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From the Editor

November is the time of remembrance, whether national or personal as you will find in these pages. Our cover picture is of the path from Abingdon Court Farm up to Stockham Close. Named "Avenue to the Fallen" it has benches where you might wish to sit and reflect. Our churches are holding All Souls services on 3 November.

Bonfire night on 5 November is always an event to brighten up the suddenly darker nights after the clocks go back. Also see the advice on page 3 regarding creatures that might be asleep in the wood pile.

The Chronicle needs a distributor in Culverhay. See page 4 if you can help!

The Bowls Club is also looking after hedgehogs in the construction of a new fence. See page 41.

St Sampson's is getting ready for Christmas with a decorated Tree Festival towards the end of the month – page 20. Meanwhile,

St Mary's is holding a Quiz Night on the 29th – page 24. The Leisure Centre holds its annual Christmas Fayre on the 17th (page 25) and the Christmas Lights will be switched on around town on 30 November – pages 4 and 19.

On a more individual note, Cricklade Artists have their annual exhibition at the Town Hall on 9-10 November (page 39).

Cricklade Cinema may brighten things up with the Bob Marley biopic on the 26th – see page 40.

Remembrance Sunday is the 10th. Watch out for road closures late morning (page 3).

Finally, do remember that the next issue is our joint December/January magazine. Please ensure copy covering BOTH months reaches me by 1 November. There is no January issue!!



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The deadline for the joint Dec 24 / Jan 25 issue is Friday 1 November 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

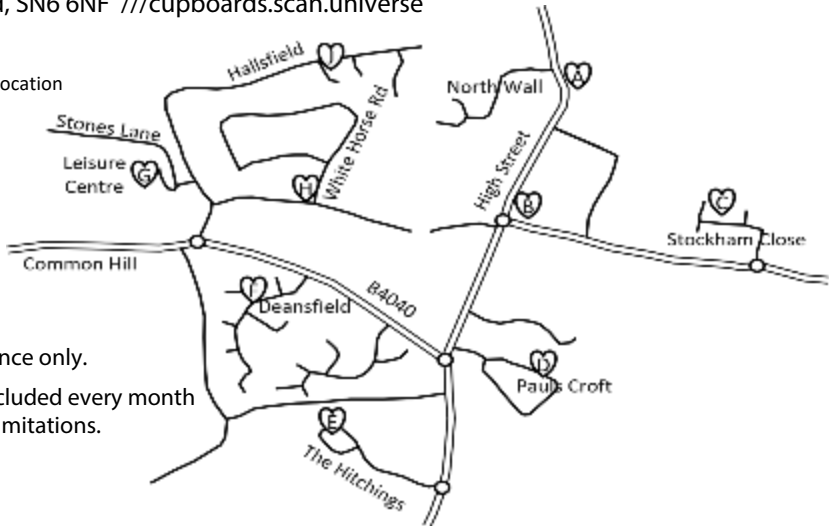
Defibrillator Locations

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 4 November Full Council

Monday 18 November Planning, Conservation and Transport Committee

Monday 25 November Community & Leisure 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.

Bonfire Night

For those celebrating gunpowder, treason and plot this 5 November, either at a local event or in your own garden please take extra care, and check your bonfire for wildlife before you set light to it, especially if you are using dry leaves to help it start. Hedgehogs, mice etc may be huddled up thinking the pile will suffice for winter.

Remembrance Sunday - 10 November 2024

Every November we have the opportunity to remember all those who gave their lives in defence of our country and we invite all resident of Cricklade, and surrounding districts to join us again.

Traffic will be held up for a short while but marshals will be on duty to manage the traffic restrictions. The Town Council apologises for any inconvenience.

The schedule for the day will be as follows

10.20am The Cricklade Band will lead the parade from the Town Hall to the War Memorial

10.45am Wreath laying commences

11.00am The Two Minutes Silence

11.10am Band lead parade to St. Sampson's Church

11.20am Remembrance Service commences

12.40pm Short service and wreath laying at RAF Blakehill Farm Cairns

Organisations who wish to lay a wreath but have not already made the necessary arrangements should contact us as soon as possible. The Town Council Office will be open on the morning of Remembrance Sunday for the collection of wreaths by those that have not already done so.

On Monday 11 November at 10.50am

a short Remembrance Service will take place for children of Cricklade schools at the War Memorial.

St Sampson's Church Christmas Tree Festival

Why not have a look at the various community group trees decorated to the theme of "Tell us a Story?" It is free to view from 29 November to 1 December between 10am and 4pm.

Cricklade Christmas Lights

Please remember this event takes place on **Saturday 30 November** this year and the High Street will be closed from 4.30pm to 8.30pm to ensure it is a safe area for families to enjoy the festivities.

