

July 2023



*Half of The Cricklade Band at St Sampson's
others out of shot! April 2023 photo: Mark Sweet*



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From the Editor

The School Holidays begin at the end of this month. But I recall that the summer break was once upon a time meant for the children of our farming community to help in the fields during the coming harvest; cutting the corn, baling, threshing and then stacking or stooking the straw. Then Sunday off ... if you were lucky!

Now we see that some of our regular monthly Clubs are taking a break. Have a look at the Diary page or at your regular group's entry to check. We try to highlight what we can. But if no one tells us, we can't tell you.

There were loads of Open Days and the Cricklade Festival in May and June and we will be happy to spread the news of their fortunes, perhaps in the next issue. And more Open Days to come! The first of July seems to be an especially busy day. It and

the 2nd are the Cricklade Open Gardens days. If you are "doing the rounds" on the Saturday, there will be Tea and Cake in the afternoon at the United Reformed in Calcutt Street.

If your Garden Tour is on the Sunday and hasn't exhausted you, there will be uplifting singing from "Sing Four Four" that afternoon at St Sampson's.

Have you enjoyed the films offered by Cricklade Cinema over the past year? (10 years actually as this is their big birthday.) Why not go and have your say over what to show in the coming year? Their AGM is on 11 July – it won't be a dry meeting I'm assured. Maybe not a dry eye in the house?

The Old Police Station is coming on a treat. I went to the last Open Day and was very impressed. There's another Open Day on 14 July. Go and have a look!



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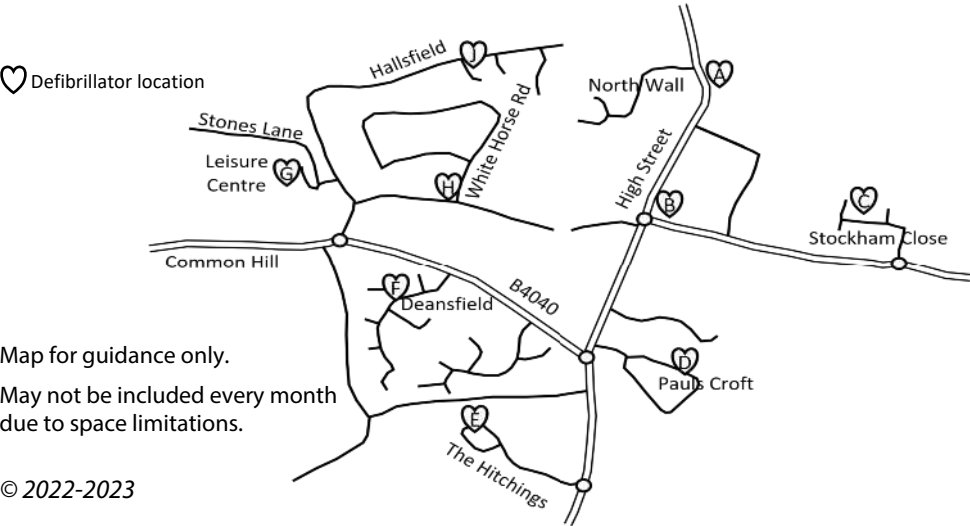
This section is intended to give quick access to emergency and community help phone numbers. If you spot something missing, please let us know: RickDixonChronicle@gmail.com or 01793 759123.

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

Monday 3 July: Town Council Planning etc Committee,

Monday 17 July: Town Council Community & Leisure Committee

Monday 31 July: Town Council Planning etc 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.

Cricklade Civic Awards

At the Full Town Council meeting, Cricklade Town Council made the following award.

Young Person of the Year: Master Joshua Ward, aged 12

Joshua was nominated for his fund-raising efforts completed in 2021 and 2022, but to many of his local neighbours he deserves the award as he provides a bin service for his local older and disabled neighbours. He regularly takes out 12 bins to the roadside and also returns them to the correct flats. Part of his nomination read - "Joshua is a kind, polite, helpful young man who is a real credit to his Mum and Step Dad."

Coronation Events

Many thanks to all the residents that came along to enjoy the Picnic in the Park with the Cricklade Band and the Loyal Proclamation and beacon lighting by Cricklade Court Leet. It was lovely to see so many of you out enjoying the sunshine.



Cricklade Town Council for 2023 - 2024 Council Leaders

The Annual meeting of the Council took place on Monday 22 May. CTC are pleased to announce that Mark Clarke and Angela Jensen were re-appointed as Chairman and Vice-Chair respectively for the 2023-2024 council year. The Planning, Conservation & Transport Committee Chairman will be Jonathan Hill and Vice-Chairman Tony Clements. Bob Jones is in place as Chairman of the Community & Leisure Committee with Russell Osman remaining as Vice-Chairman. All councillors will be working hard for the community over the next twelve months.

