannot be before 21 March – that's about the date of the equinox itself and it's got to be after the equinox – not at the same time as it. It can't be later than 25 April. Why not? Well, a lunation (the time between a full moon and the next) is 29 days, 12 hours, 44 minutes and 3 seconds. Add a week (7 days) as the lunation is just over 29 calendar days, so 36 days. And how many days from 21 March to 25 April? Why, 36 days! (That's including both days, so the start of one to the end of the other.)

Knowing the period of a lunation, we can calculate the date of full moons quite precisely. All you need is one starting point. This year, the first full moon after the spring equinox is at 5.34am on 6 April (British Summer Time, Cricklade). With a pencil and paper you can now work out all the moon phases and the date of Easter for years to come ... but it might be easier with a spreadsheet!

That's all true in the west.

Countries that use the Orthodox calendar celebrate Easter on a different day. Go on holiday to Greece in the spring and you might find Easter celebrated when you don't expect it. The reason is that all the Orthodox churches calculate Easter based on the Hebrew calendar. Easter can fall anywhere between 4 April and 8 May, and is the Sunday following the first full moon after Passover. In the bible, Christ entered Jerusalem to celebrate Passover, on what we call Palm Sunday, which led to his arrest and crucifixion.

Now we need to know when Passover will be. It sounds easy as Passover is on the 15th day of Nisan, the Hebrew month of the start of spring. But it's not that easy. The Hebrew calendar is a lunar calendar, not the solar one used worldwide as a common dating system. A lunation is twenty-nine and a half days, give or take. That means that the Hebrew calendar of 12 months has months of 29 or 30 days, 29.5 on average.  $29.5 \times 12 = 354$  days. So their calendar falls behind the solar (Gregorian) calendar by about 11 days every year.

How does that work then? There are 12 months in the Hebrew year, and every year the calendar falls behind the sun by 11 days. Every three years is a whole month out of place. I'm oversimplifying here but every three years or so an extra month is added. The last month of Adar would be repeated as Adar II. So Nisan, the month after, suddenly jumps 33 days ( $11 \times 3 = 33$ ) backwards. So does the calculation of eastern Easter.

Sometimes Passover, western Easter and eastern Easter will fall at the same time. Not always. Watch the moon!

*Commentator*

## Cricklade in the 1950s

### Harry Giles' High Street store

In the fifties, an indirect beneficiary from the sale of garage owner L.O. Hammond's assets after his business collapsed, was builder Harry Giles and his store at No. 48 High Street. Thanks mainly to his regular supply of construction work for the Co-op estate post-war, Harry, and his brother, Dick, bought L.O. Hammond's former workshop from Sid Giles, the butcher at No. 49.

These large premises, situated past the three old cottages on the north side of Gas Lane, had been where Mr Hammond had kept his special cars, and had rebuilt the Town Clock after it was knocked down by a military vehicle in 1946.

Behind this building a paddock ran to the rear of No. 48 giving Harry immediate access from his shop to the workshop. Here he stored building materials for sale; timber, glass,

sand etc. He then added a vast selection of ironmongery, hardware and household items to the shop itself; even fruit and vegetables eventually.

Business remained so brisk that for years to come it was said locally that if you couldn't find what you needed at Harry Giles' store you wouldn't find it anywhere!

*From Cricklade Revealed Part 9.*

*Pictured top: Harry Giles at his workshop in Gas Lane.*

*Left: Harry Giles' shop at No. 48 High Street.*



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

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



## Down to the Wood

*Celia Parker writes:*

I am radically 'braving the shave' for Prospect Hospice because I want to raise money in memory of my husband Andy. We are pictured together, right.

My husband of 41 years died in November 2022 following a diagnosis in July of oesophageal cancer (stage 4), which came as a complete shock to us both. When your oncologist tells you to set your affairs in order, you have to listen! It was very difficult to tell all our family and friends of his diagnosis. It was also very difficult to watch Andy's rapid decline from a big strong man to a shadow of his former self.



