

Crudwell Parish News

NOVEMBER 2012



In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

EDITORIAL

We welcome you to the November edition of Crudwell Parish News. Another bumper publication packed with news from around the Parish.

The first winner of our photograph competition is to be found on Page 4. And don't forget to enter our Creative Writing Competition - details on Page 9.

For those of you already starting to get into the festive mood, there's even a Christmas cake recipe for you to try! Turn to the back page for details.

As always, we welcome your articles and notices. However, please be aware of our copy date - it's always the 15th of the month. We try to include anything that is received up to that date, but cannot guarantee to honour late arrivals, as we have deadlines to meet. We hope that you understand.

And a quick line to thank all of our advertisers, without whom the magazine would not be viable. Please support them as they support us, and please mention the Crudwell Parish News if you put orders their way - we need their repeat business!!

Finally, we are most grateful to those of you who have expressed their condolences at the death of our dear old Jack Russell, Denby who recently passed peacefully away, in his sleep, at the ripe old age of 18.

We hope that you enjoy this edition of the Crudwell Parish News.

Wala Elliott-Thresher and Tony Thresher, Editors

COVER PHOTO

The photograph needs no words from us, other than to say that it was taken on the road coming away from Long Newnton, towards the A433. The poem is, of course, by the Canadian physician and Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae.

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Monday 12 November 2012.

Monday 6 November 2012.

FROM YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

As many of you know, NPT dealt with a disorder in Ashton Keynes back in April this year. Three young men and a juvenile have recently appeared at Swindon Magistrates Court in relation to this.

A police constable and a police community support officer (PCSO) were trying to arrest a man for allegedly being drunk and disorderly when a scuffle broke out between the officers and the suspect in which the officers were slightly injured. The police officer deployed a Taser and arrested Scott Curtis, 22. The other males surrounded the officers and obscenities were shouted. The officers needed first aid but no further medical treatment. Curtis, 22, of Milling Close, Ashton Keynes, pleaded guilty to an offence under Section 5 of the Public Order Act and to assaulting the two officers. He was given an 18-month Community Order with supervision and must report to an attendance centre for 21 hours. Under a four-month curfew he will also have to stay at an address directed by the court between 8 pm and 6 am each day and be electronically monitored. He was ordered to pay compensation of £100 to each officer. Luke Liston, 23, also of Milling Close, Ashton Keynes, pleaded guilty to an offence under Section 5 of the Public Order Act and was given a 12-month conditional discharge and ordered to pay costs of £150. A 16-year-old youth, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was referred to a youth offender panel for three months and ordered to pay costs of £100. Richard Attwood, 20, of Eastfield, Ashton Keynes, was found NOT guilty of an offence under Section 5 of the Public Order Act.

For the next quarter our priority has been changed from anti social behaviour to police visibility and reassurance. We have had lots of feed back from the community saying that they do see us and our colleagues from other teams but would like to see us more often tackling issues such as antisocial behaviour, traffic offences and being a visible deterrent, especially with the recent spate of day time burglaries and with Halloween and bonfire night approaching.

Consultation are as follows:

5th November - Follyfield, Hankerton between 1700 and 1730

17th November - Park Street, Charlton between 1500 and 1530

Please come along and meet us and tell us about any concerns or problems you are having, or just come and say hello!

If you don't tell us its happening, we don't know its going on!

PC Steve Harvey

PCSO Sam Walsh

Malmesbury NPT

Ashton Keynes and Minety Beat

malmesburynpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

FROM CRUDWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Worried about Speeding Motorists?

Following complaints from concerned residents, a Metro Count of speeding drivers has been carried out in Crudwell and found that over 85% of drivers were driving at up to 38.8 mph in the 30 zone. As a result, the Parish Council has been invited to form a Community Speedwatch team and are looking for volunteers to be trained and take a pro-active role in reducing speeding through our village.

Yes - you will get to wear a flourescent jacket and to wield the Radar gun!