There will be stalls and Santa's Grotto as well as singing and The Lighting Ceremony. All are welcome to attend.

There will be traffic marshals to manage the road closure, and we apologise for any inconvenience to road-users.

Tree Surgery

The Council has just had a tree survey completed and as a result there will be some maintenance work required to some of the 179 trees that the council is responsible for in order to keep the community safe. Please be aware this may cause some disruption, but it is essential work. We are very lucky to have so many trees in our town.

If you need work on your trees and are unsure if they have a preservation order or are protected due to being in a conservation area, then you should contact Wiltshire Council, who will be able to advise you on 0300 4560114.

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)

Closed Public Holidays:

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

Website: www.crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk



Follow the Council @ www.facebook.com/CrickladeTownCouncil

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.

Distributor Needed

Could you help *The Chronicle* by being our next distributor? We have 98 copies in Culverhay outer circle that need to be delivered taking about an hour a month, for eleven months of the year. If you are able to offer help, please ring 01793 752898 (office hours) for more details.

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
price £12.50 (u-16s £6.00)

Wiltshire Perspective

Sometimes I just enjoy going off-piste; it could be going down the lane I've never gone down before, or trying out a new activity. A few weeks ago, I went to the meeting of a neighbouring Area Board, in Ashton Keynes village hall, just to see how others manage their meetings and perhaps to learn a thing or two.

As the start time neared, it became clear that this was not their standard Area Board meeting. The room was packed, and everyone only had one thing on their mind and that was, as some people may have heard, the proposed gravel extraction near Ashton Keynes. The fury and passion that was expressed from all corners of the room was exceptional. Fortuitously I believe I noticed that it may well impact North Meadow and that the Ecological Impact Assessment looked to be flawed, or running on assumptions that I'm not sure are valid. I'll keep you updated with any further developments.

I know that so far nothing sounds very 'Wiltshire', but the underlying cause of the problem was the abnormal way in which the application weaved its way through the planning process. Planning is a contentious and technical subject, for any of a number of reasons, and one I'm still learning. If required, I'm happy to represent views provided to me to either the town or the Northern Area Wiltshire Planning Board.

Some developments can bypass planning and improve houses at the same time. To make things even better you can, in some circumstances, even claim a grant to do that. It's called the Home Upgrade Grant ([Wiltshire.gov.uk/hug](https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/hug) or 0800 098 7950).

On a number of issues I've been having to chase people in County Hall, which I'm more than happy to do as it's probably the easiest part of my job. Having said that, some items I have let slip through the net and I'm grateful for the chasers, so please do get back to me if this is the case. Sometimes it's just on a list and it takes a long time to get to the top, but in other cases I've been promised that it will be dealt with and then they go nowhere.

As this article goes out, the poppy appeal will be in full swing, remembering the sacrifices that millions of people gave for us to have our freedoms. There are many places in the world where that fight continues, with communications always improving, the horrors grow ever more appalling. Perhaps in what often appears a more polarised world, we should try to be more understanding and empathetic. In any event, regardless of the politics you hold, I might suggest taking advantage of the freedoms they fought for. If you want to have your voice heard you could register to vote at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.

Many thanks again for all the support I receive. It's a privilege to be able to help people, and if you think I could be helping you, please do get in touch and I'll see what I can do. Nick.dye@wiltshire.gov.uk or 752501

Nick Dye, councillor for Cricklade, Latton and Marston Meysey

Cricklade Scarecrow Trail: 26 October to 3 November

Raising funds for Wiltshire Air Ambulance. Maps £1, available from various outlets in Cricklade from 23 October.

Cricklade Development Foundation

Annual General Meeting

A reminder that our AGM will be taking place on Tuesday, **12 November 2024**, at Cricklade Town Hall at 7pm. A lot has been going on so, if you wish to learn more about our progress, please go to our website (www.crickladefoundation.org.uk) where you will find the AGM documentation under the 'Governance' label. All are welcome to attend although only members are eligible to vote.

Contact us

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



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

In the Monthly Draw held on 26 September the lucky winners were :-

First Prize:	Joyce Fullerton	£36.60
Second Prize:	Melanie Durban	£24.40
Jenner Hall Funds:		£61.00



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

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

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

The Manorial Court of The Hundred and Borough of Cricklade

Notice of Public Court and Appointment of Honorary Freemen

Members and Officers have been summoned to attend the next Public Court Leet to be held on **Friday 22 November 2024** at 7pm in the Town Hall with the Lord of the Manor Michael Neeld presiding.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

This is an opportunity to hear about the work of the Court and learn more about the Court's involvement in the management of grazing on North Meadow.