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
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 by contacting
admin@crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk

The Rise Trust

Did you know Cricklade Town Council provides a safe space at the Youth Building and Cricklade Leisure centre on Tuesdays from 6pm to 7pm for years 6 and 7, then 7.30pm to 8.30pm for years 8 and above. This safe space is provided by The Rise Trust and the young people have a space to chill. Outreach support from youth workers is available, snacks and activities are also provided.

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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Latton Parish Council

Parish Council Vacancies

Latton Council needs new team members.

If you would like to make a difference in your local community, have a say in how things are done, make decisions that support local people and the environment ... then become a local Councillor. It is people that bring about change and the existing team is looking for new people to help make the best of Latton and its local area.

Being a Councillor

What do Councillors do?

Councillors have three main components to their work.

1. *Decision making* - Through meetings and attending committees with other elected members, Councillors decide which activities to support, where money should be spent, what services should be delivered and what policies should be implemented.
2. *Monitoring* - Councillors make sure that their decisions lead to efficient and effective services by keeping an eye on how well things are working.
3. *Getting involved locally* - As local representatives, Councillors have responsibilities towards their constituents and local organisations. These responsibilities and duties often depend on what the Councillor wants to achieve and how much time is available.

How much time does it take up?

Quite often Councillors say that their duties occupy them for about an hour a week. Obviously, there are some Councillors who spend more time than this, and some less; but in the main, being a Parish Councillor is an enjoyable way of contributing to your community and helping to make it a better place to live and work.

If you are interested in applying or would like more information, please contact the Clerk to the Council by email to: clerk@latton-pc.gov.uk

Focus on Wiltshire Council

I am always pleased to hear from residents with their thoughts and concerns, but I will not respond to anonymous communications. I often get emails, telephone messages and even letters without the name or contact details of the correspondent. None were from the same person or on the same subject, some were deliberately anonymous and others were about genuine concerns. Please give your name and address and contact details without which I cannot respond.

I was very pleased that two small groups have been formed following my appeal at the Annual Town Meeting. The first is a Footpath Group who are walking the Cricklade parish footpaths and reporting back on their condition and even clearing sections to enable them to be accessible. The second group of volunteers have come forward to carry out minor maintenance jobs around the Town that are just not getting done by Wiltshire Council. Cricklade Town Council is supplying the materials. These include painting the underpass where graffiti has appeared and shortly repainting street name signs and the bollards in the High Street. Thank you to those volunteers for demonstrating pride in our town. If you would like to volunteer, give me a call or pop into the Town Council Office with your details.

We are into the grass cutting season once again. Grass cutting is carried out by both Wiltshire Council and Green Square Accord. Unfortunately, they never seem to coordinate their efforts even in the same areas. I am seeking meetings with both to see if some coordination can be agreed. Grass is cut in town monthly and on the verges out of town when required for road safety.

This month I continue to be involved in the review of the Housing Allocation system at County Hall and would like to hear from you on your endeavours to get on the housing allocation list.

It has been officially announced that Wiltshire Council has received a £2.1 million government grant for bus service improvements across the County. This is really good news for Cricklade. Whilst the 53 bus service to Swindon via Purton was under threat and temporarily saved by Wiltshire Council last month, this grant will secure its future in the long term. A reminder that the current '£2 anywhere' fare has been extended until October and I am told is likely to continue into next year. This applies to all passengers not only bus pass holders. I do know of a couple who used the scheme to go to Bournemouth for a day out for £8 return and thoroughly enjoyed the journey across Wiltshire. The service runs on almost all routes but it is worth checking before travel and does not include national coaches.

Continues over ...

I also look after Latton and Marston Meysey in my Ward and this extends to the boundary with Castle Eaton. I am pleased to be able to tell you that after nine years I have managed to get the speed limit reduced on the C114 Water Eaton to Castle Eaton Road and you will shortly see the speed reduced to 50mph and 40 in the area of housing.

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 you can 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

Purton & Green Gable Surgery PPG

Serving patients in Purton, Cricklade & surrounding communities



NHS Patient Survey

A summary of recent responses to the NHS Patient Survey showed that Purton and Green Gable Surgery received a 98% positive response.

200 Club draw

The June draw was done by Kai Howard, Practice Manager. The winners were: £100 June Carter, £15 Dr JLW Belford. 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.psppg@gmail.com to ask for it.

The 200 Club year starts in September and names are now being taken for the coming year. Those paying by Standing Order do not need to take any action as membership will continue uninterrupted, however those who pay annually will need to renew ... and may want to consider setting up a Standing Order. New members always welcome. Forms are available in the Surgery.

PPG Information

Information leaflets about the PPG are available in the Surgery.

Table Top and Books in Purton Surgery

If you wish to make a purchase from the Tabletop in Purton Surgery Waiting Room please hand your donation to the reception team. We are unable to receive any shoes for the table. There are also books in the bookcase for purchase (50p each).

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.psppg@gmail.com

Sheila Fowler, PPG Secretary



Cricklade Development Foundation

Old Police Station

OPEN DAY

Old Police Station

91 High Street, Cricklade

Friday 14 July: 4pm to 5.30pm



If you could not make our last open day on 10 June, here is another opportunity to take a look around. You will now see the new extension at the rear of the property and the progress we've made throughout the existing building.