If you're interested, please contact our newest Parish Councillor, Duncan Lamb either by phone or at dunklamb@gmail.com



Why are these cats queuing at the back door of the Mayfield House Hotel?

Turn to Page 17 to find out more.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION - OUR FIRST WINNER!



The first winner of our monthly photo competition is Alan Fagan for this photograph, with its mixture of light and shade, clear blue sky and autumn colours.

Alan wins an enlargement of his winning study, printed on canvas and mounted, ready for display - courtesy of our generous sponsors, Alvan Blanch Limited.

We are now inviting entries for this month's competition, where the theme is:

MISTS AND MELLOW FRUITFULNESS

As before, the winner will receive a great prize, and will have their winning entry published in the Crudwell Parish News. We look forward to receiving your entries. Good luck, and good snapping!

MALMESBURY GARDEN CLUB

A talk by Gill Hazell on
Growing and Showing Sweet Peas

At Charlton Village Hall
On Monday 12th November 2012
at 7.30pm

Non-members £1 donation

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THIEVES CAN BE STOPPED

Most burglars are not highly skilled professionals.. They are looking for easy pickings, an empty home, and a door without a proper deadlock, an unlocked or open window. **Thieves do not like locked windows.** Breaking Glass makes noise and attracts attention .If your window is properly locked, they almost certainly won't be able to open it even after breaking the glass. Which means to get in they would have to climb past jagged edges of broken glass.

Thieves do not like doors with security deadlocks. It makes it more difficult to get in. These locks can't be opened without a key. This makes it difficult for the burglar to just break a pane of glass in a door, reach in, and undo the latch.

The effect of sensible precautions add up. Using good locks on all doors and windows helps deter burglars. All these things work and they work best when **we work together.**

If you are not a member of our neighbourhood watch scheme join now. For further information contact:

Margaret Perrin Tel: 577960 or mperrin@btinternet.com

DAYTIME BURGLARIES

The Wiltshire Police Priority Crime Team are currently investigating the recent series of day time burglaries that have happened in Malmesbury villages and also out towards Chippenham and over the border in Avon & Somerset and Gloucestershire. The Priority Crime Team along with local policing, are carrying out patrols in and out of uniform and in marked and unmarked Police vehicles. One vehicle was spotted in Eastcourt recently and a member of the public alerted the local police.

One possibly vehicle believed to be involved in this series of burglaries is a green Vauxhall, possibly a Vectra.. Please keep eyes open for ANY suspicious vehicles including a green Vauxhall

CREDIT CARD WARNING

When using your credit card Make sure you shield it so that no one can see what you are doing. Put the card back into your wallet and keep in a safe place., holding on to it if you can.

There is a scam going at the moment where criminals are getting hold of credit cards and pin numbers and spending huge amounts in the supermarkets.

The team consists of 3 females and one male. They are getting at least £1500 from each card.

Neighbourhood watch



Ashton Keynes and Minety
Neighbourhood Policing Team

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PC Steve Harvey
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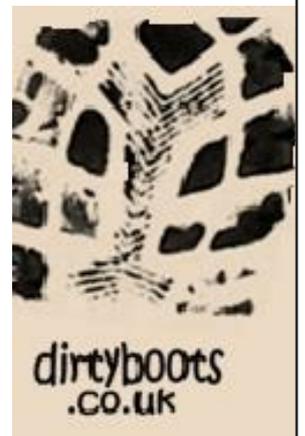
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Bus will depart Mayfield @ 9.30 returning @ 4.00 - £10.00 per person bookable in advance, free coffees & pastries if you arrive early!

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Test your brains at the Malmesbury Friends of Dorothy House

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PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

What is the Patient Participation Group (PPG) about?

It is a partnership between the Malmesbury Surgery and the patients enabling good communication between village representatives and doctors to improve the quality of the service that is provided. The PPG comprises of patient volunteers who are essentially "Area Representatives" for their Village or locality. They are supported by the Doctors and Practice Manager who meet with them bi monthly and discuss healthcare issues, both national and local, large and small so that the members can then relay points back to their community through local networks.

