

Crudwell Parish News



Editorial

It was with some trepidation that we faced the daunting task of achieving the publication of the first edition of the new Crudwell Parish News. With some collective satisfaction we successfully made the first distribution slightly ahead of our target schedule and awaited the response from our readers on the new format.

Almost instantaneously, even during delivery, our distributors started to receive very favourable comments on the long awaited new magazine. It seems that in particular the colourful front cover, the quality white pages, the enlarged print style and the articles accompanied by colour photographs were greatly appreciated. Perhaps not surprisingly the lack of advertisements received many favourable comments.

However, it is a fact that the continued success of our new publication will depend on achieving significant advertisement revenue. We do understand that for many of our readers this is a very contentious aspect for the enjoyment of reading the news articles from our contributors. We will welcome your views on how you feel we should incorporate the advertising element into the future format as advertising increases.

The continued success of our monthly magazine does depend on our valued readers submitting their news and views to be shared throughout the Parish. We particularly welcome news and comments from our young readers and letters to the Editor. Tell us what you like and don't like about our magazine and what you would like to see improved or changed on all aspects of village life. Let this be your opportunity to get on your "soap box" to let us know your views.

And finally our first competition to test your photographic skills. We hope to continue to publish a cover photograph with each new edition. Such photographs should preferably reflect some aspect of life in the Parish and be submitted to the Editor throughout the year. As an incentive, we have had a generous donation of a prize for the first photograph selected. We do hope that you enjoy our second edition.

The Editor.

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Parish Council Meeting dates 2012:

Held at Crudwell Village Hall 7.00pm

5th July, 1st August, 5th September, 4th October, 7th November, 6th December



Jane Theyers

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Opening times

Mon 9.00 - 13.00 then from 14.00 - 17.30

Tue 9.00 - 13.00 then from 14.00 - 17.30

Wed 9.00 - 12.30

With summer fast approaching it seems the right time to remind you that foreign currency can be ordered on a commission free basis from the post office. We also stock a varied selection of envelopes and jiffy bags and have a wide range of handmade greeting cards available for sale. So avoid the aggravation of driving into town and just come to the Post Office at the Wheatsheaf.

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As a Councillor you can become a voice for your community and affect real change.

Councillors are community leaders and represent the aspirations of the Parishioners that they serve. Being a Parish Councillor is an enjoyable way of contributing to your community and helping to make it a better place to live and work.

It is interesting to note that 3 of the 5 present councillors live in Chelworth, 1 from Chedglow and 1 from Crudwell.... come on Crudwell, If you want proper representation!!!!



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Deter the criminals and do not become a victim of crime
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YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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Anyone who is interested in serving on Crudwell Parish Council please apply to:
The Parish Clerk,
Marianne Magennis
Tel: 01666 575280
or e-mail:
zen230746@zen.co.uk



Strawberry Fayre 2012

It's been compared to The Jubilee and The Olympics, but the new committee only had 12 months to bring together all of the elements that make the Strawberry Fayre such a brilliant village event. Catering, Logistics, Finance, Traders, Marketing and PR, all headed by an eager band of fresh faces. How little they knew. What had seemingly been done with apparent ease for the past years by the Theyers, Baileys, Whites et al, now revealed itself.

"The Master Plan", handed down over the past 25 years, was dusted off and split up amongst the new team. Having deciphered Jeremy White's hand written notes, the first decision was that in future, wine or strong coffee should accompany all committee meetings as this was obviously too large a job to be undertaken without such aid. However, it wasn't long before the plan came together. If more people could do "their little bit", we would have it cracked in no time. The co-ordinator said "Let it be so", and it was.

Hurling forward in time and space, the volunteers were recruited to bake, serve, hull strawberries, wash up etc. The Red Arrows and the hot air balloon were secured, the publicity was done and then, it rained and rained and rained. Andy Murray was in the Wimbledon final and the British Grand Prix was looking exciting. But we hadn't taken full account of the great Crudwell spirit. Rain was just a way of making the brief periods of sunshine more enjoyable. No Red Arrows or balloon flights, who needs things in the air when we live in such a beautiful village? And then came Saturday night's Sizzle and Swing.

Only the British would enjoy hot dogs in the rain. But enjoy we did. More than 120 people gathered in the marquee, under gazeboes, awnings and umbrellas to tap their feet to the sound of the JJ Swing Band, eat, drink and be merry, a great family night out and all for £5 per person.

After the service on the green, Sunday saw the teddies parachuting from the church tower, accompanied by commentary from Derek Taylor, (how does he keep that banter up with such apparent ease)? Such a popular event, it might need to be held on both days next year. The sun shone, the Strawberry Balloon looked magnificent (for 10 minutes) and more strawberries were consumed. Then it was down to the logistics team to get everything cleared away. So the co-ordinator said "Let it be so", and it was.

All that time in the planning and effort to put the event on, so was it worth it? Of course it was! We can't control the weather, but we still managed to make £3000 for the church window repair fund. Everyone had a great time and we have suggestions coming in for how we might make it even better next year. So, if you would like to join the 2013 committee, or volunteer to do "your little bit", please contact Mike Smith 01666-577091.

