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# From the Editor

Everyone says the weather is all over the place and I'm writing in late August, just after Storm Lilian. A lot of rain was followed by sun and our front cover shows an early morning rainbow over the High Street. My thanks to David Thames for the picture.

A great thing about our High Street is that new businesses spring up as soon as others close. There are fewer empty shop fronts than many towns. In the last year or so we have welcomed a cake shop, a hardware shop, a canoe & kayak shop, a gift shop, an Indian restaurant, a Kenyan grill and a financial planner, to those who have served us so well over many years.. We now welcome a beauty therapy business in a building which was a pub until 200 years ago. This interesting history is on page 19.

I hope Lilian's nasty gusts didn't hit the farmers too much as the churches are holding their Harvest celebrations – centre pages for details.

St Sampson's is also holding a Wine Tasting event on 4 October. See page 20 for information and how to buy tickets.

Cricklade United Church is hosting the learning and performing of a whole musical in a day. That day is 5 October but there is still time to sign up for it. The contacts are on page 26.

It is encouraging to learn that the Community Defibrillator Project received a good response from their call for help in our August issue – see page 21. That will help them in going forward. It also lets me know that we do actually have some readers out there!!

Cricklade Cinema continues its autumn season on 22 October. These ever-popular screenings soon sell out, so see page 40!

Read inside - there's lots more ...!



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**The deadline for the November 2024 issue is Tuesday 1 October 2024**

# Community contacts all 01793 unless stated or emergency

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

Churches .....	see centre pages	Dentist (104 High St) .....	750388
Cricklade Town Council .....	751394	Gas leak reporting .....	0800 111 999
Latton P/Council ...clerk@latton-pc.gov.uk		Library (113 High St) .....	750694
Wiltshire Councillor .....	752501	Link Scheme transport .....	07421 018 499
Wiltshire Council hub .....	0300 456 0100	Open Door .....	07599 987 851
Emergency Services .....	999	Optician (82 High St) .....	750415
Non-Emergency: Police .....	101	Purton Vets (Bath Rd) .....	751698
Non-Emergency: NHS .....	111	Household Recycling Centre .....	778205
Doctors: Purton Surgery .....	770207	Samaritans .....	FREE: 116 123
Green Gables Surgery ....	752633	Schools: St Sampson's Primary ....	750452
Cricklade (De Silva) .....	750645	Cricklade Manor Prep .....	750275
Boots Chemist (100 High St) .....	750226	Bradon Forest .....	770570

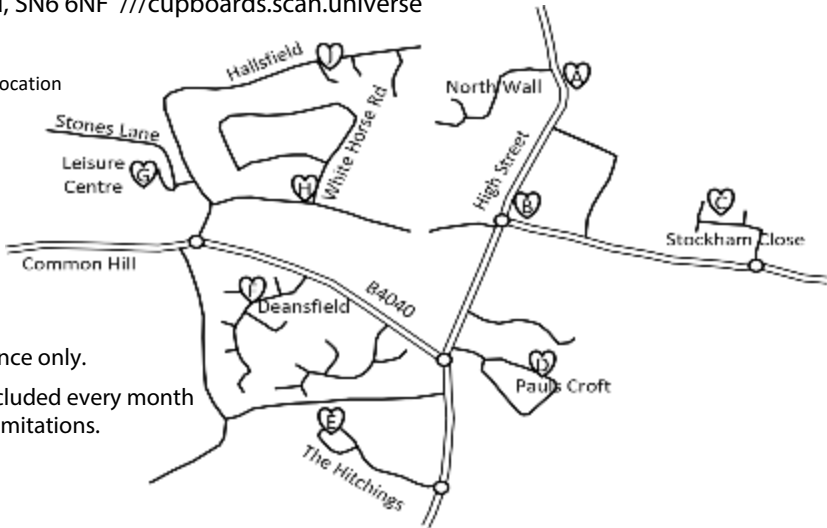
## Defibrillator Locations

Community Heartbeat Trust machines outside these premises:  
What3Words location (///) is directly in front of the machine. To find the app, google What3Words.

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



♥ Defibrillator location



Map for guidance only.  
May not be included every month  
due to space limitations.



# Cricklade Town Council

## Town Council Meetings

**Monday 30 September** Personnel Committee

**Monday 21 October** Planning, Conservation and Transport Committee



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

### Remembrance Services

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

The Remembrance Sunday Parade on 10 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, to St Sampson's Church via Bath Road.

The Council apologises for any inconvenience these events may cause residents, but at no time will it delay emergency services.

Volunteers are needed to help with the road closure barriers for both events,. Please contact the Council if you can assist.

### Parking in Cricklade

This appears to be a constant bugbear. Can we please remind everyone that the disabled parking spaces are provided for those with blue badges, which should be shown along with the clock to ensure that they are being used correctly. We have had a steady stream of photographs of culprit cars taken by residents, which if persistent will be reported to the police.

If you have a vehicle in your street, which does not appear to move, please check whether it is taxed or MOT'd with the DVLA online service before reporting it to us, if you can. It is not illegal to park a car on the road if it is taxed, MOT'd and insured, as long as there are no yellow lines or a solid white line and it does not obstruct a driveway.

Lastly, although we have been able to use the carpark outside Heberden House, it has now been established that Green Square do own the land, and as such have the right to disallow non-residents the use of their parking facility. We do however have two car parks on the High Street, as well as in the High Street itself, all of which are **FREE**.

### A New Councillor

We are delighted to announce that Alan Poole has been co-opted as a new councillor. We look forward to working with Alan for the benefit of the residents of Cricklade.

### A new Member of Parliament

At the General Election on 4 July, Roz Savage was elected as MP for our new South Cotswolds constituency. We took the early opportunity to invite Roz to a meeting with councillors in August. We heard from her about the rapid learning curve that she is on as a new MP, and we took the opportunity of sharing with her the details of issues that are of particular concern to residents.

## Council Annual Report and Accounts

The accounts have now been signed off and a copy is available to read on our website or on paper copy in the front office. The accounts show that the council is in a sound financial position. If you have any questions regarding the finances please feel free to raise them with us.