Purpose of the PPG

To enable the patients to have a voice in the provision of health-care in their area

To give both staff and patients the chance to discuss health topics of interest.

Patients can give constructive feedback, requests and suggestions.

If you have any comments that you would like to make about the services at Malmesbury Primary Care Centre please do not hesitate to contact me Margaret Perrin on 577960 or mperrin@btinternet.com

EASTCOURT POPPY COLLECTION

After many years of doing a house to house collection for the British Legion in Eastcourt, there no longer seems to be enough support to warrant this continuing. Therefore I will not be visiting you this year.

Many thanks for all the donations in the past.

Sara Palmer



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The unobtrusive units are currently being offered by the Council at a quarter of the normal price and start at £20, including free of charge delivery to individual homes.

For more information, contact:

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MALMESBURY SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2012

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Saturday 8th December, 2012 at 7.30pm

in Malmesbury Abbey

Tickets are £12 Adult. £10 Concession. £5 children.

NORTH WILTSHIRE VILLAGES FLOWER CLUB

A date not to be missed is Wednesday 21st November at 7.30pm at the Sundial Theatre, Cirencester College. Anybody who enjoys watching a very accomplished demonstrator entertain a large audience of enthusiastic people with a fabulous floral art demonstration called 'Countdown to Christmas' accompanied by music and chat should book a ticket and come along.

The evening is open to all. There is easy parking available and good views of the stage from all seats in a comfortable, professional theatre. Cost £10 visitors and £9 for flower club members. Cheques are payable to NWWFC please.

Andrew Lloyd is an International Florist and Demonstrator and we are delighted that he has agreed to come along and entertain us at our big fund raising event of the year. Refreshments will be available along with a sales table, tombola and raffle. This year there will also be a representative from Fusion Flowers magazine. Contact Sue on 01666 577125 for tickets.

At the recent September A.G.M. the club looked back over a very successful year of outings, demonstrations and workshops. Membership has grown and we are now looking forward to the 2013 programme of events. Club membership for the year is £25 and visitors pay £5 per evening. We meet every third Wednesday at Crudwell Village Hall. On 19th December we will hold a Christmas workshop and enjoy a shared supper. Members will be informed nearer the time as to what they will need to bring along to the workshop.

Visitors are very welcome.

Pamela Loftus.

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Doom and Gloom.....Winter is upon us.....

As I write this the sun is shining and I could almost be fooled that we may have an Indian Summer? Sadly, I know this is unlikely and we are looking at cooler and wet weather over the next few months. Just a few thoughts:

- Electricity bills: did you change supplier last year to make the most of the low tariffs on offer? If so now is the time to check your bill to ensure that you are still receiving electricity at a competitive rate. Search engines such as www.gocompare.com or www.moneysupermarket.com are an excellent way of checking if you can save cash on bills. I can do these checks if you have no access to the internet.
- Oil costs. Did you know that Community First have a county wide oil purchasing consortium? It costs just £20 per year to join and this can be less than the saving on your first oil order. Oil can be ordered monthly and your order can be as little as 500 litres, but everyone pays the same price (often smaller orders are more expensive per litre). Last year members saved up to 6p per litre on their purchases. Payment for the oil is direct to the supplier and there is no surcharge for using credit cards. For more details call Jess on 01380 732809.
- Darker evenings are a burglar's friend. Think about having some motion censored outside lights installed. They are an inexpensive way of deterring unwelcome visitors.
- Beware of doorstep traders. Uninvited workmen calling to offer repairs to gutters, roofs etc. may be opportunists hoping to carry out unnecessary work on your home. If you do need repairs to your home, call a reputable company and seek advice and a quote.
- Beware cold callers. All utility companies issue their staff with ID badges and wear them. Always ask for identity from visitors who claim to be from utility companies. If in doubt, turn them away and check with the company they claim to be representing.

