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From the Editor

After a sleepy August, everything has woken up! There's lots going on in September as you can see from the tightness of space on the Diary page and that I've had to be a bit inventive with the layout of the Contents below.

Bounce & Rhyme started a short piece in an earlier issue with one session a month. It's obviously popular as it's now twice a month - page 17. The Cinema is back and their season tickets are also popular as they sell out quickly.

Great Western Embroiderers are taking part at Jenner Hall in the first weekend of the Swindon Open Studios event (p24). But if you prefer a Murder Mystery there is one to be held by PADS for the Twinning Society (p20). Or are you up to a Barn Dance? If so, join the Historical Society's event (p19). You may need to book for some of these.

St Sampson's Church fete is on 2 September with craft stalls, fun tattoos, tower tours and a bbq ... I've been roped into the

fiery cooking! Courageous teddy bears will leap from the tower; parachutes provided of course! See page 21.

The football season has already started and you can read about the perils of playing on pasture land pitches in the 1950s on page 19. Meanwhile our sports pages show the new rugby season together with the end of the bowls. Meanwhile the two pétanque clubs continue to thrive in all seasons.

The Camera Club is 7 years old and starting its new season this month. Wonder if they might send me a photo for the magazine cover ...

Garden Club

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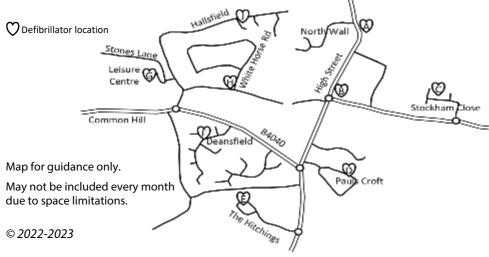
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Cricklade Town Council

Town Council Meetings

Tuesday 29 August Planning, Conservation & Transport

Committee (PCT)

Monday 11 September Premises & Finance Committee

Monday 18 September Community & Leisure Committee

Monday 25 September Planning, Conservation & Transport Committee (PCT)

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

Cricklade in Bloom

The judges have been out and about in Cricklade and have seen some wonderful gardens and displays.

The winners will be announced in the October Chronicle.

Overgrown Hedges and Bushes

Everything in the garden is growing rapidly, unfortunately not just the flowers and vegetables.

The Council is receiving many enquiries relating to hedges and bushes, where foliage is drooping or has grown over property boundaries, making footpaths and pavements difficult to walk along for everyone. Please look at your boundaries and clear the ways for others to walk without difficulty. If you have elderly neighbours, they may appreciate a hand to clear theirs.

Events Diary 2023

We'd like to remind residents about the Town Diary which can be found as the 'Events Calendar' on the Town Council website. You can email details of any events or meetings etc. to *admin@crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk* and the website will be updated with your event details. Also our new website should go live in September!

Parking in Cricklade

This has been noted several times now but please can residents respect the disabled bays in our car parks and on the High Street. The Council and the Town Hall committee have recently had the lines repainted in the Town Hall car park – so no excuses now for

using them if you do not have a blue disabled badge on display.

Staffing Update

Cricklade Town Council are very pleased to welcome Nicky Webster to the Council. Nicky has been working the afternoons as the receptionist on the front desk since May. Emma continues to be the receptionist on the front desk in the mornings. The Council wishes Nicky every success in her new role.





Protect your Open Spaces - Please help us to protect these important community areas.

We have received several complaints relating to Fairview Fields and the Millennium Wood. As a result we would ask residents not to camp in these areas. In recent weeks, we have had to clean up waste of all descriptions!

- BBQs are now banned from being used on any land belonging to Cricklade Town Council.
- If you are walking your dogs, please pick up your dog faeces and place it in one of the many bins on site or take it home with you.

Hallsfield Meadow, Fairview Fields - together with the Millennium and Jubilee Woods - are there for all the community to enjoy. Feel free to picnic but no BBQs please, and please take all your rubbish home with you.

Town Council Grants

The Town Council has a Small Grant Scheme for local community and voluntary groups. Application forms and guidance can be found on our website and hard copies are available from the Town Council offices.

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: Monday 28 August 2023

Tel: 01793 751394 E-mail: admin@crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk



Website: www.crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk

Follow the Council @ www.facebook.com/CrickladeTownCouncil

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

Focus on Wiltshire Council

Do you know you are moving? The Boundary Commission has recently completed a total review of the Political Boundaries of England. This exercise currently takes place every five years and has now been increased to every eight years. This was necessary after many years of demographic change with the boundaries and political constituencies fluctuating between very large and very small. The aim is to make each constituency as close to 75,000 residents as possible.

