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From the Editor

So what do we say about June? 'Bustin' Out All Over'? Let's hope. I'm writin' on 3 May ... My wisteria, planted in 2017 seems to be bustin' out at long last!

And it's Festival Time, again, at long last! Because of that "time we dare not speak about", it hasn't happened since 2019. But, rejuvenated by a new team, *it is back!* See pages 18 and 19 for details.

As the buds open, there are lots of Open Days. Many groups are bustin' to show you what they do. St Sampson's has one on 3 June (page 37) when they will be revealing the latest ideas from their architects for the refurbishing of the inside space.

On 10 June there is another Open Day (page 28) at the Old Police Station in the High Street opposite the end of Gas Lane.

The Cricklade Art Group's Summer Exhibition is their Open Day: there will be

much to see at the Town Hall on 11 and 12 June – so see page 24.

If all this doesn't set your world on fire, then take a look at the article on page 20. Fire Fighting is a dangerous business even today, but back in 1959 they didn't even seem to have had much equipment. By all accounts their Fire Office heating was just as much a hazard!

A debt of gratitude is owed to *all* killed or injured in defence of our country ... and our thanks go to the Poppy Appeal Team for the work they do. They are looking for a new coordinator (or two) for this autumn and beyond. The team exists, and help is on hand. Might this be something you could take on? Read page 21 to find out more.

Cover picture: United Church by John Coole



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Community contacts all 01793 unless stated or emergency

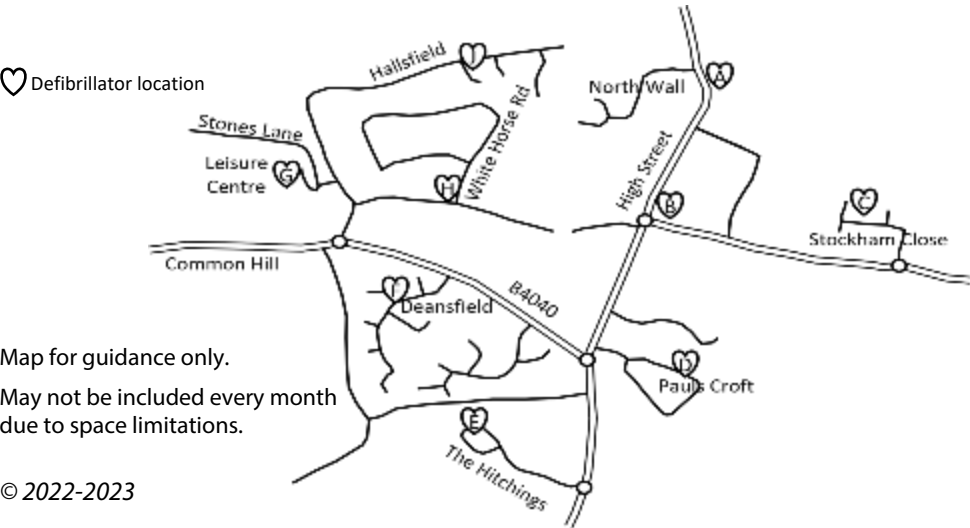
This section is intended to give quick access to emergency and community help phone numbers. If you spot something missing, please let us know: RickDixonChronicle@gmail.com or 01793 759123.

Churches	see centre pages	Dentist (104 High St)	750388
Cricklade Town Council	751394	Gas leak reporting	0800 111 999
Latton P/Council ...clerk@latton-pc.gov.uk		Library (113 High St)	750694
Wilts Councillor (Bob Jones)...07973 863702		Link Scheme transport	07421 018 499
Wiltshire Council hub	0300 456 0100	Open Door	07599 987851
Emergency Services	999	Optician (82 High St)	750415
Non-Emergency: Police	101	Purton Vets (Bath Rd)	751698
Non-Emergency: NHS	111	Household Recycling Centre	778205
Doctors: Purton Surgery	770207	Samaritans	FREE: 116 123
Green Gables Surgery	752633	Schools: St Sampson's Primary	750452
Cricklade (De Silva)	750645	Cricklade Manor Prep	750275
Boots Chemist (100 High St)	750226	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



Cricklade Town Council

Town Council Meetings

Tuesday 30 May: Premises and Finance Committee

Monday 5 June: Planning, Conservation & Transport Committee

Monday 26 June: Full Town Council



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

A PLEA for help for Dementia sufferers and carers.

At a recent meeting of the Town Council a councillor raised the issue that in Cricklade there is a very active Parkinson's Café which offers monthly meetings to people and their carers who are affected by Parkinson's disease. Locally in the surrounding towns and villages there are active dementia support groups for sufferers and their carers, but no such provision in Cricklade. Cricklade Town Council has therefore been asked to use its social media channels and Chronicle article to seek someone that would be willing to be **a volunteer champion to create and run a dementia support group** in Cricklade. There could be some funding by way of a Cricklade Town Council grant, or alternatively there may also be funds available from the Area Board run by Wiltshire Council that could be applied for.

