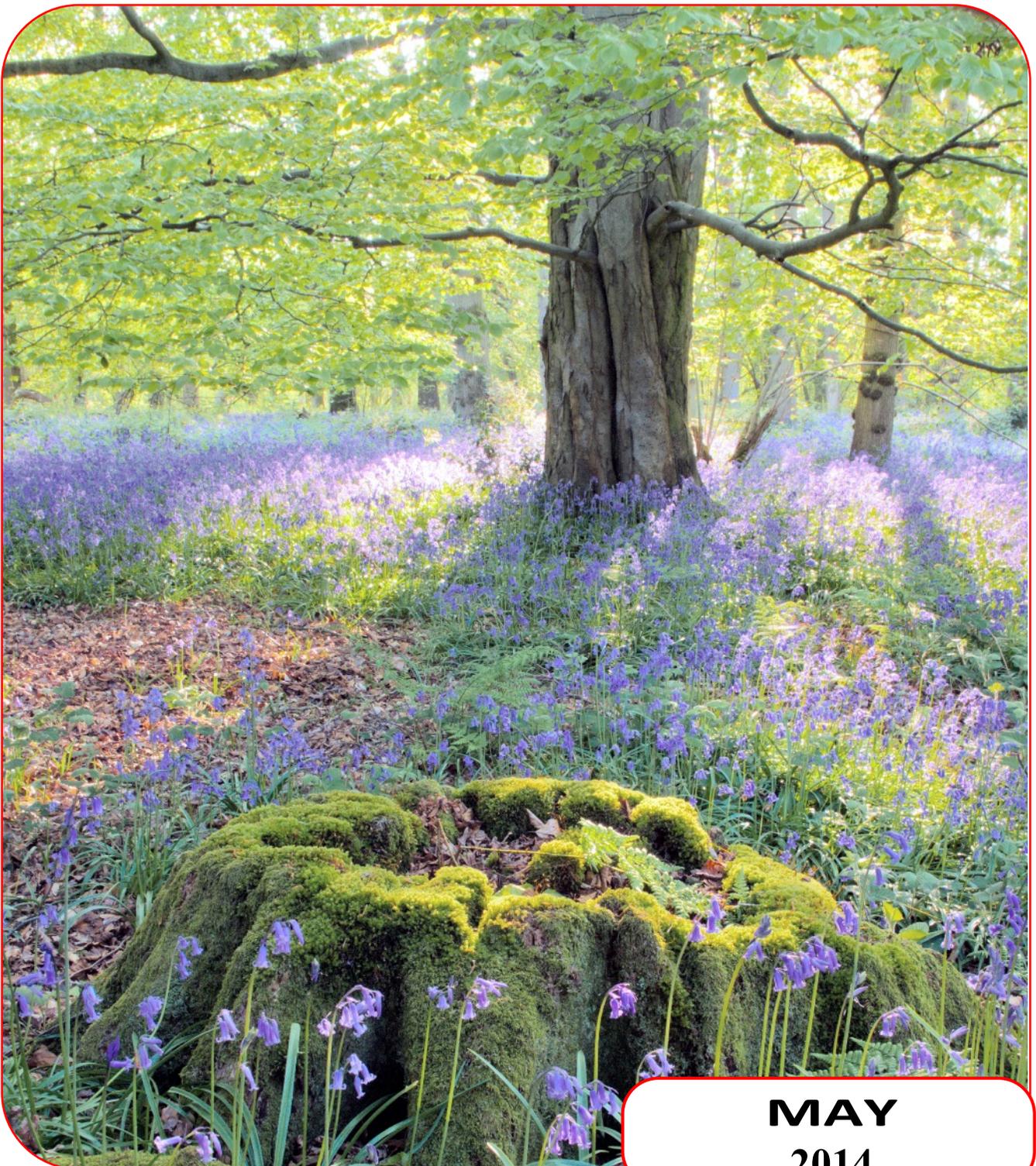


Crudwell Parish News



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Editorial: The Parish Council have agreed to support the CPN when the advertising income is low.

It has to be understood that edition costs depend upon the number of pages printed, and that number is dependant upon the volume of articles submitted if “white space” is to be avoided. The monthly edition can only be constructed in multiples of 4 pages as a practicality. This month has seen an increase in submitted articles which made a 16 page edition possible. **Keep the articles coming in Please.**

In general our Advertising support is starting to dwindle. In 2 cases we have been advised that, having made their mark in the parish, they no longer need to

continue with us. Word of mouth is cost effective for them! ***If you can help pass on our need for advertising please do so.***

The Parish Council intends to use the CPN for more regular information notices to increase the Parishioners awareness of salient local matters. They wish to introduce themselves in next 2 editions, see below.