All internal walls have now been formed, so you can walk around and get a real 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 and if anyone is interested in this "prime" High Street commercial property please contact us.

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@crickladefoundation.org.uk

or phoning our Secretary, Terri Robertson, 07902 421756.

Cricklade Historical Society

Wednesday 19 July: Inigo Jones and the New Style

Speaker : Chris Rogers

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

A big thank-you to all who came and supported our Quiz Night in May. We raised over £1300, which will go towards the running and maintenance of the Museum.

Cricklade & District Probus Club

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

13 July Afghan Wars – developments in technology ... and my contribution.

27 July The Penny Postal Service.

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 70 Years ago

The building of Culverhay

In the fifties, an expansion to Cricklade's population arose from the national need for permanent housing after the war, especially for those locally who had been living in ex-RAF huts at Blakehill Camp. In Cricklade this was Culverhay, an estate of 120 council houses erected on the former kennel field bordering Bath Road. Its building site on the original Vale of



the White Horse hunt field, abandoned since 1934, triggered the final demolition of the old hunt buildings still there. After some delay, Culverhay estate was started from November 1952 when six bungalows along the north side of Bath Road and 10 houses were built first by Swindon builders, Colbourne's, who later, after going into liquidation, became PBCW (Public Building and Construction Works). Pattisons built some of the later houses in White Horse Road. A Mr Harry Jefferies was the site manager for the first stage of the Culverhay project, and Pip Giles (Snr), who helped build the roads, remembered that they were all hand pitched so that they'd never give way.

From Cricklade Revealed Part 10

*Above: Fullers Avenue Culverhay, looking towards Bath Road.
[Looks like winter, lots of snow. Ed.]*

Note: In September 1953, the first sixteen houses were allocated. The final phase of the building, following on from Ministry approval in January 1955, was in May 1956 when the last six houses were completed.

From the new display board at the top of White Horse Road,

Cricklade Revealed – Last chance saloon...?

CR books will be on sale at the Open Door coffee morning on 15 July - all at £3 each. Sales on the day will go directly to Open Door funds. So, if you've never read one, here's your chance to enjoy the (often humorous) anecdotes of former residents, learn a little more about Cricklade's past, and support this wonderful charity all at the same time! See you there.

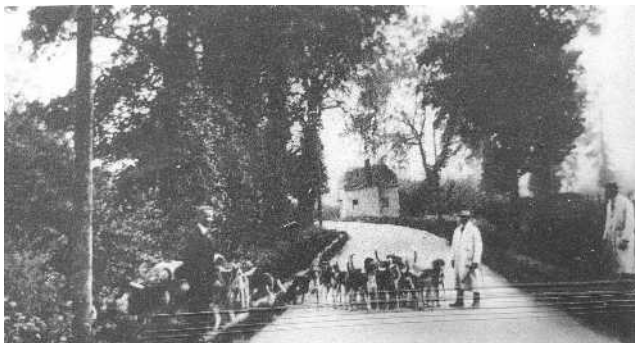
Marion Parsons

Editor's note: Cricklade Town Council recently installed their new display board, in the Heritage Trail series, on the corner of White Horse Road and Bath Road. It includes a few extra details that might be of interest.

The Culverhay site had previously been used as tennis courts and a cricket pitch but mainly it held kennels for the Vale of the White Horse Hunt. They were situated off Bath Road on the right-hand side of what is now Culverhay estate, alongside "Bumpy Lane" – the footpath running down the side of the cemetery from Bath Road to the grassed are of Long Close.

White Horse Road was obviously named after the Hunt and ran through the former

kennel complex. Fullers Avenue adjoining it was named after Lieutenant Colonel William Fleetwood Fuller who was the Master of Foxhounds from 1910 to 1927. He had been a Justice of the Peace in Cricklade and was a very keen Churchman.



At the other end of the Culverhay estate, Pike House Close was named after one of the last Turnpike Houses in Cricklade situated on Bath Road. Pike Houses had been built to collect the fees to be paid by road users in the 1700s and 1800s but turnpikes were absorbed into County Council jurisdiction in the late 1800s. Many of the old Pike Houses were converted into dwellings and, by 1953, this one was lived in by William John and Alice Giles. William was a plasterer by trade and they lived there all their married life. The Pike House was demolished in 1967. In the picture (*above*) The Hunt is seen in Bath Road, with the pike house visible behind. (Picture from the Display Board.)

In April 2017, Wiltshire Council granted planning permission for GreenSquare's regeneration of Culverhay. 65 properties were replaced with 109 energy-efficient homes, for shared ownership or rent.

The project was also intended to improve the public areas of the neighbourhood, road safety and parking. Residents of the 65 homes demolished were provided with new homes and if they wished, could stay in the area.