We were so thankful when the Prospect angels came to help us with Andy's daily care and especially for those lovely ladies who came to stay with him during some nights so that I could actually try to sleep.

I feel very strongly that I must do all I can to raise as much money as I can, so that other families who find themselves in a similar position can benefit from their unstinting care. I cannot run marathons, or jump from aeroplanes or wing walk, so I have chosen to get a haircut - a drastic haircut - I am going to 'Brave the Shave' - as Andy would have said "right down to the wood!"

I have chosen the date of 1 April this year in the hope that we will have a warm spring so my newly bald head will not get cold!

Please donate as much as you can afford in these difficult times for this very worthwhile cause. Donations can be made at [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Celia-Parker](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Celia-Parker)

There are also sponsorship forms in the Prospect Charity Shop in the High Street and 'Things' at 49b High Street.

Thank you.

## U.S.P.G. Elephants

Thank you again for your generosity. The October round-up raised £602.00, making a total for the year of £1,212.00. All this money goes towards the Primary Health Care Scheme in southern Malawi. Funds like ours help to improve the wellbeing of those peoples much less fortunate than ourselves in an extremely poor part of the world, so thank you again.

I'd like to round up the elephants again on Sunday 2 April, so if you are able to bring them to St Sampson's then I'd appreciate it.

Anyone who'd like to tend, care and cosset an elephant (they are only pretend ones) please let me know.

*Paul Fray 750740*

## Jerusalem Joy

**COME AND WATCH THE MUSICAL**

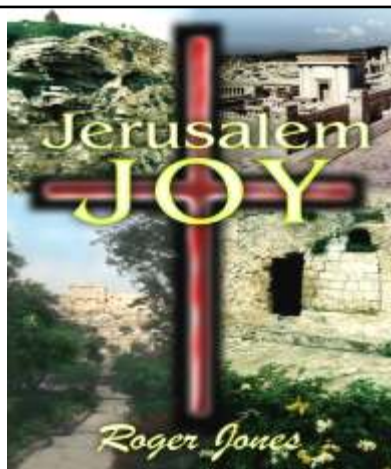
**JERUSALEM JOY**

**by Roger Jones**

The Easter Story from Palm Sunday  
to The Resurrection

SATURDAY 1 April 4.30pm

Cricklade United Church (free entry)



There's also time to register for the half day workshop starting at 12 noon and culminating in the above performance at 4.30pm, (£5 charge towards running costs to include light lunch). To register, email [phillipa58@hotmail.com](mailto:phillipa58@hotmail.com) or tel 01793 750556.

## Defibrillators

I hope you have noticed that there are several defibrillators installed around Cricklade, and each month I check and clean seven of them. They are amazing bits of kit and I have the satisfaction of knowing that they quietly sit in their place ready to save a life. Previously the work had been undertaken by Jeremy Anderson who did so much by way of fund raising and public awareness to ensure our town is covered by these life-saving pieces of equipment. So much of this on-going work is made possible by the generosity of Cricklade residents and friends some of whom have good reason to value the part the defibrillator can play in saving a loved one's life.

So I want to say a massive 'Thank You' to each and every one of you – the work goes on because of your generosity. Also thanks are due to those who have donated wall space to house these bright yellow boxes. It is very much appreciated.

It is my intention to organise a training session in the summer to demonstrate just how easy it is to use a defibrillator, and how the machine talks users through the whole thing. Please look out for future notices and come along to the session.

If you would like to donate to keeping the defibrillators in Cricklade working, and training sessions for all age groups please visit [www.communityheartbeat.org.uk](http://www.communityheartbeat.org.uk). Thank you.

*Jan Furze*

## Bounce & Rhyme

Enjoy music and rhymes with your baby followed by tea and biscuits. All free!

1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month in term time: 1.45 to 2.45pm at Cricklade United Church hall, Calcutt Street.

Starts on Tuesday 7 March. Further details from 01793 751104.