The Area Board is to be held once again in the Village Hall this month which gives you all a chance of participating in the resolution of local problems.

We have moved general notices and reminder event notifications to the rear pages were possible.

Meet your Parish Councillors

At present there are seven councillors serving on Crudwell Parish Council. For the next few months they will be introduced to you.

Gerda Hayes – Chairman



Hopefully many of you have seen me around as I joined the Parish Council in May 2007... and briefly left the Council in early 2012 only to rejoin in May 2013 because there was a likelihood that the Parish Council would fold because of lack of Councillors..I could not let that happen. Now find myself as Chairman!!! My background is office based with my last position being that of a Personal Assistant to a Global Managing Director of an Engineering Company for 12 years. However, I am now retired enjoying the freedom that brings - down the Gym, gardening, lunching, walking and all the other rather tiring activities you do when you are retired. The old cliché comes to mind “when did I find time to go to work”. I have been married to Mike for 45 years with a son and daughter and four grandchildren, so granny duties are very much part of my life, delightfully. However, community is very important and I would like to think that I am putting something in to make

other people’s lives better. It may not always be true but one tries one’s best. I am very proud to represent you as your Parish Councillor and please feel free to contact me at any time if the need arises. E;Mail: gerdahayes@btinternet.com Tel: 577598

Andrew Jupp – Vice Chairman



I'm delighted to have joined the Parish Council, and somehow have found myself as Vice-Chair already! Fi and I moved to Crudwell 2 1/2 years ago, and love living here. Those of you who are dog-owners will probably know Maisie better than you do us! For the uninitiated, she is a mad 6-month old Springer Spaniel who loves everyone! By background, I am a PhD Research Scientist, and then re-trained as a Chartered Accountant. Having been a partner in several large accountancy firm, I now run my own business (Jupp Consulting) providing business, tax and strategic advice to growing businesses. Fi and I have loved helping at the Strawberry Fare over the past couple of years, and I am passionate about supporting the village and the Parishioners. I will always welcome your views, and am very happy to discuss anything that you would like me to raise at either the Parish Council, or on a wider level. I see it as a privilege to represent you, the Parishioners, so please

do let me know if there is anything I can do to support you. Outside of work, I love gardening (see my article this month on hanging baskets), music (you may possible hear me playing the accordion sometime in the future at the Strawberry Fare or somewhere else), cooking (hence why the Bramley House smoke alarm sometimes sounds -sorry!) and mad dogs and cats. Fi is a teacher, and works for the Gloucestershire Hospital Education Service, teaching and supporting students who cannot access normal school because of medical or social reasons. We love Crudwell. I want to represent you as one of your Councillors. Please do not hesitate to contact me. E:Mail: Andrew@juppconsulting.co.uk Tel: 577770

Kim Cobbold – Councillor



Hi there, I'm Kim Cobbold and I've been living in Eastcourt for ten years with my husband and children. I joined the Parish Council last year as I wanted to address the speeding issues through our village. We have finally had approval for use of a speed gun, which will be activated in a few months. We already have some volunteers to help, but more are always welcome. I am also keen to renew or update the Crudwell playground equipment, if this is what the parishioners want. There is a colour poster up in the school with a comments page,. Please do let us know your thoughts , suggestions and opinions and do any of you feel there is a need for a new site as well.? Your help and input is vital, so I hope we do hear from you. I can be contacted at <mailto:kim.cobbold@btinternet.com>

Margaret Perrin – Councillor



Hello I am Margaret Perrin and I have lived in Quelfurlong , Chelworth for over 20 years with my partner Roger .My hobbies are gardening and charity work. I joined the Parish Council in 2006 hoping that I could help in some way improve our local community. As a parish councillor I am responsible for 4 portfolios, Neighbourhood watch , Community Health , Allotments and Youth projects. I am also the village activator for the Fun in the Sun programme which runs in the summer holidays in conjunction with Wiltshire Council. Once again this programme will be running in the summer and the dates will be published in the Crudwell Parish News nearer the time. If you wish to join the neighbourhood watch network or you require more information about NHW or if you have any other concerns please do not hesitate to contact me on : mperrin@btinternet.com or telephone **01666 577960**.

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Crudwell Village Hall and Recreation Ground

RICK - Chairman

With the AGM out of the way and a new set of trustees in place, we're looking to move a couple of things forward this year. First and foremost we are keen to keep the momentum going with the project to improve facilities at the Village Hall. Those of you that attended the AGM had the opportunity to see Nigel's informative presentation, where he presented work to date and the current thoughts about what we can do. We will be continuing consultation at the Parish meeting and at the Bike Ride in June, in the meantime the current plans are available to see on the website www.cvhrg.org.uk.