How will this affect you? The area that Cricklade, Latton and Marston Meysey sit in is currently the North Wiltshire constituency. From the next General Election or

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Byelection we will become South Cotswolds, a new constituency formed from part of the old North Wiltshire plus Cirencester. This will take in as far west as Tetbury and in the east as far as Lechlade. In the south, extending to Kington Langley but excluding Chippenham and stopping short of Royal Wootton Bassett or any part of Swindon. In the North it will include Cirencester.

Will it affect you? You will notice little change. Cricklade, Latton and Marston Meysey will still be in the County of Wiltshire and our Unity Authority will remain Wiltshire Council to whom you pay your Community Charges (Rates). Wiltshire Council will remain the principal Highways Authority, amongst the many things they are responsible for.

The changes are political only. Your MP might well change at the next General Election although I believe the current MP, James Gray, intends to stand for South Cotswolds, so moving you are, but not far. Personally though, I think South Cotswolds sounds nicer than North Wiltshire.

I have received a number of complaints about overgrown hedges and boundaries from properties around Cricklade, Latton and Marston Meysey, Some are now so overgrown that people are having to step off the footway into the road. Please take a look at your property boundary and take into consideration those with poor sight or disabilities who struggle to pass many of these properties. Complaints sent to Wiltshire Council direct will result in a letter from them to you requesting action. If you do not cut back offending shrubbery Wiltshire Council may carry out the work and charge the offending householders to remedy the work. Please be a considerate homeowner.

A reminder that new regulations on litter and fly tipping come into effect this month. The fine for litter dropping including graffiti painting and more importantly fly tipping will incur fines up to £1000. This includes such things as throwing your grass cuttings over your garden fence. I recently received a number of complaints about residents throwing grass cuttings into ditches and along the Sustrans footpath.

I would like to send my thanks to the Cricklade Festival Committee for the fantastic job of reviving the Festival earlier this year. I understand they are already working on next year's programme. Is it possible that we can now ensure the future of another Cricklade event – the lighting of the Christmas tree and visit by Father Christmas? The Christmas event committee is struggling for support. Can you help to support this event? If you can spare a little time give me a call and I will pass your details to the committee.

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

cricklade Bloom

Whispers from the Walled Garden

Whilst July was a slightly cooler and wetter month for us than normal, southern Europe saw record high temperatures and devastating wild fires due to climate change. Hotter, drier summers are already more normal for the UK too. With this in mind, and conscious that it is incumbent on every one of us, Bloomers' new planting this year has addressed future water shortages.

Three borders (the end of the line, the Sustrans and the right-hand border on the turning circle by Malmesbury Road) have been replanted and renovated by our dedicated volunteers with shrubs and perennials more able to cope with drier conditions. Additionally these will provide nectar for pollinating insects. The new planters have large water reserves to prevent the wastage that comes with the need for frequent watering.

Next year will be the twentieth anniversary of Cricklade Bloomers and we have plans for new schemes that will improve Cricklade's environment in a biodiverse and sustainable way. We would like to continue working with younger members of the community such as our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh volunteers.

We are also very grateful for the support of the population of Cricklade at our frequent fundraising events that enable us to purchase all the tools, plants and equipment needed to keep Cricklade looking attractive.

Help Keep Cricklade Beautiful, Sponsor a Planter



Friends of St Mary's Cricklade

INVITE YOU TO A

QUIZ EVENING

At Cricklade Town Hall

On Friday, 24 November 2023

Starting at 7pm until 10pm

Teams of 6 but we will fit you in if you can't make a team of your own.

Tickets: £10 per adult and £5 for child under 16 years old, to include a light supper

Bring your own liquid refreshment and glasses.

Tickets available from 'Animal Fayre' (88 High Street) or from Gerry Dudley on 01793 750107.

Get your tickets early or you might miss an enjoyable evening.

Bounce & Rhyme

Free music for babies sessions plus breastfeeding and chestfeeding support in Cricklade.

Cricklade United Church is pleased to host a fortnightly free of charge Bounce & Rhyme session for babies,

toddlers and their carers on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 1.45 to 2.45pm.

We sing nursery rhymes together, play instruments, read a story and meet new friends. We also enjoy a cuppa and a snack!

2023 sessions: Tues 5 & 19 Sep Tues 2 & 14 Nov

> Tues 3 & 17 Oct Tues 5 & 19 Dec (Xmas party)

We're also joined by Cricklade Breastfeeding Friends, to support all parents with any feeding or parenting needs, or just to be a friendly face to chat through any worries you have! We have a private space for feeding and discussion if needed. This support is provided by the Association of Breastfeeding Mothers (ABM) peer supporters.

And don't forget you can access the National Breastfeeding Helpline 9.30am - 9.30pm every day, 365 days a year on 0300 100 0212 to chat to a trained professional. We also recommend downloading the free Anya parenting, baby & breastfeeding app which is available 24/7 on your phone.