# Churches Together

## Services for the Upper Thames Churches

### **2 April Palm Sunday**

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

### **6 April Maundy Thursday**

- 7.30pm Holy Communion with washing of feet *at St Sampson's*

### **7 April Good Friday**

- 2pm Final Hour service *at St Sampson's*

### **9 April Easter Day**

- 8am Holy Communion (BCP) *at St Sampson's*
- 10am Easter Communion *at St Sampson's*
- 10am Easter Communion *at Holy Cross*
- 11.15am Easter Communion *at St John the Baptist, Latton*
- 11.15am Easter Communion *at All Saints The Leigh*

### **16 April Easter 2**

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

### **23 April Easter 3**

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

### **30 April Easter 4**

- 10am Worship Together Joint Upper Thames Benefice  
Holy Communion *at St John the Baptist, Latton*

#### ***Thursday morning prayers in St Sampson's:***

*8.30am for coffee & catch up, prayers from 8.45 and finish by 9.30am.*

*Everyone is welcome.*



# *er in Cricklade & Latton*

## **The Upper Thames Benefice**

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

Contact details:

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

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

- 11 February Martin Gordon Cook, *funeral service at Holy Cross followed by interment in churchyard*
- 12 February Tessa Mills, *funeral service at Holy Cross followed by interment in churchyard*
- 27 February Phoebe Joan Loder, *funeral service at St Sampson's followed by interment in Purton cemetery*

## **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.crickladedstmary.org.uk](http://www.crickladedstmary.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>

# Cricklade Preschool

We would like to thank the local businesses for their kind donations for our Christmas raffle which raised £1,000. Those who supported us were:



Alternative Drum School,	Cricklade Club,	Jigsaw Thai,	Scissors,
Animal Fayre,	Cricklade Dental Practice,	Josh Salon,	Spar Culverhay,
Baileys Window Cleaning,	Cricklade Hotel,	McFarlane,	Stitches,
Barista,	Cricklade Leisure Centre,	M-Lettings,	Tesco,
Beauty Source,	Cricklade Stores,	Morrisons,	The Bear,
Boots,	Donna's Barbers,	Naturally Pawfect,	The Old Post Office,
C&R Grocers,	Harbour Fish Bar,	One,	The Red Lion,
CB Slade,	Harts Butchers,	Polish Me Pretty.	The Vale,
Chelworth Nurseries,	Heidi Jeffries,	Pure Beauty,	The White Hart,
Chutneys,	Indico,	Pure,	Things,
Cricklade Bloomers,	James Butchers,	R Toomer Art,	Victoria Couture,
		Rhys Evans Opticians,	Wendy's Clean,
		Sammy's Kebabs,	

**We are doing a Coronation Trail** in which people can buy a trail map for £1 and follow a trail round the town to find 25 letters to unscramble an anagram. This runs from **29 May to 8 June**.

Win a prize of an locally sourced afternoon hamper.

Maps can be purchased from the Cricklade Preschool, Scissors and the Council Office.

**We are running a Jumble trail on Saturday 20 May** in Cricklade in which people can buy a table for £10 and sell whatever they like,

Maps will be sold on the day from the High Street, showing all the table spots. There will be refreshments at the Cricklade Preschool behind the fire station.



To book a table or for further information: Amy on 07506 196 717 or Hayley: 07738 396 565 or email: [fundraising.playgroupcricklade@btinternet.com](mailto:fundraising.playgroupcricklade@btinternet.com)

If you are interested in a place for your child, please feel free to email us: [playgroupcricklade@btinternet.com](mailto:playgroupcricklade@btinternet.com) or call us on 01793 750817.

## 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

During February half term the families of Cricklade were invited to join Cricklade Bloomers in the Millennium Wood to plant a thousand snowdrops in the green. Photos of the event can be seen on our Facebook page. Snowdrops provide early food for our vital pollinating insects. We look forward to seeing them increase and spread in the coming years.



April and May are busy months for Cricklade Bloomers. Why not come and join us? Everyone is welcome; you have skills we can use.