Cricklade Community Clean up

Cricklade Town Council would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to all 40 plus residents that turned out on a Saturday morning to spend a few hours litter picking. Over 40 bags of rubbish were collected, this makes such a difference to our Town. Thanks again.



Cricklade in Bloom

Councillors will be out and about judging the Cricklade in Bloom competition between 17 and 31 July.

The categories are: Best Garden, best hanging basket or container, best front door and best property on the High Street.

If you wish to take part or know someone who does wish to participate in this popular event, or if you want your garden to be judged but it cannot be seen from the pavement, please make the Council aware. Email admin@crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk

Halls and Meeting space to hire

Are you looking for either a hall or meeting room to hire for a one-off event or on a regular basis?

Did you know the Council rents out the Council Chambers at 113 High Street – Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm with minimum hire of 1 hour. There is a boardroom table with seating for 18 people and additional seating for a further 22 people. We also hire out Thames Hall which comprises a large hall type room, small kitchen, 3 toilets and a small separate room useful if you need to have a breakout group, or small group area. If interested in either space to rent, then call 01793 751394 or email admin@crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk for more details.

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

Website: www.crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk



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Focus on Wiltshire Council

Potholes Potholes Potholes

The Cabinet Member for Transport reported that a record number of 3,623 pothole reports were made this January, through the MyWilts app. This compares with 924 reports in December and 677 reports in November, which illustrates the scale of the problem with over 2,500 miles of roads in Wiltshire.

Officers tell us the cause has been the hot and dry summer, a period of cold winter weather and the continuing heavy rain. Wiltshire Council and its contractors are working hard to fix the potholes on the county's highways. As well as its usual teams working to fix potholes, the Council has also tasked its 18 Parish Stewards to solely focus on mending potholes that meet the defect criteria to help get on top of the issue.

Because the weather has been so wet, in many cases the teams will patch the hole as a temporary fix, and then, later in the year, more permanent repairs will take place when weather conditions are more favourable. They recognise some deeper potholes require more urgent attention than others, so they are prioritising these in the first instance.

To fill a pothole, the Parish Stewards clear the hole of debris and then fill it with a quick-drying filler. The priority is always to fill potholes to make them safe. However in doing this, at times some temporary repairs will not be as good as resurfacing the road. Nonetheless, depending on conditions, these repairs can last many years and, importantly, the approach means that a Parish Steward can fill up to 100 each week.

Wiltshire Council has been awarded £22,924,000 from the Government's Highways

Maintenance Fund for 2023/24 to pay for a range of highways maintenance and improvement programmes including resurfacing, new road markings, replacing traffic signs and signals, and filling potholes. And now an additional £3,684,800 from the Department for Transport's (DfT's) Pothole Fund is to target pothole hotspots around the County. Unfortunately, the extra funding will not solve all of the pothole issues in the County.

The time I am spending reporting potholes is significant, answering your reports to me and messages left on my answer machine. You can help. If you see a pothole on Wiltshire's roads, you can report them using the MyWilts reporting system - either through the MyWilts smartphone app for Apple or Android devices, or online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts. It is a very easy process which will help me and get the report to Highways Officers quicker.

You can also report other things on the app such as street lights that are not working, dustbins that have not been collected or fly tipping. If you have a smart phone, please get the App and have a go.

This month I am involved in the review of the Housing allocation system and would like to hear from you on your endeavour to get on the housing allocation list.

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

Bob Jones, Wiltshire Councillor

Cricklade W.I.

We had a last minute change of speaker for our May meeting and members were entertained with a session of friendly belly dancing; a fun way to relax and keep fit and all we needed was ourselves and comfortable clothes!



We meet every third Thursday of the month (except July and December) at 7.30pm in the Town Hall Annexe and welcome new members. Come and join us for our June meeting when we celebrate our birthday with drinks and nibbles. We will also have a training session with Jan Furze on how to use the defibrillators which we are lucky enough to have around the town. A potentially life saving exercise that could benefit any of us.

As well as speakers and activities within our group, there are lots of events and outings organised by our regional office. To find out more, please contact our Secretary, Viv Tomkins on 01793 752459 or by email at vivienne.tomkins@btinternet.com. Or just turn up - the first three meetings are free.

Waylands Estates Charity

Supporting Cricklade, Past & Present



The next meeting of the Wayland Estates Charity
will take place on 7 June 2023

The Trustees to Wayland Estates Charity will be considering grant applications submitted by 1 May 2023 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.

Applications for the current year have now closed.

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

or visit our Facebook page: facebook.com/waylandestates

or donate at: donate.giveasyoulive.com/charity/waylandestatescharity (or scan the QR code on the left)

Purton & Green Gable Surgery PPG

Serving patients in Purton, Cricklade & surrounding communities



In our Easter draw, we raised an amazing £107.50. The delighted winners were: Iris Hiscock; Richard Barrow; Mark Blackwell; Doreen Freegard.

Facemasks: Patients and staff without respiratory symptoms no longer need to wear masks when coming into the surgery unless this is their personal preference. Patients and staff who do have any respiratory symptoms (coughs, wheezing, etc.) should continue to wear facemasks.

