

# Crudwell Parish News



April 2013

**APRIL EDITORIAL:** We continue to make progress and following our March report we have received two offers of help with the various tasks needed to get the CPN to your letter box. There still remains scope to accept further offers of assistance, large or small, towards keeping this publication buoyant and attractive. Please make yourself known if you wish to participate. We are grateful to David Butcher who has launched a parish information web site. Still in the embryo stage, it is functional with the sole purpose creating interest in the potential of this information medium and is seeking suggestions for development and content. At this time every facet of the initial site is adjustable and it is offered to all groups in the parish to promote their endeavours.

Perhaps we can remind you all, that Alvan Blanch's kind offer to mount and frame the photograph chosen for the front cover each month remains as a prize. So get those cameras out and send your wonderful pictures in! Please keep your articles coming in too.

The more diverse articles we have the more successful the CPN will be. We are most grateful to our advertisers for the support they give us and we are always looking for new ones who would like to take advantage of reaching out to our community. Please try to support them in return.

It is coming up to that time of year when AGMs and Elections are to be held. Crudwell Parish Elections are in May. We need new councillors to fill our quota for this worthwhile duty. Applications need to go in from 18th March. Please contact the Clerk of the Council for details.

The Annual Parish Meeting is due and is described below.. This is where everyone is welcome to put their point of view about the parish and to bring any new ideas to stimulate our community. Refreshments will be available to lubricate the vocal cords which is always a help!

*Your Editorial Team.*

### **Always wanted the chance to tell them a thing or too.....**

#### **Then ATTEND THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The Parish Council has to provide an Annual Parish Meeting. The title, plagiarising the "Meerkats Advertis" is not to be confused with the Parish Council AGM. The evening meeting is designed to give the opportunity for the parishioners to come together to discuss and determine questions and suggestions pertinent to maintaining and enhancing the conditions and persona of our environment. It also provides the forum where those parochial groups who are mandated to provide public knowledge of their activities and financial status can meet this requirement.

Any group or individual may speak. If you intend to make a presentation during the event, please inform the Parish Clerk as soon as possible to form the agenda. Any subject can be raised about life in the Parish in the 21st Century.

The evening is designed to be a social event commensurate with delivering important local information to and from our Parishioners. The Parish Council provide the Chairman and Parish Clerk to record the issues covered and stand the expenses incurred during the evening.

**Venue: Crudwell Village Hall. Time: 1900 24 April  
Please try to attend.**

### **A MESSAGE FROM OUR WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR**

•On the 2 May, we have local elections in Wiltshire. Our Unitary Wiltshire Council, and all Town and Parish Councils will be up for election. •After 30 years as a local Councillor, I have decided to retire. •I spent 14 years on the District Council, overlapping with 20 years on the County Council, and the last 4 years on

Wiltshire Council. •It has been a huge privilege to represent such a lovely area and people for so long. •I would like to thank you all for the tremendous support, courtesy and understanding that I have enjoyed. •I know you will be as kind to whoever succeeds me.

**With best wishes,**

**Carole Soden**

**Wiltshire Councillor Minety Division**

**Editors note:** Carole, on behalf of all the very many parishioners and residents of your ward you have supported over these long years may I thank you for your splendid performance in the discharge of your public duties. This was a long time in the service of the community and at times it must have been very frustrating. You persevered during the good and bad times to the benefit of all the parishes in your ward. **We wish you and Frank a very long and happy retirement.**



Carole receives a bouquet from John Thomson at her last Area Board

## Book stall

The response to my request for books, as a means of fund raising for the fabric of the church, has been overwhelming. All your donations have been very welcome and most are now proudly displayed. However, there is a problem as now we have to persuade people to buy them!

Because of your generosity we have run out of places to put all the books and very reluctantly we have to call a moratorium. I hope this will only be for a short time or until we have a suitable display table. In the meantime do come and have a look at the books. They are all in excellent condition. A very big 'thank you' to everyone who have donated.