Thanks to the committee, Sizzle and Swing team, sponsors and you, the Crudwell villagers that give your support and money so generously each year.

David Butcher (The co-ordinator): 01666 825989



Logistics Viewpoint

The setting up and taking down of the Strawberry Fayre went remarkably well, thanks to the help of a great many. This was my first year in charge of Logistics and, although Jeremy White had left fairly comprehensive notes, I am indebted to Dave Theyers for his knowledge, advice and help before, during and after the event; and to Muti Mardin who kindly returned to show us how to couple up the water supply system.

Richardson Marquees did us proud again, this year providing us with a larger marquee than normal (at no extra cost). This was supplemented by a forest of gazebos, loaned by various kind individuals in the village. The extra roof area was greatly appreciated by those needing to take cover from the frequent showers (downpours!), particularly during the "Sizzle & Swing".

Special thanks are due to Simon Thomson and to Neville Doel, both of whom kindly stepped in at very short notice to provide help in the transportation of the heavier items to and from the village green; and to the army of enthusiastic helpers that both set up and took down the various facilities, and helped to clear up after the Fayre – too many to mention individually, but I do make particular mention of the very great help provided by the village youth especially Denham Jewell and John Churchill. Very grateful thanks are also given to those who offered support in other ways: the loan of tables and chairs; provision of the portaloos; donations of fridges and freezers; help with the supply of milk and cream; and of course the strawberries.

Lastly, I thank very sincerely Norman and Kath Telling, who for many years have very kindly allowed us to store the bulk of the Strawberry Fayre hardware in one of their stables. As many will already know, they are looking to sell up and down-size to more suitable accommodation in the near future. We wish them well, but in the meantime need to find a new home in which to store the Fayre's collection of fridges/tables/chairs/sinks/signs/plumbing/etc. If anyone knows of a spare dry stable/outhouse that might be available for use by the Strawberry Fayre, please give me a call.

Mike Smith 01666-577091

Crudwell 2012 Bike Ride

It is now several weeks since the wettest bike ride most of us can remember, and yet the Bike Ride committee have received countless positive comments regarding the smooth running nature of the event, and the community spirit which prevailed throughout.

The event was a great success, raising in excess of £16,000 for various charities, and for the Village Hall itself.

To stage the event involves a huge effort from our volunteers, participants, sponsors and the committee itself, who actually begin the planning process in the Autumn. Within the committee, we currently find ourselves in need of new members, as several stalwarts of the past couple of years have decided to step down, and we would like to appeal to anyone who feels they would like to become more involved in the organisational side,



Jason Watt (photos © Jason Watt 2012).



to drop us an email and see what it entails. We are always open to new ideas and enthusiasm.

The 'feel good' factor when it all comes together as it did this year, despite the inclement weather conditions, plus all the positive feedback, mean that the involvement is very worthwhile. We look forward to hearing from you!

For more info on the Bike Ride visit www.fundraising.cvhr.org.uk, and to register your interest please email bik-eride@fundraising.cvhr.org.uk

One Man's Story Of That Night!

As I gaze out of the window of my studio at the trees bowing and the leaves fluttering wildly in the soft roar of the wind, this bleak summer weather provides the perfect reminder as the memory of the Crudwell "Le mans" 24 hour bike ride literally comes into sharp focus again.

Another unpaid photographic assignment where I've got so swept up in the moment that I've taken far too many pictures. So what some of you are thinking, I've got hundreds on my phone, and thousands at home on my PC, what's he complaining about.

Like you, I also love to snap away with my phone or camera on family trips and great nights out. Like you, I get home and load the pictures up on the computer and click through happily hoping to find 1 or 2 which I will definitely

cherish for the rest of my days, but are mostly prepared to settle for loads that just remind me of the good times shared. Like you, I find myself smiling with the laughter or lamenting the fact that my father-in-law always seems to be mid-blink in every flippin' picture! Like you I will probably print a few, email them to distant friends and family or post them up on Facebook for all to share and enjoy.

But, unlike you, mine have to tell a strong story, and one that is in focus when it counts, have perfect lighting, no blinkers, highlight the smiles of the shy ones etc. etc. and that isn't easy when it's 2.30 in the morning and the wind is picking up again, with all my camera gear, trying not to miss a thing, making friends of strangers, in the rain. Neither is cycling in those conditions either.

I look at the pictures of all those volunteers preparing the village hall site, in the rain.

All the organisers with their walkie-talkie's buzzing about ticking off from a huge list of to-do's, in the rain.

All the families supporting their loved one's putting up tents, in the rain.

All the bystanders clapping and cheering, in the rain.

All the competitors young and old on bikes of all shapes and sizes, in the rain.

It wasn't all rain though...

there was too much Lycra as well.

I look at the all the pictures of all the people and I can see, through this bleak summer weather in a small village in south west England, that we were all loving it.

I've known about this event throughout the 9 years since moving from London to Upper Minety, and this was my first visit. If you were there then I hope you smile and remember, if you haven't been for a while look at how this fabulous event has grown, if you haven't been before then I hope this inspires you to pop by next year, and if you live in the village and have never been then you are missing something really very special indeed.

FACT 1:

3 men attempted to cycle non-stop for a body breaking 24 hours. 2 of the 3 did.