Parkinson's UK At The Cricklade Club, High Street 10.30am - noon

Join us for coffee, cake and chat on 3rd Wednesday each month. We meet in The Living Room, turn right and follow the sign from the Foyer. CHANGE ATTITUDES. Contact: parkinsonscafecricklade@gmail.com or call 07951 944 760.

Sing Four Four Community Choir

Our happy band of singers re-commences rehearsals on Thursday 7 September, when we will begin learning the repertoire for the

Christmas Concert. The first session will start with a social time at 7pm so people can meet up with friends they've not seen over the summer. Singing will start at 7.45pm. Normally our rehearsals in the United Church will begin at 7.30pm and finish at 9.30pm.

Have you ever thought about joining a choir? Not only is it enjoyable, but it offers a number of health benefits:

- Singing relieves stress
- Increases pain threshold
- Improves lung function
- Develops a sense of belonging and connection

Singers see an improvement in their physical, mental and spiritual health.

Why not come along and give it try?

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

Open Days

At the Old Police Station 91 High Street, Cricklade



Friday, 8 September 2023 – 4pm to 5.30pm Saturday, 9 September 2023 – 10.30am to noon

Whether you have visited before or not, you will see the big changes we have made. At the time of writing, the kitchens and bathrooms in the upstairs flats are being installed, and the unloved Cotswold stone cladding has just been removed from the frontage by our excellent team of volunteers. By the time of the Open Days, there will be even more progress, so please come along to meet the CDF team on either 8 or 9 September to see the improvements for yourself.

This community project promises to bring benefits to the community that we can all be proud of.

The purchase and renovation of the Old Police Station has all been made possible with the help of our members who have bought 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 421 756.

Free Service for Stamp Collectors

Mr Kevin New is offering a free service to consider the arrangement and content of postage stamp collections.

Please contact: Kevin New, telephone number 01793 751410. Address given after phone contact.

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 in the 1950s Post-war cricket and football.

The post-war period brought a much needed revival of organised team sports which had been suspended during the war with so many absent. Cricklade Football Club had used the Southam field at Hatchetts for their matches before the war,



and around 1934 a new cricket pitch and pavilion had been set up on the north side of Gas Lane. A few years later however, the venues for both changed, but couldn't be implemented until 1946. The Cricket Club minutes show that the pavilion was moved from Gas Lane to Southam field in 1948, when new turf was laid, and they started playing there in 1949. The football pitch was at the lower end of Pauls Croft field beside the railway embankment, and was described as, 'horrendous – no one would play on it



today – cow pats, terrible!' Team member, Roy Looker, tells how the team had to trudge all the way down to the Red Lion Inn to change after their matches. The changing room facilities consisted of old galvanised baths, although better than the ancient railway goods van and bucket of river water provided a generation earlier! Bert Giles' bus, with its wooden slatted seats, was hired to take them to away fixtures.

From Cricklade Revealed

Pictured top: Cricklade football team, 1950s. Below: Pauls Croft football pitch in the fifties.

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 mfparsons071@btinternet.com

Marion Parsons

Cricklade Historical Society

Wednesday 20 September

The Wilts & Berks and North Wilts Canals. Speaker – Steve Bacon To be held in the Town Hall Annexe – Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start.

Saturday 30 September – Barn Dance 7pm to 11pm

Our next Fund Raiser is a Barn Dance, with a professional caller and pay bar at the Town Hall. Tickets are £15.00 each which includes a light supper. Tickets available from Stuart Pryde on 07764 742 527 or via our website - www.cricklademuseum.co.uk

CHS Calendar 2024

The CHS calendar for 2024 is now available to purchase at £10.00 each. You can order your copy via our website or by contacting Pam Debenham on 07453 766 744.

Cricklade Twinning Society

November Twinning Visit

We are planning an informal Twinning Visit for the weekend of 4 - 5 November, Bonfire Night – informal in the sense that we would ask folks already twinned and with an ongoing pairing to talk to their counterparts in Succ. We will provide a programme for the weekeng



counterparts in Sucé. We will provide a programme for the weekend and would hope to involve as many people as possible, including those who don't have visitors.

Please let me know if you have invited your French counterparts so we know how many people to cater for. Please email *chair@crickladetwinning.org.uk*.

Murder Mystery Play - Saturday 9 September

A new **Murder Mystery** to solve comes to Cricklade on Saturday 9 September.

Hurry, tickets are selling fast for the Purton Amateur Dramatics Society's new Murder Mystery Evening, in aid of Cricklade Twinning Society.

At Cricklade Town Hall, doors open 7pm, sleuthing begins 7.30pm.

