

What's on in Crudwell

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VILLAGE BULLETIN BOARD

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on back page for regular
events

**Crudwell Church is
looking for more
volunteers to help keep
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If you can help just twice a year,
contact Margaret English
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**For details of Christmas
events in the village,
see pages 4 and 5.**



**Date for your 2026 diary
24 Hour Bike Ride
20-21 June**

**Crudwell Post Office
will be closed
Wednesday 24 December
&
Monday 29 December**

Oh, Yes, It is!

**A History of Pantomime
Crudwell Village Hall - lecture
9th December**

Contact:
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From the editor

Thanks to everyone who has
contributed to the newsletter
in 2025. Wishing you all a very
happy Christmas.

Katie Hawkins
woicrudwell@gmail.com

THE WHEATSHEAF INN CHRISTMAS MENU



From Wednesday 10th December to 24th Wednesday December 2025

Allergens

Starters

Prawn cocktail salad with brown bread	<i>g f o</i>
Creamy garlic mushrooms on toast	<i>g f o v</i>
Carrot and coriander soup and brioche roll	<i>g f o v</i>

Mains

Roast turkey with chipolata sausage, apricot and thyme stuffing *g f o*

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

Desserts

Christmas pudding with brandy sauce *g f o*

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

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CHRISTMAS PERIOD OPENING HOURS:

- Wednesday, 24th: 8am-4pm
- Thursday, 25th: CLOSED
- Friday, 26th: CLOSED
- Wednesday, 31st: 8am-4pm
- Thursday, 1st January: CLOSED

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What's On
This
Christmas?



Crudwell School
Christmas
Fayre
Sunday 7th
December

**CRUDWELL
CHRISTMAS FAIR**

Many stalls for you to do
your christmas shopping,
kids & adults tombolas,
a raffle & festive refreshments.

Crudwell Village Hall
Saturday 6th December, 11am - 4pm

All donations gratefully received for the tombolas & raffle. Please
leave them at the back of the church behind the font. Thank you.

CRUDWELL SANTA DASH 2025

RUN, WALK, STROLL OR TROT AROUND THE STREETS OF CRUDWELL

Saturday **13th** DECEMBER 2025 – Start 10:30am



FUNDS RAISED FOR FOCS
(FRIENDS OF CRUDWELL SCHOOL)
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ROUTE IS Approx 5k or 3Miles.

STARTING AT THE CHURCH

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CHURCH CRUDWELL

CHRISTMAS EVE Midnight Holy Communion 11.30

CHRISTMAS DAY Service of the Word 11.00 am



Carols at
The Potting
Shed

Christmas
Eve 4 pm

Christmas Coffee 'n Chat Morning

Wednesday 10 December

All Saints Church

10.30 – 12.00



Tetbury Ukulele Band, sherry, mince
pies, carols and raffle for a magnificent
Christmas cake

All welcome!!

Crudwell Village Hall

Discussions continue as we determine the most important areas of the village hall and recreation ground in which to invest.

We have just received first quotes for the much-needed resurfacing of the tennis courts and they're big. However, we could also take the opportunity to expand their usefulness, adding lines (and nets) for pickleball and basketball, for example. There are other things we could do to improve the overall outdoor environment, including more tree and wildflower planting, table tennis tables, a barbecue area, bird and bat boxes, and a zip wire. There's lots to think about so, while we continue our deliberations – and perhaps engage in more formal consultation with the community on what it would most like to see - we have a small appeal, not for money, but for time.

The hall is now once again very regularly booked for special events at the weekend, especially birthday parties for all ages. A very small team is currently responsible for opening and closing the hall for these bookings and we'd very much like to lighten the load if possible. There is a WhatsApp group of local volunteers to organise the handling of upcoming bookings. This is an invitation for more to join that group; with enough people, we would each need to assume the responsibility very rarely. If you're willing and able to lend a hand once in a while, we'd love to have you. Let me know at chair@crudwellvillagehall.org

Phil Buxton, chair, Crudwell Village Hall Committee.

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



Crudwell
VILLAGE HALL

Crudwell Preschool

We have started this cold season with such fun. The children have been out on the field planting bulbs around the new trees, and we are also adopting the trees. This means the children can continue to care for them, weed the surrounding area and watch these trees grow as they grow. The children are making Christmas tree decorations because this year we are having a real Christmas tree donated by a parent. This tree will be potted so we can look after it and use it year after year and then eventually it will join the other trees in the field where we will plant the bulbs around it to match the other trees.

Merry Christmas everyone, we wish you lots of love and happiness. For any more information, please contact me (Cathy) on 07986622191 or info@crudwellpreschool.co.uk.

