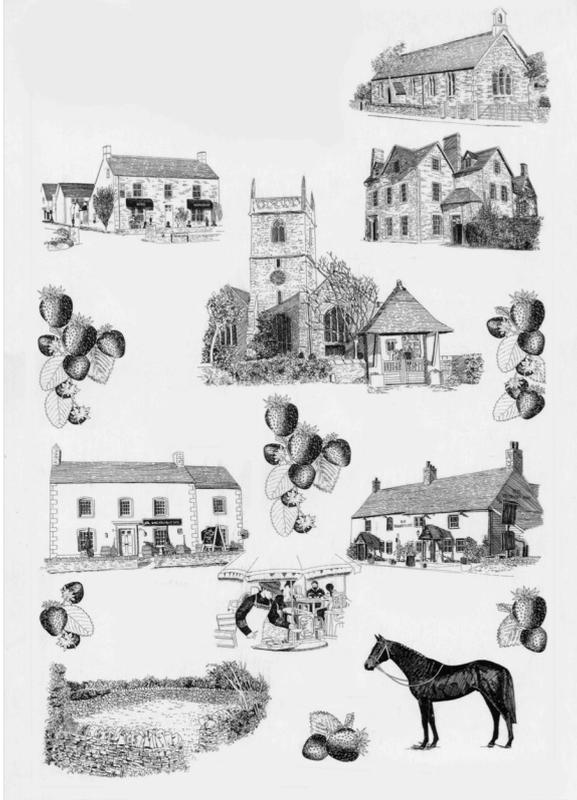


What's on in Crudwell

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Local Services

Post Office

Monday and Tuesday 2.0pm - 5.30pm. Collection time 4.50pm.
Wednesday 9.0am-12.30pm. Contact number 577201. Collection time 12.15pm.

Mobile Library

Operating again according to the WCC website. 11.10 at the Dawneys on: Friday 28 May, Friday 25 June, Friday 23 July.

Defibrillators

Village Hall, Wheatsheaf Inn

Items of Interest

We would like to draw your attention to the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum on 6 May - see page 3. No matter what your views on the Plan are it is really important we all vote whether in person or by post and we should also be grateful to the team of volunteers who have put such a lot of work into producing a Plan for us to vote on.

Also find out: how the fundraising for Avie David is going, what Reverend Tonya is doing for Christian Aid Week and how you can help Crudwell Scouts as a volunteer.

Best Wishes

David and Jules, d_m_mitcham@yahoo.co.uk, jules.burton@rocketmail.com

The Wheatsheaf Freehouse

Take away service

We will be offering a takeaway service until further notice.

Please ring 01666 577739 or Email tobygregory@aol.com

Available:

*Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays: 5.30pm until
7.00pm*

Also Thursdays: 12.00pm to 1.30pm

Sunday (roast meats only): 12.00pm to 1.30pm

Order early to avoid disappointment!

With takeaway coffee from 10am to 1.30pm Thursdays

Menu choices:

From £9.00

Winter warming casserole with new potatoes and vegetables (£11)

Homemade pie of the day (£11)

Pan fried smoked haddock and mozzarella fishcakes

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 for updates

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Time to have your say!

This is a note to remind you that voting for the Crudwell Neighbourhood Plan Referendum will take place on Election Day; the 6th May 2021.

If you wish to vote, are a Crudwell Resident on the Electoral Register and have a postal vote you must submit this to reach Wiltshire Council by 10pm on election day. You can also vote in person at the polling station (Crudwell Village Hall) between 7am and 10pm on the 6th May 2021.

We have included some of our recent Frequently Asked Questions which are also available on our website.

Who created the Crudwell Neighbourhood Plan?

The plan was developed over a period of three years by a steering group comprised of unpaid volunteer Crudwell residents with the support of a paid planning consultant through funding by government grants and the Parish Council.

What is the Neighbourhood Plan doing about new housing?

The Neighbourhood Plan allocates a single site for 20-25 homes at Tuners Lane in policy DD1. The policy includes a list of requirements that the development should meet to ensure that it is safe, well designed and meets the needs that it generates. The policy seeks cooperation between the developer and the local community to work together through the planning process via the Community Liaison Group composed of Parish Councillors and Steering Group members.

What is being done about flood risk and sewage?

