What's on in Crudwell

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VILLAGE BULLETIN **BOARD**

See village calendar on back page for regular events

The Arts Society Malmesbury

"Collecting the Grand Tour"

Crudwell Village Hall 14 October 13.45

Quiz Night

Crudwell Village Hall



7.00 pm for 7:15 Saturday October 18

£12.50 (includes ploughman's, tea / coffee) BYO alcohol / glass 4-6 in a team Tickets in advance only Tickets available from Judy Paginton 01666 577370 / ic.paginton10@btinternet.com

Editor's Welcome

This edition of "What's On" marks a full year since our relaunch. It's been good to hear from so many people that they really value the newsletter dropping through their letterbox (or into their inbox) each month. A big thank you to all our advertisers, contributors and deliverers. New content is always very welcome to ensure we are covering all the news and events in the village.

Get in touch at woicrudwell@gmail.com

Many thanks! **Katie Hawkins**

- The -WHEATSHEAF INN

Christmas Menu 2025

From Wednesday 10th December to Wednesday 24th December 2025

<u>Starters</u> allergens

Prawn cocktail salad with brown bread gfo Creamy garlic mushrooms on toast gfo v Carrot and coriander soup and brioche roll gfo ve

Mains

Roast turkey with chipolata sausage, apricot and thyme stuffing gfo.

With roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables

Braised beef with mushroom, bacon and red wine sauce

With roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables

Baked vegetable filo parcel with butternut squash, parsnip

and sweet potato with cumin and walnuts v

With roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables

Pan fried fillet of salmon and prawns with lime butter

With new potatoes and seasonal vegetables

<u>Desserts</u>

Christmas pudding with brandy sauce gfo.

Apple crumble with damson gin syrup and custard

Chocolate and salted caramel cheesecake with vanilla ice cream

Raspberry and lemon sorbet with raspberries

2 courses £25.00

3 courses £29.25

E: tobygregory@aol.com

T: 01666 577739

Served from 12.00pm to 1.30pm and 5.45pm to 8.00pm

Not available on Sundays

Crudwell Playgroup

We have had an amazing start to the new academic year. We have had some new starters so had the theme of 'Getting to know you' to support them settling in, which they have. They have made new friends through group and pair activities plus they have learnt all about the teachers to!

We are so enthusiastic about giving the children the opportunity to see and talk to people who they wouldn't normally get the chance to speak to, so with this in mind we have lots of visitors this month. These include a firefighter, midwife, lifeguard, sports coach and gardener.

We are really looking forward to their visits and to learn all about their jobs.

We are going to have another open day this year which will be on Thursday 13th November from 9:30 – 2pm. Please feel free to come along so we can show you how wonderful our Pre-School is.

For any more information, please contact me (Cathy) on 07986622191 or info@crudwellpreschool.co.uk.

Cathy and the team at Crudwell Pre-School.

Crudwell Pre-school (Charity Reg. No. 1186585) Crudwell Village Hall — Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays - from 9am to 3pm for 2 to 5 years old.).



Crudwell CE Primary School

We have had an exciting start to the new school year here at Crudwell Church of England Primary School. We have welcomed our new pupils in Maple Class (EYFS) who are settling in to school life and having a lot of fun.

Despite the turn in weather, we are all still enjoying playing outside during our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) lunch times. The grass is beginning to grow around the newly built giant sandpit on the school field and the children are eager to start playing in it.

Year 6 children have taken part in a programme called Bikeability where they have been brushing up on their cycling skills and learning how to cycle safely on the roads. You may have seen some of the groups cycling around the village led by the Bikeability team. Additionally, children in Years 1, 3 and 5 have taken part in Walk Safe workshops. We have really been thinking about keeping ourselves safe on the roads which is very important.

As the leaves turn beautiful yellows, oranges and browns on the trees, our thoughts are turning to our Harvest Festival where we will be celebrating all that we have and looking to support our local foodbank.

Jo Lee

If you are considering Crudwell CE Primary school and would like to arrange a visit please call 01666 577357 or email admin@crudwell.wilts.sch.uk to meet with the Head teacher.

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.

