

Crudwell Parish News



**September
2014**

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the opportunity to reply to the anonymous letter published in the last edition of the Crudwell Parish News.

Firstly, the Parish Council is very concerned that anyone should feel the necessity to withhold their name for fear of any redress from any party.

Secondly, we are aware that Chuck Berry has sent to objectors, and shared with the Parish Council, the initial pre-application advice given to the Ridgway Farm developers. This advice explains the likely position of Wiltshire Council's planning department, and concludes:

“ Although the proposals would contribute to the rural economy, which is supported by the first bullet point in paragraph 28 of the NPPF, the increase in built development in the countryside would harm the natural environment and would be contrary to the local and national planning policies which aim to protect, conserve and enhance the natural environment. For this reason and the reasons set out above your proposal is unlikely to gain the support of the Council ”

Thirdly, with regard to specific planning applications, Wiltshire Council invites each Parish Council to make recommendations on planning applications arising in its parish. Parish Councils make no planning decisions, and can only present their recommendations after an application has been submitted.

Fourthly, Wiltshire Council takes into account the views of both the relevant Parish Council, and also members of the public who have responded during the consultation period. Planning is driven in the main by Planning Law. If the Wiltshire Council Planning Department makes a recommendation which is contrary to the view of the Divisional Councillor (gauged from the local consultation) then the Councillor can 'call it in'. The planning application is then debated, in public, by the Planning Committee (made up of Wiltshire Councillors), and a vote is taken as to whether to agree with the Officer's proposal or take another view. The Planning Committee vote is binding on Wiltshire Council. This is not that common but it does happen. Supporters and opponents of the application can speak up for their view at this stage. When an application is decided, Wiltshire Council can apply Conditions – such as a start date – or require Contributions from developers (see below). Conditions and Contributions can be challenged later in the process.

Fifthly, the anonymous writer also makes a number of comments regarding possible “inducements”. With regard to this:

- Contributions (known as “Section 106 money” or “Civil Infrastructure Levy” are often sought from developers to reflect the need of the community. Such contributions are meant to mitigate issues that any development might raise, such as school size, road safety, open space facilities and, of course, affordable housing. **All such contributions above are in the public domain**
- **The Parish Council utterly refutes any allegation that it has or would accept any kind of inducement for undertaking its duties. This would be both illegal and unethical.** Crudwell Parish Council aims to be open and transparent in all its dealings. Councillors are volunteers who act together for the good of the community they serve, and for no other reason. We strongly encourage members of the community to visit and observe Council meetings, and to become councillors themselves, should they wish to make a more active contribution to the life of the community. There are currently several vacancies on Crudwell Parish Council, so if you want to express a view, or indeed are worried about the village, why not give it a go, help us, understand us, and contribute to our thinking as a member yourself.

Finally we hope this at least lets the Crudwell Parish News readers understand more about the Parish Council and the Planning Process. We are sad that ignorance of the process contributed to what was said and, sadder still, that a person felt they had to be anonymous in order to express those views. We have the village at heart ALWAYS, but of course we understand why people feel how they feel because, after all, we are people too.

Yours sincerely,

Crudwell Parish Council

Chuck Berry, Margaret Perrin, Duncan Lamb, Jonathan Furlonger, Kim Cobbold (existing Parish Councillors)

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Thanks to Stuart Madeley who has found time to provide a photo of another focal point of village life for many, the Parish Allotments. The products of care and fine weather can clearly be seen.

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Letter to the Editor.

I am replying to the article in the August edition of the CPN entitled “**A view from my end of the village**”. Firstly, I do not think any article should be printed in this publication submitted by an anonymous contributor. I personally found this article to be abhorrent and bordering upon Libellous.

My partner, Margaret Perrin has served on Crudwell Parish Council in excess of seven years, devoting many hours a week of her time in a voluntary capacity to improve the quality of life within our parish for the benefit of all parishioners. Areas such as Flood Protection, Neighbourhood Watch, Fun in the Sun, Outdoor Fitness Centre, Allotments Officer to name but a few. She also sorts, batches up and delivers the CPN once a month to all the volunteer distributors with me driving and her dropping them off as well as delivering over a dozen individual copies en route.