## Crudwell Church Choir

The Crudwell Church choir continues to support the church at all the services in the village and at group services within the Benefice, but is now reduced to only five regular members, all of whom are female. We are fortunate that some loyal singers join us when an important event is due and we are very grateful to them. If any reader would like to join the choir do come along to our Choir practice which is on a Friday evening at 1700 until 1800. If you wish to ring me first my No is 577036. Eve White



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## North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club Report

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An evening not to miss is Wednesday 17th April when there will be a demonstration by Sue Kehoe titled 'Madame du Paris' Coco Chanel. This will be held at Malmesbury School. Doors open at 6.45pm for a 7.30pm start.

Tickets for friends and visitors are now on sale at £6 to include a glass of wine. There will be a few stalls at the event selling plants and floristry materials. Plenty of parking space and seating for this event. Please telephone Sue 01666 577125 or Dreena 01666 860467 for tickets. Club members do not require a ticket. Our next club night at Crudwell will be on 15th May when we will have a workshop, details to be announced nearer the time.

Anybody wanting to visit Bournemouth for the day on Saturday 13th July please contact Sue as above. A coach will be leaving Crudwell at 7.30am and return around 7.30pm in the evening. Some flower club members will be visiting the NAFAS National Show and will need to book tickets for this in advance but if there is anybody just wanting to spend the day looking around Bournemouth there are still seats available on the coach at approximately £15 which are still available for either club members or anybody who just wants a day out.

We look forward to the forthcoming events and if you have an interest in coming along please let us know.

Pamela Loftus Committee Member.

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## Crudwell Short Mat Bowls Club

The end of the winter short mat bowls season is now in sight. ... and what a season it's turned out to be for Crudwell bowlers.

In the Malmesbury League, the Curlews (led by Pam Baldry) and the Coots (by Gordon Smith) have finished first and second in the league. In April, the Curlews take on Kington Langley Swallows in the final of the League Knock-out Cup.

In the County League (North), even though there are still a couple of games to go, it has been announced that we have retained our league title and will take our place in the County League Championship as League (North) Winners. As yet the team remains undefeated – another admirable feat.

On the home front, the final club competition – the Drawn Pairs - was played out over the last couple of weeks. After group play, Helen Lee playing with Nev Doel played Tina Reynolds and Geoff Lane in the final. Despite taking an early lead, Nev and Helen were pegged back by some excellent play from Tina and the Reynolds/Lane combination powered on to a comfortable victory. The Thursday afternoon bowlers led by Liz Carter played a friendly match against the short mat 'part-timers' from South Cerney. The outcome was a significant 72 to 20 victory for Crudwell.

This weekend sees the Club Presentation evening being held at the Mayfield Hotel. As well as presentations to competition winners, there are also special awards being given. The Most Improved Sunday bowler will go to Brian Reynolds whilst the Most Improved Thursday bowlers will go as a joint award to Denise and Bob Doggett. All three bowlers have made significant progress in the past year and Brian in particular has become a regular in the Crudwell County League team and reached the last four of county competition for the first time last month. The Club person of the Year award has been given to Keith Carter, who has overcome a series of difficulties to continue playing short mat with great enthusiasm.

Finally, Crudwell club members Les and Pam Baldry and Geoff and Jenny Lane will be representing Wiltshire at the National Short Mat Bowls Championships in early April at the Bromsgrove Indoor Bowls Club.

Short Mat Bowls is a friendly yet competitive sport which can be played by all ages and all levels of fitness. All levels of competence are welcome. If you fancy having a go, come to the Village Hall on Thursday afternoons (2.30pm start) or Sunday evenings (7.30pm start) - bring flat shoes and we have the woods. Your first visit will be free.

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### TENNIS ANYONE?

