

VILLAGE BULLETIN BOARD

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events

Dates for your diary

24 Hour Bike Ride

20-21 June

Strawberry Fayre

11-12 July

We are still looking for volunteers to join the **Crudwell Church Flower Rota** which keeps the church looking beautiful throughout the year. It is a small commitment of **two consecutive weeks per year** plus help for the festivals: Christmas, Easter, Strawberry Fayre and School Celebrations.

If you are interested, please contact us:

Helen Carter
01666-577375/ 07396 379453

Judy Clark
07929 652264

Training workshop to be arranged

Crudwell Village Hall – lecture

Coco Chanel: Art, Fashion,

Business

10 March

More info:

www.theartsocietymalmesbury.org.uk

From the editor

Finally, spring is in the air! The muddy verges are drying up and there are splashes of springtime yellow all around.



If there are any keen gardeners who would like to share occasional news of what's going on in their patch, I would love to hear from you!

Katie Hawkins
woicrudwell@gmail.com

The Post Office will be closed on Tuesday 3rd March.

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**Saturday
20/Sunday
21 June**



We are breaking records with the number of team entries already received by mid February! Now that we also have a clear objective for our fundraising, as detailed in the Village Hall article in the February issue, proceeding with the updating and further development of the courts, we really would like the help of a few more people on the committee. No matter what your skill set, we can put any time you can offer us to good use. Also please contact us to offer your availability for marshalling and other slots, all of which make our task in running this unique event so much easier. For more details, please see the website crudwellbikeride.co.uk or contact Damian on 01666 575041 or Elizabeth on 07742 594322. We look forward to hearing from you.

Crudwell Ladies

Recycling in Wiltshire - What to put in your recycling bins and what not to put in them.

What exactly happens to the contents of the bin once it leaves our care?

This talk on 11 March will be given by a representative of Hills Recycling Group. This promises to be a really interesting talk about recycling, especially after the publicity campaign by the public when Wiltshire Council tried to shut two very busy recycling centres. This decision has been delayed for the time being.

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 25 March.

Please contact either Judy Paginton

01666 577370 or Margaret English margaretenGLISH261@btinternet.com

01666 577572 for more details



At Pre-School we love making mums and dads feel special. The children make them cards, drawings and also invite them to breakfast at Pre-School and we have our Mother's Day breakfast coming up very soon. This is where the children invite their mums, aunties, grannies or another special someone to our Pre-School café. They serve them croissants and a choice of apple juice or orange juice and enjoy some special time in our café.

We also have an Easter bonnet parade and Easter egg hunt where families are invited to come and watch. This year the children will be performing a dance as well as our traditional songs. We are so lucky to have Lottie (our apprentice) who has a degree in performing arts. She is so passionate about performing arts and how it benefits early childhood education and with her extensive knowledge she now holds a dance/music and movement class at Pre-School which is loved by the children and the teachers.

If you are interested in hearing more about this or want any other 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 Ladies Lunch Club

Lunch Club were treated to a very interesting talk on 16th February about magic. Slides were shown of ladies being sawn in half, but obviously, we weren't let into the secret of how the tricks were done in case we might try and become magicians ourselves!

If you would like to come along to our next lunch on Monday, 16th March, you would be very welcome.

Please contact Maureen whose details are shown below. We arrive at the Rectory Hotel about 12 noon, allowing us plenty of time for a drink and chat before sitting down for an excellent 2- course lunch, which includes coffee or tea after the meal. *For more details contact Maureen Stephens on 07552 233293.*

Crudwell Village Hall

Well, we've done it. At this month's committee meeting, and after much deliberation, we have committed funds to our next big project: resurfacing and repurposing the tennis courts to make good for tennis, netball, basketball, and pickleball. Work will begin as soon as contracts are signed and there's a clear spell of half-decent weather. This could take a while.

The courts will also be out of action for several weeks afterwards to let everything settle down. We'll keep everyone updated here and online of course but, in the meantime, sincerely hope that many in the community will enjoy these new facilities for years to come.

In other news, our review of the new sound system has meant that, yes, we need a couple more speakers and the reconnection of the input at the back of the hall for sound desks. We're hoping to get this sorted before the end of the month. Also, the relentless rain exposed the need for some work on the roof, which we hope to get completed as soon as possible to avoid further damage.

