

# Crudwell Parish News



**August  
2014**



**Editorial:** Well done every one involved with the Strawberry Fair & 24 Hour Bike Ride, and to the generous supporters of both events. Please note the

Wiltshire Council notices within. The letters below are entered in good faith, reflecting the opinions of the authors, not of the CPN or Parish Council.

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### Letter to the Editor.

*From: Richard Chadwick*

The article in your July issue, by the planning consultants regarding a housing estate at Ridgeway Farm raised many questions. I would like to take this opportunity to set out my response.

#### **Ridgeway Farm not operational for some time.**

To my untrained eye the farm has been operational for at least eight years. Cattle in the fields, feed in the barns, machinery on site, constant coming and goings of articulated lorries. In fact the field was cut recently, possibly for use as silage.

#### **Fallen into disrepair and an eyesore.**

Disrepair takes place when something is not maintained over many years. Why is it not maintained?

#### **The site is accessible to local services and facilities.**

It is well known that the existing services and facilities in Crudwell are already extremely stretched; drainage, sewage, traffic, schools etc. Except for the main A429 Cirencester to Malmesbury road, most other routes we use are small country lanes, unsuitable for heavy traffic.

#### **Need for housing in North Wiltshire.**

A Neighbourhood plan is being prepared at present which will show how the village wishes to cover this responsibility. We are having the opportunity to say how we want the village to grow over the coming years. Ridgeway Farm is a speculative development and does not relate to any policy or, trying to work in with village plans. Where did nineteen houses come from.

If anybody has any comments I will be pleased to hear from you: [r.chadwick046@btinternet.com](mailto:r.chadwick046@btinternet.com)

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### **A view from my end of the village**

A Recent proposal to extensively develop farm land in the Village has raised more than just an eyebrow. The belligerence and arrogance of the planning specialist brought in to push through a forthcoming planning application is to many people a concern. Bamboozling parishioners with smart displays and smooth talking executives practiced at manipulating the planning process.

The only objective is to gain planning permission, so that the land can then be sold to a builder or developer with the possibility for a further application to amend and alter and extend the planning.

Parish Council will have the inevitable sweeteners offered to them to help justify their decisions: Help with Village hall extension, a plot of land, a pot of money and who knows what other financial inducements?

What can anyone do? Probably not a lot, if the truth be known. With the change in planning regulations, the village as we know it is about to change, for many, it will be for the worse. Others will not have a concern as 'it won't affect me'.

The objections will be dealt with one by one through the 'consultation' exercise, false promises and spin placating many. The Parish Council will be under pressure to accept the proposals; the concerns of the environment, utilities, educational or just plain common sense will be swept under the carpet.

How many more agricultural fields will disappear for ever to housing, solar farms or industrial estates? Land that will never again grow crops or raise livestock.

The setting of a precedent of building on agricultural land is a worry. Just where will this development end? I doubt anyone knows. If the Parish Council and Wiltshire Council give the green light to this development the likelihood is that any field can be developed putting an ever increasing strain on the village infrastructure.

If you care about your village and you do not want to see the wholesale disposal of land to developers, campaign to your Parish Councillors and your local Councillors. Voice your concerns loud and clear.

*Name and address withheld*

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### **Alvan Blanch Monthly Photo Winner**



We are totally indebted to Stuart Madeley this month, not just for the cover montage, but for many more supporting photos and an article in this edition. Excellent, quality, as always. Very many thanks for your support Stuart.





## Petty theft from insecure garden sheds and garages

remains a problem across the area. People tend to think that back gardens are secure. Check that your shed and garage are locked, especially if you keep expensive equipment inside. Curtain your shed and garage windows. Battery operated alarm units are available from DIY centres. These let off a loud siren noise if triggered. Make sure that you put away all your loose tools, barbecue equipment etc. This is one way to protect against the opportunist thief.

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## Crudwell Primary School Notes

It is hard to believe that the summer holidays are once again upon us. The last few weeks of term have been beautifully sunny, which really helped to make some of our events and activities additionally successful.

Our Year 6's had a fantastic week at Pembroke Activity Centre, run by the Prince's Trust. During the week they took a boat trip to an offshore island, beach combed in rock pools, abseiled, climbed, surfed, canoed and problem solved. Many of the activities really challenge the children (and staff!) to push themselves beyond their limit. The week also gives them an opportunity to make new friends, as we go to PAC with Minety Primary School. This is an additional learning experience for them as it prepares them for moving on to much larger secondary schools.