Parish Council October

Roy F Hamilton-Lambley; Chairman, Crudwell Parish Council

The Council has one remaining vacancy for a Councillor which can be filled by cooption. We are seeking individuals who can commit to monthly parish council meetings and have an interest in local issues, planning, finance, local area improvements etc. For further information please contact the parish clerk (Caroline White) at: parish.clerk@crudwell-pc.gov.uk

Parish Council Meetings: The last meeting of the Council took place on Thursday the 28th of August. All meeting minutes are published on our website at: http://www.crudwell-pc.gov.uk/category/agenda/ together with the agenda for the next meeting of the Parish Council. Please note that the schedule of meeting dates and venue has now been changed and the next meeting of the Council will take place on *Tuesday the 23rd of September in Crudwell Village Hall*. A full revised schedule of meetings is detailed below. Public speaking is permitted during the first ten minutes of all meetings, if you wish able to attend.

OCT 2025	CRUDWELL VILLAGE HALL	Tues 28 th Oct 2025
NOV 2025	CRUDWELL VILLAGE HALL	Tues 25 th Nov 2025
DEC 2025	CRUDWELL VILLAGE HALL	Tues 16 th Dec 2025
JAN 2026	CRUDWELL VILLAGE HALL Earlier Jan meeting might be necessary for budget/precept approval	Tues 27 th Jan 2026
FEB 2026	CRUDWELL VILLAGE HALL	Tues 24 th Feb 2026
MARCH 2026	CRUDWELL VILLAGE HALL	Tues 24 th Mar 2026

To be scheduled - date for Annual Parish Meeting 2026

The annual parish meeting must be held between 1st March and the 1st June (inclusive) each year on a date decided by the Parish Council. Crudwell Parish Council usually holds this on a Saturday.

Flood prevention and Crudwell Flood Action Group (FLAG)

The Council continues to work closely with this group and two Parish Councillors liaise with the representatives of Crudwell FLAG to note progress on an issues lists and to report back to the Council.

We are grateful to the FLAG working party of volunteers who are continuing to work to clear ditches and watercourses to help prevent flooding.

Parish Council October Cont'd

IMPORTANT NEWS: FLAG volunteers are planning to clear vegetation from Swillbrook from the A429 road bridge and through the adjacent Glebe field on Sunday the 28th September (weather permitting). Volunteers are needed to help with this voluntary effort to help keep our village safe. Details of what is planned and how you can help can be found on our Crudwell Facebook page at:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/crudwell/permalink/2810710465791593/ Or email Ben Preece at: 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/

Information from Western Forest

Western Forest has funding available to support engagement events that promote woodland creation and management across Wiltshire, Gloucestershire, and the West of England.

For information see www.westernforest.org.uk

Information from Wiltshire Council

Advice on help for those struggling with the rising cost of living is available on Wiltshire Council's website at:

https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/6665/Council-tax-benefits-and-financial-support

Information from Wiltshire and Swindon Community Foundation

The Foundation is now accepting applications for Vocational Grants for local young people, for information contact Nicola.hillier@wscf.org.uk

My-Crudwell Mailing List

Our mailing list is a useful way of getting important updates from Crudwell Parish Council and notifications of publication of our WOIC journal online which is usually available in advance of your printed copy.

Roy F Hamilton-Lambley; Chairman, Crudwell Parish Council

Neighbourhood Plan October

There is nothing to report this month, but there will be a significant update in the November newsletter.

Roy F Hamilton-Lambley, Chairman Neighbourhood Steering Group

Crudwell Ladies

Well, our magician certainly didn't disappoint us, it was a fascinating evening. It was more a case of mind reading and Crudwell Ladies did manage to stump Nick Brunger, I don't know if that is a good thing or bad, were we too clever for him or were we just inscrutable? On 8th October, Philip Collins will talk about The Two Ronnies, which is still a very funny programme when you watch it on Catch Up. On Wednesday, 12th November, we will be making Christmas crafts (it seems only 5 minutes since last Christmas and this time we have a choice, easy or less easy) – with plenty of help. Wed 10th Dec is our planning meeting for 2026 with drinks and nibbles. Then into 2026, Wed 16th January is our very popular meal out.

All evening meetings start at 7pm with a 7.15pm start in Crudwell Village Hall. 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 22 October.

Please contact either Judy Paginton – Treasurer on 01666 577370 or Margaret English – (Newsletter Secretary) on <u>margaretenglish261@btinternet.com</u> or 01666 577572 for more details.

Crudwell Ladies Lunch Club

Our September lunch talk at the Rectory Hotel was fascinating. It was about how to keep our brains alive and alert into late middle age (he was such a tactful man and isn't that a lovely description) and of course, a sensible diet helps (we already knew that, didn't we?). The meals at the **Rectory Hotel** are very sensible - well apart from the fresh cream — a 2-course meal before the talk is certainly excellent and new ladies are always welcome as well as guests. Please watch out for emails about our plans for the October meeting. For more details, please contact:

Maureen Stephens on the Ladies WhatsApp 07552 233293.