The man that 'retired' had done over 100 miles. The same as cycling from Crudwell to London Bridge.

The men who endured cycled over 280 each. The same as cycling from Crudwell to Newcastle.

FACT 2:

The total number of miles cycled by all teams was 8981.

The same as Crudwell to Singapore.

FACT 3:

The total money raised for good causes was over £15,000

FACT 4:

The youngest participant to do a lap on a bicycle is still in nappies.

FACT 5:

The oldest is probably lying about their age.

Many thanks to the organisers for letting me be so closely involved in such a life affirming event.

I am going to enter next year, and I am not browsing the web for lycra, yet.

Crudwell Village Hall

What a delightful first edition of Crudwell Parish News. The over-worked Parish Councillors who got it up and running certainly deserve heartfelt praise and thanks.

Congratulations to the Bike Ride Committee for another fantastic result in what was one of the wettest 24 hour bike rides that I can remember. The efforts of all those involved in putting on this event are much appreciated, especially under such atrocious weather conditions, and I hope you've all recovered by now. I'm also glad to report that the grass seems to be recovering but we would ask everyone's cooperation in keeping vehicles off the grass until the weather improves (if it ever does!)

The portion of funds from the Bike Ride that is retained by the village hall, after donations to the teams' elected charities, is put towards capital expenditure, rather than day to day maintenance which we try to cover from our rental income. If anyone has any ideas for such expenditure, do please let any one of the committee members know. (A full list of committee members is on the notice board in the foyer at the hall.)

Most groups have a 'rest' period from using the hall during August which is why we are taking the opportunity to have the inside re-painted, starting on 9th August. Thanks to Crudwell Short Mat Bowls Club for giving up sessions as and when necessary while the work is in progress.

Annie Smith

Crudwell Village Hall & Recreation Ground

Crudwell CE Primary School

We haven't received any applications for our Midday Supervisory Assistant vacancies. We desperately need someone for Monday and/or Wednesday lunchtimes - 2 hours per week - (£6.63 p/h) from 5th September 2012. If you would be willing and available to work either or both of the lunchtimes we'd love to hear from you!

Crudwell CE Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All applicants will be subject to a full Criminal Records Bureau check before appointment is confirmed.

Further information and an application form can be downloaded from the school's website www.crudwellprimary.co.uk (scroll down on the 'latest news' page).

Macmillan Coffee Morning

28TH September 2012

At 10 Kingsmeadow, Crudwell

10.00-12.00 and 2.00 - 4.00

There will once more be a coffee morning for this worthwhile cancer charity. Last year Crudwell villagers raised over £575. Most people will have been touched in some way by this dreadful disease and it would be wonderful to raise a similar or even greater amount to support the wonderful work Macmillan do.

This support is for individuals with cancer and their families. Support comes in a variety of ways, it can be

financial support, advice, nursing support and also counselling.

£25.00 will pay for a nurse for one hour to support a family affected by cancer, £61 pays for a Macmillan benefits adviser for 4 hours and £138 pays for 3 hours of free, confidential support and information for anyone with cancer worries or questions.

As always, please, donations of cakes (nearer the time) and any other items either to sell or raffle would be very much appreciated.

Any questions please phone Wala on 01666 575265

Fresh Air Gym Equipment

Do you want to lose weight, tone up and look great! With everyone feeling the pinch, paying gym membership fees is not always affordable for everyone, so our Fresh-Air fitness outdoor gym is a free alternative. Anyone can use the equipment from beginners to experts young and old, so yet another reason to visit the outdoor gym which is situated next to the children's play area at the recreation ground Village Hall.



Fun In The Sun

After a very successful holiday project last year Crudwell Parish Council are again working in conjunction with Wiltshire Council to stage another event in August 2012 to be held at Crudwell Village Hall.

The sessions will be held every Wednesday from 25th July to Wednesday 22nd August. From 12.30 pm – 2.00 pm. The sessions are free to children from the ages of 4 yrs-11yrs.



North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

July 2012 Report

Club members and friends had a super day out in June visiting Carolyn Gordon-Smith's Secret Garden at Broadway. We enjoyed a sunny day and watched Carolyn demonstrate some beautiful arrangements followed by lunch with time afterwards to look around the local shops. Well done to the organiser, everyone had a super day.

The club has a Strawberry Tea organised for Wednesday

15th August by kind invitation of a club member in Tetbury. This is a lovely way to spend an evening, relaxing and enjoying the food and drink and looking around her garden. Tickets are £5 with a 6pm start time. Let's hope the sun shines for that too.

September 19th is the next flower club meeting at Crudwell Village Hall when we will hold the Annual General Meeting followed by a talk from speaker Sue King, "Lifting the Lid". Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

The Flower Club welcomes visitors and has a very full programme of speakers, floral demonstrations and workshops coming up this Autumn.

Any queries about the above events or for more information about the club, please telephone Sue/Chair on 01666 577125.

Pamela Loftus (Committee Member)

Crudwell Short Mat Bowls Club

Normally not a lot of short mat bowls is played in the summer. However these are not normal times.