Our younger children have also been out on a trip. They set off on a beautiful sunny day to Lower Moor Farm to investigate bugs and other creepy crawlies as part of their summer topic. They were very excited!

At the start of July, our Year 5 children and a few of our Year 6s visited Cirencester College for the 'Big Bang' day. This is science based day organised by STEM (Science, technology, Engineering and Maths). Professionals from each of these fields ran workshops for the children throughout the day. Among the favourite activities were a giant inflatable planetarium, and the Bloodhound SSC record-breaking car

simulator.

As I write this article, we have yet to hold our annual sports day. Our theme this year is the World Cup. In the morning all of the children will take part in a range of football based activities in their house groups. After a picnic lunch we will hold our more competitive events. We just need a fine day!

Our year 6 children had a very fine day for the Cluster school's Athletic event. All of the children enjoyed the event and performed well, with some notable successes: Hannah - 1st Discus; Tyler - 1st Javelin; Tom - 1st 100m, 800m and long jump; Tom, Harvey, Tyler and Adam - 1st boys relay. Other successes from all of the children resulted in us winning the Athletics trophy this year.

We also enjoyed sporting success this year in the Crudwell Bike Ride - coming 1st in the under 11s section. Our thanks go to all who organised the event and particularly, to Mrs Barker, who organised our school team.

Last, but not least, two of our children started their journey on the road to cooking success, by winning the Junior Masterchef competition organised by Malmesbury School. This year's theme was 'Dishes from the Commonwealth' - with Chicken Dansk, winning the day! The chef and sous chef were Sam and Conor - they have since been approached by a television company as possible competitors in a TV cooking programme. Watch this space!



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## Chelworth Bookworms - DVD night

### Behind the Candelabra (2013) starring Michael Douglas and Matt Damon

1977 Las Vegas - music, rhinestones and furs. Not the latest disco diva, but a middle-aged pianist enjoying the adoration of his middle-aged audience - Liberace.

Behind the Candelabra describes Liberace's 5-year relationship with his young "assistant" Scott Thorson. Michael Douglas gives a fantastic performance in his portrayal of the flamboyant, but manipulative artist whilst Matt Damon seems to shed 20 years to become the naive young man who comes under his spell. Dazzled by the opulence of Liberace's lifestyle and the gifts bestowed upon him, Scott soon moves in to become the latest in a line of young, blonde men for whom the older man has developed a passion. However, Liberace likes to be in control, deciding

who he can see and what he should wear - even to the point of determining how Scott looks - introducing him to his plastic surgeon (played hilariously by Rob Lowe with a face so tightly stretched that he can hardly open his eyes).

Eventually however, Scott starts to become bored and disillusioned with his life and gradually becomes dependent on diet pills and cocaine, until by 1982 the relationship is breaking down and Liberace is looking for the next bright young thing.

This is an entertaining film which does not take itself too seriously. It depicts another age when someone like Liberace can play to conservative audiences who don't seem to question his taste in clothes, never mind his taste in men. It seems impossible nowadays that anyone would not know that he was gay, but it was always something he denied - it was only his inner circle who got to see what went on behind the candelabra.

### Diary Date: Venue Village Hall

Please note that on 27<sup>th</sup> September there will be a Bike Ride Presentation Evening. Full details will follow in the September issue of the CPN



**TAI CHI** Just a short reminder, Tai Chi is in Crudwell village hall every Tuesday morning from 9.30-10.30am. Newcomers are always welcome, just come along wearing comfy shoes and clothing.

### Crudwell Short Mat Bowls Club

Our summer season is inevitably quieter than the winter season so not too much to report.

Happily the club County Summer League team and the club Team of Three team are both undefeated and both are top of their respective leagues. Although these are early days, the signs are encouraging and hopefully both can continue their good work.

We held our summer boules and buffet extravaganza (ably organised by Julia Guest) at the Red Bull last month. It was the best turn-out ever achieved with nearly 30 members and partners attending. A good time was had by all. We will again be part of Malmesbury PHEW. On 4th August we will be running an open evening for new (or experienced) people who wish to have a go at short mat bowls. Our

sport is one of the fastest growing games according to Sport England. ... so why not become a part of it? The session will start at 7.30pm and it doesn't matter if you have never played bowls before. Some of our experienced bowlers will be on hand to offer help and advice. All you need is a flat pair of shoes and we will provide the woods. The session is free and there will even be a cup of tea and a biscuit thrown in. So what are you waiting for? Be at the Village Hall by 7.30pm on Monday 4th August and who knows you may even enjoy yourself!! Besides the taster session on 4th August we also meet at the Village Hall on Thursday afternoons (2.30pm start) and Sunday evenings (7.30pm start). If you fancy having a go just turn up with flat shoes and we will do the rest.

