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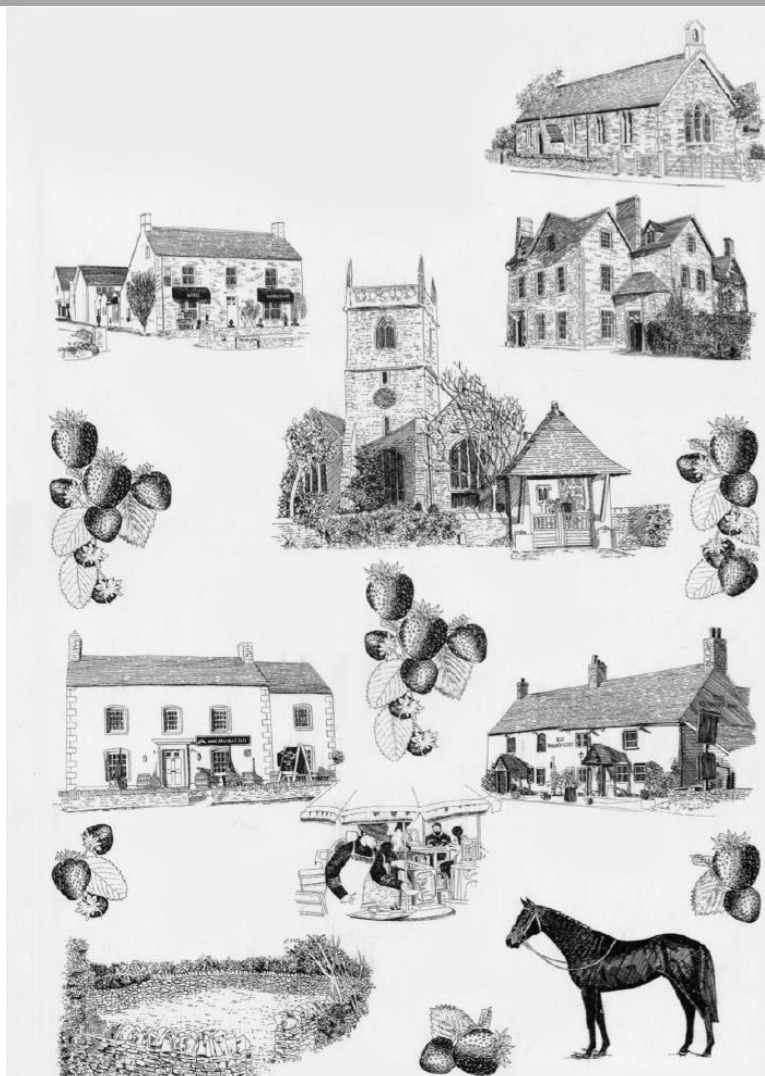
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Diary Dates

11 January – Coffee and Chat, Crudwell Church 10.30am-12 noon

17 January – Parish Council Meeting, Crudwell Village Hall 7pm

24-25 June 2023 – Crudwell Bike Ride



Welcome from the Editors

WELCOME to the first issue of *What's on in Crudwell* for 2023. How lovely it was to see Crudwell briefly transformed into a picture-perfect winter wonderland during the cold snap in mid-December. The generous dusting of snow and glowing sunrises were spectacular – if rather chilly. Looking forward to 2023, there is plenty going on in the village: many of the clubs have a busy calendar of events to look forward to while those who have made healthy New Year's resolutions could try tai chi, short mat bowls or badminton. If you are looking to give back in 2023, the parish council is seeking new councillors to make a difference in the community. Whatever you do, we hope you find something that brings you joy in Crudwell this year. To advertise or promote your event in the magazine, please contact us at crudwellmag@gmail.com. *Best wishes, Jules and Heather*

Local Services

Post Office Monday and Tuesday 2.00pm - 5.30pm. Collection time 4.50pm. Wednesday 9.00am-12.30pm. Collection time 12.15pm. Contact number 577201.

Mobile Library 11.10-11.45am at the Dawneys, Crudwell on 6 Jan, 3 Feb.