**Save the date: Coronation volunteering day Monday 8 May**  
we will be planting up the town's summer lamp post baskets.

Contact Bloomers 07889 986 166 / 07973 863 702 or email: [anita@crickladeinbloom.co.uk](mailto:anita@crickladeinbloom.co.uk)

### Cricklade Bloomers Fritillary Tea Rooms

All proceeds to Cricklade Bloomers for the town's floral displays, trees and borders.

The tea rooms will be open at the Thames Hall by the Town Bridge on the weekends of 15 -16 and 22 - 23 April, from 11am until 4pm. Indoor and outdoor seating.

Cricklade Bloomers welcome you to our hugely popular Fritillary Tea Rooms where you can enjoy fresh homemade sandwiches, cakes and cream teas. All made and served by our volunteers.

- Home-grown organic plant sales: perennials, annuals, pots of fritillaries
- Exhibition by Great Western Embroiders
- Leaflets and information about North Meadow National Nature Reserve
- Information about the fritillary watch by Cricklade Court Leet.

As usual there are plants for sale on the cart outside the walled garden, along with delicious homemade jams and marmalades.

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

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# Purton & Green Gable Surgery PPG

*Serving patients in Purton, Cricklade & surrounding communities*



## Reminder about attending for appointments

When you make an appointment, please always make a note of the date and time and if you find you are unable to make it then please phone the Surgery in advance so that your appointment can be given to another patient.

## Donation from Purton Parish Council

We are very pleased to let you know that we have received a grant from Purton Parish Council of £2,994.00 for the purchase of a Fractional Exhaled Nitric Oxide (FeNO) machine. This is a novel medical technology used to aid in the diagnosis of asthma. FeNO devices measure fractional exhaled 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. FeNO testing produces a FeNO score which gives a value to the level of inflammation and can therefore be used to aid clinicians in the diagnosis of asthma. Although the FeNO is primarily a diagnostic tool, it has an additional use in the ongoing monitoring of chronic asthma.

## 200 Club draw

Thank you again to those supporting the 200 Club. The March draw was done by Receptionist Kelly-Marie Stephens (*right*). The £100 winner was Lindsey Hall and the £15 winner was June Pitt. All members of the 200 Club are allocated a number to be used in the draw. If you wish to know your number then please email our Treasurer: [treasurer.pspg@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.pspg@gmail.com) to ask for it.

*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 11 April** when our speaker is Eddie Bailey, geologist and enthusiastic organic allotment holder in Royal Wootton Bassett.

His talk is entitled "Rizophyllia, The Soil Food Web and No Dig Gardening." It might sound rather daunting but as more and more is discovered about the secret underground world of trees, plants and soil, the more amazing it is. Eddie will explain their interaction and communicating pathways. Do we help or hinder them with our way of gardening?

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

# St Sampson's Church Appeal

## St Sampson's Church Project Update

St Ann's Gate of Salisbury, the architect practice we appointed to lead us in the project to refurbish St Sampson's Church has drawn up provisional plans for the work. We are still revising these with the lead architect Antony Feltham-King to ensure that the issues raised in the consultation we undertook with the people of Cricklade have been addressed. Once we have the finalised the plans we will arrange an opportunity for people to look at them and ask questions.



## Cricklade Band Concert

**Saturday 1 April 2023 at St Sampson's church**

Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start

Drinks by donation Raffle

Tickets £9 available from McFarlane Sales and Lettings,  
Cricklade Council Office, Sharon Smith 751375 and band members

## Coming up ...

### Avebury Vocal Ensemble Concert

**Saturday 22 April at 7pm at St Sampson's church**



The Avebury Vocal Ensemble (AVE) will be performing Vaughan Williams' Mass in G minor. The programme will also include choruses from Handel's Messiah, three anthems from Tudor times and a variety of joyful seasonal numbers.

They will be accompanied in this concert by Simon Dinsdale.