**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](https://www.what3words.com/#!/en/09G9-09G9-09G9)

St Swithin's Day: 15 July

By Commentator

"St Swithin's day if thou dost rain
For forty days it will remain
St Swithin's day if thou be fair
For forty days 'twill rain nae mare"

Is there any truth in this?

This legend goes back a long way. Swithin (or Swithun) was bishop of Winchester back in the days of King Æthelberht (or Ethelbert) of Wessex. Swithin died in 862 AD towards the height of the Danish-Wessex wars, later won by King Alfred the Great at Edington, Wiltshire in 878. Swithin at his own request had been buried in a common grave outside the church.

By 971 Swithin had been recognised as a saint, and his body (now some 109 years later) was dug up and put in a new shrine inside the church, which had itself been reconsecrated as a cathedral.

The legend says that this removal, against Swithin's wishes, caused "displeasure in the heavens" and a "terrible downpour" struck the area raining for 40 days – a bit like March 2023 here? There are no records to say this did or didn't happen. Forty days is a handy number – Noah had one.

There's a very similar legend in France surrounding the feast day of St Medard (8 June) and other stories exist all over northern Europe. There are also Norse and pre-Christian Anglo-Saxon myths of great deluges or floods in their creation stories.

What does the UK Met Office have to say?

On their website (www.rmets.org/metmatters) they say that "Since records began, not a single 40-day drought has occurred anywhere in the UK during the summer months, and there has been not one instance at any time of the year of 40 consecutive days of rainfall. Sunshine on St Swithin's Day in Miami may well auger 40 days of unbroken sunshine, but in Blackpool it most assuredly does not."

They go on to say that "the middle of July tends to be around the time that the jet stream settles into a relatively consistent pattern. If the jet stream lies north of the UK throughout the summer, continental high pressure is able to move in, bringing warmth and sunshine. If it sticks further south, Arctic air and Atlantic weather systems are likely to predominate, bringing colder, wetter weather."

They suggest that the rhyme just needs a little re-rendering:

"St Swithin's day if thou dost rain
For forty days, relatively unsettled there's a fair chance it will remain
St Swithin's day if thou be fair
For forty days, a northerly jet stream might result in some fairly decent spells
But then again it might not."

Have a good summer!

St Sampson's Church Appeal

By the time you read this, our latest concert by the Swindon Gilbert and Sullivan Society will have been enjoyed at St Sampson's Church. They have kindly donated all proceeds to the St Sampson's Church Appeal.

Also, we will have shared the proposed plans and vision for the next stage of the church refurbishment project.

We wish to thank all of you who have supported our events so far this year.



Advance Notice

St Sampson's Church Fete : 2 September 2023

We look forward to an enjoyable a day as last year!

St Sampson's Church 100 Club

The lucky winner of the 21 May 2023 draw was

Claire Hoad who won £31.

St Sampson's Church benefitted by £31.

It would be great to get 100 members! Contact Sharon Smith tel. 751375 or email sharonjsmith54@hotmail.com

We would still be grateful for any further donations to the next phase of the church appeal. Cash or cheques (made payable to St Sampsons PCC No 2 Account) can be put in the donation box at the church, or sent to Adina Grace, Church warden and Treasurer, 24 North Wall, Cricklade SN6 6DU. For further details please contact Adina at janda.grace447@outlook.com or tel. 01793 750138.

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



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

The Chronicle



Churches Together

Services for the Upper Thames Churches

2 July	Trinity 4
8am	Holy Communion <i>at St Sampson's</i>
10am	Holy Communion <i>at Holy Cross</i>
10am	Morning Worship <i>at St John the Baptist, Latton</i>
10am	Morning Worship with activities for children <i>at St Sampson's</i>
6.30pm	Evensong <i>at St Sampson's</i>
9 July	Trinity 5
10am	Upper Thames Worship Together Communion <i>at St Sampson's</i>
16 July	Trinity 6
8am	Holy Communion followed by breakfast <i>at St Sampson's</i>
10am	Holy Communion <i>at St John the Baptist, Latton</i>
10am	Morning Worship <i>at Holy Cross</i>
11am	St Sampson's Day service with thanksgiving for Informal Worship
6pm	Evensong <i>at Holy Cross</i>
6.30pm	Evensong <i>at St Sampson's</i>
23 July	Trinity 7
8.30am	Holy Communion <i>at Holy Cross</i>
10am	Holy Communion <i>at St Sampson's</i>
10am	Morning Worship <i>at St John the Baptist, Latton</i>
30 July	Trinity 8
10am	Holy Communion <i>at All Saints Old Chancel, Waterhay</i>
6.30pm	Upper Thames Group evening service: <i>All Saints Old Chancel, Waterhay</i>

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.

Thank You

■ JAMES (JIM) MARLEY

Following the sad passing of Jim on 13 April 2023, Brenda, Daphne, and Linda would like to thank everyone for the many cards and messages they have received. Also thank you to so many people who attended the service, relatives, friends and representatives of the Town Council, Court Leet and Probus Club.

