

CRUDWELL STRAWBERRY FAYRE 5/6TH JULY 2025

Come and sample strawberries and cream, ice cream, teas, coffees or soft drinks, listening to live music



Browse the plant, book, cake and various craft stalls



Visit the art exhibition by several local artists in the church

Bring a picnic and listen to The Stories live group on Saturday evening (tickets £10 from local outlets or on the evening)

Watch brave teddy bears parachuting from the church steeple on Sunday morning!

This event takes place on the triangle between the main road, school and Rectory Hotel



All proceeds to All Saints Church, Crudwell



NB We would still appreciate offers of cakes, plants, gazebos and volunteers to man the food area. Replies to Liz.Churchill@outlook.com please

The result are in.....



1,169 laps completed and over **£12,000** raised by more than **200 riders** from **27 teams**, ranging in age from **4** to **77** years. All supported by **100's** of family, friends and volunteers.

The Bike Ride committee cannot thank enough all those people who turn out to enable us to run the event safely and efficiently.

To us, the fundraising is subsidiary to seeing so many people of all ages enjoying a village event in an atmosphere of real sportsmanship and good humour.

As soon as we have a date for next year, we will let you know.

The Crudwell Bike Ride committee

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- ❖ Bring your classic, interesting or tasty vehicle from 10.30
- ❖ Refreshments available
- ❖ Bouncy castle



Free entry . All event donations for local charities

Let's talk shop

Crudwell is fortunate to have many of the local amenities that make a village tick:

- a church and school;
- a village hall and playing fields;
- a choice of places to eat and drink.

But since the Post Office Stores closed back in 2004, it has lacked that important village hub of a local shop.



Murcott Farm Shop, which opened its doors on 12 June, is now filling that gap. The shop is the brainchild of Ollie and Lucienne Hughes, who moved into Murcott Farm four years ago. Spotting the opportunity of vacant space on the former Crudwell Garage site, they began planning the farm shop last November.

Six months of hard work has transformed what was once a garage workshop into a stylish and welcoming retail space. Oily rags, spanners and Swarfega have been replaced by artisan bread, smoked fish and fine cheeses. There's a delicious smell of coffee in the air and you are invited to relax in the café area, where a wood burning stove stands ready for the colder months.

Owner Lucienne explained to me that the focus is on championing quality produce, made or supplied by small local businesses. Dairy items and meat come from just over the border in Gloucestershire, cheese is supplied from Bath and the fish is from Worcestershire. Keeping things even more local, the cakes and baked goods are made in the village itself.

Convenience has not been overlooked for those of us who find ourselves in sudden need of a pint of milk, half a dozen eggs or a packet of tea bags. The "village essentials" section at the back of the shop is there to help you out! They also have a range of high-quality ready meals for when you fancy treating yourself.

If you haven't paid a visit yet, then why not pop in and see what's on offer? We wish the shop every success.

WOIC editor

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Crudwell Village Hall

I write this the very evening before the annual 24-hour bike ride and, fate be damned, I'm going to assume it was another huge success.

More than 200 riders in 25 teams will (almost certainly) have come together to take on the 7 mile course and raise funds for both the village hall and, especially, their own chosen charities. Some will have ridden overnight (a precious experience in this beautiful place when skies are clear) and some will have done their first ever lap. Great stories always emerge, of personal challenges set and overcome, of motivation born of difficult times, and of moments of real connection with other humans, all of whom have chosen to do – or help others do – a rather silly thing. It is special. Our thanks to all the riders, the team captains, the community members who helped out in whatever form, and Damian Gilmartin and the whole team for all their work in making it happen.

The 'Le Mans' bike ride was founded by legends of the parish 35 years ago to build the village hall it now calls home and is still our biggest fundraising event. These days, 80% of the funds raised go to participants' chosen charities but 20% still helps us maintain and improve the facilities it helped birth. We'll be devoting these funds to the building of a pump track; cycling helped build this community, it deserves a little something back.

Phil Buxton, chair, Crudwell Village Hall Committee.

chair@crudwellvillagehall.org

Crudwell Village Hall is a great venue for a variety of functions including children's parties, wedding receptions, meetings presentations, as well as activities and clubs.

