# Crudwell Parish News

NOVEMBER
2013

**Memories at this time of Remembrance.**

Plato **Only the dead have seen the end of war.**

The first major family feud I can remember occurred when I announced my intention to join the Royal Air Force at the age of fifteen. My grandmother berated my mother, her daughter, severely for even allowing such thoughts to enter my head, let alone be condoned and encouraged.

Her argument was simple, she had witnessed her husband serving in France during the Great War, who as a Courier, returned to the front four times. He survived the war without serious injury. A little over twenty years later her son, my uncle departed against her wishes to the desert war in North Africa, he was lucky also, returning unhurt following the freeing of Italy. My grandmother considered that her family had been blessed and that it was tempting fate to permit a third generation to undergo military service.

Throughout my service many of my aircrew colleagues perished. Some in avoidable accidents, some not. An aircraft crash in Scotland, all crew lost, another aircraft to a missile strike, all crew lost, an individual decapitated by a rotor blade, another lost in a helicopter crash during the Falklands War, another (one of four) in a mid air collision and a very close friend to cancer.

***They are not forgotten by me.***

*IJM*

**EDITORIAL** Sadly not a single response has been received in support or otherwise of the Neighbourhood Plan, introduced last month. This is disappointing and not helpful to the team of experts masterminding this initiative. Without the protection of this document parish residents will have future policies dictated to them by the local authority with limited ability for challenge. We have added the contact details of the team leader on page 16. Please contact him for the information and detail that needs to be appreciated before you dismiss this vital opportunity to contribute.

The parish water courses appeared to cope with the October rain. It would be sensible for those who have invested in Flood Resilience measures to make sure the blanks and fittings are serviceable and readily available as we enter the Winter season if you have not done so by now.

We are pleased to report extremely good support from our WC Streetscene Team who are tasked with the maintenance of the parish. On page 3 we have added a guide to reporting defects to them.

There is a general safety warning theme to several of our articles this month. The message is, enjoy yourselves but recognise the dangers involved with some of these seasonal activities and take the recommended precautions please.

***Please may we have your Christmas articles and copy in as early as possible for the December CPN.***

## Crudwell Primary C of E School News

By the time you read this we will already have broken up for our October holiday – Term 1 has simply flown by!A few weeks ago we celebrated Harvest Festival. Each class presented their 'performances' with a harvest theme to parents, aunts, uncles and grandparents. This year their contributions were poems, songs, choral pieces based on 'the enormous turnip' and a very amusing rap version of well-known nursery rhymes with a harvest twist. Our harvest offering this year was in aid of Stroud Food Bank. The children contributed so many tins of vegetables, fruit and savoury pies, tinned fruit and sponge puddings that my car boot was almost overflowing when I packed it for delivery to the food bank. Immediately following our harvest service in Church, we returned to school where School Council had organised a Macmillan Coffee morning. This was also a hugely successful event, raising just over £217 for the charity.

Our parents and friends group, FOCS, continued to raise funds for the school this month with the 6km 'fun run'. The day was a very happy event, blessed by wonderful blue skies and warm autumnal sunshine. It was also good to have a number of older members of the community join the event.

The children have been engaged in a range of sports this term, including gymnastics, tag rugby and girls cricket. In the next few weeks we have a number of tournaments taking place - girls cricket, in Chippenham, and a tag rugby tournament here. More news of both of these next month.

Finally, in October we marked Rev. Raven's retirement. Rev. Raven has been a governor at the school for many years as well as being a regular visitor into school, leading assemblies or leading our Church based services at Harvest, Christmas, Easter and our annual 'leavers' service'. The children marked Rev. Raven's retirement with cards and special messages. Also, our head girl, Isobel Wilson and Aahna Patel, another member of Year 6, were delighted to be able to share in Rev. Raven's farewell service by reading a poem. We were also delighted to be able to offer our school as a venue for the informal farewell following his final service. We would like to wish Rev. Raven a very long and happy retirement.

Kath Hume

## Ben – Guide Dog Puppy

Some of you may remember me walking locally with my puppy Guide Dog, Ben, who is a beautiful black Labrador/Retriever cross and even remember his enthusiastic welcome he gave everyone and dogs alike plus remembering me retrieving him from you when he was learning his recall instructions!