Surgery IT System: The Practice is changing its clinical IT system in early June ... please look out for communication from the Surgery about it nearer the time.

Covid Booster Vaccinations: NHS England will send information regarding Covid booster vaccinations directly to patients. Please do not expect to hear from the Surgery.

200 Club draw: The April draw was made by Rachel Dolman, Senior Clinical Pharmacist (*pictured top*). The £100 winner was Christine Rawlings and the £15 winner was David Coombs.



The May draw winners were: £100 Christine Shailes, £15 Jon Bellamy. The May draw was made by Prescription Clerk, June (*pictured right*) who turns 80 years of age in June! She has been a loyal staff member of Purton Surgery for over 33 years, working in positions such as receptionist trainer, and more recently as our prescription clerk.



June enjoys walking her dogs before starting work at 7.30am. She then processes all patient prescription requests which are approximately 700 per week, as well as liaising with our GPs, nurses, pharmacists, the hospitals and numerous community pharmacies to resolve medication and prescription queries.

We're all very proud to have June in our team, and very envious of the energy that she brings to work every day. We would all like to wish June a happy 80th Birthday!

Cricklade Festival: We are planning to have a table at the Cricklade Festival on 18 June.

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 secretary.pspg@gmail.com

Sheila Fowler, PPG Secretary

Cricklade Library

The Library is above the Town Council Office at 113 High Street. The entrance is through the gateway and there is a lift as well as stairs to the library level.

Current opening hours are: *(Closed Bank Holidays)*

Mon:	2-4pm	Wed:	2-4pm	Fri:	2-5pm	Sun:	Closed
Tues:	10am-1pm	Thurs:	2-7pm	Sat	10am-1pm		

Cricklade Festival 2023

After a long wait of 3 years, it's not long to go now until the return of the Cricklade Festival – we hope you have **Sunday 18 June** in your diaries!



The High Street will be transformed, as in previous years, into a fun-packed pedestrian zone, safe for everyone young and old to enjoy the entertainment and stalls on offer.

Brochures have been distributed providing the schedule for the Festival entertainment. They include write-ups on our guest performers which we are sure you will enjoy reading. There is also a handy event map to help you make your way to the various activities and performances taking place throughout the day.

There is so much to see and do, but to highlight just a few...

- In Green Gables car park there will be an informal dog show for children and their furry friends,
- A classic car show, a supervised bouncy castle for the youngsters, and Cricklade's own Chloe Marie, who is a wonderful singer-songwriter.
- In the High Street we will welcome back a firm favourite, Granny Turismo, and there will be a magician, children's rides, a face painter, Cricklade Band, Ukey Dukes and Morris dancers.
- And more, with stalls and local businesses welcoming you to browse and purchase.

The Festival Committee has been working hard over the past weeks and months to organise the event, and to ensure everything runs smoothly on the day. However, there are two ways for you to help make it a success...

One is to turn up and enjoy the day with your friends and family!

And the other is to offer a little of your time as a volunteer marshal. If you can spare an hour or two between 7am and 6pm on the day, then please contact Polly on 07384 699 937 for more details. Thank you!

We would like to thank our sponsors, Pebley Beach and Mather & Murray, and the local council for supporting the return of this much missed event in the Cricklade calendar. All that's left to say is that we hope to see you there on the day!





For further information and updates, please see our Facebook page www.facebook.com/crickladetownfestival and our website www.cricklادefestival.co.uk. Or you can email info@cricklادefestival.co.uk.

Pictures of Festivals gone by!

This page top: Street Scene from 2012

(both pages) Some of the wonderful flags adorning the High Street in 2018

Page left: Looking from the Stage, 2013

THE CRICKLADE FESTIVAL

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Cricklade Town Festival is looking for volunteers to help marshal the event. We need people to assist with the Road Closures and Car parks. Without volunteers this event would not be possible.

If you can donate 2 hours of your time between 7am & 6pm on Sunday 18th June it would be hugely appreciated. Contact Polly on 07384699937 to be involved. Thank you!



Cricklade in the 1950s

Cricklade Fire Brigade

Under Harold Kilminster, Cricklade Fire Brigade moved from its pre-war site at No. 55 High Street to three Nissen huts on Pauls Croft field in 1951/52. A steel hose-drying tower and a siren on a mast were erected outside. One hut housed the fire tender, another the headquarters, and a third was used for storage. Their fire-fighting equipment consisted of a Bedford 'water tender' with a Dennis pump to drive the tender's engine.



Ken Collier, who joined the brigade in 1959, remembers that they used two huts side by side; the first one was the lecture room and offices, with access through the back to the second hut. This had double doors at the front, and was where the fire engine was kept – a complete machine, no longer just a pump – but much smaller than today's fire engines.

In the winter they lit black coke stoves in both huts to keep them from freezing, as the fire engine had to be kept warm for the electricity to power it. Retained firemen were available around the clock and others only after work.

