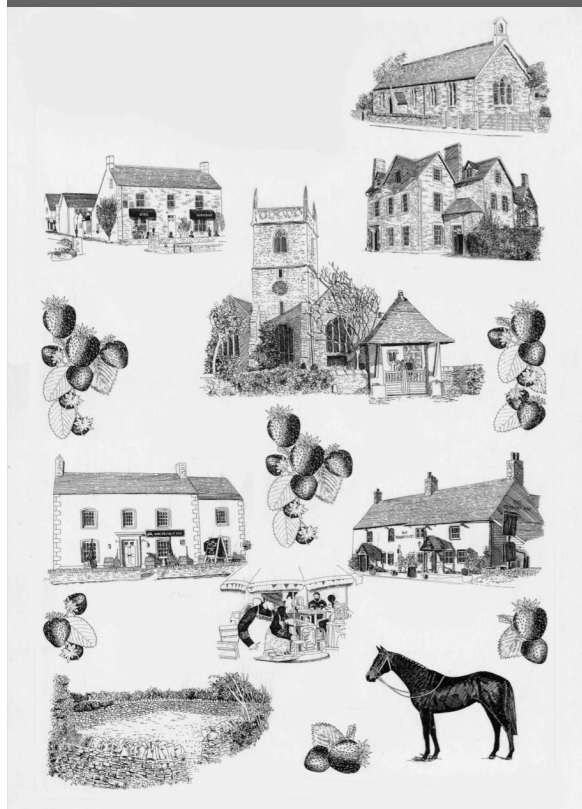


# What's on in Crudwell

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## Local Services

<b>Post Office</b>	Monday and Tuesday 2pm - 5.30pm. Collection time 4.50pm. Wednesday 9am-12.30pm. Contact number 577201. Collection time 12.15pm.
<b>Mobile Library</b>	<b>Not</b> operating according to the WCC website. See the WCC <a href="#">Libraries information page</a> .
<b>Defibrillators</b>	Village Hall, Wheatsheaf Inn

## Items of Interest

Another on-line only What's on for April but we're hoping we can be back in print for May - no promises though. We'd like to draw your attention to three articles in particular:

The first is from Avie David a very brave young woman who needs our help. She and her family are organising a number of fund raising events over the Easter Weekend and we're sure many of us in Crudwell and the parish will do our best to support them.

The second is from the Carpenter family thanking the village for their support after the passing of Hope Carpenter. Hope will be missed by many of us as a regular 'meet' on walks around the village.

The third is a very important notification of the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum to be held on 6 May. Details are on pages 7-8.

Elsewhere in this month's edition there is information about Braydon Brook, Easter church services and other activities together with the usual articles from the School, Pre-School, the Parish Council and some of the other regular contributors.

Best Wishes

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*Teriyaki stir-fry chicken with rice*

*6oz Cheese burger with chips*

*Chicken and bacon Caesar salad*

*Beer battered cod and chips*

*Chicken Madras Curry with rice and naan bread*

*Beef lasagne with chips*

*Buttermilk breaded chicken burger with BBQ sauce and chips*

*Vegetable lasagne, vegetarian pie and daily options*

*Desserts (\*to be heated at home)*

*From £4.00*

*Ginger sponge with custard\**

*Chocolate brownie\**

*Fruit Crumble with custard\**

*Butterscotch ice-cream sundae*

*Cash or card payments*

*Deliveries by arrangement*

*See [www.wheatsheafcrudwell.co.uk](http://www.wheatsheafcrudwell.co.uk) for updates*

## Avie's Story



Hello, my name is Avie David, I'm 14 years old and I live in Brookside in Crudwell with my parents and 2 younger sisters Lily and Hattie. I was recently diagnosed with Scoliosis which is a curvature of the spine and I'm in a race against time to get life changing surgery in America.

My curve is already classed as severe and is increasing and rotating. If left, my rib cage will start to push against my heart and lungs and could cause me a lot of pain. My only option in the UK is to have my spine fused with screws and a metal rod, which would severely affect my day-to-day movement and I would lose all flexibility in the lumbar (lower) spine. I will also likely need further fusions in the future due to the high likelihood that I will experience disc degenerative disease or

arthritis in the areas above and below the fused area, which could end with me needing to be fused to my pelvis.