There is a large fully equipped kitchen, refitted and refurbished facilities, a large hall with a capacity of 150 to 200 people, meeting room, large playing field and a children's playground adjacent to an outdoor fitness area. The hall has free Wi-Fi and drop-down projector screens.

For availability, bookings and more general information, head to our website or email bookings@cvhrg.org.uk



Short Mat Bowls

I have come to realise that most of the information in our regular WOIC articles has been to do with club successes and there have been more than a few. There is however an altogether different side to our club. The bulk of our club sessions are sociable get-togethers with significant amounts of tea and coffee (and the occasional hot chocolate) plus a wide variety of savoury and sweet biscuits consumed. The world is put to rights and convivial discussions are held. In other words, there is more to our club than winning things. We are always on the lookout for new members, and we can offer help and guidance. If you only want to play 'socially' then that is not a problem - you would be welcomed.

We have recently received a grant from Wiltshire Council (Malmesbury Area Committee) to replace ageing mats and equipment. We have now managed to sell on most of our old 'kit'. Our Club Committee decided to pass on money raised to the Wheatsheaf Defibrillator Fund. We are sure that Toby will find a use for our donation.

Finally, this will be my last article. I have resigned as club secretary. A new secretary (hopefully) will keep Crudwell up to date with what's going on in the short mat club. If you want further information about the club, please contact Anita (her contact number is on the back page).

Don't forget you can always just come along to the Village Hall on a Tuesday evening (7pm) or Thursday afternoons (3.30pm) to have a look at us. It would be best to confirm we are playing on the Tuesday or Thursday you choose to come just in case.

Badminton

Crudwell Badminton Club welcomes players of all abilities to its Monday evening sessions at the Village Hall. Don't worry if you've never played before – we are happy to teach! If you'd like to join us for an evening free of charge, email hilarywarner62@gmail.com.

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.

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Netball for all takes place from 6pm to 7pm on Mondays. Phone **Debbie on 07880 606702** for more information.

On Tuesdays, it's tennis starting at around 5.00pm and we have a WhatsApp group to confirm if we have enough people to play. anniebsmith@hotmail.co.uk

Parish Council July

Parish Council

The Parish Council last met on Tuesday the 13th of May 2025. Meeting minutes are published on our website at: <http://www.crudwell-pc.gov.uk/category/agenda/> together with the agenda for the next meeting which will take place at 7:00 PM on Thursday the 26th of June 2025 in **Crudwell Primary School**. Public speaking is permitted during the first ten minutes of the meeting, if you wish to attend.

Councillor Vacancies

As noted previously, following the May elections, there were three vacancies for Councillors. The council was pleased to receive interest from two individuals who it is hoped can be co-opted soon. Anyone else that is interested and requiring further information, please contact the parish clerk (Lisa Dent) on parish.clerk@crudwell-pc.gov.uk.

Parish Clerk Vacancy

The vacancy notice for this position has been published on the Parish Council website <https://www.crudwell-pc.gov.uk/> with an outline of the clerk's responsibilities and a link to an application form. It is hoped to conduct interviews from the 14th of July.

Flood prevention and Crudwell Flood Action Group (FLAG)

In May a Parish Councillor attended a meeting of Crudwell FLAG to report progress on the lists of issues and to get input on new issues and potential action points. It has been agreed that a representative of FLAG can attend future meetings of the Wiltshire Operational Flood Working Group – North.

The Parish Council and FLAG continue to discuss a job description for the Parish Flood Warden. Quotations are being sought for the clearing of more silt from the Swillbrook alongside the Post Office Green and the council continues to press Wiltshire Council for their action further downstream. This is in addition to the support and guidance requested from Wiltshire Council's Drainage Engineer regarding infrastructure improvements that could be implemented longer term.

You can find information on Crudwell FLAG in the Facebook group, or via:

crudwellflag@gmail.com

Information for landowners re riparian responsibilities can be found on our website at:

<https://www.my-crudwell.org/2025/01/information-for-landowners-re-riparian-rights/>

Events

As will be detailed elsewhere in this issue of WOIC, there are two important upcoming village events which the council would urge you to support: **The Strawberry Fayre on 5th-6th July** and **The Supercar and Tractor Display on 20th July**

Roy F Hamilton-Lambley; Chairman, Crudwell Parish Council

Crudwell Ladies Lunch Club

A lovely group of ladies have re-started the lunch club. We meet on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Rectory Hotel and enjoy a very tasty two-course meal in the conservatory. It is so lovely when the windows and doors are open on to the garden and in the winter months it is nice and cosy.

