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*The War Memorial, Cricklade*  
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# From the Editor

November is a memory month.

"Remember, remember the fifth of November ..." Did you remember to put the clocks back on the last Sunday of October? All of them?

29 October is the closest Sunday to All Souls Day (2 November) and that is when churches will be remembering the lives of dear ones no longer with us.

Remembrance services will be held at the War Memorial on Friday 10 and Sunday 12 November. To make these events work, the High Street will be closed at that point for the duration of the two services. If you are travelling anywhere ... remember to move your car in advance. And check you put the car's clock back too!

I hope you don't forget to buy your tickets for the St Mary's Quiz Evening (p20) or the St Sampson's Curry Evening (p21). Both

events are bound to sell out quickly.

You will also need tickets for the Christmas Wreath workshops run by Bloomers. I know that's December, but tickets are limited, so get them now!

Please have a look at your hedges by the road or pavement. If you don't trim them back (p4) Wiltshire Council may have to do it for you ... and send you the bill. If you have elderly or infirm neighbours, why not give them a hand?

Remember also that the December issue is a joint issue with January 2024. The **deadline is 1 November** – to advertise events for December 2023 or January 2024, please get information to me by that date! The following issue won't be until February 2024.



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# Community contacts all 01793 unless stated or emergency

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

## 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](http://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](mailto:jennerhall.bookings@gmail.com) or call on 07823 324 821.

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

## Cricklade Town Hall

### Your Community Hall

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



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

Please contact our Bookings Secretary, Mrs Nicola Fry on 01666 861023 (before 9pm please) or via email at [crickladetownhall@hotmail.com](mailto:crickladetownhall@hotmail.com) for further details. Check out our Facebook page for photos and other information: [www.facebook.com/crickladetownhall](http://www.facebook.com/crickladetownhall)  
*The Town Hall was established on 11 July 1933 for the Parish of Cricklade and is a Registered Charity, No. 305499*

# Cricklade Town Council

## Town Council Meetings

<b>Monday 23 October</b>	Planning, Conservation & Transport Committee (PCT)
<b>Monday 13 November</b>	Community & Leisure Committee (C&L)
<b>Monday 20 November</b>	Planning, Conservation & Transport Committee (PCT)



All meetings are held in the Council Chambers, 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.

## Remembrance Services

On Friday 10 November at 11am there will be a short closure of the area around the War Memorial to enable the local schools attend a brief service of remembrance.

The Remembrance Sunday Parade on 12 November will muster at Waylands and march down the High Street to the War Memorial, where the Act of Remembrance and a short service will take place. The parade will then march back up the High Street and via Bath Road to St Sampson's Church.

There will be road closures in place on both days to ensure the safety of participants. The Council apologises for any inconvenience these events may cause residents but at no time will emergency services be hindered.

Urgent – We need volunteers to help with the road closure barriers for the events on 10 and 12 November. Please contact us if you are able to assist!

## Youth provision in Cricklade

The Rise Trust run a Safe Space on Tuesday in the Youth Building at Cricklade Leisure Centre. 6pm to 7pm for years 6 and 7, and then from 7.30pm to 8.30pm for year 8 and above. Not sure what to expect? A safe space to chill, get outreach support from youth workers, snacks, activities and meet new friends.



## 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.

### **Did you know the Council Offices can recycle?**

During Office hours we offer the facility to recycle batteries, low energy light bulbs, stamps (not including envelopes), ink cartridges and mobile phones. There is also a blue collection box for any items you may wish to donate to Cricklade Foodbank.

### **Wiltshire Council Draft Local Plan 2038 – Public Consultation**

The Wiltshire Council Local Plan is the document that guides development in the county for the next 15 years. It has now reached the important stage of giving the public the opportunity to have their say. The Draft Plan can be accessed on the Wiltshire Council website and we have a hard copy here in the office. The deadline for submissions is 5pm on Wednesday 22 November.

### **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.

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

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

*Closed on Public Holidays*

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

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



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## **Focus on Wiltshire Council**

**Overgrown Hedges:** Please can I remind you if you have a boundary hedge it is your responsibility to keep it clear of the road or footway. With autumn approaching and darker evenings, overgrown hedges are a danger to the public. If you fail to keep your hedge trimmed you can expect a letter from the local authority reminding you of your responsibility and indicating a time scale for you to cut the hedge. If Wiltshire Council have to send a reminder and there is further non-compliance you can expect Highways to cut it back and they will recover the cost of the work from you for the work.

### **Wiltshire Council Financial Position**

Recent press articles, regarding some Local Authorities of all political persuasion struggling with their finances, are worrying. Councils are required to run a balanced budget or in the case of declaring themselves effectively bankrupt they become subject to Section 114 of the Local Government Financial Act which prompts this action. Whilst the Local Authorities cannot technically go bust, the outcome would be very serious preventing the Authority from spending on anything that is not essential, closing leisure facilities, libraries, parks etc, leaving only essential services such as waste collection and adult care.

With this background to some Local Authority failures, Wiltshire Council released its first quarter financial report for revenue and capital monitoring for the year 2023/24 at the Cabinet Meeting at the start of October declaring that it continues to manage its budgets prudently despite the continuing unpredictability of the economy and pressures faced by councils. At the end of the first quarter there is a small forecast overspend of around £0.3m which equates to less than 0.1% of the budget.