From Cricklade Revealed Part 9

There are still several single Cricklade Revealed books available at £3 each, covering the war years and the 1950s/1960s. For further details please contact me on 01793 750542 or email mfp Parsons071@btinternet.com

Marion Parsons

Cricklade Historical Society

Friday 2 June: A walk based on the walk from August 2022.

Starts at 7.15pm outside the Town Hall and will finish at the Museum for refreshments.

Wednesday 21 June: Industrial Archaeology, Shed and Attic. Speaker : Bill King

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

Cricklade & District Probus Club

We are looking forward to our coming group meetings when the following will take place:

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| 1 June | Dry Stone Walling |
| 15 June | Inigo Jones & Sir Anthony van Dyck |
| 29 June | Edith Cavell - Forgotten Heroine |



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.



You, your friends and family are warmly invited to

**an afternoon of
TEA AND CAKES!**

**at Cricklade United Church, 8 Calcutt Street
Drop in between 3pm and 5pm
on 1st July 2023**

Cricklade people often tell us they are surprised there is a church in Calcutt Street and so we are holding an 'open afternoon'.

If you would like to re-connect with church
or are interested in finding out more - please come along.

We will have a small exhibition of our activities.

find us at What 3 Words ///confident.fencing.narrating

Cricklade & District Poppy Appeal 2022

The Poppy Appeal and the Cricklade Branch of the Royal British Legion wish to thank all of the residents, businesses, and schools who contributed to the 2022 Poppy Appeal. The 2022 Poppy Appeal raised over £14,500 and our gratitude goes out to all the wonderful volunteers who manned the static points both in Cricklade and the West Swindon Shopping Centre. In the last ten years, over £100,000 has been raised.



New Poppy Appeal Organiser Required for Cricklade

Cricklade Branch needs a new Poppy Appeal Organiser to coordinate the volunteers for this year. It is a very rewarding role and there is an amazing team of local volunteers in place to help you.

All the fundraising resources and materials are provided by the Poppy Appeal. There is no need to hold stock, as all can be returned at the end of the Appeal.

Both Barry and I will be there to support the new Organiser throughout the Appeal. The Poppy Appeal takes place between Saturday 22 October and Saturday 11 November 2023.

Please contact me (Tina) on 01793 750773 for more information.

*Tina Jones & Barry Arthurs
Poppy Appeal Organisers*

Churches Together

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Weekly Mass times 9.30am on Sundays
 10.00am on Fridays

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

Parish website www.stthomasparish.plus.com.

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

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

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

Services for the Upper Thames Churches

4 June

Trinity 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 with Music Group *at St Sampson's*
- 12 noon *to 12.30pm: Morning Worship prior to village BBQ at All Saints, Leigh*
- 4pm Informal Worship *at St Sampson's*
- 6.30pm Evensong *at St Sampson's*

11 June

Trinity 1

- 10am Upper Thames Worship Together Communion *at St Sampson's*

18 June

Trinity 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*
- 6pm Evensong *at Holy Cross*
- 6.30pm Evensong *at St Sampson's*

25 June

Trinity 3

- 8.30am Holy Communion *at Holy Cross*
- 10am Holy Communion *at St Sampson's*
- 10am Morning Worship *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.

2r in Cricklade & Latton

Cricklade United Church

Calcutt Street, Cricklade

Minister: Revd Sarah Simpson, tel. 01666 826866

Email: sarahsimpson14@btinternet.com

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

<https://crickladeunitedchurch.co.uk>

The Upper Thames Benefice

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

Contact details:

Vicar: Revd Canon Debbie Dewes email: vicar@upperthames.org.uk tel: 01793 752718

Associate Vicar: Revd Shirley Danby

email: shirleydanby21@gmail.com; tel. 07980 548844

Parishes Administrator: Jane Eyles

email: admin@upperthames.org.uk tel: 01793 979304

From the Registers of the Upper Thames Group of Churches

Baptisms

16 April Jack Oliver Prior *at St Sampson's*

Weddings

14 April Jessica Rhodes-Martin & Jack Danford *at St Sampson's*

15 April Olivia Lee & Jason Brown *at St Sampson's*

22 April Henrietta Howse & Charles Poole *at All Saints Leigh*

29 April Christina Tansley & Danny Starkings *at St Sampson's*

Funerals

20 April Jean Widdows, *North Wiltshire Crematorium followed by
memorial service at St Sampson's*

24 April Nigel Paul Roger Bacon *at North Wiltshire Crematorium*

Informal Worship includes children's and youth groups at St Sampson's Church

We meet once a month at 4pm on a Sunday. Our relaxed service includes modern songs played by guitar/keyboard, short lively and relevant talks and groups for children (age 4-10) and young people (age 11-16). We enjoy refreshments before the service at 3.45pm. See the page opposite for dates (4 June this month) or upperthames.org.uk/calendar.

If you are new to Church or haven't been for a while, don't worry, we'd love to see you!

Cricklade Art Group



Cricklade Art Group welcomes you to our summer exhibition. There will be a wide range of art on display, from those starting out on their artistic journey, to our more established artists. We will also have our popular raffle with great prizes. Refreshments – including homemade cake – will be available for a small donation. Please come along and enjoy the atmosphere!