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## Another fantastic Strawberry Fayre

We are delighted to announce that this year's Strawberry Fayre raised almost £5,000 for church funds. This is an incredible sum and it is an indication of the generosity of the entire village in giving both time and money to support us.

Particular thanks go to the Strawberry Fayre team of Nigel, Mike, Annie, Hilary, Linda and Nicola. Also to the Sizzle and Swing team of Dave and Jane, David and Lesley and Paul and Hannah. We are grateful that you are still prepared to give so much time, thought and energy to the event.

Both teams are already planning for next year's Strawberry Fayre and would welcome anyone who would like to join them. Look out for information about an open meeting in the Autumn.

Many thanks too for the wonderful sponsorship we have received from businesses both within and outside of the village. About 20% of our takings comes from the raffle, and we have been lucky enough to receive



some great prizes. This year The Rectory and Mayfield House Hotel provided our Chef's cookies, which were absolutely delicious. Also, of course, we receive either free, or greatly discounted, supplies of strawberries (Primrose Vale Farm), portaloos (AC Nurden), refrigeration (DBS Refrigeration), signage (Flying Monk) and the marquee (Richardson Marquees).

*See you all again next year!*

*Cathy Butcher on behalf of Crudwell Church PCC*

## North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

Flower Club members and visitors are invited to a Strawberry Tea at a member's garden in Upper Minety at 6pm on Wednesday 27th August. **Tickets £6 from Dreena our Treasurer on 01666 860467.** Proceeds from the evening will go to Dorothy House Hospice. The evening is an opportunity to enjoy strawberries, scones and cream, view a beautiful garden and chat with friends.

A reminder that on Saturday 23rd August there is a coach trip to Flowers@Oxford. Bookings for this are now closed. The coach will pick up from various locations on route starting in Ashton Keynes at 7am and the arrival time at Oxford is estimated between 9 - 9.30am. We shall be leaving Oxford at 5.45pm and our return is between 7 - 7.30pm.

News of a future date not to be missed is

*Pamela Loftus*

Wednesday 29th October when a day workshop led by Jonathan Moseley will be held from 10am to 3.30pm at Crudwell Village Hall. Members of the club have the first chance to sign up to reserve a place. Visitors are very welcome to put their names down and available places will be released on a first come first served basis after our club meeting in July. This is a very popular day and sold out very quickly last year. Members £25 and Non members £35. If you are interested or want more information please contact Gill on 01666 842813.

The Flower Club continues to thrive with a good membership and new visitors attending at club meetings. **Please contact our Chair Sue on 01666 577125 for more information about the club.** We try our best to make new people very welcome and if you have an interest in flowers will enjoy the varied programme of events that the club provides.



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August is the month when we give the Mayfield House Hotel a break and have a holiday. But it looks like we will probably meet next August (2015) and have June 2015 as our holiday month as so many of us take a break then. We are back on **Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> September** and welcome **Wendy Castle** who is going to tell us about her very varied and lively life, stemming from being adopted and the effect it had on her. Claire Williams, our speaker for July made the lives of the munitionettes come alive for us, it is worth having the Great War so prominent as it brings to life, the danger that these ladies faced every day. So, if you would like to come along, please give either **Margaret English on 01666 577572 or Dreena Rutty on 01666 860467**, and if there are any vacancies, we will be delighted to 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. We look forward to welcoming you all back in September, with wonderful memories of a long, hot summer.

## Crudwell Village Hall and Recreation Ground

It's been a busy few months for the Village Hall, bookings are strong, maintenance activity is high and of course the Fundraising group has put on yet again another successful 24 Hour Bike Ride. So I'd like to say a few thank yous:

- To the whole of the Fundraising team a really big thank you for running the event again.
- To the Volunteers who help them in the run up to the event and on the day.
- To the Crudwell Scouts for their excellent catering as usual.
- To all the riders. We really do appreciate the efforts you make in raising sponsorship for your charities and for our Village Hall

I'd also like to thank a few volunteers who have helped the Hall in a different way by supporting Gordon, who works tirelessly looking after the maintenance. These folk give a lot of time and effort to the Hall and we really do appreciate it.