When I read this letter I was inclined to dump the lot back on your doorstep but as Margaret argued her case that people need to see how vindictive a parishioner can be and knowing she would go ahead and deliver them alone I relented as it is so much safer to carry out the drop offs by two people.

To intimate that the Parish Councillors will personally benefit if this development goes ahead is a disgrace and the author of that letter should come out into the open and not hide behind anonymity.

As a non Parish Councillor parishioner, who has not yet made up his mind for or against this development I would also like to make the following points to that letter.

- 1) The decision will not be taken by the Parish Council but by Wiltshire Planning Dept.
- 2) The concerns raised by parishioners together with those by the PC will be put forward to WPD and not “swept under the carpet”. You have a right to attend any Parish Council meeting and raise your concerns during the publics allotted time.
- 3) Crudwell is going to have to face up to the fact that it has to bear its share of new housing development over the next decade. A figure I have heard, off the record, is for 20 more dwellings.
- 4) We have had developments over the years in Crudwell, most prior to my 24 years as a resident, such as The Grove, Kings Meadow, The Butts, The Dawneys, Brookside and Days Court, all I believe on Greenfield sites as indeed is our new Village Hall.
- 5) Ridgeway Farm appears to me to be the nearest piece of land to a “Brown Site” that Crudwell has to offer with the remains of old asbestos buildings on the site in need of removal. It is also outside of the Village Conservation Area.
- 6) As at the time of writing, no plans have been submitted to WPD for this proposed development and until such time as this happens everything else is pure conjecture and speculation.

Roger Woolley rogerwoolley@btinternet.com

ps Since writing the above letter on July 28th, Outline Planning has been submitted to Wiltshire Council

The Editor is always interested to receive letters for publication. Letters may be edited for reasons of space. Correspondents should supply their name, address, and a daytime telephone number. In future; only in exceptional circumstances, the Editor may publish a letter where the name and address of the author has been withheld. In these circumstances, the Editor will give his reasons for withholding this information. The Editor’s decision is final in all cases.

Letters have been published in this and the previous edition of the Crudwell Parish News (August and September 2014) relating to the proposed housing development at Ridgeway Farm, Tetbury Lane, Crudwell. **Correspondence on this topic is now closed**, as the planning application is live on the Wiltshire Council web site at <http://tinyurl.com/n8bqnc3> Interested parties should make their views known through the web site, using the “Comment on this application” button, and not through the pages of the Crudwell Parish News.



We wanted to use this as cover photo but enlargement lost the crispness, sorry Jenny. Editor

This is a really lucky shot I have taken with my camcorder in June of this year. I recognised the familiar “chip,chip” of a young great spotted woodpecker and quickly dashed for my camera. By the time I returned, this juvenile bird was getting braver and had perched on my bird stand begging for food. It didn’t know quite what to do, and a few seconds later the male parent bird came down to feed it. I was thrilled to bits. Male great spotted woodpeckers are identifiable by the small red patch at the back of the head, female has no red marking on the head. Juvenile birds are the same size as the parents when they leave the nest and they have a large red cap on the top of their head. By the time you read this article they will look like an adult bird. We are very fortunate to have great spotted woodpeckers and green woodpeckers in Crudwell but it is always a privilege to see these lovely birds. Never take them for granted.

Jenny Ward

CRUDWELL CHURCH SERVICES SEPTEMBER 2014

Sunday 7th September

11.00 am Morning
Worship

Sunday 14th September

No service

Sunday 21st September

9.30 am Holy Communion

Sunday 28th September 11.00 am All Age Worship

The search goes on for our new rector

I am sorry to report that we were unable to appoint a new rector when we interviewed at the end of July. Although we had two candidates, there was not a good match between either of the applicants and the needs of the parishes. The interview panel therefore felt that we must be patient and wait for the right person.