I am very pleased to say that this 7 week old puppy has now matured and passed as a fully qualified Guide Dog for the Blind. Ben's partner is a blind family man living in Buckinghamshire where they both are enjoying life. Special thanks goes to Barbara as my local supervisor who thoroughly supported me in the year I had Ben as a puppy walker and to Ben's professional trainers getting him to the exemplary standard that allows a human being to put their total trust in their dog to give them the freedom that a sighted person may take for granted. I am so proud of Ben and his team. ***Tina Reynolds***

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## PLEASE HELP KEEP YOUR PARISH CLEAN & FUNCTIONAL : REPORT ALL PROBLEMS PLEASE !

There has been an increase of Fly Tipping around the Parish: the Fosse Track off the Tetbury Road from the A429, a traditional site, and in the deep ditches along the Chelworth to Oaksey Road. The later, of course has Flooding implications added to the cost of clearance to us all when Wiltshire Council (WC) cleans up the mess following these anti social occurrences.

Crudwell Parish Council wish to draw your attention to a very user friendly web site where you can alert WC by completing the anonymous on line report form. Examples of anticipated problems are shown on the extract of the form opposite. There is even a map provided to permit accurate location of the report details. You can of course still report on **0800 23 23 23** or **clarence@wiltshire.gov.uk.**

It is worth knowing that Fly Tipped articles will be examined and if WC can identify the owner then appropriate legal action will follow. The web address is reproduced in full below, once used then log it in you "Favourites" or "Bookmarks" for next time.

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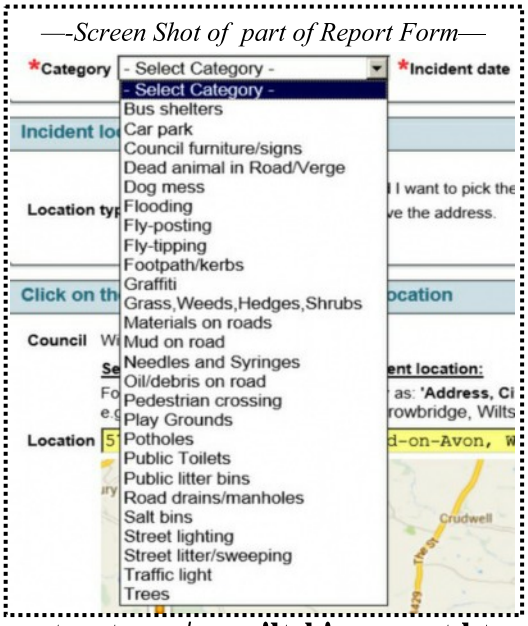


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| Sunday 3rd November | Morning Worship | 11 am |
| Sunday 10th November | Remembrance Service | 10.50 am |
| Sunday 17th November | All Age Worship | 11 am |
| Sunday 24th November | Holy Communion | 11 am |

## CRUDWELL CHURCH NEWS

### COFFEE 'N' CHAT

Another great morning for the coffee 'n' chatterers was held on Monday, 14th October in Crudwell Church, with Helen Carter kindly providing the coffee/tea and bringing along some of Barry & Avril's retirement party cake. The Church looked beautiful with the flower arrangements done by the ladies of the 6 Churches in Braydon Brook benefice for Barry's final service. The Autumn colours of the flowers really did look stunning. The raffle prize winners were: Gina Hanson; Tony Pain; Zandra Browning; Kathleen Telling; Joan Mundy; Margaret English; Hope Carpenter; Eve White; Carmel Rogers; Sally Wilson; Anita Smith and Helen Whelen. Thank you to everyone who provided the lovely raffle prizes and also provide goodies for the sales table. The grand sum of £119.90 was raised towards the cost of running our historic All Saints Church. On Wednesday, 13th November we have been invited to the home of Helen & Philip Carter. Thank you for a second turn at hosting the Coffee 'n' Chat. Our Christmas Coffee 'n' Chat will be on Wednesday, 11th December in the Church, it will be particularly festive as the flower ladies will have done the Christmas arrangements just beforehand. Thanks must also go to Helen Whelan for coming along to our mornings with her cards and accessories; she was busy taking Christmas orders. So, please come along and join us, it really is such a happy and friendly way to spend a morning.

### WEDDING VERGERS NEEDED - £50 FEE

If you can spare 2-3 hours on an occasional Saturday morning, this is a very pleasant way to earn some pocket money. Please contact Cathy Butcher on 577612 to find out more.

### HARVEST FESTIVAL AND SUPPER

Our Harvest Festival was very enjoyable, followed by a ploughman's supper, apple cake and cider. Many thanks to all who supported it, especially The Potting Shed for supplying the lovely cheese.