OK, we've had one sunny, almost warm day so it's definitely time to dust down the tennis rackets and prepare for the clocks to go forward so that we can start leaping about on the tennis courts again

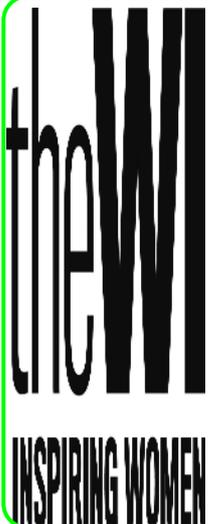
From 6pm on Wednesdays, starting Wednesday 10th April, if you own a racket (tennis) and some sort of appropriate footwear, come on up to the multisports facility and join a group of unfit, unprofessional, unwise supposedly tennis players. We have a laugh, mostly at ourselves, use every excuse under the sun for our numerous mis-shots, and sometimes even play tennis.

**Hope to see you there!**

### Crudwell Village Hall

Many thanks to all those who responded to our comments last month about improvements to the hall, which were discussed at our March committee meeting. The vast majority were in favour of converting the shower area into a Jacuzzi, with perhaps a sauna and whirlpool. If PreSchool were to vacate the premises, we could then convert the main hall into a swimming pool, and perhaps get a licence to run a coffee and sandwich bar from the kitchen and committee room.

I hope by the time you read this you will have been to our Wine & Cheese on the 26th March and heard the details of these plans. Of course, at that time it won't quite be the first of April. Annie Smith



### Oaksey WI

Our next meeting is on Thursday 11 April at 2.15pm when we will be having a talk and demonstration by the excellent speaker Cherry Hubbard entitled 'Beauty in the Bath House'. This talk will give us a taste of daily life in Roman Britain including the Romans idea of beauty, the use of the baths, perfumes, cosmetics, food, medicine and education as Cherry interprets her display of exotic herbs, spices, textiles and pigments.

We are looking for new members to join us. We are not just 'Jam and Jerusalem' but are a lively and friendly group and

meet every 2nd Thursday in the month at The Rest, Oaksey Village Hall.

We go to a great deal of trouble to get good speakers and organise an interesting and varied programme.

Our summer programme includes a talk on 'The Wonder of Tropical Shells'. We also have a summer outing and garden meeting. In September we are lucky to be able to hold a fashion show by 'Mistral'. Do come and give us a try

New members and visitors are welcome to attend meetings at £2 including the talk and refreshments, but on payment of subscription to the WI, all meetings are free! No need to make pots of jam!!! For more information contact Helen Mc Kenna on 01666 577789 or [oriz@jacfleming.plus.com](mailto:oriz@jacfleming.plus.com)

**TRACTOR TALK.** A new month and a new title. Welcome to 'Tractor Talk'!

Thank you for all your kind words last month, it's good to know that people recognise our parish as a rural, working one. Us farmers are not out here for the fun of it and we do need England to continue to have the rural holdings that make this country so special rather than it becoming an extension of Greater London... (and possibly Swindon)!

I would like to say things are a bit more positive. The weather seems to be on the up, although as I sit here in my Baltic office typing away I hear that snow is forecast for the week ahead. With my three favourite weather websites open in front of me... you now see why this is all I can go on about, maybe it's time to pick three new favourite websites (no sniggering please)... all stating **cold** but with little chance of rain, meaning we have finally managed to get the tractor out of the shed.

So, apart from the weather, what has been pulling on our bailer-twinned trousers this month? Badgers... the controversial subject that is the badger cull springs to mind. Although I could put all our readers as well as myself to sleep with facts and figures on the whole debate, I would like to raise a few points that are worth considering before we get all hot under the collar.

Farmers do see themselves as guardians of the countryside. We only want to feed, rear and care for our animals, to protect the environment around us and for it to be managed and maintained in the most natural way possible, all with the end outcome that is to feed our nation and to supply export goods to help the economy. These rural environments do include vermin and, although we do not want to see all vermin wiped out, we do have to manage them in the most humane way possible thus all being able to be part of the farming ecosystem.

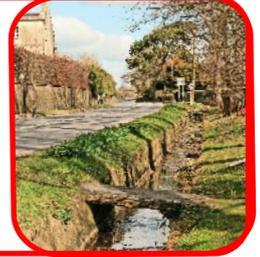
34,000 cows were slaughtered in 2011 because of TB. A startling number and if you put that into

financial figures a huge implication on the already struggling farmers' pay packet. The links between badgers and TB can be debated by many but refuted by few, the transmitter has always been proven to be the badger. We are not asking for the total destruction of a creature but we do need to manage the numbers.