Refreshments are served after the meeting

John Coole - Steward to The Manorial Court for the Hundred and Borough of Cricklade

Clive Smith High Bailiff



Purton & Green Gable Surgery PPG

Serving patients in Purton, Cricklade & surrounding communities



Surgery Feedback

Purton and Green Gable Surgery consistently receives positive feedback from patients responding to texts after appointments. Congratulations to all!

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

Prostate Cancer is the subject of our next talk on Wednesday 6 November when 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, please let the Surgery know so that it can be allocated to someone else.

Harvest Raffle:

Tickets are available for our Harvest Raffle until the draw on Wednesday 30 October, £2 for a strip of 5. Lots of boxes of goodies for the lucky winners! You can see the prizes in Purton Surgery.

200 Club:

The October draw was made by Care Co-ordinator Teresa Philpot (*pictured*) and the £100 winner was Alan Robertson.

New members are always welcome at a cost of £15 per annum, this cost remains for the year so the earlier you join the more chances you have of winning! Setting up a Standing Order is the simplest way to join however, if you join mid-year, it is helpful if you set future payments for 1 September each year. This will then automatically renew your membership. Forms are available at both Purton and Green Gable surgeries.



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 to request it.

Table Top in Purton Surgery

Thank you to all who support the Table Top in Purton Surgery Waiting Room, those who contribute items and those who buy. We are pleased to receive good quality donations for the Table which should be handed in to Reception (no shoes please). If you would like to purchase any items then please hand your money in to Reception. There are also books for sale at 50p each – please put money in the tin or hand into Reception.

As always, your support for our work to both inform and support patients is much appreciated. If you know of anyone who would like to be included in our email list (all sent bcc) then please ask them to contact via secretary.psppg@gmail.com

Sheila Fowler, PPG Secretary

Bonfire Night at Blakehill

In 1947 one newcomer to Site 6 of Blakehill Camp was Trevor Startup aged four who recalls the following event c.1949.

"Dad's mate, Bert – ex-RAF Blakehill – would probably have been known as a 'spiv' during wartime rationing, and seemed capable of acquiring anything you could possibly want from undisclosed sources, though no one ever questioned this. He seemed to have contacts everywhere – he was like a mobile shop that never issued receipts!



"One November we kids managed to build a big bonfire in the square of Site 6 in front of the Community Hall for bonfire night. Dad and Bert once again colluded in providing the firework display. They'd been scheming for weeks and I knew the words, 'magnesium', 'flare powder', 'gun powder' and 'iron filings' somehow came into the equation. We all waited patiently in great anticipation for the event to begin, and were not disappointed when Dad and Bert, both now in their element centre stage, put on a wonderful show. Various ingenious devices caused flares all around the wall, flashes that blinded us and explosions which deafened us – all received open-mouthed and followed by rapturous applause! It was only when Dad's jacket caught fire with smoke pouring from it, that things appeared, even to us, to be going too far! He managed to wrench it off and throw it to the ground where it exploded in a blinding light, bringing the display to an abrupt end. He'd only been carrying the ingredients of magnesium and night flare powder in his pocket, and was lucky to escape with only minor burns!"

Pictured: Trevor (1st left) with friends c.1949

Taken directly from page 37, Part 8.

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. Advanced orders ONLY. Please ring Marion on 01793 750542 or email: mfp Parsons071@btinternet.com if interested.

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

Cricklade Town Hall

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 for further details, or Facebook for photos and other information: www.facebook.com/crickladetownhall

Cricklade Open Door

It's the end of October/beginning of November, the clocks went back on 27 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, once, twice or three times a week, where a warm hall, warm welcome and warm refreshments, lunch and company can be yours. You can join in with games, quizzes, bingo, exercises or just chat and make friends. Open Door is a 'drop in' centre, so you can pop out to get a bit of shopping, call at the chemist, have a hair cut – whatever you need to do – and then call back for a coffee. We are at The Jenner Hall on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am to 3.30pm and welcome all independent managing folks over the age of 18 years.



During October we enjoyed a Friday lunch at The Wheatsheaf, Crudwell – a small establishment housing a Post Office, shop, bar and restaurant. Toby and Denise are excellent hosts and we enjoyed a super lunch; our third visit!

We held another of our Music Mornings on 14 October, when Becky and Lucy, violinists, entertained us for the morning, with music brought to us through The Wiltshire Music Centre. This was followed by an excellent buffet lunch, enjoyed by all!

The Open Door trustees have organised a fundraising Curry Evening at our local Kavali restaurant on **Monday 28 October** (it hasn't happened yet but will hopefully raise much needed funds for Open Door). If you get your *Chronicle* early, you might just be able to squeeze in by contacting Helen: helendixonmail@gmail.com

Our Coffee Morning due to be held on Saturday 9 November has been postponed until the New Year. Our star baker, Chris, is going into hospital for a knee replacement and will be out of action for several weeks but plans to bake with a vengeance(!) all her scones and cakes, early in 2025.