Coffee & Chat

Our monthly coffee morning will be held in Crudwell Church on **Wednesday 8th October** between 10.30 am - 12 noon, with refreshments and the popular raffle. This is an opportunity for neighbours, friends and visitors to meet up - all are welcome - and funds raised directly contribute to the various maintenance jobs in the church and churchyard.

Rosemary Williams can be contacted on 01666 575073 for further information.

Get Bowled Over -= Short Mat Bowls

As we are now approaching Autumn/Winter seasons and gentle exercise might not be so inviting so how about having friendly company whilst building up skills for a new hobby?

You don't have to commit to becoming a 'match player' just be a 'team player' for fun and exercise.

Want to know more? Please contact Anita - anitahill.smith@gmail.com or 07977566883'

North Wilts Flower Club

In September we held our AGM followed by an excellent talk entitled "Off the Beaten Track" from Andrew Tolman on unusual gardens he has visited. On October 15th, because Sally Taylor is unwell, we will have Jayne Morriss to demonstrate for us. Her theme is "This and That". Jayne has offered to help at Malmesbury Abbey and is doing a great job there.

On November 19th we have our Open Evening with Katherine Kear (National Demonstrator). These evenings are usually very well attended and good fun beginning with bubbly and canapes and lots else besides including a chocolate tombola and a raffle for Katherine's arrangements. Do put the date in your diary.

We are a group of people who love flowers, some are florists, but many are not. So do join us. There is plenty of parking and free tea/coffee and cake at the end. Remember your first visit is free so do come along.

Cathy Carroll 07703299277 carollcath@aol.com

Tai Chi

Now that the weather is cooler, we welcome the warm-up programme and our more energetic exercises. A recent talk at lunch club was about how to keep our brains going into our late middle age (isn't that a tactful description) and Tai Chi was very highly recommended. Anything that's going to help our elderly brains, has to be a bonus.

Everyone is welcome to attend the gentle Tuesday sessions 11.30 - 12.30 at the Village Hall. It costs just £7 on a pay as you attend basis.

Contact Carmel Straughan on 577502 or Margaret English on 5777572 for more information.

Greetings from All Saints Church

The sun is setting sooner, jumpers are coming out of the wardrobe, and evenings are more likely to be spent in front of the fire than on the patio. As I write this, it's a beautiful, sunny day, but I can already feel autumn nipping the air. I love this season, because it feels like anything could happen. It's a season of change, not just in nature, but in so much in our lives. Many of our young people have moved on to the next step in their lives — new schools, university, the 'real world'. A visit to any supermarket will tell you that Christmas is on the horizon and approaching fast. The summer holidays are fast becoming a distant memory, and thoughts focus on harvest and the end of growing season for many crops.

Change is something that, as humans, we can struggle with. For some of us there's the excitement of new challenges and adventures, but for many there is a sense of trepidation entering into the unknown, especially if change is thrust upon us. In my role as church warden, I'm in the privileged position to be involved in many of the services that mark key events in people's lives.

Christenings, marriages and funerals all represent big changes, not just for the individuals concerned, but for family and friends too. Whether it is a beginning or an ending, we can feel overwhelmed by the possibility of change. I've been involved in several meetings in the last few weeks, with both adults and young people, where we have focused on what has been happening over the summer. The sheer volume and magnitude of variety in those answers has really struck me. From the big events, fancy holidays and community projects to loss of someone close, the upheaval of moving house, or mundane everyday life, these experiences all share one thing in common – God is there in all of them.

I am reminded of the poem, Footprints (based on a poem by Mary Stevenson)

One night I dreamed a dream.

As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.
Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.
For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,
One belonging to me and one to my Lord.

After the last scene of my life flashed before me,
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.
I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,
Especially at the very lowest and saddest times,
There was only one set of footprints.

This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.

"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,

You'd walk with me all the way.

But I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome times of my life, There was only one set of footprints I don't understand why, when I needed You the most, You would leave me."

He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you especially during your most difficult times.

When you saw only one set of footprints,
It was then that I carried you.