We are also considering working towards the Hallmark award. This is a national scheme that provides a way of benchmarking many aspects of Village Hall management and operation. We hope that this will be beneficial not only in assuring parishioners that the hall is well run and operated but also in attracting new hires and aiding grant applications to

help with funding ongoing maintenance and some of the improvements. Operationally the hall continues to be well used by regular groups and private hires most weekends and the occasional weekday evening slot. If you wish to use the hall, availability can be found on the website or contact the bookings secretary – details in the advert elsewhere in this edition.

Finally our main fund raising event – The **Crudwell Bike Ride** – is off to a flying start this year. The Bike Ride committee is working hard on our behalf to raise funds for the Village Hall. By the time that you read this you should have lots of requests for sponsorship coming in from riders. Please support these riders and I'm sure that their committee will welcome any assistance you can offer them preparing for or on the weekend of the event. They can be contacted through their website www.crudwellbikeride.co.uk or facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Crudwell24>

Chelworth Bookworms

The Eyre Affair – by Jasper Fforde

This novel takes place in a world very like our own – but not quite. In this alternative universe, history has not run the same course and the laws of time and physics seem a bit more flexible. Perhaps the most unusual aspect is that it is literature rather than religion or politics which arouse the passions of society.

Within this world we join Thursday Next, a Special Ops agent seconded to a special task force seeking a master criminal. Initially excited by a change from tracking down fraudsters, plagiarists and bad actors, Thursday's first real action ends badly and she transfers back to her home town of Swindon.

Meandering at times, the book takes some time before the “Eyre” in this Affair is revealed as Jane Eyre - a heroine who suddenly finds that she has other problems to deal with than a mad woman in the attic.

Partly a thriller, partly science fiction, the book does not take itself too seriously. From the problems of owning genetically engineered Dodo's to the ongoing Crimean war now in its 131st year, the author provides a seemingly endless supply of clever ideas to engage the reader. However these gradually become distracting and we start to wish that the author had spent a bit more time developing the characters

Although showing early promise as something entirely different, the book let itself down with too many tricks and not enough plot – and overall the Book Club could only award it 6/10.

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Sunday 4th May at 11.00 am - Morning Worship

Sunday 11th May - No service

Sunday 18th May at 9.30 am - Holy Communion

Sunday 25th May at 11.00 am - All Age Worship

NB Change of time for Holy Communion for foreseeable future.

CRUDWELL CHURCH NEWS

COFFEE 'N' CHAT Hopefully, Spring has truly arrived, the gardens are full of lovely Spring flowers and birds nesting. Our coffee 'n' chat on 23rd April will have been enjoyed by us all and we are looking forward to the May outing. Zandra & Chris Browning have kindly invited us to their home in West Crudwell on Tuesday, 13th May. We might even get a chance to admire their garden (fingers crossed for good weather). If you need a lift or instructions on how to get there, please give Hope Carpenter a call. So come along and take a chance on winning a raffle prize or browsing on our bring & buy stall and having a lot of fun with friends old and new. We meet from 10.30am till 12 noon. So do come along and join us.

AMATEUR BUT ENTHUSIASTIC ACTORS WANTED FOR OPEN THE BOOK

The Open The Book team are a small select band but very enthusiastic. If you fancy a chance to try out your thespian skills or help the children with theirs, then please give Anita Smith a call. We meet at 8.30am to act out selected Bible stories for the children at Crudwell Primary School. No acting experience necessary, promise. This only takes an hour and we are all back at our own homes drinking a welcome tea or coffee by 9.45am. If you think you would like to join in, please contact **Anita Smith on 577111**

CRUDWELL LADIES LUNCHEON CLUB

By the time you are reading this, Crudwell Ladies Lunchers will know everything there is to know about being beautiful, not that we needed any help, of course! The demonstration and talk about Estee Lauder was fascinating and free samples are always appreciated, ladies and bargains go together like gin and tonic.

Our meeting on Monday, 19th May has a real WOW and AAHHH and AAA factor, Hayley Rothwell is coming to talk to us about looking after the small mammals (yes, meerkats) and she is from Cotswold

Wildlife Park. So, if you would like to come along, please give either **Margaret English on 01666 577572** or **Joy Evanson-Goddard on 01666 505830** and if there are any vacancies, we will fit you in.

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 and his team get kinder and more patient (if that is possible) with each month, so thank you everyone at the Mayfield.