Policies in the plan are designed to ensure that rainwater run-off from any new site is at a lesser rate than the existing drainage. However, because of the continuing risk of flooding and sewage effluent in heavy rain, the Community Liaison Group, the Parish Council, and our Flood Warden will work jointly with the developer to ensure that Wessex Water take responsibility for and address pre-existing issues.

What happens to the Tuners Lane site if the Neighbourhood Plan does not get 'made'?

Should the referendum yield a majority 'no' vote, development at the site at Tuners Lane may proceed regardless since it has been made available as a site for development and a planning application is being prepared. However, the development will not be subject to the guidelines laid out in the Plan, including the number and type of housing, the involvement of the community liaison group, and funding for safe pedestrian and vehicle access, local amenities, and the school.

Why is the Crudwell NP allocating the Tuners Lane site?

Ten potential housing sites were suggested to the Steering Group when we asked for sites earlier in 2018. Of these, some were not available to be redeveloped before 2026, some had a capacity for fewer than 11 dwellings (so no affordable housing would be delivered on them), one was not adjacent to Crudwell village (so developing it would conflict with Wiltshire's locational strategy for new development), and one would have resulted in many more homes than are needed. This is summarised in paragraphs 6.23 to 6.32 of the Sustainability Appraisal and Evidence Base. The individual site assessment sheets are in the Design and Development Focus Group report included in the Consultation Statement at: <https://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/resources/portal/supportingfiles/699744>.

This left only two sites that:

- Were large enough to deliver affordable homes; and
- Would deliver housing before 2026; and
- Would meet the Wiltshire Core Strategy preference for expansion of Crudwell village rather than the smaller villages and hamlets in Crudwell parish.

These sites are Tuners Lane and Ridgeway Farm phase 2.

How long does the Neighbourhood Plan last?

This version of the Neighbourhood Plan covers development in the Parish until 2026. A new Neighbourhood Plan will need to be made to cover development after that period. However, indications are that, if this version is 'made', the envisaged housing requirement to 2036 will be small and met by natural growth rather than by any imposed allocation by Wiltshire Council.

You will find many more FAQs and access to the Referendum version of the Crudwell Neighbourhood plan on our website at: <http://www.my-crudwell.org/plan/referendum-information/>

You can also contact us by email at plan@my-crudwell.org

Cllr. Roy Lambley, Secretary

Crudwell Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Greetings From Reverend Tonya

As I write, the sky is blue, the sun is shining and the birds are singing. Don't we live in a lovely part of the country? How blessed are we?

May is the season when each church in Braydon Brook Benefice has its AGM. It's our time to review what has happened over the past 12 months and it's time to look towards the future and discern where God might be calling us. Why not come along? Hear the plans and have your say. For details, either please check the flyer in this magazine or the website: <http://www.braydonbrook.co.uk/>

This month we also have Christian Aid Week (10 - 16 May 2021) and the charities focus this year is on the climate emergency. Christian Aid writes, 'This is one of the greatest injustices we face. The climate crisis is leaving people hungry, homeless and heartbroken.'

Meet Rose who lives in Dili village, Kitui, Kenya:

'I often feel hungry because of climate change, I worry a lot about food. I pray to God that the rainfall will become normal like it used to be. In recent years, the drought has been so bad that it's caused a hunger crisis. Crops wither and die. Rivers run dry. People struggle to survive.'

The coronavirus pandemic has only made this lack of water more critical for Rose. Without water for hand washing, it is a struggle to stay safe from the virus.

To help just a little, throughout this week I will be cycling through the villages raising money for this charity. If you see someone wearing a pink top, looking out of breath, then that will be me!

Should you wish to donate, there is a Just giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tonya-nixon2>.

With thanks from your vicar, who is about to begin training by lying down in a dark room, whilst finishing off the Easter Eggs, given to her by the Easter Bunny! I'm feeling worn out already...oh dear...!