Defibrillators Village Hall and Wheatsheaf Inn, Crudwell; BT telephone box, Eastcourt



Please ring 01666 577739 or email tobygregory@aol.com

Winter warmer soup and sandwiches at the wheatsheaf Inn

From January 2023 we are adding a selection of freshly made, hot and cold sandwiches to our lunchtime menu.

Made on thick seeded granary bread served with hot homemade soup or chunky chips

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Served lunchtimes 12 to 2pm

Wednesday to Sunday

Crudwell Parish Council and Covid 19 Report

Parish Council

The Parish Council last met on Tuesday 20th December in the Village Hall. Minutes of this meeting and for the 18th November meeting will be published on the council website at <http://www.crudwell-pc.gov.uk/category/agenda/> together with the agenda for the next meeting which will take place at 7pm on Tuesday 17th January in the Village Hall.

Public speaking is permitted during the first ten minutes of the meeting and you are, if you wish, able to attend.

There are currently still a few vacancies for Parish Councillors, if you are interested in joining the council then please see the article on page 4 and contact our parish clerk at parish.clerk@crudwell-pc.gov.uk.

Covid 19

The local numbers of Covid 19 as at 3rd December were at 51 per 100,00 close to the national average. You can check out the current position at <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/searstcode=SN16+9ET>

It is important to continue to stay as safe as possible and to follow advice detailed below from Gov.uk. and guidance as laid out in the Wiltshire Council website at: <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-health-coronavirus> .

If you need help or support in any way, then the my-crudwell.org website supported by the Parish Council has links to our Street Leaders support network and a my-crudwell mailing list to keep you informed of developments.

If you do need help, 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. You can join the my-crudwell mailing list at: www.my-Crudwell.org.

Parish Council Website

The Parish Council has commissioned a substantial update to the current websites at <http://www.crudwell-pc.gov.uk/> and <https://www.my-crudwell.org/>. The two websites will be merged into a single new site, which will be redesigned to be more user friendly and to comply with Government accessibility requirements. We will advise you when the site goes live, likely to be early in the New Year.

Wiltshire Council

Many other sources of help are also available on Wiltshire Council's website including cost of living support advice which can be found at <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/6665/Council-tax-benefits-and-financial-support>

Peter Gilchriest, Chairman, Crudwell Parish Council

Become a Parish Councillor

Help your community change for the better, become a Crudwell Parish Councillor

A parish council is a local authority that makes decisions on behalf of the people in the parish. It is the level of government closest to the community and as such, parish councils are often the first-place people will go with concerns or ideas. They are a vital part of any community.

Why become a parish councillor?

You become someone your community will look to for help, guidance and support and a community leader with the power to influence decisions for the benefit of the people you serve. Seeing your community change for the better, due to decisions and activities you are involved in, is something that can provide a sense of achievement and pride!

What powers do parish councils have?

They have a wide range of powers relating to local matters, we look after open spaces and gardens, allotments, play areas, bus shelters and grass cutting amongst other things. The council also has the power to raise money through taxation, and this is called the precept. The precept is the parish council's share of council tax.

What decisions do parish councils make?

These include planning matters (as statutory consultees), road safety, crime prevention and neighbourhood watch, managing open spaces including play areas and campaigning for and improving services and facilities. As a councillor, you will be part of the decision making process.

Parish councils have limited powers to make decisions but can negotiate with, and have the power to influence other organisations that do make final decisions (district councils, health authorities, police and crime etc).

How much time does it take up?

Crudwell Parish Council meets once a month for the council meeting, to which members of the public are also invited ON THE THIRD Tuesday of the month. Meetings may last up to two hours, depending on the business for the meeting. In addition to regular meetings, there may be occasions where councillors are required to attend other meetings or events representing the council.

How long does a parish councillor serve for?

Once elected, parish councillors sit on the council for a maximum of four years and if they wish to continue they can stand for re-election. Crudwell Parish Council currently has six serving parish councillors and three vacancies.

Am I eligible to be a parish councillor?