Tickets are £10 adults / £5 children / £25 family. Tables of up to 6. Includes a ploughman's supper with veggie & vegan, gluten-free alternatives (please let us know if you require the alternatives and whether you are a coeliac). NB you need to bring your own drinks and glasses! Raffle prizes are always welcome.



Book here (QR code to scan right) or by emailing tickets@crickladetwinning.org.uk

Sucé's New Mayor

Julien Le Metayer is the new mayor of Sucé. We welcome him and look forward to seeing him in the future.

Chris Faulkner, Chair Cricklade Twinning Association

Cricklade W.I.

After a break in July it was lovely to see our members back in August for a catch up on gossip and to hear a very interesting talk from Al Sylvester, a renowned RAF Mountain Rescue Service Leader.



Our September meeting will be equally interesting with a talk from Danielle Mills on how Medical Detection Dogs are trained to detect the odour of human disease and how the dogs are helping research into the fight against cancer and other life threatening diseases such as Parkinson's.

We don't always have speakers, sometimes we just gather for a drink and a chat or have a light activity. Come along and find out more. We meet every third Thursday of the month (except December) at 7.30pm in the Town Hall Annexe and welcome new members. 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 contact our Secretary Viv Tomkins on 01793 752459 or by email at vivienne.tomkins@btinternet.com. Check us out on Facebook or just turn up - the first three meetings are free!

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St Sampson's Church Appeal

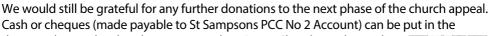
Creating a Community Space for the Future



St Sampson's Church 100 Club

The lucky winners of the 20 July 2023 draw were Mr and Mrs Fray who won £31.00. St Sampson's Church benefited by £31.00.

To join the 100 Club, contact Sharon Smith tel. 751375 or email sharonjsmith54@hotmail.com



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*

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



Churches Togethe

Services for the Upper Thames Churches

3 September

8am Holy Communion at St Sampson's10am Holy Communion at Holy Cross

10am Morning Worship at St Sampson's with music group10am Morning Worship at St John the Baptist, Latton

6.30pm Evensong at St Sampson's

10 September

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

17 September

8am Holy Communion followed by breakfast at St Sampson's

10am Holy Communion at St John the Baptist, Latton

10am Morning Worship at Holy Cross

11.30am Harvest Morning Worship at St Sampson's

followed by bring and share lunch

6pm Evensong at Holy Cross 6.30pm Evensong at St Sampson's

24 September

8.30am Holy Communion BCP at Holy Cross10am 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.

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

Coffee Cafe

All are welcome to attend the weekly Coffee Cafe each Friday at Cricklade United Church Hall, Calcutt Street from 10am to 11.30am. Come along for a coffee and a chat.

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?Y 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 July Nikki Marie Freeth & Adam James Watts at St Sampson's

Funerals

15 June Helen Draper; interment of ashes at All Saints Leigh churchyard

14 July Sue O'Brien; interment of ashes at Cricklade Cemetery

19 July James Hart; interment of ashes at Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes

27 July Patricia Evans, Service at St Sampson's followed by Kingsdown Crematorium

31 July Gillian (Jill) Arengo-Jones at Cheltenham Crematorium

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Weekly Mass times 9.30am on Sundays

10.00am on Fridays

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

Parish website www.stthomasparish.plus.com.

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

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

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

Prospect Hospice

A support group for Prospect Hospice is holding a Coffee Morning and Table Top sale on **Saturday 30 September** starting at 10am at Cricklade United Church Hall, Calcutt Street. There will cakes, Tombola, bric-a-brac, refreshments and raffle.

All proceeds to Prospect Hospice.

Great Western Embroiderers in Swindon Open Studios Weekend

16 - 17 September 2023



We have been meeting in Cricklade for the past 16 years.

Please come and see our work on display and meet some of our members who will be demonstrating their skills.

Two themes for this exhibition are RED & CRICKLADE

11am – 4pm at Jenner Hall, Bath Road Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 September

Top right: Jayne Fleetwood, A river runs through it Left: Maggie Harris, Experiments in Red Below left: Fritillaries by Judy Joiner



. Below right: Hazel Smith - Needlelace





Swindon Open Studios Bigger Than Ever This September

Swindon Artists are once again showcasing their diverse creativity and opening their studios to the public over the weekends of 16/17 and 23/24 September 2023 as part of the Swindon Open Studios 2023 (SOS) event. Swindon has a wealth of artistic talent across many art practices and this year the event is going to be bigger than ever with 64 venues to choose from and some 120 artists taking part.

Many of the artists will be opening their own studio doors to the public, whilst others will be showing their work in designated pop up venues all over Swindon and within a 15 mile radius of the town centre. Participants will be happy to discuss their work with visitors and many will be giving demonstrations of their practice. You may even be offered tea and cake in the garden before setting off to your next discovery and possible purchase!