Summer Exhibition 2023

Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th June 2023

10am to 4pm

Cricklade Town Hall

Free entry! All are welcome!!

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

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

Cricklade Camera Club

The Club's season ends this month. During July and August details of friendly summer meets can be found on our website

(crickladecameraclub.org) or contact the Club Secretary, Anne Eckersley, for further information (clubsecretary@crickladecameraclub.org). Our 2023/24 season starts in September and 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.

Our 2023/24 program will appear on our website (crickladecameraclub.org). We will continue to have many excellent speakers covering a wide range of topics.

This year ends with:

6 June: at 7pm AGM and Annual Exhibition of Members' Work

Tony Oliver ARPS CPAGB BPES* will be presenting his selection from the best or members' work this evening. Come along and see the award winning images.



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.

Cricklade Bloomers

Whispers from the Walled Garden

Thank you to all the locals who supported us at the Frittillary Tea Rooms in April. Your support was much appreciated as North Meadow was closed to visitors due to flooding. Spring has been cold and wet, hampering plant growth and delaying our work on the summer displays.



With the welcome return of the Cricklade Festival on 18 June, Cricklade Bloomers will be serving ambrosial and delectable puddings at the Walled Gardens behind Tesco's from 11am to 4pm. With the prospect of a hot sunny day, you will be able to quench your thirst with fruit Pims, iced tea and lemonade.

In addition, we will be giving away a FREE potted sunflower to all children visiting the Walled Garden. They will then be able to enter our competition for the tallest sunflower. We will also provide growing tips, pots and compost to get them off to a good start.

20 July brings the welcome return of The Mikron Theatre. Tickets are available, as usual, from The Council Offices for their production entitled 'Twitchers, Birds, Birders and the RSPB'. Bring a chair and a picnic for a delightful summer evening performance.

The cart is now outside the walled garden every day, selling plants, honey, jams and marmalades. New members to Bloomers always welcome, just pop along any Wednesday morning to join this friendly group of volunteers working to keep Cricklade looking good.

Help Keep Cricklade Beautiful, Sponsor a Planter

Cricklade Open Gardens Weekend: 1 and 2 July 2023

Around 20 gardens will be open over this weekend from 1pm through to 5pm. Passports for access to all the gardens are available from the Town Council Offices as well as from any of the gardens on the day. Passports are £5 per person with children under 16 free.

Teas will be available on the day and full details will be on the passport programme. Proceeds from this will be divided between Cricklade Open Door and St Sampson's Church ongoing repairs and restoration work.

Further details if required from Gloria Light, 01793 759181.

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 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 13 June**: our speaker is John Heathcott of The Woodland Trust. His talk is entitled:

The Ancient Woodland of the Cotswolds

John will talk about these historic woodlands and explain how they are maintained today.

June is the month for garden visiting and we have two outstanding ones this year:

2 June: Pasture Farm, Blockley, Moreton in Marsh, an informal country garden developed over the past 30 years;

and on **28 June**: Kiftsgate Court Gardens, Mickleton, Chipping Camden, the creation of three generations of women gardeners. Think roses...!

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

Membership is £20 p.a., we are affiliated to the Gloucestershire Federation of Gardening Societies (www.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!

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

In the Monthly Draw held on 27 April the lucky winners were:

First Prize:	Betty Petrie	£37.80
Second Prize:	Karon McDonald	£25.20
Jenner Hall Funds:		£63.00



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

To Join the Jenner Hall "Save It Club", please contact Paul Marley Tel: 752851

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

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

St John the Baptist Club 100

The Club 100 draw for April 2023 has taken place and the winners are:

1st prize	£100.00	Mrs H Claridge of Latton
2nd prize	£33.00	Mr A Drewery of Latton
3rd prize	£22.00	Mrs D Donovan of Latton
4th prize	£10.00	Ms E Hughes of South Cerney

To join the club please contact Keith Bowen on 01793 752753.

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

Cricklade Open Door

We are nearly half way through the year, with warmer weather and holidays being planned and it's just amazing how the months fly by.

May was a fun month with all the Coronation celebrations but a bit messy for Open Door with three Bank Holiday Mondays, when we were closed. Our members who come along to the Monday Seated Exercise afternoon, will have to work twice as hard in June!



Our Coronation Tea Party was enjoyed by nearly 40 members, as was our morning with Jonny Fluffypunk and his hilarious poems and stories, brought to us by the Wiltshire Music Centre's "Celebrating Age" project. All the usual activities went ahead including a Tuesday "Portrait Art Afternoon" with Wendy, which members thoroughly enjoyed after their initial - 'Ooo I can't draw, I can't do that!' concerns. We will pop another session in, quite soon!

In June we have big plans to celebrate a member's 100th birthday with a celebration at Open Door and also a party for Open Door friends the following day. So exciting ...