## Safety at Halloween

Firstly, enjoy yourselves and enjoy being your chosen character, but do remember, walk – don't run – from house to house, using paths where available and wear light bright colours so that you are seen. Respect doors that are not decorated or say they do not uphold this event; leave them in peace. Be aware of and avoid flames such as candles in open pumpkins; your costume should be fire retardant, but it is best not to test it! Avoid homemade treats (unless you know the person offering you them well) and only eat factory-wrapped sweets. If you are having face makeup, ensure you take it off soon after to avoid reactions to it. Always take a responsible adult, and respect people's property. For those motorists amongst us, be aware, we were once young and eager; road safety might be forgotten due to youthful exuberance on these occasions.

### The Town Council and Tourist Information Point is open, except Bank Holidays:

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

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

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



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

In the Monthly Draw held on 29 August the lucky winners were :-

First Prize:	Lester Buck	£36.90
Second Prize:	Jean McNally	£24.60
Jenner Hall Funds:		£61.50



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. (*GDP Regulations compliant.*)

## In Our Broader Area

### ■ The Wessex (male choir)

**Saturday 7 December at St Mary's Church, Purton SN5 4EB at 7pm**

Singing with Purton Village Voices.

**Christmas Concert: Sat 14 December at St Mark's Church, Swindon SN1 5EH at 7pm**

Christmas/Winter music and carols. The Wessex will be joined by a brass band.

Refreshments and Christmas prize draw.

**Tickets for both Wessex events** available from [ticketsource.co.uk/wessex-male-choir](http://ticketsource.co.uk/wessex-male-choir)  
price £12.50 (u-16s £6.00)

## Wiltshire Perspective

Many thanks for your responses of help to evidence the flow of the river Thames in the past, allowing me to compare it with the current flows and views. I look forward to gathering further evidence and starting to raise the priority of this issue. When I have further news I'll give you an update.

During August, I'm happy to say that our local law enforcement people were thankfully largely unaffected by the recent riots, but they are already very busy. One focus point is local drugs. According to a briefing by Wiltshire Police, this permeates many different areas of rural life, not just anti-social behaviour, but sometimes far more devastating including child exploitation practices with county lines and homeowners being cuckooed. A great deal of the language may appear innocuous, but the impacts aren't.

The best way of spotting changes early on is by keeping in touch with your friends and neighbours on a regular basis. This is always a good thing to do generally and especially as evenings draw in and temperatures start to drop. You might just be able to help stop things spiralling out of control.

Whilst many in County Hall have been on holiday, some in business, especially the self-employed, are having to additionally make up for the loss in income whilst away. Wiltshire Council can help by pointing businesses of differing sizes to relevant support organisations. Just search for 'Wiltshire Council business support directory' for help.

Many of the other Area Boards in Wiltshire have specific business forums to help coordinate efforts and I know my predecessor, Bob Jones, worked hard to try to build a Chamber of Commerce. However, I understand that small businesses have little spare capacity to take on extra tasks, especially on a speculative basis.

Having said that, if there is any appetite in our parishes to reboot such initiatives, I'm more than willing to help do some of the tasks if it means we can help our local economic communities to thrive. Each of us can help as well, by thinking firstly if there's a local shop we could do business with rather than go straight to our screens and order something online or by shopping elsewhere.

Lastly, as you may know, Cricklade is updating its neighbourhood plan, primarily by digesting the great feedback you gave, both in terms of quality and quantity. So I'd like to thank everyone who chipped in. Every comment has been read and it's the Town Council's job to reflect that back to Wiltshire Council and I want to make sure what is said is paid attention to. Some of those ambitions are going to be hard to achieve, but that's a good enough reason to try, since failure would result in the same outcome as not trying, and not trying is the only way of guaranteeing failure.

Many thanks again for your support and if you think I can help please get in touch and I'll see what I can do. [nick.dye@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:nick.dye@wiltshire.gov.uk) or 752501

*Nick Dye, Wiltshire Councillor*

## 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.

# Cricklade Development Foundation

## Old Police Station – Garden/Event Space

Thanks to our membership and volunteers, the Old Police Station is nearly finished and fully let. Our focus is now turning towards the final stage of our project – the creation of a garden and event space at the rear of the property for use by the community.

Garden landscapers have been approached for quotations and grant applications are being submitted. We anticipate the project will be funded in the main by grants, with the balance raised by ourselves.

The proposed garden and event space will provide a much needed social place at the heart of the High Street away from the hustle and bustle of traffic. We intend to create an enjoyable space to visit, relax and socialise with family and friends. It will also be suitable for hosting small events such as open-air theatres, art and craft workshops, educational and skills workshops, pop up markets etc.

We expect this project will enhance the appeal of the High Street as a destination and encourage people to spend more time there. In our view, healthy high streets lead to healthy communities – and we want to play our part in helping Cricklade retain its vibrant High Street.

### How you can help

As already mentioned above, we will need to raise some funds ourselves. So, if you wish to help by contributing to this worthwhile community project, please get in touch. Membership starts from £50, and if you wish, may also be purchased as a gift for someone else. As always, we will be very grateful for any help you can offer.

**AGM:** Our AGM will be taking place on Tuesday, 12 November 2024 at Cricklade Town Hall at 7pm. If you wish to learn more about our progress, please go to our website ([www.crickladefoundation.org.uk](http://www.crickladefoundation.org.uk)) where you will find the AGM documentation near the time under the 'Governance' label. All are welcome to attend.

**Contact us:** If you have any questions or wish to become a member, please either email: [contact@crickladefoundation.org.uk](mailto:contact@crickladefoundation.org.uk) or telephone our Secretary, Terri Robertson, 07902 421 756. You can also find out more about by visiting our Facebook page and/or website: [www.crickladefoundation.org.uk](http://www.crickladefoundation.org.uk). Thank you!



## The Manorial Court of The Hundred and Borough of Cricklade

**Public Court Leet Friday 22 November 2024 at 7pm**

**Cricklade Town Hall**

Please make a note of this date. This is a public meeting; everyone is welcome to attend – more details next month.





# Purton & Green Gable Surgery PPG

*Serving patients in Purton, Cricklade & surrounding communities*



**Covid Vaccinations:** As last year, those eligible for Covid vaccinations will be contacted by the NHS (not the Surgery) with information regarding dates and venues for booking appointments. These will not be done by the Surgery.

**Harvest Raffle:** Tickets will be available for our Harvest Raffle from Monday 16 September, 50p each or £2 for a strip of 5. Lots of boxes of goodies for the lucky winners! The draw will take place on Wednesday 30 October.

