Crudwell ParishNews



The CPN continues to receive many requests to publicise money generating charity events. Whereas we would love to give these events free space because they are all for excellent causes, our dilemma is keeping the CPN cost neutral in the light of these growing requests.

To date we have applied a simple *policy of when* we can help we will. Latterly we are receiving not just an increase in number but an increase in the space requested. The dividing line between an article of parish interest and an advert that is informative but seeks to display ticket prices etc. is a fine one.

In months when the edition is safely funded we can be more accommodating but in lean months we would be seeking to cover the cost of space, and when the space requested does not directly contribute to the parish as a whole, we would ask the event organisers to add the advertising to their overheads. We are very mindful that the CPN is a vital communication tool for the parish but reserve the right to use our discretion when the cost neutral issue is threatened. We hope this clears the matter up.

We must pay tribute to **Alex Roberts** who provided this excellent photograph of his school bell to record the start of the new term.



MALMESBURY & DISTRICT LINK - NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Link continues to provide a support service enabling those without their own transport to access local services and facilities including their doctor and hospital appointments. It is a charity which uses volunteer drivers and, although it relies on donations from users, it is partly funded by Community First. In order to make it easier for users of the service to contact Link at any time, they now have an email address, coordinators@malmesburylink.co.uk. The phone number is still 01666 840861 and the line is manned Monday to Friday, 9 am to 1 pm.



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As our legs seek respite after cycling just under 300 miles and the French recover from our Franglais, we are just writing to thank all of those who donated money towards our fundraising and all the support that we received from those in the village and further afield. Not only was the experience incredibly rewarding and brilliant fun (except when we were going uphill) but we managed to raise £1500 for the

Royal British Legion which will go towards their fantastic work. We would like to mention in particular the Rectory Hotel who gave a magnum of Champagne towards our fundraising which as the star attraction in the competition to guess our cycling time contributed £300 towards our fundraising total. Please feel free to ask us about the event, which we would recommend to anyone. *Many thanks again, John and Ian Churchill*

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Is your property ready for winter?

Check the exterior of your property. Are there any loose or missing tiles on the roof, are your gutters clear of leaves, and are there any damp patches on the walls? Use a known and reputable company to do any repair work now. Personal recommendation is best, or try the Age UK Registered Traders list, or Trading Standards site buywithconfidence.gov.uk. Don't wait for the rain or the snow falling – that is when a rogue trader comes knocking on your door telling you that they have noticed a problem which you may not have! Get your central heating boiler serviced; if you use fires get the chimney swept. It is the landlord's responsibility to get these carried out if you live in rented property. Make sure smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are working. If you haven't got any get some installed they could save your life if your air vents become blocked.

Draft proofing doors and windows, loft insulation and lagging your hot water tank all help keep your home warm and comfortable as well as lowering your heating bills. Did you know that an electric blanket which is designed to stay on low all night is more beneficial to your body warmth than keeping the temperature high in your bedroom at night and cheaper. Malmesbury Fire Station is open for checking the safety of electric blankets on 23rd October. Book an appointment on 01225 713557.

Have a supply of **salt and sand** to put on your path and /or steps so that you can walk more safely outside when it is icy.

Are you going to be warm and healthy this winter? If you are over 65 you are entitled to a free flu jab.



The flu virus changes so you need to have a jab every year with the latest vaccine. Flu can develop into Pneumonia which can be very serious, even fatal. Most GP surgeries have a flu clinic. **Make sure you are booked in.** Ideally your living areas should be 18-21?C in the day. Heat your bedroom before you go to bed and keep it at about 18?C overnight. In the coldest weather have the heat come on a little earlier so the rest of the house is warm when you get up.