If you have any concerns or would like more information any of the above, please call me, Ellen Blacker on **07557 922020**

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

A big thank you Crudwell, once again, for raising a very respectable £550 at the coffee morning on 29th September. The total will go towards what this year seemingly will be the largest amount ever raised nationally.

My sincere thanks got to Sandra, Pauline, Julie, Terri and Sonia for their invaluable help and to Judy for the loan of her pretty crockery.

Many thanks also to all those who donated cakes, bring and buy items and raffle prizes and to Steve Gilbert for the donation of coffee.

I would also like to thank J.T. Carpenter and Sons Ltd and the James Dyson Foundation for their continued support.

The Dyson fan was won by Mrs Gill Bonner (a visitor to the village) and the name was Fan-Fare.

CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION

Don't forget that Jonathan Capper has very kindly donated a load of logs as a competition prize. Wouldn't it be great to have a load of logs delivered to your door in time for Christmas!

So get your thinking caps on! We are looking for a short story (no more than 300 words) or a poem (no more than 16 lines). It must contain references to logs!

We have already had some wonderfully inventive entries, but we are sure that there are more to come.

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We look forward to reading the entries.



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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.

(And afterwards tell us how well it went!)

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS:

Amy and Jack, at All Saints Church, Crudwell

Reverend Barry Raven officiating.

Grateful thanks to Vince and Naomi at Whole Picture Weddings for permission to use their images.



CRUDWELL LADIES

We know intuitively that colour and light affect our mood and wellbeing but for most of us it is little more than that. We might be surprised at their psychological uses – the topic of our 14th November meeting.

Marion Zacks, our speaker and one of our members, will enlighten us. 7.45 for 8 in the Village Hall as usual. Come along as a visitor if the topic intrigues you. A warm welcome waits.

Our October meeting was both fascinating and humbling. Liz Rowland, of the Willows Trust, spoke from the heart when she told us how much pleasure the Trust's guests get from a simple, relaxing day on one of their specially adapted boats on the Gloucester / Sharpness canal. They give people with physical and/or mental disabilities the opportunity to experience something normally inaccessible to them. Steering the boat under the watchful skipper's eye or just seeing the watery world go by, is all part of the fun.

For many guests it is their only break from routine in the whole year or more, and they remember and allude to it long after. How lucky are we that for most of us such a trip would be just a small part of our packed lives?

The Trust relies on donations and volunteers to keep afloat. Most of its guests come from within a 50ml radius of the boats' moorings at Saul (canal) Junction just off the M5 J13 near Frampton-on-Severn.

The area is a lovely place for a wander on a nice day (remember one of those?) so keep an eye out for "The Spirit of Freedom 2" and the "Leonard Matchan", cruising the wide, scenic canal.

The link below is to a news article about the Trust, "Making dreams come true".

http://www.wiltsglosstandard.co.uk/news/features/4193218.Making_dreams_come_true/

Information is available from either Margaret (577572) or Sue (577125)."

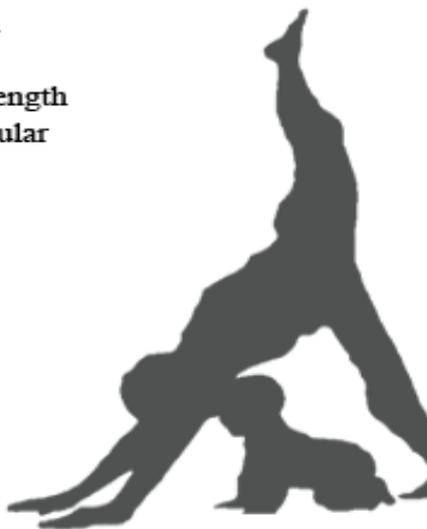
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All talks take place at Charlton Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Admission is £2.50 (children free) and all are welcome.