I don't want this to be my future. Luckily, I have been accepted by a Children's Hospital in America who offer a different surgery called Vertebral Body Tethering (VBT) which uses a tether instead of a metal rod. It is a far less invasive surgery and will allow me to have full flexibility in my spine. The NHS are currently doing a clinical trial on this surgery but by the time it might be available on the NHS it will be too late for me.

We are now in a race to get this surgery in America to give me the brightest future possible. But we need your help! My parents are starting to fundraise like mad and have a few local events happening that I hope you will consider supporting...

**CRUDWELL EASTER TRAIL** – A lovely opportunity over the Easter weekend to have a wander around Crudwell village spotting eggs and gathering letters that make up an easter themed word. Trail maps will be on sale and include an Easter treat for each child and a chance to win a large Easter egg.

**PRIORY PIZZA ON THE ROAD** – We have arranged for the Priory inn, Tetbury, to come and serve takeaway pizzas and Krispy Kreme donuts at Crudwell Village Hall car park on Good Friday, 2nd April. They will very kindly give us 10% of the profit they make on the night.

**RAFFLE/ONLINE AUCTION** - We are arranging a raffle or online auction, so if anyone is able to donate anything, we would be so incredibly grateful. Please contact us at [thedavidfive@gmail.com](mailto:thedavidfive@gmail.com).

**SPONSORSHIP** – My Dad is doing a sponsored "I've got your back" 30/30 challenge where for 30 days he will carry 30kg in the form of a weighted backpack. He will be able to put the backpack down at the end of each day and walk away, but I can't walk away from my condition. He will be doing this at work where he is a secondary school teacher but you might also spot him around the village! Then in October, my Uncle Gaz who lives in Hankerton is taking part in the Atlantic Coast Challenge where he is going to run 3 marathons in 3 days!! Serious heroes to me!

For my full story and to help me get to America, please visit my page at <https://gofund.me/df9f4477>. I also have a facebook page which will have all of the details of upcoming fundraising events and how you can support me. <https://www.facebook.com/Fixing-Avies-Wonky-Spine-109688177863991>

I hope you will consider me and my wonky back a worthwhile cause!

Avie xx

## Hope Carpenter

Michael, Simon, Jane and all their families would like to thank you all for your kind messages and support after the sudden but peaceful passing of much loved Mother (Granny Hope.)

With current restrictions we were unable to have a Church Service to include you all, however we were touched to see so many pay their respects on her last journey and for prayers outside the Lych Gate at All Saints Church, Crudwell before leaving for the Crematorium. Thank you to Judy and Helen for the two lovely flower decorations which were placed by the side of the lych gate in the small walled gardens that Hope enjoyed planting, watering and keeping tidy.

Hope came to live in Crudwell in 1959 when she married Leslie. Hope enjoyed the community life in the village getting involved in Musicians, Choir, Coffee 'n' Chat, Strawberry Fair, Harvest Festival and many others, always willing to help raise much needed funds for the Church.

She enjoyed her daily walks around the surrounding countryside come rain or shine and loved chatting to the many people she met along the way.

Thank you

*The Carpenter Family*

## Greetings From Reverend Tonya

Hello Everyone. A Happy Easter to you all.

I hope by the time you read this, you'll either have Easter Eggs in the house somewhere, waiting to be enjoyed or that you are preparing your garden for the Easter Bunnies arrival!

Easter, it's about new life, it's about spring bursting into full bloom, and for those who believe in God, it's about Christ rising from the dead and offering us new life in him.

But why the Eggs and the Bunny? Eggs, well that's easy, new life, Christ bursting from the tomb and entering into our lives. The Bunny, well, slightly harder to answer perhaps, but rabbits in many cultures are known as enthusiastic procreators, so the arrival of baby bunnies in the springtime became associated with birth and renewal.

It is all good news and at this moment, isn't that what we need? Good news, new life and being able to live life fully once again. It is great that the children are back at school, it is great that the government have given us a roadmap out of this and it is great that the days are lengthening and beginning to get warmer.