Keep moving. Don't stay in your chair all day get up every so often and wander around as this generates heat. Eat at least one hot meal a day and lots of hot drinks. If you have difficulty walking try some exercises in your chair to keep you moving. Remember wearing a number of thin layers of clothes is more effective than one thick layer. Have a torch at hand in case of power cuts and also a supply of tinned or dry provisions in case you can't get to the shops. Make arrangements for your regular prescriptions to be delivered by the pharmacy. Just because it is cold out don't give up on your friends or your regular social groups. It is important to socialise – we are happier and healthier when we meet and chat to others. Try to arrange activities so they are in the day rather than in the evening or work out car shares. If you can't get out keep in touch with your friends and family by phone. Hearing about some ones day can help lift your spirits. Listen to local radio it will keep you up to date with what is happening in your area.

Some people are anxious that they will not have enough **money** to cover their **fuel bills** in the coldest months. There are grants to support elderly people who spend more than 10% of their income on fuel and are on state benefits and don't forget that all those on state pension receive a winter fuel payment to help with costs. If you have any queries regarding preparing for winter or would like more information on any of the above, **talk to your local good neighbour coordinator**, **Ellen Blacker on 07757 922020**



Graham Wasey has done it again with a superb seasonal photo....harvest safely gathered in!!! It gets harder each month to decide which of Graham's many submissions occupies the front page. His support this year has been exceptional. Very many thanks Graham.

Quiz Night Quiz Night

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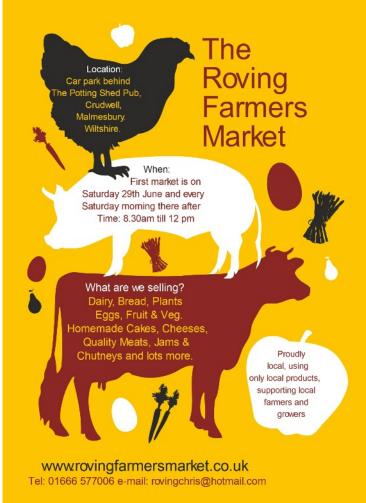
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Neighbourhood Plan

you may have seen recently in the Parish News that I Crudwell is thinking about having its very own "Neighbourhood Plan". And you probably thought"What's one of those, then? And how does it affect me?" This article tries to answer some of those questions.

What is an NP?

It's "A community-led framework for guiding the future development and growth of an area". Or, to put it simply, "How We Use Our Land"

Our area is Crudwell Parish: the area south and east of the Fosse Way; from Kemble Airfield in the north to Murcott in the south; east as far as Flisteridge Wood and including Chedglow, Chelworth, Crudwell and Eastcourt.

Once the Plan is in force, Wiltshire Council and the government must take it into account when deciding on planning applications and the use of land.

Where did the idea come from?

The Localism Act introduced by the current government sets out the principles. The Crudwell Parish Council has taken the initial steps and is responsible for developing the Plan here.

The Plan has to comply with National planning rules; in particular those concerned with sustainability.

What kinds of things can we say?

Some examples of the kinds of things other Neighbourhood Plans cover include:

- Where new houses should be built, what kinds of houses they are and what materials should be used to build them?
- What support there will be for local shops, businesses and the local economy?
- What schools will be needed and how they will take account of population growth and the need for extra capacity?
- What provisions we want to make for local infrastructure such as sports, parking and transport, rural broadband, and what contribution developers must make in these areas.

■ How we will encourage sustainability, for example by promoting the use of solar energy?

What happens and how long does it take?

We think it will take about two years from start to finish – this is typical of other localities who have written a Plan.

Once we have sounded out everyone who wants to contribute – individuals, local groups, businesses and other interest groups, we collect the information together into the Plan and circulate it for comments.

It then goes to Wiltshire Council for review and an independent examiner also assesses it. We may need to make changes at this point if we haven't reflected national planning rules in quite the right

Finally, there's a referendum where everyone in the Parish has a vote. If there is a simple majority of 50% or more of votes in favour, the Plan comes into force.

How you can help?

- Volunteer for the team which is being set up to talk to people and write the Plan.
- Get involved by contributing your ideas, either as an individual or by representing your business or group – if it's based in the Parish.
- Bring your specific skills to help. At the moment, we'd like to hear from anyone with web design skills; a background in journalism; knowledge of marketing and communications; experience in Planning law; or graphic designers. But no matter what your area of expertise, or if you just have some good ideas and want to share them, please get in touch.