## **Prostate Cancer talk – Wednesday 6 November, 7.30-9pm**

Our very first talk back in 2012 was on Prostate Cancer and this will be the subject of our next talk on Wednesday 6 November. Our speaker will be Dr Jake Wilson, Senior Registrar in Urology at GWH.

The talk will be held in Purton Surgery. Space is limited and to manage numbers you will need to pick up a ticket, these are free and available from both Purton and Green Gable Surgeries. If you have a ticket and then find you are unable to attend then please let the Surgery know so that it can be allocated to someone else.

**200 Club:** The July draw was done by Practice Nurse Joanna Griffin. The £100 winner was Kayleigh Tasker, £15 winner was Angela Kemble. All members of the 200 Club are allocated a number to be used in the draw, if you wish to know your number then email our Treasurer: [treasurer.psppg@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.psppg@gmail.com) to request it.

It's Renewal time! The 200 Club year starts on 1 October!

If you have set up a Standing Order then you need do nothing else, your membership will automatically renew. If you are not already a member then you can join now ready for the new year. The cost is just £15 a year and there are two prizes each month of £100 and £15. Setting up a Standing Order for your £15 to be taken annually on 1 September is much simpler for you and for administration purposes. Forms are available at both Purton and Green Gable surgeries.

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*

## **Parkinson's UK**

**At Cricklade Hotel & Spa, Common Hill SN6 6HA : 10.30am - noon**

Join us at our new venue for coffee, cake and chat on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. There you will find plenty of level parking, good access and an accessible loo!  
Contact: [parkinsonscafecricklade@gmail.com](mailto:parkinsonscafecricklade@gmail.com) or call 07951 944 760.

The volunteers team looks forward to seeing you there!

*The Chronicle*

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**CHANGE ATTITUDES.**  
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**JOIN US.**

## The Story of Blakehill Camp - part 3

After RAF Blakehill Farm closed in November 1946 it was used as a satellite airfield by the Flying Training School at South Cerney as a relief landing ground, and when this moved to RAF Little Rissington in 1957, flying at Blakehill Farm ceased altogether. By 1956 therefore the closure of Blakehill Camp was imminent. The building of 160 council houses in Cricklade at Culverhay from 1953 onwards, together with numerous others in Swindon and elsewhere were eagerly awaited by the residents of Blakehill Camp. As early as 1951, due to numerous complaints from the residents about lighting, condensation and dampness, the local authorities realised that these ex-RAF temporary Nissen huts were totally inadequate for housing civilian families long term. Fortunately, the tenants all knew that council housing was being built in the area, placing people where possible near their work. A point system was implemented, with those with children receiving the most, and so by January 1954 the numbers on the sites had been reduced from around two hundred families to only eighty-four.

Eighteen months later just twenty families remained. The memories of the last residents to leave Blakehill in 1955, surrounded by stray cats and empty huts, evokes an atmosphere of desolation where a vibrant community had so recently existed.

Not all farmland that had been requisitioned by the Air Ministry to build the airfield in 1943 was offered back to the original farmers, but when Blakehill School closed, the land on Site 1 was cleared and returned to Cowleaze Farm. The Junior School then became a store for farm machinery, and the Infants' building a chicken house – a sad end! By July 1956 all the Blakehill tenants had been re-housed and the council had sold the huts, with tenders only invited for heaps of rubble. Finally the Rural District Council then sold off some of the Sadia water heaters and Belling cookers they'd originally installed at a welcome discount to Cricklade residents...

In 1963 the Ministry of Defence transferred the airfield to GCHQ Cheltenham, who erected the tallest wooden pylon of its kind in the country in the middle, and it remained there until 1997.

Today, Blakehill airfield is a nature reserve run by Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, and open to visitors, but no trace whatsoever remains of the lively civilian camp sites surrounding it but which are still remembered so nostalgically by the generation that lived there.

***Sale!*** Thanks to the response to last month's notice, I am now able to offer complete sets of all 15 books at only £20 up until 30 November. Advance orders ONLY. Please ring Marion on 01793 750542 or email: [mfparkers071@btinternet.com](mailto:mfparkers071@btinternet.com) if interested.

*Profits from all CR sales are donated to Cricklade Open Door.*

## Cricklade Computer Club

On the first Monday of each month we will be available from 10am to 12 noon in the Leisure Centre cafe. We try to help anyone with problems with computers, tablets, phones etc. We are volunteers and there is no charge for any help we are able to give you.

Even if you have no particular problems you could always pop in for a coffee, a cake and just a general chat!

*Roger Heafield*

*The Chronicle*

## Cricklade Open Door

September has slipped by, the days are shorter and summer clothes have been put away and now it's the countdown to Christmas!



September was a relatively quiet month for Open Door, but with all the usual activities taking place and mornings enjoyed by all just meeting friends, making new friends and chatting over coffee for anything from 20 minutes to 2 hours.

On Monday, 14 October we have another of our excellent Music Mornings with guest musicians offered to us from the Wiltshire Music Centre and this time we have Becky and Lucy, a Violin Duo, entertaining us for the morning. They are young and vibrant and play everything from classical to show music, to pop music – a really entertaining programme – all for a donation from us all when they have finished. Do come along and start the week with good music and good company. There will be a served, buffet lunch afterwards, with dessert, wine and coffee, all for £6.00 – but lunch must be booked, the week before, please, on 07599 987 851. Times are: Becky and Lucy 10.45 to 12 noon, lunch 12 to 1.15pm. If you feel like working off a bit of your lunch, there's always Seated Exercises on Monday afternoon!

### Dates for your Diaries

**Saturday 9 November – Coffee Morning at the Jenner Hall,**  
with raffle and new style tombola and cakes and scones to eat in or take home.

**Monday 28 October - Fundraising Curry Night at Kavali**  
Watch out for posters, or contact Helen on [helendixonmail@gmail.com](mailto:helendixonmail@gmail.com)

For further details about Open Door, telephone: 07599 987 851,  
email: [crickladeopendoor@gmail.com](mailto:crickladeopendoor@gmail.com) or call in on a  
Monday, Tuesday or Thursday between 10am and 3.30pm.

## White Swan reopens after 200 Years!

A new Cricklade business that opened to the public on Saturday 24 August has paid tribute to its historic past. White Swan Beauty, named after the original 18th century White Swan inn, is a beauty therapy business offering an array of treatments.