Whatever life throws at us, whatever changes come our way, and however we feel about them, God knows what's in our hearts and he understands how we feel. He longs to be there for us, to clear our minds and bring us his peace and comfort, to strengthen us for the fight or to sooth us to rest – he is our ultimate cheerleader, perfect parent, and all-knowing Lord. We can rely on him completely – he carries us. If that sounds like something you want, and you'd like to know more, come to church – we don't bite, and we'd be happy to talk. Or contact any of the ministry team – you can find out details on the church page. Whatever the change is that's coming your way, you don't have to go through it alone.

Rachel Swatton





A huge thank you to everyone in the village for your incredible support since we opened. It's been a wonderful first few months, and we're delighted to see so many of you popping in.

As the weather turns colder, why not stop by and warm up with a hot drink? Don't forget to pick up one of our new loyalty cards. Collect stamps to enjoy a free drink on us!

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Crudwell Recreation
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charity no.294177
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for more information.

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

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OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS AT THEGOODS SHED



- October 5 Quiz Evening: Make up a team and take on the challenges of our Quiz Master, David Walker, who over the years has collected obscure facts from a range of sources and now has a use for them! 5.30. Tickets in advance £2
- October 12 Wool Fair: Following the great success of last year's event we bring you a wide range of stalls, demonstrations, workshops and talks and even the attendance of some sheep! 10-4pm. Tickets in advance £3.50
- October 23 Film Night: National Theatre Live Mrs Warrens Profession. Imelda Staunton joins forces with her daughter Bessie Carter in Bernard Shaw's incendiary classic. 7pm. Tickets in advance £15.
- October 25 Derailed: a daytime house music event with Danny Toft! If you're over 30 come and party during daylight hours with DJ Danny. A chance to dance your socks off and still be home for supper. 2-7pm Tickets in advance £10.
- October26 Candlelit Classical Masterpieces: Join the Bristol Ensemble and soloist Viv McLean for a candlelit celebration of classical greats by Chopin, Mozart and Shostakovich. 7pm. Tickets £24 in advance.

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

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October Village Calendar				
All Saints Crudwell	Friends and Family		Sunday 5 October 10.00	
	Morning Praise	All Saints Crudwell	Sunday 19 October 9.30	
	Holy Communion	Crudweii	Sunday 26 October 11.00	
Arty Moose	Gillian 07843271517	Crudwell Village	Wednesdays (term time only)	
Art club for 5-11s Coffee 'n' Chat	Rosemary Williams 01666 575073	All Saints Church	16.00 – 17.30 8 October 10.30 – 12 noon	
Crudwell Badminton	hilarywarner62@gmail.com.	Crudwell Village Hall	Mondays 19.30 – 22.00	
Crudwell Ladies	Judy Paginton 577370 Margaret English 577572	Crudwell Village Hall The Wheatsheaf	8 October 19.00 for 19.15 22 October	
		The wheatshear	10.30	
Crudwell Parish Council Meeting	Roy F Hamilton-Lambley r.lambley@crudwell-pc.gov.uk	Crudwell Village Hall I	28 October 19.00	
Crudwell Pre-School	Cathy 07986622191 info@crudwellpreschool.co.uk	Crudwell Village Hall	Mon/Weds/Thurs/Fri Term time only 9.00 – 15.00	
Crudwell Scouts And Explorer Scouts	crudwellscouts@gmail.com	Crudwell Village Hall	Thursdays Scouts 19.00 – 21.00 Explorers 19.00-21.30	
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 Lecture series	info@theartssocietymalmesbury.org.uk	Crudwell Village Hall	14 October 13.45- 16.00	
North Wilts Flower Club	Cathy Carroll 07703299277 carrollcath@aol.com	Crudwell Village Hall	Wednesday 15 October 19.00	
Pilates	caseystickland@hotmail.com 07900048952	Crudwell Village Hall	Tuesdays 9.30 – 10.30	
Rugbytots Sport for 18 months	Email Kimberley Robson northwestwilts@rugbytots.co.uk	Crudwell Village Hall	Saturdays 8.30 onwards	
to 6 years old Tai Chi	Carmel Straughan 577502 Margaret English 577572.	Crudwell Village Hall	various sessions Tuesdays 11.30 - 12.30	
Totally Tennis	Annie Smith anniebsmith@hotmail.co.uk	Multi- sports facility	Tuesdays 17.00	

Post Office Monday and Tuesday 2.00pm - 5.30pm, Wednesday 9.00am-12.30pm

Collection time 4.45 pm Wednesday 12.15 Contact 01666 577201.

Mobile Library 11.10-11.45 am The Dawneys, Crudwell Friday 23 October

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

Eastcourt

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