Contact details.

We hope to have a Neighbourhood Plan web site in the near future. Until the the near future. Until then, you can reach us through our temporary email address:

> Crudwell NP@calladale.com or call Jonathan Furlonger on 01666 577298 between 6:00 and 9:00 pm.

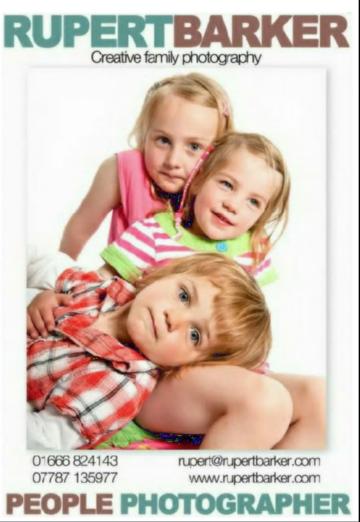
Many thanks for reading about the Neighbourhood Plan, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Village Hall News

Have you visited our up to the minute web-site yet? Log on to www.cvhrg.org.uk to find out all you want to know about our Village Hall. It includes information and contacts for all the regular groups as well as a calendar to see hiring availability with prices. It is possible to book on-line for that party or fund-raiser so give it a look! Plans are going forward for

improvements to the Hall. There is the possibility of an extension to give an extra room for hire to smaller groups, for meetings etc as well as more basic needs like improving the kitchen and up-grading the toilets. Watch this space or speak to any Committee member to give your input. This is your Hall!







Crudwell 24 hour Biker Ride End of Year

As summer draws to a close, it is sad to reflect on the fact that despite a glorious summer we were unable to hold the bike ride this year. Due to

circumstances beyond our control, it was simply too risky to go ahead on the planned date and, as ever, all other dates were either not suitable or the village hall was booked etc.

So the committee are now looking forward to the return of the bike ride in 2014 with renewed vigour.

Several people have mentioned that it would be nice to bring the year to a close with a Bonfire Night event. Whilst it is a too late for this year, we would like to see if this could be staged next year.

As ever there are lots of issues surrounding staging

such an event but the first hurdle to overcome is the venue, so the committee are looking for a venue (field) which the owner would allow a bonfire/ firework display to be held. We have found a company that could stage the display and they also promise to clear up afterwards which is always a concern. The field needs to be within walking distance for the villagers so to alleviate traffic congestion and parking issues.

So if you own such a field or know someone who does and would be willing to support a village event please get in touch with the Bike Ride committee.

As the days shorten and weather worsens, if you are out on your bike please be seen. Day-Glo is a good look sometimes as we want you all fit and well for the 2014 Bike Ride

Special Celebratory Service and Reception for Barry All Saints' Church, Crudwell

Sunday 13th October at 11am

There will be a special Holy Communion service held at the church to mark the retirement of our Rector of 22 years, **Barry Raven.** This will be followed by a reception with light refreshments in Crudwell School. **All are welcome.**

Stop Press Church Notices

Braydonbrook Vacancy Special Meeting All Saints' Church, Crudwell

Wednesday 16th October at 6 - 7pm

Bishop Mike of Bristol will lead a meeting to explain the process of recruiting a new Rector for the Braydonbrook Benefice. **All are welcome**.