Committee member Deborah Battaglia says, "This event is about showcasing local talent and connecting people through art. Many people consider the creation of artwork to be akin to magic and take great pleasure in coming to see artists in their studios amidst the mucks and messes of paint, clay, glass or stone, and possibly even having an opportunity to try something for themselves."

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There is something for every taste with abstract and figurative paintings, textiles and embroidery, mural design, ceramics glass and mosaic work all on offer, and more besides. For local art lovers, Swindon Open Studios really is too good to miss!

Map Link

Don't Forget to Pick Up a Brochure!

Brochures for Swindon Open Studios are available from community and sports venues, libraries and many pubs, cafes, bars and retail outlets throughout the town and surrounding areas. QR codes will take you direct to the website and map showing where artists are exhibiting.



Cricklade Open Door

Here comes autumn and the countdown to Christmas! If you have received your Chronicle during the last week of August, then there are just 17 weeks to Christmas!

At Open Door, we have already decided on dates for our Christmas Lunch and Christmas Tea Party and begun to think about entertainment at the Tea Party and a Volunteers' Christmas Song is in the pipeline again this year!

During August, as well as enjoying our usual weekly activities, we had a very successful pub lunch at the Baker's Arms in Badbury at the beginning of the month and a great get together in Jicsaw Thai restaurant a few weeks later. To round off the month, we finished with a scrumptious Cream Tea with Pimms and a Cheese and Wine raffle during the afternoon.

We would like to thank Cricklade Manor Prep School for continuing to cook our lunches throughout the summer holidays, helping to keep us open during the holidays when so many groups close for several weeks.

A date for your diaries - Monday 9 October, Sian and Rob will be with us again, thanks to The Wiltshire Music Centre and they will entertain us in the morning with a new repertoire of well known songs that we can all join in with and have lots of fun; just come along. This will be followed by a buffet lunch, which must be booked.

If you would like to find out more about Open Door, just pop in to The Jenner Hall, Bath Road, on a Monday, Tuesday or Thursday between 10am and 3.30pm or telephone 07599 987 851, email crickladeopendoor@gmail.com

Cricklade Link

We Need Your Help We need Drivers

Due to the retirement of a number of our long serving drivers, we are seeking new Link Drivers. We take requests on our answer machine and once a day the Coordinator matches up available drivers and Link tasks.

Could you give us a couple of hours a week to be a Link Driver? For more information, please call 07421 018 499 and leave your details and we will call you back.

We are seeking drivers to help our community

We need Volunteers 07421 018 499 Cricklade Link Scheme



Purton & Green Gable Surgery PPG

Serving patients in Purton, Cricklade & surrounding communities



Patient Satisfaction Survey

You may have seen reported that Purton Surgery received the highest level of Patient Satisfaction in the area (90%) in the recent NHS Survey. The Practice is justifiably proud of this achievement. Well done everyone!

What has PPG Fundraising been used for?

A selection of the items the PPG has funded or part-funded for the Surgery:

- Patient Call Screen TV;
- Patient Self Check-in;
- Projector used for staff training and patient education events;
- 10 Examination couches;
- Spirometer to help diagnose and monitor certain lung conditions;
- High-backed waiting room chair;

- Consultation Room chairs with arms;
- Push-button entry door opening;
- Doppler ultrasound used to estimate blood flow;
- ECG Machine used to record your heart rhythm;
- Dermatoscope allows the visualisation of subsurface skin structures.

The doors and windows at Green Gable Surgery need replacing and the PPG is currently raising money to help with the cost of these.

200 Club

All profits from the 200 Club go to help purchase items for the surgery which are not provided by the NHS – such as those listed above.

New members are welcome! The next year of the 200 Club starts in September, payments are being taken, and names are now needed as soon as possible – you can pick up a form from the surgery or if you would like more information phone Trish Baker who is a member of our PPG, tel 01793 770371. The cost is just £15 a year and there are prizes of £100 and £15 each month. If you pay annually you will need to renew and you may want to consider setting up a Standing Order. If you pay by Standing Order you do not need to do anything as you will be carried forward to next year automatically.

The August draw was made by Receptionist Andrea Read and the £100 winner was Patricia Neville. 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 request it.

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 The Chronicle

Cricklade Foodbank

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

Cricklade Foodbank has had another busy month. During June we saw 49 clients and fed 141 people. In the same period, we collected 308 kg of food but took 1226 kg of food from the warehouse. In addition to food, our clients are often in need of what we call 'extras' e.g. toiletries or laundry/washing up items.

Thank you to everyone who donates so generously, but as you can see, the need is still high. 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: crickladecm@malmesburydistrict.foodbank.org.uk Visit the website: malmesburydistrict.foodbank.org.uk

Cricklade & District Probus Club

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

7 September The RAF Transports Evolution

21 September Captain Bligh and Mutiny (3 Mutinies!)

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 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.