Thank you to Rev Shirley Danby for support, her visit and the lovely service. Thanks to Russell at Blackwells for his support, guidance and care arranging the funeral. Also thanks to Dr De Silva and all at the surgery. Donations for The Macular Society have now reached over £300 and will be forwarded to the society by Blackwells. We hope this will help towards a cure for this disease which blighted Jim's latter years.

Brenda Marley, on behalf of the family.

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 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

Weddings

29 May Alice Claire Louise Walton & Ashley George Plummer Hamilton
at Holy Cross

Funerals

4 May Audrey Sweeney *at North Wiltshire Crematorium
with Thanksgiving Service at Holy Cross*

10 May James (Jim) George Marley *at Kingsdown Crematorium*

26 May Marie Louise Crook, *Interment of ashes at Latton churchyard*

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.cricklade.stmary.org.uk

Cricklade United Church Calcutt Street, Cricklade

Minister: Revd Sarah Simpson, tel. 01666 826866

Email: sarahsimpson14@btinternet.com

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

Cricklade Open Door

Open Door continues to offer fun activities, good company and support for Cricklade folks and we will be open for our usual 3 days throughout the summer - Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10am - 3.30pm. We don't close for the summer holidays, other than August Bank Holiday Monday, 28 August.



We would like to thank everyone who bought raffle tickets to try and win the wonderful Coronation blanket that was made and given to us by Amanda Pidgeon. In just 2 days before our Coronation Celebration Tea, when a winning ticket was drawn, it made £284.00 which goes towards helping to keep Cricklade Open Door open. Thank you very much Amanda, you are a real supporter and friend of Cricklade Open Door and much loved by us all. Another fundraiser took place on Saturday 20 May, when we took part in Cricklade Pre School's Jumble Trail. The weather was great and our net profit was £486.44.

On Saturday 15 July we will be holding a Coffee Morning and Table Top Sale at the Jenner Hall, 10am to 12 noon, when you can meet friends, eat and buy Chris's excellent cakes, scones and Bakewell tart, maybe win a good raffle prize (drawn at 11.45) and find a bargain.

If you would like to know more about Cricklade Open Door, just pop in or telephone 07599 987 851, Jan and Chris will be pleased to chat with you.

To finish off this July article, we would like to share with you our poem 'This is Cricklade' which members put together with our guest, poet and storyteller, Jonny Fluffypunk.

THIS IS CRICKLADE

This is Cricklade
where Open Door members meet three times a week
where the Thames meets its first town
and where the snakes-head fritillaries
this year felt drowned

This is Cricklade
where the streets all flow with potholes
and we proudly won best town in bloom
where the Jubilee clock always tells the right time
and the old men would lean on it at noon

This is Cricklade
where the Town Crier bellows
like a huge tuba or horn
where there's a notable absence of any police
and we queue for our prescriptions from dawn

This is Cricklade
where we drink coffee at The White Hart
then Pilates down at the Leisure Centre
then off to the Town Hall for Art.

This is Cricklade
where teddy bears on parachutes
leap from off the church tower
and the band plays loudly in the street
and Open Door is where we all meet
and pass away the hours.

By Open Door Members and Jonny Fluffypunk

Sing Four Four Community Choir



The Sing Four Four Community Choir
cordially invite you attend their

Summer Concert on Sunday 2 July at 3pm in St.
Sampson's Church. Ticket price will be £5 for adults. Children
under 16 years are free. There will also be a Raffle with lots of
desirable prizes. After the concert there will be tea and cake
served in the far aisle of the church. Doors will open at 2.30pm.

We hope you will be able to join us for this joyful occasion. The choir has been practising hard to put together a new programme for this concert and hope you will enjoy our performance.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Tickets are available from the Town Council Offices or via the contact form on the website.

If you enjoyed our concert and would like to join us, you will be very welcome, especially if you are a tenor or bass!

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 Jenner Hall (Parish Hall) "Save It Club"

In the Monthly Draw held on 25 May the lucky winners were:

First Prize:	Hazel Rowland	£38.40
Second Prize:	Chrissie Sawyer	£25.60
Jenner Hall Funds:		£64.00



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

Cricklade Camera Club



The Club's season runs from September to June. During July and August details of friendly summer meets and workshops can be found on our website: <https://crickladecameraclub.org>, or contact the Club Secretary, Anne Eckersley, for further information: clubsecretary@crickladecameraclub.org

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 appear on our website in July, but we will continue to have many excellent speakers covering a wide range of topics.

Our seventh season starts in earnest on Tuesday 5 September in the Town Hall Annexe at 7.30pm for an entertaining evening with Chilterns Federation photographer Darren Pullman who is going to tell us "How to take a bad picture"! Darren says he takes a lot of images, not all of them work, but you can learn a lot more from your mistakes than from 'perfect' pictures.

This highly entertaining talk by Darren Pullman has the answers, and at the same time will provide guidance on how to turn the mediocre into excellent.

www.pullmanphotography.co.uk

In our last meeting of 2022/23 season, we were joined by Southern Counties Photographic Federation Judge Tony Oliver ARPS CPAGB BPE5* to hear his kind words and selection of winning images in our 2022/23 Annual Exhibition.