I wonder, if you could have 'new life', what would that look like? Maybe this Easter we could all take a moment, look at our lives, see what they are full of and what is missing and perhaps give thanks for what we have and address those things which aren't giving us new life.

However you spend your Easter, may you be blessed by the God of love who is with us at all times.

Our churches will be open for worship on Easter Day. Why not come along? Find rest in these beautiful buildings which have been closed for too long and who knows what you might discover.

(I am hoping that the Easter Bunny will have visited a few of our churchyards, come & hunt for eggs, all ages welcomed! Check the website to find out where.)

Easter Blessings

Tonya

## April Services for the Braydon Brook Benefice

Sunday Services are paused at the moment, but our churches are open for private prayer. Please contact the Churchwardens.

Date	Services on Zoom	Services on YouTube
<b>Sunday 28th March</b>		<b>Palm Sunday Friends and Family Service</b> 10am
<b>Thursday 1 April</b>		<b>Worship for Maundy Thursday</b> 6pm
<b>Friday 2 April</b>		<b>Good Friday Service</b> 2.30pm
<b>Sunday 4th April</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> 9.30am Ashley 9.30am Hankerton 9.30am Minety 11am Charlton 11am Crudwell 11am Oaksey	No Zoom service
<b>Sunday 11th April</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> 10am Charlton	<b>Evening Prayer</b> 6pm
<b>Sunday 18 April</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> 10am Crudwell	<b>Friends and Family</b> 10am
<b>Sunday 25 April</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> 10am Oaksey	<b>Tea Time Service</b> 4.30pm

Please e-mail [bbbbandgb@gmail.com](mailto:bbbbandgb@gmail.com) for the Zoom login. details

We have Morning Prayer via Zoom at 8.30am on a Tuesday and 9.30am on a Friday. All are welcome. If you would like to join please contact Richenda, [richenda@ymail.com](mailto:richenda@ymail.com) for details of how to log on.

Please visit our website [www.braydonbrook.co.uk](http://www.braydonbrook.co.uk) or e-mail [bbbbandgb@gmail.com](mailto:bbbbandgb@gmail.com) for more details about services and other activities.

Our YouTube link is <https://minetyonline.com/church/>



## Other Braydon Brook Activities

### **Come and be part of the Braydon Brook Coffee & Quiz via Zoom**

Wednesday 14th and 18th April and 12th and 26th May at 10.30am

Rev. Tonya leads a light hearted general knowledge quiz on Zoom.

To join in please email [admin@deanery.org.uk](mailto:admin@deanery.org.uk) for the login details.

### **Easter Trail Round Crudwell Churchyard**

Anytime from Maundy Thursday over the Easter period

Take your smartphone with you so you can scan the QR codes and go on a journey through Holy Week

## Coffee 'n Chat

Although it is not yet possible to confirm the resumption of Crudwell Coffee 'n Chat mornings, we all look forward very much to these monthly meetings reconvening when permitted.

The late Hope Carpenter faithfully and competently organised the Coffee'n Chat mornings for many years, providing an enjoyable social occasion whilst raising vital funds for Crudwell Church and churchyard maintenance. She will be sorely missed.

*Rosemary Williams 01666 575073*

## Crudwell Pre-School

Spring has definitely sprung at Pre-School. Our garden is flourishing with daffodils, hyacinths and new buds growing on our trees. The children have been fascinated watching the changes and have created their own masterpieces of the flowers they have watched grow over time.

We have planted sunflower seeds, peas and are preparing some potatoes to grow. The children will nurture these seeds and will have the opportunity to taste the peas and potatoes when they are ready.

We are focusing on road safety and have created a road including traffic lights and zebra crossings on the track in our garden. We will talk about the importance of being safe near roads and the importance of seatbelts when in a car. The children will create their own car using big boxes, chairs and paint !

We have started practicing Easter songs which will be shared with parents and carers via our closed Facebook page. This page is only available to parents with children who actively attend Pre-School. We share daily photos and videos of the exciting activities and play the children have enjoyed that day.