We are currently playing in the County Summer League (North) which we won last year. Happily we are once again at the top and as yet undefeated, having beaten Seend (at home and away), Bromham (at home) and drawn with Melksham (away). We only have a couple of matches to play and if all goes well we will again be in the County Summer League play-off final.

The Club also has an internal summer competition. A few games have been played and any of the teams involved can still win the league.

Short mat bowls is a friendly but competitive sport. At Crudwell we have a range of expertise ranging from long-standing county players to relatively new and inexperienced players. We welcome all who want to have a go. We play on Thursday afternoons (2.30pm start) and Sunday evenings (7.30pm start). If you fancy having a go, just turn up with some flat shoes and we have the woods. Your first session is free so there is nothing to lose. Go on – give it a go.

1st Crudwell Brownies

Are Back In Town!



1st Crudwell Brownies have reopened and we have had a very exciting term so far! Brownies meet at the Village Hall on a Wednesday evening from 5 – 6.30pm. We have fifteen Brownies – a number of who will be making their Brownie Guide Promise at the end of term. So far we have been looking at things relating to the Olympics, playing some fun games and learning some new songs! This week we had a mini beast hunt and were looking at what being a Brownie means. We are all having a great time and they

are a lovely group of girls!

We only have a few places left and then we will be starting a waiting list so if you would like to join us in September contact Tawny Owl at the address over.

Sarah Wilson – Tawny Owl 01666 577554

Alison Wilson – Brown Owl

New President – Rotary Club Of The South Cotswolds

Philip Selwood from Hankerton has recently taken over the Presidency of the Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds (serving Malmesbury, Tetbury and their surrounding villages). During the hand-over ceremony on 2nd July Philip received the chain of office from the previous President, Margaret Sanderson from Malmesbury. Malcolm Bowd from Charlton is now the Rotary Club Senior Vice President and Nigel Gilhead from Crudwell takes on the Junior Vice President role. The photo shows (from left to right) Malcolm, Philip, Margaret and Nigel.

The South Cotswold club follows the principles of Rotary – serving the community through fund-raising for charitable causes such as Aunt Addies Farm and the Wiltshire Air Ambulance - organising community events such as the firework display in Tetbury and the Santa Sleigh that tours Malmesbury and Tetbury – whilst still having lots of fun.

The Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds is part of the world-wide Rotary International organisation and provides support through joint projects in many parts of the world, such as providing computers for schools in Malmesbury, South Africa. International aid provided by Rotary clubs is always delivered jointly with Rotary clubs on the ground in the area being supported – for example, we are currently developing a project with a Rotary Club in Nepal to provide furniture and equipment for the fitting out of a children's home – part of an initiative spear-headed by one of our members to reduce the number of children having to live on the streets.

One of the principal events organised by the Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds is the Horseless Team Event – the opportunity to go around the Badminton Three Day Event course, but as the title suggests, doing it without a



horse! This year's event on Sunday, 7th October provides individuals or other organisations an ideal opportunity to raise money for their own charitable causes through sponsorship by running or walking around this totally unique challenge in a delightful setting. For more information about this event or any other aspect of Rotary please contact any member of the Rotary Club or visit the club's website www.rcsc.co.uk.

Peter Wyman

Wiltshire Council

Highways – CLARENCE - Customer Lighting and Roads Enquiry Centre

This is a service centre set up so you can quickly and easily report any road and lighting defects in and around our parish. If you spot any defects or faults on a Wiltshire road, right of way or cycle lane, for example pothole, broken street light or a blocked drain or route then Wiltshire Council would like to hear from you. Free phone 0800 23 23 23 or clarence@wiltshire.gov.uk. Mobile users from outside Wilts: 01225 77 72 34

Footpaths, Council Planning, The Rights of Way Manager, Environmental Service Department. Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge BA14 8JD or email rightofway@wiltshire.gov.uk.

Tel: 01225 713875

To indicate that CLARENCE works, we have had a very positive message as below, however, it was Mr Roberts' timely call to Clarence that gave the final push to the work which had previously been reported by other members of Crudwell Parish Council to Wiltshire Council. We got there in the end!

Dear Sir, Madam,

In response to my requests for attention to the pothole on the A429 in Crudwell (outside Pettifers) and the broken stile in Tuners Lane.

I would like to thank you for the very swift and efficient response to my e-mail requests. The stile is excellent and the pothole filled (I hope the original contractors/agency will be charged for their substandard work). I will ensure the Parish council are informed and the newsletter reflects the efficiency.

Thanks again

Tim Roberts

Head of Key Stage 3, Farmor's School

Wiltshire Council Area Board Meetings

Future Dates:

Wednesday 5 September at 7.00 pm
Sherston Village Hall

Wednesday 7 November at 7.00 pm
Malmesbury Secondary School

Wednesday 16 January 2012 at 7.00 pm
Malmesbury Town Hall

New Telephone Number For Malmesbury Link.

Malmesbury and District Link (Registered Charity No 1043099) now has a new telephone number for all contact, 01666 840861, available Monday - Friday 9am - 1pm. There is no answerphone facility outside these hours.

This local Link scheme is a team of volunteer drivers, using their own cars, to provide a confidential support service, enabling those without transport to access local services and facilities, including Great Western Hospital, Swindon and Royal United Hospital, Bath.