COFFEE 'N' CHAT

We all know that in our green and pleasant land, you can never rely on our weather, but we still had a great time at Carol and Frank Soden's house on Friday, 8th August. Frank served us his usual special coffee, smelling and looking like sherry, coffee and biscuits were enjoyed, friends caught up with and great fun was had by all. For September, we will all need our passports as we have been invited to Cirencester to visit Shirley Lewis in her lovely, spacious flat. Transport will be arranged and anyone wishing to go, should give Hope Carpenter a call on 07850 800104. We don't have a date yet but it will be towards the end of September. We will let you know as soon as a date is fixed and organise lifts. It will be great to visit Shirley on 'foreign' soil and welcome old and new friends, have a go at the raffle, or just browse the sales table. Everybody is welcome, and we meet from 10.30am till 12noon.

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chair@crudwellbikeride.co.uk

but the door will be open regardless.

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.

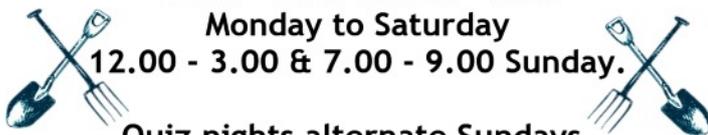
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Mothers Union

AUTUMN AGAIN

We celebrated our founder Mary Sumner with a service followed by tea in Sherston church on Thursday 7th August and now look forward to returning to our normal meeting time for the autumn. So on September 11th we meet at 10.30 a.m. in Crudwell church to hear about the Rise Trust Project, so hope you will all come and find out about that.

I see in my last letter I got thoroughly muddled and put our cake and project stall the Friday after that, but the cake sale is on Friday the 10th October, following a meeting on Thursday the 9th at 10.30 a.m. in Hankerton church when we shall be meeting with

our Diocesan President, Mary Head, who is going to talk about flower arranging, hopefully with some ideas about flowers in church which I shall be very glad to see. Do come and enjoy this demonstration and at the same time bring plenty of cakes, jams and any other produce for our stall the next day. Sorry about the muddle. Proceeds will go to the Rise Trust Project and the Sisters of the Church in Bristol.

So on to Thursday the 13th November when we meet for a Faith and Policy Service in Sherston church at 10.30 a.m. with Sue Harvey. And I hope I haven't made any more muddles and you will be able to get to these meetings - and begin to think of plans towards Christmas!

Jane Gibbs - 577282

Free Publicity for Parish Events

The Gazette and Herald and the Standard both have community news to publicise events in the towns and villages. Edna Smith for years sent details of our events to the two newspapers. Since her "retirement" no one has taken up this task.

I am now going to do this task. So, if you would like your events to be published, please send me the details by either post, 'phone or email with your full name, address, land line telephone number and email and I'll do my best to get them published. Both newspapers publish on a Thursday.

Cut off details to me are: The Standard 0900hrs on a Monday. For the Gazette 0900hrs the Thursday before the publication.

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- **If we can get the service off the ground, would you would be interested?** There's no commitment at this stage, I just need to convince the supplier that enough people are interested to make it viable
- **If you own, or are responsible for, a tall building in the parish,** would you be prepared to allow us to come and undertake a short survey to see if it would be suitable to host a transmitter?

If you'd like to get your name on this list, please contact me by email at webmaster@crudwell-pc.gov.uk. And watch this space for more details as we progress!

Ridgeway Farm, planning application.

Further to my comments in the August CPN, will you please be aware that a Planning Application has been lodged for the proposed development at Ridgeway Farm, Tetbury Lane. **The planning application is with Wiltshire County Council and the reference number is 14/07419/OUT.** If you wish to make any comments regarding this application you have until **11th September** to lodge your opinions with the Planning Department. All the information is contained on the Wiltshire County Council web site. If you require any further information, please contact me on r.chadwick046@btinternet.com

Chelworth Bookworms

Eating our Ancestors

July was our last meeting before the annual summer break and we usually all contribute a plate of food to enjoy. This year, we decided to bring something that represented where we, or our ancestors, came from and it produced an incredibly varied mix of food – and some revealing stories to go with them. Our menu consisted of:

- Kurbisso from Switzerland – a marrow soup with a wine vinegar base
- Ardenne pate from eastern Belgium
- Potted meat from Yorkshire
- Kartoffelsalat from Germany
- Southern Fried chicken with BBQ sauce from USA
- Eierschecke from Germany – an egg custard tart
- Liege waffles from Belgium
- Coventry God cakes
- Kirsch torte from Switzerland

All washed down with a homemade sloe gin punch from Chelworth! As you can imagine, there was not much time to discuss books, the nearest we got was a plan to see one of the “Film of the Book” releases that were due out this year – either ‘Gone Girl’ or the ‘100 year old man who climbed out of a window’ – both of which are previous Book Club titles. We will meet again in September to discuss 2 more books from our list, until then – happy reading.