More than £26m of savings were identified to be made during 2023/24 and, at the end of the first quarter, more than £6.2m has already been achieved (around 24%) with a further £15.7m on track to be delivered (around 60%). The Council announced it will continue to monitor its finances robustly and focus on the delivery of savings. The Council has taken a long-term strategic approach to its budget, which includes effectively setting the next three years' budgets in February, and this means it is in a stronger position to respond positively to any unexpected issues. The Council has also provided an update on its monitoring of the capital budget for quarter one of the financial year.

Overall, the capital programme for the year stands at approximately £189m. It is likely the budget will change throughout the year as it's common for timeframes on major capital projects to evolve, particularly taking into consideration the scale, logistics and complexity of the work typically involved – made even more so by the unpredictable nature of inflation at this time.

Traditionally, the Council's average annual capital spend has been more than £100m per year. So far in 2023/24, more than £26m of the capital budget has been spent.

Whilst we should never be complacent it looks like Wiltshire Council is holding a stable financial position which members will be holding Cabinet to account during the remainder of the year.

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](mailto:bob.jones@wiltshire.gov.uk)

*Bob Jones, Wiltshire Councillor*

## **Cricklade Historical Society**

### **ON SALE NOW - CHS Calendar 2024**

The CHS calendar for 2024 is now available for purchase at £10.00 and it would make an ideal Christmas present for family and friends. You can view the Calendar and purchase it via our website ([cricklademuseum.co.uk](http://cricklademuseum.co.uk)) or by contacting Pam Debenham on 07453 766 744.

# Friends of Young Carers (Swindon)

## Spread the Joy of Giving this Holiday Season!

As the festive season approaches, we invite you to embrace the true spirit of Christmas by making a difference in the lives of young carers in Swindon. This year, instead of sending traditional holiday cards, consider joining hands with us to support a wonderful cause, Friends of Young Carers.



**Donate in Lieu of Christmas Cards:** Every year, we exchange countless holiday cards to express our warmest wishes. This time, let's turn those heartfelt wishes into tangible acts of kindness. Your generous donation will directly impact the lives of young carers who tirelessly provide care and support for their loved ones. By forgoing traditional cards, you'll be contributing to a brighter future for these remarkable individuals.

### How to Participate:

**Make a Donation:** decide on the amount you would usually spend on cards and postage, and donate it to Friends of Young Carers (Swindon). To donate, visit [www.foyco.uk](http://www.foyco.uk) and hit the donate button. You'll be directed to the 'Wonderful' website to complete your donation securely.

### Contact your family and friends:

Send them an email, Facebook, WhatsApp message or text saying that you have donated this way instead of cards. Send your festive message as well.

### Your Gift, Their Joy:

Your contribution will create a ripple of positivity, providing vital support to young carers during the holiday season and beyond. Let's make this festive season truly meaningful by coming together as a community to make a lasting impact on the lives of those who need it most.

Your donation will be the beacon of hope in the lives of young carers this Christmas.

Thank you for your generosity, and may your holidays be filled with love, joy, and the spirit of giving!

*Warmest wishes, Friends of Young Carers (Swindon)*

*We are a charitable trust, registered charity number 1094276, formed in 2002, with the sole aim of improving the lives of hundreds of children under the age of 18 to let them have a life outside of their caring responsibilities. We enable them to behave like children, and be treated like children rather than the routine adult world in which they invariably live. But we need your help to continue our work.*

*Over 900 Young Carers have been identified in Swindon alone, but we believe there are more.*

## Cricklade Library

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

Current opening hours are: (Closed Bank Holidays)

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



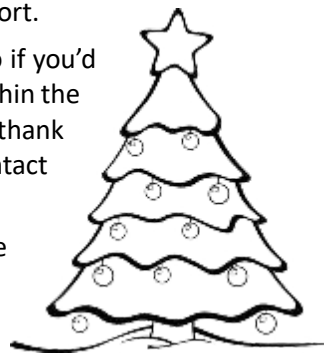
# Cricklade Christmas lights switch-on 2023

## Saturday 2nd December

Thank you to everyone who's already stepped up to help us this year as both sponsors and stall holders. We appreciate your support.

We still have some further opportunities available so if you'd like to sponsor the event (in return for advertising within the decorations for the Christmas period and a very big thank you in 2024) or have a stall on the night, please contact [sallyfyffe@hotmail.com](mailto:sallyfyffe@hotmail.com) / 07778 049 927.

We are also now looking for volunteers to help on the evening, if you have a little time to help, please contact [clairecummings1977@live.co.uk](mailto:clairecummings1977@live.co.uk) or 07544 242 300



## Cricklade Camera Club

Our full programme for the 2023-24 season can be found on [crickldecameraclub.org](http://crickldecameraclub.org), or contact the Club Secretary, Anne Eckersley, for further information: [clubsecretary@crickldecameraclub.org](mailto:clubsecretary@crickldecameraclub.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 £6.00.

We meet in person on the first Tuesday of every month between September and June usually in the Town Hall Annexe at 7.30pm.