- Chris Hoxey
- Tom Murphy
- Mike Smith

We're still looking for any feedback that you might have on the improvement ideas that we have presented at various events. These are available to see on the website at [www.cvhr.org.uk/improvement-project](http://www.cvhr.org.uk/improvement-project) where you can also give us your feedback. We are also this month looking for a Caretaker for the Hall. To find more information and to apply, please go to [www.cvhr.org.uk](http://www.cvhr.org.uk). **Rick – Chair.**

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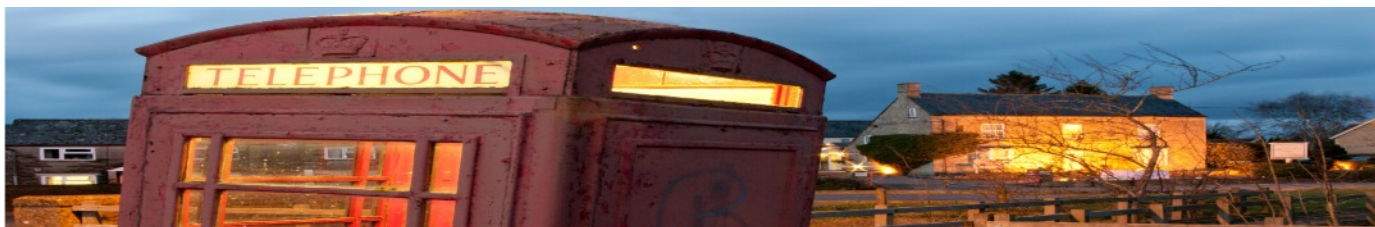
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## Hello?...operator?

Perhaps you have noticed something missing from Crudwell. It's the public telephone box. It's gone! Now, the box has moved before. Sometime in 2005 it went from a spot next to Lime Tree Cottage, across the bridge to stand on the southern side of the brook. But this time it has gone for good. Transported TARDIS-like to a far away point in space and time leaving just a patch of strangely healthy looking grass.

I will miss it. The red paintwork, chipped, blistered and faded though it was, provided a striking focal point for any photograph of the village. I liked the way its neat geometric shape contrasted with the more organic patterns of a Cotswold village. I found also that hid the rubbish bin attached to the telegraph pole behind it quite nicely too.

It was old and smelly, and liable to topple over. "It was leaning and at some point in the future could have been dangerous" is how the man at BT Redcare and Payphones describes it also mentioning that "it was not used enough to justify the expensive repair". That is surely an understatement! Who, in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, uses a public telephone box? They belong to an era long gone, when the idea of being able to contact someone anywhere in the world using a tiny pocket sized device was unimaginable; something from a science fiction fantasy. (You may feel this is still the case in much of Crudwell - take that up with your network provider!) No one seems to know for certain when the telephone box arrived in Crudwell - perhaps in the 1960s? There were once more than 73,000 of these K6 "Jubilee Boxes" across Britain and most people over 30 will have memories of using one. Tom Jones paid £50,000 in the 1990s to ship the phone box from his home village in Wales to his new home in California so that he could remember the phone calls of his youth. For just £1 though, BT will disconnect the phone services and transfer ownership of a local box to the community. Minety did this and now use theirs as a plant shop; Brinkworth converted theirs to a library and Eastcourt have turned theirs into, well, it look just like a phone box! For Crudwell it's too late, which is a shame - the 'Leaning Phone Box of Crudwell' might eventually have become a major tourist attraction. I hope more villages decide to preserve their red phone boxes, not purely for the sake of our history or nostalgia - for my photo opportunities too!

Stuart Madeley

## Kerbside garden waste collections - have your say Consultation closes 1 September 2014

Wiltshire Council (WC) faces significant financial pressures with reduced funding from central government, increased service demand and inflation. WC need to make savings to help deliver its priorities of protecting vulnerable people, boosting the local economy and bringing communities together. One way of achieving some savings towards this is by changing the way the garden waste collection service is delivered. No decisions have been made yet and the Council's Cabinet has agreed to undertake a public consultation exercise to gain residents' views. The proposed changes are:

1. A three month suspension of the non-chargeable kerbside garden waste service with no collections taking place in December, January and February.
2. A five month suspension of the non-chargeable kerbside garden waste service with no collections taking place in November, December, January, February and March.
3. To introduce a chargeable kerbside garden waste collection service instead of the current non-chargeable service.