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NOTICE - Crudwell Parish Council hereby gives notice that the Parish Council Meeting on the 27th August has been cancelled. The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th September 2014 at 7:00 pm in the Village Hall. Parishioners wishing to contact the Parish Council with urgent matters in the meantime should speak directly to a councillor, or contact the Parish Clerk at parish.clerk@crudwell-pc.gov.uk



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North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

Pamela Loftus

A short Annual General Meeting for the Flower Club will be held on **Wednesday 17th September** at 7.30pm at Crudwell Village Hall, followed by a talk given by Marcel of Floyds Climbers, entitled 'Clematis'. The flower club committee hope that all the members enjoy the club's yearly programme but if anyone has new ideas or comments or would be prepared to help in some way, the Annual General Meeting is a good opportunity to make feelings known. The club's main yearly event will be on **Wednesday 19th November at 7.30pm** and is now drawing close. The venue is the Sundial Theatre, Cirencester. Jonathan Moseley will demonstrate 'A Christmas Cornucopia' and this is an evening not to be missed. Tickets will cost £10 for members and £12 for non members and will be available from early September from members and Committee. Telephone Sue on 01666 577125 to answer any queries or give information about forthcoming events.



September in the garden

After the heavy rain in August the ground will have freshened up the vegetation, and new growth begun. This is a good time to divide many of the plants, especially the tougher ones which can withstand winter. Things like hostas, day lilies, hellebores and flag iris. These type of iris are very good at stabilising a sloping site, but as the tuber should be exposed to the weather, it is best to give some compost before replanting. Cut the leaves into a fan shape afterwards to reduce wind-rock. There will be plenty of slugs and snails around, so protect the divided plants to give them a good start.

This is also time to save seeds from favourite, healthy plants. Keep the seeds in a warm room, until November, to properly dry out, but then take them to a cold dry place. I keep mine in air tight plastic boxes from the supermarket, in my garden shed. Some hardy annuals can be sown for an early start next year, but I have found that they suffer when we have a few severe frosts, so I now don't do this before Spring.

This is a good time to take semi mature cuttings. All manner of things can be tried from shrubs to alpines. I think the easier method is to use small square pots, filled with a mixture of potting compost, grit and perlite, and the cuttings put into a clear plastic box with a lid, such as sold in pound shops, This should be put in a bright place, but not in full sun, especially at mid day. The pots can be labelled with a chinagraph pencil, from a good stationer. In winter, a sheet of bubble wrap can be inserted both above and below the plants, and left out except during extreme cold. Take the cuttings with a sharp knife, leaving a

small bit of the stem, called a heel, reduce the number of leaves above, and dip into hormone rooting powder before inserting into the pot. Rooting powder does not keep after opening, and can be bought as a liquid which can be kept in the fridge. Make sure that there are no flowers on your cuttings, and remove any which form over the next few weeks. In the spring, cuttings can be repotted to grow on, but use smallish pots to create a stronger root near the main stem.

This is also time to work on the lawn, firstly by reducing the height of the mower, to leave the grass longer after cutting. It can be hard raked, to remove summer thatch and moss, spiked if you have heavy clay soil, and treated with Autumn lawn feed. Bare areas can be sown with seed, but protect this from birds. It will benefit from top dressing, a good way to fill hollows and improve the lawn. It can be made by collecting autumn leaves in bags as they fall, and mixing with grass cuttings to rot down. With a separate compost bin this will be ready for use the following autumn.