**Tuesday 21 November** at 7.30pm by Zoom - we enter David Gilliver's Macro World of Miniature People. With his immense expertise in macro photography and by intelligently arranging miniature human figures with everyday objects like coke cans, toothpicks, fruits and eggs, David creates intriguing surreal scenarios which are not only convincing, but also have a humoristic touch to them. ([davidgilliver.com](http://davidgilliver.com))

**Tuesday 5 December**, we venture out for a social evening at the White Hart Hotel.

And our last meeting before Christmas is **Tuesday 19 December** at 7.30pm by Zoom - when we are joined by the other Southern Counties Photographic Federation Clubs in the SCPF League Division 6 for a league match to be judged by Level 3 SCPF judge Peter Rocchiccioli.

## In Our Broader Area : What's On?

### ■ 'The Wessex' Christmas Concert at Christ Church, Swindon SN1 3HG

Saturday 8 December at 7.30pm: With guests The Shrivenham Military Wives Choir. Tickets: adults £13.00\* / u-16 £6.50\*. Tickets available from [thewessex.org.uk/tickets/](http://thewessex.org.uk/tickets/) (\*full price includes online booking charge by TicketSource.)

## Cricklade & District Probus Club

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

- 2 November: The Life and Works of Henry Purcell  
16 November: A little known scandal in the government of John Major  
30 November: Iconoclasm – a study in constructive destruction

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.



## Red Lion Meat Raffle

Landlord Darren at the Red Lion Inn has donated the profits from the pub's popular meat raffle for August and September to Cricklade Bowls Club. The amount came to £820.00 and was gratefully received by club member Derek Stewart.

*Pictured: Darren (left) presents  
Derek with the raffle profits.*



## Cricklade W.I.

We would like to thank Terri Robertson for updating us on the redevelopment of the Old Police Station last month. A very important project for Cricklade.



This month we look forward to welcoming Nancy Heath who will be talking about the intriguing topic of Royal Jewellery. Our meeting is **Thursday 16 November** and starts at 7.30pm in the Town Hall Annexe.

We welcome visitors so come and check us out, the first three meetings are free. Sometimes we have a speaker, sometimes a light activity and sometimes we just meet for a chat, but always with refreshments and cake. There are many other activities you can join in with our group and the wider Wiltshire WI too. Check us out on Facebook or contact our Secretary Viv Tomkins on 01793 752459 or at [vivienne.tomkins@btinternet.com](mailto:vivienne.tomkins@btinternet.com)

## Letters

■ KEN COLLIER

A huge thank-you to all those who made donations both on-line and at our Dad's funeral. We are very grateful that the amazing sum of £1,167 will benefit the Fire Fighters Charity in memory of our wonderful Dad and Bamps. Thank you once again.

*Carole & Mark*

*The Chronicle*

# Cricklade Revealed

**CHRISTMAS IS COMING** – So how about a Cricklade Revealed stocking filler while stocks last?

I now have eight of the original fifteen Cricklade Revealed books remaining, and the following are still available at £3 each [as of 30 September].

The number of remaining copies below are in brackets.

PRE-WAR 1920 - 1939: CRE 2 [8 copies]: houses and businesses in Cricklade between the wars and earlier.

WW2 1939 - 1945: CR5 [6 copies] / CR6 [2] / CRE3 [20] / CRE4 [18]: All aspects of Cricklade during wartime including the setting up of nearby RAF bases, military presence in the town, troops by rail and road, the Home Guard, ARP wardens, blackout restrictions, evacuees, school life, rationing etc, etc.

POST WAR 1945 - 1970: CR8 [2 copies] / CR10 [19] / CRE5 [50+]: The aftermath of the war's effect on the High Street and Calcutt Street, returning soldiers, the housing shortage and life at Blakehill Camp after the RAF base closed, new businesses, new schools open, St Sampson's and St Mary's church parishes amalgamate, Latton village life and its creamery, sport sees a revival, new housing estates are built and much, much more.

For further details please contact me on 01793 750542 or email

[mfparsons071@btinternet.com](mailto:mfparsons071@btinternet.com)

Marion Parsons

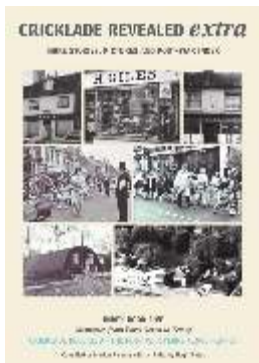


*Local Land girl Grace Robinson during WW2*



*Sgt Kelly, RAF Blakehill Farm pilot*

*Stephen's shop  
No. 29 High Street  
now The Old Post  
Office.*



*The White Hart Hotel and  
Barclays Bank in the High  
Street (now Cricklade Stores)*


# Cricklade United Church

## Our toilets are twinned!

Did you know that 2.3 billion people across the world still don't have a proper toilet? Without proper toilets, people get trapped in a vicious cycle - they are likely to become sick through sanitation related diseases. Illness then keeps people from working, children miss school, parents have to pay for medicines and food and become trapped into a cycle of debt. The charity "Toilet Twinning" encourages people and organisations to twin their toilets with latrines in poor communities as a way of raising funds to help these communities to have clean water and proper toilets and to learn about good hygiene.

The United Church toilets are twinned with two toilets in a village - Bechani - in Malawi. It is part of the Church's plans to become an Eco-church - a church which takes seriously the state of the environment and seeks to respond to the environmental challenges facing us all.

PS. We hope that you saw that the cross on the top of the Church was green during the month of October. We were celebrating "Creationtide" - a month of considering "green Issues" in our services. Watch out for other colour changes over the next year!