On 1st November Bernard Purrier will talk about "The Orca - Killer Whale, Social Hunter of the Seas".

The December meeting will be on "Fungi - edible, poisonous and folklore" by Dave Shorten, and is on December 13th.

We are very lucky to have some beautiful Nature Reserves in our area. How many have you visited? All make interesting and attractive places at any time of year for family walks - but please respect the wildlife and keep dogs under close control. Our nearest Reserve is at the eastern end of Oaksey - Lower Moor Farm - which has beautiful views across tranquil lakes and, usually, interesting birds to be seen. Have you been there yet?

Kathleen Gifford
Malmesbury Local Supporters' Group

CRUDWELL VILLAGE HALL

APOLOGIES: for not getting articles in the two recent editions of the Crudwell Parish News. I don't know where the time goes.

BELATED THANKS: to Ian Churchill for organising the redecoration of the interior of the hall during the summer holidays.

PLANNED: a replacement storage shed – which is planned to take place during the school half term week. Advance thanks to those groups who may face slight disruption while this important work is carried out.

NEEDED: maternity cover for our Bookings Secretary - who for some reason thinks, with a baby on each arm, she may not be able to answer the phone and sort out hall bookings at the same time. We are not allowing her to quit the committee (she will need to get out on her own now and then, and where better to spend an evening than at a village hall meeting) and she will be on hand to offer advice if necessary (between feeds and nappy changes). If you are interested in taking on this interesting and stimulating job (!), please get in touch with either Vicki on 577655 or me on 577091 for more details.

Annie Smith
Crudwell Village Hall & Recreation Ground

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| | 5.15pm - 6.30pm | Beavers | Village Hall | Paul Hepworth | 01666 829359 |
| | 6.30pm- | Cubs | Village Hall | Paul Hepworth | 01666 829359 |
| | | Badminton | Village Hall | George | 01666 577196 |
| Tue | 9.30am -10.30am | Tai Chi classes | Village Hall | Carmel | 01666577502 |
| | 10.30am - 12 noon | Baby & toddlers (1st& 3rd Tues/ mth only) | All Saints Church | Katie Day | |
| | 7.00pm - 9.00pm | Guides | Village Hall | Lindsey | 01666 577828 |
| Wed | 9.00am -3.00pm | Pre School | Village Hall | Kylie Cloke | 07850 372129 |
| | 4.00pm- 5.00pm | Rainbow Guides | Village Hall | Jules Nash | 01666 577277 |
| | 6.00pm- | Totally Tennis | Recreation ground | Annie | 01666 577091 |
| Thur | 2.30pm- 5.00pm | Short mat bowls | Village Hall | Carmel | 01666577502 |
| | 7.00pm | Scouts | Village Hall | Mike | 01666 577385 |
| Fri | 9.00am- 3.00pm | Pre School | Village Hall | Kylie Cloke | 07850 372129 |
| | 7.00pm | Church choir | All Saints Church | Eva White | 01666 577036 |
| | 8.00pm | Badminton | Village Hall | Pauline | 01666 577176 |
| Sun | 10.00am | CRAG netball | Village Hall | Debbie | 01666 577739 |
| | 10.30am -12.00pm | DICs football | Recreation ground | Alan | 01666 577543 |
| | 7.30pm – 10pm | Short mat bowls | Village Hall | Carmel | 01666577502 |

HARVEST FESTIVAL & SUPPER

We had a really great evening on 14th October. So many thank-yous but here are a few. Thanks go in the first place to Alison Wilson and Hope Carpenter for organising the whole event. The Church looked stunning, vibrant Autumn-coloured flowers (thank you very much flower ladies) and the fruit and vegetables on the side altar were sold off after the service in an auction led by Derek Taylor, with his bevy of lovely assistants. You didn't dare twitch or blink because Derek would have raised the price by 10p. Special mention must go to the Rectory Hotel and Potting Shed for providing bread, cheese, pickles and cruditées. We raised just over £500 for Church funds, marvellous news, but having such a great time just adds to the event.