If you are thinking about sending your child to Crudwell Pre-School we have spaces remaining and would love to hear from you so please get in touch by either ringing or e mailing me on –

07986622191/ [info@crudwellpreschool.co.uk](mailto:info@crudwellpreschool.co.uk)

*Cathy and Barbara.*

*(Crudwell Pre-school (Charity Reg. No. 1037681) Crudwell Village Hall – Monday, Wednesday and Fridays - from 9am to 3pm for 2 to 5 years old.)*

## 24Hr Bike Ride

With the promise of warmer weather to dust off our bikes and enjoy the beautiful surrounding countryside, please log the date of 26/27<sup>th</sup> June in your diaries. Although it is too early to guarantee that we will be able to run the event, the Committee are working hard on a plan to run a Covid secure event, possibly of shorter duration than the full 24 hour event, but nevertheless something to which we can all look forward. We will definitely be contacting our previous volunteers and helpers as soon as we have a better idea of how to proceed, and would welcome the involvement of anyone new to the event or the village. Please contact either Damian on 575041, or Elizabeth on 577565.

*Elizabeth Churchill*

### Parish Council Meetings

The next virtual Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday the 6th April 2021 at 7:00pm. You are, if you wish able to join this meeting remotely via Zoom. The agenda and instructions on how to take part will be made available on the PC website at: <http://www.crudwell-pc.gov.uk/> . Should parishioners have specific issues they can contact the parish clerk at: [parish.clerk@crudwell-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parish.clerk@crudwell-pc.gov.uk) or the Chairman [peter.gilchriest@crudwell-pc.gov.uk](mailto:peter.gilchriest@crudwell-pc.gov.uk) (phone 577615.)

The my-Crudwell.org website supported by the Parish Council has links to the excellent Street Leaders support network and a my-Crudwell mailing list to keep you informed of developments and receive access to monthly WOIC online publications. You can join the my-Crudwell mailing list at: [www.my-Crudwell.org](http://www.my-Crudwell.org).

If you are in need of help or support in any way and particularly during the Covid pandemic then please contact the Street Leader's organiser, Leon Horton at [leon.horton@Heineken.co.uk](mailto:leon.horton@Heineken.co.uk) who will inform your local street leader; please provide your address and phone number.

The Parish Council continues to monitor local Covid data and while the number of cases here and in Wiltshire continues to fall in line with the rest of the country it is still very important to stay at home where possible and to follow Government guidance (see below).

### Parish Council Elections May 6th 2021

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, elections are taking place in May and the deadline for Wilts Council to receive nomination papers is 8 April at 4pm.. Below is the address of the Wiltshire Council web page where you will find the nomination forms and the link to make an appointment to submit your form.

[www.wiltshire.gov.uk/elections-town-parish](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/elections-town-parish)

You need to download and complete a nomination form.

You need to book an appointment to submit your nomination form and have this received and checked by Wiltshire Council. The nearest Hub is Monkton Park, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 1ER (they also have Trowbridge and Salisbury offices).

**From Wiltshire Council** - Please don't attend without an appointment. If you do turn up without an appointment, it's very likely you will have a long wait until we're able to see you. Also, we cannot guarantee you will be seen at all as those who have made an appointment will be seen first and prioritised for checking/submitting nomination papers.

### Information from Wiltshire Council

#### England is in a national lockdown

England entered a national lockdown on Tuesday 5 January. This means you must stay at home and only go out if it is essential.

View more detailed government guidance including essential reasons to leave the home and meeting others at [GOV.UK: national lockdown](https://www.gov.uk/national-lockdown).

#### News

#### Wiltshire roadmap for reopening services

As lockdown is cautiously eased in 2021, you can use our roadmap as a guide to see when services will reopen in Wiltshire - view the [roadmap \[120.47KB\]](#).

#### Joint statement to event organisers

Following the publication of the Government's COVID-19 Response Spring Roadmap on 22 February, you can read the [joint statement to event organisers from Wiltshire Council, Swindon Borough Council and Wiltshire Police](#) [634.03KB].

#### PPE for Unpaid Carers

Wiltshire's eligible unpaid carers are now able to receive PPE following updated national guidance.

Wiltshire Council is working closely with charity Carer Support Wiltshire to ensure unpaid carers receive the PPE they need to keep those they care for and themselves safe. Carers can request PPE if they care for or go into the home of someone they don't live with to provide care or support.