There are eligibility requirements and you will have to agree to follow a Code of Conduct. The Clerk can provide further information.

Want to find out more?

The best way to find out more is to talk to a parish councillor and attend a parish council meeting. For an informal discussion or more information please contact **Lisa Dent, Crudwell Parish Clerk on 01285 658172 or 07971 200570 or email: parish.clerk@crudwell-pc.gov.uk**

“Whether urban or rural, local councils all have one thing in common – their purpose is to make the lives of the people in their local community better and to give the local community a voice and the means to achieve this.”

Church Services and Activities

All are welcome to attend any of the services across the Benefice.

Date	Services in Church
1 January	10am, Benefice Holy Communion @ Minety
8 January	11am, Benefice Holy Communion @ Oaksey
12 January	9.45am BCP Communion Service @ Minety
15 January	9.30am, Holy Communion @ Charlton 11am, Holy Communion @ Minety 11am, Matins @ Oaksey 3pm, Tea Time Service (Songs of Praise) @ Hankerton
22 January	9.30am, Holy Communion @ Ashley 9.30am, Morning Praise @ Charlton 11am Morning Praise @ Minety 11am, Holy Communion & Baptism @ Crudwell
29 January	North Wilts Mission Area Re-commissioning Service, details TBC

Monday every other week	10am	Bible Study via Zoom
Tuesday	9am	Morning Prayer Via Zoom
Friday	9am	Morning Prayer Via Zoom
15 January	6pm	Evening Prayer Via Zoom

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Neighbourhood Plan Report

Neighbourhood Plan Review

FOLLOWING Parish Council authorisation and the full Steering group meeting held in November, work has now commenced on the Crudwell Neighbourhood Plan review. The Parish Council will be updated monthly on progress, and we will report significant progress and events in this journal monthly.

As we stated in last month's WOIC it is extremely important to commence a Neighbourhood Plan Review now because while Wiltshire Council continues to have a land supply deficit, we could again be vulnerable to speculative planning applications for large housing developments.

The three main topics for the Review are: Housing Allocation: *To include a call for sites for small self-build or infill.* Business Development: *To include review of requirements for local businesses including Kemble Business Park, Environment and Community; To include green spaces and corridors, footpaths, hedgerows, and a community hub or similar.*

Public meetings and an exhibition will take place during the consultation. The Plan will retain flexibility in terms of housing allocation to allow for any variation in requirement from the emerging Wiltshire Council local plan.

We are currently preparing an initial consultation questionnaire to seek your views on the above topics, this will be made widely available in early 2023 both on our website and in paper copies throughout the village. Watch this space! There will be full community engagement and consultation throughout the process which is expected to be completed in the summer of 2024.

Community Liaison Group, (CLG) Tuners Lane Development

We understand that revised plans which are likely to be more in keeping with the CLG's requirements are currently being prepared by the site promoters. We will consult further with you when these are available for review.

If you have any comments or suggestions regarding the Crudwell Neighbourhood Plan review the you can contact us by emailing plan@my-crudwell.org , this mailbox is now again live. You can also join our mailing list at <https://www.my-crudwell.org/plan/signup/>
Cllr. Roy Lambley, Chair Crudwell Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Crudwell Multi-Sports Facility

- The courts were built to **play tennis, netball, basketball and 5/side football.**
- There is **no charge** for the use of the courts.
- **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 a donation of **just £5/month.**
- Help keep the courts in good condition especially **NO WHEELS ON THE COURTS!** Thank you.
- Covid19 Restrictions: the courts should only be used in accordance with government rules & guidance in force at the time.

**Crudwell Recreation
Action Group (CRAG)**
part of the **Crudwell
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Ground** charity
no.294177
Email
anniebsmith@hotmail.co.uk
for more information.

Crudwell Ladies

BECAUSE of a drop of the white stuff (I mean snow, which seems like a long distant memory now) we had to cancel our December meeting which is normally our social and planning meeting. Instead we are holding this on **Wednesday 11th January 2023** in Crudwell Village Hall. So please come along with a plate of nibbles and Crudwell Ladies will provide the drink. It's our opportunity to bring lots of interesting ideas for the year ahead: talks, outings and meals out.