Residents are asked to pick the one option which best meets their needs. From the 1 July you can find out more information and contribute to the consultation: **online by visiting the Council's website and following the link to public consultations. Or online at your local library.**



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## CRUDWELL CHURCH NEWS AUGUST 2014

### COFFEE 'N' CHAT

On Tuesday, 15th July we were welcomed to the lovely home of John McWilliam and Liz Robertson and treated to home made cakes, ice cream and other lovely treats. The weather was great and several of you had a go on John's improvised putting green, with Ian Kernon winning first prize. We made £200, which will go to the upkeep of our lovely old Church. On **Friday, 8th August** we have been invited to **Frank and Carole Soden's** home in Chedglow. We are usually lucky enough to have the sun shine on us and enjoy their super garden, let's hope our luck continues.

**Hope Carpenter** is very happy to give a lift to anyone who can't get there, so please give her a call on **07850 800104**. We look forward to welcoming old and new friends on Friday, 8th and everybody is welcome. There is a chance to win a raffle prize or spot a bargain on the Bring 'n' Buy Stall. We meet from 10.30am till 12 noon. So don't forget, just come along or give Hope a ring to have a lift to Chedglow.

### Make do and mend?

At the heart of your community



*Recently I was talking to a colleague, Anne, from the Citizens Advice Bureau who works with younger families. We were reminiscing about various money saving things our parents and grandparents used to do and she said that she was hoping to collect ideas from the older generation on how to save money to pass onto the youngsters. Her favourite tip was given to her by a lady in Swindon for stain removal: To avoid expensive stain removing products simply leave the stained item in a bucket of rain water for 48 hours then wash as normal!*

I wondered what sort of advice is on the Internet and found the website "mumsnet"; here are some of their ideas:

#### **Get resourceful in the kitchen**

- "Only shop for food when there's nothing left. This means getting really creative with dinner"
- "Save the bits you cut off vegetables - broccoli stalks for example - and make into a veg soup when there's enough"
- "Make 'mash' using baked potatoes then save the baked skins for another day. Pop them back in the oven and cover with cheese"
- "Leave the oven doors open after use to warm up the kitchen"

#### **Make do and mend**

- "Squash the cardboard inside the loo roll, so it's harder to unravel - that way children use far less of it"
- "Cut open tubes of toothpaste, make-up etc to scrape the bits inside out"
- "Water down all washing up liquids and fabric conditioners"

#### **Don't be afraid to lie to your family**

- "My son, who is 19, is drinking 'organic' hot choc. Little does he know it ran out ages ago and has been refilled with a much cheaper option, which he 'doesn't like'"
- "I have fancy handwash bottles in my bathroom and kitchen that I refill with the corresponding colour or scented cheapo bubble bath."
- "In the winter, I diligently check the weather online each night to decide what temperature the central heating will come on at in the morning. Last year, we spent a shedload on gas. Last month's gas bill was half that of December 2012"
- "Xmas shopping starts now in the sales. This saves me hundreds"

**Now its your turn! Anne would be delighted to hear the things you and your families did in years gone by to save cash. Give me a call with your ideas, or let me know when you see me at coffee or lunch club. I shall look forward to more cash in my pocket!**

**Phone: 07557 922020 (Please leave a short message and I will return the call – saving your bill!)**

**Ellen Blacker.**

**Good Neighbour Co-ordinator**



# Crudwell 24hr Bike Ride is over for



Photo courtesy of Stuart Madeley

After all the hard work and planning, we were blessed with fantastic weather and what a great weekend.

Friday saw frantic activity as the village hall and playing field were prepared for the event. The track team worked late in to the night filling potholes and strimming undergrowth. Thanks should also go the Wiltshire and Gloucestershire councils who helped where they could with verge cutting and hole filling. Whilst the verge trimming was a great help, the timing gave the field team a stressful hour or two before the starting gun went.

And so the 27 teams began their Herculean efforts, the final statistics are awesome:

27 teams participated; 290 riders of all ages did at least one lap; 1277 laps were logged

8939 miles were completed The most laps were completed by Velo Vite, 69 laps – by an U16 team, a truly remarkable effort, well done guys.

Thanks must also go to 84 wonderful marshals who worked through out the event and 36 volunteers at the village hall control centre.

A big thanks must also go to our kind sponsors, a special mention should also go to Mike Carpenter from Carpenters Haulage. Mike has been involved as a rider/marshal/sponsor every year since the event started, so many thanks Mike. So if you want to help with the 2015 Bike Rider please get in touch with any of the committee.

**So here's to the 2015 bike ride See you there**



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Neighbourhood Watch is not just about reducing burglary figures: it's about creating communities who care. It brings local people together and can make a real contribution to improving their lives. The activity of members can foster a new community spirit and belief in the community's ability to tackle problems. At the same time, you feel secure knowing your neighbours are keeping an eye on your property.