The building at 31 High Street (next to The Vale Hotel) was known as The White Swan and is recorded to have been open in 1726. In the late 18th century its premises included a malthouse, a coach house, and a stable; it may have closed down in that form before the mid 19th century. [source: British History OnLine, Cricklade Borough, Ed.]

Since then, the building has seen many changes, including being a meeting place for political activists, a Sue Ryder shop, Cricklade Autoparts, Madam Blunt furnishings and a hairdresser, yet it retains many original features.

The new beauty business is run by experienced therapist and masseuse, Tanya White, who said: "It feels like White Swan Beauty was meant to be as my last name is White! I am so excited to offer beauty services to people in and around Cricklade and, of course, recognise the historic importance of a lovely building right in the centre of this bustling Wiltshire town."

For more information, contact 07850 987 065 or email [whiteswanbeautycricklade@gmail.com](mailto:whiteswanbeautycricklade@gmail.com).  
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# St Sampson's Church Refurbishment Appeal

*Creating a Community Space for the Future*



We would like to thank all who contributed to the St Sampson's Church Fete. Many people kindly gave of their time and gave donations of items to be used on various stalls.

We would particularly like to thank all those local businesses that gave vouchers for our raffle stall.

## **Wine Tasting Evening**

**Friday 4 October 2024. 7pm for 7.30pm start**

Jenner Hall, Cricklade

Ticket £15 to include wine, cheese, biscuits and grapes

Contact Adina Grace 01793 380583 or [janda.grace447@outlook.com](mailto:janda.grace447@outlook.com)

## **Advance Notice of Event**

Christmas Tree Festival 29 November - 1 December 2024

**How to give:** Cash or cheques (made payable to St Sampson's PCC No. 2 Account) in the donations box in church or send to Adina Grace (Church Warden 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 [donate.giveasyoulive.com](https://donate.giveasyoulive.com).



## **St Sampson's Church 100 Club**

The lucky winner of the August 2024 draw was:

Rob Crow who won £32.00

St Sampson's Church benefited by £32.00.

To join the 100 Club, contact Sharon Smith tel. 751375 or email [sharonjsmith54@hotmail.com](mailto:sharonjsmith54@hotmail.com)

## **U.S.P.G. Elephants**

Thank you all again for your generous donations from those well fed elephants. The April collection raised £523.00.

Our donations go towards the Primary Health Care Scheme in southern Malawi (one of the poorest regions of the world) and any help we can give is gratefully received by them.

Anyone who would like to have an elephant collecting box for their loose change to donate towards this scheme please contact me.

The next elephant round-up will be on Sunday 6 October so, if you are able to bring them to St Sampson's that day, I would appreciate it or I'll just arrange a time to come and collect from your house,

Thanks,

*Paul Fray, tel 750740*

## All Souls Services

All Souls Bereavement Service for Cricklade and Latton, remembering those we love and see no longer, will take place on Sunday 3 November in St Sampson's Church starting at 6.30pm. This is a quiet reflective service and will include the names of those associated with Cricklade and Latton, who have died in the last year and whose services we have taken. The families involved will receive a letter of invitation from our ministers.

We know that many people like to come to this service and remember family members who have died, so please do come if you would like to; everyone is welcome as we seek God's comfort and hear the message of hope we have in Jesus.

There will be a time during the service when you can light a candle as we remember those who have died. Please email or ring (leave a message) our administrator Jane Eyles at [admin@upperthames.org.uk](mailto:admin@upperthames.org.uk) or phone 01793 979304 with the names of anyone you would like us to include. From early October there will also be a list on the table near the main door in St Sampson's onto which you can add names to be remembered.

For Ashton Keynes and Leigh there will be a similar service at 4pm on 3 November in Holy Cross Church, Ashton Keynes.

## The Cricklade (defibrillator) Community Project

The response to a request for volunteers to ensure the Cricklade defibrillators continue to be checked, ready for action, was heartening. It means that we now have a team of Cricklade people who will share this task, and we hope to allocate one defibrillator to each volunteer, enabling me to continue for the time being as co-ordinator.

The annual support package for each defibrillator costs between £155 and £185 because batteries and pads go out of date. So keeping seven community defibrillators up and running does involve funding, and I have spoken to some very helpful people about possible grants, with one application having gone in locally already.

In addition, and because the need for funds is quite pressing, I would ask: Please can you consider making a donation to help keep the defibrillators stocked, checked and always ready to help save a life. If so, you can do this on-line via the Community Heartbeat Trust web-site:

**[www.communityheartbeat.org.uk](http://www.communityheartbeat.org.uk)**

and search 'Donate', ensuring the donation goes to 'The Cricklade Community Project'

Thank you so much to everyone who stepped forward, and to those who support this important project.

Our thanks also go to Cricklade Town Council. They have awarded a £500 grant towards the on-going cost of maintaining the defibrillators in our town. This is a great encouragement to the new team who are now helping to maintain the seven units across Cricklade.

*Janice Furze*

**Bingo 4 Us** meet on Wednesday afternoons in the Jenner Hall, Bath Road, Cricklade. Doors open 1.45pm with EYES DOWN at 2 pm. New members will be made very welcome. No joining fee, just pay £2 per session. No forms to complete just come along on the day. Any questions to Chris 07500 871 680 or Vicky on 07801 952 027.

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# Churches Together

## Services for the Upper Thames Churches

### 6 October

#### Trinity 19

- 8am Holy Communion BCP at St Sampson's
- 10am Holy Communion at Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes
- 10am Morning Worship at St Sampson's  
with music group & children's activities in church
- 10am Morning Worship at St John the Baptist, Latton
- 5pm Harvest Celebration with tea and cake  
at All Saints church, Leigh (Swan Lane)
- 6.30pm Evensong at St Sampson's

### 13 October

#### Trinity 20

- 10am Upper Thames Worship Together Communion at St Sampson's
- 4pm Harvest Celebration at Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes with tea & cake

### 20 October

#### Trinity 21

- 8am Holy Communion BCP + breakfast at St Sampson's
- 10am Holy Communion at St John the Baptist, Latton
- 10am Morning Worship at St Sampson's  
with children's activities in the Jenner Hall
- 10am Informal Morning Worship at Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes
- 6pm Evensong at Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes
- 6.30pm Evensong at St Sampson's

### 27 October

#### Trinity 22 & Bible Sunday

- 8.30am Holy Communion BCP at Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes
- 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.*

## 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.stthomasparishfairford.org.uk](http://www.stthomasparishfairford.org.uk).