On Saturday 15 July, 10am to 12 noon, we are holding a Coffee Morning and Table Top Sale at the Jenner Hall, with excellent goods for sale and our top baker Chris's cakes and scones to enjoy with coffee and chat with friends or to take home. Do come along, see if you can grab a bargain, win a raffle prize, enjoy a super piece of cake or scone and be part of the general buzz and friendliness.

If this issue of *The Chronicle* is delivered quite early, before June, a little reminder that on Saturday 20 May, Cricklade Pre School have their Jumble Trail and Open Door have lots of goodies on the drive at 39 Pittsfield, also Chris's amazing bakes. Also Monday 29 May is the Spring Bank Holiday and Open Door will be closed.

At this time of writing, we haven't yet auctioned/raffled the wonderful Coronation blanket that Amanda at Stitches, in the High Street, has crocheted and donated to Open Door. It is really magnificent, such a lot of complicated work and such a generous donation from Amanda, who always supports Open Door in so many ways and we know it will raise a good amount of money for Open Door. The result will be reported in the July *Chronicle*.

Open Door has a warm welcome waiting for new members, so come and join in with a quick coffee and chat, a morning out with lunch or enjoy the afternoons' activities or stay all day. We are at:

*The Jenner Hall Bath Road Tel no: 07599 987 851
Open Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am - 3.30pm
Lunch can be booked before 10am on the day - £5.00*

Red Lion Meat Raffle

Landlord Darren at the Red Lion Inn has reinstated the pub's popular meat raffle and the profits from the five weeks, late February to end March, were £1,196.90. This was donated to Cricklade Open Door and gratefully received by Trustee Helen Dixon.

Sing Four Four

The choir rehearses every Thursday, during term time, in the United Church (Calcutt Street) between 7.30 and 9.30pm. We have a very short interval break and finish promptly at 9.30.



We will have a chance to perform some of our new repertoire on **Saturday 24 June at Immanuel Church** (16 Upham Road, Swindon SN3 1DH) when we will be participating in the 'Sing Out for a Brighter Future' fundraising event. Our slot is 12 midday and we will be singing for half an hour. If you'd like to come and hear us (and other choirs) please come along. We would be delighted to see you.

St Sampson's Church is the venue for our **Summer Concert on Sunday 2 July** at 3pm. The hour's concert will be followed by tea and cake.

We're back in St Sampson's on Sunday 3 December for our Christmas Concert. This will also be at 3pm and followed by refreshments – there may even be a mince pie or two! Please come and join us for either, or preferably both, concerts. We love singing for you.

If you'd like to be part of the choir, you'd be very welcome. No experience is necessary. We'd especially love more tenors and basses!

You can find more information on our website. Please use our contact form that can be found on the website (www.singfourfour.org.uk) or you can email the musical director, Jen Bamford at: jenloubamford@googlemail.com

Cricklade Development Foundation

Old Police Station

OPEN DAY

Old Police Station

91 High Street, Cricklade

Saturday, 10 June 2023, 10am to 1pm



If you haven't been along recently, you won't have seen the new extension at the rear of the property or the progress we've made throughout the existing building.

All internal walls have now been formed, so, you can walk around and get a proper feel for the four commercial/retail units and the two upstairs flats.

We're getting closer to the point at which we start to talk, in more detail, to those businesses who have shown an interest in leasing the ground floor units.

The purchase and renovation of the Old Police Station has all been made possible with the help of our members who have purchased community shares. If you wish to help us by becoming a Member, we would love to hear from you! Please get in touch by emailing us:

contact@crickladedevelopment.org.uk
or phoning our Secretary, Terri Robertson, 07902 421756.

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St Sampson's Church Appeal

We continue with our full events calendar for 2023. Look out for posters!



St Sampson's Church Open Day – Saturday 3 June

10am - 12 noon

Through the community consultation, we have identified our needs for the church now and in the future. Now it's time to share the initial concepts developed by our architects, St Ann's Gate. Look out for more details on Facebook and on posters around the town nearer the time. **Everyone is invited!**



William S. Gilbert

St Sampson's Church

Friday 16 June

7.30pm (doors 7pm)

Swindon Gilbert & Sullivan Society Concert

Extracts from Gilbert and Sullivan operettas



Sir Arthur Sullivan

St Sampson's Church 100 Club

The lucky winner of the 22 April 2023 draw was:

Claire Hoad who won £31.00

St Sampson's Church Appeal benefitted by £31.00

It would be great to get 100 members in 2023! Contact Sharon Smith tel. 751375
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 or 01793 750138.

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



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 know more about the Hall or check booking availability, please visit our website - crickladejennerhall.com

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 or call on 07823 324 821.

Richard Hickman, Chairman, Cricklade Jenner Hall Community Trust



The Way of the World

Scene: A magazine office local to you. Person sits at desk painting nails.

Camera: Best Boy grips the Focus Puller's dubbing.

Sound: Mobile phone ringtone: Rossini's Lone Ranger overture.

And action! ...

... Hello! Cricklade Chronicle ...

... Who did you say? ... Switcheroonie? Oh, utility switching. 'Scuse me a minute, nails are still tacky. I'll just have to put the phone on speaker. That's better.