A final point is: Why do people feel so strongly about the badger? It always amazes me how quickly people will be off to their local county store at the first hint of a rat. Should we not debate how to manage all vermin fairly, rather than segment them into the 'cuteness' silo?

Finally this leads me onto the other topic that is on everyone's lips and in some cases stomach. Horsemeat! Now if TB continues to spread throughout our dairy and beef herds and badger culling is too much for the general public to bear, I wonder how we will all cope with a move to supply horsemeat as an alternative. I asked my GP during a recent visit if, in her opinion, it was safe to consume. After 3 minutes of her doctor chat I dropped into the conversation "I suppose if it's part of a stable diet then it must be OK"...

This is the first of many excellent high quality photographs taken by Richard McCleery, who lives in Eastcourt. They reflect the serenity and rustic nature of our environment of which we should be correctly proud. Thank you Richard.



### 15<sup>th</sup> of April is Deadline Day



Please send your articles as soon as possible please. Brevity is imperative. Text in MS Word at 12pt is ideal. Graphics should be at maximum resolution, 300 dpi is recommended. Please forward your copy to [gerdahayes@btinternet.com](mailto:gerdahayes@btinternet.com) or any Parish Councillor.



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If you would like more details and how to join, please give me a call. **Frank Soden 01666 577210**

## Malmesbury Decorative and Fine Arts Society. (MDFAS)

This is a relatively new group of the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Society (NADFAS) who meet in Crudwell Village Hall. Apart from lectures, covering all aspects on Decoration and Fine Arts, one of the Associations main roles is as Heritage Volunteers and Church Recorders. As the name implies all are volunteers. We are very fortunate that MDAFS has selected Crudwell Church to carry out the interesting and exacting role of Church Recorders. Every item and fixture in the Church will be recorded and researched including the stained glass windows, masonry, woodwork, paintings and memorials to name just a few items in a long list.

Once all the work is finished, and this could take a long time, the results will be made into a book and given to the church. Copies go to the V&A, Bristol Cathedral and to The Headquarters of MADFAS. The group meet on Friday mornings at 1000, so if you are coming in to buy a book do have a talk with them.

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# Crudwell Bike Ride 2013 Update

**Date for your diary - 22-23 June**

## **Website News**

[www.crudwellbikeride.co.uk](http://www.crudwellbikeride.co.uk)

Following some major problems which has led to significant development of the website, it will be up and running on the 1st of April (honest), this will now provide a portal to all activities surrounding the Bike Ride:

Team Registration

All information regarding to participation in the Bike Ride

Links to the brand new Facebook site and Twitter feed All enquires relating to the Bike Ride

There will also be a facility to upload your photographs as we are looking to develop a photo gallery of past years to bring to life the history of the Bike Ride.



## **Sponsorship**

We are extremely grateful for all the continued support our sponsors provide to the race be it financial or in other methods of support. If you are new to the village and /or feel that you are in a position to help with the sponsorship please get in touch with me ( Ian Warner) on **01666 575443**

## **Lighter Evenings**

So as the evening start to draw out and the weather improves, fingers crossed, it's time to start thinking about your team for this year. It is also time to dust down those bikes, oil the chain, pump the tyres and get out for a few practice laps.

See you all next month.

## **CRIME UPDATE: By PC Steve Harvey**

Good news again ! Even less crime (reported) than last month. Thank you all for being so vigilant. However we have had two thefts from motor vehicles. One of these was on the main A429 through Leigh where a window on a car was smashed and items taken. The other was in the beauty spot, Waterhay car park. On this occasion a window was smashed but nothing taken. It goes without saying not to leave any tempting items on display. Also be wary of leaving satellite navigation circular marks on your windscreens.