Crudwell CE Primary School

This is possibly our most exciting term in school with the build up to Christmas well underway. Our wonderful Friends of Crudwell School (FOCS) are busy planning and organising some fabulous Christmas events to raise money for the school. We have an online Winter Wonderland which you can view using the link:

<https://go.eventgroovefundraising.com/winterwonderland2025/Auction/Details>

The FOCS have organised an auction and raffle with some amazing prizes! FOCS will also be hosting our Christmas Fayre on Sunday 7th December in school which always proves to be a lot of fun. Our Year 6 students are currently designing their own stalls as they play their part.

Everyone is welcome to come and join us!

Saplings (Chestnut and Willow classes) have recently held auditions for their Christmas Production of Secret Angels; rehearsals have begun with dancing, singing and acting – it promises to be a fantastic show. Our youngest children will be performing a traditional nativity in the church for school families to enjoy at the end of term. We are all over Christmas!

Jo Lee Headteacher

Parish Council December

Parish Clerk Vacancy

We are sorry that our Parish Clerk Caroline who joined us in August has unfortunately had to leave us due to personal reasons. We are therefore now commencing the process of recruiting a new post holder. The clerk's role is a vital one. It is a permanent position, 7 hours per week, working from home (with flexibility depending upon demand). The council meets at 7pm on the fourth Tuesday of the month, though attendance at additional meetings may be required. The Clerk's duties include:

Administering all parish council meetings, including producing agendas, minutes and relevant papers; recording and managing all income and expenditure and on-line bank account monitoring ;managing emails and parish council correspondence; completing the annual internal and external audits and VAT claims; providing advice and guidance to councillors on statutory, legal and other matters; liaising with the Chair / Vice-Chair on Parish Council business.

If you are interested in applying for this important post, further details of the responsibilities, remuneration and how to apply can be found on our website at:

<https://www.crudwell-pc.gov.uk/2025/11/vacancy-council-clerk-and-responsible-financial-officer/>

Transitional arrangements are in place during the recruitment process, and we are grateful to our Councillors who are helping us to maintain business as usual during this period. If you need to contact the Council, you can continue to do so by emailing us at parish.clerk@crudwell-pc.gov.uk

Parish Council Meetings: The last meeting of the Council took place on Tuesday the 25th of November. 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 from that previously published and the next meeting of the Council will take place on **Tuesday the 16th of December in Crudwell Village Hall**. Public speaking is permitted during the first ten minutes of all meetings, if you wish able to attend.

Flood prevention and Crudwell Flood Action Group (FLAG) We remain committed to doing our best to ensure that all available steps are taken to mitigate flood risk in collaboration with Crudwell FLAG and are grateful for their substantial efforts. You may have noticed that we have now installed a depth gauge at the A429 road bridge which was useful in monitoring the speed of increase in the flow to giving us earlier warning of potential flooding during the November heavy rains. If you wish for further information re FLAG this can be found by emailing crudwellflag@gmail.com
Roy F Hamilton-Lambley; Chairman, Crudwell Parish Council

Neighbourhood Plan December

2031 Neighbourhood Plan Allocation; Tuners Lane

The Planning Application for this site which was allocated in the 2021 made Crudwell Neighbourhood Plan remains under consideration by Wiltshire Council.

2038 Neighbourhood Plan Review

IMPORTANT: POTENTIAL HOUSING SITES AND VILLAGE SPEED LIMIT

Our short survey to seek your opinions on the potential housing sites for allocation in the Plan is now available on our website at:



<https://www.my-crudwell.org/2025/11/neighbourhood-plan-steering-group-informal-consultation>

This is not at this stage a formal consultation, but we would value your informal views on the proposed allocations. We must allocate up to 39 new houses in Crudwell in order to meet the new Government Housing targets and if we do not do this and complete our new Neighbourhood Plan, we will be at serious risk of facing much larger unwanted speculative applications from developers. The sites proposed are:

Site A; a development of 25 homes at the north of Chapel Close.

Site B; a development of 14 homes on the current Carpenters Yard site.

Site C; a development of 40 homes on land to the South of Tetbury Lane between The Butts and the Village playing fields.

We have also taken this opportunity in the survey to seek your views about the possibility of reducing the village's speed limit to 20MPH, with an extension of the limit on the A429 to the South of the village beyond the Murcott junction. These proposals are currently under consideration by the Parish Council in response to concerns expressed in previous consultations.

We are pleased to say that response to the survey questionnaire has been encouraging to date with 68 responses to date. We do encourage you to give us your views and the survey remains open until the 30th of November 2025. We will publish a summary of the results in the New Year.