Father Michael Robertson can be contacted on 01285 712586 or by email  
[michael.Robertson@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:michael.Robertson@cliftondiocese.com)

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

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



# *er in Cricklade & Latton*

## **The Upper Thames Benefice**

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

Contact details:

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

Associate Vicar: Revd Shirley Danby

email: [shirleydanby21@gmail.com](mailto:shirleydanby21@gmail.com); tel. 07980 548844

Parishes Administrator: Jane Eyles

email: [admin@upperthames.org.uk](mailto:admin@upperthames.org.uk) tel: 01793 979304

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

### **Baptisms**

14 July	Penelope Grace Harriet Tye <i>at All Saints, Leigh</i>
18 August	Wilfred John Collier <i>at St John the Baptist, Latton</i>
18 August	Otto John Collier <i>at St John the Baptist, Latton</i>

### **Funerals**

1 August	Michael Charles Frederick Rowland <i>at St Sampson's followed by interment in Cricklade Cemetery</i>
6 August	Pete Turnbull <i>at North Wiltshire Crematorium</i>
27 August	Den Burgess <i>at North Wiltshire Crematorium</i>

## **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. Please have a look at our website for all the current information regarding our services, dates, times and other events. [crickladeunitedchurch.co.uk](http://crickladeunitedchurch.co.uk)

### **Sunday morning services at 10.30am during October**

6 Oct	Rev Joseph Ribeiro from Shrivenham
13 Oct	HARVEST FESTIVAL - led by the Worship Group with a collection of food for the local Food Bank
20 Oct	Rev Rick Fellows from Swanage. Rick is a previous member of the Church. He and his wife Ann would be delighted to see any old friends and neighbours who would like to come to the service.
27 Oct	Rev Mike Dilly from Blunsdon. Chaplain at Fitzwarren House, Stratton, Swindon. The service will include communion.

# Cricklade United Church

**Bounce and Rhyme** - a group for babies and toddlers

Come along and enjoy a social afternoon with music and rhymes for the little ones.  
Chat and refreshments available!

Tuesday 1 October and Tuesday 15 October from 1.45pm to 2.45pm

**Worship Services during September** - see page 23

## The Friends of St Mary's Church, Cricklade

We will be holding our AGM on Tuesday 8 October at 7pm in the Church.  
All interested parties are welcome to join us.



The Friends invite you to our **Annual Quiz Night in Cricklade Town Hall** on Friday **29 November** commencing at 7pm.

Adults £10.00 / Children under 16, £5.00. A light supper will be served which is included in ticket price (please let us know of any allergies or dietary requirements when purchasing your tickets).

Tickets are available from Barbara at the Pet Shop in Cricklade High Street or by calling Anita Barrett on 01793 750039.

We will be having teams of 6 but do let us know when you purchase your ticket if you would like to be added onto another team to make up the numbers.

Raffle tickets will also be on sale on the night to be in with a chance of winning some very nice prizes!

We look forward to seeing you there for what is always a fun, community spirited evening.

## Cricklade Memory Café

In July we celebrated our first 6 months of the Café with a party.

We were entertained by the great Tony M who sang many favourite songs which had most of us up dancing and singing along. We had scones with jam and cream, Pimms, fruit cup and a lovely cake donated by The Cricklade Cake House. A few of the residents of White Lodge Care Home (Barchester Health Care) joined us in the celebration helping make it a special morning.



August saw us enjoying music and bingo organised by the lovely Cat Attewell from *Home Instead*.

We are planning our autumn activities and looking forward to more visitors and fun each month and, dare I say, Christmas!

If you have memory issues or have dementia join us on the first Wednesday of each month at the Town Hall Annexe for coffee and cakes, friendship and fun.

All enquiries, or if you would like to volunteer with us to Vona 07896 723 794 or Margaret 07976 620 089.

# Cricklade Bloomers

## Whispers from the Walled Garden

Can anyone help us out for a couple of hours? Volunteers required for the mornings of Wednesday 9 October and Saturday 12 October, particularly some strong arms capable of lifting troughs on and off tables. October is when we change the summer baskets and troughs to winter planting. Most of the content of the winter baskets will be replanted with conifers, ivy, heather and grasses saved from last year with some new additions of pansies, primulas and polyanthus. Contact [anita@crickladeinbloom.co.uk](mailto:anita@crickladeinbloom.co.uk)



## Christmas Wreath Workshops 2024

### Advanced notice of the Christmas wreath workshops.

More details will follow in the November issue of *The Chronicle* but bookings are being taken now for workshops on the following dates. Book through [anita@crickladeinbloom.co.uk](mailto:anita@crickladeinbloom.co.uk). Payment by bank transfer.

### Saturday 30 November and Wednesday 4 December

9.30 and 11.30

10 inch Christmas wreath, £17

### Saturday 7 December

9.30 and 11.30 : 14 inch deluxe wreath, £35

### Saturday 14 December

9.30 and 11.30

Table arrangements, £15

### Wednesday 18 December

10 am : New this year, 4 foot festive garland, £70



## KITS

Wreaths kits, £18.50, will be available for collection from 10.30 on 14 December.

Contact [anita@crickladeinbloom.co.uk](mailto:anita@crickladeinbloom.co.uk). Payment by bank transfer.

## Cricklade Historical Society

**Wednesday 16 October**– Saxon & Norman Coinage and the Cricklade Mint.

Speaker – Mark Clarke

This talk will be held in the Town Hall Annexe. Doors open at 7.15pm for 7.30pm start.

### NOW AVAILABLE

**CHS CALENDAR 2025** – Our latest calendar is now available to buy at £10.00 each.

Calendars can be purchased via the Museum website ([www.cricklademuseum.co.uk](http://www.cricklademuseum.co.uk)) or by contacting Pam Debenham on 07453 766744 or email [pamdebenham@live.co.uk](mailto:pamdebenham@live.co.uk)

Also available at the Town Council Office or visit the Museum during our normal opening times and pick up a copy (or two) from there.