There was a minor assault in the White hart Pub in Ashton keynes which has been locally resolved. There has been a report by a local person in the Minety area that they found one of their horses with a plait in the mane. This has happened in rural areas for a while but

there is no evidence at all to suggest the horses are being 'marked' as such for a possible theft.

I do need to mention that there has been an increase in dwelling burglary around Dauntsey, Brinkworth and Sherston area, so again we all need to be vigilant and alert to home security. Watch out for neighbours. There have been reports of unacceptable levels of mud on rural roads being left by vehicles travelling in and out of farm fields. I can understand the frustration and concern over this and would encourage reports to Wiltshire council highways department as opposed to Police.

Please see below times and locations where you can try and catch me for a chat or advise. It must be noted that I will do my up most to be there but sometimes live operational incidents take over. Kind regards Steve.

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## **CRUDWELL CHURCH NEWS**



Our monthly Coffee 'n Chat was hosted in March at Eve & Jeremy Whites new conservatory. As snow-flakes were falling we expected a limited turn out. How wrong we were, so many faithful supporters came, friends past and present attended, and we were all made so welcome.

Altogether £120. 80 was raised for Church Funds. The next Coffee 'n Chat will be held in **Church on Wednesday, 10th April, 10.30 – 12.00 noon**. Please come along, hopefully in the Spring sunshine!



## CRUDWELL BIRD WATCH APRIL

This is a very exciting month in the bird world. Robin & Blackbird will be feeding their young if the weather permits. Young Robbins will look like small Thrushes with spotty breasts and young Blackbirds are a mottled light brown.

Chiff Chaffs are the first migrants to arrive and their Chiff Chaff sound becomes common. Willow Warblers once seen, now nest further North. Blue and Great Tits should now be using the boxes in your gardens. Crudwell is lucky in having many Song Thrushes which should be heard this month. A singing male Thrush can often be heard and seen near to the Village Phone Box. Skylarks can be heard around the outskirts of the Village and the distinctive drumming of the Woodpecker should also be noticeable.

Swallows and House martins will arrive by the middle of the month after the long journey from Africa. Keep your eyes on the country hedgerows for sightings of the Whitethroats whose scratchy song is easy to recognise.

**Jenny Ward**

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Sunday	14th April – No service	
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Sunday	28th April – All Age Worship	11 a.m.

### MOTHERS UNION NEARLY SPRING

As I type this it is snowing again, so I hope by the time it is published it will really be spring and warmer. •• Our February meeting was the Wave of •• Prayer service which we had in Margaret Godfrey's home in Minety and was attended by members from all the Deanery as we shall be from now on. •• We had our service led by Sarah Wyman to pray for all our linked dioceses, Matlosane and Johannesburg in South Africa, Otuorke in Nigeria, Banks and Torres in Melanesia and West Ankole in Uganda, knowing that they will all be praying for the Bristol Diocese. • We then had an amusing talk from Chris Pope, our Diocesan Central Services Co-ordinator with some discussion on the business workings of the Mothers' Union in our Diocese. We are meeting again this month in Sherston on Thursday the 14th for a quiet Lenten reflection taken by the Rev. Margaret Maslen in Sherston church, and in April instead of having a Deanery meeting will be joining the rest of the Diocese at St. Andrews church, Chippenham, for the Diocesan Commissioning Service at 2.30 p.m. •• This is a great opportunity for us to attend the commissioning of our Diocesan leaders when it is on our doorstep and not all the way down to Bristol - anyone needing a lift please let us know. Also in April is our cake stall in Malmesbury on Friday the 26th at 9.0 a.m. •• Funds from this will go to Mothers' Union projects round the Diocese, and all cakes and home made produce will be very welcome, either left with me at The Willow Tree, Crudwell the day before or delivered to the cake stall in the butter market in Malmesbury on Friday morning. Homemade cakes sell well and our projects cover a lot of needy communities **Jane Gibbs - 01666 577282**

A good family favourite which is so easy and satisfying to make!  
A good Sunday pud!