We meet every 2nd Wednesday of the month in Crudwell Village Hall, unless it is an 'away' meeting. We meet at the village hall for **7pm with a 7.15pm start**, unless we have a trip planned.

Our membership is not restricted to ladies living in Crudwell and members are very welcome to bring along a guest at the small charge of £3, with members paying £15 a year which covers the hall hire and cost of speakers. If you have not yet paid Judy your subs, it's not too late. There are refreshments and a raffle, with the meeting finishing around 9.30pm.

Crudwell Ladies also meet in the Wheatsheaf every 4th Wednesday of each month for tea/coffee & cake from 10.30am through to noon. These get-togethers are very popular and the next one will be **Wednesday, 25th January 2023** at 10.30am. These coffee mornings are great fun, lots of laughter and are gaining popularity, so please come along; friends are also welcome.

Please contact either of the following people for more details: *Judy Paginton – Treasurer on 01666 577370; Margaret English – (Newsletter Secretary) on margaretenGLISH261@btinternet.com or 01666 577572*

Tai Chi in Crudwell

STARTING Tai Chi is an excellent opportunity to start your New Year resolutions. Our weekly Tuesday Tai Chi classes are very popular and all are welcome to attend.

We meet in a warm Crudwell Village Hall at just before 11.30am each Tuesday for an hour. Faith is a great teacher and really helps to keep our Tai Chi sessions flowing, which improves our concentration, balance and co-ordination.

The exercises can be done sitting in a chair or standing and are done to a background of very gentle music which helps the class to participate more easily. Comfortable loose clothing and non-slip shoes are all that is required and of course, do bring a drink of water with you, although it is available at the hall.

It costs just £6 for an hour and each session is a stand-alone so you are not paying up front for a course. Just come along and join our friendly group. For further information, please contact either *Carmel Straughan on 01666 577502 and Margaret English on 01666 577572*

Coffee and Chat

DESPITE residual snow and ice conditions, the December coffee morning saw a good number of people, including the two Police Community Support lady officers, meet to enjoy a Christmas raffle, mince pies, sherry and some carol singing!

We plan to meet again in Crudwell Church on Wednesday 11 January 2023 between 10.30 am and 12 noon, when all residents, neighbours from further afield and visitors are most welcome.

ALL proceeds go to the maintenance costs of the Church and Churchyard.

Please contact Rosemary Williams with any enquiries on 01666 575073.

North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

IN NOVEMBER we had a successful workshop using twigs in different ways to make various Christmas arrangements. While in December we had our Christmas date at Pettifers Hotel for nibbles and chat.

Now, we are all ready to welcome in 2023. Our first meeting is on **Wednesday 18 January 2023** and is titled 'The Language of Flowers'. The session will be presented by demonstrator Caroline Cooper.

February's meeting is on **Wednesday 15th February** and is titled 'Nature's Winter Palette' with demonstrator Coral Gardner.

These meetings are held at Crudwell Village Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm start. Fee for the evening to non-members is £7.50 includes refreshments and then the arrangements are raffled. There are ample car parking facilities at the hall so please join us where a warm welcome awaits. Happy New Year. *Tina Reynolds 07487 705308*



Do you like fun? Do you like keeping fit?

Then come join us in playing the UK's most played racket sport at Crudwell Badminton Club, for fun, friendly, competitive games. All abilities and over 16s welcome

We play in the Village Hall, Monday and Fri, 8-10pm

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email Liz.Churchill@outlook.com

Crudwell Pre-School

Happy New Year! We had such a special time at the end of last term where mummies, daddies and special people came to Pre-School and the children sang them Christmas songs followed by a cake sale and raffle. The prizes were incredible and included Dyson hair straighteners, manicure vouchers, car service and MOT, Gift cards plus so much more!! There were lots of happy people with their wins.

