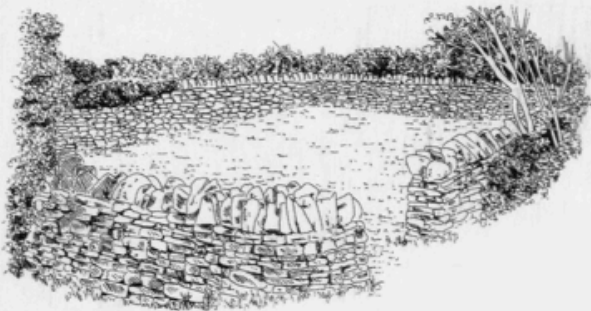


What's on in Crudwell

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Items of Interest

Welcome to the first on-line edition of What's on in Crudwell. A big thank you is due to old and new contributors and advertisers for supporting this venture. Many thanks are also due to Roy Lambley for facilitating the technical arrangements which make this possible.

An apology is due to those of you who did not receive a paper copy of edition 49 of What's on. Unfortunately the government's restriction on movement and social distancing came in just before we were due to complete deliveries.

There is a lot of information in this edition of What's on and the emphasis is very much on the COVID-19 crisis. The Parish Council has provided a summary of help, advice and guidance available on the Wiltshire County Council website. There is an update on Street Leaders, an item on support through my-Crudwell, and articles from the Church and from the School.

Snippets of other information we have gathered are:

- Bus passes are now valid at any time of day but please check that buses are operating;
- Garden bin subscription arrangements for the chargeable garden waste collection service have been revised and customers will be contacted about renewing theirs from 15 June;
- Crudwell Post Office has revised opening times for the time being. On Mondays and Tuesdays it will be open in the afternoons only 14:00-17:30hrs but will be open on Wednesday mornings as usual - 09.00 - 12:30hrs, but check on the front door of the Wheatsheaf;
- The mobile library has ceased to operate until further notice;
- Waste and recycling collections are continuing as normal;
- All Wiltshire play areas and outdoor gyms are closed until further notice
- Open spaces, such as country parks, will remain open, but you should only leave the house for one form of exercise a day, alone or with members of your household. You must ensure you are two metres apart from anyone outside of your household.
- An interactive map has been set up showing where COVID-19 support service are located <https://wiltscouncil.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=761ba80d4ec94dc9aa4f349850cee28a>

As a final message before you delve into the depths of this edition please remember we are here to publish important information about the current crisis and indeed any good news stories you may have, so do send us copy when there is something to say to fellow villagers and parishioners. We are planning to publish on a Friday on a fortnightly basis with copy required by noon on the preceding Thursday. For example the next edition is due out on 17 April with contributions needed by noon on 16 April.

Stay safe and well.

Best Wishes

David and Jules

Crudwell PC Covid-19 Support Arrangements

The Parish Council has supported urgent enhancements to the my-Crudwell website designed to provide support and information for parishioners at this very challenging time. This can be found at <http://www.my-crudwell.org/category/news/covid-19-news/>

The refreshed site has a COVID-19 support page listing all known local support services together with shops and any special arrangements in place for the elderly or vulnerable. We have liaised with the What's On team so that the journal, which can no longer be distributed by hand, will be published on the my-Crudwell site up to twice a month. A mailing list at community@my-Crudwell.org has been created to provide live information updates; there are currently 70+ subscribers. You can join this list and receive updates and WOIC online by clicking the button at the bottom of this update. We have also been working in liaison with our Community Street Leaders support group led by Leon Horton who have grown a vibrant network at spectacular speed to ensure help is available to the elderly and vulnerable in our community. We are extremely grateful to Leon and all the volunteers who are already providing invaluable help.

Stay safe!

Sign up for my-Crudwell here: [Sign Up](#)

Councillor Roy F Lambley

Crudwell Parish Council

As we reported last month due to the recent change in Government recommendations regarding Coronavirus the Parish Council is unlikely to be able to meet in the near future. The council is taking guidance from the National Association of Local Councils who have a dedicated web page at <https://www.nalc.gov.uk/coronavirus>. Should Parishioners have specific issues they can contact the Chairman peter.gilchriest@crudwell-pc.gov.uk or phone 577615.

Councillors have been active though in supporting the development of the my-Crudwell website and liaison with the Street Leaders support network.

Sadly, the children's play area and outdoor gym have been closed in accordance with Government guidance.

The following is a summary of advice and information from Wiltshire County Council.