CANCER RESEARCH UK Cricklade

Is anyone interested in fund-raising again for Cancer Research UK in Cricklade? Between 1985 and 2005, we had a very vigorous and enterprising committee and made over £84,000 for the charity.

We still have a considerable quantity of emblazoned stationery, both A4 paper and A6 cards attractively printed for use by the Cricklade committee. They include the Registered Charity number of the national organisation.

It would be wonderful if someone feels they could continue to fund-raise for this worthwhile cause. Please contact Claire on 01793 750186.



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 12 September** when our speaker is Paul Green of Green Leaves Nursery whose talk is entitled "Drought Resistant Plants and Autumn Planting".

Traditionally, autumn is the start of the gardening year and who better to help us on our way than Paul who will fill the Annexe with an amazing selection of plants? Paul's love and enthusiasm for his plants is inspiring and if you are thinking of a garden makeover, just starting on your gardening journey and want advice on planting for our changing climate, do come and join us. You won't regret it!

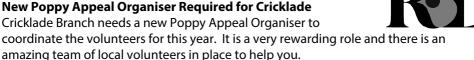
For information about the club, upcoming events and trips please look at our excellent website www.crickladegardenclub.org.uk

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 & District Poppy Appeal 2023

New Poppy Appeal Organiser Required for Cricklade



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

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

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

First Prize: Lynn & Steve Forrester £37.50 Second Prize: Angela Kemble £25.00 Jenner Hall Funds: £62.50



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

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

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CRICKLADE CINEMA!

We are back with what we hope is another great season of films for you this autumn, so why not come along and enjoy a night at the movies amongst friends.

26 September Allelujah (12, 99 mins)

24 October A Man Called Otto (15, 126 mins)

14 November The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry (12A, 102 mins)

28 November Chevalier (12, 107 mins) ** to be confirmed **

All films start at 8pm in the Town Hall.

Tickets can once again be purchased from the Town Council Offices at 113 High Street or on the door (subject to availability). Single ticket: £5, Season Ticket: £12 (that's just £3 per film).

Allelujah

Our Season Ticket has been extremely popular and we sold out very quickly last time out so please get yours early.

We kick off the season with a British hospital-based drama directed by Richard Eyre

Tuesday 26 September 8pm (Cert 12, 99 mins)

Cuts to NHS funding mean a geriatric hospital in West Yorkshire faces closure, prompting a volunteer-led campaign to save it. Based on the play by Alan Bennett, the film stars Jennifer Saunders, Derek Jacobi and Judi Dench.

(Contains: infrequent strong language, moderate threat, sex references, discrimination)

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More details about all the films being shown and information on Cricklade Cinema can



be found on our website (www.crickladecinema.or g.uk) so why not take a look?

Email us at:

crickladecinema@gmail.com or phone on 750782. Check us out at Facebook Cricklade Cinema



Saxons Pétanque Club, Cricklade

Whilst many people are away on holiday during the summer months, the rest of us continue to play pétanque at Cricklade Leisure Centre at 2pm on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and 10am on Saturday mornings. Our more informal summertime Wednesday evening sessions (7-9pm) usually finish with a visit to the Leisure Centre bar, and training sessions are held at 10am on the first and third Wednesday of the month.

We have a lovely social evening coming up where one of our members invites us to play pétanque on her gravel driveway and then treats us to a delicious supper. Let's hope the weather is kind.

If you'd like to find out more about Saxons Pétanque Club, we're a friendly bunch so please come and say hello, take a look at our notice board inside the Leisure Centre, or 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.

Our playing days are:

Mon	2 - 4.30pm	Wed	2 - 4.30pm
Tues	7- 9.30pm	Sat	10am -12.30pm

Coaching Sessions are:

Wed	10 - 11.30am (ladies)	Fri 10 - 11.30am (mixed)
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Our Club social night is held on the last Friday of every month.

Four Club members qualified to represent the Great Western Region at this year's International Women's Day Champion of Champions held in July at Oxshott, Surrey. Twenty-eight teams from England competed. Congratulations to Sue McKechnie, Tracey Fricker, Mary Hughes and Elaine Sharp who reached the semi-finals.

In September the Club is sending 5 teams to Guernsey to play in the Guernsey Pétanque Open.

For more information please go to our website www.crickladepetanqueclub.co.uk Find us on Facebook by searching Cricklade Petanque Club on Facebook.