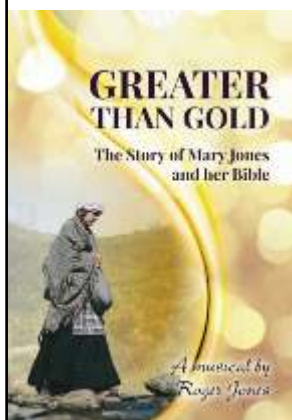
# Sing a Musical in a Day

## Greater than Gold

5 October 2024

Venue is Cricklade United Church,

Calcutt Street, Cricklade



5 October is almost here! But there is still time to sign up for our “musical in a day” event on Saturday 5 October.

The musical *Greater Than Gold* is written by Roger Jones, a well-known composer of modern music and worship songs. The style of music is lively and modern, with an appeal to all ages. You don’t need to be able to read music, or be a budding “Taylor Swift” – all you need is enthusiasm 😊. Music will be provided for you.

The cost for the day is £5 to include a lovely lunch, or £3 without lunch. Timings for the day 11.30 to 6.30pm approximately.

Contact: [phillipa58@hotmail.com](mailto:phillipa58@hotmail.com) tel 01793 750556.

## Cricklade Camera Club

If you want to take a look at what we do, or if you decide to become a member, you will receive a warm welcome - you don’t even need a camera. So, if you are budding novice, a more experienced photographer, or just want to learn how to take better photos, why don’t you come along for an evening for a guest fee of £6.00.



Our 2024/25 programme of excellent speakers, competitions and workshops can be found on our website [www.crickladecameraclub.org/program/](http://www.crickladecameraclub.org/program/)

On Tuesday 1 October at 7.30pm in the Town Hall Annexe, Tim Jones of Fotospeed will give a talk entitled ‘Demystifying Printing’. Fotospeed supplies a comprehensive range of digital inkjet papers, inks and accessories which they ship globally. Tim will take us through the basics of printing our own photographs at home and the steps we need to take to achieve great prints, including black and whites. Tim will also take us through colour management and proofing ideas for our prints using both soft-proofing and his preferred technique of printing test prints. He will also discuss printers and papers to make sure we get the best possible results.

On Tuesday 15 October at 7.30pm in the Town Hall Committee Room, our very own Chris Pocock and Shirley Johnson will hold a practical, hands-on workshop on ‘Help with mounting prints’. They will demonstrate how they cut mounts and assemble finished prints whether it is for a competition or just to hang on the wall.

# Cricklade Foodbank

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



The beginning of October sees a significant rise in the cost of energy.

This will impact a number of our clients and their families. Hopefully, the Foodbank will be able to assist these families, and they won't have to make the heartbreaking choice of 'eat or heat'.

As always, we can't feed these families without your generous help. There are many ways to donate food (and non-food items). Posts are often put on Facebook about our most urgent needs.

You can also continue to donate through our usual channels: Tesco, Culverhay Stores, Animal Fayre and all the local churches. The baskets are regularly emptied.

Another way to make a financial donation is via the Malmesbury & District Foodbank website, where there is a 'donate' button. Also, you can download the app 'Bankthefood' for up-to-date food needs.

If you would like to make a regular donation via Standing Order, please contact Cricklade Foodbank Centre Manager, Hugh Thomas, on 07483 107 807. He will be able to give you all the relevant bank details.

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

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

## 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 7.30pm.

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 8 October**, when our speaker is Ian Sadler whose talk is entitled "Innovation, Automation: How your Garden and House Plants are Produced in the 21st Century".

All those glorious plants in our garden centres! Are we going to be amazed, admiring or appalled when we discover how they are propagated and grown? Come and join us on a journey of discovery.

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

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

Visitors welcome at £5 a session - come and give us a try.

Queries to Janet 07765 276 534, Bizzie 07876 347 973.

We look forward to seeing you!

# Cricklade Town Hall

NOTICE is hereby given that the Town Hall's ANNUAL MEETING will be held on Tuesday 5 November 2024 at 7.30pm in the Main Hall. All are welcome to attend.



## AGENDA

- Committee's Annual Report & Annual Balance Sheet.
- Appointment of Independent Financial Examiner
- Election of 4 Committee Members for a period of 3 years. Members retiring by rotation are Paul Hewer, Tim Norman and Beverley Williams.
- Any other business.

If you pay Council Tax, or are registered to vote, in Cricklade, you can stand for election, nominate someone else for election and also vote at the election. Nominations, with the names of two sponsors, should be delivered to the Chairman (Mr D.N. Tetlow, 1 Pleydells, Cricklade, SN6 6NG, Tel. 01793 750712 or Email at [david@tetlow.org.uk](mailto:david@tetlow.org.uk)) prior to the meeting. Retiring Members are eligible for re-election.

*Cricklade Town Hall – Registered Charity No. 305499*

Book your event at Cricklade Town Hall. Birthdays, anniversaries, wedding celebrations, children's parties, quiz nights, club meetings, etc. The Town Hall offers flexible space with tables, padded chairs, excellent kitchen facilities and free WiFi. There is a choice of the Main Hall, Annexe and Committee Room.

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, or Facebook for photos and other information: [www.facebook.com/crickladetownhall](https://www.facebook.com/crickladetownhall)

## Cricklade Jenner Hall ...

**... At The Heart of Cricklade for over 350 years.**

The Jenner Hall is a lovely 17th century Cotswold stone building, which continues to be a popular place for family events and smaller wedding receptions, and is only a 'stones throw' away from St Sampson's Church, with the bonus of a courtyard at the front of the Hall.



Maybe you would like to hold your Craft Session or Fair, Table Top Sale, Quiz Night or even Dance/Exercise class with us. In addition, our smaller annexe hall may be suitable for your Talk or Club Meetings etc.

Our Trustees aim to make the Hall attractive to all age groups, and any suggestions would be welcomed.

For more information about the Hall or to check booking availability, visit our website: [crickladejennerhall.com](http://crickladejennerhall.com)

To book the Hall, 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*



## Purton Artists Exhibition

**Please keep the first weekend in November free!**  
**at Purton Village Hall**

Our exhibition opens on **Friday 1 November from 6 - 8pm** when early birders will be treated to wine, music ... and art!