Business Advice

If you're eligible for either the:

- Small Business Grant Scheme where businesses in receipt of Small Business Rates Relief (SBRR) and rural rates relief will receive a one-off grant of £10,000.
- Retail and Hospitality Grant Scheme where businesses in the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors receive a cash grant of up to £25,000 per property.

Those businesses with a rateable value of under £15,000 will receive a grant of £10,000.

Those businesses with a rateable value of between £15,001 and £51,000 will receive a grant of £25,000.

Businesses should have received a letter from Wiltshire Council asking them to complete an online grant form. Please provide all the information requested as soon as possible so we can assess and verify the information. We issued our first grants on 2 April 2020 and are working as quickly as possible to issue this funding as we recognise how stressful this time is for businesses.

If your business is currently closed and you cannot collect your letter, you can complete the grant form if you think you are eligible for support.

A dedicated contact centre for COVID-19 business support has been set up and businesses who have queries on the grant process or require further information and advice can email us at Covid-19BusinessSupport@wiltshire.gov.uk.

Prescriptions

Pharmacy2U will deliver your prescriptions to your door free of charge: visit pharmacy2u.co.uk/nhs or telephone 0113 265 0222.

You just type in what you require, they contact your doctor to check your medication and access your prescription from the NHS database.

Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub

We have set up a dedicated hub to support the most vulnerable residents during the ongoing COVID-19 situation.

The Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub is available to anyone who is struggling during this difficult time, such as people who are shielding or self-isolating and don't have a support network around them or know where to get help. Call 0300 003 4576 or [e-mail wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk) for further advice and information.

Our team can help provide support but also signpost people to where additional help is available in their local area – with hundreds of community groups set-up across the county providing invaluable assistance.

You can also find information about community groups across Wiltshire in our community directory.

Council Tax and Business Rate Payments

To support people as much as possible during the ongoing COVID-19 situation, the council has confirmed that no resident or business in Wiltshire will have to pay council tax or business rates until June 2020 if they are struggling.

Any resident wishing to defer paying their council tax in April and May 2020 can contact the council and this will be arranged. Those payments will then be taken in February and March 2021 instead, as council tax is normally only collected over the first ten months of the financial year.

Similarly, businesses who also wish to defer business rates payments for two months, and not pay in April and May, can also arrange that by contacting the council. For anyone wishing to do this, the council will freeze direct debit payments, so people do not need to contact their bank to arrange.

People should call 0300 456 0109 or email counciltax@wiltshire.gov.uk to request the deferral – these will be taken at face value and there will be no vetting of anyone wishing to defer payments for April and May 2020.

For those who choose to defer, payments will resume in June 2020 and will be taken over the 10 months from June 2020 to March 2021. For those that pay annually, they can still do so at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/benefits-council-tax>. Those that make manual payments can also continue to do this if they wish, but they will need to contact the council if they want the April and May payment break.

Working age residents who benefit from the current Council Tax Support Scheme will receive an additional reduction to their bill in line with the government's hardship fund criteria. Those households eligible for this reduction will automatically be re-billed.

Malmesbury Town Council & HEALS

Malmesbury Town Council and HEALS our local Charity have put together a coordinated response mainly aimed at the town but can include people in need in local villages. Ways HEALS can help:

- Debt problems
- Rent or Council Tax arrears
- Housing difficulties
- Foodbank vouchers

If you are not an existing Service User, other than for issuing Foodbank vouchers, for legal reasons, we will require you to complete a simple HEALS user registration form by phone or email. heals.malmesbury@gmail.com

More Support for Carers

Community Connector – Carers (Calne, Malmesbury, Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade) Ashley Harris, Direct Line: 01380 819596, Internal Extension: 308, Email: ashley@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk

- Currently our face to face and community support is suspended. This includes cafes, groups, pampering sessions, group activities, work in GP surgeries and home visits
- Carers assessments will now be carried out by phone wherever possible.
- We are offering a telephone service (Mon-Thurs 9:30-16:30, Friday 9:30-16:00)

Call us on 0800 181 4118 or email admin@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk if you need support or advice.

Community Street Leaders Initiative

A team of amazing volunteer Community Street Leaders has been established covering Crudwell and Chedglow. The intention is to make sure the more vulnerable and higher risk residents are supported during these times. Currently, we are taking care of around a dozen households. Flyers have been posted through every door, asking those potentially in need, if they require our assistance.

The good news is that we have a great community spirit and at present all those requiring support have been identified and are being looked after. The Street Leaders are sharing tips, ideas and coming together to co-ordinate shopping trips to minimise the number of journeys required.