St John the Baptist Club 100

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

1st	£100.00	Mrs C Lindley of Latton
2nd	£33.00	Mr L Wigglesworth of Latton
3rd	£22.00	Mr A Lawrence of Latton
4th	£10.00	Mrs L Hudson of Latton

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

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

CRICKLADE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Join us for RUGBY – the sport that builds

strength, teamwork and resilience. Training, Thursdays 7 to 8.30pm at Fairview Fields, no experience necessary. Contact Captain, Mike 07514 596 910, or Coach, Pixie 07728 399 759 - all are welcome. We are a friendly club and welcome new players and supporters.

Fixtures for September are:

9 Sep: Swindon II Away 16 Sep: Royal Wootton Bassett Away 23 Sep: Fairford at Home

Please come along and watch your local team.

We were kept busy in the summer providing weekly fun sessions of Mixed Tag, which was very popular and we would like to say a big thank-you to Zac Wright who played a key role with on average of 25 people attending. Therefore, we will be continuing Mixed Tag with strength and conditioning on Tuesdays 7 to 8pm. Another big thank-you to Danny Harris for once again organising our annual clear up in our changing rooms, equipment containers and preparing the lush green grass for the coming season.

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

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

Juniors Under 10-12 Friday 5.30 to 6.45pm

Under 13s and 14s Friday 7 to 8.15pm
Under 6s through to Under 9s Saturday 11 to 12 noon

Please contact our Director of Minis, Seth Wareing, *sethwareing@hotmail.com* or phone 07305 059 879.

We would also welcome any parents who want to get involved and support the Minis, so if you are interested please contact Seth.

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

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Cricklade Bowls Club

As well as matches against other clubs, late summer sees members competing in the knock-out competitions. We have three competitions running for both ladies and men. These are the two-bowl, four bowl and handicap competitions and need to get to the stage of readiness for the Championships Day on 23 September. (I've already been knocked out of the three men's competitions!)



There are several other internal competitions to be played: the Edgar Dash mixed singles; Club triples; Club pairs; the Partners Cup; Chas Saunders mixed singles; and the Don Rogers retired singles. Most will either finish before Championships Day or on the day itself. Don Rogers however ends on 27 September followed by a barbecue! The season ends with the Captain v Chairman team match on 30 September.

You'll have read over the past months' articles that the club depends on teamwork to keep going. There are many roles I haven't mentioned, so will do that here: those who cater for post-match refreshments and club nights (Alan, Dennis, Helen, Liz, Mick, Paul F, Rose); those who ensure that cleaning is done (team led by Rose and Margaret); the gardening team led by Liz. All are volunteers in those rotas and we thank them all.

We will be looking towards the 2024 season which will commence in April. In the meantime we will continue to have social evenings and skittles matches in the clubhouse over the winter. But we will also need to prepare for the AGM in November!

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

Friends of Dance Common

We are looking for new members to refresh the group and care for The Dance through the environmental challenges ahead. We would especially be keen to welcome members and volunteers from Hares Chase / Hitchings since The Dance is right on your doorstep. We hold meetings 3 to 4 times a year and have a programme of work parties for light management of the common. If you are interested in getting involved please email friendsofdancecommon@gmail.com

We will be holding our AGM at the Jenner Hall on Thursday 14 September at 7pm.

Wiltshire Sight

Wiltshire Sight have a hub on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Cricklade Library between 10.15am and 12.30pm.

By appointment only. Please call 01380 723682 or e-mail *info@wiltshiresight.org* Get information, advice and practical help from a sight loss advisor.

Cricklade Camera Club

Cricklade Camera Club's season runs from September to June. During July and August friendly summer meets and workshops are held.

Our full programme for the whole season can be found on crickladecameraclub.org, or contact the Club Secretary, Anne Eckersley, for further information, email clubsecretary@crickladecameraclub.org

New members are always welcome - you don't even need a camera. Everyone is welcome. So, if you are a budding novice or a more experienced photographer, why don't you try us out for an evening for a guest fee of £6.00.

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 has the answers, and at the same time will provide quidance on how to turn the mediocre into excellent. (www.pullmanphotography.co.uk)

On **19 September**, we are joined by Kylie-Ann Martin who will share with us her Journey in Mono. She will take us from her first mono image which was taken around 2006/7 and give a brief explanation of her health restrictions, which have also impacted on her photography. She will show us an assortment of images, some which she likes but did not put out to competition, some that she did and which helped her attain her EFIAP, BPE2, CPAGB and LDPS. And then of course there are others that are new and which she will be sending out soon. *(kylie-annmartinphotography.weebly.com)*

Tuesday 3 October at 7.30pm in the Town Hall Annexe: Mike Martin is joining in person to present his long-awaited, fabulous talk "Shooting People" - creative portraits.

Tuesday 17 October at 7.30pm in the Town Hall Annexe: What, When, Where, and How and Why and Who. Meet our members and listen to their reasons for taking a photo, how they took it, and how they achieved the finished results. There will also be a chance to see all the entries from this year's Annual Exhibition.