### AMATEUR BUT ENTHUSIASTIC ACTORS WANTED FOR OPEN THE BOOK

We have had one volunteer (thank you, Gina) to join us but we would still welcome more budding actors/actresses to help out on the occasional Monday mornings. We meet at 8.30 am to act out selected Bible stories for the children at Crudwell Primary School. We have great fun trying out our thespian aspirations, props and costumes are provided. The reaction of the children makes it all worthwhile and they welcome the chance to help us out. 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.

### TAI CHI

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 9.30 am 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.

### SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

On Saturday, 7th December, Save The Children fund is holding a Christmas Bazaar in Crudwell Village Hall from 10.30 am until 3.30 pm. Tea/coffee/mince pies will be for sale during the morning, with soup and rolls being served at lunchtime. There will be a variety of stalls ready for some Christmas shopping, suitable for both young and not so young, and a game or two to keep the littlies out of mum's hair while she spends her money (hopefully). If you wish to have a stall (we still have a few table spaces left), please ring Maureen Clarke on 503574 or Margaret English on 577572 to find out more. Look forward to seeing you on Saturday, 7th December.

## CRUDWELL LADIES LUNCHEON CLUB

On Monday, 21st October, we went into the murky world of espionage, admittedly not much call for it in Crudwell, but at lease we are well prepared, in case we are called up, thanks to Paul Booy. On Monday, 18th November, we welcome Geoff Lewis who is going to take us into the dark side of buying and selling houses and the convoluted world of letting. To say that Geoff has a very humorous, if somewhat cynical view of this world, is an understatement. But you will never look at a 'For Sale', 'To Let' or 'Sold' board again without smiling at Geoff's stories. So ladies, if you wish to find out more about this topic, please call either PAT MANNING-577647 or MARGARET ENGLISH-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 11.30 am, sitting down to a great 2-course lunch at around 12.15 pm. The team at Mayfield House never cease to welcome us so graciously even though we must drive them round the bend with the noise of 39 ladies chatting; forgetting what we've ordered and then taking ages to leave the Mayfield. The food and service as ever is superb.

### Barry's Farewell

There was standing room only for the Holy Communion service at All Saints Crudwell on Sunday 13th October, as the village and others from the Braydon Brook group of churches bade farewell to Reverend Canon Barry Raven. At a moving service, at which Archdeacon Christine Froude preached, Barry and Avril were presented with gifts and words of appreciation from all six churches in the benefice, from Crudwell School and from the Mothers' Union. This was followed by a reception in Crudwell School, with canapés and a specially commissioned cake. Crudwell PCC would like to thank all who gave their time and effort towards making the occasion such a success.

We will all miss both Barry and Avril a great deal, and we are delighted that they will not be living too far away, so we may see them from time to time.

*With Archdeacon of Malmesbury, Venerable Christine Froude, is Rev. Canon Barry Raven and Reverend Sarah Wyman, Curate of Braydon Brook Benefice, in the Chancel at All Saints' Church, Crudwell.*

## Crudwell Ladies

"A Light-hearted look at the Law" might sound ironic - but our legislation and learned friends give plenty of scope for laughter and mirth. Heather Wannell, who works in a local solicitors, has the inside track. Come along and have a giggle at the far- from-fusty funny things in our justice system. **Wed 13th November, 7.45 for 8.00, Crudwell Village Hall. Visitors very welcome.**

December is when we put our thinking caps on to put together our 2014 programme - helped by a bevy or two and some delicious calories. It's amazing the ideas and contacts we have between us, and somehow it all comes together by the end of the evening. Come along with your tongue, brain and a plate of goodies to share and you will be very welcome. **Wed 11th Dec, 7.45 for 8.00, the Village Hall.**

Our October meeting took some of us right back to sing-along-a-Guides. How many years is it since most of us did singing rounds of long-forgotten classics? Decades, trust me. Such is the capacity of our brains, it only took a talented singing leader and a few bars to get us all joining in, remembering the words and even singing in parts! That helped us understand, in a very practical way, how such sessions can be enjoyed by people with dementia whose short-term memory might be poor. "Singing for the Brain" is good fun and works on many levels. If you know someone who might enjoy it, or who might benefit from more general help, contact the Alzheimer's Society in North Wiltshire.