Carers can call Carer Support Wiltshire on 01380 908008 who will provide advice and arrange for delivery of the PPE complete with instructions on how to use it and dispose of it. If you are a carer and not currently registered with Carer Support Wiltshire, we encourage you to call them and talk through whether you may be eligible for PPE and find out about other support services they offer.

## Crudwell Parish Council - continued

A carer is anyone who cares, unpaid, for a family member or friend who could not always manage without their support. They might look after someone with a physical disability, long term health condition, mental health issue or a problem with substance misuse.

### **Targeted COVID-19 rapid community testing gets underway in Wiltshire**

We have rolled out the government's targeted rapid COVID-19 community testing initiative locally to help drive down transmission rates.

Our programme, in partnership with the Department of Health and Social Care, is specifically aimed at asymptomatic people at small businesses, private early years settings and childminders. Eligible people will take a Lateral Flow Test.

The testing sites are located at:

- Devizes (Leisure Centre) - Southbroom Rd, Devizes SN10 5AB
- Salisbury (Five Rivers Health and Wellbeing Centre) - Hulse Road, Salisbury, SP1 3NR
- Chippenham (Monkton Park) - Wiltshire Council Offices, Monkton Park, Chippenham SN15 1ER
- Trowbridge (County Hall) - Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN

You can now book an appointment at any one of our sites, with same day booking available (if there are slots).

The centres cannot accept people dropping in, and everyone must book an appointment and not have any symptoms of COVID-19. The self-administered test should take no more than 15 minutes and results should be known within half an hour.

Free testing continues to be available to everyone in Wiltshire who has COVID-19 symptoms - high temperature, continuous cough or loss of/change in taste or smell. People should visit [NHS Coronavirus](#) or call 119 to book a test in that instance.

Those in smaller businesses (employees of 50 or less) who cannot work from home, and private (non-maintained) early years settings and childminders have been chosen because they are not currently involved in any other mass-testing scheme.

Anyone who receives a positive Lateral Flow Test result automatically activate legal obligations to self-isolate, and may also claim for a Test and Trace payment if they are eligible.

More information, including FAQs and how to book, can be found at our [community testing page](#).

*Peter Gilchrist, Chair, Cllr Roy Lambley- Crudwell Parish Council*

## Crudwell Neighbourhood Plan Referendum – 6th May 2021

- ON THURSDAY, 6TH MAY, THE REFERENDUM FOR THE CRUDWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WILL TAKE PLACE.
- TO VOTE BY POST YOU MUST REGISTER BEFORE TUESDAY, 20TH APRIL.
- IF YOU ARE A RESIDENT OF CRUDWELL PARISH AND ON THE ELECTORAL ROLL, IT'S TIME TO HAVE YOUR FINAL SAY!

The Crudwell Neighbourhood Plan is a planning policy document that Wiltshire Council will use to make decisions on new development in Crudwell Parish.

A shortage of housing means that some development in Crudwell is necessary, especially to ensure that more people can stay living locally. The Neighbourhood Plan is our community's answer to how much new housing Crudwell Parish can support, as well as the type, shape, and location of development that should take place based on the collected wishes of existing residents.

For example, the Neighbourhood Plan lays out which sites, of those made available by land owners, are appropriate for development and how that housing should be designed to be in keeping with the area.

The Plan also provides for what other amenities should be developed alongside housing to manage their impact and provide the right supporting infrastructure. This can mean things like traffic and pedestrian access and funding for leisure facilities, schools, utilities, and more.

Without a 'made' Neighbourhood Plan, it is easier for developers to get planning permission for any amount or type of new housing anywhere in Crudwell. The Neighbourhood Plan provides the community with some control over the location and design of new development, and a say in how its impact should be managed.

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## YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

The upcoming referendum will decide whether the Crudwell Neighbourhood Plan becomes 'made' based on a vote by residents of Crudwell Parish. The Plan needs a simple majority – more than 50% - of 'yes' votes for it to become made as the area's development plan.

If 50% or more of voters vote 'no', the Plan will not become 'made' and local development and planning decisions will be made without reference to the policies it lays out.