AVE is a chamber choir based in North Wiltshire and South Gloucestershire. Further details may be found at [www.aveburyvocal.org](http://www.aveburyvocal.org)

### St Sampson's Church 100 Club

The lucky winner of the 19 February 2023 draw was:

Anne Bowman who won £28.50

St Sampson's Church Appeal benefitted by £28.50

It would be great to get 100 members in 2023! Contact Sharon Smith tel. 751375  
[sharonjsmith54@hotmail.com](mailto:sharonjsmith54@hotmail.com)

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. 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>.



# CRICKLADE CINEMA!

Cricklade Cinema is 10 years old and we will be celebrating the event with a full day of films for everyone to enjoy at Cricklade Town Hall. So why not join us on **Saturday 22 April** and help us mark the occasion.

## **10.30am Matilda The Musical** (running time 117mins)

A musical comedy drama in which a gifted girl uses her intellect and powers to stand up for herself and her friends. One for all the family. (Cert PG, mild threat, comic violence)

Tickets £5. Under 12s FREE.

(please note: No unaccompanied children and a maximum of 2 children per adult).



## **2.00pm Top Gun Maverick** (running time 130mins)

Tom Cruise returns as a top naval aviator to lead a team of elite graduates on a mission that demands the ultimate sacrifice. A multi Oscar nominated Hollywood blockbuster. (Cert 12A, infrequent strong language)

Tickets £5.

And we are delighted to be joined in the evening by **The Cricklade Band at 6.00pm**

## **7.45pm See How They Run** (running time 98mins)

In the West End of 1950s London, plans for a movie version of a smash hit play come to an abrupt halt after a pivotal member of the crew is murdered. (Cert 12A, moderate violence, threat, bloody images)

Tickets £5. Includes a free drink and nibbles interval.

Tickets for all films can be purchased from The Town Council Offices. More details can be found on our website ([www.cricklodecinema.org.uk](http://www.cricklodecinema.org.uk)) or check us out at Facebook Cricklade Cinema



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## **Sing Four Four**

A happy band of singers gathers weekly in Cricklade United Church to learn a wide range of songs. Some songs are in unison, but many are in parts (SATB) and the choir enjoys the challenge. We are working towards our summer concert, but more of that later.

As always, we are keen to welcome new members, especially if you are a tenor or a bass! Please look out for our posters around the town.

Rehearsals are on a Thursday and start at 7.30pm. We finish promptly at 9.30pm.

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





# Foodbank

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



The number of clients accessing the foodbank in recent weeks has risen steeply. We have had to increase the number of volunteers to ensure clients are not kept waiting too long. If you, or someone you know, is struggling to feed either themselves or their families, you can contact us on any of the addresses below:

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)

We prefer clients to have a voucher, but we will not turn away anyone in genuine need. However, it is very helpful if you come with a voucher, especially now, when there is an increasing demand for food. If we know you are coming, then we can make sure there is enough food for you. Our storage capacity is limited and extra supplies have to be collected from the warehouse in Malmesbury. Please remember that you need a new voucher every time you visit the foodbank.

Thank you, again, to all our generous donors. As you will appreciate, the need for donations is increasing. Please see the Malmesbury & District Foodbank website for a list of needed commodities. You can also access the app called: 'Bankthefood' for the latest food information. In Cricklade, one box is situated in Tesco. (Tesco are currently hosting 2 boxes for food donations. The one for Cricklade, has our name and logo on it.)

The other boxes are situated in Culverhay Stores and Animal Fayre (pet shop). Our local churches: St Sampson's, St Mary's and Cricklade United will accept donations. Please check to make sure the church is open.

As an alternative, or if you are unable to visit one of our drop-off points, may we suggest a financial donation? Such a donation would enable us to purchase extra supplies as and when the need arises. Please go to the Malmesbury & District Foodbank website, click on the red 'Donate' button at the top of the 'Donate Food' page.