CRUDWELL CHURCH SERVICES OCTOBER 2013

Sunday 6 th October	Harvest Festival & Supper	6 pm
Sunday 13th October	Barry's Retirement Service	11 am
Sunday 20th October	Holy Communion (CW)	11 am
Sunday 27th October	All Age Worship	11 am

COFFEE 'N' CHAT What a busy time the coffee

'n' chatterers have had, 2 lovely outings in quick succession. Carole & Frank Soden made us so very welcome in their lovely garden on Friday, 30th August. We raised £88.70 for Church funds and raffle prize winners were: Pat Button; Nicola Blackmore; Tony Pain; Margaret English; Sarah Capper; Pam Baldry; Sherry Wood; Sandra Doel; Hope Carpenter; Kathleen Gifford; Fiona Hart; Liz Robertson; Sophie Taylor and Pat Sawdon. The morning was made all the more fun by Frank's very welcome sherry before we went home. Then on Tuesday, 10th September we were off again to Judy & Anthony Clark in Morgans Tyning. The sales table was like a harvest festival, with fruit, vegetables, cakes and jam – all home grown. The best sellers were some lovely little lemon drizzle cakes made by Judy &

Ant's 2-year old grand-daughter. The raffle prize winners were: Dorothy Cross; Helen Whelen; Les Pearce; Helen Carter; Edna Smith; Liz Robertson; Eileen Hearsey; Tony Pain; Joan Mundy; Pam Cater; Sally Wilson; Elizabeth Cater (cake maker extraordinaire) and Margaret English. We raised £153.50 for Church funds and a fantastic time was had by all. So thank you to everyone, hosts, helpers and coffee drinkers. On Monday, 14th October we will meet in Church (please note change of venue) as the Church will be full of flowers from two weddings and Barry's Retirement Service. Helen Carter is providing the coffee and biscuits for 14th and then on Wednesday, 13th November we have been invited to Helen & Philip Carter. So, we look forward to meeting new and old friends, so do come along for a chat, a lucky raffle ticket and a browse on our sales table.

AMATEUR BUT ENTHUSIASTIC ACTORS WANTED FOR OPEN THE BOOK

If you have an hour to spare on a Monday morning (but not every Monday), then please do come along and join us. We are a small group of ladies (but gentlemen would be most welcome) who meet at 8.30 am on some Monday mornings to act out selected Bible stories for the children at Crudwell Primary School. We are told that the children do understand and enjoy these sessions. We have great fun trying out our thespian aspirations, props and costumes are

provided. We are in need of a couple more people to join us, no previous experience necessary, only the delight of being recognised out in the Crudwell byways by lovely children who greet you so happily. This only takes an hour and we are all back at our own homes drinking a welcome tea or coffee by 9.45 am. If you think you would like to join in, please contact **Helen Carter on 577375.** It probably won't lead to a

part in the next James Bond film, but it will be fun.

Tai Chi will help keep us in trim during the winter months as more time is spent sitting in easy chairs or just generally indoors. Come along and join us in Crudwell Village Hall every Tuesday from 9.30am for an hour. This seems like a gentle exercise at first, until you realize you have worked every muscle you possess and several more. Just wear comfy

shoes and easy clothes and improve your co-ordination and muscle flexibility. Monika, our teacher, is very patient (just as well) and never scolds or gets exasperated with us. If you would like to know more, just ring **Carmel on 577502** or **Margaret on 577572** for more info. Look forward to seeing you any Tuesday.

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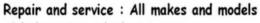
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🏊 Primary School

After a very enjoyable and lovely summer, our Autumn term is already well underway. We have welcomed 15 children to our Reception class, as well as 6 other children to different year groups throughout the school and two new teachers.

At the start of every school year one of the first tasks is the appointing of our School Council. The Council is made up of one child from Year 1 to Year 5 plus 5 Year 6 pupils – all of which are voted for by the pupils. This year we have introduced two new pupil positions- Head boy and Head girl. These pupils are appointed by the staff and automatically take 2 of the Year 6 places on the School Council. Our first heads of school are Harvey Rowland and Isobel Wilson. We congratulate them and wish them luck in this new role.

One of the aims of last year's school council was to raise funds to repair the school bell. They didn't succeed in raising the funds, but thanks to the work of Roger Wilson, one of our parents, two of our school council leaders were able to ring the repaired bell to signal the end of the summer term. I'm sure you'll

enjoy hearing the bell ringing on a regular basis throughout this year.