At Pre-School we now have a sensory corner. This is a quiet, covered, cosy space with soft music, gentle lighting, and big cushions. It offers an opportunity for the children to take some time to be still and quiet if they need to be. It also supports self-regulation of emotions.

We are fully booked now for this academic year, but we have a waiting list, so please get in touch if you are interested in sending your child to Crudwell Pre-School. You can contact me by either ringing or e mailing me on – 07986622191, info@crudwellpreschool.co.uk Cathy and team.

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For availability, bookings, and more general information, head to our website.

crudwellvillagehall.org

**Crudwell**
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Ladies Lunch Club

OUR Christmas social lunch was its usual quiet and discreet affair. The only time there was silence was when we were eating. It was such a happy event and many thanks to all the ladies for being such a fun crowd. The food was really good. Many thanks to all the staff and Frank & Lynne at Pettifers for looking after us throughout the year.

Dreena and Margaret are busy planning our 2023 programme with a wide range of fun and interesting topics being covered.

We always love to welcome guests/friends and prospective members so if you would like to come along, just contact either of us (tel. numbers below) and hopefully there will be room on the list. **Please let us know before the Saturday prior to the lunch if you are not able to come to the lunch.**

If you would like to bring a guest just let us know and we will be delighted to welcome them. This enables Dreena and Margaret to contact Pettifers on Saturday evening with the final numbers. We meet at Pettifers just before 12noon, pay Dreena for the lunch, choose from the lovely menu and then sit down at 12.30ish. Pettifers serve a really lovely 2-course lunch and give us a very warm welcome and make sure that everything runs smoothly for us.

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

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Malmesbury and District U3a

RETIRED? Semi-retired? Looking for new interests? Why not join us? Most of our interest groups are now meeting in person once again as we continue to emerge from the pandemic. We have over members and 40 different interest groups including history, gardening, dancing, languages, walking, book groups etc.

Check our website for an up –to-date list of groups and other information:
www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk. For more information e-mail
membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk

Monthly meetings take place on the 4th Thursday of the month (10.00- 12.00) at Malmesbury Town Hall with Zoom as an option for those who do not wish to attend in person. The meeting format is kept under review to take account of the Covid situation. Non -members welcome. 50p donation. Our first meetings in the New Year are:

Thursday 26th January - The English War Bow: a medieval military weapon - Hector Cole

Hector is a blacksmith and bladesmith, specialising in historic and archaeological ironwork. Many members will remember Hector's very popular talk in 2020 about the work of the village blacksmith. In this second talk, he will tell us about the long bow in medieval England and its place in military history.

Hector has worked in most of the major museums in the country and has an international reputation as an authority on the forging of historic arrowheads. He has enjoyed shooting the longbow since his youth and until recently was a keen fencer.

Thursday 23rd February - The highs and lows of the early days of the Theatre Royal Bristol - A theatre without a door - Sara Gray

We are lucky to have many u3a members with a multiplicity of talents and interests! Most of us are also fortunate to have been welcomed to the M&D u3a by Sara Gray or to have attended her drama performances. She is a former primary school and drama teacher. After retirement, she gained a degree and then an MA in English literature.

Sara's early working life was spent in an interesting part of Bristol, which she loved, and she has always been fascinated by the city's theatre history. Preparing this talk was a great chance to bring these enthusiasms together and to revisit memories of The Bristol Arts Centre where, with a fantastic teacher, she started to learn the art and craft of acting.

The Theatre Royal Bristol is now known as the Bristol Old Vic. It has a rich history to divulge, involving silver tickets, protests, stars, ghosts and an elephant. Something, we hope, for everyone!

Short Mat Bowls

CRUDWELL Short Mat Bowls Club is a friendly and successful club with teams playing in both local leagues and friendlies. We welcome both new and inexperienced bowlers. If you are new just turn up with flat shoes- we have the woods and the advice. We cater for both competitive and social players.

Our social events include boules and skittles evenings held locally (usually with a meal included!). We play on Tuesday evenings from 7.15pm and Thursday afternoons from 2.30pm. Give bowls a go!!!

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