Items in short supply this month are:

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| • Small boxes laundry powder/liquid | • Puddings                   | • Coffee/tea              |
| • Cold tinned meat                  | • Tinned rice puddings       | • Rice                    |
| • Tinned meat pies                  | • Tinned vegetables/potatoes | • Pasta sauces            |
| • Tinned tomatoes                   | • Tinned fish                | • Baked beans             |
| • Sauces (brown & ketchup)          | • Tinned fruit               | • Savoury snacks/biscuits |
| • Tinned spaghetti                  | • Tinned custard             | • Chocolate/sweets        |
|                                     | • Loo rolls                  |                           |

Thank you very much, but we've really got plenty of the following items and won't need any more for a while:

Long life milk; Long life fruit juice; Soup; Baked beans; Washing up liquid; Pasta; Shower gel; Cleaning products; Biscuits.

## Cricklade Open Door

'Hello' from Open Door and our very best wishes to everyone for a happy and enjoyable Easter, which is nearly here.



We have had lots of fun and friendship in March, beginning with a super lunch at our local Jicsaw Thai Restaurant, where as always, everything was first class and nothing too much trouble for Yutt and Sassy and their team. We enjoyed time with younger Cricklade friends and supporters when we visited Cricklade Manor Prep School and watched their excellent production, 'Pirates and Mermaids' and then later in the month, Thames Pre School children and their staff, visited us at Open Door to chat and sing with our members. Open Door really appreciates the support - practical, financial and in fun ways, given to us by the Cricklade community of all ages.

Our usual activities will continue throughout April, apart from Easter Monday 10 April, when we will be closed. Monday morning Knitting Group, afternoon Seated Exercises, Tuesday afternoon varied activities and Thursday Bingo continue to be enjoyed each week, as does just chilling, chatting and coffee in the mornings. Do remember that you can pop in for a coffee and a chat for just half an hour on your way back from the High Street or book a lunch or stay all day - this is Open Door and the choices are yours.

On Tuesday 4 April we will have an Easter Flower Arranging afternoon and on Tuesday 11 April, we will have an Easter Cream Tea in the afternoon, both need to be pre-booked, just ring 07599 987 851 or pop in beforehand and chat with Jan or Chris.

We have a pub lunch outing planned for Wednesday 12 April; thank you Simon for volunteering to drive the mini bus and we plan to go to The Thameshead Arms, where we have enjoyed several lunches over the years.

Looking ahead to May - there are three Monday Bank Holidays, so Open Door will unfortunately be closed on 1, 8 and 29 May but on 'the upside' we will be celebrating the Coronation and getting out and about for a pub lunch or a Garden Centre visit and have a Monday morning with Jonny Fluffypunk - so watch this space!!

*Cricklade Open Door, The Jenner Hall, Bath Road, tel: 07599 987 851*

*Open: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays - 10am to 3.30pm*

*Lunch can be booked before 10am on the day - £5.00*

## Letter to the Editor

### ■ Milestone Celebrations

This year we are both celebrating our 80th birthdays as well as our Diamond Wedding anniversary.

We have now lived in Cricklade for fifty of these years. The memories we have made are happy and plentiful.

Thank you, to everyone we know in this very special town of Cricklade.

*Janet & Ian Back*

*[We send Janet and Ian our congratulations on these wonderful milestones. Ed]*

# Cricklade Pétanque Club

*At the Cricklade Spa*

## Our playing days are:

Mon	2 to 4.30pm	Wed	2 to 4.30pm
Tues	7- 9.30pm (starting 28 March)	Sat	10am -12.30pm

## And the Coaching days are:

Wed	10 to 11-30am Ladies	Fri	10 to 11.30am Mixed
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We are very pleased with the coaching and everyone's game has improved!

The first fish and chip night will be held on Friday 31 March. Details will be sent out to all members.

## Competitions:

GWR, Cotswold League, Friendlies, Ladies' Doubles, Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles will be held throughout the summer months.

We were pleased to welcome 46 guests to play on Saturday 19 February from a sailing club.

New members always welcome.

Please note our website is [crickladepetanqueclub.co.uk](http://crickladepetanqueclub.co.uk) and we are also on Facebook.