... No, we had our electric changed over last month. It comes down the gas pipe now. No, I don't understand either – the Gas supplies the electric and the Electric ... pardon? ...

... Water? Oh, our lad Charlie says we get that from Google now. They send over The Cloud now and then. It won't stop raining. It's not good for our sodden lawn.

... Language! That's not bad language just a statement of fact. And a bad line.

... No I don't want our mobile switched over. Charlie says we get it from that nice company called 4G. The supermarket wanted me to change over to 5G though ...

... Gas? I bet that comes from the hosepipe in the garden, that's the only pipe left.

... No I'm not going out to check! It's still Googling out there and my nails aren't quite dry yet!

... What colour? That's a cheeky question. And no, not red!

... Look I'm sorry I have to go. There's a load of stuff still to do. 'Bye ...

Sound: Ping as phone disconnects

... Red, I ask you! Magnolia, same as the wall. And I must get this dartboard hammered onto the wall before the lads come round this evening ...

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 for further details. Check out our Facebook page for photos and other information: www.facebook.com/crickladetownhall

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

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Cricklade Foodbank

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



Help! We are running very short of food. There has been an unprecedented rise in the number of clients accessing the Foodbank over the last few weeks. The stock in the warehouse is also running low. Any donation of food or toiletries will be gratefully received.

Donation points in Cricklade are: Tesco, Culverhay Stores, Animal Fayre (pet shop), the Leisure Centre, St Sampson's School and all the local churches.

Alternatively, you may like to make a financial donation. We can then purchase the items needed. There is a 'donate' button on the top of the 'Donate Food' page on the Malmesbury & District Foodbank website (malmesburydistrict.foodbank.org.uk). Another way is the 'BanktheFood' App, which gives up to date Foodbank needs.

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: crickladecm@malmesburydistrict.foodbank.org.uk

Visit the website: malmesburydistrict.foodbank.org.uk

Cricklade Pétanque Club

At the Cricklade House Hotel, SN6 6HA

We are a friendly, accessible club based at Cricklade House Hotel and are always happy to welcome new members.

Pétanque is good fun and a great way to meet people.

Our playing days are:

Mon 2 to 4.30pm

Tues 7- 9.30pm

Wed 2 to 4.30pm

Sat 10am -12.30pm

We offer coaching sessions from a fully qualified Pétanque England coach.

Our Coaching days are:

Wed 10 to 11-30am Ladies

Fri 10 to 11.30am Mixed

Sixteen of our members took part in the Cotswold Invitation Doubles at Gotherington on 23 April.

Ladies, Men's and Mixed Doubles competitions started in May and will conclude with a Finals Day in the autumn.

Our monthly fish and chip night will be held on Friday 30 June. Details will be sent to all members.

For more information please go to our website www.crickladepetanqueclub.co.uk

Find us on Facebook by searching Cricklade Petanque Club.

Cricklade Bowls Club

Writing at the beginning of May, I am delighted we managed to get the new season up and running. We depend on a group known as the "Wednesday Team" who do so much in the background: green maintenance, mowing, shovelling, carpentry, painting, drains works, plumbing, laying concrete. Plus a whole load of stuff I can't remember at the moment – but that's because it's done without shouting about it.



So let's shout "Hurrah!" for the Wednesday Team!

Our Club Open Day on 15 April was still too early after the early spring monsoon for us to play. But we had a great turnout with members paying their 2023 subs. We had a wonderful arrival of new folks, some joining for a trial year (£15) others becoming new full members (£85p.a) and some as social (non-playing) members at £15p.a.



Two weeks later and the green was playable - just. But the weather since has been warmer and drier so all will be well by the time you read this.

And we have played our first matches. We play in the Wiltshire League and in the Swindon & District - and both ladies' and men's teams. However we also play 'Friendlies' and we have our Club Nights on Fridays where we can have a non-competitive 'Roll-up'. There is something for everyone ... even for me. When I am good, I can be very good; but when I am bad, I am horrid!

Rick

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

For more information please contact:

Roy Phillips (Secretary) roy2308@btinternet.com

Paul Coleman (Men's Captain) colemanpaul1@hotmail.com

Adina Grace (Ladies' Captain) janda.grace447@outlook.com

Pictured above: The "Wednesday Team" who did so much work getting everything ready for the opening of the season. Photo: Clive Heard

Parkinson's UK

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

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Join us for coffee, cake and chat on 3rd Wednesday each month: 17 May; 21 Jun; 19 Jul. We meet in The Living Room, turn right and follow the sign from the Foyer. contact: parkinsonscafecricklade@gmail.com or call 07951 944 760.

Saxons Pétanque Club, Cricklade

We hold regular pétanque sessions at the piste, Cricklade Leisure Centre. Play starts at 2pm on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10am on Saturdays (please arrive 10 minutes before the start time). We play two games followed by a break for a chat and a nibble, then play the final game.

We also run training sessions on the first and third Wednesday of the month, starting at 10am. We commence our evening session in May – Wednesdays, 7-9pm. The more competitive enter competitions too, but this is not obligatory!