Every blessing

Revd Tonya

May 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 Zoom
Sunday 2nd May	10am Holy Communion at Minety	10am Morning Prayer
Sunday 9th May Christian Aid Week	9.30am Holy Communion at Ashley 10am Morning Prayer at Crudwell	6pm Evening Prayer
Thursday 13th May Ascension Day		6pm Evening Prayer
Sunday 16th May	10am Holy Communion at Charlton 10am Matins at Oaksey	4pm Tea Time Service
Sunday 23rd May Pentecost	10am Outdoor Friends & Family Benefice Service, Crudwell church (bring along your own cuppa, cake & chair!)	No Zoom
Sunday 30th May Trinity Sunday	10am Holy Communion at Hankerton	6pm Evening Prayer
Tuesdays		8.30 am Morning Prayer
Fridays		9.30 am Morning Prayer

Please e-mail bbbandgb@gmail.com for the Zoom login details.

For Morning Prayer via Zoom Tuesdays and Fridays please contact Richenda, richenda@ymail.com for details of how to log on.

Please visit our website www.braydonbrook.co.uk or e-mail bbbandgb@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 12th and 26th May at 10.30am

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

To join in please email admin@deanery.org.uk for the login details.

Dates of the A P C M - All Meetings will be taking place in the churches

Ashley	Sunday 9th May	9.30am Communion Service, followed by the meeting, beginning at approximately 10am
Charlton	Sunday 16th May	10am Communion Service, followed by the meeting, beginning at approximately 10.30am
Crudwell	Monday 17th May	7pm
Hankerton	Tuesday 18th May	2pm
Minety	Monday 17th May	4pm
Oaksey	Monday 24th May	7p

13th – 23rd May - Thy Kingdom Come

Prayer walking each day throughout the Benefice 10am – 11am

14th Oaksey; 17th Minety; 18th Ashley; 19th Crudwell; 20th Charlton; 21st Hankerton

Why not come along, walking, chatting with others, praying to God and taking a moment to re-admire these wonderful villages.

Minety will start the walk outside the Community Shop; all the other walks will begin outside the church.

Crudwell Pre-School

OPEN DAY: TUESDAY 11th MAY

9:30am – 2:30pm

We have Pre-School spaces available.

Come and visit us and see our wonderful community run village Pre-School. We have ample parking and we are set in beautiful grounds including our own personal woodland designed play area.

We pride ourselves on our nurturing environment where every child's likes, interests and learning styles are at the heart of everything we do.

We are open Monday, Wednesday and Fridays, term time only for children aged 2 to 5 years. Our available sessions are:

Morning sessions – 9am-12pm

Afternoon Sessions – 12pm-3pm

All day sessions – 9am-3pm

Due to the current restrictions, we will need to operate an appointment system and also ask for masks to be worn. To book an appointment or for any further information please contact Cathy for more information on 07986622191 or info@crudwellpreschool.co.uk

We look forward to seeing you.

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.)

A Thank You from Derek Taylor's Family

Anna Hiett, Katherine Milvain and their families, would like to thank you for your messages of support and sympathy at this difficult time. We would also like to thank all of you who came out onto the street to say farewell to Dad; we were overwhelmed to see you all - a real testament to how highly Dad was regarded in the village.

We have been delighted to pass on your generous donations in Dad's memory to Wiltshire Young Farmers 200 Car Club, Crudwell Village Hall and Recreation Ground and Friends of Crudwell School. Thank you.

If you were unable to attend the 'Celebration of Derek's Life' call live and would like access to the recording, please feel free to email anna.hiett@gmail.com

Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

You are able to vote in the Referendum for the Crudwell Neighbourhood Plan on polling day with the local elections at the Village Hall. The plan is vital to safeguarding sustainable and reasonable development in Crudwell. See also the Neighbourhood Plan section of this edition of What's on.

Parish Council Meetings

Parish Council meetings of the newly elected Council will recommence in May 2021. The agenda and instructions on how to take part will be made available on the PC website in due course 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 or the Chairman peter.gilchrist@crudwell-pc.gov.uk (phone 577615.)

The [my-Crudwell.org](http://www.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.

If you are in need of help or support in any way and particularly during the Covid pandemic then please contact the organiser, Leon Horton at leon.horton82@gmail.com, 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 national picture it is still very important to stay at home where possible and to follow Government guidance (see below).

Information from Wiltshire Council

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.

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.