There is a speaker each month and there are a couple of outings planned instead of a meal, so just watch this space for more details.

Contact Maureen Stephens on 07552 233293 for more details.

Tai Chi

One thing we have discovered today is that the village hall is cool in the heat (not complaining about that) so the exercises are not exhausting, just a bit brain-teasing at times. Trouble is some of us have difficulty in remembering left and right but putting that down to the heat and tempus fugit. That makes us sound like old fogeys, but we are most certainly not!

Everyone is welcome to attend the weekly Tuesday sessions 11.30 – 12.30 at the Village Hall. The exercises can be done standing or sitting and are done to a background of very gentle music. It costs just **£7** for an hour on a pay as you attend basis.

North Wilts Flower Club

I wonder if you watched or visited the Chelsea Flower Show? I do hope so, as it was a glorious display of plants and flowers.

On June 18th we had Lesley Hunt with a wonderful tribute to her “Lifetime in Hospitality”. Lesley comes from Weston Super Mare. Then on July 16th we have Beverley Clay to do a demonstration entitled “Here comes Summer”. You are very welcome to join us. We will raffle the arrangements at the end. Remember your first visit is free. There is plenty parking space and free tea/coffee and cake at the end. We meet in Crudwell Village Hall at 7 for 7.30 on the third Wednesday of the month. We are just folk who love flowers and although some were florists most are inexperienced at flower arranging, just in case you need encouragement.

Cathy Carroll

Crudwell Ladies

On Wednesday 9th July we are visiting the Cerney House Gardens. This is a secret Cotswold garden at Cerney House, high above the lovely Churn Valley and is a very special and friendly place. There is an amazing 3.5 acre sloping walled garden, with seating areas, which has a lovely atmosphere. You can admire the plants as well as listen to the birdsong from the surrounding woods. The old-fashioned roses are having a wonderful year and should be at their best when we visit. There are also herbaceous borders with wonderful scents, as well as a labelled herb garden and working kitchen garden. Shared transport is to be pre-arranged.

Our meeting on the 13th August is a Malmesbury walk and tea- details to follow. We love our teas out.

Just a quick glimpse of the future diary:

Wed 10th September: Nick Brunger – magician. Tricks of the Mind. This is a very entertaining evening with lots of magic and laughter.

Wed 8th-Oct Two Ronnies with Philip Collin.

Wed 12th Nov Christmas crafts – with plenty of help.

Wed 10th Dec Planning meeting for 2026 drinks and nibbles.

Wed 14th Jan Our very popular meal out.

All meetings start at 7pm with a 7.15pm start in Crudwell Village Hall. Our membership is not restricted to ladies living in Crudwell and members are very welcome to bring along a guest, for which we make a small charge of £3. Members pay £15 annually. We have refreshments and a raffle with the meeting finishing around 9.30pm.

Crudwell Ladies also meet in the Wheatsheaf every 4th Wednesday of each month from 10.30am through to noon. Our next get together will be on July 23rd. *See village calendar for contact details.*

Coffee & Chat

Local residents and friends further afield are warmly welcomed to our sociable coffee morning in Crudwell Church on Wednesday 9 July between 10.30 am – 12 noon. All funds raised through the raffle and refreshments go towards the maintenance of the church building and churchyard.

Please contact Rosemary Williams for further information on 01666 575073.

Greetings from All Saints Church

Has anyone had a birthday this week? If so, you shared it with about 18m other people! At Pentecost, (8th of June) the Church commemorates its birthday, when it received the gift of the Holy Spirit. Around 32% of the world's population, will be celebrating in some shape or form!

It's hard to know exactly what the Disciples expected as they met together. Jesus had already done some unexpected things in the last few weeks, not least getting arrested, dying on the cross, rising from the dead three days later, and then ascending back to the Father! Even though they may not have grasped what was going to happen, the Disciples were being obedient to what Jesus had asked of them before his Ascension. He'd said to them, 'Do not leave Jerusalem but wait for the gift the Father promised.' (Acts 1:4.)