## 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.

## Purton in the First World War

A history of the First World War including the background causes of the Great War and a month by month account of the war. It is interspersed with coverage of the war's effect on residents of Purton, a village typical of most if not all towns and communities in Britain.

£5 per copy, with local delivery in Purton, Cricklade and Latton.  
Email [RickDixonMail@gmail.com](mailto:RickDixonMail@gmail.com) or phone 01793 759123. Profits will go to Combat Stress. ISBN 978-1-9164618-0-2

*Rick Dixon*





# St Sampson's Church Appeal

*Creating a Community Space for the Future*



## St Sampson's Church Appeal Fundraiser Draw

Would you like to win £100, a London hotel stay, original artworks or one of many other prizes?

Our fundraiser draw was launched at the St Sampson's Church fete. Draw tickets will be sold in the High Street, at forthcoming events and are also available from:

Adina Grace: 01793 380583 Helen Dixon: 01793 759123

Sharon Smith: 01793 751375

*Draw date 14 February 2024*

## \*Curry Evening

Join us at Kavali Indian Restaurant on Monday 6 November at 7pm for an Evening of Fun, Food and Fundraising.

*\*English dish available. Please advise of any dietary requirements.*

Tickets are £20 and available from:

Sharon Smith: 751375 Barbara Smith: 750666 Adina Grace: 380583

## St Sampson's Church 100 Club

The lucky winners of the 12 September 2023 draw was:

Mrs Jeanne Perons who won £31.

St Sampson's Church benefited by £31.00.

To join the 100 Club, contact Sharon Smith tel. 751375 or email [sharonjsmith54@hotmail.com](mailto: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, Churchwarden and Treasurer, 24 North Wall, Cricklade SN6 6DU. For further details please contact Adina on 01793 380583 or email [janda.grace447@outlook.com](mailto:janda.grace447@outlook.com)

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



## 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!

Tues 7 & 21 Nov

Tues 5 & 19 Dec (Xmas party)

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.



# Churches Together

## Services for the Upper Thames Churches

### **Saturday 4 November**

5.30pm Choral Evensong at St Sampson's

### **5 November - 4th before Advent**

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

### **12 November - Remembrance Sunday**

10.55am Remembrance Service at Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes  
10.55am Remembrance Service at Leigh All Saints  
11.15am Remembrance Service at St Sampson's Cricklade

### **19 November - 2nd before Advent**

8am Holy Communion followed by breakfast at St Sampson's  
10am Holy Communion at St John the Baptist, Latton  
10am Morning Worship at St Sampson's  
10am Morning Worship at Holy Cross  
4pm Evensong at Holy Cross  
6.30pm Evensong at St Sampson's

### **25 November - Christ the King**

8.30am Holy Communion BCP at Holy Cross  
10am Holy Communion at St Sampson's  
10am Morning Worship at St John the Baptist, Latton

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

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

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

### **Baptisms**

3 September Jude Rupert Francis Tress Hunt *at St Sampson's*  
17 September William Philip Downe *at St John the Baptist Latton*

### **Weddings**

23 September Emma Louise Passmore & Charles Peter Aylott *at St Sampson's*

### **Funerals**

1 September Jean Whiteman *at Holy Cross church*  
8 September Janet Arscott, funeral service *at Holy Cross, followed by:*  
13 September cremation *at North Wilts Crematorium*  
and 15 September interment of ashes *in Holy Cross churchyard*

## *2r in Cricklade & Latton*

## The Upper Thames Benefice

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

Contact details:

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

Associate Vicar: Revd Shirley Danby

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# St. Mary's Catholic Church

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

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

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

Father Michael Robertson can be contacted on 01285 712586 or by email

*michael.Robertson@cliftondiocese.com*

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

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

**Cricklade United Church**      Calcutt Street, Cricklade

Minister: Revd Sarah Simpson, tel. 01666 826866

Email: [sarahsimpson14@btinternet.com](mailto:sarahsimpson14@btinternet.com)

As a United Reformed / Methodist Church, we are part of the URC North West Wiltshire Pastorate and the Upper Thames Methodist Circuit.

Services of worship take place on Sunday mornings at 10.30am and all are welcome.

Please have a look at our website for all the current information regarding our services, dates, times and other events. <https://crickladeunitedchurch.co.uk>

## 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.

**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.

Contact: [parkinsonscafecricklade@gmail.com](mailto:parkinsonscafecricklade@gmail.com) or call 07951 944 760.

**PARKINSON'S<sup>UK</sup>**  
**CHANGE ATTITUDES.**  
**FIND A CURE.**  
**JOIN US.**

## Cricklade Open Door

Here we are at the end of October, beginning of November - clocks went back on 29 October and now we have dark mornings, darker evenings and chilly days ahead. Why not warm your bodies and spirits by coming in to Open Door? You can come once, twice or three times a week, where a warm hall, warm welcome and warm refreshments, lunch and company can be yours. Open Door is held at The Jenner Hall on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am to 3.30pm. Easy-going chat and refreshments in the mornings, lunch at 12.00 (please ring and book) and various activities in the afternoons.