A test collection model for twice-weekly rapid COVID-19 home testing starts in Wiltshire

There are seven local test collection sites that we have opened across Wiltshire, offering the option to collect lateral flow test kits for use at home:

- Devizes Leisure Centre, which also continues to offer in-person asymptomatic testing which can be booked online
- Bourne Hill in Salisbury
- Monkton Park in Chippenham
- Springfield Community Campus in Corsham
- Calne Leisure Centre
- The Vale Community Campus in Pewsey
- Nadder Centre in Tisbury

These will open in line with the leisure centre and building opening hours so please check before you set off.

Crudwell Parish Council - continued

We will be setting up additional lateral flow test collection sites to bring the total to 10 local collection sites across the county, with the additional site locations still to be confirmed.

All of the lateral flow test collection sites around the county including our sites and pharmacies can be found on this map, which includes opening hours and the status of the site:

[View a map of all lateral flow test collection sites](#)

People can also continue to collect tests from the Salisbury Beehive Park and Ride site and the Trowbridge Greyhound Pub Car Park site, which both also offer asymptomatic testing, and more information on these sites is available on [NHS Rapid Test Collection COVID-19 Test and Vaccination Site Finder](#).

The other ways that people can access lateral flow tests include:

- a [home ordering service](#), which allows people to order lateral flow tests online to be delivered to their home, or by calling 119 between 7am to 11pm if they cannot order online
- workplace testing programmes, on-site or at home
- testing at schools and colleges

Anyone who is asymptomatic can collect lateral flow tests at the collection sites without booking.

This testing is being rolled out because around one in three people with COVID-19 do not have symptoms. Rapid lateral flow tests help to find cases in people who may have no symptoms but are still infectious and can give the virus to others.

The at home test kits are intended for use twice weekly, and results can be logged online. If the test result is positive with an at-home lateral flow test, people need to take a PCR test to confirm the result. PCR tests can be booked through www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test. If someone tests positive, they may also claim for a [Test and trace support payment](#) if they are eligible.

People who have any symptoms of coronavirus should not use this service. Symptoms include a high temperature, a new, persistent cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste. Free testing continues to be available to everyone in Wiltshire who has COVID-19 symptoms, and people who show symptoms must [book a test online](#) or call 119. Testing with symptoms is offered at the regional and local testing sites.

More information, including frequently asked questions can be found at our [community testing page](#).

Cllr Roy F Lambley, Crudwell Parish Council

Fundraising Update on Avie David

Hello Crudwell!

We have been completely overwhelmed by the response to our fundraising for our daughter's spinal surgery abroad. Thank you to everyone who supported our Easter Egg Hunt in Crudwell over the Easter weekend. We raised a staggering £724!!! A huge thank you to those of you who also ordered pizza from The Priory when they visited the Village Hall on Good Friday and just recently on Friday 23rd April. They completely sold out on both dates and were cooking non-stop 4-8pm! They are very kindly giving us 10% of their profits from both nights, so a huge thank you to the incredible pizza and doughnut eaters of Crudwell!

By the time you are reading this, Avie and her mum Sarah will be in Philadelphia awaiting her appointment with the surgeon who hopes to confirm that he can still offer her the surgery she needs on her spine. We have been granted permission from the US Embassy to fly to America (a difficult endeavour in the present climate as we're sure you can all appreciate!). We will have to quarantine on arrival for 7 days before the appointment and then once we arrive back in the UK, we will have to quarantine for a further 10 days at home. Very frustrating (although understandable) but it will all be worth it if Avie is still deemed a suitable candidate for surgery by the hospital. If all goes well, we are probably going to be returning to the US for the actual surgery in June, as it is imperative that she has the surgery as soon as possible.

Crudwell School Teachers

Avie is now at Malmesbury Secondary School but used to attend Crudwell Primary school and her 2 younger sisters still attend there. The incredible Crudwell teachers are walking "The Cotswold Way in May" (102 miles!) to raise further funds for Avie's cause. We are so touched and will be supporting them in spirit the whole way! If you'd like to read more about their challenge and possibly support them, please go to <https://uk.gofundme.com/f/walking-for-avie>

Local Businesses

We would also like to mention 2 local businesses who have very kindly raised money for us recently.

Fundraising Update on Avie David - continued

Jo Edwards of "Jo Edwards Ceramics" (www.joedwardsceramics.co.uk) has made a "courage" collection for us to sell in aid of Avie's fundraising - she has made beautiful key-rings, pendants and earrings that Avie and her mum designed. So far she has raised an amazing £269! If anyone is interested in ordering any then please contact Sarah at thedavidfive@gmail.com.