Don't let the bugs bite Don't let the bugs bite Countryside lovers in Wiltshire are being advised to be "tick aware" this summer so they know what to do should they come into contact with the bugs. A joint campaign by Wiltshire Council and local scientists from Public Health England based at Porton Down has been launched with information on how to prevent being bitten, Read more... (<http://malmesbury.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/news/dont-let-the-bugs-bite-stall-in-the-market-square-today/>)

IS YOUR BACK GARDEN SECURE? Lock your garden shed if it contains expensive tools and equipment. Shed window curtains are recommended. Battery operated alarms from good DIY are available. Do put away all tools & barbecue equipment. Keep your garaged door locked. These simple routines will prevent prospective opportunist intruders.



Alvan Blanch Monthly Photo Winner



Stuart Madeley produced this month's winning photo entry. Taken in the Flisteridge Wood May 2013, it is another fine example of Stuart's camera skills reflecting seasonal Spring charm.



BBC Drama : *The Crimson Field*



Rosalyn English who resides in the Dawneys and who writes lots of poems, was so moved the first time she watched the BBC “Crimson Field” drama series, she wrote the poem opposite.

This period costume series as some will know was filmed in Charlton Park. We are grateful to her husband, Mike for submitting this wonderful work.

Hopefully Rosalyn can be persuaded to make many more poetic contributions to the CPN.

CRUNCHY PEANUT BUTTER CUPCAKES

Ingredients:

- 115g (4 oz) Butter or Soft Margarine
- 115g (4 oz) caster sugar 2 eggs, medium
- 115g (4 oz) self-raising flour
- 1 tbsp crunchy peanut butter

Icing:

- 55g (2 oz) Butter or soft margarine
- 225g icing sugar, sieved
- 1 tbsp crunchy peanut butter a little milk



Preparation:

1. Preheat oven to 180°C, 160°C fan, Gas mark 4.
2. Weigh your eggs. Note the weight and measure the same amount of butter, sugar and flour. Place all the ingredients in a mixing bowl and beat with a wooden spoon 2–3 minutes until well mixed. Place dessertspoons of the mixture in 10 paper cases or greased bun tins.
3. Bake for around 20 minutes until soft and springy to touch. Cool on a wire tray.
4. Mix icing ingredients together and place a spoonful onto each cake. Dust lightly with cocoa if liked or other decorations..

In Crimson Fields

In crimson fields the poppies sigh
The stench of death about them lie
Tortured bodies and tortured souls
And death within the muddy holes

Someone’s father, someone’s son
Unbelievable tragedy to come
Barbed wire tears, the scars run deep
The enemy, they’re forced to seek

Trench foot, mustard gas, no escape
This misery the soldiers’ fate
Wounds that cannot ever heal
Imagined pain, we cannot feel

Unnamed slabs of unnamed men
Who fought for their country; what then?
Has man moved on and seen the way?
To fight no more to live today

Without anger, without greed
Has history taught us to succeed?
Not to waste a precious life
No more sorrow, for mother or wife

Sadly I have to say; it is not so
As onwards, into another war we go
Will we ever learn the way?
I fear not but only pray

Man will see it’s such a waste
And loose his liking and the taste
For killing, maiming, lust for gain
And let us all in peace remain

Rosalyn English
6.4.14

Strawberry Fayre - 12th & 13th July

This year we are hoping to raise loads of money to keep everyone dry at the church. The porch roof badly needs mending, so please come along and eat strawberries, browse the stalls, push your teddies off the church tower and boogie away at the Sizzle and Swing!

We would really appreciate any help that you can provide, particularly with setting up on the afternoon/evening of Friday 11th July and taking things down on the afternoon of Sunday 13th July. Also, if anyone has an old (working) fridge or freezer that they could donate to the Fayre, we would be very grateful and can come along and collect it.

All offers to Cathy Butcher please on 01666 577612.

Mothers' Union news

JUST REMINDERS

Really just as it says, as I seem to have covered everything for the next month or two in my last newsletter. By the time you read this we will have had our April meeting at the Close, Minety - a quiet morning with Ursula Grey with probably some thoughts on Lent. Also on the 12th April the Diocesan Council meeting will have been held at Marshfield and some of us will have been to that and be reporting on that. On May 8th at 10.30 a.m. In Sherston Church we shall have a talk on the work of the Sisters of the Church in Bristol, and I do hope you will all be able to get to that. I wrote about it in my last newsletter and I hope it interested you enough to encourage you to hear more. And please remember that on Friday, May 9th, we have our home made cake stall in Malmesbury in aid of MU projects. Amongst other things we pay for

Jane 577282

holidays for families who would otherwise not be able to go away and it is wonderful how these holidays help people and change their lives for the better. A Mothers' Union member arranges this and last year 6 families were sent on holidays who would never otherwise been able to get away - how wonderful this was for them. There is also Friends for Parents of children at the Bristol Children's hospital, the Hartcliffe & Withywood Teenage Parents Project and many projects helping our members in our linked dioceses overseas, to mention just a few. There will be reports on all our projects at the Diocesan Meeting and you will probably hear about them at the meeting on the 8th. And a tour of Luckington church on Thursday, 12th June, followed by lunch with the Deanery Festival to look forward to in July - more of that later.