### EVE'S PUDDING

Serves 4 Prep Time: 15 mins Cooking Time 35 mins



#### Ingredients:

450g (1 lb) cooking apples, peeled, cored and sliced  
85g (3 oz) Demerara sugar  
Finely grated rind of 1 lemon  
115g (4 oz) Butter or similar spread  
115g (4 oz) caster sugar  
2 eggs, medium, beaten  
115g (4 oz) self-raising flour, sieved

#### Preparation

1. Place apples in a 20-23cm (8-9 inch) deep ovenproof dish, sprinkling the Demerara sugar and lemon rind between each layer. Place the remaining ingredients in a bowl. Beat with a wooden spoon until well mixed.
2. Spread over the top of the apples. Bake in a pre-heated oven 180°C, 350°F, Gas No.4 for 35-40 minutes until well-risen and golden brown. Test sponge topping with a skewer which should come out clean. Dredge with sugar, if wished, and serve with custard or cream.

## Queens Award for Enterprise: International Trade 2012

Alvan Blanch Development Company

The Award – a celebratory cut-glass bowl – and a short speech were given by the Lord Lieutenant on Tuesday, 19th February. This marked a great occasion to celebrate with a glass of bubbly for all the office and factory staff at Alvan Blanch.



**MD Andrew Blanch receives the Queens Awards from Mrs Sarah Troughton, Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire**

The presentation took place in a newly completed stores area of the factory. This extension is only part of a £2 million investment programme over the past 12 months, including the purchase and upgrade of the most up-to-date CNC machinery and the erection of several new industrial buildings.

The decision to spend so much money on upgrading the facilities on site in North Wiltshire was not a simple one for managing director Andrew Blanch (second generation of the family business).

It was not long ago that Mr Blanch was considering cutting down the manufacturing operation at Chelworth and moving some of the production to Eastern Europe or the Far East. Skilled workers and graduate engineers were in short supply and it became more and more difficult to compete in world markets with lower-cost products from the Far East, while the UK market stagnated.

However, he decided instead to invest heavily in

machinery, but produced more efficiently. This recent phase of investment is just the latest stage in a continuing process. "I'm really glad we have done it," said Andrew Blanch, "everyone feels positive about working in a company which is investing money into its operation."

Alvan Blanch exports its post-harvest processing equipment like grain driers to 90 countries across the world, including Russia, which has become one of its biggest markets.

As part of the Award, two members of staff – one from the factory, and one from the office – representing the company were invited to Buckingham Palace at the end of 2012 for a congratulatory drinks reception, attended by HM The Queen and other members of the Royal Family, for all companies receiving the prestigious Queens Award for Enterprise.

The Award for International Trade was announced alongside the company's Diamond Anniversary last year. The company is looking forward to the completion of their factory extension and fully packed production schedule for the rest of the year.



**The staff raise a celebratory glass of bubbly with the Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire and Andrew Blanch**

Editors note: This was a double celebration. Alvan Blanch was awarded the same accolade in 2005. The event described above permitted the formal presentation of the original Plate Award by the Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire. Congratulations on both awards a splendid achievement.

**Rotary Club** The Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds is once again organising its *Horseless Team Event* in Badminton Park on Sunday, October 6th 2013 – the *Horseless Team Event* is a rare opportunity for (horseless) runners or walkers to take on parts of the world famous Badminton Horse Trials obstacles. Runners can enter for either of the traditional 5 or 9 mile courses, or do 13 miles -and can enter as either as an individual or a team. Walkers can do the

5 mile circuit and choose whether to go over or around the obstacles! In either case this is a golden opportunity to see around the generally private grounds of the Badminton Estate – so have a look at [www.hte-rcsc.co.uk](http://www.hte-rcsc.co.uk) and put the date in your diary!

The Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds is the local Rotary Club, serving Malmesbury, Tetbury and the surrounding villages – for more information about our club see [www.rcsc.co.uk](http://www.rcsc.co.uk).



## Crudwell C of E Primary School newsletter

We are just coming to the end of a very short but incredibly busy term full of sporting and musical activities. I've tried to include a taste of some of the things we've been doing and our school website also contains lots of photographs of many of the events – so, please, have a look!