If you would like further details about Cricklade Open Door, please just call in or telephone 07599 987 851, email crickladeopendoor@gmail.com or call in at Open Door and grab a coffee!

We hope to see you soon!

THE TRUSTEES OF CRICKLADE OPEN DOOR would like to thank The Red Lion for the donation of £1,094 from the proceeds of the August and September 2024 meat raffle. This is very much appreciated and helps Open Door to keep running.

CRICKLADE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2024
FATHER CHRISTMAS, STALLS, CAROLS & LIVE MUSIC
4PM-6.30PM



St Sampson's Church Refurbishment Appeal

Creating a Community Space for the Future

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

Online donations can be made by scanning the QR code (right) or visiting



St Sampson's Church 100 Club

The lucky winner of the September 2024 draw was:

Martin Lisk who won £31.00

St Sampson's Church benefited by £31.00.

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

Christmas Tree Festival

**St Sampson's Church
Christmas Tree Festival**

from 29 November to 1 December.

This year's theme is 'Tell us a story'.

Come along to the church to see the fabulous trees decorated by many local groups and organisations from the Cricklade area. There's something for everyone from music, refreshments, a quiz, raffle and activities for children! Join us at the church to start your Christmas celebrations!

The Tree Festival will begin with a Preview evening on Friday 29 November from 7.30 to 9pm (adults only.) Come and join us for a glass of Prosecco and mince pie as you enjoy a sneak preview of the beautifully decorated trees. £4 minimum donation for Prosecco and a mince pie.

St Sampson's Church Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 30th November
10am - 4pm

Free Entry

Sunday 1st December
11.30am - 3.30pm

Free Entry



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 or call 07951 944 760.

The volunteers team looks forward to seeing you there!

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CHANGE ATTITUDES.
FIND A CURE.
JOIN US.

The Chronicle

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 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.

Cricklade Memory Cafe

Autumn came in with a bang in late September and we are now into our Autumn/Winter programme. In November we will welcome the Bobby Van and be entertained by the Purton Peelers. Our Christmas Party is on 4 December, and we look forward to more singing, dancing and fun with Tony M and of course yummy food treats.



Our successful first year ends on 8 January (the 1st Wednesday is New Years Day). We give notice of our first Annual General Meeting on 12 February in the Town Hall Annexe at 5pm where we hope to welcome not only our members but our very kind donors and members of the public.

We always welcome new members who can join on the 1st Wednesday of each month at the Town Hall Annex for coffee and cakes, friendship and fun in a safe welcoming environment. All enquiries, or if you would like to volunteer with us please contact Vona 07896 723 794 or Margaret 07976 620 089.

Sing Four Four Community Choir

There are now just four more rehearsals before our Christmas concert. This will take place on Sunday 1 December in St Mary's Church, Purton. It will be at the usual time of 3pm and be followed by tea and cake. The choir will be singing a wide range of Christmas music, both sacred and secular. There will be something for everyone to enjoy.



Tickets will be £6 for adults. Under 12s are free. The tickets will be available from 28 October in the Town Council office.

Churches Together

Services for the Upper Thames Churches

3 November Trinity 23 or 4th before Advent

- 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 and children's activities in church
- 10am Morning Worship at St John the Baptist, Latton
- 4pm All Souls Bereavement Service at Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes
- 6.30pm All Souls Bereavement Service at St Sampson's Cricklade

10 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

17 November 2nd before Advent

- 8am Holy Communion BCP with 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 Jenner Hall
- 10am Morning Worship at Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes
- 4pm Evensong at Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes
- 6.30pm Evensong at St Sampson's

24 November Christ the King

- 8.30am Holy Communion BCP at Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes
- 10am Communion at Malmesbury Abbey
for all churches in North Wiltshire Deanery
- 3.30pm Messy Church at Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes
- 5.30pm Iona Communion Worship Together St Sampson's

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.

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

er in Cricklade & Latton

The Upper Thames Benefice

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

Contact details:

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

Associate Vicar: Revd Shirley Danby

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

Parishes Administrator: Jane Eyles

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

From the Registers of the Upper Thames Group of Churches

Baptisms

15 September Arthur David Law *at St John the Baptist, Latton*

29 September Harry Arthur Pidoux *at St Sampson's*

Weddings

6 September Robert Staynings & Nicola Woodruffe *at St Sampson's*

14 September Alexander Hughes & Charlotte Evans *at St Sampson's*

Funerals

4 September Marian Joan New *at Kingsdown Crematorium*

16 September Joyce Mary Foster *at Kingsdown Crematorium*

11 September Margaret (Peggy) Winifred Andrews-Faulkner *at N. Wilts Crematorium*
and 17 September Service of Thanksgiving at St Sampson's