### Other benefits:

There are benefits to being a member of the scheme; members will become familiar with crime prevention ideas which will help you keep your home and belongings safe. The extra security, which belonging to a scheme offers may mean that you can get a **premium discount** from your insurance company.

### How does this scheme work?

Crudwell village will be coordinated by me, Margaret Perrin, with schemes throughout the village being supported by a dedicated team of local volunteers.

Schemes can be large, covering most households on an estate or road or they might involve just a half dozen houses. Numbers depend on the area and will reflect how individual residents want to be grouped. I am in close contact with the police and share information and advice via the individual scheme coordinators. I can assure you that NHW does not involve masses of time or effort so please does not be put off.

If you are interested in joining me in this village Neighbourhood watch venture, please contact me Margaret Perrin on 577960 or at [mperrin@btinternet.com](mailto:mperrin@btinternet.com)

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## CRUDWELL CHURCH SERVICES AUGUST 2014

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	August	11am	Morning Worship
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	August	10am	Group service at <b>Oaksey</b> - Commemoration of WW1
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	August	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	August	11am	All Age Worship
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	August	10am	Group service at <b>Ashley</b>

### August Garden Jobs

This is generally a time for harvesting plenty of different vegetables, fruits, and flower seeds. If you want to save seeds, choose a healthy looking parent plant, which has had some sun, and is likely to have been pollinated, rather than those hidden in the shade. It is worth trying to sew a few fresh seeds, as some, such as lupins, will germinate much better before they have dried out. Otherwise let the seeds dry, and put in an envelope big enough to write any information required for timing of the next sewing period. I think the best place to find this information is online, on The Seed Site, which lists all the information very cleverly, with photos of dry seeds, and the newly emerging baby plant. It also shows all the weeds in the same way, so you can recognise these and clear them from competing with your purposely planted ones. For gardeners it is a mine of information. Anyone who wants to grow things to eat, might like the site Nicky's seeds. another one with lots of helpful stuff.

With summer vegetables this is the time to regularly feed, when watering, to bring out the best in the crop. I tend to use a liquid feed, mixed up in a concentrated form into a large plastic milk bottle, and add a capful to the watering can. Do not over water, as this will reduce the flavour, but regular amounts should be provided to produce well shaped and sized fruits. On tomatoes and courgette/cucumbers, it is worth removing slowly, the lowest pair of leaves. These will be deteriorating by now, and you will be letting air and pollinating insects in. Take away the lowest pair once

a week. Remove the flowers from courgette/cucumbers as soon as they pull off easily, to prevent rot from the flower end.

If you are growing fruit and vegetables, it is worth having a look at "Tender" by Nigel Slater, a keen gardener and TV chef. There are two volumes, one for fruit, and one for vegetables, and make good presents for keen gardeners. The emphasis is on getting the most from your crops, with fairly straight forward meals to make. Lots of simple hints about what flavours enhance each crop as well.

As a young man, my father lived in India, and he was a keen grower of food for the table. The following is a nice way with spinach or swiss chard.

- Equivalent of a bag of spinach, washed and preferably dryish, with the thick ribs torn out of home grown leaves
  - One onion, sliced
  - One mild red chili, deseeded and chopped (or some red pepper if chillies are disliked)
  - One teaspoonful of mustard seeds
  - Desiccated coconut & Oil for frying (not olive oil)
- Slowly fry the onion in oil until it is translucent, then add the chili/red pepper and mustard seeds, continue to fry for a few minutes. Add the spinach to the pan and cook until wilted, without adding any water. Add a tablespoonful or two of desiccated coconut, stir through to heat, and serve.

Rice or naan breads go well with this. The same recipe can be tried with french beans, though these need to be boiled for a few minutes, and drained in a sieve before adding to the pan. *Sue in Chelworth*



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## Crudwell Ladies

Our speaker in June was Liz Fleming who gave us an insight into her duties and role as Lady Mayor of Usk. She brought along a slide show of Usk (in Wales) which has inspired our members to go along and visit this delightful town for themselves.

In July we had a fascinating walk around Cirencester with our guide, William, who explained about the buildings and opened our eyes to various nooks and crannies in the town. So enjoyable that we hope to repeat the experience again. To finish off the evening we then went to The Black Horse for a pre-arranged supper.

For our **August** meeting we are at Cirencester again on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>**. This time it is for a summer skittles evening at The Wheatsheaf which involves a friendly match with sandwiches and chips to follow.