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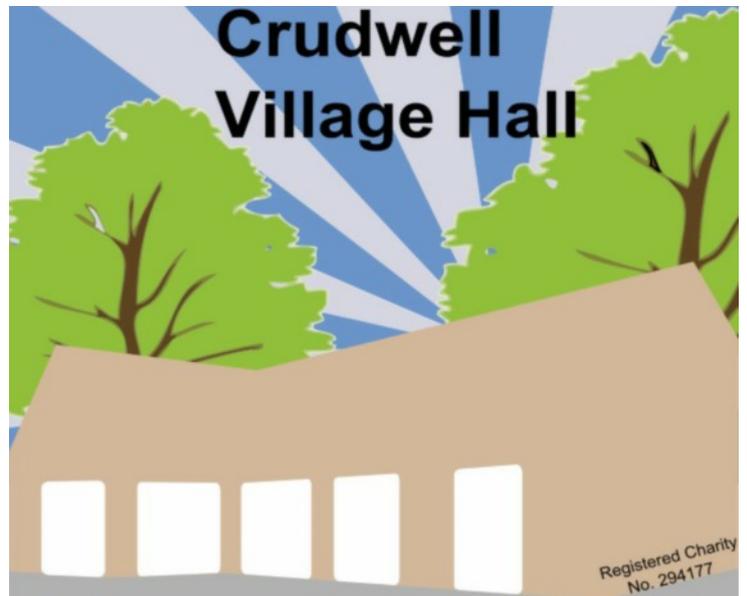
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May in the garden

Sue in Chelworth

If you grow clematis, roses or paeonies they will benefit from a generous mulch this month, as they are heavy feeders, and the rain this winter will have leached nutrients from the soil. Check the leaves of roses throughout May, treating for black spot and aphids if necessary. Make a note of your clematis varieties and check when they need any pruning. This is also a good month to prune evergreen shrubs and hedges, cutting the clippings into short lengths to add to the compost bin.

If you collected autumn leaves in bags, they can now be added to the compost bin also. I like to put a layer at a time, then a layer of grass clippings, then a layer of kitchen waste. The level will quickly drop down, especially in warm weather. It is worth putting a cover of some sort (I use old seed compost plastic bags) over the top to keep warmth in, especially if the compost bin does not get much sun. Cutting the material into short lengths at this stage will mean quicker decomposition and make the mixture easier to use later. I usually find that I can give the garden quite a good layer of mulch in April, and again in October. Any bits not ready to use I put into a new pile in a smaller bin (or use some plastic bags). Rather than cutting afterwards, you can cut down to short lengths while still on the bush. I generally use the less well rotted stuff in the bottom of containers of summer vegetables, such as tomatoes and courgettes and find that it has all completely rotted by the end of the season.

Put straw around strawberries, and sow wallflowers and sweet williams for next season, as well as annuals for this one. This month you can plant out dahlia tubers, chrysanthemums and lily bulbs, protecting from slugs. If you like to grow lilies, watch out for the bright red lily beetle which will damage the plants if not spotted. They can be grown in containers to make it easier to check, but the more you grow, the more likely this pest is to find them. Put containers with something else in to keep a space between to deter them.

At the end of May you can plant out hardened off tomatoes and courgettes, (and cucumbers with a little protection). All climbing beans can be sown, again they should be hardened off. I grow beans up trellis against the back of the house where they get the warmth of the masonry and it is safe to put step-ladders to pick them. It is worth growing a variety of beans with different colour flowers and pods, as they react differently to the unpredictable weather. Those with white flowers do ok in a poor summer. Of course we cannot predict the weather, but the variety looks nice anyway. I grow all my beans in containers, and put the spent soil onto the garden at the end of the season. Beans will increase the amount of nitrogen in their root mass, and the birds enjoy looking for insects in the old soil. My garden is quite shaded from street trees, and many of my vegetables are now grown in large pots, but they do benefit from a top layer of grit to keep moisture in and pests out