Consultation with statutory bodies is currently taking place in respect of the Strategic Environmental Assessment required for our proposed site allocations. The bodies contacted include Historic England, Natural England and the Environment Agency. The document which will form an important part of the new Neighbourhood Plan and will help inform the selection of our sites for housing.

A further meeting with the representatives of the Parish Council, School Governors, Headteacher, Crudwell Church and residents took place on the 19th of November. The group has been formed to investigate and take forward potential measures to tackle the congestion and hazards caused by parking at school drop off and pick up times.

Neighbourhood Plan cont'd

It is hoped that an additional parking facility for the school and parents can be made available in part of the Glebelands field adjacent to the school. The scheme includes the provision of a new safe pedestrian access to the school playing fields via an upgraded footpath CRUD7 with a new pedestrian bridge over the Swillbrook. Discussions with Wiltshire Council and landowners are now taking place in order to assess the viability and costs of the project and a draft plan of the scheme is being prepared.

Roy F Hamilton-Lambley, Chairman, Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Crudwell Ladies

Our November meeting saw us making Christmas decorations, it was great fun, and Judy was very patient and gave us lots of help. The finished articles did look lovely.

Wednesday 10 December is our planning meeting for the 2026 programme.

Crudwell Ladies provides the drinks, both soft and alcoholic and we each bring along a plateful of nibbles. We start 2026 with our very popular evening meal out (venue to be decided) on **Wednesday 16th January 2026**.

Please note that our meeting at The Wheatsheaf will be a week earlier than usual on **Wednesday 17th December**. Margaret English. Further details on the back page.

Crudwell Ladies Lunch Club

It was a fascinating talk at our November meeting on SHOES, a subject very close to most of our hearts. Not many of us will forget the sight of the very small shoes that were worn by the Chinese ladies. It was a gruesome sight. Our next meal is on December 8th at the Rectory. New members and guests are always welcome. Contact Maureen Stephens on 07552 233293.

North Wilts Flower Club

Following our very enjoyable Open Evening at Malmesbury Town Hall in November, December 17th sees us meeting at The Ship Inn in Luckington for our Christmas lunch.

Looking ahead to our regular January meeting back in Crudwell Village Hall on the 21st, we will be welcoming a visitor from The Tetbury Flower Company who will be speaking about dahlias. Do join us to find out more about these fascinating plants. If you are new to the Flower Club, your first visit is free.

Cathy Carroll 07703299277 carollcath@aol.com

Greetings from All Saints Church

The other night on my way to a meeting in Minety, I had what can only be described as a scary driving experience.

Without warning, my car lights suddenly went off!

There were no streetlights in the village I was driving through, and it was too early for the Badger Moon to help me. I gingerly pulled over to the side of the road and hit the hazard warning lights!

No light. No journey. I was stuck in the dark.

Thankfully, the light switch eventually responded to my urgent prayer and prodding.

My journey could continue.

By the time you get this, we shall be in Advent, the season of light, in which we reflect, with eager anticipation, on the coming of Jesus, the Son of God, the true 'Light of the World.' The candles on the Advent wreath will be lit. Our churches and schools will be retelling the story of Jesus, and His remarkable birth into this chaotic and dark world.

During Advent, I encourage you to listen to the words of the carols, so often played to us while we're shopping. I encourage you to read and reflect on the familiar nativity story in Luke 1&2, or in Matthew 1&2; or in

John's prologue 1:1-14. As you read the instantly recognisable story or hear, 'While shepherds watched their flocks by night,' for the umpteenth time, try to put yourself into the story..

What do you see? How are people responding? Which of the characters do you most identify with? What do you smell? What do you hear? How are you responding?

As we do this , we can get a fresh insight into the story of 'The Light of the World' (John 8 vs 12) who stepped down into darkness, to be our light and Saviour.

Praying a blessing over you and yours for this Advent & Christmas season.

Rev'd Bob

P.S. A warm welcome awaits you at each of our Benefice Churches, not only at Christmas.

Short Mat Bowls

Christmas is approaching fast so why not join us for some friendly company and skills for a new hobby? We will even through in a chocolate biscuit and drink at halftime. Want to know more? Please contact Anita - Anitahill.smith@gmail.com or 07977566883. Times are on the back page.

Tai Chi

Faith is back and getting us into the swing of things, she makes our exercises seem so easy and it really helps that the exercises are all carried out standing up. We welcome new Tai Chiers, so just come along and join our friendly group at the Village Hall . All details on back page.