## Cricklade W.I.

At our March meeting the Cricklade WI were treated to an engaging talk from Glenn Salter who spoke about 'Research and how it affects and influences the plotting of a novel'. If we didn't realise before, we now know how much work it takes to write a book! Our March meeting was also our AGM and we were delighted to see some new members joining.



We look forward to our meeting in April when we will welcome Alicia Gliniak from Jubilee Gardens. Run by volunteers, Jubilee Gardens is a local charity which provides education and training for adults with learning difficulties. They also give students experience in plant nursery and market gardening.

Our meetings and events are always interesting and cover a wide variety of topics and interests. We meet on the third Thursday every month (except December) in the Town Hall Annexe at 7.30pm and welcome new faces. Come and give us a try. 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 - 15 Feb; 15 Mar; 19 Apr.

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.

## Cricklade Bowls Club

We are delighted to report a donation of £1,000 from Swindon Sports Forum. SSF is run by a committee of dedicated volunteers who work to help sport and physical activity succeed and flourish in Swindon.

Membership of the Sports Forum is free to all sports clubs and physical activity groups in Swindon.



We had a new development at the Club Bar last month. We can now take payments at the bar by card, so Cricklade Bowls Club has entered the 'twenty-twenties' at last. Members can pay that way, guests if they sign into our guest book.

Talking about guests, our Open Day is on 15 April (10am to 4pm) and all are invited to come along and have a "roll up" ... come and see what bowls is all about, bring your friends. You don't need to know anything about the game and club members will show you how it works. We have plenty of club bowls available for you to try. But please wear trainers or other flat bottomed shoes to protect the green. There is no charge for the taster session, plus we have a licensed bar.

You will find us in Bath Road opposite St Sampson's school. Cricklade Bowls Club is on the web ([crickladebowlsclub.co.uk](http://crickladebowlsclub.co.uk)) and we're on Facebook too.

For more information please contact:

Roy Phillips (Secretary) [roy2308@btinternet.com](mailto:roy2308@btinternet.com)

Paul Coleman (Men's Captain) [colemanpaul1@hotmail.com](mailto:colemanpaul1@hotmail.com)

Adina Grace (Ladies' Captain) [janda.grace447@outlook.com](mailto:janda.grace447@outlook.com)

or anyone in the Club.



*Pictured above: Neil Loader (right) Club Support Officer at Swindon Sports Forum presents the cheque to Rick Dixon, Treasurer, Cricklade Bowls Club,*

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

In the Monthly Draw held on 23 February the lucky winners were:

First Prize:	Mrs M. Durban	£38.10
Second Prize:	Mr & Mrs E. Cripps	£25.40
Jenner Hall Funds:		£63.50



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: 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*



Join us for RUGBY – the sport that builds strength, teamwork and resilience. Train for FREE from now until May! No experience necessary; contact Captain, Mike 07514 596 910, or Coach, Pixie 07728 399 759. Training is on a Thursday at 7pm at Fairview Fields, all are welcome. We are a friendly club and welcome new players and supporters.

Our Minis section continues to grow and is open to all shapes, sizes and genders. We aim to provide a safe environment where every player can enjoy rugby and develop their personal and social skills as well as a wide array of transferable multi-sports skills.

Training is held at our Fairview Fields ground and new players from age 6 are always welcome:

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

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

Why not come and give pétanque a try? We're a friendly bunch and you can just turn up at one of our regular sessions at Cricklade Leisure Centre where we can lend you some boules if necessary. We play at 2pm on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and 10am on Saturday mornings, but please arrive 10 minutes before the start time. Each session consists of three games with a break in between for a drink and a chat. We also run training sessions on the first and last Wednesday morning of the month.

Several club members just come and play socially at our club sessions but, for those who like a bit more competition, we've just started a singles ladder which will run right through the summer and we have a 'three-ender' competition coming up in May. We'll also be entering a team in the Cotswold Pétanque League where we play against other local teams.