Winners were:

Projected Digital Images

Open Category - No time to stop by Mike Buy

Flora and Fauna Category - Red Squirrel by Ian Byers (*next page, left*)

Landscapes Category - Clevedon by Mike Buy (*next page, right*)

Portrait Category - Goth lady by Peter Crane

Mono Category - Lonely Runner by Peter Crane (*right*)



Prints

Open Category - At the Watering Hole by Shirley Johnson

Landscapes Category - Colmers Hill Early Morning by Ian Byers

Flora and Fauna Category - Flamingos and the Misty Moon by Shirley Johnson

Mono Category - To the Galleries by Shirley Johnson (*left*)



Above: Clevedon by Mike Buy

Left: Red Squirrel by Ian Byers

Cricklade Garden Club

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

Our Plant Fare in May was a great community event, masses of plants provided by the Garden Club, Bloomers and Moira White from Purton. Also there were microgreens from Coad Micro Farm, milk from Moos on Thames, Healthy Planet's environmentally friendly products and stands by Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, Dance Common and Cricklade Climate Action Network. Refreshments were provided by Cricklade WI. The Town Hall buzzed!

The driving force behind the event was our Chair, Anne West, and we all owe her our grateful thanks for the time and energy she put in to make it such a success. She has decided to stand down in 2024, so next year we will be actively recruiting new Committee members.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 11 July. Our Speaker is David Pearce the Head Gardener at Abbotsbury Subtropical Garden and his talk is entitled: "Sustainable Gardening". David will tell us how this renowned 18th century garden is sustainably gardened in the 21st century. He will be bringing plants for sale.

We do not have a meeting in August so our next meeting will be on 12 September.

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).

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 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		

50 Shades of Green - A Call to Action

At Cricklade CAN we've been talking about what we can actually influence in our community and although a great deal of climate change is beyond our control we identified two areas where we can act directly and make a difference. Read on and see what we can do together;

1. Biodiversity loss. The UK is one of the most nature depleted countries in the world (RSPB is a good source of information on this) and we have a number of creatures facing extinction. We can't do a lot in Cricklade to help Scottish wildcats and beavers (snark) but hedgehogs, water voles and swifts are creatures that live alongside us and are declining at frightening rates. I'll write more about this next month because our second area of action is something we are currently very excited about.

2. Overconsumption. No not food, although food waste is a serious issue (wine waste obviously not an issue around my house), but 'stuff'. We buy so much stuff – if the whole world consumed things at the same rate as the UK we would need three planets to supply all the resources needed. Sharing things is the way to move forward to a green economy. Libraries of Things (awful name we know) are popping up around the country and we would like to set one up for Cricklade and the surrounding area.

What can you do? To learn more about Libraries of Things check out the web page of our mentors, *ShareFrome.org* To help us build a plan and tailor the offer please fill out our survey about a Cricklade Library of Things by pointing your phone camera at the QR code (*right*) and following the link that appears. We will need lots of support and volunteers with varying skills to set up this social enterprise and keep it running so if you'd like to get involved please email trizagreen@outlook.com. That support includes a vital network of repairers to help us to maintain the items for hire, so if you have some skills we would love to hear from you. And lastly, our wish list also includes some cheap, accessible premises and a rich, philanthropist supporter (with a vineyard perhaps) – could it be you?



Cricklade Open Gardens 2023

I am once again organising an Open Gardens Scheme in Cricklade. The date for this event will be the weekend of 1st and 2nd July.

I am looking for residents who are willing to open their gardens to the public during that weekend. You can do both days or just one if you prefer. The size of your garden does not matter as I am looking for both small and larger gardens to make it the success it has been over previous years.

If you have not opened your garden before or never even considered it, why not give it a go? It is great fun and you meet a lot of people who share your love of gardening.

We have raised significant amounts for local charitable causes and we hope to be able to continue that again this year. If you are able to help or want to discuss it before making a commitment, then please give me a call as soon as you can on 01793 759181 or alternatively email me at gloriaellen44@gmail.com.

Gloria Light

The Chronicle

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Foodbank

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



Client numbers are still high. We are distributing twice the amount of food this year compared to last year. Supplies in the warehouse remain very low. Any donation of food/toiletries/household items e.g. laundry powder will be grateful received. Pet food is always in demand.

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. 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: cricklade@malmesburydistrict.foodbank.org.uk

Visit the website: malmesburydistrict.foodbank.org.uk

Bingo 4 Us

Bingo4Us is a small non-profit group who meet at the Jenner Hall, Cricklade on Wednesday afternoons at 1.30 and it is 'EYES DOWN' at 2 pm. We are keen to have more members from the local area, including Purton, who will be made very welcome.

There is no joining fee, just a fee of £1 per session to cover prizes.

There are no forms to complete, so just come along on the day. For venue details and any questions please give Vicky a call on 07801 952 027.