27 September Edward John Little *at Kingsdown with Memorial Service at St Sampson's*

Cricklade United Church

Calcutt Street, Cricklade

Minister: Revd Sarah Simpson, tel. 01666 826866

Email: sarahsimpson14@btinternet.com

As a United Reformed / Methodist Church, we are part of the URC North West Wiltshire Pastorate and the Upper Thames Methodist Circuit. Please have a look at our website for all the current information regarding our services, dates, times and other events.
crickladeunitedchurch.co.uk

Sunday morning services during November

3 Nov 10.30am Rev Roger Scoones from Lechlade

10 Nov 11.15am United Service at St Sampson's as part of the Remembrance Day events (approximate timing following the town parade)

17 Nov 10.30am Katy Bell

24 Nov 10.30am Ian Taylor

Cricklade United Church

Bounce and Rhyme

Meets fortnightly on a Tuesday between 1.45pm and 2.45pm at the United Church hall in Calcutt Street.

November groups - 5 November and 19 November.

Songs, rhymes and toys for babies and small children. Please come along and meet us and share tea, coffee and refreshments.

Worship Services during November - see page 23

The Friends of St Mary's Church, Cricklade



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.

St Mary's Candlelit Concert Returns

Back by popular request

Join us for song, carols, refreshments and importantly, Christmas Spirit, in the delightful historic church in Cricklade High Street.

St Mary's Church Choir are performing on:

Saturday 14 December at 7pm

and

Sunday 15 December at 4pm

Tickets are £10 and under 12s £5

Tickets are available from St Mary's Church, Animal Fayre or by calling Anita Barrett on 01793 750039

Monies raised will go towards the running of *Cricklade Open Door* who provide an essential service offering Friendship, Fun and Support for those who may feel lonely and socially isolated.

We are all looking forward to seeing you there!

Cricklade Bloomers

Whispers from the Walled Garden

Winter planting has been completed and you may notice we have added more sustainable plants to some of the planters.

There may still be some places for our Christmas wreath and table arrangement workshops on Wednesday 4 December for wreaths and Saturday 14 for table arrangements and wreath kits.

Contact anita@crickladeinbloom.co.uk.



Cricklade Historical Society

***** 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) or by contacting Pam Debenham on 07453 766 744 or email 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.

Cricklade Leisure Centre

Thank you to everyone who came along to our recent Open Day and took part in the taster sessions – we hope you had a great time! We'd also like to say a big thank-you and welcome to all those who took out Centre membership on the day.



Christmas Fayre, Sunday 17 November 11am - 4pm

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

AGM, Tuesday 19 November 7.45pm

C&DCA, the charity that manages Cricklade Leisure Centre, is holding its AGM. Come along and meet the Trustees and have your say about your local Leisure Centre.

New fitness classes: We've launched a number of new classes recently.

Wednesdays: 18:00 - 18:45 Pump class

Build muscle or burn fat. This Pump class using weights will give you an all over, total body workout.

Saturdays

08:30 - 09:30	Stretch or Yoga (alternate weeks)
09:30 - 10:15	Spin
10:30 - 10:15	Zumba

To book on to any of our fitness classes please call us on 01793 750011.

Follow us on Facebook

Email admin@crickladeleisure.co.uk

Visit www.crickladeleisure.com

Call us on 01793 750011

Or just pop in. We'd love to see you.

Cricklade Garden Club

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

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 12 November** when our speaker is Fiona Warin whose talk is entitled "The History of Allotments".

Fiona has been an allotment holder and a manager of allotments so she knows all about the rewards and setbacks of cultivating an allotment. It was this practical experience which set her on the path of discovering their history. When and why were they introduced, how did they develop, what challenges have they faced and are they now facing?

Fiona is a very entertaining speaker and has been highly recommended. Her talk will definitely not be dry as dust!

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

Membership is £20 p.a.

We are affiliated to the Gloucestershire Federation of Gardening Societies (www.gfgs.org.uk)

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

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

We look forward to seeing you!

Cricklade Camera Club

Are you interested in photography, or do you just want to take better photographs?



If so, why not come along to Cricklade Camera Club. Visitors and new members will receive a warm welcome - you don't even need a camera. Everyone is welcome. You can try us out for an evening for a guest fee of £6.00. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Cricklade Town Hall Annexe and in addition there is a range of workshops and Zoom presentations throughout the year.

To see all our activities, take a look at the programme page of our website: crickldecameraclub.org/program

On **Tuesday 5 November** at 7.30pm in the Cricklade Town Hall Annexe, is the first round of our League Competition. Club members have submitted up to three digital images and three prints; they will be assessed and marked by an independent visiting judge. Even if you haven't submitted any images this is a fantastic way to learn what makes a great photograph.