We also open on **Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd November from 10am to 4.30pm**. A wide range of local artists will be showing off their talents in a number of different styles as well as glassware and woodcraft – and lots of colourful greeting cards at a much lower price than in many stores. In addition we will have a stall of pre-loved art and crafts and our artists will be demonstrating their work while you browse.

This is a wonderful opportunity to brighten up your homes with new artwork for your walls and, as we move ever nearer to Christmas, presents for your nearest and dearest!

Refreshments will be served on all days, so come and enjoy!

## 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	

# Advert

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## Cricklade WI

We were so pleased to have JoAnne Huntley at our September meeting speaking about the history of lace starting in Egypt in the 600s AD. We were also lucky to have had the opportunity to see real samples of beautiful lace dating as far back as the 16th century.



Our October meeting brings us closer to home with a talk on Richard Jefferies. Born in 1848 in Swindon, Jefferies wrote about the flora and fauna around Swindon and North Wiltshire. He made many observations and realised that the world around him was very precious and needed to be protected. Noted for his depiction of English rural life in essays, books of natural history and novels, his childhood on a small Wiltshire farm had a great influence on him and provided the background to all his major works of fiction. Jefferies was the first person to use the word 'wildlife', a word that we all use in our everyday language today. He was a man very much ahead of his time.

We have many interesting talks and activities. Come and find out more by joining us at one of our meetings. We meet on the third Thursday of each month in the Town Hall Annexe at 7.30pm. Visitors are always welcome at only a small charge of £3 towards refreshments. 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).

## What's On at Cricklade Leisure Centre

### We're getting greener

We've had a busy few months installing new triple glazed windows and solar panels. It's all part of our commitment to reduce energy costs and make your Leisure Centre more sustainable. You can read more about our environmental policies on the website.



### COMING SOON - Christmas Fayre, Sunday 17 November 11am - 4pm

The annual Christmas Fayre returns to the Leisure Centre on Sunday 17 November. Come along to find the perfect Christmas gift, sample some sweet treats and enjoy a cup of mulled wine.

### Special offer – FREE HIIT class!

High Intensity Interval Training (HIIT) is great for fat loss and muscle toning; helping you build more strength in less time. We run two classes a week. Tuesdays with Chloe: 7.30-8.15pm, and Thursdays with Sarah: 7.30-8.15pm. Quote CHRONICLE for your first HIIT class free. Call 01793 750011 to reserve your space. One free class per customer.

**Fun Run cancelled:** Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, we've had to postpone the annual Fun Run, 10k and Half Marathon until April 2025. With apologies to everyone looking forward to the event. Please watch this space for more details - we'll let you know as soon as entries open.

For full details of all our activities please:

Follow us on Facebook  
Visit [www.crickladeleisure.com](http://www.crickladeleisure.com)  
Email [admin@crickladeleisure.co.uk](mailto:admin@crickladeleisure.co.uk)

Call us on 01793 750011  
Or just pop in. We'd love to see you.

# CRICKLADE CINEMA!

Our Autumn Season continues on **Tuesday 22 October** at 8pm in the Town Hall.

## **Wicked Little Letters** (15, 104mins)

**Tuesday 22 October**

A sleepy 1920's Sussex town is shaken to its core when a God-fearing spinster receives a series of expletive-ridden letters, with the prime suspect being the free-spirited, single mother living next door. Olivia Colman, Jessie Buckley and Timothy Spall star in this based-on-fact comedy. *(contains: very strong language, strong sex references, controlling behaviour)*

And still to come ...

**26 November** Bob Marley: One Love (12A, 107 mins)

**17 December** Wonka (PG, 102 mins)

All films start at 8pm in the Town Hall.

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.crickladedinema.org.uk](http://www.crickladedinema.org.uk)) so why not take a look?

Email us at: [crickladedinema@gmail.com](mailto:crickladedinema@gmail.com) Check us out at Facebook Cricklade Cinema



## **Upper Thames & Ridgeway National Trust Association**

UTRNTA is an organisation whose purpose is to support the National Trust. We meet at various times of the year and in various venues to listen to speakers on many topics; we run coach trips to numerous NT properties, hold a New Year lunch, an annual holiday and other events. The organisation is overseen by a committee held under the constitution of the NT and meets regularly.

Our events are open to anyone who wishes to support the NT.

This year we went to Pembroke in south-west Wales on a National Trust Holiday. We visited St Davids which in spite of its size earns the title of a City and Tenby ... which needed a long period of sunshine to make it attractive. Apart from the places we visited, one of our abiding memories is of our Barnes' coach driver persuading the coach to go in and out of some very tricky places without scratching it! The weather was no better for us than anyone else trying to holiday in the UK this year but our hotel was welcoming and comfortable.

On 16 July we went to Dorney Court near Windsor and will have more social events to look forward to this year.

The local branch of the National Trust is yours to join if you are attracted by our adventures. Have a look at our website sometime ([www.utrnta.co.uk](http://www.utrnta.co.uk))

# Cricklade Pétanque Club

At the Cricklade House Hotel, SN6 6HA

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

## Our playing days are:

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



## Coaching Sessions are:

Wed	10 - 11.30am (ladies)	Fri	10 - 11.30am (mixed)
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On 18 August the Club hosted a 3-ender competition organised by Sue McKechnie. 24 teams entered the competition. Congratulations to:

3rd: Alison Wadsworth and David Wall

2nd: Annie Streams and Mike Wells, and

1st: Beth and Geoff Dennis.

Congratulations to Club members Pete Chambers, Doug Kendall, Elaine Sharp, Nick Wright and John Zarola who have passed Pétanque England accreditation as Coach (Level 1).

Our Club social night will be on Friday 25 October.

In October, ten members will be playing pétanque in sunny Almuñécar, Spain.

Get your dancing shoes ready! Our Christmas Party is on Friday 13 December at the Cricklade House Hotel and Spa. Three course festive dinner followed by a disco. £55 per person. A £25 deposit is required with your booking to Barbara Law by 31 October. Non-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

Email: [info@crickladepetanqueclub.co.uk](mailto:info@crickladepetanqueclub.co.uk)

# Cricklade & District Probus Club

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



**3 October** Svalbard; One of the oddest places you might visit

**17 October** The Vietnam War

**31 October** Russia - An exploration through History and Culture

The meetings normally take place fortnightly, on a Thursday meeting at 10.00 am for a 10:20 start, 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



Join us for **RUGBY** – the sport that builds strength, teamwork and resilience. Training, Thursdays 7 - 8.30pm at Fairview Fields, no

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

Come along and support your local team. Matches in October are both away;

**12 Oct** vs Supermarine and **19 Oct** vs Chippenham III

Is your son in Year 10? Then contact Seth and he can come along and join the new Under 15s.