Crudwell Ladies

Wednesday 14 May 2014 will bring Pam Clements to speak to us about "Memories of Toys and Games of Yesterday". This will be an opportunity to reminisce about our childhood and the sort of toys and games we used play – no 'I-pads' will be in sight! Our meetings are held at Crudwell Village Hall 7.45pm for 8.00pm start. Visitors are always welcome at £3pp which includes refreshments so well worth an evening's entertainment. Jonathan Furlonger was our guest speaker in March and explained the Crudwell Neighbourhood Plan in detail with the information being given by a sleek presentation. This Plan is being

formed by volunteers (and they are looking for additional people to help) dealing with aspects of the parish that parishioners want put into the Plan. It was suggested that if everyone at the meeting told 4 people who in turn told 4 people then we would be well on our way to letting all the Crudwellian parishioners know what is happening, or better still get in touch with Johnathan direct for more information. Our next meeting at the Village Hall is on Wednesday 9 April 2014 when our speaker is Emily Knight from the Dorothy House Team. Unfortunately just a bit late to get copy to CPN so more in next month's edition.

Tina (577707) or Sandra (577368) for more details.



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Attracting birds to your Garden

It is easy to attract birds to your garden, but the variety of species will increase with its size and how bird friendly it is. The key thing is to ensure you meet the needs of the birds all year round. Whilst planting bushes with berries is good for thrushes and blackbirds in winter, dense cover will entice Dunnocks, robins and wrens, and nestboxes are good for tits and other hole-nesters. If you have nestboxes in place, you will probably notice lots of activity (if not it would be a good project to make some during the winter months)



During the summer, thriving insect populations benefit tits and sparrows and lots of other small birds. The more weeds you have in your garden, the more insects you will attract, which in turn will attract more birds (a good excuse if you do not like gardening!)



Always make sure your feeders are full because once birds start coming to your garden, they do become reliant on it. Always buy food from reliable sources and make sure that your feeders are cleaned regularly as, like us, birds are prone to salmonella and other diseases. Hygiene is most important. Experiment with different sorts of feeders and seed mix. For example, Greenfinches adore sunflower seeds but goldfinches prefer niger seed.

Reduce the risk of predators such as Sparrowhawks by placing the feeders where the birds can spot danger easily. If you have cats it would be kinder not to entice birds into your garden.

It is very important to provide a regular supply of clean water. Birds need water for drinking and bathing. In hot summers (which hopefully we will get this year) water can be hard to find. Birds need to drink at least twice a day and water is essential to keep the birds' feathers in good condition.

WARNING If you find a baby bird during the breeding season and it looks as if it has no parent – Leave it alone as the parent birds are not usually far away and will feed the young when you are out of sight. Anyway, I hope you have lots of fun watching your birds.

Jenny Ward



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North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

April 2014 Report from the North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club On the 21st May, Mr. Nicky Heal will demonstrate 'Weaving and Winding Wonders' at our club night at 7.30 pm in Crudwell Village Hall. Our competition will be a Mini Arrangement max 4"x 4"x 4". All are welcome to attend.

The Club's flower demonstrations so far this year have been superb and well attended and over the next couple of months we have arranged more workshops and demonstrations. Phone Sue on 01666 – 577125 for information about the club. Visitors are always welcome. On Saturday 23rd August there will be a Summer coach trip departing from Crudwell Village

Hall at 7.30 am. This will take you to 'Flowers @ Oxford' mega Floral Event. The venue is Lady Margaret Hall and grounds- a gorgeous elegant old mellow red brick College. Top European floral artists will display exhibits and there will be demonstrations to drop into if you wish. Workshops are available at extra cost which you will need to pre book and pay for separately directly with the event. [Phone Jenny on 01666 577455 to make a booking on this trip.](tel:01666577455) Cost - £46 for members/ coach and event and £49 for non members. Coach tickets only £13 members and £16 non members, if you just want to visit Oxford. The coach returns to Crudwell at 7.30 pm approximately. Catering arrangements are to be discussed nearer the time.



Pamela Loftus Committee Member

CHARITY CONCERT

7th JUNE 2014 St. Mary's Church TETBURY @7.30pm

The Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds is proud to present a concert by the highly acclaimed local



amateur choral group the "Stuart Singers". The "Stuart Singers" was founded in 1992 and are based in Minchinhampton. In the last 21 years they have helped raise over £200,000 for charity and good causes either through their own concerts in Minchinhampton twice a year or through giving concerts such as that promoted by South Cotswolds Rotary Club.

The choir is extremely professional in its approach and they sing without music making their performances more exiting and stimulating to watch. Their programme will contain music to suit all tastes ranging from a medley from "Jesus Christ Superstar" and "Sounds of Simon and Garfunkle" to more

traditional choral pieces such as "Londonderry Air" and "Zadok the Priest". It promises to be

a truly entertaining event. The aim of the event is to raise funds towards the purchase of a mobile hoist for the local charity "Allsorts" which provides help and support for families with disabled children. The charity is not state funded and is run a small management committee and many dedicated volunteers ,providing activities and clubs for the disabled children giving the families much needed some respite. The support network is invaluable to the families affected and a mobile hoist will enable the more severely disabled children to join others on trips out. Tickets will be available by contacting Rotarian John on **07784 485 735** or any member of the club.