As a school, we benefit greatly from the constant fund raising work of the Friends of Crudwell School (FOCS) and the support of the Lord Lucas Trust. Thanks to the financial support of both of these groups, and the work of Claire Buxton (one of our parents) in securing a grant from Elizabeth Hodges Trust & Malmesbury Community Trust, we were able to convert two very small rooms into a super new room during the summer holidays. The new room will provide a classroom for our Year 1 children every morning and be a super school library in the afternoons.

Many of you supported the first FOCS event of the year – a Fine Food Feast. The event raised a wonderful £600 through the sale of produce from local growers and artisan food stalls. There was also an opportunity for children (and adults) to try their hand at sausage and cheese making with professionals, as well as the chance to attend a fantastic bread making workshop led by Richard Bertinet (an award winning cook). If you weren't at the end event you missed a treat – literally.



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CRIME REPORT

I hope that everyone managed to have a good summer. Crime over the last month has been fairly steady with no expected peaks. There have probably been slightly more thefts reported than the previous month. However some of these have been detected such as a stolen car from Leigh and a stolen pedal cycle in Minety. There was a criminal damage to a car in Oaksey that has been detected as well as a sexual offence in one of the villages. I was disappointed to see that two vehicles have been broken into at beauty spots where bags were on display, this is despite my constant reminders not to tempt potential thieves. There was a nasty head on vehicle collision on the B4696 (Braydon road) on the morning of Wednesday 7th August and we are still appealing for any witnesses that may have see this to call on the non emergency number 101 quoting

PC Steve HARVEY Community Beat Manager

incident number 54130074749. There have been 5 road traffic collisions over this last month with one driver / rider arrested for being over the prescribed limit. In an earlier report I mentioned that a person driving a car in Minety playing field car park had failed to stop for me and drove carelessly. The driver pleaded guilty at Court recently and received points on his licence and a heavy fine. In a recent survey covering Malmesbury and surrounding villages 'speeding' was the main concern within the community. Therefore for the next three months I will be targeting speeding drivers as well as mobile phone and seat belt offences.

This links in with the usual Christmas drink / drive campaign. Please be warned that the fines for speeding / mobile phone and seat belt offences has increased to £100 (previously £60).

A plea from Hankerton Residents.

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Service 93 currently runs approximately every two hours between 0730 and 1830 on Mondays to Saturdays. The service carries around 35,000 passenger journeys a year. The school and college journeys are well used to both Cirencester and Malmesbury, Around half of passengers overall are travelling to / from Cirencester and half to / from Malmesbury. Crudwell and Oaksey are the villages generating the most passengers. The main proposed

change is that the 09:32 service to Malmesbury is to be dropped with the 10:32 remaining. The return journey on the 12:00 from Cross Hayes to is also to be dropped. This means that instead of spending a comfortable hour shopping in Malmesbury, passengers will now have to spend 2 hours there until catching the 1.00pm bus. The first bus to Cirencester will be at 11:17, too late for any connecting services to, say, Cheltenham, and get back the same day, and if one catches the 11:17, the first one back is not until 1400 from Cirencester.



North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

It's hard to believe that we are now thinking about the Autumn programme for the Flower Club! What a wonderful summer of outings, flower demonstrations and just recently a very successful Strawberry Tea in a member's beautiful garden in aid of Charity. We hope to welcome some new faces onto the Flower Club committee after our September Annual General Meeting, to continue the valuable work that goes on behind the scenes to keep the club running successfully.

Wednesday 16th October is a Flower Club meeting when Rosemary Stammers will demonstrate 'Sweet Inspirations'. There will also be a competition for members to bring along a flower arrangement which should signify how to interpret 'Autumn Inspiration'. Club members are very talented and put a lot of effort into the competitions. Wednesday 20th November – CHRISTMAS EVENT – David Martin will demonstrate 'Christmas Naturally' at the Sundial

Theatre, Cirencester, GL7 1XA. Contact Sue on 01666 577125 for ticket information or Dreena on 01666 860467. Last year we had floods in Wiltshire on the Event night and we still filled the theatre. We hope everybody will come along and support this special event this year also.