October has been a varied month. We enjoyed a super lunch outing at The Winterbourne, Winterbourne Bassett - such a delightful, scenic journey and an excellent meal. On Monday 9 October, Sian and Rob entertained us with their music and songs and we all joined in with gusto! Thanks as always to the Wiltshire Music Centre who offer us such talented and enjoyable musicians, poets and singers - we hope funding allows it to continue. The music morning was followed by a super buffet lunch with homemade quiches, coleslaw, puddings etc made by Chris and Anne.

Towards the end of October, we celebrated the harvest season with an Autumn Tea Party with a fabulous tea and autumn themed table games.

Looking forward into November - we are holding our fundraising Coffee Morning at The Jenner Hall 10am to noon on Saturday 11 November, with Chris's amazing cakes and scones, to eat in or take away or both! There will be an excellent raffle, jigsaw and book table and a tombola stall. It will be a lively morning, so do come along and have an enjoyable and fun Saturday morning. If anyone can contribute a raffle prize or something for the tombola, please just call in at Open Door and if you have time to stay we can give you a coffee 'on the house!'

For further details, telephone 07599 987 851 or email: [crickladeopendoor@gmail.com](mailto:crickladeopendoor@gmail.com) or just call in at The Jenner Hall, Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays.

## Cricklade Development Foundation

Our AGM will be taking place on Tuesday, 7 November - Cricklade Town Hall at 7pm. If you want to learn more about our progress, please go to our website ([crickladefoundation.org.uk](http://crickladefoundation.org.uk)) where you will find the AGM documentation under the 'Governance' label. All are welcome to attend.



We hope you also enjoyed reading our green leaflet insert in the October issue of *The Chronicle*. The redevelopment of the Old Police Station is a huge community endeavour made possible by our excellent members and volunteers. Any support you can offer to help us complete this project will be greatly appreciated.

If you are thinking of becoming a member, you can complete the application form inside the October edition of the *Chronicle* or request a form (or further information) by emailing [contact@crickladefoundation.org.uk](mailto:contact@crickladefoundation.org.uk) or calling Terri Robertson on 07902 421 756.

Thank you for your support!



# Choral Evensong

Holding off darkness  
for 500 years

**St. Sampson's Church, Cricklade**

**Saturday 4 November, 5.30pm**

Sung by the choir of  
**St. Sampson's Parish Church**

[upperthames.org.uk](http://upperthames.org.uk)

In traditional  
16th century English

Sung evening prayers  
and calming music

St Sampson's Cricklade  
All Souls' Bereavement Service

Sunday 29th October, 6.30pm



*Remembering Loved Ones*

If you are reluctant to pray for someone,  
please add their names to the list for the church contact:  
[whin@upperthames.org.uk](mailto:whin@upperthames.org.uk) (01883 409324) to receive a message.

# Purton & Green Gable Surgery PPG

*Serving patients in Purton, Cricklade & surrounding communities*



**Harvest Raffle:** After the successful raffle held a few months ago in Purton Surgery the PPG will be holding a Harvest Raffle in October. There are several lovely prizes – see photo. Tickets, 50p each or £2 for a strip of 5, are already on sale from Reception in both Purton and Green Gable Surgeries. Hurry as the draw will be on Wednesday 1 November when the winners will be contacted.



**'Flu Vaccinations:** Over 1800 patients received their 'flu vaccinations in Purton Surgery on Saturday 30 September. Thanks to the medical team for their efficiency and to patients for their cooperation.

**Prescriptions from Boots in Cricklade:** Boots in Cricklade have now fallen into line with national guidance and no longer order medication on your behalf. Prescriptions should now be ordered through the surgery, either online or on a repeat prescription. Pop in and speak to a receptionist for information. You can still collect your medication from Boots in the normal way.



**200 Club:** All profits from the 200 Club go to help purchase items for the surgery which are not provided by the NHS.

New members are welcome! The 200 Club year started on 1 October, however you may still join part way through the year, bearing in mind that you will have missed some of the draws for that year. The cost is just £15 a year and there are two prizes of £100 and £15 each month. Setting up a Standing Order for your £15 to be taken annually on

1 September is much simpler for administration purposes. Forms are available at both Purton and Green Gable surgeries.

The October draw was made by Jo Griffin, Practice/Diabetes Nurse (*pictured above*) and the £100 winner was Nigel Massey. All members of the 200 Club are allocated a number to be used in the draw, if you wish to know your number then please email our Treasurer ([treasurer.pspg@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.pspg@gmail.com)) to request it.

**Covid Vaccinations:** Covid vaccinations this year will be restricted to those over the age of 65 and those under 65 who are at risk. The NHS will contact eligible patients when their Covid vaccination is due. Please do not expect to hear from the Surgery.

**Talk on Parkinson's – 26 March 2024, 7.30-9pm:** We are pleased to be restarting the regular health talks which we were organising for patients before Covid. The first of these will be on the subject of Parkinson's when we have Rachel Gardner, Lead Parkinson's Disease Nurse Specialist at GWH and Vincent Mobey from Cricklade Parkinson's Café to talk. We hold the talks in Purton Surgery where the capacity is limited. You will need a ticket (free) from reception - not available until the New Year.

**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. We welcome good quality donations for the Table – please hand in to Reception. There are also books in the bookcase for purchase (50p each). We currently have plenty of books so are unable to accept any more for the time being.

