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From the Editor

Battle of Britain Day will be on Tuesday, 15 September 2026. It commemorates the date in 1940 when the Royal Air Force dealt a decisive blow to enemy attack. Our thanks go to Jamie Edwards who took the cover picture at the Stockham Close end of the Avenue of the Fallen (July 2025). There is an article on page 28.

At the opposite end of the spectrum, 19 September is International Talk Like a Pirate Day. It is an annual fun day where people might dress up, use pirate slang, and talk with a stereotypical pirate accent. I wonder if 'Ahoy, me hearties!' will be heard in town?

The Autumn Equinox is on 23 September but it's at 1.05am and wouldn't even be noticed in daylight. But, although 1 September is the meteorological (weather reports) day that autumn starts, the equinox is when the day is the same length as the night. But we're still in British Summer Time ... how confusing!

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As schools go back, the Town Council reminds us of the Rise Trust safe venue for secondary school age pupils at the Leisure Centre; see page 4.

Meanwhile Nick Dye has news for us about Wiltshire's Recycling Centre plans. Have a look at page 5.

Almost every correspondent mentioned hot weather and drought. Cut. Sorry! But Bloomers and the Gardeners have thoughts on water management and help for our insect population on pages 17 and 31.

Cinema is back! Hurrah! See page 32 and get your tickets quick. Not a dry eye in the house...

Swindon Open Studios have many venues in Cricklade this month. Also a new arts collective is starting up next door to us in Peatmoor. Both worth a look. Page 38!



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Green Gables Surgery ..	752633	Cricklade Manor Prep	750275
Cricklade (De Silva)	750645	Bradon Forest	770570

Cricklade Town Hall

To book your event at Cricklade Town Hall, please contact our Bookings Secretary, Mrs Nicola Fry on 07977 758 389 (before 9pm please) or via email at crickladetownhall@hotmail.com for further details, or Facebook for photos and other information: www.facebook.com/crickladetownhall



Roz Savage MP

Roz Savage, MP for the South Cotswolds, is holding regular constituency surgeries to support residents with their concerns. Following parliamentary advice, these surgeries are now by appointment only.

Where possible, appointments will be held virtually. However, Roz is also hosting less frequent in-person surgeries at various locations across the constituency to ensure accessibility for all residents.

To book an appointment, please email roz.savage.mp@parliament.uk or call her office on 01285 300555. If you have specific accessibility needs, please let the team know when booking.



Cricklade Town Council

Town Council Meetings

Monday 14 September Community & Leisure Committee

Monday 21 September Personnel Committee

Monday 28 September Planning, Conservation & Transport Committee

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



Cricklade in Bloom 2026

Many thanks to all the residents who have all worked so hard in their gardens to make Cricklade look beautiful in the Summer. Unfortunately not everyone can win, but huge CONGRATULATIONS to the following:

	WINNER	Highly Commended
Best Front Garden	8 Gas Lane	2 Bath Road
Best hanging basket/container	6 North Meadow Road	Wayleaf, West Mill Lane
Best front Door	75 High Street (Joyce Crampton cup)	85 High Street
Commercial property	Red Lion	The Body Clinic, Old Weighbridge

Protect your Open Spaces

Please help us to protect these important community areas.

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

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

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

Everything in the garden has been growing and the Council has received many complaints about overgrown boundaries and vegetation encroaching on the paths around Cricklade, making it difficult for pedestrians to use the path. Please look at your boundaries, now that the birds have fledged, and clear the way for others to walk.

Town Council Grants

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

The Rise Trust and Youth Safe Space

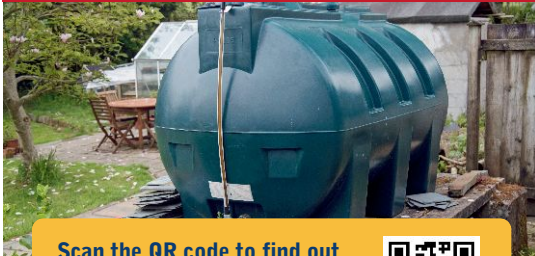


With the new school starting it is a good time to remind residents that Cricklade Town Council provides a safe space in the Youth Building at Cricklade Leisure centre on Tuesdays from 7pm to 8.30pm for all secondary school aged young people. This safe space is provided by The Rise Trust – the young people have a space to chill, there is outreach support from youth workers, and recent activities have included quizzes, playing UNO and other board games, a pool competition, sign language, rounders, making pizzas and toasties and making slime and cloud dough to name a few.



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Purton Booking Pilot

Since the uproar at the end of last year about closing the recycling centre in Purton (HRC or HWRC) Wiltshire Council has launched (or relaunched since the pandemic) a booking system pilot. I think it made sense during the pandemic for keeping a safe distance. The drive up to the centre is almost unique in that on the rare occasions where there is a queue, it will never be bad enough to interfere with the traffic on the Purton to Cricklade Road. I've been getting feedback that the booking system is a waste of time and money and should be scrapped.