All meetings unless otherwise indicated will be held at Crudwell Village Hall starting at 7.30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Doors open at 7pm and the club have a sales table, plant stall, floristry library books and raffle. The meetings end with complimentary tea/coffee and cake/biscuits which enables everybody to mix and have a friendly chat. New members and visitors are very welcome. Annual membership costs £25 and Visitors pay £5 per meeting.

Pamela Loftus Committee member.

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Crudwell Ladies We all sometimes joke about having the odd

memory lapse as we get older, but when it happens for real it is no joke. Dementia affects many people and yet most of us know little about it. Put that right by coming along to our meeting on Wed 9th October to learn about how "Singing for the Brain" helps those who have the condition and their carers. 7.45 for 8.00 in the Village Hall. Visitors very welcome. Pam Ollis will explain a bit about dementia and Mike Oakes will lead a practical demonstration. A donation from the evening will be made to Fun 4 All, the charity founded by Mike to give breaks to carers. Make a forward

diary date of our 13th November meeting when we will be taking a "Light-hearted look at the Law". Plenty of scope there! Our September open event with Bernie Tidmarsh talking about his life as a farrier and local resident was a huge success. Crudwellians came from all corners of the parish to hear him and were not disappointed. His tales were interspersed with humour, local history, and fascinating insights into his equine world. Skill and passion were obvious and it was a complete delight to see someone so proud of and content with his craft and life. Bernie declined to take a fee but instead asked that we make a donation to Riding for the Disabled.

More information from Sue 01666-577125

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Flood Warden Notes.

Who is repeatedly pushing these "concreted" sand bags into the Swillbrook? Who is continuing to create crossing point stepping stone dams across the steam bed?

The Parish Council (PC) has spent a lot of your money to shape the stream bed and place nearly 35 tons of local Cornbrash stone to replace the silt that had formed over many years. The cross section shape of the stream bank is designed to keep the water flowing at high & low flow, to "self clean" or limit the potential silt build up. The silt is dangerous to walk in and it encourages plant growth which becomes a further impediment to flow. The addition of concrete bags and stepping stones is **irresponsible.** I would have thought that the lessons of the debris removal from the brook in 2007 had been learnt, but it seems not!

The photographs opposite were taken last week. I estimate that these bags weigh in the region of 35 kilos each. I removed 4 crossing points and the many broken branches lodged against these obstacles; plus several branches from within the conduits shown in the photo. Also 3 beer cans. I find it hard to convince other local riparian owners to clean their ditches and water courses in the interests of village flood prevention, when I cannot demonstrate that we maintain our brook to the required standard. *Please assist in anyway possible to prevent this problem by reporting the perpetrators to the PC*.

A newly announced Wiltshire Council (WC) strategy for engaging with water course owners and managers, requires that the PC initially make an informal direct approach to the owner, nominating the perceived problem. The second stage will see the PC reporting the issue to WC for further advice. The third stage will see formal communication between WC and the owner to rectify the investigated problem. Final

communication between WC and the owner to rectify the investigated problem. Finally I have already asked Clarence for the Gullies about the parish be cleaned prior to the arrival of the Winter rains. Stay dry!





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CRUDWELL LADIES LUNCHEON CLUB

We have said goodbye to summer and, most appropriately, luncheon club's topic was Water Aid for MANNING-577647 or MARGARET ENGLISH-September. As water is something we all take for granted, it was good reminder that for lots of countries, it is not available on tap.

On Monday, 21st October, we are going into the murky waters of lady spies. Paul Booy has promised to make it clearer than the John Le Carré books. We'll find out if there are any budding secret agents among the lunch club. The worst form of torture for most of us would be to take away our lipsticks or perfume. As

usual, we welcome guests so please call either PAT 577572 and if there is space, we will be delighted to see you.