You can hear all about these projects, help elect our volunteer team for the year, and volunteer your own services if you feel the call at this year's village hall AGM, set for 7pm on Tuesday, 17th March, at the hall. All are welcome and drinks and snacks will be on hand. Feel free to let us know at chair@crudwellvillagehall.org if you plan to come along!

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





7pm Friday 20 March
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Malmesbury Abbey Music Society is pleased to announce the fourth concert in the 2025-2026 season on Friday 20 March at 7pm in the beautiful Abbey setting.

This finale of the 2025-2026 season is presented by the internationally acclaimed and award-winning Carducci String Quartet who, this year celebrate twenty years since their formation in 1997.

The programme will include a performance of the Opus 89 string quartet by the late 19th and early 20th century American composer Amy Beach and the Shostakovich Quartet No. 2. In 2016, the Carducci received a Royal Philharmonic Society Award for their Shostakovich quartets.

The concert closes with a performance of the Mendelssohn Octet, Opus 20, for which they are joined by the Vita String Quartet, the resident quartet of the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.

Coffee & Chat



Visitors, friends and local residents are invited to attend the coffee morning to be held in Crudwell Church on Wednesday 11th March between 10.30 am and 12 noon.

The churchyard is full of snowdrops despite the cold weather and inside the church there will be a warm welcome with refreshments and the popular raffle. All proceeds go to the maintenance costs of the church building and graveyard.

Please contact Rosemary Williams on 01666 575073 with any enquiries.

Parish Council March

Parish Council Meetings: An Extraordinary Meeting of the Council was convened on 14 February to approve the draft Regulation 14 Neighbourhood Plan, following Steering Group endorsement. This approval initiates a period of public consultation commencing on 1 March. For further information regarding how to submit feedback on the new Neighbourhood Plan, please refer to the related report and flyer included in this journal.

The most recent full Council meeting occurred on Tuesday, 24 February. Minutes from all meetings, as well as the agenda for upcoming sessions, are available on our website: <https://www.crudwell-pc.gov.uk/category/minutes/> The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 24 March 2026 at 7:00 pm in Crudwell Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend, with the opportunity to speak during the initial ten minutes of each meeting.

Visit by Roz Savage MP

We were pleased to host our MP Roz Savage in Crudwell on a fact-finding tour on the 6th of February. During a full day on which she was accompanied by PC Chair Roy Hamilton-Lambley she:

- Was met by members of Crudwell Parish Council.
- Visited the active Pre-School in the village hall spending time with organiser Cathy, the staff and of course the children during their fun activities.
- Met Phil Buxton the Village Hall Chairman and toured the developing Park project, the Council's Fresh Air Fitness and Play Park.
- Met with Angela King and members of the Strawberry Fayre committee.
- Met with Damian Gilmartin chair of the Crudwell 24hr charity bike ride.
- Met with Ben Preece and members of Crudwell Flag, toured the village including flooding hot spots at Rommel Lane, Eastcourt Road and footpath behind the School and through the Glebelands, where we briefed her on proposals for a safe pedestrian access to the school playing field and additional car parking.
- Enjoyed lunch at the Potting Shed with members of our party.
- Visited the Primary School where she met Head Teacher Jo Lee and staff and gave a slide show presentation to the pupils showing her experiences of three solo ocean voyages and her work as an MP. There was a very lively question and answer session with Roz and the children.
- Visited the Crudwell Farm Shop and discussed the challenges of running a small business in the current economic climate with owners Olly and Lucienne.

Roz told us how much she had enjoyed her visit and is keen to be involved with future village events as and when her busy diary permits. Watch this space!

Flood prevention and Crudwell Flood Action Group (FLAG) You can, if you wish subscribe to the Environment Agency's flood warning service, which will send you flood warning alerts by phone, text or email, you can request these updates by following this link; <https://www.gov.uk/get-flood-warnings>

If you wish for further information re FLAG this can be found by emailing crudwellflag@gmail.com

Will you be going to university in 2026?

Wiltshire & Swindon Community Foundation is offering University Bursary grants to help young people from Wiltshire and Swindon with the costs of studying for an undergraduate degree. The bursary is worth £1,900 per year, for each year of the course, and can be used towards everyday essentials such as travel, books, or general living costs. As long as their circumstances stay the same, funding will continue for each academic year of their degree.

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Neighbourhood Plan March

2038 Neighbourhood Plan Review

To meet Government housing targets, we need to allocate up to 39 new houses in Crudwell. If we do not complete our Neighbourhood Plan, we risk larger speculative applications from developers due to Wiltshire Council's limited housing supply.