## WHAT YOU ARE VOTING FOR OR AGAINST

While we urge residents to read the Plan in full, a summary of its specific findings and recommendations is provided below. The Plan determines:

### **How much new development is built**

Following a housing needs assessment, the Plan finds that the Parish needs 20-25 additional houses up to 2026, of which eight must be affordable. Wiltshire Council had originally proposed an additional 40 houses.

### **Where new development is built**

Following a call for sites for development from land owners, only two available sites were found to be feasible: Ridgeway Farm, Tetbury Lane and a site at the end of the existing housing on Tuners Lane. Splitting development across the two sites was considered but would not deliver the number of affordable houses we need.

An independent technical survey was then undertaken on both sites, based on which the site found to be the most sustainable was Tuners Lane. The key factors considered in the decision were safe pedestrian access, traffic volumes, existing development, and access to local amenities. The Tuners Lane site was also the most widely favoured by residents at the 2019 consultation.

Wiltshire Council had originally proposed that an additional 40 houses be built on Ridgeway Farm, Tetbury Lane, in addition to the ten houses already built. However, it was determined by Government Inspectors that our housing needs should instead be met through the emerging Crudwell Neighbourhood Plan.

### **What new development looks like**

The Crudwell Design Guide lays out how any new developments should be designed to reflect the character of our Parish and the wishes of its residents, including types of materials, roofs, windows, placement, and style.

### **Specific policies to which developers must adhere**

The Plan states specific requirements developers must meet to address issues such as flooding, sewerage, road safety and design. For example, to address flood risk, the plan mandates that rainwater run-off from any site development must be less than in its existing condition.

### **What infrastructure is provided alongside development, and how it is funded (CIL/S106)**

Infrastructure improvements needed as a result of development are funded through the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) or a more site-specific S106 Agreement. The local community receives some of the CIL money to spend on local initiatives, and when a Neighbourhood Plan is made, this increases from 15% to 25%. Development will also be subject to S106 payments, which could be used for things like improvements to Crudwell School.

### **How planning and development decisions are made**

The Plan includes a unique requirement for developers to work directly with a Community Liaison Group (to be formed of parishioners) and Parish Councillors to ensure that additional requirements including affordability, design, landscape protection and safe footpath access are all met.

## HOW TO VOTE

- **BY POST** Due to the ongoing pandemic, Wiltshire's Returning Officer is asking that as many people as possible register to vote via post. If you wish to do so, you can obtain a form at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/apply-for-a-postal-vote> and submit it to Wiltshire Council by 4PM on Tuesday, 20th April.
- **IN PERSON** At Crudwell Village Hall Polling Station between 7am and 10pm on the 6th May 2021. Remember to bring proof of identity and home address.

For more information and FAQs go to [www.my-crudwell.org/plan/](http://www.my-crudwell.org/plan/).

To view the plan in full on the Wiltshire Council website [click here](#).

*Cllr. Roy Lambley, Secretary, Crudwell Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group*



## North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

The Flower Club very much look forward to resuming activities later this year all being well, and to welcoming back members, friends and hopefully a few new members when conditions allow. Unfortunately it's now clear that by the time we do this it will have been well over a year since we last got together in person at a regular meeting. In the meantime we have tried to keep in touch through newsletters, technology and an occasional competition.

A full programme of events for 2021 has been arranged, which we will resume once restrictions are eased. We are also actively making plans for several special events during our Golden Jubilee year in 2022.

Our programme is always very varied and includes a good mix of workshops, demonstrations, social events and visits, all incorporating flowers in some shape or form. Meetings would normally take place at Crudwell Village Hall on the third Wednesday evening of the month, with visitors and potential new members welcome. We are a friendly and enthusiastic group with members from throughout the area.

If you'd like to get in touch we can be contacted by email – [nwvflowerclub@gmail.com](mailto:nwvflowerclub@gmail.com) and more information can also be found on our Facebook page.