What did they already know about the Holy Spirit? They would have known from the stories like that of Gideon and others, that God's Spirit came upon individuals in times of the Nation's needs. They would have heard the words of John the Baptist 3 years earlier who had declared, 'One coming afterwards would baptise with the Holy Spirit and with Fire.' (Luke 3:16).

Maybe though they should have been mindful of Isaiah 64:3 when the prophet says to God, 'You did awesome deeds that we did not expect.' Perhaps they should have been expecting the unexpected!

As a teacher, I've had to wait while students gave in notes from parents or explanations as to why homework wasn't done. You know the excuses. 'I spilled a drink over it,' or 'The dog chewed it up.' But the one that left me speechless was when I was teaching in Cornwall. I was told, 'Princess Dianna came to tea.' She was visiting Duchy housing. It was an excuse so utterly different. I certainly wasn't expecting it!

In Acts 2, the coming of the Holy Spirit is so utterly different to what the Disciples or anyone else were expecting. When God comes, be that as a child born to a virgin, or as the Holy Spirit with tongues of fire and a violet wind, it is utterly different.

Not surprising really. This is the birth of a new community of God's people. God is doing a new thing. The promise of the Holy Spirit was not simply for the Disciples back then.

The promise of it has not been rescinded. Jesus said, 'I will not leave you as orphans. I will come to you.' (John 14:18) Then in a beautiful image of the Holy Spirit, Jesus says, 'If anyone is thirsty, let them come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.' (John 7:38f)

The Spirit is still available for each of us. The question is, how thirsty are you?

With every blessing,

Rev'd Bob

Crudwell Playgroup

This term has been a wonderful yet emotional one. Seven of our children are moving on to Primary School and we have thoroughly enjoyed watching them grow and develop into such smashing characters.

We celebrated their Pre-School journey with us by having a tea party and a disco which the children loved. This is such an important time for the children at Pre-School, they have been on an amazing developmental journey with us and have made many friends so celebrating this journey with all the children is a wonderful way to celebrate this.

Lastly, we ended the term with our famous sports day and leavers ceremony. It was great fun!

Our register is now open for September starters and we have a few spaces left so please get in touch if you are interested in our Pre-School or have any questions.

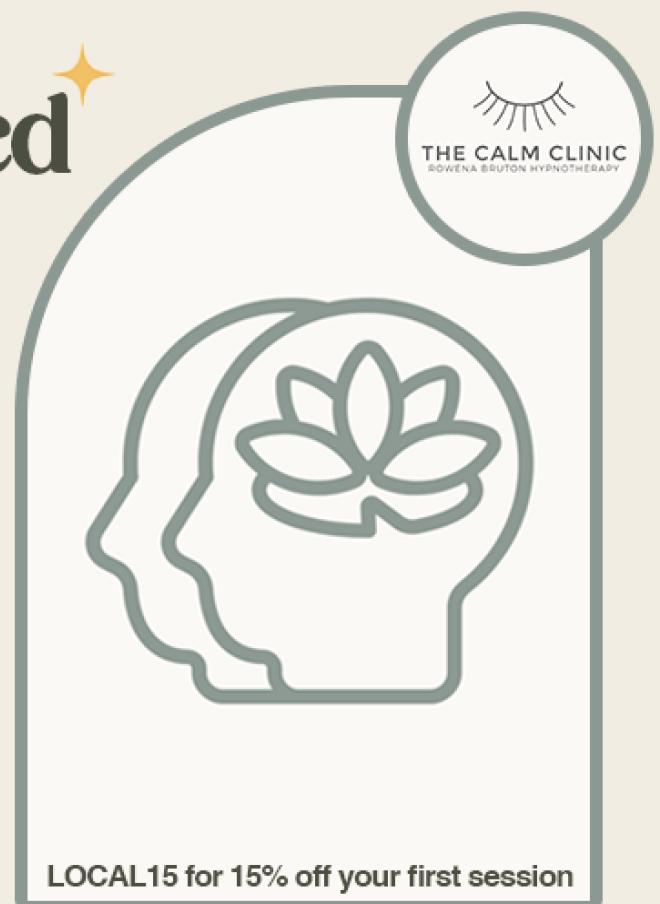
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We need all the fabulous knitters of Oaksey & the Braydon Brook Group of Churches to knit 1,000 Poppies!! It's a big ask, but we can do it.