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

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- If you play regularly, please consider joining our **subscription scheme** for a donation of **just £5/month**.
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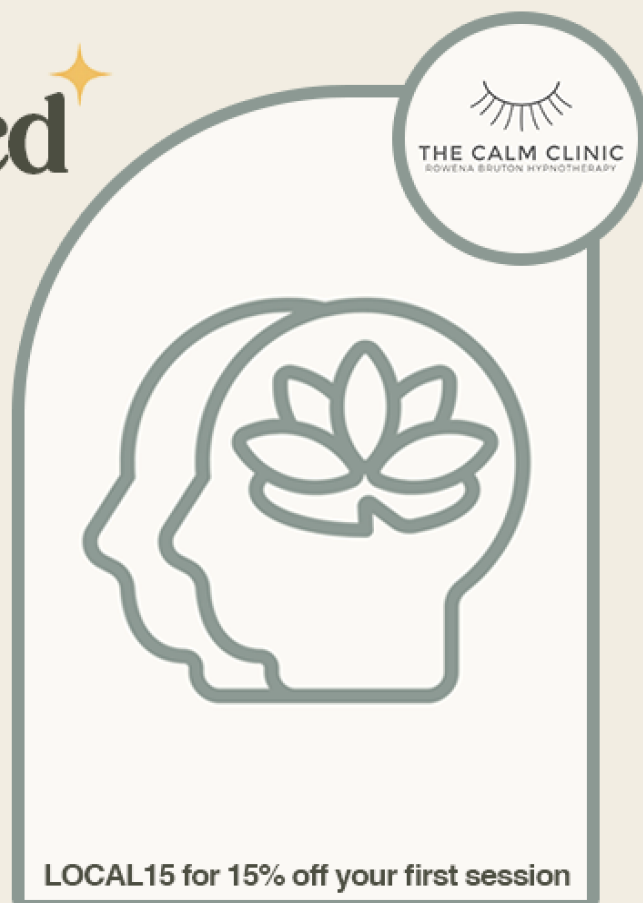
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DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS AT THE GOODS SHED



December 6/7

Christmas Craft fair: Stock up on Christmas gifts for the whole family and enjoy festive music and delicious treats. 10-4 Admission free.

December 13

Dickens' A Christmas Carol: Happy Valley actor Vincent Franklin brings Dickens seasonal story to life in an amazing one-man show which will leave your blood chilled and heart warmed. Tickets in Advance £15, family of 4 £45. 7.30.

December 18

Film- The Nutcracker: Ukraine's National Opera Ballet Company bring us this sumptuous staging of Tchaikovsky's perennial Christmas favourite. Tickets in advanced £7.50. 7pm

December 19

Community Carol Concert: Traditional carols and modern with the added attraction of mulled wine and mince pies. Admission free. 6pm

December 20

Abba Fever: Take a chance on a great pre-Christmas sing-along with family and friends. Abba Fever are known for great musicianship, choreography and authentic costumes. Tickets 27.50 in advance. 7.30

January 2

Wonder Pantomimes Robin Hood: Join in as Robin and his Merry Men take on the evil Sheriff of Nottingham in this family-friendly event for all ages. Tickets in advance £13.48 adults, £9.70 child, family of 4 £37.73. 2pm and 5.30

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?

December Village Calendar

All Saints Church www.braydonbrook.co.uk	Friends and Family Nativity Play	All Saints Crudwell	Sunday 7 December 10.00
	Midnight Communion		Wednesday 24 December 23.30
	Service of the Word		Thursday 25 December 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	10 December 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	Crudwell Village Hall	10 December 19.00 for 19.15
		The Wheatsheaf	17 December 10.30
Crudwell Parish Council Meeting	Roy F Hamilton-Lambley r.lambley@crudwell-pc.gov.uk	Crudwell Village Hall	16 December 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
Mobile Library	https://apps.wiltshire.gov.uk/librariesinformation/Route/Index/5	The Dawneys	5 December 11.10 – 11.45
Netball for All	Debbie Gregory 07880 606702	Multi- sports facility	Mondays 18.00 -19.00
North Wilts Flower Club	Cathy Carroll 07703299277 carrollcath@aol.com	Crudwell Village Hall	Christmas meal The Ship Inn Luckington
Pilates	caseystickland@hotmail.com 07900048952	Crudwell Village Hall	Tuesdays 9.30 – 10.30 Classes restart in January
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
The Arts Society Malmesbury <i>Lecture series</i>	info@theartsocietymalmesbury.org.uk	Crudwell Village Hall	9 December
Totally Tennis	Annie Smith anniebsmith@hotmail.co.uk	Multi- sports facility	Tuesdays 17.00

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