In Our Broader Area: What's On?

■ Swindon Open Studios Weekends

Weekends of 16/17 and 23/24 September at various locations in Swindon area. See page 25 for details.

■ Male Choir Concert at St John the Baptist, Cirencester

Saturday 14 October at 7.30pm: Cirencester Male Voice Choir with guests The Wessex. £12.50 Adults Tickets and more details from mid-August from www.cmvctickets.co.uk

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The Chronicle Diary -	September	2023
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1	Th		Wiltshire schools restart (others may vary)
		end of day	Chronicle copy deadline
2	Sa	2pm	to 4pm: St Sampson's Church fete
5		1.45pm	to 2.45pm: Bounce & Rhyme. United Church, Calcutt Street
		7.30pm	Cricklade Camera Club at Town Hall Annexe
7	Th	10am	Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel
8	F	4pm	to 5.30pm: Open Day at Old Police Station, High Street
9	Sa	10.30am	to noon: Open Day at Old Police Station, High Street
		7pm	for 7.30pm: Murder Mystery Play at Town Hall (page 20 - Twinning)
11	Μ	7pm	Town Council Premises & Finance Committee, Council Chamber
12	Tu	7pm	speaker 7.30pm: Garden Club at Town Hall Annexe
14	Th	7pm	Friends of Dance Common AGM at Jenner Hall
16	Sa	11am	to 4pm: Great Western Embroiderers display at Jenner Hall
17	Su	11am	to 4pm: Great Western Embroiderers display at Jenner Hall
18	М	7pm	Town Council Community & Leisure Committee, Council Chamber
19	Tu	1.45pm	to 2.45pm: Bounce & Rhyme at United Church, Calcutt Street
		7.30pm	Art Group at Town Hall Annexe
20	W	10.30am	to noon: Parkinson's Café at Cricklade Club, High Street
		7pm	for 7.30pm start: Historical Society at Town Hall Annexe
21	Th	10am	Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel
		7.30pm	Cricklade W.I. at Town Hall Annexe
		7.50am	Autumn Equinox
		7pm	Town Council Planning Committee, Council Chamber
		8pm	Cricklade Cinema at Town Hall, tickets from Council Office
30	Sa	10am	Prospect Hospice Coffee Morning at United Church Hall
_		7pm	to 11pm: Barn Dance at Town Hall (page 19 - Historical Society)
	•	Week	On an De an et James 11-11
M			Open Door at Jenner Hall
т		am-noon	Computer Club at Leisure Centre
		o for 2pm	Open Door at Jenner Hall
W Th		-11am	Bingo4Us at Jenner Hall Cricklade Credit Union: in Tourist Information Office
111			Open Door at Jenner Hall
		0-4.30pm	The Paint Palette: Ladies' Art Group at Town Hall Annexe
	7pı	•	Rugby Club training and Tag Rugby at Fairview Fields
		0pm	The Cricklade Band rehearsal night, at Town Hall, visitors welcome
		0-9.30pm	Sing Four Four choir rehearsal at United Church, Calcutt Street
F		11.30am	Cricklade Foodbank at Jenner Hall
-		11.30am	Coffee Cafe at Cricklade United Church Hall
	7pı		St Sampson's church choir rehearsal
Sa	-	am-noon	Cricklade Museum open, Calcutt Street
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The Final Word ...

I wonder if you might have guessed that the best-selling book in history, with over 5 billion copies sold is the Bible? It's been translated into 700 languages, and at least one book from it has been translated into 3,500 different languages. However, it's a tricky book to read if you start at the beginning because the Bible is a whole library, with history, poetry, wise sayings, Jesus' teaching and letters.

Our two 'Open the Book' teams based in Cricklade and Ashton Keynes share dramatized Bible stories with the children in assemblies in our primary schools using a modern version called The Storyteller Bible. The children love taking part with us and they find the Bible has much to say to us for our modern lives.

Someone gave me these words which I've found helpful. "The Bible contains truth, and some of it really happened." The Bible is like a newspaper telling of God and humanity, containing truths about faith and doubt, despair and hope, mistakes and forgiveness and of how Jesus came to be "God with us".

To read the Bible is to get to know God and to receive His love and grace for ourselves. Try Mark's Gospel and you will come to know Jesus through the pages.

And my favourite story? It's from the Old Testament and tells of how Jacob wrestled all night with someone only to find he had been wrestling with God. And God blessed Jacob. How reassuring it is to know that we can not only wrestle with God and with our faith and but also know that when we do, God will bless us.

Whatever you go through, may you know God's blessing today and every day.

Revd Shirley, Associate Minister in the Upper Thames Parishes of Ashton Keynes, Cricklade, Latton and Leigh.

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