This is a pilot and the reason Purton is one of the ones chosen is to try to protect our Council's taxpayers from subsidising people from outside the Wiltshire Council area when using that facility. It costs us enough money to keep going, so the pilot is to try to stop spending money on looking after others' recycling.

I've asked the question about what the success criteria for the pilot are, but to date I've not got the details. Unless you're clear about what the questions are, the answers are unlikely to be helpful.

Around half of English county councils already have a booking system, and some residents who have seen how it works elsewhere are very supportive of the idea, so let's see what benefits it will bring to us. The QR code is the one I've been given for the website where you can register and access the booking system. *[Tested! Ed.]*



Planning

I mentioned the change in the planning regulations last month. My understanding is a little clearer. My preferred approach has been to talk to the planning officer and understand what their focus points are and then to bring to their attention the concerns of residents. I still think this will continue to be the best approach. Calling in an application might happen, and it's dependent on the agreement of the chief planning officer and the planning committee chair. I read that as meaning that either of them can then unilaterally block anything being brought back to the Planning Committee, but we'll see what that means in practice.

Full Council

I very rarely stand up in Full Council meetings, mainly because I don't believe it will change anything. At the last meeting I did stand up and I did make a difference – to ensure that water quality monitoring which was to be pressed on to Wessex Water, will be expanded to include Thames Water and the other three water companies in the county. Small things, but hopefully they will add up to getting our local voice heard more widely, and with a bit of luck cleaner water for everyone.

As always, the last Friday of the month I'm in the Club in Cricklade to chat (from 10 to 11 on 28 August or 25 September) if you want to raise something informally, otherwise I'm always available on 752501 or at nick.dye@wiltshire.gov.uk.

Purton Surgery Patient Group

For the patients in Purton, Cricklade and surrounding communities



News about the Patient Group

We have been incredibly fortunate to welcome several new members to the PSPG Committee following our local advertisements and 'away days'. They will join the existing members to take the group forward in future months and we look forward to working alongside them and receiving new ideas! So welcome to Pat Hughes, Tracey Coombs and Susan Giles. I am sure many of you will already know one, if not several, of them already. They all live locally and have been patients of Purton & Green Gable Surgery for many years.

200 Club: It's that time of year when the annual renewal for the 200 Club comes around. The new year begins in September. If you already pay by Standing Order your renewal will automatically go through. Thank you! Please contact Mickie Hall (mickiehall2020@gmail.com) if you are unsure.

New members to the 200 Club are always very welcome. It's never too late to join! It costs just £15 a year, paid by standing order. Every month, we award two prizes – one of £100 and another of £15. All surplus goes toward buying equipment for the surgeries that the NHS does not supply. Please enquire at either surgery reception if you wish to join.

Our latest lucky winners, drawn by receptionist Suzanne are:

First prize of £100 to Katherine Gill (number 198)

Second prize of £15 to Clive Heard (number 39)

Many congratulations!

Harvest Tombola

Sylvia Freemantle has once again kindly offered to support us in raising funds for items needed at the surgeries. We will be holding a Harvest Tombola on 3 October to coincide with the autumn 'flu vaccination clinic date. Details to follow but if you have any in-date, sealed food items that you wish to donate for the event please drop these off at Sylvia's house (opposite Purton Surgery) or at either surgery receptions.



Easter Raffle: Thank you to all the surgery staff (especially Dee) for their magnificent efforts in raising £632 from the Easter Raffle – and to you for buying the tickets!

Autumn Information Evening

Our lovely Dr Wallis will be leading an evening on Wednesday 21 October at 7.30pm. Her topic is Women's Health. Tickets are free but limited to 40. If you would like to join us, these tickets will be available from the receptions from Monday 28 September. Please bring the ticket with you on the evening.

A quick reminder

Patients can view their blood test results on their NHS app.

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Cricklade Open Door

We have a super programme of events planned for the autumn and would love to welcome new members of all ages, who would enjoy good company and fun and a chance to make new friends.



During September we have a Cream Tea afternoon planned, a pub lunch outing in our minibus and another musical morning followed by a fine buffet lunch. These are extra special events to look forward to, on top of our weekly activities, listed below.

The Jenner Hall, Bath Road, Cricklade

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 10.00 - 3.30 Tel: 07599 987 851

(not Bank Holiday Monday 31st August)

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	Afternoons:	Seated exercises followed by refreshments and social time
TUESDAY	Mornings:	Coffee, conversations and chat
	Afternoons:	Mixed bag of quizzes, games, speakers and lighthearted discussions
THURSDAY	Mornings:	Coffee, conversations and chat
	Afternoons:	Fun Bingo

Keep an eye out for our posters and look in the October *Chronicle* for the date of our **Autumn Coffee Morning**

A THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

Social activity as well as physical activity is so necessary for our wellbeing.