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# TRACTOR TALK

**Jonathan Capper**

Oh cr*p, I had this month all written out and I got, well, cocky! I wanted to say that we had finished harvest and we had all gone on holiday… Alas, this hasn't happened (at all), although doing 18-21 hour days continuously I feel I need one! We have over 50 acres of the hardest crop to harvest left and that is linseed. Linseed is the crop that flowers purple, just after the OSR has turned yellow in the spring time. Historically it has always been a break crop (a secondary crop grown to interrupt the repeated sowing of cereals as part of crop rotation and removal of persistent weeds) but between me and you it's a pain. It is a wiry crop that wraps around all moving parts on the cultivator, drill and combines and we would spend more time 'unwrapping' it than actually moving forward. Please don't ask why we planted it!!

This month's triumphs have included… drilling all OSR into the ground following some applications of manure across the farm (apologies for the 2 day pong that ensued), drilling 80% of our winter wheat in too and hopefully nuking all slugs before they decide that our expensive seedlings are tonight's supper! This picture is mildly ironic to put it frankly… I found this slug snoozing on a bag of slug pellets…

Sadly it is the nature of the game that while we try to produce better crops through development and science we have to use chemicals and other such products to keep them growing. To stop the slugs from destroying £0000's worth of seed we use a product called Metaldehyde & Methiocarb. Now for the simple sciency bit…. These are the key ingredients in slug pellets. The former causes the slug to swell and the later cause's damage to the mucus cells resulting in the over-production of mucus. Death is the result of dehydration. It isn't nice and it is the same stuff as you or I would buy in the garden centre. Please stay off the fields and areas that aren't a footpath, right of way or roadway. It isn't only because you are trespassing but also no one wants a pet fatality or ill persons on their hands.

So what else has been happening this month, well there is continued tidying as always (its my OCD, what can I say), pigs off to slaughter, although the remaining 3 look a bit confused as to where their mates have gone off too and mending things… if you heard the rumours of late night cursing from the yard you'd be right, I managed to hit the end of the combine spout while coming in to fuel up [£3,000], we ran over an engine filter [£250], for an unknown reason the combine header went into self-destruct mode and destroyed itself [bill not yet finalised - circa £9,500], cracked a tractor mud guard [£180], hand brake failure resulting in a bent farm gate [£200], 4 punctures on the seed drill [£600] and the list goes on and on… if anyone ever tells you they've had an easy summer (or silly season as we like to call it), just remind them of all the little mishaps and accidents that occurred and maybe like me they may start realising the cost of the summer!

Looking forward to next month hopefully I will have finished combining, gotten all the winter wheat into the ground, started some tree works, finished some stock proofing, dug out some trenches; ditches and pipes (someone please remind me to call Bison!), cleaned all of the cultivation kit ready for winter storage till its use in spring 2014, moved some more wheat out of the corn store, had a good maize harvesting season (more on that next month) and taken a well earned break…


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## CHELWORTH BOOKWORMS

This month's book is "**White**" by **Rosie Thomas**

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These are some of the questions that face Finch Buchanan. 'White' tells the story of 3 people on an expedition to conquer Everest: Finch, the team doctor, Sam, the man who follows her there on impulse, and Al, the expedition leader.

The story has three main parts – the motivations leading each person to Nepal, the climb itself and finally, how their lives change once they come down. Partly a love story, but also a study into what makes mountaineers tick, the book gives us an insight into the physical and mental requirements needed to succeed in such extreme conditions.

The downside is that the type of people who can do these things do not make particularly sympathetic characters. All are flawed in some way and it is the families left behind waiting for news with whom the reader has more connection.

Book Club verdict – an interesting read, but without the emotional grab to make it great.

Post Script – the other 'White' discussed on the night came down in favour of the Sauvignon Blanc over the Pinot Grigio.

**Ghilly Vincenti**

## GATHERING TOGETHER

## Mothers Union Newsletter

As I reported on our September meeting, Ann Barnes was unable to come as she was having an operation, so we met at Margaret Godfrey's home in Minety and had a committee meeting and general discussion about how the Deanery group was progressing. It was agreed that the new group was a success and members enjoyed getting together in a larger group which gave more general discussion about our meetings and interest in our projects. Altogether a good thing. It is hoped that Ann will be able to speak to us at one of our meetings next year.

For our October meeting we had planned to have Barry Raven to talk about preparing couples for marriage, but as we all know Barry is leaving us in October and Sarah Wyman will have come to talk to us instead. It will still be very interesting to hear her and I will report in my next newsletter along with thoughts towards Christmas.