Ben Sibbald of "From Ben's Kitchen" (@frombens on Instagram) has been selling some very special brownies made by himself and his daughter Bo with all profits going to Avie's cause. They sell their amazing food at Tetbury Market on Wednesdays and Saturdays and Cirencester Market on Fridays. They have made an incredible £120 for us and we are so grateful.

For further information on our fund-raising cause, please see Avie's GoFundMe page <https://uk.gofundme.com/f/help-avie-get-life-changing-spinal-surgery>.

Sarah and Avie David

Crudwell Ladies

Ladies, the weather is lovely, Oaksey woods is full of bluebells and wood anemones and the birds are singing, so all is right with the world. We are waiting for Boris to give us the go-ahead then we can meet in the village hall. Soon we will be able to do our bimbling (3-mile walks and possibly take in a coffee somewhere), and meet up at the Wheatsheaf for our coffee/tea and cakes. It has been a long time coming but it will be here soon.

I hope Judy has kept your little grey cells active with her quizzes, many thanks for them Judy.

But of course we will keep you informed of any plans just as soon as Crudwell Ladies can meet up every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.45pm for 8pm start, generally at Crudwell Village Hall but outside trips are also arranged. Our membership is not restricted to ladies living in Crudwell. Visitors and potential new members are welcome, refreshments are included in the £3 fee, the members pay £15 annually {which is great value when you think of what we get} and there is plenty of parking space up at the village hall. Please contact any of the people listed below for more details.

Margaret Mitcham – Co-Ordinator – margaret.mitcham@yahoo.co.uk 07711570362

Margaret English – (Newsletter Secretary) margaretenglish261@btinternet.com 01666 577572

Judy Paginton – Treasurer on 01666 577370

24Hr Bike Ride

This year's event is scheduled to take place the weekend of 26th/27th June 2021, but in order for the committee to safely support an event which will comply with Covid regulations in place at the time, we are intending to run the event from midday Saturday 26th June until sunset, and recommence at daybreak on Sunday 27th June, riding until noon that day. We anticipate the event will therefore include approximately 17 cycling hours, as opposed to the previous 24 hours. If you wish to register a team, please visit the website at crudwellbikeride.co.uk for all the information.

Although we cannot confirm at this stage that camping will be allowed, we hope to be able to make this community event as successful as previously, and will as always be grateful for as many volunteers in the form of marshals, admin helpers and ad hoc helpers to set the event up as possible.

For more information on how this event runs, or to help out, please contact Damian on 575041 or Elizabeth on 577565.

Elizabeth Churchill

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 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 well.

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 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. We are hoping that all our outdoor activities can start again in June, such as cycling, walking, bird watching and petanque. 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. See them all on our website. 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, 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.

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! Alison Mees

June 10th Climate Change and Planet Earth David Head

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

Farewell from Our Super Post Lady

I was the postie for Crudwell until I finished the 13th of March. I'm very sorry that I never got to say goodbye to everyone. This was due to the fact that I twisted my ankle and got a small fracture, and have been in a boot for several weeks. I would like to say how I've enjoyed being your postie for the last 8 years. You all became my little family. I wish everyone all the best and to stay safe. If you want to contact me phone me on 07759227898. Hopefully I will pop over to events when we can have them, and meet everyone again.

Kind Regards Teresa Sutton.

Crudwell School

It's the turn of Chestnut Class (Yr 1 & 2) this month to share our news, and what a busy year we have had so far! Home learning changed for us all in Lockdown 2 as we could take part in live lessons and see our teachers and friends on the computer screen which was great but certainly not the same as being here in school – we have all really relished each other's company since our return!

Before the Easter break, we were busy with our topic of 'Towers, Tunnels and Turrets'. We had great fun exploring castles and their construction, testing the strength of walls by launching missiles at them and in science exploring the properties of paper by making bridges for the Three Billy Goats Gruff. This involved working in pairs and using only four sheets of newspaper – a challenge that we rose to and thoroughly enjoyed. Thankfully, all goats arrived safely at the other side! Our English work centred around the story of Rapunzel and we had great fun writing a letter instructing her on how to capture the witch!