Transport is available for medical related appointments, visiting the dentist, optician or chiropodist. If possible, requests for transport should be made at least 48 hours in advance.

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Crudwell Village Weekly Group Meetings

Mon	9.00am - 3.00pm 5.15pm - 6.30pm 6.30pm-	Pre School Beavers Cubs Badminton	Village Hall Village Hall Village Hall Village Hall	Kylie Cloke Paul Hepworth Paul Hepworth George	07850 372129 01666 829359 01666 829359 01666 577196
Tue	9.30am -10.30am 1.30 pm -3.00 pm 7.00pm - 9.00pm	Tai Chi classes Baby & toddlers (1st& 3rd Tues/ mth only) Guides	Village Hall Village Hall Village Hall	Carmel Sarah Lindsey	01666577502 01666575063 01666 577828
Wed	9.00am -3.00pm 4.00pm- 5.00pm 6.00pm-	Pre School Rainbow Guides Totally Tennis	Village Hall Village Hall Recreation ground	Kylie Cloke Jules Nash Annie	07850 372129 01666 577277 01666 577091
Thur	2.30pm- 5.00pm 7.00pm	Short mat bowls Scouts	Village Hall Village Hall	Carmel Mike	01666577502 01666 577385
Fri	9.00am- 3.00pm 6.00pm- 7.15pm 7.00pm 8.00pm	Pre School Karate Kids Club Church choir Badminton	Village Hall Village Hall All Saints Church Village Hall	Kylie Cloke Nic Cameron Eva White Pauline	07850 372129 07825 924719 01666 577036 01666 577176
Sun	10.00am 10.30am -12.00pm 7.30pm - 10pm	CRAG netball DICs football Short mat bowls	Village Hall Recreation ground Village Hall	Debbie Alan Carmel	01666 577739 01666 577543 01666577502

Letter Page

Dear Editor,

I am sitting at my kitchen table with a copy of the new Crudwell Parish News alongside a copy of the old Crudwell Courier and comparing the two. I wish to congratulate you and your team on the great standard you have set in your first edition. The improvement in "readability" over the old Courier is really impressive - the use of colour, the clear, attractive format and generous fonts, plus distinct pictures, all make for an "easy read". The picture on the front cover literally entices one to turn the page. So, well done and best wishes in your endeavours.

Yours sincerely,

Stan Unwin. Chedglow.

Dear Editor

Congratulations on the new format Parish News which is very welcome.

I have just one suggestion...as the well intentioned article on the dangers of sunstroke was overtaken by the atrocious weather of the last month, can we please have an article on trench foot in next month's copy in the hope that it will bring about a heat wave!!

Yours sincerely

Ian Churchill

The Big Society

Crudwell Parish Council would like to thank the small army of volunteers who have donated their valuable time and effort to help distribute the Crudwell Parish News . Your contribution helped us reach every home in our Parish.

Congratulations

To Sarah Louise Conley who has gained a First Class Bachelor of Arts Degree with Honours in English Language.

Congratulations to her from all the family at The Grove, Chelworth.

Congratulations also to all those other students who have graduated from University this year within our community. Hard work pays off!

To Pauline & Harry Taylor of Swan Close on their 50th Wedding Anniversary (11th August). Love from, Chris, Archie & Henry

Plan of Braydon Brook Services 2012				
	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday
Ashley	8.30am (BCP) Holy Communion	6.00pm (BCP) Evening Prayer	9.30am (BCP) Morning Prayer	9.30 (CW) Holy Communion
Charlton	9.30am Family Service	10.00am (CW) Holy Communion	6.00pm (BCP) Evening Prayer	9.30am (BCP) Holy Communion
Crudwell	11.00am Morning Worship	6.00pm (CW) Holy Communion	11.00am (CW) Holy Communion	11.00am All Age Worship
Hankerton	9.30am (CW) Holy Communion 4.00pm Family Service	No Service	11am Informal Worship	No Service
Minety	11.00am (CW) Holy Communion	10am Service of the Word	8.00am (BCP) Holy Communion 10am Service of the Word	10am Service of the Word
Oaksey	No Service	8.30am (CW) Holy Communion	11.00am Family Service	11.00am (CW) Holy Communion

NB: When there are five Sundays in the month the service on the fifth Sunday is a group Holy Communion at 10am at one of the six churches in alphabetical rotation. At Minety, there is a 'Service of the Word' every Sunday at 10.00am in Church taken by Brian Senior (for All Ages).



Lifeboats

Thank You From The RNLI

Many thanks to all of you who gave so generously to the Lifeboats during the recent local village collections. The Crudwell collection alone raised £190, and the total looks like exceeding £1200 (not all the counting had been done at the time of writing).

The RNLI has a network of volunteer fundraising branches around the coast, and inland too. Your local one is based in Cirencester and last year raised about £12000. We are always delighted to have more help in fund raising and ideas for doing so. If you are interested, or would like to know more about other fund raising events, please feel free to get in touch with me.

The RNLI is an independent charity which is independent of Government and raises the £140 million or so it needs to run itself each year through donations and legacies. In 2011 there were 8905 lifeboat launches (6 on Christmas day), which rescued 7976 people. In addition, the beach lifeguard service assisted 17671 people. It is an amazing organisation and well worth our continuing support. Thank you once again.