Open Door looks forward to meeting you and welcoming you, very soon.

Cricklade Link Needs Your Support!

Can you drive and can you spare some time? Cricklade Link has a pool of drivers, but due to a number having to stand down we are in urgent need of more volunteers. You are paid a mileage allowance for your vehicle costs. To join us, contact Sue Dyson, our lead coordinator, on 07597 445 291 or email her at suedyson19@icloud.com



If you have management and organisational skills, we have vacancies for two new trustees to join us in running Cricklade Link Scheme. The time commitment is four trustee meetings a year plus the charity's AGM. There are also management tasks split between trustees which may take a further three or so days a year to complete. Please bring your skills to Cricklade Link as a trustee. Contact our Chairman, Jonathan Taylor on the email address jonathan1m@hotmail.com

Cricklade Link Scheme is here to support the community. If you need us, telephone us on 07421 018 499 and we will get back to you. Please note the phone is manned between 8.30am and 5.30pm – please leave a clear message if no-one picks up and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Court Leet of the Hundred & Borough of Cricklade

The next public Court Leet is scheduled to take place on 27 November 2026 in the Town Hall with the Lord of the Manor Michael Neeld presiding.

Officers will give reports and members of the jury will have been duly summoned to attend.

Part of the function of The Court is to award Honorary Freeman status to persons 'who in the sole opinion of the Court have given outstanding or exceptional service for the benefit of Cricklade'.

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Clive Smith, High Bailiff



Garden@91: August Update

Garden@91 has had a busy few weeks, with volunteers painting fences, restoring a donated bench, repairing brickwork and trying to keep the planting looking great. The Tuesday Garden Group has also been excellent at keeping the space at its best. We were also pleased to welcome Camilla Bassett-Smith, RHS *In Your Neighbourhood* assessor and TV horticultural presenter, who was very complimentary during her July visit. We look forward to her assessment results in September.

Community Use – Free of Charge: It would be lovely if the garden can become a shared, sociable space at the heart of Cricklade. Community groups are warmly invited to think about hiring the Garden@91, for example, for meetings, stalls, workshops or fundraising events. For 2026, the space will be available free of charge for community activities, so please get in touch to talk through any ideas you may have.

Outside of hire periods, Garden@91 is open daily for the public to use during business hours and offers seating for those wishing to take a breather, have a chat or take a quiet moment (or simply to walk to and from the High Street). The popular Wild Fig Deli Café uses part of the space, but the wider garden remains open to everyone enjoy – so please drop by.

Contact Information: So if you would like to hire the garden, become a member and/or volunteer, we would love to hear from you.

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Cricklade Bloomers

Whispers from the Walled Garden

At the end of July we have had our fourth heatwave and Thames Water's hosepipe ban has been in place for a week. Keeping our own and the town's annual planting alive has been really challenging this summer. Climate change will not allow us to provide the same type and quantity of planting starting from next year.



In the Walled Garden, Bloomers have the capacity to harvest 150 square metres of rain water surface from the guttering on our huts and from the back wall of Tesco's. This amounts to 50,000 litres through the winter and early spring. This year we ran out of rain water at the first heat wave in May due to watering many hundreds of bedding plants prior to planting out. Since then, we have relied on the generosity of our neighbour who does not have a water meter. We have calculated we have space in The Walled Garden to fit in one more 1,000 litre tank to collect winter rainfall. This watering does not include the watering of the town's lamp post baskets before or after placement around the town, nor the planters once bedded out. This watering is the Town Council's responsibility.

The Town Hall has installed a huge rain water butt between the main hall and the annexe which is very welcome. If we are to maintain planting along the High Street, we will need more water butts like this. Bloomers is investigating how we achieve this. If you live on, or have a business on the High Street and think you can help, please contact us – details below.

On a lighter note, booking for the Christmas wreath workshops will be on line as before but not via the old Cricklade in Bloom website. Details to follow in the October issue of *The Chronicle*.

Email: crickladebloomers@gmail.com Message: 07596 823 797

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Thank You

■ RODERICK KELLAWAY (ROD)

Val and Mark would like to thank everyone for their messages, cards and kindness in Rod's passing, also to all who attended the funeral service and afterwards at the White Hart to celebrate Rod's life.

Thank you to Rusell at Blackwell's for the excellent funeral arrangements, to Shirley for the lovely service and the White Hart for the buffet.

Special thanks to my neighbour, Angela, who has been supportive throughout and to my family for being there. I thank you.