**Diary dates** are for two Open Meetings when anyone can come along to Crudwell Village Hall 7.45pm ready for 8pm start, cost £3pp. The first one is **Wednesday 10 September** when Bob Browning is speaking on Country House War Factory – Eckos of Cowbridge – a great way to hear about our local history and the next following Open Meeting is on **Wednesday 8 October** when Tony McAleavy is speaking about The Witches of 17th Century, Malmesbury which should set you in the mood for Halloween! Everyone is welcome. If anyone would like to join us or is interested in the above events please call **Tina (577707)** or **Sandra (577368)** for more details.



### Tim's September Marathon update

A massive thank you to those who have sponsored me already for my run for Alzheimer's Society. Training around Crudwell, Hankerton, Charlton etc took a little extended turn on Tuesday (8/7/14) I thought I needed to extend the distances a little and thought running home from work was a good idea. So 18 Miles it was back from school in Fairford. Yes a little sore towards the end but thankfully the weather was cloudy and not too hot. Without an official ice bath a shower in the garden is as cooling as it gets.

Only just under 8 weeks until the 6th September and the 26 miles across Salisbury Plain, I might need to go and have a little warm weather training over the holidays. Thanks to those of you who slow down and pull out a little for runners, I hope they say thank you! I am still looking to reach my £800 target, only £200 away now you can sponsor me online at [www.justgiving.com/t-roberts1](http://www.justgiving.com/t-roberts1) or pop something around to 24 The Dawneys. Many thanks again for your support **Tim Roberts**



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## Why become a Crudwell Parish Councillor?

*Margaret Perrin, Councillor*

If you've never been to a Crudwell Parish Council meeting before, you may be forgiven for thinking that the Parish Councillors are a group of (probably older) people who meet now and then in Crudwell Village Hall. Parishioners in our community need support and guidance at times and it is sometimes the Parish Council that they turn to for help. By becoming a Parish Councillor you become someone in your community who parishioners will look to for help, guidance and support. You would become a community leader with the opportunity to influence decisions for the benefit of the people in our parish. Seeing your community change for the better as a result of decisions you have helped make, is something that can give you a sense of achievement and pride.

### How much time does it take up?

Crudwell Parish Council meet once a month, to which members of the public are also invited. Meetings may last two or three hours depending on the agenda set for the meeting to discuss. In addition to the regular meetings, councillors may be required to attend other meetings representing the Parish Council, for example, acting as a representative on an outside body such as the flood working group, community activities or helping develop a new project for the community. Such meetings won't happen every week, so it's not going to take over your life.

### How long does a Parish Councillor serve for?

Once elected, Parish Councillors sit on the Council for a maximum of four years. If they then want to stay in the post they can stand for re-election.

### Am I eligible to be a Parish Councillor?

Most people are qualified to stand for their local Council but there are a few rules. To be eligible to stand for an election, you must be:

- A British citizen, or a citizen of the Commonwealth, or the European Union.
- 18 years of age or older on the day you become nominated for election.
- Be an elector of the parish; or have in the past 12 months occupied (as owner or tenant) of land or other premises in the parish.
- Work in the parish (as your principal or only place of work).

You cannot stand for election if you:

- Are the subject of a bankruptcy restriction order or interim order.
- Have within five years before the day of the election, been convicted in the United Kingdom of any offence and have had a prison sentence (whether suspended or not) for a period of over three months without the option of a fine.
- Work for the Council you seek to join.

Crudwell Parish Council has an allocation of 9 Councillors, at present there are 6 serving Councillors leaving 3 positions unfilled. Crudwell Parish Council meet every third Wednesday in the month at Crudwell Village Hall starting at 7.00pm.

You don't have to be connected to any political party to be a member of Crudwell Parish Council. If you think this would be for you, please apply to the Crudwell Parish Clerk for further information. **Veronica Hourihane. e mail: [Parish.Clerk@crudwell-pc.gov.uk](mailto:Parish.Clerk@crudwell-pc.gov.uk)**. If you do become a Parish Councillor you must sign up to the Councils Code of Conduct.

For further information on becoming a Parish Councillor log on to [nalc.gov.uk/Toolkits](http://nalc.gov.uk/Toolkits)

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## NOISE NUISANCE

In the summer, with sunny days and long light evening, it is often a time to be enjoyed outside. However, this can be spoilt by continuous dog barking. Often the owner is not aware of the situation but it can be extremely stressful for near neighbours. Please be aware of what a nuisance this can be and consider your neighbours. ***There are some extremely good tips for owners if they have this problem with their dog/s on the Wiltshire Council website under Community and Living.***





## The Crudwell web site is on the way!

For some time, the Parish Council has wanted Crudwell to have its own web site. Many other villages in the area have a presence on the web, and we didn't want to be left behind. So, over the last few months, we've been working hard at it. A local professional web design company is building the site, and we have a test version up and running – you can see the main heading above. We are now filling in the blanks on the initial structure, and working out where to add Facebook and Twitter links.