Our Minis and Juniors 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 4 sessions are free):

Juniors **Under 10-12:** Fridays 5.30–6.45pm. **Under 13s and 14s:** Fridays, 7.00-8.15pm.

Minis **Under 6s** through to Under 9s, Saturdays 11-12noon.

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.

## Saxons Pétanque Club, Cricklade Leisure Centre

Saxons Pétanque Club play on the gravel pistes just in front of Cricklade Leisure Centre at 2pm on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, 10am on Saturday mornings. Club membership is very reasonable at just £20 per annum for adults and £5 for children.

At the end of August, over 30 Saxons members enjoyed a social evening of pétanque followed by a delicious supper at a member's house where we raised over £400 for the Smile Train charity.

Congratulations to 3 of our club members – Charles Faulkner, John Zarola and Pete Chambers - who have recently completed a Pétanque England coaching course and are just awaiting the final sign off to become qualified coaches.

Unfortunately, due to other match commitments, our September invitational 3-ender competition mentioned in the last issue of *The Chronicle* was postponed to next year.

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](http://saxonspetanque.co.uk).

## Wiltshire Sight

Wiltshire Sight have a local centre 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](mailto:info@wiltshiresight.org)

Get information, advice and practical help from a sight loss advisor.

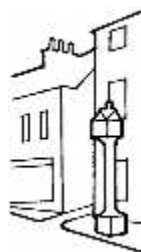


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| 1  | Tu | 1.45pm                                    | to 2.45pm: Bounce & Rhyme, United Church, Calcutt Street            |
|    |    | 7.30pm                                    | Camera Club at Town Hall Annexe                                     |
|    |    | <i>end of day</i> Chronicle copy deadline |   |
| 2  | W  | 10.30am                                   | to 12.30pm: Memory Café at Town Hall Annexe                         |
| 3  | Th | 10am                                      | for 10.20am start: Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel              |
| 4  | F  | 7pm                                       | for 7.30pm start: St Sampson's wine tasting evening, Jenner Hall    |
| 5  | Sa | 11.30am                                   | to 6.30pm: Musical in a Day: United Church, Calcutt St. See page 26 |
| 7  | M  | 10am                                      | to 12 noon: Computer Club at Leisure Centre                         |
| 8  | Tu | 7pm                                       | Friends of St Mary's AGM at St Mary's Church                        |
|    |    | 7pm                                       | speaker 7.30pm: Garden Club at Town Hall Annexe:                    |
| 15 | Tu | 1.45pm                                    | to 2.45pm: Bounce & Rhyme, United Church, Calcutt Street            |
|    |    | 7.30pm                                    | Art Group at Town Hall Annexe                                       |
|    |    | 7.30pm                                    | Camera Club Workshop in Town Hall Committee Room                    |
| 16 | W  | 10.30am                                   | to 12 noon: Parkinson's Café at Cricklade Hotel & Spa               |
|    |    | 7pm                                       | for 7.30pm start: Historical Society at Town Hall Annexe            |
| 17 | Th | 10am                                      | for 10.20am start: Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel              |
|    |    | 7.30pm                                    | Cricklade W.I. at Town Hall Annexe:                                 |
| 21 | M  | 7pm                                       | Town Council Planning (PCT) Committee, Council Chamber              |
| 22 | Tu | 8pm                                       | Cricklade Cinema at Town Hall, tickets from Council Office          |
| 24 | Th |   | to 4 Nov: Wiltshire Schools autumn break (others may differ)        |
| 27 | Su | 2am                                       | <b>End of British Summer Time</b> – clocks go back                  |
| 28 | M  | 7pm                                       | Open Door Curry Night at Kavali, ticket only. See page 19           |
| 31 | Th | 10am                                      | for 10.20am start: Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel              |
|    |    | evening                                   | Halloween. See Council's safety advice on page 4                    |

## Every Week

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| Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 10am-3.30pm: Open Door at Jenner Hall |              |  |  |
| Tu   | 6.30pm       | Cricklade Walking Group - from Cricklade Leisure Centre            |  |
|  | 7-8pm        | Mixed tag rugby at Fairview Fields                                 |  |
| W  | 1.45 for 2pm | Bingo4Us at Jenner Hall  |  |
|  | 2-4pm        | Cricklade Museum open, Calcutt Street                              |  |
| Th   | 10 - 11.30am | Acorn Community Bank: in Tourist Information Office                |  |
|  | 1.30-4.30pm  | The Paint Palette: Ladies' Art Group at Town Hall Annexe           |  |
|  | 7-10pm       | The Cricklade Band rehearsal night, at Town Hall, visitors welcome |  |
|  | 7-8.30pm     | Cricklade Rugby Club training at Fairview Fields                   |  |
|  | 7.30-9.30pm  | Sing Four Four choir rehearsal at United Church, Calcutt Street    |  |
| F  | 9.30am       | Cricklade Walking Group - from Waylands/Saxons Rest                |  |
|  | 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

October 2024

2nd ●

10th ◐

17th ○

24th ◑

## *The Final Word ...*

As I write, I am thinking how fast the changing of the seasons seems to come around. Sometimes we talk of the year 'turning', and for Americans the word for Autumn is Fall. This reminds me that there is a cycle, a pattern of rise and fall, as the year circles through the seasons. I remember a song, popular when I was young, whose refrain was:

'Round, like a circle in a spiral, like a wheel within a wheel, never ending or beginning on an ever-spinning reel'.

And, just as the seasons turn, I think we can find this pattern of rise and fall, turn and return, in our spiritual lives too. Times of special joy and hope can be followed by 'desert times' of despair or aimlessness. We, or even our world, can seem 'stuck' in a negative cycle which is hard to break.

Perhaps it can help us, at these moments, to feel that things will change again, that with God's help, we can turn some of the negatives into positives, and reset the balance in our lives.

There is a Bible passage, often read at funerals, which starts:

'For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven'.  
(Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8)

In this season of autumn, and in whatever season of life you find yourselves, I pray that God will turn us around, revive us, and bring us back again to Him. Amen

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