After approval by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and Parish Council on 14 February, the draft Crudwell Neighbourhood Plan (Regulation 14) will be open for public consultation from 1 March to 13 April 2026. Please review the plan and share your feedback via the online summary and questionnaire at <https://www.my-crudwell.org/plan/regulation-14-consultation/>.

Completing the consultation response online is preferred. If that's not possible, paper copies of the Summary and Questionnaire are available at Crudwell Post Office, the Farm Shop, pubs, and hotels.

A flyer in this journal provides details about Regulation 14. All responses and comments will be considered in developing the final version of the Neighbourhood Plan.

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

Short Mat Bowls

Have you ever thought of trying Short Mat Bowls? We play at Crudwell Village Hall on Tuesday evenings 7.00 until 9.30 and Thursday afternoons 3.30 until 5.30. We have all the equipment and the first session is free.

Want to know more? Please contact Anita @ anitahill.smith@gmail.com or 07977566883. Times are on the 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

- The courts were built to play tennis, netball, basketball and 5/side football.
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North Wilts Flower Club

I am writing to tell you about our March 18th demonstration from Arnaud Mataire called "From Ekhaya to you". We had Arnaud last year and we loved his demonstration so I expect this too will be very good. We hope to see you there. We are at the Village Hall Crudwell and there is plenty of parking space. There is also free tea/coffee and cake afterwards. And, of course, your first visit is free. We meet at 7pm for 7.30 start. We look forward to seeing you.

Cathy Carroll 07703299277 carollcath@aol.com

Greetings from All Saints Church

March Thoughts

As I write this, the sky is grey. We haven't seen the sun for a while and rain seems to be the word the weather forecasters use a lot. The solar panels struggle.

Throughout the year we are looking forward, maybe wishing our lives away and do not spend time just looking around at the wonderful creation that is on our doorstep. Catkins in the hedges, flowers blooming, the colours of the season change as it gets warmer: white snowdrops, yellow daffodils and king-cups, blue of forget-me-nots and the colours increase with the green of leaves appearing.

By the time we get to Summer vibrant colours match the dazzling blue sky. It is all there to delight our eyes. Jesus told us to be like little children, and they take ages to walk any distance. They are forever stopping and seeing new things, new inspirations. We too need to just slow down and look around. See the buds swelling waiting for the right moment to burst forth into colour.

That is what we can look forward to, but now as the trees are not in full leaf we can see vistas and the majestic unique patterns the trees form.

This year stop and look, watch the colours in nature change, the shapes that occur and let your hearts lift knowing that this is a gift for you.

Here is a lovely statement Max Lucado wrote.

*If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it.
If He'd a wallet, your photo would be in it.
He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning.
Whenever you want to talk, He'll listen.
He can live anywhere in the universe, but He chooses your heart.
And what about the Christmas gift He sent you at Bethlehem?
Not to mention that Friday at Calvary. Face it. He's crazy about you.*

Sarah Wyman



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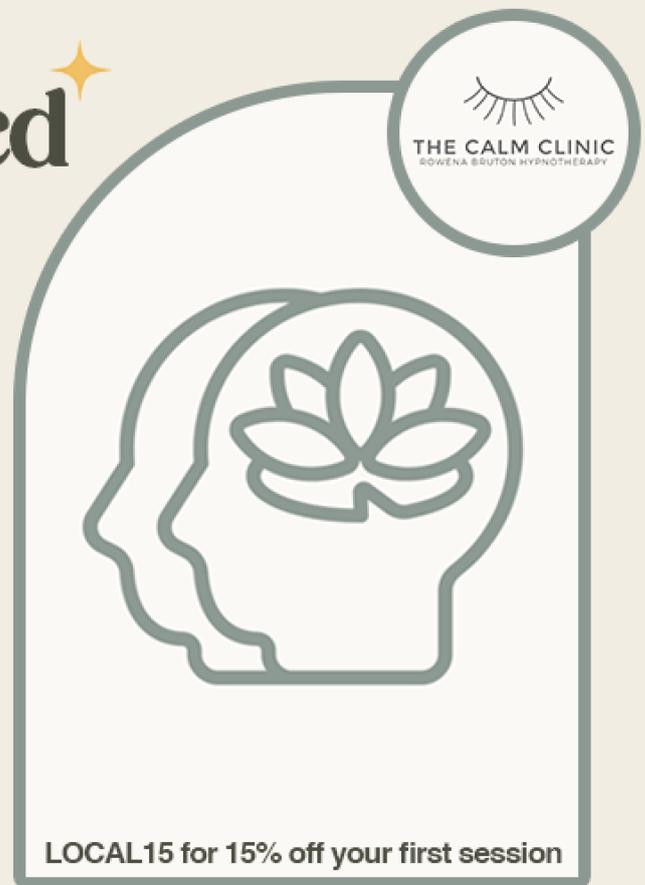