The aim is for the website to be a resource for the whole community, with details of what's going on, who to contact, and where to find things, as well as links to other important sites like the Wiltshire planning portal and the refuse collection schedules. We're also looking at the idea of supporting local businesses with 'click-through' advertising.

However . . . a website needs up-to-date content. So . . . if you are involved with a local group, activity, or business – or you just have something you'd like to say – please get in touch. If you're a keen photographer, and would like to see your pictures on the web, let us know. And if you would like to be involved in updating and maintaining the site, we'd be really pleased to hear from you. Previous skills are useful, but we can provide training for enthusiastic amateurs as well.

We hope the site will be up and running in the autumn, but that depends a lot on how much content we get and whether we can find enough people to look after it.

Please send your ideas and offers of help to [webmaster@crudwell-pc.gov.uk](mailto:webmaster@crudwell-pc.gov.uk). And look out for the test site which will be up and running very soon!

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**Purpose:** The purpose of the Caretaker role is to ensure that Crudwell Village Hall is kept in good working order with a good standard of presentation. To open and close the hall for the hirers and to act as an Ambassador for the hall at all times.

**Hours per Week:** The job typically takes around 3 hours per week. Scheduling of hours can be to suit the individual, but must fit in with hall rental times. Extra hours may sometimes be agreed for one-off non-routine tasks.

**Employment Status:** Self-Employed Contractor. Further details: For further details and to apply, please go to the **Hall website** [www.cvhrg.org.uk](http://www.cvhrg.org.uk)

## VACANCY..VACANCY..VACANCY

### Recipes from the Great War:

#### Delicious Rice Pudding

Butter a pie dish very liberally; lay at the bottom enough rice to cover it – two grains thick. Pour over a pint and a half of new milk.

Let it stand all night, so that the rice may get thoroughly soaked. In warm weather the milk may be boiled first. Sweeten and flavour to taste.

Next morning place the pudding in a moderate oven for an hour and a half at least, so that the rice may swell gradually. Ten minutes before it is wanted take out of the oven. Stand aside, cover with a cloth, and leave it to cream. If prepared in this way carefully it will be found to eat like Devonshire cream

## Crudwell CE Primary School Vacancy

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Further information and an application form can be downloaded from the school's website [www.crudwellprimary.co.uk](http://www.crudwellprimary.co.uk) ('vacancies' link) or phone us on 01666 577357.

## Operational flood working group news

### Repair and renewal grant – important news

The government has decided to extend the grant to cover people whose septic tanks have been flooded. Taking the view that “people cannot reasonably be expected to live in a property that is not flooded but has no functioning sewage system. The impact on their lives would be the same as if their home was flooded and they may not be able to continue living in their home.” So if you know anyone whose septic tank was flooded, and who is/has or is thinking about taking resistance or resilience measures to reduce or stop this occurring again please advise them of this change in the criteria. Their property does not necessarily have to have been flooded.

### PEAS – Parish emergency assistance scheme

The council has introduced a scheme particularly for those parishes who have experienced flooding or are at risk of flooding following the winter weather. We will provide:-

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	8.00pm - 10.00pm	Badminton	Village Hall	George	01666 577196
TUE	9.00am - 10.30am	Tai Che Class	Village Hall	Carmel	01666 577502
	7.00pm - 9.00pm	Guides	Village Hall	Heather Berry	07870 860228
WED	09.00am - 3.00pm	Pre School	Village Hall	Cathy Harris	07986 622191
	4.00pm - 5.00pm	Rainbow Guides	Village Hall	Sarah Horton	01666 575063
	5.00pm - 6.30pm	Brownies	Village Hall	Alison Wilson	01666 577285
				Sarah Wilson	01666 577554
THR	6.pm -	Totally Tennis	Recreation Ground	Annie	01666 577091
	2.30pm - 5.00pm	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall	Carmel	01666 577502
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FRI	09.00am - 3.00pm	Pre School	Village Hall	Cathy Harris	07986 622191
	5.00pm - 6.00pm	Church Choir	All Saint's Church	Eve White	01666 577036
	8.00pm - 10.00pm	Badminton	Village Hall	Robbie	01666 577607
SUN	10.00am -	CRAG Netball	Village Hall	Debbie	01666 577739
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