During April, seven members (The Magnificent Seven!) laboured to change half the piste surface to a much coarser gravel. I'm sure the fresh challenge has been good for all of us!

Come and say hello if you'd like to find out more about us, or take a look at our notice board just inside the Leisure Centre. Alternatively visit our website at saxonspetanque.co.uk



Cricklade Rugby Club would like to invite you to, ADULTS MIXED TAG RUGBY

Join us for fun mixed tag rugby sessions. No charge. No experience needed. All welcome. Open to anyone over 18. These are fun sessions for players of any level and those wanting to try something new.

Every Thursday from 7 - 8pm at Cricklade Rugby pitch, Fairview Fields. Contact Facebook: Zac Wright. Email: CrickladeTouchRugby@gmail.com

In Our Broader Area : What's On?

■ **Fairford Book Festival, 9-10 June:** Fairford Cricket Club GL7 4JJ

Friday 9 June: Children's authors and illustrators, Jo Empson and Steve Antony, will be reading stories and holding creative workshops for children in the Literary Marquee.

Saturday 10 June: 'Young Reading Ambassadors' from Fairford Primary School will open the main Book Fest at 9.45am. The festival will feature seven more exciting authors throughout the day until 6.30pm.

Details from fairfordfestival.org.uk or Chris Roberts MBE: 01285 712150, 0744 350 0744, email: chrisrobertsmbe@gmail.com

■ **The Wessex (male choir), Saturday 17 June:** St Peter & Paul, Northleach, GL54 3H At 7pm. Tickets from northleachevents.co.uk/tickets Five singing members of The Wessex are from Cricklade!

■ **The Wessex, Summer Concert, Friday 14 July:** Christ Church, Swindon SN1 3HG At 7.30pm. Special guests: The Richard Williams Singers from Tonyrefail in South Wales. Tickets from TheWessex.org.uk/tickets

The Chronicle Diary – June 2023

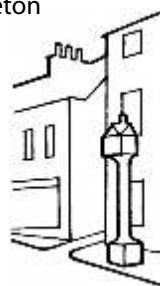
- 1 Th 10am Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel
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- 2 F 7.15pm Garden Club outing to Pasture Farm, Blockley
Historical Society Walk, from Town Hall
- 3 Sa 10am *to noon*: Open Day at St Sampson's - display of new plans
- 5 M 7pm Wiltshire Schools resume (others may differ)
Town Council Planning etc Committee, Council Chamber
- 6 Tu 7.30pm Camera Club at Town Hall Annexe
- 10 Sa 10am *to 1pm*: Open Day, Old Police Stn, Cricklade Development Foundation
- 10 Sa 10am *to 4pm*: Cricklade Art Group Summer Exhibition, Town Hall
- 11 Su 10am *to 4pm*: Cricklade Art Group Summer Exhibition, Town Hall
- 13 Tu 7pm *speaker 7.30pm*: Garden Club at Town Hall Annexe
- 15 Th 10am Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel
7.30pm Cricklade W.I. at Town Hall Annexe
- 16 F 7.30pm *doors 7pm*: Gilbert & Sullivan concert at St Sampson's
- 18 Su Cricklade Festival, around High Street area**, see Pages 18-19
- 20 Tu 7.30pm Cricklade Art Group, Town Hall Annexe
- 21 W 10.30am *to noon*: Parkinson's Café at Cricklade Club, High Street
7pm *for 7.30pm start*: Historical Society at Town Hall Annexe
- 24 Sa 12 noon Sing Four Four at Immanuel Church, Upham Rd, Swindon
- 26 M 7pm Full Town Council Meeting, Council Chamber
- 28 W Garden Club outing to Kiftsgate Court Gardens, Mickleton
- 29 Th 10am Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel

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 and "Tag Rugby" at Fairview Fields
7-10pm The Cricklade Band rehearsal night, at Town Hall, visitors welcome
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 - June 2023

4th ○ 10th ● 18th ● 26th ●



The Final Word ...

Halfway through the year already! I have felt over the last weeks that my life has gathered pace. As the weather gets warmer and the evenings longer, I seem to fit more and more things into my day. My 'to do' list gets longer, as I take on more and push myself harder. If we're not careful though, we can end up chasing our tails, or feeling like a hamster on a wheel!

At times like this, I think of two friends of Jesus, sisters Mary and Martha. When Jesus visited them, Martha rushed round, flustered by all the preparations and work that had to be done. She was annoyed that her sister did not join in her frantic activity, but simply sat at Jesus' feet, listening to what he had to say. But Jesus said: "My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details! There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her." Mary knew that if she listened to Jesus and followed his advice, his agenda rather than her own, she need have no worries about anything. We too can find peace in this way.

So this summer, as we perhaps take a well earned break from our busy lives, I hope we can set aside, for a short while at least, our anxieties and lists, and enjoy simply being, rather than doing.

I wish for you and your loved ones a very peaceful and enjoyable summer!

Pauline Loveday

Licensed Lay Minister, Upper Thames Group

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