In November we meet on Thursday the 14th in Hankerton Church to have a talk with Sarah again on preparation for Advent. And so to Christmas - we shall meet on Thursday, December 12th, at 10:30 a.m. at Margaret Godfrey's home, The Close, in Minety to enjoy Christmas carols and poems. We can hardly imagine Christmas as I type this - the weather is warm and sunny and encouraging us to enjoy being out of doors before it gets cold. Hopefully it will continue warm for a little longer and members will be able to get to all the meetings while it lasts.

**Jane Gibbs - 577282**

## Crime Report - **Fireworks Law** from Community Beat Manager

PC Steve HARVEY

Once again we have had a steady month in terms of reported Crime. Without tempting fate we have actually seen a decrease in overall crime in the area I cover. However it would appear the flavour at the moment is diesel. Currently commercial businesses in the area are having their large vehicles fuel tanks siphoned out. One of the properties attacked has a good cctv system so I am hoping to get some decent images of possible offenders. Another shed break took place in Ashton Keynes where again some high value pushbikes were taken. There is a lead on this one that I am following up but again I must remind people to make sure that bikes are locked away securely. As I patrol the villages I still see far too often bikes left unattended and unlocked, this just tempts fate.

Obviously 5th November is 'Guy Fawkes' night. I hope any event you are involved with goes well but of course 'safety' is the paramount concern. For information please see the following in respect of fireworks. The law relating to use and sale of fireworks: During 2004 the law relating to fireworks changed in order to help reduce anti social use of them and reduce injuries especially to young people. You cannot set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am except for on 5th November when you can set them off until midnight and New Year's Eve, Chinese New Year and Diwali when they can be set off until 1 am. You must be over 18 to buy fireworks, except for caps, cracker snaps, novelty matches, party poppers, serpents and throw downs where the legal age of purchase is 16; these are known as indoor fireworks. It is an offence to throw or set off fireworks in a street or public place and it is also illegal for anyone under 18 to possess fireworks in public. It is an offence for people who aren't firework professionals to buy and possess category 4 fireworks. These are only to be used at public displays by firework professionals

As we now are starting to have much earlier darker evenings and mornings can I please ask that if you are out walking along any of our unlit roads that you please wear something bright and face the oncoming traffic. We have already had several near misses.

POLICE Curbside Consultations Date & Times
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## Helpful tip from Sue Fagan, Chelworth

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**You can make your own pectin from Crabapples.**

Slice one kilo in half and add 600 ml of cold water, Bring to boil and simmer for 40 minutes. Strain and bottle, put in the fridge when cold. Use within a month, or freeze for later.

Have a look on the Internet for recipes using any tropical fruit for preserves. Melon, Passion Fruit, Persimmons and Mangoes are in season now. They are low in pectin, and use Lemons in the recipes, but you can use your pectin, using 4 fl oz to each 1kg of sugar (5 fl oz if you froze it)

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So, if you have (or are expecting) a baby, toddler or pre-schooler and find yourself free on a Tuesday morning, please do come and join us.

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On Wednesday November 20th the Flower Club will hold their Christmas Floral Event. David Martin will demonstrate 'Christmas Naturally' at the Sundial Theatre, Cirencester GL7 1XA, starting at 7.30pm.

Contact Flower Club members for tickets or phone Dreena on 01666 860467 or Sue on 01666 577125. Tickets for members are £10 and non members are £11. This really is an evening not to be missed and there is good parking and very good views of the stage in the theatre.

There will be stalls to buy Christmas accessories, tombola and refreshments. There will also be an opportunity to buy raffle tickets with the chance to win the lovely arrangements that the demonstrator will be doing during the evening.

If you have an interest in floral art and want a memorable evening, please come along and enjoy yourself. Pamela Loftus. Committee Member.

## Crudwell 6Km Family Fun Run and Walk

With the sun shining, 70 runners took to the village roads to take part in the 6Km Fun Run on Sunday 29th September. Apart from Spiderman and the on duty Policeman, you may not have seen any fancy dress costumes or heard much laughter but it was entertaining to see the various buggies, dogs, scooters and bikes being carried or dragged the 2Km along the Fosseway! The most fun was had at the 4Km water station where runners were greeted with a welcome drink and bag of Haribo Sweets! With the 2012 Olympics becoming a distant memory, it was heartening to see so many young children and families taking part in this village running event. As ever, it wouldn't have worked if it wasn't for the 'games makers' who helped take the entries, marshal the route and provide refreshments.