The following recipe is my husband's way with patty pans. Or use french beans;

Pick patty pans when they fit on your palm
Boil whole for 10 minutes, then drain and cut in half
Meanwhile make dressing

1 desertspoon of sugar 1 teaspoon of mixed mustard 1 teaspoon of oregano, chopped
1 tablespoon of olive oil 1 tablespoon of wine vinegar Salt, pepper, garlic, with additional paprika, Cajun or Moroccan spice if liked

Whip together and add to the hot patty pans or beans, and leave to cool

Sue In Chelworth

Crime Report

I hope this finds you all well and that you have taken advantage of some of the nice weather that we have had. Unfortunately, some of our less desirable members of society have also taken advantage in the form of stealing from our homes, garages and sheds. It would appear that jewellery has been the target for the dwelling burglaries. Again Ashton Keynes has been hit with three dwelling burglaries as I write. These occurred whilst the occupiers were away. The concern to me is that the window of opportunity for one of them was only two days. This indicates to possibly knowing when people are away. I feel a reminder is needed to everyone to ensure that you are really careful when talking about any upcoming holidays or trips away. We cannot always be certain who is overhearing a casual conversation in a shop, post office or pub about our excitement on an upcoming trip. I am not trying to instigate paranoia but just to have an awareness of what we are saying to whom and where. There has been a bit of an increase in cold callers in the general area, the majority of these are more than likely

Monday 22nd September 10am – **Oaksey** shop Wednesday 24th September 8.30am - **Eastcourt** Crossroads
Friday 26th September 10am – The Grove, **Chelworth**, Monday 29th September 5pm - **Crudwell** village hall

Steve HARVEY PC 1589 Community Beat Manager NPT – Ashton Keynes, Crudwell, Minety, Oaksey and villages.

fine but if you feel uncomfortable about any or witness strange activity then call it in on 101 straight away, perhaps noting a description of the person and any car number you might see. Again some sheds have also been targeted in Ashton Keynes, Minety and Chelworth for tools and gardening equipment. On a positive note we are currently chasing up some leads on possible forensics linked to some of the breaks which I am excited about. We have also had a couple of thefts of tools from vans in the area of Minety and some lead taken from the Church roof in Oaksey.

Womad has also taken place and whilst the overall crime figures are generally lower than other years there has still been the plethora of drug offences detected. There was a male reported exposing himself on the B4040 between Charlton and Minety on a couple of occasions. I have traced the male and he was arrested by myself a couple of weeks ago. I would be interested to hear from people who spot the following vehicle that has been acting suspiciously a Toyota Hi lux number:MF14ELC , please call any sightings in on 101 and as always any other suspicious activity at all.

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On 13th September this year the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust's sponsored "Ride+Stride" (originally the Great Cycle Ride) celebrates its 30th anniversary. Thanks to the commitment of hundreds of cyclists and walkers (plus a few horse-riders) and their sponsors, over £1.2 million has been raised to contribute to the maintenance and on-going work of our county's churches.

Bear Grylls, adventurer, Chief Scout, Wiltshire resident and supporter of Ride+Stride, writes: "Many historic churches are battling to survive. Roofs leak, ancient timbers rot and medieval stonework crumbles. Now you can help by joining the Ride+Stride adventure, discovering beautiful churches while raising money for their repair and preservation. Wherever you go, your Ride+Stride journey will ensure that historic churches remain at the heart of our national heritage and the soul of local communities for generations to come."

Half of all money raised goes to your own chosen church, and the other half is used by the Trust to award grants to churches with special maintenance needs. No bicycle? Walking between one church and another constitutes participation in Ride+Stride. For the more energetic, however, there are cash prizes for the best achievements, including several for under 15-year-olds, and parishes can compete for the Brooke Cup and Junior Group Cup.

This year Wiltshire R+S will be graced by the support of the **Archbishop of Canterbury**, who will be at St. Mary's Church, Lydiard Tregoze at 10.00 a.m. and will send all riders and striders on their way.

So please do join in on **September 13th**. The chances are very high that you will enjoy it! For more information, please contact Nicola Dunn on 01666 575067 or visit www.wiltshirehistoricchurches.org.

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