On **Tuesday 19 November** at 7.30pm (location to be advised) we will be holding a light painting workshop. As the name implies, it is essentially drawing with light. Images are created by 'drawing' or 'painting' with a moving light and capturing it on camera, usually with a long exposure. Join us to get creative and have some fun!

Cricklade Foodbank

Open every Friday 10am to 11.30am in the Jenner Hall, Bath Road



In recent weeks the Foodbank has seen a rise in the number clients seeking our support. Many people are struggling with the increase in the cost of living. As the temperature slides downwards, many families will be having to make the difficult decision about how much they can afford to heat their homes.

The shops are now full of Christmas goodies. We would like to augment our clients' food bags with a little festive cheer. If you are thinking of donating anything to the Foodbank, please will you consider items like mince pies (please check the date on the pack as they have a very short shelf-life), Christmas puddings/cakes, selection boxes etc.

Thank you to everyone who donates to the Foodbank. We can't help anyone without you. Up-to-date information can often be found on our Facebook page.

Thank you also to the local shops; Tesco's, Animal Fayre, and Culverhay Stores who willingly host our collection baskets. The local churches are happy to receive donations and there is a basket in St Sampson's School.

If you prefer to make a financial donation, there is a 'donate' button on the Malmesbury & District website. 'Bankthefood' is a useful app for up-to-date requirements.

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: crickladedcm@malmesburydistrict.foodbank.org.uk

Visit the website: malmesburydistrict.foodbank.org.uk

Cricklade & District Probus Club

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



14 November How to evict a Government Minister & other battles with officialdom

28 November The 'Inside Intelligence' from Roentgen Rays

The meetings normally take place fortnightly, on a Thursday morning at 10am 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.

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 talks 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

To book the Hall, please contact our booking email address at: jennerhall.bookings@gmail.com or call on: 07823 324 821.

Richard Hickman, Chairman, Cricklade Jenner Hall Community Trust

Latton 100 Club

The 100 Club draw for September 2024 has taken place and the winners are:

1st Prize	£100	Lloyd Wigglesworth	3rd Prize	£20	Miguel Foneska
2nd Prize	£29	Theo Dearsley	4th Prize	£8.50	Helen Godfrey

The next draw will take place at the end of December.

We would like to say a big thank-you to all that take part in the club. With some of the money that was raised, we have been able to do essential work to the stairs and clearing up of the guano which had built up within the tower which were both deemed hazardous. So the windows now have steel mesh and the broken wooden ladders have been replaced with steel ladders. We are now able to get to the bells and right to the top of the roof. And back down again!

We also want to say a big thank-you to Wiltshire Churches Trust (WHCT) and National Churches Trust (NCT), who contributed generously to help with this necessary work.

I personally also want to thank Stuart Dagnall who worked hard to gain grants and find builders to make all this happen.

Thank you also to all of you who have played your part to help keep this historic building in good condition.

Nicki Crabtree

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!

Cricklade & District Twinning Association

Autumn is here and minds are turning to Christmas. Whilst we at Cricklade Twinning are looking forward to the festive season with its turkey and Christmas puddings, we are also looking forward to hosting our friends from Sucé-sur-Erdre next year – dates are currently being discussed, for a visit that will also include a football competition with youngsters from Sucé.



We are developing an active programme of activities for 2025, starting with an attempt to refresh our palates after the Christmas/New Year festivities by a visit to the Kavali Indian Restaurant on 6 January. The Restaurant will be offering dishes to suit all tastes. We will be publishing booking arrangements shortly.

It will be time for our AGM in early February. Whilst the venue is still to be confirmed, we are hopeful that the meeting will be accompanied by our usual attempt to play skittles.

March sees a sinister event, when murder will be committed in the Town Hall, and the Purton Amateur Dramatic Society will be inviting you to help solve the crime. Look out for further information.

Cricklade W.I.

October was a busy month with members joining us for 'Coffee and Chat' at the White Hart on the 1st, our Regional AGM in Devizes on the 8th, our New Speakers Day on the 14th and not to forget our gin tasting outing on the 18th! At our meeting on 17 October we enjoyed a talk about Richard Jefferies who wrote about the countryside and wildlife around his home town of Swindon.



We look forward to our **Thursday 21 November** meeting when we will welcome 'The Bobby Van Trust' who will talk to us about staying safe online, a very serious subject that impacts all of us today. The Bobby Van Trust works with Wiltshire Police providing home security services for elderly and vulnerable people throughout Wiltshire. Operators are also skilled carpenters and locksmiths and are trained in crime reduction and fire risk, so we're sure our members will have a lot of questions to ask them.