CRUDWELL CHURCH SERVICES - NOVEMBER 2012

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| Sunday 4 th November | Morning Prayer | 11.00am |
| Sunday 11 th November | Remembrance Service* | 10.50am* |
| Sunday 18 th November | Holy Communion (CW) | 11.00am |
| Sunday 25 th November | All Age Worship | 11.00am |

* Please note that Remembrance Service starts at 10.50am by the Lych Gate

Plan of Braydon Brook Services 2012

| | 1st Sunday | 2nd Sunday | 3rd Sunday | 4th Sunday |
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| 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).

COFFEE 'N' CHAT

We were made very welcome by Zandra Browning at our October Coffee 'n' Chat, and made a grand total of £102.80. The raffle prize winners were: Lily Frampton, Hope Carpenter, Margaret English, Carmel Rogers, Joan Mundy, Jo Nettleton, Lynn White, Bobby Gibbs and Tony Pain.

There was a lovely home made apple cake left on the sales table that Tony Pain was about to auction, when suddenly up piped Shirley Lewis saying, "Hey, that's mine, I paid good money for that", calm was restored.

The next coffee 'n' chat will be in All Saints Church on **Tuesday, 14th November** from **10.30am-12noon**.

The Christmas coffee 'n' chat will be on **Wednesday, 12th December** in the open space in All Saints Church. There will be the sales table (a few early Christmas presents perhaps?), the raffle and, most importantly of all, friends to catch up with or welcome new friends to the regular monthly get-togethers.

So do come along and enjoy the friendly atmosphere.

BRAYDON BROOK CHURCHES YOUTH GROUP

Meets every week during term time, on Mondays from 7:00pm –8:00pm,

For all those of senior school age, for fun, games, teaching and creative stuff.

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Next meeting on Monday 5th November in Crudwell Church.

If you think you might like to join us, call Rachel on 01666 861035.



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CRUDWELL LADIES LUNCHEON CLUB

Thank you to Gill Wimperis for giving us a glance of what life was like as a department store model back in the 1950s, what an elegant age.

On **Monday, 19th November**, we have a talk to warm the cockles of your heart, Susan Platford is coming to talk to us about the work of the Labrador Rescue Trust.

If she brings a rescue dog with her, there won't be a dry eye in the Mayfield. It is lovely to welcome guests along to our lunch and we hope to see you all again at other lunches.

Our Christmas meeting will be on **MONDAY, 17TH DECEMBER**.

The Mayfield would appreciate our choosing the menu before 3rd December, so if you are coming along, please give your choice in to either Pat or Margaret before that date.

If you would like to join us, please give either **PAT MANNING - 577647** or **MARGARET ENGLISH - 577572** a call and we will be delighted to see you.

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.

If you think you might like to join us, call Rachel on 01666 861035.

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.

SHORT MAT BOWLS

We welcome Mary Murchison to our club as our latest new playing member. Mary has played short mat bowls in West Wales and no doubt will make a useful contribution to the club. We also wish Nev Doel a swift recovery from his latest 'op'.

Neither of our club's teams made it to the final of the Mike Barnes Trophy. Both came runners-up by the narrow margin of two shots. In the Malmesbury League both teams have made winning starts – Curlews beat Little Somerford (8 – 0) and Coots won a close game over the strong Kington Langley team by 5 to 3.

The first club competition was played out in early October. The Handicap Singles is designed so that newer and less experienced players can compete against more established bowlers ... and it nearly worked. Newer bowler, Denise Doggett won her group and Helen Lee lost to Les Baldry very narrowly in her group but still qualified for the semi-final by finishing as the best second placed player. Geoff Lane won the third group. The semi-final draw saw Denise against Geoff and Helen again facing Les. After two close games Geoff and Les won to play-off for the Michael Hart Cup.