It is heart warming to hear the weekly 'Clap' for the NHS, on Thursdays at 8pm in the village, recognising their relentless quest to manage the virus.

If you do require assistance, please contact me and I will put you in touch with your Community Street Leader.

Leon Horton – leon.horton@heineken.co.uk

STAY SAFE – PROTECT THE NHS – SAVE LIVES

#Beatingthevirus

Crudwell School

I thought it would be of interest to villagers and parishioners to report on how the school has been operating since it was closed as part of the government's lockdown strategy.

The school and the teachers have done an amazing job, in trying to ensure that quality education for pupils continues. The school was given just 3 days notice of the closure, and in that time the teachers organised sending out work to pupils and parents to enable them to carry out home schooling for the last two weeks of term. The effort the staff put into achieving this was fantastic, particularly because, like the staff of many primary schools, they have not been given in depth training for the provision of virtual learning platforms and programmes.

The staff, lead by Ben John, have all risen to the challenge and are having virtual staff meetings and encouraging the children through the Class pages on the School website - <https://www.crudwellprimary.co.uk/topic/class-pages>. Have a look at the fantastic work the children have been doing; the most entertaining and looked for entries are Mr John's Vlogs !!!

The positive feedback from parents and carers has been very good. The range of school work and guidance being provided by the teaching staff has been much appreciated and removes the need for parents to devise their own lessons; it also allows a good balance to be struck between work and free time. The work produced is submitted to the teaching staff by 3pm every day and also acts as a register of a child being at school.

The children are coping very well with the new arrangements although they are missing their friends and possibly would prefer to be back at school! On-line class catch-ups and video calls have made it a little easier for them to adapt.

The school has had a very small number of children of key workers attending for the last 2 weeks, although this will cease after the Easter holiday and the school will be completely closed - which will be a further help in overcoming the spread of COVID-19.

Many thanks are due to Ben John and all the staff for managing the impact of school closure in such a professional and empathetic way. Of course the future after the Easter holiday is uncertain but parents and children can be confident that Crudwell School will continue to operate and provide the best education possible for our children.

Stay safe, keep well, enjoy your Easter break and look forward to Terms 5 and 6.

Kind Regards

Leon Horton, Chair of Governors

Crudwell CoE Primary School September Intake

Places are available for the September intake....

Crudwell Church of England Primary School is a friendly, vibrant and exciting place for all young people to learn and flourish. We nurture all our pupils' unique strengths, talents and interests, helping them to develop in character and confidence.

We aim for our pupils to aspire to be the best versions of themselves so that they may realise their full potential, in their learning and in their behaviour. Our children are happy, creative and respectful in their interactions with others, and they have high expectations of their own behaviour. We value great teamwork, trust and perseverance.

We have developed an exciting and engaging curriculum with high quality children's books to promote a love of reading. We have spacious school grounds with a Forest school, an abundance of sporting opportunities and clubs and tuition available in music, art, dance and speech and drama.

Situated in the beautiful Wiltshire countryside, between Malmesbury, Tetbury and Kemble, with easy access via the A429, our school is at the heart of the community we serve. We have a range of exciting before and after school clubs and childcare options to support our families with wrap around care as well. We value working in partnership with our parents to support our pupils' personal development and learning and I would be delighted to welcome you to our school.

Please make an appointment for a telephone discussion and a virtual tour of the school is available.

Ben John

Head Teacher Email: admin@crudwell.wilts.sch.uk Tel: 01666 577357

<https://www.crudwellprimary.co.uk/>

Neighbourhood Plan

Completion of the Crudwell Neighbourhood Plan is now drawing closer and remains a high priority for the Parish Council. The plan, when made, will allow us to determine the pace and scale of future developments and to influence their location, design and affordability. Without the plan we are likely to be exposed to speculative planning applications for large developments of new houses by external developers.

All policies for the Neighbourhood Plan have now been agreed and work is largely complete on compiling the final version (this is called Reg. 15/16). This document set includes a major update of the Consultation Statement to incorporate a response to all the representations received from you at Reg 14 and a new Crudwell Design Guide in addition to the final re-draft of the Neighbourhood Plan and it's supporting documents.