Val Kellaway

The funeral was held at St Sampson's church on 14 July 2026, with interment at Cricklade Cemetery.

Letters Received

■ BARBARA MULLANEY

I don't believe there are enough wonderful words to describe the one and only Barbara. She was so much to so many, a true Cricklade treasure to the whole town including birds, cats, dogs, fish, and of course guinea pigs! She treated everyone with respect, an enormous smile and an even bigger heart. She made every single person feel special, cared for and loved. She was 'Auntie Barbara', loving your children from when they were babies through to adulthood, providing a safe space for anyone that needed it, whenever they needed it. What a gift of a person she was.

I'm one of the luckiest people as I was so privileged to call her my friend, one of those everlasting, easy friendships that are so rare. My family and I knew her and loved her, but when I started working next door to her, our friendship grew. I looked up to her, learned from her, laughed and cried with her. We were like sisters; we knew what the other was thinking, we supported each other and lifted each other, we were the best kind of friends and it was a friendship I'll treasure forever.

There will never be another Barbara: loyal, kind, unbelievably hard working, bonkers, genuine and utterly adorable. I miss her every day. I hope she's with Pedro and his amazing quiff and if I can do anything to honour her, I will endeavour to be more 'Barbara'.

Forever in our hearts,

Amanda, Tim, George and Lucy Pidgeon



*Floral tributes outside Animal Fayre
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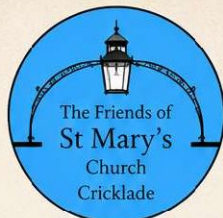
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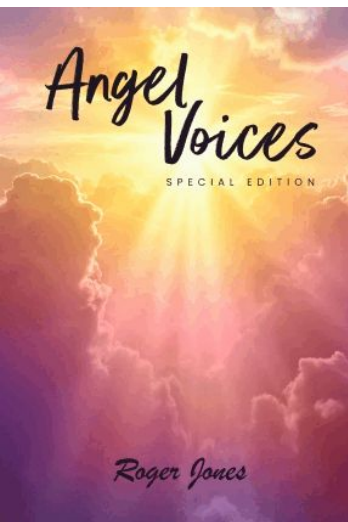
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Cost is £10 with lunch or £6 without lunch. Timings – approx. 10.30am registration with performance at 6pm.

Contact: phillipa58@hotmail.com tel 01793 750556

Doors open to the public at approximately 5.30pm – come and enjoy the performance (watch out for the poster in the Town Council offices confirming exact timing.)

Friday Coffee Cafe

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

Friday 25 September - Fairtrade Coffee Cafe. Celebrating Fairtrade during Fairtrade Fortnight. A stall selling Fairtrade goods will be available.

Cricklade Memory Café

Our Cafés continue to be well attended which is always pleasing.

We are very lucky to be supported financially by local businesses and individuals allowing us to continue running the café free of charge, something we are very keen to continue. We are looking for a few sponsors to complete this year – you may like to dedicate it to a loved one, so if this is something you would like to know more about, please get in touch with me.



We welcome anyone with any memory change, and their family/carers. We have links with the Wiltshire Wellbeing Team and Beyond Dementia so able to 'signpost' to their professional services.

Our next Café is on **Wednesday 2 September**. If you would like to join us, come along to the Town Hall Annexe 10.30 to 12.30. We welcome everyone at the door and support them finding somewhere to sit and make introductions.

For further information please contact Vona 07896 723 794.

Churches Together

Cricklade United Church

Calcutt Street, Cricklade

Minister: Currently awaiting the appointment of a new minister.

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 September - all at 10.30am

6 Sep	Worship Group	20 Sep	Rev Ric Fellows - service includes Holy Communion
13 Sep	Rev Roger Scoones	27 Sep	Nigel Price

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@cliftondiocese.com

The Friends of St Mary's website with more details of the history of the church is at
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The Upper Thames Benefice

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Associate Vicar: Revd Shirley Danby - email: revdshirleyd@gmail.com tel: 07980 548844

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Bounce and Rhyme

Bounce and Rhyme - a group for babies and toddlers plus their parents, grandparents and carers takes place every fortnight at the United Church Hall in Calcutt Street from 1.45pm - 3pm usually on the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

However during September there will be just one meeting as the school term does not start before the first Tuesday. We will have one get together on

TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

Do come along for nursery rhymes, story time, refreshments and a chat. There is no charge – we are delighted to welcome you.