2025 marks the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe, so, how many poppies can you make between now and the end of September? To bring the community together, Oaksey Church, with your help, is planning to create a large poppy display on the front of the Church altar for the Remembrance Day service on Sunday, 9th November. For more information, please contact Jackie Falkingham on 01666 577956 or 07715 435583. Email: jhg2@btinternet.com

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- July 25** **The Wild Robot (U):** A children’s showing of an adaptation of Peter Brown’s New York Times bestseller, *The Wild Robot*. Follow the adventures of Roz the Robot shipwrecked on a desert island. Tickets £7.50 in advance. 6pm
- July 26** **Jazz with BD Lenz Trio and guest Kim Cypher:** Enjoy an evening of jazz, blues funk and soul with the acclaimed guitarist and his popular guest. Tickets £15 in advance. 7.30
- August 16** **As You Like It - Festival Players Open Air Shakespeare:** Probably the bard’s most entrancing performance of mistaken identity and romance in the forest is ideal for a summer evening. Tickets £17 in advance. 7pm
- August 31** **Off The Rails:** Our popular summer festival day for all the family with music, story-telling, impromptu entertainers, street food and a beer tent....all we need is you! Tickets £8.50 in advance, under 18s free. 11-6.

For more details of our other events including film, talks, exhibitions, and afternoon tea concerts and to book tickets visit our website:

www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk

What's on in Crudwell?

July Village Calendar

All Saints Crudwell	Friends and Family	All Saints Crudwell	Sunday 6 July 10.00
	Holy Communion		Sunday 27 July 11.00
Arty Moose <i>Art club for 5-11s</i>	Gillian 07843271517	Crudwell Village Hall	Wednesdays (term time only) 16.00 – 17.30
Coffee 'n' Chat	Rosemary Williams 01666 575073	All Saints Church	9 July 10.30 – 12 noon
Crudwell Badminton Club	hiliarywarner62@gmail.com.	Crudwell Village Hall	Mondays 19.30 – 22.00
Crudwell Ladies	Judy Paginton 577370 Margaret English 577572	Visit to Cerney House Gardens	9 July
		The Wheatsheaf	23 July 10.30
Crudwell Parish Council Meeting	Roy F Hamilton-Lambley roy.lambley@gmail.com	Crudwell School	26 June 19.00
Crudwell Pre-School	Cathy 07986622191 info@crudwellpreschool.co.uk	Crudwell Village Hall	Mon/Weds/Thurs/Fri 9.00 – 15.00
Crudwell Scouts And Explorer Scouts	crudwellscouts@gmail.com	Crudwell Village Hall	Thursdays 19.00 – 21.00 Scouts 19.00 – 21.30 Explorers
Crudwell Short Mat Bowls	Anita 07977566883	Crudwell Village Hall	Tuesdays 19.00 - 21.30 Thursday 15.30 – 17.30
Netball for All	Debbie Gregory 07880 606702	Multi- sports facility	Mondays 18.00 -19.00
The Arts Society Malmesbury <i>Lecture series</i>	The Borgias The most infamous family in history info@theartssocietymalmesbury.org.uk	Crudwell Village Hall	8 July 13.45-16.00
North Wilts Flower Club	Cathy Carroll 07703299277 carrollcath@aol.com https://www.facebook.com/northwiltshirevillagesflowerclub	Crudwell Village Hall	16 July 19.00 for 19.30
Rugbytots <i>Sport for 18 months to 6 years old</i>	Email Kimberley Robson northwestwilts@rugbytots.co.uk	Crudwell Village Hall	Saturdays 8.30 onwards various sessions
Tai Chi	Carmel Straughan 577502 Margaret English 577572.	Crudwell Village Hall	Tuesdays 11.30 - 12.30
Totally Tennis	Annie Smith anniebsmith@hotmail.co.uk	Multi- sports facility	Tuesdays 17.00

Email us at woicrudwell@gmail.com with your village news and events.

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Collection time 4.45 pm Contact 01666 577201.

Mobile Library 11.10-11.45 am The Dawneys, Crudwell Friday 20 June

Defibrillator locations: Village Hall (Code C123X) and Wheatsheaf Inn (C159X) BT telephone box, Eastcourt