The final document set will be presented to the Parish Council for approval shortly. Following approval, the Neighbourhood Plan will be submitted to Wiltshire Council for public consultation with you. It is hoped that the six week consultation period will commence by late spring and end during the summer. Clearly timescales may be impacted by the current crisis but it is our understanding that Wiltshire Council will conduct the Reg 16 consultation but the following referendum could be delayed. We will make every effort to inform you of the consultation via this publication, our mailing lists, website and notices. You will be invited to make your representations to Wiltshire Council throughout the consultation period. This will be followed by the referendum when you will be asked to vote on acceptance of the plan.

Stay up to date by joining our mailing list at plan@my-crudwell.org and at our website at <http://www.my-crudwell.org/plan/>

NB Members of the Steering Group have also been active in refreshing the my-Crudwell website to provide COVID-19 information and What's On In Crudwell, (which has ceased printed publication) online. Click here to view the new page <http://www.my-crudwell.org/category/news/covid-19-news/>. A separate e-mail list has also been set up to alert subscribers whenever WOIC has been updated on my-Crudwell and to provide important updates from the community in order to keep pace with the developing COVID-19 situation. Be sure to sign up to the WOIC/my-Crudwell list if you haven't already, to receive these updates. You can do that here: <https://my-crudwell.us16.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=6c7b9a2a92354da7cede56384&id=ef342a9859>

Thanks all and take care.

Sian Burke-Murphy, Chair; Roy F Lambley, Secretary; Crudwell Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Crudwell Church

All Services and events are remaining cancelled and the church at this moment in time is still closed.

Normally at this time of the year, we've dressed the church in beautiful flowers, in celebration of Easter Day. As the church is closed, we've decided to place flowers outside church. Should you have any flowers in your garden, why not pop over during your once daily and help make the outside of All Saints look even more beautiful?

On the churches website <http://www.braydonbrook.co.uk/> you'll find competitions for our younger members of the villages....create your own Easter Garden and/or make an amazing Easter Bunny.

Also on the website, you'll find out how we are gathering and worshipping together whilst in lockdown! Thank goodness for Zoom!

Anyway, a prayer which might help a little during this strange and worrying time:

A prayer for the world

God of love and hope,
you made the world and care for all creation,
but the world feels strange right now.
The news is full of stories about Coronavirus.
Some people are worried that they might get ill.
Others are anxious for their family and friends.
Be with them and help them to find peace.
We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists,
and all who are working to discover the right
medicines to help those who are ill.
Thank you that even in these anxious times, you are with us.
Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe.
Amen.

Sending blessings & prayers, *Revd Tonya*

Crudwell Village Hall

All the regular groups have cancelled their sessions and no new bookings are being taken until further notice. All April 'ad hoc' bookings have been cancelled. Ad hoc bookings further ahead will be reviewed nearer the time.

Anyone requiring information should contact chair@cvhrg.org.uk or bookings@cvhrg.org.uk.

In accordance with government guidelines, the multi-sports facility is closed until further notice.

Crudwell Village Hall (charity no.294177) is run by a committee of independent volunteers.
Rental income covers its maintenance and running costs.

Coffee 'n' Chat

Whilst the Crudwell Church Coffee 'n' Chat meetings, held on the first Wednesday morning of each month, are cancelled until further notice, the support of those who have contributed and attended this year has been much appreciated. When the current Government recommendations permit the reinstatement of such events, a warm welcome will await everyone. *Jean Haden*

Village and Local Organisations

The following village and local organisations are not operating at the moment but if you need contact them or want to know more about them details are below.

Short Matt Bowls - anitahill.smith@gmail.com

Tai Chi - Margaret English, margaretenglish261@btinternet.com

Crudwell Ladies - Margaret English, margaretenglish261@btinternet.com

Ladies Luncheon Club - Margaret English, margaretenglish261@btinternet.com

Badminton Club - Nigel Kelly, nigkelly@gmail.com

Pre-School - Cathy Harris, info@crudwellpreschool.co.uk

Beaver, Cubs and Scouts - Tamsyn Luggar, crudwellscoutgroup@gmail.com

Malmesbury and District U3A - Janette Barstow, janette@jbarstow.plus.com

NW Villages Flower Club - Liz Parker, aelizparker@gmail.com

24Hr Bike Ride

As expected, due to COVID-19 the 2020 Crudwell 24 Hour Bike Ride has been cancelled, but we will work hard to return in June 2021, at a date to be confirmed in the next edition. A big thank to all those who kindly volunteered to help with this year's event, and rest assured we will welcome your help next year.

Bike Ride Committee

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April opening Bank Balance	£1,023.61
Bank Interest	£ 0.45
Balance at 10/4/20	£1,024.06

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