27 in Cricklade & Latton

Services for the Upper Thames Churches

30 August

Trinity 13

10am Worship Together Communion at *St John the Baptist, Latton*

6 September

Trinity 14

8am Holy Communion at *St Sampson's*

10am Morning Worship at *St Sampson's*
with music group and children's activities

10am Holy Communion for Creationtide at *Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes*

10am Morning Worship at *St John the Baptist, Latton*

6.30pm Evensong at *St Sampson's*

13 September

Trinity 15

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

20 September

Trinity 16

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

10am Holy Communion at *St John the Baptist, Latton*

11.30am Harvest Morning Worship at *Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes* followed by lunch

11.30am Harvest Morning Worship followed by harvest lunch at *St Sampson's*

3.30pm Messy Church Harvest at *Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes*

6pm Evening Service at *Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes*

6.30pm Evensong at *St Sampson's*

27 September

Trinity 17

8.30am Holy Communion BCP at *Holy Cross*

10am Holy Communion at *St Sampson's*

10am Morning Worship at *St John the Baptist, Latton*

5pm Harvest Worship at *Leigh All Saints* followed by tea and cake

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.

Zoom Monday morning prayers – contact David Tarr

From the Registers of the Upper Thames Group of Churches

Weddings

11 July Emma Jayne Garlick & David William Scorrer at *St Sampson's*

18 July Anita Jeanne Druce & Russell Blackaller at *Holy Cross*

25 July Zoë Victoria Ellis & Moreton Ferris Cullimore at *Holy Cross*

Funerals

1 July Terence McCafferty at North Wiltshire Crematorium

2 July Joan Stubbs, Interment of ashes in Cricklade cemetery,

14 July Roderick John Kellaway at *St Sampson's* and interment in Cricklade cemetery

St Sampson's Church Refurbishment Appeal

Creating a Community Space for the Future

Update on St Sampson's Church Refurbishment

- Planning permission is underway for the PV panels and batteries to help with running costs of the new electric heating system. Funding is in place for the installation.
- Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful in our application to Historic England for the North roof repairs.
- Our next step is to apply to the Benefact Trust and National Churches Trust to help fund the roof repairs, which are urgent to make the church watertight and enable us to start on the interior.
- We need to raise £80,000 in order to apply to these trusts so now is a brilliant time to give to the project and help us achieve this target so we can move forwards.



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Cricklade Breastfeeding Friends

From September 2026, face-to-face breastfeeding support at the Bounce & Rhyme group will no longer be available due to a change in commitments. There are lively and local groups for all things parenting in Swindon (search Swindon Breastmates),

Royal Wootton Bassett (search Bassett Breasties) and Cirencester (search BEST Cirencester), including very knowledgeable specialists on everything related to sleep, latch, tongue tie, pumping, weaning and much more. And don't forget: the National Breastfeeding Helpline is open 24/7, 365 days a year for anything infant feeding related, 0300 100 0212 including live chat and WhatsApp.

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Annabel

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Cricklade Historical Society

Wednesday 16 September – England's Ten Worst Monarchs.

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Friday 2 October – Quiz Night.

Our annual fund raising Quiz Night will be held at the Town Hall.

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Tickets can be purchased from the Town Council Offices or via our website (www.cricklademuseum.co.uk).

Battle of Britain Day

15 September 1940 was a pivotal turning point in the Second World War. On that day, the Luftwaffe launched its most aggressive mass daytime assault on London, intent on crushing Royal Air Force (RAF) Fighter Command. Instead, RAF Spitfires and Hurricanes repelled the waves of bombers, delivering a decisive defensive victory that ultimately forced Hitler to postpone Operation Sea Lion – the planned invasion of Britain.

While intense dogfights were fought out in the skies over the South East, rural communities like Cricklade formed the backbone supporting the wider air war. Sitting in a strategic corridor between key operational sectors, the countryside around Cricklade provided vital training fields and relief infrastructure, including nearby sites like RAF Blakehill Farm.

For those critical autumn weeks of 1940, Battle of Britain Day serves as a nationwide remembrance of “The Few” who fought in the skies, and the local communities like Cricklade that quietly anchored the home front.

Official commemorations this year will be led by the Royal Family including the annual Thanksgiving Service at Westminster Abbey on Sunday 20 September.

Thanks to Jamie Edwards for his timely cover photography taken during a dog walk!

Notes from Dance Common

Walking on the Common in late summer, you can hear the sounds (properly known as stridulations) made by crickets and grasshoppers. These sounds are their equivalent of birdsong, attracting mates and marking out territory. The two groups of insects use slightly different methods – grasshoppers will scrape a modified wing area with a hind leg while crickets will rasp their wings together.

What are the other differences? Grasshoppers are generally smaller and live amongst the tall stems of uncut grass while crickets are more furtive and may conceal themselves in the roots of plants and shrubs. Grasshoppers have short antennae whereas those of crickets are much longer, sometimes the whole length of their bodies. And whilst grasshoppers are hardcore diurnal, crickets will stay active and continue to call into late evening.