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Basket case!

Well, I'm often called that, but actually this column is to share my thoughts on how to grow a stunning hanging basket. Why me? Well, two reasons. First, I'm a new member of your Parish Council, and we all agreed that we need more topical issues in the Crudwell News and would try and make contributions. Secondly, over the years I have been complimented on my hanging baskets and want to share my passion for them.

My interest in baskets started over 30 years ago when I was doing a PhD in Agricultural Botany at Bristol University. I was living in a first floor flat and desperately missed gardening. So I experimented with window boxes and hanging baskets (actually, the techniques are very similar). By the time you read this it will be early May, and for me, this year's baskets will be well under way. But anytime up until the end of May will give you the chance to have a stunning display all summer. I have four basic rules:

- When you've filled it with compost, you've got to put the same in again!
- Ditto the plants - pack them in (see later)
- You cannot over-water a basket.
- When it's drenched, it's still thirsty.

I start my baskets in late March in a greenhouse, which is only heated if there's a risk of a severe frost. By this I mean night-time temperature of 5C or below. But if you don't have a greenhouse or cold-frame, you can bring young plants on inside on a window-sill. Very simply, the earlier you can sow them or plant them (I buy tiny plugs) the cheaper it will be. But you can still buy reasonable plants from a reputable source until late May/early June. I start early, as the more you can pack the plants in, the better the display will be in summer.

I use 16" or 18" wire baskets, with a layer of Sphagnum moss (provided it's from a sustainable source it is fine - I simply don't like artificial liners)

Andrew Jupp

with a plastic bin bag trimmed to fit inside to retain the compost and water. I never make any holes in the liner and never plant into the sides. With the appropriate trailing plants you can achieve a wonderful display without losing water and nutrients through the drainage holes - what a waste!

I place the basket on a large plastic pot, and start lining and filling with compost. I pack round the edges very firmly, and simply keep filling until the basket is compressed and nearly full. Use a moisture-retaining compost (a cheap multi-purpose compost is a false-economy) and keep filling until the compost is almost rock hard. Then start planting.

I start at the outside and use about 8-10 trailing plants to form the main cascade. Typically, use trailing pelargoniums (geraniums) trailing fuschias, diascias, helichrysum, lobelias. But there are lots more to choose from.

Then I plant the centre. I use several bush pelargoniums, several bush fuschias, and anything else that takes my fancy. Then I pack every spare gap with impatiens (Busy Lizzie) or something similar.

For a 16" basket I would reckon to use at least 50-60 plants!

Then water until it's pouring out, and leave somewhere frost-free. Once filled out and flowering, you need to dead-head every day and water profusely at least once a day, and in hot weather morning and evening. I really can't stress enough that you cannot over-water.

Finally, feeding is vital. From late May until the first frosts of the autumn, feed every 10 days or so with a multi-purpose flowering plant food, strong in potassium and phosphates. Don't be tempted by nitrogen-rich feed - it produces great foliage but no flowers.

I will post some photos here over the summer to see if my practice is as good as my preaching!



MAY FAIR, SATURDAY 17 MAY



Crudwell CE Primary School -3-8 pm

This fun family event, run by the Friends of Crudwell School (FOCS) has plenty to offer all ages with a Falconry Display, Magic Show, Jazz Band and Live Music all included in the cost of your entry ticket. There will also be an amazing Raffle. (prizes include an iPad Mini kindly donated by Alvan Blanch, Spa Day at Whatley Manor, Meals out, Rounds of Golf and a Gourmet Hamper), Bar & BBQ, Country Show Competitions, Gift Stalls, Plants Stall, Bouncy Castle, Cafe, Ice Creams, Games & Tug of War.

Please come and join the fun and help raise funds for the school.

**Entry just £2 per adult, £1 per child under 16.
Children under 3 are free.**

Bumblebee Crisis

A quarter of bumblebee species in Europe are at risk of extinction as their habitat are destroyed. Sixteen of the 68 varieties are in danger of dying out because of farming and climate change.

Some 26 species live in Britain of which 12 are decreasing in numbers. six are stable and five are increasing. The biggest threat is the destruction of wildlife meadows, while the use of chemicals on farmland has removed food sources such as clover.

A decline in Bumblebee population will place farming in crisis because of the insects part in the £18 billion role played by crop pollination.

Nectar is produced by flowers and is 60% water and 40% solids. This is collected by the bees and converted into honey.