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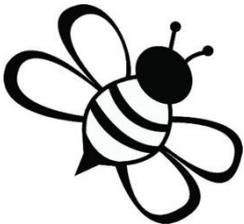
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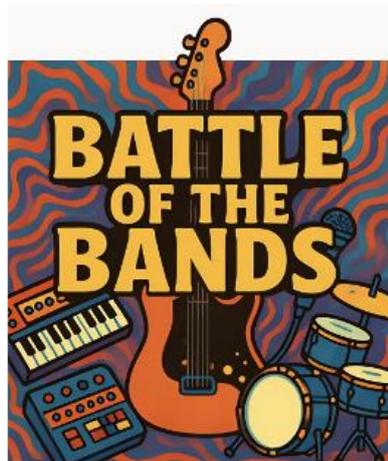
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- March 7** **Martin James Bartlett Piano Recital:** A concert by a young pianist who is forging an international career. Recently he has toured with the Sinfonia of London and performed Philip Glass's Tirol piano concerto in Berlin, Hamburg and Vienna. Tickets in advance £30. 7.30pm
- March 8** **Battle of the Bands:** A contest between Gloucestershire's best young garage bands. Hand-pick bands fight for a place in our annual family Off [The Rails](#) thanks to our sponsors. Tickets in advance £10. 3-7pm
- March 24** **The Magnificent AKS:** Capable of raising a laugh and lowering the tone simultaneously you will hear music from across the spectrum. And see a very different style of hats and costumes. Tickets in advance £14. 7.30pm
- March 27** **Forever Billy Joel:** Authentic, soulful and brilliantly performed tonight is the ultimate celebration of the Piano Man and his timeless catalogue. Tickets in advance £25. 7.30pm
- March 28** **Out of the Box Family Circus Show:** An unlikely character and his box of tricks [brings](#) families together to celebrate play through skilful silliness – and watch out for the toothbrush! Tickets in advance £12. 2pm.

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

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What's on in Crudwell? March Village Calendar

All Saints Church www.braydonbrook.co.uk	Friends and Family	All Saints Crudwell	Sunday 1 March 10.00
	Morning Praise		Sunday 15 March 9.30
	Holy Communion		Sunday 22 March 11.00
Coffee 'n' Chat	Rosemary Williams 01666 575073	All Saints Church	11 March 10.30 – 12 noon
Crudwell Badminton Club	hilarywarner62@gmail.com.	Crudwell Village Hall	Mondays 19.30 – 22.00
Crudwell Ladies	Judy Paginton 577370 Margaret English 577572	Crudwell Village Hall	11 March 7.00 for 7.15
		The Wheatsheaf	25 March 10.30
Crudwell Ladies Lunch Club	Maureen Stephens 07552 233293	The Rectory	16 March 12 noon
Crudwell Parish Council Meeting	Roy F Hamilton-Lambley r.lambley@crudwell-pc.gov.uk	Crudwell Village Hall	24 March 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
Crudwell Village Hall Committee	Crudwell Village Hall AGM	Crudwell Village Hall	Tuesday 17 March 7.00 pm
Mobile Library	https://apps.wiltshire.gov.uk/librariesinformation/Route/Index/5	The Dawneys	27 March 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	18 March 19.00 for 19.30
Pilates	caseystickland@hotmail.com 07900048952	Crudwell Village Hall	Tuesdays 9.30 – 10.30
Tai Chi	Carmel Straughan 577502 Margaret English 577572.	Crudwell Village Hall	Tuesdays 11.30 - 12.30
The Arts Society Malmesbury Lecture series	info@theartssocietymalmesbury.org.uk contact for ticket details	Crudwell Village Hall	10 March
Totally Tennis	Annie Smith anniebsmith@hotmail.co.uk	Multi- sports facility	Tuesdays 17.00

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