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](mailto:secretary.psppg@gmail.com)

*Sheila Fowler, PPG Secretary*

## Cricklade Foodbank

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



September has been our busiest month to date. We are seeing both newcomers and returners. The increase in numbers has put additional strain on the foodbank resources. We are giving out about 4 times the amount of food we are collecting. However, it's not just food that our clients need, but household items as well. We are currently out of laundry products.

If you are able to donate anything, the drop-off points in Cricklade are: Tesco, Culverhay Stores, Animal Fayre (pet shop), St Sampson's School and all the local churches.

If you would prefer to make a financial donation, Malmesbury & District Foodbank website has a 'donate food' page with a 'donate' button at the top. Another useful tool is the 'bankthefood' app which gives up to date food requirements.

We are very grateful to everyone who donates so generously to the Foodbank. We cannot run without you.

If you, or someone you know, is struggling to provide either for themselves or their families the Foodbank can be contacted on any of the addresses below:

call – 01666 826982 (we will call you back)

Email: [crickladecm@malmesburydistrict.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:crickladecm@malmesburydistrict.foodbank.org.uk)

Visit the website: [malmesburydistrict.foodbank.org.uk](http://malmesburydistrict.foodbank.org.uk)

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

In the Monthly Draw held on 31 August the lucky winners were:

First Prize:	Peggy Coles	£36.30
Second Prize:	John Hickman	£24.20
Jenner Hall Funds:		£60.50



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

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

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

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

# Cricklade Bloomers



## Christmas Workshops 2023

### Book your place

All materials supplied - Locally sourced - Live demonstrations  
Hot drinks and Mince pies on the day

#### **Christmas Wreath Workshops (10 inch) - £14**

Saturday 2 December - workshop start times 9 to 10.45am and 12.30pm

Wednesday 6 December - workshop start times 9.30 and 11.15am

#### **Wreath Kits in a cotton bag - £16**

*(complete with illustrated instructions to make at home)*

Collection only on Saturday 9 December, 10am to 12noon.

#### **Table Decoration Workshop**

Saturday 16 December 10am to 11.30am - £10

#### **New for this year**

Luxury Christmas wreath workshop 14 inch - £30 - Saturday 9 December  
10am to 12 noon Limited to 10 places

Booking essential for all workshops and kits

[anita@crickladeinbloom.co.uk](mailto:anita@crickladeinbloom.co.uk)

Payment for bookings by bank transfer please

## Sing Four Four Community choir

Over the last few weeks, the choir has been delighted to welcome a number of new members. We hope they will enjoy singing with us.



We are working hard to master our new pieces which, although challenging, are very enjoyable.

Our normal rehearsal venue is Cricklade United Church and we gather every Thursday (during term time) for 7.30pm.

We are always ready to welcome more new members. You are welcome to visit us and give it a try.

Information can be found on the website ([www.singfourfour.org.uk](http://www.singfourfour.org.uk)). Please use the contact form on the website. Alternatively, you can email the musical director, Jen Bamford, at [jenloubamford@googlemail.com](mailto:jenloubamford@googlemail.com)



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# CRICKLADE CINEMA!

Many thanks to everyone who has come along to film night at Cricklade Cinema this autumn season, it is very much appreciated. The season ends with two films in November and we hope these will tempt you out once again.



**Tuesday 14 November** at 8pm in the Town Hall.

## **The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry**

(12A, 102mins)

When an elderly man living in Devon receives a postcard from a dying former colleague in care at a hospice at the other end of the country, he sets off on a 450-mile walk to visit her, and so embarks on a journey of self-discovery. Jim Broadbent and Penelope Wilton star. (contains: infrequent strong language, drug misuse, suicide, moderate sex references)

**Tuesday 28 November** at 8pm in the Town Hall.

## **Chevalier** (12A, 107mins) \*\* To Be Confirmed \*\*

The true story of Joseph Bologne, the illegitimate son of an African slave and a French plantation owner who rises to improbable heights in 18th century French society as a celebrated violinist-composer and fencer. (contains: racism, moderate violence, threat, sex references, brief strong language)



Tickets can be purchased in advance from The Town Council Offices at 113 High Street or on the door (subject to availability). Price £5.

More details about all the films being shown and information on Cricklade Cinema can be found on our website ([www.crickladecinema.org.uk](http://www.crickladecinema.org.uk)) so why not take a look.

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

Check us out at Facebook Cricklade Cinema

## **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.

## **It made me laugh ...**

One of my favourite ties needed cleaning. There are no dry cleaners in Cricklade but I asked a kind lady in Tesco to recommend one and she suggested a shop in Cirencester. 'Ah' said the dry cleaning lady there 'Interesting stains! Widdle, Dribble or Gravy?'

*Noted by Nigel Massey*

# 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 14 November** when our Speaker is Mollie Higginson of the Young People in Horticulture Association. Her talk is entitled "How to make Gardening and Horticulture More Accessible to Young People".

Mollie, with two others, formed the YPHA in January 2020, just before the Covid lockdown. That traumatic experience emphasised the importance of connecting young people to the outside world.

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

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

## 85-year-old Cricklade Author's Debut Novel

### **The Mediterranean Mystery**

Malcolm Brooks has lived in Cricklade for around 44 years with his wife, Gill. Now at the ripe old age of 85, he has written his first novel, set in Brighton and Cyprus. Malcolm says he decided on the plot sitting in a deck chair in front of Brighton's Grand Hotel!