In the final, Les made the 'early running' but Geoff came back strongly to retain the Cup he had won the previous year.

Short Mat Bowls is a friendly and competitive sport. If you fancy having a go, turn up at the Village Hall (Thursday 2.30pm or Sunday 7.30pm) and have a go. Please bring flat shoes and we will provide the woods. Your first visit won't cost a penny. Give it a go!!

CRUDWELL BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Venue: Crudwell Church

Date/Time: 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month,
10.30am-12pm

Details: parents/careers, babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers welcome. There will be toys and craft activities along with tea & coffee, squash and snacks, £1.50 per family.

It is a great way to meet with friends, meet new people and entertain your little ones.

Katie Day

CRUDWELL 6K FAMILY FUN RUN



Well, the sun certainly chose to debut for the revival of the Crudwell 6K Family Fun Run. Kindly sponsored by The Rectory and The Potting Shed Pub, over 140 men, women, children and dogs donned their run t-shirts and came out for a jaunt around Wiltshire's finest countryside.

The first male to finish was 14 year old Den Jewell who was so fast, the marshals hadn't even managed to finish their cups of tea!

The fastest female was Christy Ringrose and the first family to finish was Jo, Kirsty, Luke and Matthew Roberts.

Most impressive were the children who threw their heart and soul into the event. Youngsters as young as 5 managed to run / walk the entire 6Km, stopping only for free bags of chocolate buttons at the water station!

Many crossed the finish line in front of their parents and then proceeded to add insult to injury by running off to play in the park!

Crudwell School trophies for the first to finish in their Key Stage were awarded to Evan McLaren aged 9, Harry Hull aged 7 and Noah Sibbald aged 5.

A fun run isn't a fun run without the parade of dogs along the route and the first dog to finish was Burdock the corgi who, despite having the shortest legs in the race, courageously helped his owner across the finish line

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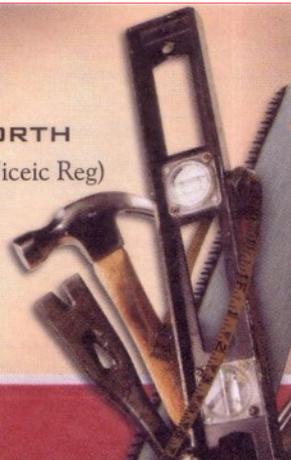
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Not a shaggy dog tale but almost a Cat-astrophe for one lucky Crudwell resident

The Crudwell cat community has been astounded to find that there is always room at the inn for a puss that has lost its way along the village highways and byways. A delightful moggy descended on the Mayfield house hotel on the 15th October, engaging with everyone and generally yowling loudly for attention.

He would appear at one door of the hotel and when gently removed would then reappear at the next door.



A regular customer had seen a 'lost cat poster' at the bus stop and was convinced this was the missing cat. A quick phone call confirmed this was indeed the errant fellow and that he was being 'cat- sat' by a now frantic neighbour whilst his owners' were on holiday. It transpired that that the fluffy Feline had gone walkabout within 24 hours of being left.

After being thoroughly spoilt and enjoying the best CATering the Mayfield has to offer the philandering feline was reunited with his carer. However to prevent more wandering until his owners' return from holiday and to enable his carer to CATch up on their sleep (anything more than a catnap would be welcome)his residence is the less luxurious surroundings of a local cattery (no room service here and the manageress undoubtedly will not be feeding him smoked salmon!!)

There will just remain the small matter of his 'extras' (smoked salmon etc., at the Mayfield and at the cattery).

Oh and by the way the delightful and very lucky chap's name is Jester. Fitting wouldn't you say?

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CRUDWELL AT THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL

Proud Welshman and long-time Crudwell Resident Huw Thomas recently followed in the footsteps of such world renowned artists as Pavarotti, Carerras, Domingo, Wallace & Gromit, by performing at the Royal Albert Hall, an experience most music lovers can only dream of.