Jeremy Retford 577883
(Volunteer, RNLI Cirencester Branch)

Stoles – Sarah Wyman, Deacon

As a Deacon I am allowed to wear stoles like a sash; when I am priested it will then be worn in the normal way. I can also wear a black preaching scarf.

Stoles follow the colours of the liturgical year, you see the altar cloths in churches changing too.

White is used for celebration, feast days, baptisms, weddings and the like.

Purple is used in Advent and Lent signifying a time of preparing.

Red is used for Pentecost when the Holy-Spirit came upon the Apostles.

Green is for ordinary time.

Because I feel that I have been helped by everyone to become a Deacon I wanted to have something from every parish on my stole; I am here to serve the people in all the parishes. The primary schools are going to help with the purple and red designs.



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Explanation of the Symbolic Emblems on Sarah's Ordination Stole.

Bristol Cathedral 30 June 2012

When the date for Sarah's Ordination to Deaconess was announced two parishioners, one from Charlton and the other from Crudwell were asked if they would make the ordination stole.

Apart from the colour of the material, which had to be white, the design was very much Sarah's choice. As Ordinand for the 6 Parishes within the Braydon Brook Benefice she wanted a representation of all 6 of the Parishes and suggested we asked the various churches to nominate an emblem which could be identified with that particular Church. This simplified matters for us and each of us contacted 3 Parish Churchwardens to ask what they would like to have as their emblem.

These emblems are now embroidered on to the stole. As you look at the stole being worn by Sarah the left hand side depicts scallop shell, an oak leaf & acorns and strawberries.

The Scallop shell is the emblem for Ashley Church which is named Saint James the Greater, an apostle and martyr.

Saint James, brother of John was the first apostle to die for the Christian faith. He is closely associated with Santiago de Compostela, a place of pilgrimage since the 12th century, although there is no proof he ever went there. However, his emblems are a scallop shell, with which he begged for food, taking only what the shell would hold, and also a pilgrims hat. In the Church at Ashley you can see a silver scallop shell at the lectern.

The oak leaf and acorns are the representations for Oaksey Church. The original request was for an oak tree but both the ability to do justice to the mighty oak and the space available meant that an acorn & cup, and oak leaf had to suffice. According to the late Elspeth Huxley Oaksey had the best Oak trees in the County.

The third emblem is that of Strawberries which celebrates Crudwell's Annual Strawberry Fayre. This occasion raises money for the church and brings together the village community of both young and more mature members who help with catering, serving and Church stewarding. Many of the helpers are of different

religions and indeed some are none church goers but for one weekend everyone works hard to raise money to maintain the 12th Century Church of All Saints. A stained glass window and written explanation of the origin of the Fayre are to be found in the Church Porch.

On this side is also the Mother's Union symbol of which Sarah has been a Diocesan vice-president.

On the right hand side of Sarah's stole, as you look at it, there are three very distinct emblems. Charlton Church is at the top showing a representation of bells. There are six bells which are rung by a team of ringers. One of few Churches who has the facility to perform this ancient tradition. Also the three crosses on a hill is taken from the Family Service sheet designed by the Fisherman's friends.

The sheep were chosen by Hankerton as their emblem because of the association of the village with sheep farming. Although a wet area many of the fields still show a distinctive ridge and furrow which originally existed for arable crops but in the fifteenth century they helped sheep to escape the water and foot rot. Fuller's earth has been found in the area, which was used in wool production, there has been many sheep farmers and up until recently welsh sheep overwintered in the fields.

Minety or Minty takes its name from the water mint found growing in ditches around the village. It was therefore an obvious choice as their emblem. It is also to be found on the Primary School Badge. I suspect an unusual but proud emblem for the pupils.

At the top of the stole is a T, this is a Tau, a symbol of the Franciscan order due to St. Francis' love for it, a symbol of the redemption and of the cross. Sarah has been a tertiary, a member of the Third Order of the Society of St. Francis for many years.

As we wish Sarah joy in her new vocation this Stole is given with our love and best wishes for her Ministry in the Braydon Brook Benefice. May God be her guide and inspiration.



Supporting Local Art

When we moved to Kemble at the end of 2011, my wife and I were immediately welcomed into the Cotswolds by our neighbours and soon began developing friendships; we were over whelmed by how friendly people were.

After the dust of moving house had settled and life began to get back to normal, I decided to use the move as a perfect opportunity to set up a new business, something I had thought about many times over the last three years.

I have always been passionate about art and crafts and spend many an hour touring events talking to artists and enjoying learning how they create their art. I also scuba dive as a hobby and always take my camera down with me to take photographs of the many beautifully coloured fish and corals. So I formulated an idea of how I could combine my two passions of art and diving.

I wanted more of a memento from my dives other than a two dimensional photo, so I looked around for local artists that could turn my photographs into pieces of three dimensional art. They produced such beautifully crafted work from the photographs that I gave them that I decided to set up SA Art to give other divers the same opportunity to own a unique piece of art.

We have received such interest from divers wanting something that was totally different to anything shop bought that it set me thinking that we could offer this service to anyone who wanted a unique gift, not just divers. The idea is simple, we receive a photograph of any subject you care to name, and we then use that to create a unique piece of art.