Cover Photo

We are grateful to Cricklade Band for this month's cover picture. They gave a concert at St Sampson's on 1 April. The colour effect in the picture is a result of their backlighting ... not any photo April Fools's adjustment by *The Chronicle*!

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



Saxons Pétanque Club, Cricklade

We play at the Cricklade Leisure Centre piste on Tuesday and Thursday (2pm-4pm) and Saturdays (10am-12am), and on Wednesday evenings (7-9pm). Please arrive for the sessions 15 minutes before the start time.

We play 3 games per session with a break after the first two sessions. Our enjoyment of the breaks has been greatly enhanced by Langley Design who have donated and installed a third bench by the piste. It was in use as soon as the installation was complete!

We also participate in league games should the more competitive wish.

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. You can also visit our website at saxonspetanque.co.uk

Cricklade Pétanque Club

At the Cricklade House Hotel, SN6 6HA

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

We are delighted to announce that, after construction in May, our new clubhouse is now open, providing a relaxing place to sit/shelter between games.

Our playing days are:

Mon 2 to 4.30pm

Tues 7- 9.30pm

Wed 2 to 4.30pm

Sat 10am -12.30pm

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

Find us on Facebook by searching Cricklade Petanque Club on Facebook.

Cricklade W.I.

We had a fun meeting in June when we celebrated our birthday with Prosecco and nibbles as well as welcoming visiting WI members. We also welcomed Jan Furze who gave us a potentially life saving demonstration on how to use one of the many defibrillators we are lucky enough to have around the town.



Our July meeting will not take place as it clashes with the visiting Mikron Theatre which most of our members like to attend. Maybe we'll see you there.

Do come along and join us for our August meeting when we welcome Al Sylvester MBE who is a renowned Royal Air Force Mountain Rescue Service Leader and inspirational speaker who will be talking about the Royal Air Force's first 600 mile unsupported attempt to reach the South Pole.

We are a friendly bunch and meet every third Thursday of the month (except July and December) at 7.30pm in the Cricklade Town Hall Annexe. As well as a weekly guest we have a variety of events and outings available through the Wiltshire WI and organised within our own group. For more information please contact our Secretary, Viv Tomkins on 01793 752459 or by email at vivienne.tomkins@btinternet.com

Cricklade Youth Football

On Saturday 13 May, over 120 young footballers from Cricklade Youth FC celebrated at their End of Season Presentation. The children all received medals or trophies for their contribution to their teams over the past season. The team coaches were so complimentary about all of the children; and celebrated not only the achievements on the pitch but also the team spirit, camaraderie and positive attitudes of our players.



The CYFC teams range widely in ages from 'Tots' who are just 3 years old, up to the Under 11s team who will all shortly be moving onto secondary school in September.

Committee Chairman Rob Aylward says, "CYFC was established over 30 years ago and has provided footballing opportunities to so many children from Cricklade and the surrounding area. A few years ago, the club was severely short on numbers and committee members. However, it has now more children registered to play football than ever before, has a fantastic team of qualified and enthusiastic volunteer coaches and a strong supporting committee.

"One of the highlights of the year has been the launch of the Club's first ever girls only team, the Cricklade Wildcats, who are now training each week.

"We are extremely proud of all of the children and the wider team within the Club; and also of the community spirit which the Club generates within Cricklade."

The presentation events were a fantastic way to celebrate the children, their commitment and achievements over the year. CYFC is very much looking forward to a successful 2023-24 season.

For more details about the club go to www.crickladyouthfootballclub.co.uk. Our training sessions take place on Saturday mornings at Cricklade Leisure Centre with Wildcats training on Mondays 4-5pm

Cricklade Link

Could you spare a few hours a week to help your local community? We need co-ordinators for the Cricklade Link Service, to link our drivers with the service users. A phone will be provided. If you would like to help please call 07421 018499.



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Cricklade Bowls Club

What a difference a month makes! (Is that a song?) We have been able to open the green and our two Open Days in May were a wonderful success. The change in the weather has meant that we have gone from hosting ducks to needing to water the green to stop it drying out.



Although bar sales on the two days meant we weren't drying out, we had wonderful plant sales figures on the day of the Preschool Jumble Trail. We would love to know how much the entire Trail raised but we achieved a great figure plus the bar.

The second event was our Bowls England Big Bowls Day. Rather than selling plants we were looking for new members ... we caught another six new ladies and gents, that's about 10% on our membership. Proceeds included membership fees, bar and uniform shirt sales as well as the usual plants etc, and we came out well up again! Congratulations to all concerned but especially to Liz Sherman and Jill Selby for the plants sales and raffles on both those days. Also Roger Essex's wonderful bar team.

I can't finish without thanking our newest sponsor, Mark Butler of e-Motion electric bikes of Swindon. Mark is pictured here (*left*) with our Club's representative Clive Heard.

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



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.

Further details from 01793 751104.

Parkinson's UK

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

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.