At the end of February, we entertained a visitor from Barnardo's – when he inspired the children to take part in an "egg-citing" challenge to help raise much needed funds for children so much less fortunate than ours.

The children were challenged to look after an egg for a week – carrying it here and there with them as if it were a child. The children came into school with eggs in all kinds of guises and raised a fantastic £479.69 for the charity through seeking sponsorship for egg caring.

March has been a very busy month for sporting activities. Thirty one of our 7-11 year olds (KS2) were keen to take part in the local schools Cross-Country tournament at Malmesbury Secondary School. Luckily it was one of the warmer and sunnier afternoons. We were delighted to have our Year 3 and 4 girls team achieve 2nd place and our Year 5 and 6 boys team achieve 1st place. Several of our children also did well individually – Grace Davis (Year 4) came in 3rd in her race, Harvey Rowland (Year 5) came in 2nd and his

brother Tom (Year 5) came in 1st in their heats. Well done to all of them.

A number of our children (and teachers) have spent some very cold afternoons and a Saturday morning taking part in Football and Netball tournaments along with other schools in the cluster. In spite of the cold the children have been extremely enthusiastic and have done us proud.

During the first week of March we used World Book day as a focus for our Book Week. Each class had a break from their normal timetable to focus on lots of book related activities – including producing some animations based on Roald Dahl's "Revolt Rhymes" and taking part in some "extreme reading". Thanks to the fund raising of our Friends of Crudwell School (FOCS), the children also had a fabulous storytelling and drama day when Roger Day (a drama specialist) visited. FOCS also gave us invaluable support the evening we invited the children to come back to school in their pyjamas for a bedtime story – FOCS produced hot chocolate and biscuits for 80 youngsters – an event we shall certainly be repeating.

With Red Nose day activities and a musical production for Easter called "Easter Praise" still to take place before the end of term, I'm sure you'll agree that March has been a very busy month at school!

**Kathrine Hume (Head Teacher)**

### Help us keep Crudwell Church standing!

You may have noticed that some repair work has been going on at All Saints Church. The window in the vestry next to the altar has been restored to its former glory and other minor glazing work undertaken also. Meanwhile a very experienced stonemason has been replacing and restoring the stone in the south east corner of the church, where it was in danger of collapsing. This, together with some maintenance work on the roof and gutters, has cost several thousand pounds. Strawberry Fayre funds have helped to pay for this and we are very grateful to the village for this support. Our church is not just old, but a bit of a tapestry of additions and amendments made over

several centuries. It is part of its charm but also causes problems, and one 'join' between the north aisle and main chancel is also going to need extensive work. This is what we hope to raise money for at this year's Strawberry Fayre (and Sizzle and Swing) on 13th & 14th July.

We are also launching Friends of Crudwell Church at a concert to be held in the church on June 15th with all funds going to the repair work.

If you would like to know more about either event or how you can join Friends of Crudwell Church, please contact **Cathy Butcher on 07906 794005 or [cathy@abbey-training.co.uk](mailto:cathy@abbey-training.co.uk)**.

### Sarah Wyman Curate

### Forward Dates:

God willing and with the Bishop's approval on June 30th, 3:30pm at Bristol Cathedral **I will be made a priest.**

We plan to have another coach taking people from here to the Cathedral, details nearer the time.

I would like to thank all of you for your support and help through out the years and I pray that I can help each of you too.

We will be celebrating my first communion (being able to take it) on the 7th July at Hankerton, it should be a joyous occasion; everybody is welcome.

### Wessex Concert Orchestra at Malmesbury Abbey



Mendelssohn's Symphony No.3  
(The Scottish)



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Musical Director Andrew Baatz Leader Nicola Ashton

**Saturday April 20th 2013 at 7.30pm**

Tickets priced £10, and £8 for under 16's and concessions, will be on sale at the Malmesbury Abbey Bookshop; via the website [www.wco.org.uk](http://www.wco.org.uk); and at the door. **For more information go to web site above.**

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**18 May**

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**Diary Date – Saturday 18 May**

## New appointment to School Governors

Tim Roberts is now the Crudwell CofE Primary School Community Governor

Contact at 24 The Dawneys

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## Technology!