Anyone who wants a gift, whether it be for a wedding, anniversary, birthday or christening or any other event worth celebrating, and wants something totally different, can commission an artist to design and make a piece which is a true one off. No one will ever forget the gift you gave them!

The process of commissioning is simple, a photograph is emailed, and we discuss the ideas and what is required, including the medium you want your piece in, this can be ceramic, glass, recycled plastic and many other mediums. Once a budget is agreed, the work can begin. During the process we email photographs of the work, to make sure that the finished piece is exactly what is wanted.

Most people may never have considered commissioning an artist to make a piece of art before due to the fear of committing to having something made without seeing the finished piece until they receive it, or thinking it is a very expensive option and they could never afford it. We work to a preagreed budget so the client decides how much they want to spend, and we will take you through the process from start to finish. It couldn't be easier.

Each piece of work will be totally unique and will be presented with a certificate of authenticity signed by the artist. If you want a truly different gift please call me on 07504 930338, or email me at prjmanfield@btinternet.com with a picture with the outline of your idea and I will contact you to start the commissioning process.



A hand made and painted stained glass christening panel, all the detail has a meaning to the couple who wanted the piece made. The finished cost of the piece was only £75. Paul Manfield.

Mother's Union

JANE 577282

NOT DROWNED YET

The weather continues cold and wet so, as I expected, a few of us gathered for tea here at the Willow Tree in June indoors, but it was a happy meeting all the same and a chance to catch up on news and Mothers' Union information. And this week we had a joint meeting of all the branches in the deanery with Margaret Godfrey at Minety and it was a good group, well worth all getting together. With apologies I missed it as I took husband Bobby to watch cricket at Cheltenham and we had a good fine and sunny morning before the rain came down in the afternoon.

We celebrate Mary Sumner Day on the 9th August with a service at Sherston at 2.0 p.m. We have been asked to bring branch banners which will be very good, they always look special being paraded up the church at the beginning of the service and displayed where we can see them. Our banners are very special and very attractive and also very valuable. We were very lucky in Crudwell to have a kind friend who repaired ours when it was starting to wear out and it is now bright and fresh.

Everyone who went to Sarah's ordination said what a wonderful service it was in the Cathedral, and the service in Oaksey with all the parishes from the deanery represented on Sunday 1st July was also very special, with a very happy gathering for lunch in the hall afterwards. So we greeted the Reverend Sarah Wyman and were also quite delighted to congratulate our Barry Raven on 40 years of service to the church and being made an Honorary Canon at a service which will take place in the Cathedral on the 30th September. Again we hope that lots of us will be able to go and support him.

And on Thursday, 13th September, we meet at 10.30 a.m. at 5 Lacemakers Road for our normal gathering. Is it too much to hope that we will have a fine and warm autumn?

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News From The Pews All Saints Church, Crudwell

Coffee 'N' Chat

Our June coffee 'n' chat at Jane & Bobby Gibbs was a very successful one although there were not as many people as usual, maybe due to holidays and the unsettled weather (just in case you hadn't noticed the rain). However, we all enjoyed the warm welcome and had a very happy morning, yet again no sitting in a garden! The sales table had a bumper injection with friends turning out their cupboards and some of our friends moving. Raffle prize winners were: Brenda Kembry; Norman Telling; Pat Button; Jane Gibbs; Pam Baldry; Ruth Pain; Joan Mundy; Pat Sawdon; Anita Smith; Margaret English; Carmel Rogers; Shirley Lewis; Kathleen Telling; Margaret Clemmow; Lyn White and Sandra Doel. (What a huge raffle table, it was groaning with prizes). A total of £78.90 was raised for Church funds. We were all made very welcome to Helen & Philip Carter's for the Coffee 'n' Chat on Tuesday, 17th July. One of the few fairly sunny mornings and some of us enjoyed walking around their beautiful garden. Although small in numbers (many people seem to be on holiday), we all enjoyed a happy time and raised £75 for Church funds. The raffle prize winners were: Helen Carter; Pam Baldry; Margaret English; Joan Mundy; Hope Carpenter; Pat Button; Bobby Gibbs and Carmel Rogers. Thank you to all.

The next Coffee 'n' Chat will be held at Carole and Frank Soden in Chedglow on Friday, 17th August from 10.30-12noon. They always make us very welcome and we are usually able to sit in their lovely garden, so it's fingers and toes crossed for good weather.

Church News

Many of you will have noticed that there has been a massive clean-up inside and outside the Churchyard wall to the right as one enters through the lych gate. Philip Carter has chopped, clipped, strimmed and removed all the excess branches and undergrowth (several tractor and trailer loads). Everyone will agree how tidy the Churchyard looks now and our thanks go to Philip Carter for all his sterling work.

What a great event the Sizzle & Swing was, many thanks to all those organisers who worked so hard beforehand and on the night, great fun and the true British bulldog spirit came out with the rain and leaky bits. It was a great evening; we are all looking forward to next year.