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Cat Owners & Cat lovers

New homes needed for rescued cats and kittens A local charity is supporting a national campaign which promotes responsible pet ownership. Cats Action Trust North & West Wiltshire hopes National Pet Month (April 1-May 5) will raise awareness of the urgent need to provide new homes for rescued animals. Locally, more than 30 cats and kittens of all colours and ages are currently available for adoption. Find out more on

(<http://malmesbury.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/new-s/new-homes-needed-for-rescued-cats-and-kittens/>)

Crime Report

PC Steve Harvey

This month has seen a decrease in overall crime . Whether or not the arrests we have made last month have made an impact remain to be seen. There have been two burglaries. One, an attempt in Ashton Keynes where a suspect opened a rear patio door, was disturbed by the dog and made off across fields. The other was a shed break in Oaksey where nothing was taken after the door lock was forced, the suspect did drop a chainsaw helmet from the shed in the garden. Was this person disturbed? It happened overnight of 23/03/14 – 24/03/14 We have had one drugs offence in Minety where a vehicle was stopped and driver found in possession of controlled substances.

Two minor offences have been dealt with. Congratulations on spotting a Fiat Scudo van W439PHU, the occupiers of which are suspected of theft. This was seen in Ashton Keynes and is an example of the kind of vigilance that we need. Can I ask people to watch out for the following vehicles that are believed to be involved in theft of lead – **White Peugeot 106 K232UAD, Jeep H352XGJ, Red Peugeot 106 L36GOP**. Any sightings should be reported on **101, if an emergency in progress then call 999**. Lastly, we have had 3 vehicles broken into at the Waterhay Car Park beauty spot. All had a window smashed, please do not leave attractive items in your vehicles on display.

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14/01499/FUL - 7 The Ridgeway. Reduction of Horse Chestnut, Beech and Conifer trees.

14/01529/FUL - Chelworth Manor Farm. Farming Implement Store & Workshop.

14/01851/FUL - Alvan Blanch Development Co Ltd, Chelworth Manor. Agricultural Land to B2 Use to Accommodate Drier Finishing & Packaging Facility, Revised Canteen & Parking Layout to Accommodate Enclosed Test Facility.

14/02312/FUL - Ashwell, Tetbury Lane. Erection of Porch.

14/02724/FUL - 1 Manor Farm Cottages, Chelworth. Single Storey Rear Extension & Addition of Loft Space Window.

14/02795/FUL - The Dawneys. First Floor and Side Extensions with New Garage. Demolition of Existing Garage.

14/02820/FUL - 3 Brookside. Two Storey Extension and Internal Alterations. Raise the Roof to the Rear to Provide Extra Living

Wiltshire Council Notice

The Paths Improvement Grants Scheme (PIGS)

aims to help people make innovative improvements to countryside access and the rights of way network in their area. The scheme is a partnership between Wiltshire Council's Rights of Way and Countryside section and the Wiltshire and Swindon Countryside Access Forum. Parishes can bid for up to 50% match funding, if their proposal is approved they then undertake the schemes themselves.

Schemes funded in previous years include:

- improvements to the existing rights of way network such as surface improvements and replacing stiles with gates
- creating new rights of way or permissive links to avoid busy roads or provide new routes
- destination signing
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Please note that the area board will be the only means by which these works will be discussed with town and parish councils.

The investment is being targeted at those roads in worst condition, and will include minor roads as well as the main roads.

An initial assessment based on road safety information and road condition data has been used to prepare a list of priority sites for treatment in 2014/15 in the Malmesbury community area and this will be considered at the **Malmesbury area board, on Wednesday 7 May at Crudwell Village Hall at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start.**

The main item will be the presentation of the outcomes from the JSA event held on 2 April. This will provide an opportunity for us to review the priorities and look at the suggested projects in the hope that the community will want to get involved.

Richard Payler will be presenting the plans for a local Food Bank.

Alan Truscott from Community First will be explaining plans to expand a 'leader' funding bid for 2015-2020. This funding is European rural development money to promote sustainable development in rural areas; addressing economic, social and environmental concerns.

In addition there will be Community Issues to discuss and a report from the CATG.

So please attend and lobby for the long overdue Footpath to the Village Hall while you are there for example !!!

New ... A walk in the (Water) Park

a gentle hour long stroll, every fortnight. For those who would love to do a bit more walking, but for one reason or another have not had the opportunity. This will be a slow and steady walk near the Gateway Centre, led by experienced walk leader and local volunteer Dinah Wise. The walk is very level but you will need sturdy shoes. Find out more on (<http://malmesbury.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/event/new-a-walk-in-the-water-park-a-gentle-hour-long-stroll-every-fortnight/>)

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