Its official. ....it got the better of me!

My apologies to you if you have been trying to contact me by email and failed. The server (some clever bit of kit at my main office) got a virus and was being very picky about accepting emails. I am told that this has now been fixed. If only the viruses we catch were as speedily cured!

This leads me to thinking about modern life and how frustrating it can be when we know what we want, but can't make it happen. Sometimes it's because we can't identify who can help or because the people who can

help are difficult to get through to on the phone.

Other information is only available on the Internet.

Accessing information is one of the ways that I may be able to help. Technology does sometimes get the better of me, but I won't be defeated!

Give me a call on 07557 922020 or (dare I say it) email me on [malmesburygnc@communityfirst.org.uk](mailto:malmesburygnc@communityfirst.org.uk)

Ellen Blacker Good Neighbour Coordinator



## CRUDWELL LADIES

In April we get the opportunity to marvel at Textile Art, demonstrated by Sue Sutton, a talented local expert. Most of us have wielded a needle and thread but not many can make fabric, colour and texture "sing" with our skill. Wed 10th April 7.45 for 8.00 at the Village Hall. Visitors are always welcome. Last month we learned about the contribution the Games Makers (volunteers) made to the Olympics through the eyes and experiences of one of them - Sallie Dearnley. It made some of us wish we too had got personally involved in

helping to make the Games the national triumph they were. Thousands of volunteers have wonderful and unique memories with the added satisfaction of knowing their combined efforts really made a difference. Dogs are near to many of our members' hearts and next month there is plenty of potential for canine-loving softies. Sue Platford of Labrador Rescue (hopefully accompanied by a rescuee) is coming to tell us about their work. Make a diary note to come along on Wed 8th May 7.45 for 8 at the Village Hall.

More information available from Sue 01666-577125

Editors Note: *Sincere apologies for incorrectly naming your prestigious group; I'm just a man doing his best.....*

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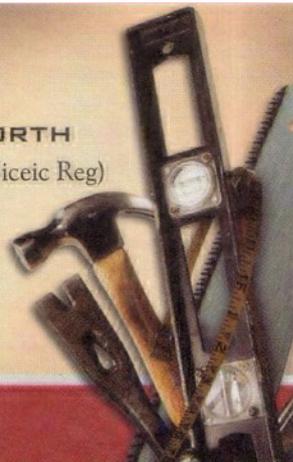
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	5.15pm -6.30pm	Beavers	Village Hall	Paul Hepworth	01666 829539
	6.30pm-	Cubs	Village Hall	Paul Hepworth	01666 829539
		Badminton	Village Hall	George	01666 577196
<b>TUE</b>	9.30am - 10.30am	Tai Chi Classes	Village Hall	Carmel	01666 577502
	10.30 - 12 Noon	Baby & Toddlers	All Saints Church	Katie Day	1st,3rd Tue/Month
	7.00pm-9.00pm	Guides	Village Hall	Lindsey	01666 577828
<b>WED</b>	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
<b>THR</b>	2.30pm -5.00pm	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall	Carmel	01666 577502
	7.00pm	Scouts	Village Hall	Mike	01666 577385
<b>FRI</b>	9.00am -3.00pm	Pre School	Village Hall	Kylie Cloke	07850 372129
	5.00pm	Church Choir	All Saints Church	Eve White	01666 577036
	8.00pm	Badminton	Village Hall	Pauline	01666 577176
<b>SUN</b>	10.00am	CRAG Netball	Village Hall	Debbie	01666 577739
	10.30 - 12 Noon	DIC's Football	Recreation Ground	Alan	01666 577543
	7.30pm -10.00pm	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall	Carmel	01666 577502

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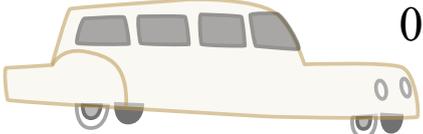
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