Experienced detectives DCI Harry Webb and new detective, Andrew Brown are helped by DCS John Street to solve a series of crimes.

'Harry Webb is probably my favourite character in the book,' said Malcolm. 'Especially as, when I was little, I wanted to be a detective when I grew up!'

This gripping thriller has lots of twists and turns about diamond smuggling, abduction, murders, life and death dramas in hospital and a dramatic suicide.

Over the years, Malcolm has had his own "tasty cocktail of events" starting off with having hot fat spilt on his face as a tiny baby ... later falling into the village pond and nearly drowning and later falling from a tree while collecting conkers. He made a crash landing in a plane with its engine on fire; was electrocuted but survived thanks to his rubber-soled shoes; survived three bomb attacks; narrowly missed several near fatal road accidents and has beaten cancer – twice!

Malcolm enjoys playing pétanque several times a week at a piste that he helped build at Cricklade Hotel and Spa. Malcolm said: 'I am very proud of having been a part of this project and I plan to donate some of the profits from the book to the Pétanque Club.'

The Mediterranean Mystery is published by Maple Publishers and is available in paperback from leading bookshops – ISBN: 9781915796356 – or direct from the author and signed personally by him for £9.99 plus £3 p&p. To order your signed copy contact Malcolm Brooks by email at [malgilly@gmail.com](mailto:malgilly@gmail.com).



# Saxons Pétanque Club, Cricklade

We're a friendly bunch who play on the gravel piste in front of Cricklade Leisure Centre on Tuesdays and Thursdays (2pm-4pm) and Saturdays (1am-12pm).

Informal training sessions take place at 10am on the first and third Wednesday of the month.

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 for our contact details. or visit our website at [saxonspetanque.co.uk](http://saxonspetanque.co.uk).

We have spare boules if you fancy a trial!

## Cricklade Pétanque Club

At the Cricklade House Hotel, SN6 6HA

Pétanque is good fun and an excellent way to meet people.

### Our playing days are:

Mon 2 - 4.30pm

Wed 2 - 4.30pm

Sat 10am -12.30pm

### Coaching Sessions are:

Wed 10 - 11.30am (ladies)

Fri 10 - 11.30am (mixed)

Congratulations to members Malcolm and Gill Brooks, Nigel Law, John Webb and Alan Slatter who were all medal winners at the Guernsey Pétanque Open.

On 10 September the Club hosted a 3-ender competition organised by Sue McKechnie. Twenty teams entered the competition. Congratulations to Alison Wadsworth and David Wall 3rd, Liz Cosham and Pete Chambers 2nd and Gerry Ough and Nigel Law 1st.

We will be holding our Club Christmas Party on Friday 8 December, so there will be no Club social night at the end of November.

Our AGM will be held on Saturday 16 December at 12 noon at the Cricklade House Hotel. All members welcome.

For more information, please go to our website ([www.crickladepetanqueclub.co.uk](http://www.crickladepetanqueclub.co.uk))

Find us on Facebook by searching Cricklade Petanque Club



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experience necessary; contact Captain, Mike 07514 596 910, or Coach, Pixie 07728 399 759. All are welcome and Mixed Tag continues with strength and conditioning on Tuesdays 7 - 8pm. We are a friendly club and welcome new players and supporters.

**Fixtures for November are:**

4 Nov:	Chippenham III	at Home
11 Nov:	Royal Wootton Bassett IV	at Home
18 Nov	Fairford	Away

Please come along and watch your local team.

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 (no experience necessary and the first four sessions are free):

Juniors	Under 10-12	Friday 5.30 to 6.45pm
	Under 13s and 14s	Friday 7 to 8.15pm
Minis	Under 6s through to Under 9s	Saturday 11 to 12 noon

Please contact our Director of Minis, Seth Wareing, [sethwareing@hotmail.com](mailto:sethwareing@hotmail.com) or phone 07305 059 879.

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

## Cricklade Art Group

Cricklade Art Group welcomes you to its autumn exhibition. There will be a wide range of art on

display, including paintings, cards and ceramics from a range of artists. We will also have our popular raffle. Refreshments – including homemade cake – will be available for a small donation. Please come along and enjoy the atmosphere!



### **Autumn Exhibition 2023**

**Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 November 2023**

*10am to 4pm at Cricklade Town Hall*

Free entry! All are welcome!

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

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

# Cricklade Bowls Club

We had our final games of the season at the end of September with our internal competitions completed and our annual barbecue. Well done to everyone who took part and to all who helped with all aspects of a successful season ... and an excellent BBQ!



The Competition Winners and partners (*some of whom pictured*) were as follows:

## Club Triples

Winners: Margaret Essex, Derek Stewart,  
Clive Heard

Runners up: Ivor Turner, Mick Sherman,  
Jeff Hannath

## Club Pairs

Winners: Duncan Atkinson, Richard Sarjent

Runners up:  
Keith Palmer, Debbie Armstrong

## Chas Saunders Cup

Winner: Alan Clark  
Runner up: Clive Heard

## Edgar Dash Trophy

Best Man: Brian Sawyer  
Best Lady: Helen Dixon

## Partners Cup

Winners: Rose and Paul Coleman  
Runner up: Liz and Mick Sherman

## Don Rogers Cup

Winner: John Harris  
Runner up: Chris Blastland.

Grounds Work and Financial Planning have already started for the 2024 season!