This term we move onto 'Dinosaur Planet' – a very exciting topic no matter what your age! We are finding out where and when dinosaurs lived, what they ate and who first discovered their fossils. We will be writing fact files about our favourite dinosaurs and sculpting them out of clay as well as creating 'fossil rubbings' using art straws. We are looking forward to a virtual 'Discovering Dinosaurs' session with the Museum of Natural History in Oxford and are planning to open our own museum to show off all the work we have done as a finale to a very exciting term.

As you can see, there's never a dull moment in Chestnut Class!

Sarah Bevan

Year 1 and 2

Chestnut class

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) 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.

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.

Ladies Luncheon Club

Ladies, life is definitely getting better isn't it? Hopefully soon be time to wear our smart clothes and shoes, help – will our feet fit into high heels after all this time. Dreena and Margaret have been busy checking on our venues and will hope to have some good news pretty soon. A very strict command from one of our ladies that puddings are the important part of the meal so that is definitely something for us to bear in mind.

In the meantime, keep smiling and happy.

Unfortunately due to the Coronavirus, Ladies Lunch Club will NOT be meeting for the foreseeable future but we will keep you informed by email and phone and will re-arrange the interesting speakers already booked for future dates.

Dreena Ratty (01666 860467) – Margaret English (01666 577572)

Tai Chi

Faith is really keen to get us active again and doing Tai Chi, she has had both her jabs, as I hope most of you will have had yours. Perhaps this will be the ideal opportunity to lose some of the lockdown weight and enjoy Tai Chi again.

As soon as the circumstances change, naturally we will let you know straight away, in the meantime, the weather is lovely and most of our winter clothes are tucked away or in the charity shops. Just to see if we can fit into the keep fit clothes kept just for Tai Chi. In the meantime, keep well and safe.

Carmel Straughan on 577502 and Margaret English on 577572.

Crudwell Scouts

Throughout the last year our Scouts have been meeting online via Zoom meetings. The group have been busy! They met a magician, the Rector, an Iman, a Paramedic and a Viking to name a few. Also they have watched garden birds, made cakes, played games and undertaken many challenges. We are now looking forward to getting back to face to face meetings.

Unfortunately, our Cubs and Beavers did not manage to meet so we are really pleased that we are now planning to restart. Initially we will start with Cubs and hope to get Beavers running again later in the year. We are actively seeking new volunteers to join our group and help us make a difference to the young people in our community. Most volunteers work directly with young people aged 6 to 18, this is both fun and rewarding. There are also roles to help run our group and provide essential support to the team that works with our young people.

Scouting offers free training, character building, leadership skills, sharing adventure, fun and friendship! Crudwell Scout Group have been part of the Crudwell community for a long time please help us continue to make this an active and fun group.

If any new young people want to come along, talk to your parents and get in touch with us.

Scouts meet Thursdays open to boys and girls aged 10.5 - 14.

Cubs meet Mondays open to boys and girls aged 8 - 10.5

If you are interested in joining either of our groups or volunteering please contact us;

Stuart 07702112261

Martin 07717803708

CrudwellScoutGroup@gmail.com for more information.

Christian Aid Week - 10 - 16 May

Revd Tonya will be cycling through the parishes raising funds for Christian Aid Week.

Drought drives people to the brink. Storms tear families apart. Raging waters show no mercy. In Kenya the climate crisis has made weather more extreme, whether long drought or relentless rainstorms. Join us this Christian Aid Week (10th -16th) May to help raise funds!

Christian Aid works with churches, individuals and local organisations in communities' worldwide, supporting people of all faiths and none to rise out of poverty. They help people survive disasters, deal with the impact of climate change, find shelter from conflict and have a voice in their communities.

Throughout Christian Aid Week, Revd Tonya will be cycling through the benefice, though the villages of Ashley, Charlton, Crudwell, Hankerton, Minety and Oaksey, raising money for Christian Aid.

Revd Tonya says, "I'm hoping this will mean that I'll be doing none of the following: cooking, cleaning, washing up and of course sermon writing(!)

I need your help and encouragement, as I'm not as fit as I use to be. Should you see someone wearing a pink top and looking out of breath on her bike – that'll be me!

I'm hoping to raise £250 for this brilliant charity. Are you willing to support me? And make a vicar very happy!"

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