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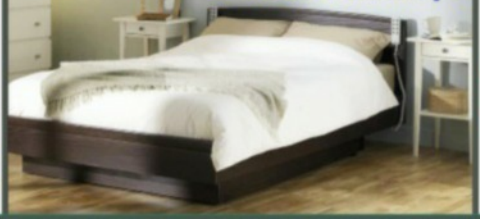

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2 sticks cinnamon
8 dried cloves (give or take)

Squeeze the 2 fruits into the sugar and slow melt together in large , thick bottomed pan – add then the orange juice and the red wine – stir well, add pods, cloves and sticks and allow to "mull" for an hour or 2 on low heat before serving – once started keep topped up with more wine and keep drinking !

If you want add the orange and lime in chunks to get more flavours through but be cautious as overtime they will cook and brown and need to be removed.

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| | 5.15pm-6.30pm | Beavers | Village Hall | Paul Hepworth | 01666 829359 |
| | 6.30pm- | Cubs | Village Hall | Paul Hepworth | 01666 829359 |
| | 8.00pm-10.00pm | Badminton | Village Hall | George | 01666 577196 |
| **Tue** | 9.30am-10.30am | Tai Chi Classes | Village Hall | Carmel | 01666 577502 |
| | 10.30am-12Noon | Baby & Toddlers | All Saints Church | Antonia Walls antoniawalls@hotmail.co.uk | 01666 577890 |
| | 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 |
| | 5.00pm-6.30pm | Brownies | Village Hall | Alison Wilson<br>SarahWilson | 01666 577285<br>01666 577554 |
| | 6.00pm- | Totally Tennis | Recreation Ground | Annie | 01666 577091 |
| **Thr** | 2.30pm-5.00pm | Short Mat Bowls | Village Hall | Carmel | 01666 577502 |
| | 7.00pm- | Scouts | Village Hall | Mike | 01666 577385 |
| **Fri** | 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-10.00pm | Badminton | Village Hall | Robbie | 01666 577607 |
| **Sat** | 10.00am- | CRAG Netball | Village Hall | Debbie | 01666 577739 |
| | 10.30am-12Noon | DIC's Football | Recreation Ground | Alan | 01666 577543 |
| | 7.30pm-10.00pm | Short Mat Bowls | Village Hall | Carmel | 01666 577502 |

## CRUDWELL SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

Our summer season has ended and the winter season has just started. In the summer league (north) the club finished in second position close behind Westbury Blue Circle. With a number of more experienced bowlers unavailable this represents a very good effort. Wiltshire Short Mat Bowls introduced a new competition for the summer season – a Team of Three. Pam and Les Baldry together with Geoff Lane comfortably won the ToT County League (North) only losing a single game. A two-legged play-off against Westbury Blues will be arranged to determine the inaugural ToT County Champions.

Pam Baldry and Julia Guest are the joint winners of the club summer competition with Gordon Smith (third) and club newcomer Pat Smith in fourth place.

The first Wiltshire County competition was held at Christie Miller IBC in late September. The result – so near yet so far. Pat and Les Baldry and Geoff Lane (playing with Pete Sullivan of the Villagers SMBC) reached the semi-finals but both lost. However both pairs may well end up representing Wiltshire at the National Championships in April 2014.

The Malmesbury League programme has now started. The Coots team has had a very impressive win over a strong Kington Langley team. The Coots and Curlews were drawn into the same group together with Kington Langley in the Mike Barnes Trophy. After a series of very close games the Curlews emerged winners and will face Little Somerford in the final in mid December. Curlews have not started their Malmesbury League programme as yet.

We have welcomed three new members during the summer. Rosemary Parkinson attended a 'taster' session in August and has subsequently become a member. Pat and Bill Smith (from Royal Wootton Bassett) have joined as affiliates but they are welcomed never the less.

We must also congratulate Brian Reynolds – not for his short mat activities – but for becoming an outdoor champion in the Wiltshire o60s triples with Malmesbury club mates.

Thanks also go (again) to Julia Guest in her role as club Social Secretary. We usually have a number of socials throughout the year all arranged by Julia and all enjoyed by those attending. Don't forget – our sport is friendly but competitive. People who want to have a go are welcome. Help and advice will be given. Just turn up on a Thursday afternoon (2.30 pm start) or a Sunday evening (7.30 pm start) with flat shoes. We have the woods. Go on – give it a go.

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**Start at 7.00pm, Crudwell Village Hall..** **4th DECEMBER**

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