We meet every third Monday (except August) at the Mayfield House Hotel at 11.30am, sitting down to a great 2-course lunch at around 12.15pm. Frank, Lyn and his very lovely young team have had a more peaceful summer without us, so let's see if we can spoil their calm Monday mornings. We are organised gently so that we sit down on time to a terrific lunch.

Gone Girl - by Gillian Flynn

Nick and Amy's marriage is in trouble. When they first got together they just clicked, they became the best versions of themselves. But then Nick loses his job in the recession and Amy loses her savings, so when Nick's Mother becomes ill they return to his home town. Things don't get any better though as Amy feels isolated and adrift from her old life in New York and Nick becomes even more distant.

Then, on their 5th anniversary, Nick returns home to find the front door open, signs of a struggle inside and Amy – gone. As Nick struggles to adjust to the situation the police struggle to find any clues and start

Chelworth Bookworms

to look to the most likely suspect, Nick himself. As we learn more about Nick and Amy's life together, we too start to think – maybe..... Gone Girl is the "must read" book of the summer. Starting slowly, it gradually builds momentum as we find out just what did happen to Amy that day. Discovering that there are two sides to every story, our allegiances switch back and forth between Nick and Amy right to the end.

Not so much a "whodunnit" but a "howdunnit", Gone Girl will leave you wondering whether that is really the end of the story.

Ghilly Vincenti

AUTUMN. By the time this is in the parish letters we shall have had our September meeting. Ann Barnes was booked to talk to us about her duties as a volunteer in the Great Western Hospital but sadly she was in hospital then herself so the talk and place had to be changed and we met instead with Margaret Godfrey in Minety - more about that in my

So on to October and our meeting on Thursday the 10th, at 10.30 in Crudwell church, where we still expect to have a talk from Barry Raven about preparing couples for marriage He has had plenty of experience of this as Crudwell has been a very popular place for weddings, and the couples themselves admit this is because there is a good hotel for the reception

next newsletter.

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next door to a lovely old church - what more could they want!

So on to November, when we meet on Thursday the 14th at Hankerton church where Sarah Wyman will give us a preparation for Advent. How the year has flown by, Advent means that it will be Christmas next and it seems to have come round very quickly. I have already had two or three catalogues for charity cards and gifts and must now begin to think about choosing some. And best of all it will be Christmas services and carols and family gatherings - what a special time of year. Hopefully see you all at these meetings.

Jane, 577282

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TRACTOR TALK

Jonathan Capper

So this month's offering brings literally the MOST exciting thing to have happened this year (apart from the obvious) is that we have... wait for it... wait... yes you've guessed it, started harvest! Finally the wheels are turning!! Well almost, in the fact that we started, then the combine suffered a minor mishap leaving us machineless for 5 days. Luckily (if you can say that) it was raining, so we managed a catch up on broken bits, dirty things and phone calls arranging muck spreaders, lorries to pick up the seed and so many other bits that are forgotten. The cultivator is out of the shed and has had the paint scuffed off its new points. The driver was not overly keen on the idea of getting out of the cab into manure so I told him the best idea would be to not stop till he had done it all. Not too keen on that idea either! Anyway we are all swimming along and yes, I am going to talk about the weather at this point... we could do with some more sunshine too please! I nearly fell over last week when I overheard a friend who came to stay, (who lives in that there London village I might add) say "I love the winter time, can we light a fire" and "wasn't this summer so nice with those 3 to 4 weeks of sunshine and heat". I could cry right now I thought to myself, 'wasn't' the summer nice!?!?!! It isn't supposed to be over! And breathe ...