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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 September** when we will be having a Practical Workshop making

BUG HOTELS

After a spring and summer of heatwaves and general exhaustion in the natural world, we will be doing our bit to help our bees and other bugs with 5-star (hopefully) hotels. I'm sure there will be "one we made earlier" to help us with our inner Blue Peter.

We had a wonderful visit on 29 July to Derry Watkins' garden (*pictured*) a few miles north of Bath. We wandered through lovely borders with glorious valley views, then had tea and cake in Derry's kitchen and, refreshed, we were let loose in her nursery and trailed back to our cars laden with splendid plants.

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

Membership is £25 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 – New Season

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

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On Tuesday 1 September at 7.30pm in the Town Hall Annexe, we will have the chance to see all the images that were entered into the Annual Competition in June, plus members images from the summer project, their interpretation of the title "Hidden Stories".

On Tuesday 15 September at 7.30pm there will be a Zoom meeting when Andy Phillips will give a talk "The Inner Landscape" – his take on the genre of still life using manipulated natural light.





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

In the Monthly Draw held on 30 July the lucky winners were :-

1st Prize	Pam Cowler	£33.00
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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.

CRICKLADE CINEMA!

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

22 Sep: Hamnet (12A, 125mins) 24 Nov: H is for Hawk (12A, 119 mins)

27 Oct: The Christophers (15, 100 mins) 15 Dec: Power Ballad (15, 99 mins)

All films start at 8pm in the Town Hall.

Tickets can once again be purchased from the Town Council Offices at 113 High Street or on the door (subject to availability). Single ticket: £5, Season Ticket: £12 (that's just £3 per film). *Our Season Ticket has been extremely popular so please get yours early.*

We kick off the season on **Tuesday 22 September** at 8pm



Hamnet (Cert 12A, 125 mins)

How the death of young Hamnet Shakespeare had a profound effect on his celebrated playwright father William, and grief-stricken mother Agnes. Paul Mescal plays William, while Jessie Buckley won an Oscar for her portrayal of Agnes.

(Contains: distressing scenes, brief moderate sex)

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?

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Check us out at Facebook Cricklade Cinema

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Cricklade W.I.

By the time you read this the children will be trying out their new school uniforms and pencils (do they still use those?) will be being sharpened! Hopefully there will have been some rain.



Cricklade WI has had a busy summer. We ran the Friday night Meat Raffle at the Red Lion: lovely pub; delicious food. We enjoyed several trips out including a visit to Highgrove Gardens, which gave us lots of ideas but a little beyond my capabilities. We also enjoyed a fun evening painting greetings cards run by one of our very talented members, and learned all about the amazing Mitford Sisters – what a family!?

An action-packed Autumn Schedule lies ahead. Wiltshire Farm Foods are giving us a talk and tasting on **17 September**; there should be lots of samples, so we are looking forward to that. October sees a talk on Arts and Crafts Stained Glass in the Cotswolds. November brings another craft evening, making Christmas paper Angels. The craft evenings are always fun as we have lots of chat and laughter.

Meetings are on the third Thursday of the month, 7.15pm for 7.30pm start in the Town Hall Annexe. Non members pay £5 for the talk and of course delicious cake and tea/coffee.

On the first Tuesday of every month we hold Coffee and Chat in the White Hart at 11am to which everyone is welcome. We also run a craft afternoon on the second Wednesday of the month in the White Hart at 2pm – again this is open to anyone, so bring along all those unfinished potential craft masterpieces lurking at the back of the cupboard and get them finished.

Upcoming dates in September:

Coffee and Chat on Tuesday 1st Craft and Chat on Wednesday 9th

Wiltshire Farm Foods on Thursday 17 September

If you are interested in finding out more please speak to one of our members or contact Amanda Heard, crickladesec@wiltshirewi.org.uk tel: 07748 526 861.

Cricklade & District Probus Club

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

3 Sep *Gil Gibbons*: Bernard of Clairveux

17 Sep *Ron Jeffrey*: 9/11: The Day that changed America



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, Martin Chambers on 01793 751223. If you contact Martin and advise you would like to attend, which is free for the first few visits, you will be allocated a dedicated host who will introduce you to our members. Or just turn up on the day for a warm welcome.

For further details about Cricklade and District Probus Club and our scheduled talks for the year visit our new website at probus.org.uk/cricklade

Swindon Open Studios 2026

Artists in Cricklade will once again be taking part in Swindon Open Studios on the weekends of 19/20 and 26/27 September.