Visitors are always welcome to our meetings at only £3 donation towards refreshments with home made cakes baked by our members. Come and join us at one of our meetings to find out more. We meet in the Town Hall Annexe at 7.30pm on the third Thursday of each month except in December when members will be looking forward to our Christmas lunch on Monday 9th. Check us out on Facebook or contact our secretary Viv Tomkins on 01793 752459 or at vivienne.tomkins@btinternet.com.

And don't forget our 'Coffee and Chat' on the first Tuesday of every month in the White Hart. Non-members are very much welcome.

Bingo4U

Come along on Wednesday afternoon at the Jenner hall anyone welcome.
£2.00 entry. Eyes down at 2.pm

Contacts: Chris 07500 871 680 or Liz 07780 473 024.

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Cricklade Art Group



... welcomes you to our Autumn Exhibition. There will be a wide range of art on display, including paintings, cards and ceramics from a range of artists. For a preview check www.facebook.com/CrickladeArtGroup during the week before the exhibition.

We will also have our popular raffle. Refreshments – including tea, coffee and homemade cake. Come along and enjoy the atmosphere and perhaps find some special gift!

Autumn Exhibition 2024

Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th November

10am to 4pm

Cricklade Town Hall

Free entry! All are welcome!

If you wish to learn more about the Cricklade Art Group, visit our website www.crickladeart.co.uk

The group meets monthly on the third Tuesday of the month at the Cricklade Town Hall Annexe from 7.30-9.30pm. If you have any questions or are interested in becoming a member, please drop us a line to our email address crickladeartgroup@gmail.com.

and THANK YOU

The members of the Cricklade Art Group who took part for the first time in the Swindon Open Studios, at the Thames Hall over the weekend, would like to say a big 'thank you' to all their visitors who braved some quite challenging weather to support them.

It was lovely to see so many visitors and to be able to talk to them about art and the Cricklade Art Group itself.

They would also like to say a big 'thank you' to those of you who helped in setting up and taking down and who loaned equipment; without all of you it wouldn't have happened!

Purton Artists Exhibition 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 CINEMA!

Our Autumn season continues on **Tuesday 26 November at 8pm** in the Town Hall.

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

Biopic of the legendary reggae star, who blazed a trail with his revolutionary style of music and performance, in the face of adversity and personal demons. Kingsley Ben-Adir plays the title role. *(Contains: drug use, moderate violence, infrequent strong language)*

And still to come...

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.cricklادecinema.org.uk) so why not take a look.

Email us at: cricklادecinema@gmail.com or phone on 750782.

Check us out at Facebook Cricklade Cinema.



**CINEMA
FOR ALL**



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 November are:

3rd vs Supermarine **16th** vs Royal Wootton Bassett IV **30th** match TBC.

Results for September: we won against Royal Wootton Bassett IV 31-26 and against Swindon College Old Boys II, but lost against Chineham 10-30.

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.

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Please contact our Director of Minis, Seth Wareing, sethwareing@hotmail.com or phone 07305 059 879. We would also welcome any parents who want to get involved and support the Juniors and Minis, so if you are interested please contact Seth.

Cricklade Bowls Club

The end of September saw a fight against the weather with solid rain on many of the days towards the end of the month. A valiant band of club members (*pictured*) spent several days “sweeping” water from the



inundated green with dew brushes and coming up with ingenious alternatives of cricket outfield ropes and a home-built pump. The green was cleared of standing water and firm enough for the Captain v Chairman match on 28 September. The Captain's team won 66-60 and by 3 rinks to 1. The match was followed by the end of season barbecue, organised and cooked by Chris B and team. Thank you to all those who donated salads, puddings and raffle prizes. A

collection bucket was in place for Prospect Hospice, and Prospect also received half of the raffle proceeds - a combined total of £145.00.

The Club wishes to thank Cricklade Town Council for a grant of £500 towards the cost of improved fencing on the south boundary of the green. This will include holes for hedgehog access!

As a reminder to members, our AGM will be held on Tuesday 12 November at 7pm at the Bath Road Clubhouse.

We are now into our “off” season. Skittles members of the Club will be playing home league matches in the alley in the clubhouse. All members are invited to come to our monthly Social Evenings on the first Saturday of each month.

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 and 10am on Saturday mornings. Once our three newly qualified coaches have received their final sign-off, they plan to hold coaching sessions twice a month on a Wednesday morning.

A few of our members went off to sunny Spain in October to play pétanque on the beach. Meanwhile, back in Cricklade, our next social event is another skittles evening at The White Hart in November which is always popular.

Club membership is very reasonable at just £20 per annum for adults and £5 for children. If you'd like to find out more about Saxons Pétanque Club, we're a friendly bunch so please come and say hello, take a look at our notice board inside the Leisure Centre, or visit our website at saxonspetanque.co.uk.