We had to ask him the obvious question:

WHAT IS IT LIKE TO

What is it like to sing in the Royal Albert Hall, London?

Huw has just had the experience for the third time. He is a member of the Cirencester Male Voice Choir who were invited to sing with 11 other choirs at the bi-ennial London Welsh Festival of Male Voice Choirs in the Royal Albert Hall last month.



"A spiritually uplifting sound - 600 male voices singing together raising the hairs on the back of your neck. To look out at the vast audience in one of the most prestigious concert venues in the world was something special creating a sense of occasion and privilege which will be difficult to surpass. And then it's all over the audience has gone, the Hall fallen silent, only the anthems, and the hiraeth ringing in the hearts of the choristers. Oh dear, what now, perhaps perhaps we can do it again"

Huw was one of 600 choristers singing a varied programme of Welsh and English pieces along with a new work by Karl Jenkins called the Hero's Journey. The performance was recorded and the concert will be shown on S4C over the Christmas period.

MOTHERS UNION

TOWARDS CHRISTMAS

We have just had our October meeting in Hankerton church. This was a Deanery joint meeting so there was a good group of us and it is always good to meet up with the other members in the Deanery from Sherston and Minety.

Sadly our speaker was unable to come so we had a quiz on the Mothers' Union to test our knowledge of the organisation worldwide - we now have over four million members and affiliated group members in over 83 countries, and this includes the five dioceses in South Africa, Uganda, Nigeria and Melanesia who are connected particularly to the Bristol Diocese.

We seem to be very bad at publicity as so few people have heard about us or know about the thousands of projects here and worldwide run by the Mothers' Union. So it was a good "refresher" for us to be reminded of all these facts.

We meet again on November 8th, when we have an advent service in Minety church at 10.30a.m., again with Deanery members. Then to our Christmas meeting here at The Willow Tree at 11.30a.m. (Please note different time) for Christmas stories, prayers and carols followed by a bring and share lunch.

This will be our last group meeting as we have plans for next year to be a deanery group with Deanery meetings and in my next newsletter I shall let you know about this and times and places of the meetings planned. We look forward to this very much.

Jane - 577282

MINCEMEAT CHRISTMAS CAKE

The following recipe comes to you courtesy of Margaret Perrin.

A very quick Christmas cake that tastes lovely!

Ready in **2 hours**

Ingredients:

- 150g (5 oz) butter, room temperature
- 150g (5 oz) light muscovado sugar
- 2 eggs
- 225g (8 oz) self-raising flour
- 1 (400g) jar luxury mincemeat
- 60g (2 oz) glace cherries, chopped
- 110g (4 oz) currants
- 60g (2 oz) whole almonds, chopped

Preparation method:

Prep: **15 mins** | Cook: **1 hour 45 mins**

1. Preheat the oven to 160 C / gas 3. Grease a 20cm square cake tin and line with baking parchment.
2. Measure all ingredients into a large bowl and beat well for 1 minute until thoroughly mixed. Turn into the prepared tin and level the surface.
3. Bake for about one and a half hours or until a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean and the cake is slightly shrinking from the sides of the tin.

STOP PRESS

This is an urgent police notice that has been received by Crudwell Parish News very recently. Can you help?

In the past few days there have been two burglaries during the day sometime between 10.30 am - 11.30. Offences have taken place in ASHLEY and WADSWICK area. Forced entry and jewellery stolen, which was dumped on HENLEY LANE, BOX.

SUSPECT a red motorbike, male wearing dark coloured clothing and black helmet. No other details known, and we are not sure if there are two people involved.

If you see the above in your area, do please call 101 OR if you feel that an offence is going to be committed and a red motorbike is involved please call 999 IMMEDIATELY, if you can note the registration plate of the motorbike that would be extremely helpful.

Please ensure that you leave your home secured, alarms set, any jewellery out of sight, if you have a safe please use it. It is also important that if you are going away on holiday that you tell your neighbours so they can keep an eye on your home.

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