Welcoming you in Cricklade will be:

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Cricklade Glass, 2 The Priory, SN6 6DG

Open 19th & 20th and 26th & 27th – 10am until 4pm

Great Western Embroiderers, Jenner Hall, Bath Road, SN6 6AX

Open 19th & 20th - 11am until 4pm

Marit Taylor, 109 High Street, SN6 6AE

Open 19th & 20th and 26th & 27th – 10am until 5pm

Old Post Office Gallery, 29A High Street, SN6 6AB

Open 19th & 26th – 10am until 4pm

Tim Baynes, 5 Giles Avenue, SN6 6HS

Open 19th & 20th – 11am until 5pm



You will find more details about the artists from the Swindon Open Studios brochures which you will find in many venues around Cricklade (and wider afield) or you can check out the Swindon Open Studios website at

www.swindonopenstudios.org/search?q=Cricklade [or QR Code above]

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Sunday, 13 September.

Tickets £8 in advance (£10 on the day). Carers' tickets half price / under 12s free. Tickets from wiltshirebathairambulance.org.uk/events or wiltshirebobbyvan.org.uk/future-events.

■ **Swindon Recital Series:** *Combined Arts Centre and Wyvern Box Office: 0343 310 0040*

Sunday 13 September at 7.30pm at the Swindon Arts Centre, Devizes Rd, Swindon SN1 4BJ. Andrea Tweedale soprano and Paul Turner piano. Strauss' Four Last Songs as well as music from 'A late quartet', 'Call me by your name', 'Driving Miss Daisy', 'A room with a view' and 'Diva'. A luxurious and glamorous launch to the season!

Standard tickets are £20.50 and Seniors £17.50; student (age 15-18) £3.50; accompanied children aged 14 and under admitted free. Box Office see above, or on the door.

Wednesday 23 September at 1.05pm at the Wyvern Theatre, Swindon SN1 1QN. Chris Gibbons clarinet and Paul Turner piano. Music from 'Amadeus' and 'The Terminal', alongside the likes of 'Cinema Paradiso' and 'Ladies in Lavendar'. Also find out who was the first classical composer to write for silent film...

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We will have our regular Club Nights every Friday until the 25th so, if you would like to try out the game, just come along and join us to see what the game is about. We have social roll-ups starting from 6pm. It's best if you come around 5.45pm so we can sort out teams and coaching.

You will find us at the Bath Road green, next door to the Fire Station, and opposite St Sampson's school. We have a Coach, fully qualified with Bowls England, who will show you how to play and we have spare bowls you can use. All we ask is that you wear flat soled shoes on the green itself.

First year membership costs £20. Full membership thereafter is £85 p.a.

For more information about the club, please contact:

Roy Phillips (Secretary) roy2308@btinternet.com or 07751 201 793

Paul Coleman (Men's Captain) colemanpaul1@hotmail.com

Margaret Essex (Ladies' Captain) margaret.essex@sky.com

We hope to see you this coming season.

Saxons Pétanque Club, Cricklade Leisure Centre

At Saxons Pétanque Club, you'll find a warm welcome whether you've been playing for years or have never picked up a boule before. It's a great way to get some fresh air, meet new people and enjoy a friendly game, whether you're looking for a relaxed social afternoon or a more competitive match.

Don't worry if you're new to the sport – we've got four qualified coaches who are always happy to help you learn the basics, and we have plenty of spare boules for you to borrow. Just turn up and give it a try! If you decide you'd like to keep playing, annual membership costs just £25.

You can find us on the gravel pistes in front of Cricklade Leisure Centre, whatever the weather, at the following times:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tues and Thurs: 2.00 pm• Weds morning coaching: 10am (most weeks) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weds evenings (May to August/ September): 7.00 pm• Saturdays: 10.00 am |
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Please arrive around 10 minutes early so we can welcome you and get you ready to play.

At the beginning of August we held our annual charity morning. 28 members played and we raised £250 which will be donated to a local charity.

Why not come along and see what it's all about? Pop over for a chat, check our notice board inside Cricklade Leisure Centre, or visit saxonspetanque.co.uk for more information.

We look forward to welcoming you to Saxons Pétanque Club!

Cricklade Pétanque Club

Our pistes are at Cricklade Hotel and Spa, SN6 6HA



Well the heat has certainly been challenging over the last few weeks but our members are still continuing to play. Nearly 400 people used the pistes in July. It is a lovely social game played all the year round and suitable for all ages, and new members are always welcome.

For those who want to improve their shooting skills (no, not guns but when you want get to an opponent's boule out of the way!), Malcolm has resumed his coaching sessions on Friday afternoons (except the last Friday of the month) from 2pm to 3pm.

Our playing days are: Mon 2 - 4.30pm Tue 7 - 9.30pm
Wed 2 - 4.30pm Sat 10am - 12.30pm

Coaching Sessions are: Wed 10 - 11.30am (ladies) Fri 10 - 11.30am (mixed)
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The Club is pleased to announce the election of a new Chairman, Adrian Pask, adrianrpask@hotmail.com. Ian Thompson will be his Vice Chair and our new Hon. Sec. is Stacey East. We would like to welcome them to the new Committee. Adrian predicts an exciting season ahead with lots of potential in the squad.