Cricklade Pétanque Club

At the Cricklade House Hotel, SN6 6HA

Pétanque is 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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Congratulations to members Nigel and Barbara Law and Malcolm and Gill Brooks who were all competition winners at the Guernsey Pétanque Open.

We will be holding our Club Christmas Party on Friday 13 December so there will be no Club social night at the end of November.

Our AGM will be held on Saturday 14 December at 12 noon at the Cricklade House Hotel. All members welcome.

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

Find us on Facebook by searching Cricklade Pétanque Club

Email: info@crickladepetanqueclub.co.uk

Cricklade Walking Group: part of Get Wiltshire Walking

Come and join weekly walks in Cricklade, led by fully qualified walk leaders. Friendly and fun, it's a great opportunity to get fit, meet new people and get to know your local area. Everyone's welcome provided you are independently mobile, able to meet the physical demands of your chosen walk and can maintain responsibility for your own safety and wellbeing. We are sorry but no dogs, other than sensory dogs, are allowed.

Walk leaders manage and tailor the following walks to meet the needs of walkers:

- Fridays 9.30am meeting at Waylands (by flag poles): Starter, Stroller & Strider walks;
- Tuesdays 6.30pm meeting at Cricklade Leisure Centre: Strider walk only'

On your first visit, please allow a few minutes to complete a short registration form.

For further information contact local walk leader Viv Tomkins on 01793 752459 or email vivienne.tomkins@btinternet.com.

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		

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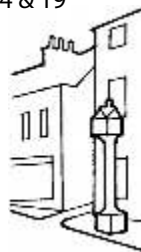
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- 1 F until 3 Nov: Scarecrow Trail – page 5 - (commenced 26 October)
end of day Chronicle copy deadline
- 4 M Wiltshire schools resume (others may differ)
10am to 12 noon: Computer Club at Leisure Centre
- 5 Tu 1.45pm to 2.45pm: Bounce & Rhyme, United Church, Calcutt Street
Bonfire Night: see Town Council advice on page 3
7.30pm Town Hall charity Annual Meeting at Town Hall
7.30pm Camera Club at Town Hall Annexe
- 6 W 10.30am to 12.30pm: Memory Café at Town Hall Annexe
- 9 Sa 10am to 4pm: Cricklade Art Group Exhibition at Town Hall
- 10 Su **Remembrance Sunday** (High Street closures for parade)
10.30am Parade from Waylands, for 11am service at War Memorial
10am to 4pm: Cricklade Art Group Exhibition at Town Hall
- 12 Tu 7pm Cricklade Bowls Club AGM at Clubhouse, Bath Road
7pm Cricklade Development Foundation AGM at Town Hall
7pm *speaker* 7.30pm: Garden Club at Town Hall Annexe:
- 14 Th 10am for 10.20am start: Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel
- 17 Su 11am to 4pm: Christmas Fayre at Leisure Centre
- 19 Tu 1.45pm to 2.45pm: Bounce & Rhyme, United Church, Calcutt Street
7.30pm Art Group at Town Hall Annexe
- 20 W 10.30am to 12 noon: Parkinson's Café at Cricklade Hotel & Spa
- 21 Th 7.30pm Cricklade W.I. at Town Hall Annexe:
- 22 F 7pm Court Leet public meeting at Town Hall
- 26 Tu 8pm Cricklade Cinema at Town Hall, tickets from Council Office
- 28 Th 10am for 10.20am start: Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel
- 29 F 7.30pm to 9pm: Christmas Tree Festival Preview at St Sampson's
7pm Friends of St Mary's Quiz Night at Town Hall
- 30 Sa 10am to 4pm: Christmas Tree Festival at St Sampson's
4.30pm to 8.30pm: Cricklade Christmas Lights, High Street, pages 4 & 19

Every Week

- 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 Bingo4U 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



The Final Word ...

Conflict across the world in many places – Ukraine, across the Middle East and in parts of Africa – saddens us all. It is all the more poignant in this season of Remembrance, when we honour all those who lost their lives taking a stand against tyranny in two World Wars and in many conflicts since and give thanks to God for their lives. For Remembrance to have meaning, rather than staying with the past and what happened, it's surely better to live with hope and look to the future, God's future for the world.

Jesus came as Prince of Peace, but conflict with local leaders (religious and political), led Him to the cross and beyond to a new post-resurrection life, offering hope, hope of a better world. That hope is part of the prayer Jesus taught his disciples, and as we still pray The Lord's Prayer today, you may recognise the words – "your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven". Sometimes all we CAN do is to pray, and just now, praying for the miracle of peace in our world seems vital.

If everyone, every day, joined in praying for peace, just think what could happen. We want a miracle, let's pray for it, because, as Jesus said, "All things are possible with God".

*Rev'd Shirley, Associate Vicar,
Upper Thames Churches*

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