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

Cricklade Bloomers

Whispers from the Walled Garden

After the cold spring and the delay in Bloomers receiving the plants, the baskets and tubs were eventually in place by early June. Now, in July, we hope the residents of Cricklade and visitors to the town are enjoying everything in full bloom.



Thank you for all your support, whether buying plants at the Garden Club Plant Fair or from the trolley outside the Walled Garden, or from the appreciation we receive as we tend the plants and borders.

Of course, it would not be possible to keep Cricklade looking wonderful without the consistent efforts of the amazing Bloomers Volunteers.

A reminder that tickets for the Mikron Theatre's summer evening production on 20 July are available from the Town Council Offices and, as always, plants, jams and honey are available for sale on the cart outside The Walled Garden every day.

Help Keep Cricklade Beautiful, Sponsor a Planter

CRICKLADE CINEMA!

We will be holding our AGM on Tuesday 11 July at 7pm in the Town Hall Committee Room.

In addition to a review of the past 12 months we will also be selecting the films for our Autumn Season and give you the opportunity to ask questions and help shape the future of Cricklade Cinema.

For the very latest information on Cricklade Cinema please check out our website: www.cricklodecinema.org.uk or Facebook page Cricklade Cinema.

Feel free to email us at: cricklodecinema@gmail.com or phone: 750782

Lester Buck

Cricklade Computer Club

Due to holidays etc we will not be running the Computer Club during the month of July. We will restart on 31 July when we will be offering our normal assistance with problems that you may be experiencing with computers, tablets, phones etc.

Remember that this service is free, just bring your equipment and we will try to help.

Roger and Terry

In Our Broader Area : What's On?



■ The Wessex (male choir), Summer Concert, Friday 14 July:

Christ Church, Swindon SN1 3HG at 7.30pm. (Doors open at 6.45pm.)

Special guests:

The Richard Williams Singers from Tonyrefail in South Wales.

Tickets from TheWessex.org.uk/tickets. Price £12.50 / Under-16s £6.

■ Royal International Air Tattoo, Friday 14 to Sunday 16 July: RAF Fairford.

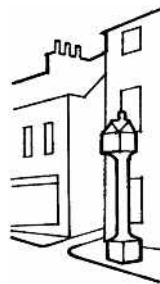
Tickets and further information from www.airtattoo.com

The Chronicle Diary – July 2023

- 1 Sa 1pm to 5pm: Cricklade Open Gardens
3pm to 5pm: Tea & Cakes at Cricklade United Church, Calcutt Street
end of day Chronicle copy deadline
- 2 Su 1pm to 5pm: Cricklade Open Gardens
3pm Sing Four Four summer concert at St Sampson's
- 3 M 7pm Town Council Planning etc Committee, Council Chamber
- 11 Tu 7pm Cricklade Cinema AGM at Town Hall Committee Room
7pm speaker 7.30pm: Garden Club at Town Hall Annexe
- 13 Th 10am Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel
- 14 F 4pm to 5.30pm: Old Police Station Open Day, Development Foundation
7.30pm The Wessex, Summer Concert at Christ Church, Swindon
- 17 M to 21 July: Town Council judging of Cricklade in Bloom
7pm Town Council Community & Leisure Committee, Council Chamber
- 18 Tu 7.30pm Cricklade Art Group, Town Hall Annexe
- 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 Mikron Theatre production, tickets form Town Council Office
- 26 W Wiltshire Schools Summer Holidays (others may differ)
- 27 Th 10am Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel
- 31 M 7pm Town Council Planning etc Committee, Council Chamber
10am to noon: Computer Club restarts at Leisure Centre

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 - July 2023

5th ○ 10th ● 17th ● 25th ○

The Final Word ...

Coronation Re-visited

I don't know about you, but I rather enjoyed the weekend of the coronation in May! And one thing stands out from that weekend is a message not only for that weekend but for every day – the theme of service.

The coronation service itself began with the King quoting the words of Jesus saying that 'In his [Jesus'] name and after his example, I come not to be served but to serve.'

I wonder if you have thought about that theme of service in your own life? The life of your family?

I know a family who always take with them, on every walk, the ability to take rubbish home with them. A small but vital act of service with which the children join in. Maybe you give regularly to a foodbank or other way to help other people. Perhaps you have a neighbour on whom you keep an eye. All these acts of service are part of what holds the fabric of our society, our community together.

At the end of the celebrations the Scouts Chief Executive said this: 'When the bunting comes down and we move on from the coronation, the legacy of this weekend needs to be about service. This isn't just about a special day or a weekend it's about how volunteering plays a part in the fabric of this country, and why it's important to individuals.'

Everyone I know who lives a life of service lives a more unselfish and less insular life – a more fulfilled life.

Maybe we can think again about Jesus and his example of service, laying down his life for his friends. Maybe we can think of King Charles and his coronation theme of service. Maybe we can commit ourselves once more to be aware of our need to be part of the glue which holds us all together, serving one another and weaving the fabric of our community for the sake of others.

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

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