Come and join us and have some fun while getting fit; Adults, Juniors and Minis. RUGBY – the sport that builds strength, teamwork and resilience. Senior men's training is on Thursdays 19.00 – 20.30 at Fairview Fields, no experience necessary; contact Captain, Nick 07542 021 692, or Coach, Pixie 07728 399 759. All are welcome. Mixed Tag is on Tuesday evenings but will probably finish at the end of the month. We are a friendly club and welcome new players and supporters.

Friendly games in September will both be at Home on 5th vs Cirencester and 19th vs Grove and our first league match is at Home on 26th vs Swindon II. All spectators welcome.

Our Minis section is open to 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 starts on 7 September for Under 12, 13, 14 (Years 7, 8, 9) and all other age groups on the 8th. Membership includes expert coaches, guaranteed 50% game time, full fixture list, attendance at festivals, experience days at Gloucester Hartpury and Bath Rugby. We are affiliated to Bath Rugby so additional professional coaching opportunities are offered. Please contact Chris Lennon on 07595 764 878, email chris.lennon@hotmail.co.uk.

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- 1 Tu Wiltshire schools restart (others may differ)
7.30pm Camera Club at Town Hall Annexe
end of day Chronicle copy deadline, please
- 2 W 10.30am *to 12.30pm*: Memory Café at Town Hall Annexe
- 3 Th 10.20am Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel
- 5 Sa 2pm *to 4pm*: St Sampson's Church Fete and Tower Open Day
- 7 M 10am *to 12 noon*: Computer Club at Leisure Centre
- 8 Tu 7pm *speaker 7.30pm*: Garden Club at Town Hall Annexe
- 14 M 7pm Town Council Community & Leisure Committee, Council Chamber
- 15 Tu **Battle of Britain Day**
1.45pm *to 2.45pm*: Bounce & Rhyme, United Church, Calcutt Street
7.30pm Art Group at Town Hall Annexe
- 16 W 10.30am *to 12 noon*: Parkinson's Café at Cricklade Hotel & Spa
7.15pm *for 7.30pm start*: Historical Society at Town Hall Annexe
- 17 Th 10.20am Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel
7.30pm Cricklade W.I. at Town Hall Annexe
- 19 Sa "Talk Like a Pirate" Day
- 21 M 7pm Town Council Personnel Committee, Council Chamber
- 23 W **Autumn Equinox**
- 25 F 10am Nick Dye (Wilts Councillor) surgery at Cricklade Club
10am *to 11.30am*: Fairtrade Coffee Café at United Church hall, Calcutt Street
from 7pm Christmas Lights Fundraising Disco at Cricklade Club -page 45
- 28 M 7pm Town Council PC&T Committee, Council Chamber

Every Week

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 10am-3.30pm: Open Door at Jenner Hall
Wednesday (2-4pm), Saturday (10am-noon) Cricklade Museum open, Calcutt Street
- M 7.45-9pm St Sampson's Bellringers
- Tu 6.30pm Cricklade Walking Group - from Cricklade Leisure Centre
7-8pm Rugby Mixed Tag at Fairview Fields
- W 1.45 for 2pm Bingo4U at Jenner Hall
- 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
7-8.30pm Senior men's rugby training at Fairview Fields
7-10pm The Cricklade Band rehearsal night, at Town Hall, visitors welcome
7.30-9.30pm Sing Four Four choir rehearsal at United Church, Calcutt Street
- F 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



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September 2026

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The Final Word ...

Whether we welcome them or not, changes happen! Some are barely discernible, taken easily in our stride, whilst others have a profound impact. Changes in personal relationships, employment, finances, retirement, moving homes, starting a family, children leaving home, ageing, bereavement – all play their part in changing our lives, just as the seasons change throughout the year.

God's Word promises that seasons change. When change comes our way, it is helpful to remind ourselves that all seasons will pass. God is still with us and will carry us through. Life might change, but God and Jesus never will. Find peace in this promise. The writer of Hebrews states that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Because life is unpredictable, the Scriptures encourage us to trust God rather than lean on our own understanding, to help bring peace and direction through life's transitions and difficulties – particularly those unwelcome changes with which we must come to terms.

Our circumstances and people are always changing, but the Scriptures remind us that God never changes, offering a foundation of stability and faithfulness in turbulent times. Joshua 1:9 states 'Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.'

Remember, life will change, but God does not. He promises to walk with us into each new season. The change might not make sense to us, but God is working. Do not be frustrated by a lack of understanding. God is delighted when we express our trust in times when we do not understand what he is doing. The Apostle Paul wrote 'Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation present your requests to God.' We are to talk to God, pray to him, cast our cares on him. He will help us and fill us with the peace that surpasses understanding as we give him our worries.

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