Church Cleaning

A very special thank you for our Church cleaners, can I make a plea for a couple more people to join our rota. We work in pairs for one month only, cleaning the Church twice in the relevant month. Due to people moving away from the district we have lost 2 of our great cleaners. We are always complimented on our 'much loved' Church by visitors from all over the world. If you would be willing and able to help us out, please give Margaret English a ring on 577572.

Ride and Stride

Sponsored cycle or walk around Wiltshire's churches in aid of All Saints and the Historic Churches Trust. Sat 8th September. Contact Alison 01666 577285

Crudwell Church Services - August 2012

Sunday, 5th August	Morning Worship	11.00am
Sunday, 12th August	Holy Communion (CW)	6.00pm
Sunday, 19th August	Holy Communion (CW)	11.00am
Sunday, 26th August	All Age Worship	11.00am

Choir

Due to illness and advancing years the Church choir has become rather small and is in need of new members. At the moment the choir attends all the church services in Crudwell, and the group services within the Braydon Brook group. We sing at funerals if requested and, on a happier note, we sing at weddings. Several of our members do not read music but all of us love singing and enjoy the friendship of the choir. I should mention that at Weddings and festival services we are joined by members of the village who are not regular members of the Church and without whom we would not be able to fulfil our commitments.

It would be very sad if the choir had to close, so if anyone is interested in joining us do come along to choir practice. Any age, sex or voice will be welcome. AND there is no audition! We meet on a Friday evening at 7 PM in the Church for one hour.

Eve White, 577036.

Confirmation Service

There will be a confirmation service in the Abbey on 10 Oct at 7.30 pm. In preparation for this, Dan Jones, the Diocesan Youth Advisor, is running a course along with Becky Fisher for young people of secondary school age. Please contact Barry Raven (577118) if you are interested in attending the preparation course. Adults are invited to speak with the Vicar and we can discuss what might be suitable as preparation.

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All Saints Church Crudwell

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Top tip: if you're telling us of an event coming up, write a short piece about it rather than just supply basic details or a poster. You will then get a short article published to help boost interest as well as a mention in our What's On section. Don't forget to tell us how your event went, with a photo if possible.

Crudwell Ladies Luncheon Club

Our July meeting will be over by the time I write this, but I know it will be absolutely gorgeous; Jean Scott and her 2 models displayed the Georgian fashion (both male and female). This does not include crinolines, which came a bit later. We meet up again on Monday, 17th September, when we welcome back a very popular speaker, Dr Paul Whittaker who will talk and play music to demonstrate his wonderful work on teaching music for the deaf. If you would like to join us for this really heart warming and funny talk, please give either PAT MANNING-577647 or MARGARET ENGLISH-577572 a call and we will be delighted to see you. We give Mayfield House Hotel a well deserved break in August and have our summer holiday.

We meet every third Monday (except Christmas and August) at the Mayfield House Hotel at 11.30am, and sit down to an excellent lunch at around 12.15pm, served by very patient and helpful staff.

Tai Chi

Once a week in the Village Hall, Tuesday mornings from 9.30am for an hour, we meet for Tai Chi. It is such a lovely exercise, it helps your co-ordination, balance and concentration. We are a very friendly crowd, both ladies and gentlemen and would welcome newcomers along.

Our teacher, Monika makes the moves look easy and doesn't shout at us when we go wrong. Just wear loose comfortable clothes and non-slip soft shoes or barefoot, whichever is preferable, and come and join in the fun.



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12oz caster sugar

12oz grated courgette

4oz oats and 7oz plain flour, 1tsp baking powder, 2tsp bi-carbonate of soda and 1 tablespoon cinnamon

6oz raisins and 6oz chopped walnuts

Preparation:

Line a 9" square cake tin. Grate courgette and pat as dry as possible. Put all ingredients into a large bowl and mix well put the mixture into the prepared cake tin. Bake at 180 degrees for about 1 hour or until your skewer comes out clean when tested. Cool slightly before turning out. ENJOY!!! Freezes well.

Gardeners' Corner

Natural helpers against aphids.

We all know that no matter what we do sooner or later aphids will attack. There are however lots of beasties available to us to help reduce or even prevent any infestation.

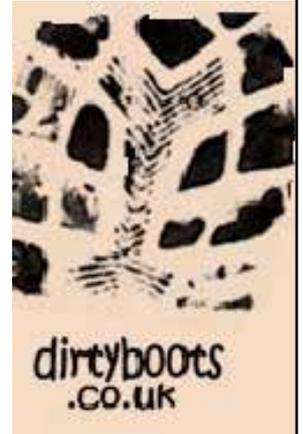
Lady birds are very well known helpmates, but there is one other who quietly does a good job and only needs a little persuasion to live in our vegetable patch. Behold the little insect with a voracious appetite, the bee look-a-like, the super worker the "Hover Fly"! Plant some Poached Egg Plant (*Limnanthes Douglasii*) or some Buck Wheat (*Fagopyrum Esculentum*) and you may get 20 plus species of natural aphid predator to lay their eggs and help to protect your crop. Plant the Tobacco plant (*Nicotiana*) and its sticky leaves will trap white fly by the hundreds. Remember if you rid your garden completely of one insect the chances are you will let another take over. It's best to try for a healthy balance. Try not to overkill anything there is room for most of these beasties and they all fulfil a purpose.

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