We wish you all the best during these challenging times, and hope you stay safe and we

*Liz Parker*

### CRUDWELL MULTISPORTS FACILITY

- The courts were built in 2003 for the use of tennis, netball, basketball and 5/side football.
- There is no charge for the use of the courts but maintenance costs are funded entirely by donations, which can be made at The Wheatsheaf, Crudwell Post Office or online by bank transfer. A suggested donation could be £10/hour per court.
- If you play regularly, please consider joining our subscription scheme for just £5/month.
- Email [anniebsmith@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:anniebsmith@hotmail.co.uk) for more information.
- Help keep the courts in good condition especially NO WHEELS ON THE COURTS!

**Covid19 Restrictions:** the courts should only be used in accordance with government rules and guidance in force at the time. Crudwell Recreation Action Group (CRAG) - part of the Crudwell Village Hall & Recreation Ground charity no.294177

## Malmesbury and District U3A



With Spring in the air and some optimism about the end of lockdown all of us are longing to see our family and friends again. Malmesbury u3a has given us friendship and support over the past long months with zoom talks and coffee mornings and all of us are looking forward to starting up again. If you are retired or semi retired and enjoy meeting people while learning something new then Malmesbury and District u3a has around 40 different interest groups to tempt you. We continue to have the following talks on line for our 400 members to enjoy. Note the dates in your diary.

If you are not a member you can still join us. Contact the membership secretary, Elaine Sharpe 01666 823568, to become a member and enjoy the general talks. Then explore all the opportunities and get involved as soon as the present Covid restrictions allow. In normal times u3a meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at Malmesbury town hall from 10 - 11.45 for tea/coffee a chat and to listen to a monthly speaker. The interest groups are wide ranging such as learning a language, arts and crafts, science, music appreciation, dancing, walking, cycling, theatre visits, book groups, play readings and many more. You can find more information on our website [www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk](http://www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk).

**April 8th. Malmesbury in the news from the 1830s** by Susan Mockler

**April 22nd. The Work of the Marie Curie Charity** by Riona Houghton

**May 13th A programme of songs and their accompanying stories** Steve and Carol Robson. Audience participation (even on zoom) is almost mandatory

**May 27th From wildlife photography to saving the cheetah!** by Alison Mees

**June 10th Climate Change and Planet Earth** by David Head

**June 24th Fields of Battle - Lands of Peace** by Mike Shiel

*Christine MacLachlan*

## Crudwell Short Mat Bowls Club

### **Approval granted from ESMBA, awaiting the Government to lift restrictions - hopefully 17th May.**

Crudwell SMBC is a friendly and successful club with teams playing in both local leagues and friendlies. We welcome both new and experienced bowlers. If you are new, just turn up with flat shoes - we have the woods and advice. We cater for both competitive and social players. Our social events include boules and skittles evenings held locally (with usually a meal included!).

Give bowls a go!! You might just enjoy the game and the company. For further information please contact: Geoff Lane 01666 861326 or Anita Smith 01666 577111.

## Crudwell School

Hello from Beech Class (Year 5 & 6)! We've had an odd couple of months, to say the least – we are all back in school now and things are beginning to feel a bit more normal now, though.

Over the course of the second school closure, most of us reverted to learning at home. This time around, there was one big change compared to last year's home learning sessions: the teachers harnessed the power of Zoom! Altogether, staff put on more than 500 Zoom lessons over the course of the 8 weeks, which translates to around 10,000 minutes! Thank you to everyone who bore with us and our patchy internet, as well as to all parents, grandparents, carers and others who helped with home learning over this time.

We have been inspired on our return to school to try and weave the use of ICT into our everyday learning even more than we were previously. We have been lucky enough to receive several grants to help fund the purchase of new ICT equipment, and this investment will not only help children to hone their ICT skills – a key feature of modern life – but also to reduce the amount of paper we use, having a positive environmental impact. So far, this has been well received – we are both keen tech users as well as environmentally conscious!

As a school, we have plenty to look forward to as the weather brightens and the vaccine rollout and relaxation of lockdown restriction continues. Here's to the spring!

If you are interested in your child coming to Crudwell, we would be delighted to show you around. The school website ([www.crudwellprimary.co.uk](http://www.crudwellprimary.co.uk)) has lots of information and gives a good idea of what we think makes the school so special. We look forward to welcoming you to our school.

*Michael Kuipers*

*Year 5 and 6, Beech Class*

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Balance at 31/03/21	£620.04

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