The AGM will be held on Monday 13 November at 7pm at the Bath Road Clubhouse

*Rick Dixon*

## Men's Handicap

Winner: Matt Cunningham  
Runner up: John Harris

## Ladies Handicap

Winner: Adina Grace  
Runner up: Denise Walters

## Men's 2 Wood

Winner: Paul Fray  
Runner up: Duncan Atkinson

## Ladies 2 Wood

Winner: Adina Grace  
Runner up: Margaret Essex

## Men's 4 Wood

Winner: Matt Cunningham  
Runner up: Norm Bekker

## Ladies 4 Wood

Winner: Liz Sherman  
Runner up: Adina Grace

## Captain v Chairman

Winners: Captain's Team



*Photo:  
Norm Bekker*

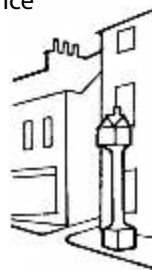


# The Chronicle Diary – November 2023

- 1 W *end of day* Chronicle copy deadline
- 2 Th 10am Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel
- 5 Su Bonfire Night
- 7 Tu 1.45pm to 2.45pm: Bounce & Rhyme. United Church, Calcutt St  
7pm Cricklade Development Foundation AGM at Town Hall  
7.30pm Camera Club at Town Hall Annexe
- 10 F 11am Local schools Remembrance Service at War Memorial (road closures)
- 11 Sa 10am to 4pm: Cricklade Art Group Autumn Exhibition at Town Hall
- 12 Su 10am to 4pm: Cricklade Art Group Autumn Exhibition at Town Hall  
11am **Remembrance Sunday** Parade at War Memorial (road closures)
- 13 M 7pm Bowls Club AGM at Bath Road clubhouse  
7pm Town Council Community & Leisure Committee, Council Chamber
- 14 Tu 7pm speaker 7.30pm: Garden Club at Town Hall Annexe  
8pm Cricklade Cinema at Town Hall, tickets from Council Office
- 15 W 10.30am to noon: Parkinson's Café at Cricklade Club, High Street
- 16 Th 10am Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel  
7.30pm Cricklade W.I. at Town Hall Annexe
- 20 M 7pm Town Council Planning Committee, Council Chamber
- 21 Tu 1.45pm to 2.45pm: Bounce & Rhyme. United Church, Calcutt St  
7.30pm Art Group at Town Hall Annexe  
7.30pm Camera Club Zoom meeting
- 22 W 5pm Wiltshire Council local plan consultation deadline (p4)
- 24 F 7pm Quiz Evening at Town Hall (Friends of St Mary's) tickets p20
- 28 Tu 8pm Cricklade Cinema at Town Hall, tickets from Council Office
- 30 Th 10am Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel

## Every Week

- M 10am-3.30pm Open Door at Jenner Hall  
10am-noon Computer Club at Leisure Centre
- Tu 10am-3.30pm Open Door at Jenner Hall
- W 1.30 for 2pm Bingo4Us at Jenner Hall
- Th 10-11am Cricklade Credit Union: in Tourist Information Office  
10am-3.30pm Open Door at Jenner Hall  
1.30-4.30pm The Paint Palette: Ladies' Art Group at Town Hall Annexe  
7pm Rugby Club training and Tag Rugby at Fairview Fields  
7-10pm The Cricklade Band rehearsal night, at Town Hall, visitors welcome  
7.30-9.30pm Sing Four Four choir rehearsal at United Church, Calcutt Street
- F 10-11.30am Cricklade Foodbank at Jenner Hall  
10-11.30am Coffee Cafe at Cricklade United Church Hall  
7pm St Sampson's church choir rehearsal
- Sa 10am-noon Cricklade Museum open, Calcutt Street



## Moon Phases - November 2023

5th ● 13th ● 20th ● 27th ○

# *The Final Word ...*

## **A time for remembering**

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him John 3: 16-17*

November is a month for remembering. The 2nd of November is All Souls Day when all around the world people in varying ways think about their loved ones who have died. Many nationalities use All Souls' Day as an opportunity to visit the graves of their loved ones, and the graveyards in Eastern Europe are covered with the tiny twinkling lights of hundreds of candles. In India, people take wreaths of bright flowers and the graveyards become places of beauty and colour, as they remember and celebrate with joy the lives of those buried there. And in the countries around the Baltic Sea, families actually take picnics to the graves, so that the deceased can be included in a family party as their relatives remember their place and their legacy within that family. In our churches we also hold services on the nearest Sunday to the date, This year we have already done so; we came together to think about those we love but see no longer and lit a candle in their memory as people do quite often when they want to remember loved ones at any time of the year.

Then on 11 November we have Remembrance Day and on a Sunday close to that we hold our Remembrance Services in our churches and at war memorials. This is a time for remembering the sacrifice of many throughout the ages, in many different conflicts, who have given their lives so that we might live in peace. Those known to us by name and those whose names we will never know.

I am thankful God has made us with the capacity to remember. When we think of good times, funny times, experiences and even bad times we celebrate the lives of those we love.

And in our churches each time we celebrate Holy Communion we remember that God gave his Son, Jesus, to die in love for each one of us and offer us forgiveness and eternal life. What better way to remember God's love for us.

*Suzi Tipper, Licensed Lay Minister with Upper Thames Benefice.*

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