To calm myself I thought I would talk about something that I know we all hear about but some are not to ofay with. 'Rural villages' or 'Farming Communities'. What does this mean to some of us? Everything, to those who farm or work the land here. Sadly the days of markets in Tetbury and Tetbury station have gone and the same can be said for so many of our 'market' towns and surroundings. What makes Crudwell parish so interesting is the number of businesses that aren't farms in their own right that operate with farming in their heart of business. For those that don't know 'JT Carpenters' and what the business behind the 10 foot walls do on the way out of Crudwell, they move grain (amongst other things) and they play a key part in what we do. Once we cut the grains and process them for drying or cleaning in the corn store they have to be moved off and away. For oil seed rape (OSR or rape for short if you are ever talking to a farmer) it usually for us means Erith, London and for the Wheat it means Avonmouth, Royal Portbury Docks or straight into somewhere like a feed mill for animal processing. It all needs moving and these are the guys who do it all from the sleepy village of Crudwell. Further up the road in Chelworth is Alvan Blanch who after 60 years of business is one of the UK's leading agricultural crop processing production manufacturers. For a long time the farm here had one of their dryers in use, it was only in recent times and due to a fire that we changed and went for a different style of dryer.

I know that's only 2 out of the other, and so many smaller micro businesses but it goes to show what we have.

It goes to show that for most of Crudwell's inhabitants they won't remember there being 3 'shops', a milk round carried out by Simon (who is now a decorator) and a number of the 'neighbours' that lived amongst us being involved in farming. Times change and the world is faster paced now but without these businesses and people we wouldn't have communities like ours. So diverse, so colourful and so steeped in history, it makes you kind of proud in a 'land of hope and glory' way! Development is crucial but so is food. "They aren't making any more land" as someone once said to me, and that is so true, especially when you think about how much goes to waste.

So there you are and I can't believe that even in my mid 30's I find myself preaching about the economy, housing and even food shortages! I guess that bald spot (or solar panel for the love.... (I'll stop there)) Hasn't come too late at all! I would like to think that there will always be a farm here, run by a relative of mine and I imagine that the Carpenters, Blanches, Clarks, Thornton's, Doel's and all the others [please don't be offended if I have missed you out, blame the editor, he limits my word count!] feel that way to, we are all proud to farm and be linked with farming, we wouldn't do it otherwise, we just want our community to remember the line 'Rural' and not let us hear the line that will go to my grave with me... "I can't believe it, there were tractors going past my window after 9pm last night" – Unnamed resident August 2004



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	6.30pm -	Cubs	Village Hall	Paul Hepworth	01666 829359	
	8.00pm-10.00pm	Badminton	Village Hall	George	1666 577196	
Tue	9.30am-10.30am	Tai Chi Classes	Village Hall	Carmel	1666 577502	
	10.30am-12noon	Baby & Toddlers	All Saints Church	Katie Day	1st,3rd,Tue/Month	
	7.00pm-9.00pm	Guides	Village Hall	Lindsey	1666577828	
Wed	9.00am-3.00pm	Pre School	Village Hall	Kylie Cloke	07850 372129	
	4.00pm-5.00pm	Rainbow Guides	Village Hall	Jules Nash	1666 577277	
	5.00pm-6.30pm	Brownies	Village Hall	Alison Wilson	1666 577285	
				Sarah Wilson	1666 577554	
	6.00pm-	Totally Tennis	Recreation Ground	Annie	1666 577091	
	2.30pm-5.00pm	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall	Carmel	1666 577502	
Thr	7.00pm	Scouts	Village Hall	Mike	1666 577385	
Fri	9.00am-3.00pm	Pre School	Village Hall	Kylie Cloke	07850 372129	
	5.00pm	Church Choir	All Saints Church	Eve White	1666 577036	
	8.00pm-10.00pm	Badminton	Village Hall	Robbie	1666 577607	
	10:00:00	CRAG Netball	Village Hall	Debbie	1666 577739	
Sat	10.30am-12noon	DIC's Football	Recreation Ground	Alan	1666 577543	
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Next Parish Council Meeting: 6 NOVEMBER Start at 7.00pm, Crudwell Village Hall..

All are welcome to attend and there are opportunities to raise points and pass comments. If you cannot attend and wish to have issues raised in your absence please contact the Parish Council Clerk to record your remarks. Contact on 01666 575280 or email at zen23076@zen.co.uk.

For Neighbourhood Plan input contact Jonathan Furlonger between 6.00 & 9.00 pm on 01666 577298 or email to

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