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

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

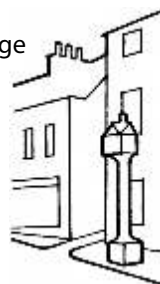


# The Chronicle Diary – April 2023

- 1 Sa 12 noon Jerusalem Joy *rehearsal*, United Church, Calcutt Street  
 4.30pm Jerusalem Joy **performance**, United Church, Calcutt St  
 7.30pm Cricklade Band concert at St Sampson's church  
*end of day* Chronicle copy deadline
- 3 M *to 14th*: School Holiday, Wiltshire (others may differ)
- 4 Tu 7.30pm Camera Club at Town Hall Annexe
- 6 Th 10am Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel
- 7 F Good Friday bank holiday
- 9 Su Easter Sunday
- 10 M Easter Monday bank holiday
- 11 Tu 7pm Town Council Planning etc Committee, Council Chamber  
 7pm *speaker 7.30pm*: Garden Club at Town Hall Annexe
- 15 Sa 9.45am Community Litter Pick starts from Bath Road Play Area, finish 11.45  
 10am *to 4pm*: Bowls Club Open Day, Bath Road, opp. St Sampson's School  
 11am *to 4pm*: Fritillary Tearooms, Thames Hall, by Town Bridge
- 16 Su 11am *to 4pm*: Fritillary Tearooms, Thames Hall, by Town Bridge
- 17 M Schools restart (Wiltshire term 5)
- 18 Tu 7pm Annual Town Meeting, Town Hall
- 19 W 10.30am *to noon*: Parkinson's Café at Cricklade Club, High Street  
 7pm *for 7.30pm start*: Historical Society at Town Hall Annexe
- 20 Th 10am Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel  
 7.30pm Cricklade W.I. at Town Hall Annexe
- 22 Sa *from 10.30am*: Cricklade Cinema: 10th anniversary film show (see p28)  
 11am *to 4pm*: Fritillary Tearooms, Thames Hall, by Town Bridge  
 7pm Avebury Vocal Ensemble concert at St Sampson's church
- 23 Su St George's Day  
 11am *to 4pm*: Fritillary Tearooms, Thames Hall, by Town Bridge
- 29 Sa *to 8 May*: Coronation Trail by Cricklade Preschool

## 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  
 7pm St Sampson's church choir rehearsal
- Sa 10am-noon Cricklade Museum open, Calcutt Street



## Moon Phases - April 2023

6th ○ 13th ● 20th ● 27th ●



# *The Final Word ...*

*"During Lent we cannot sing a hymn with the A word in, that can only come on Easter Day."*

A Twitter debate on the 1st Sunday of Lent, the word in question, Alleluia, a Latin word whose meaning translates as 'praise to God' and a word used most of all between the time of Easter and Pentecost.

So as I write this, on St David's Day, and looking ahead to Easter I wonder how strong our Alleluias will be this Easter Day?

Will we have saved them up in order to raise the roof (obviously not literally!) as we worship on Easter morning, or will our praise be tempered by how we are feeling and responding to our world right now?

Whatever words are used to describe Jesus it must be said that he was a realist, he understood all that made life difficult for most people at the time, he knew what it was like to live under a conquering power and to be subjected to rules and laws that were unfair.

We tend to overlook that fact, possibly because it may change our narrative, our expectations of Jesus, whereas the truth may be a source of strength and support right now.

Very few would deny that life is not easy; from local, national, and global perspectives we find ourselves in situations not of our own making and seemingly powerless to change them right now. It seems that now saying Alleluia might not be that difficult after all...

As Christians we know that our faith is based very strongly on hope and we believe in the power of hope, what it can achieve, how it can change things for the good of all; and the Easter story, the Resurrection is full of hope. If ever we have cause to shout Alleluia as loudly as we can it is on the day when we witness the love of God, so great that it defeated death itself, so great that it raised his son, our Lord and Saviour from the dead.

I can go through Lent without a Alleluia but on Easter Day itself I will shout out the word as often as I can, in praise and thanksgiving to the God whose love withstood the horrors of the cross and I invite you all to join me in doing so.

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