

What's on in Crudwell

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events

Got something for us?

Send it to Katie Hawkins
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Quiz Night in aid of Dorothy House

Saturday 17th October
Crudwell Village Hall
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Ice Cream Social

**Saturday 5th September,
6-8pm
Crudwell Village Hall**

A space for young people aged
11-18 to meet, eat ice cream
and play games.

Organised by North Wilts Churches

Contact jessica.price@nwma.org.uk

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Friday 23rd October at 10.30
All Saints' Church
Hosted by Diana Hodgson

See October edition for more details

Crudwell Post Office

will be closed from and
including Monday 19th October,
reopening Wednesday
28th October.

Free Screening of "People's Emergency Briefing"

A film and discussion
about our climate and nature
crisis

Village Hall
Saturday 12 September
4.00 – 6.00 pm

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Quiz Night

Crudwell Village Hall



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BYO alcohol / glass

4-6 in a team

Tickets in advance only

Tickets available from Judy Paginton

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Crudwell CE Primary School

As we look ahead to the new school year, there is a real sense of excitement and anticipation across our school community. September brings with it a fresh start, new opportunities and the chance for everyone to learn, grow and achieve together.

We are delighted to welcome our new Assistant Headteacher, Mr West, to the team and look forward to the valuable contribution he will make to school life. We are also excited to meet our new EYFS children as they begin their educational journey with us. Starting school is a very special milestone, and we cannot wait to help them settle in, make new friends and discover a love of learning.

The beginning of the year is always a busy and exciting time. One of our favourite Term 1 activities is the introduction of new buddies, helping children build friendships, develop confidence and support one another across the school. Pupils will also have the opportunity to play an important role in shaping school life by voting for their School Council, Sports Council and House Captains and Vice Captains. These leadership roles encourage responsibility, teamwork and pupil voice.

For any prospective new families, please do book an appointment to look around the school. To make an appointment, phone the school office on 01666 577357. We look forward to meeting you!

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Crudwell Ladies Lunch Club

The Crudwell Ladies Luncheon Club will be held at The Rectory, Crudwell on the **21st September 2026**. Please arrive by 12 noon and enjoy your choice of drink and chat with the other ladies. Lunch will be served at 1pm. The speaker is Di Whitaker, and her subject is The Mitford Girls. We will finish about 3pm. Looking forward to seeing our members and we welcome any guests who may wish to join us.

Contact is Pauline Shelbourn on psheibourn@yahoo.com

Crudwell Ladies Evening Group

Our August outing saw the ladies visit Lechlade Garden Centre. We did enjoy ourselves, but it was one of our very hot days and most of us just sat in the restaurant drinking tea, eating scones, jam & cream (discussion was held as to which goes on first, no decision made as they looked so lovely they just got eaten). There were bargains galore in the plant section, but the ground is far too hard to put anything in at the moment. Shoes, particularly trainers, were a popular buy. Our thanks to Sue McCleery for organising the outing, well done Sue.

On **Wednesday, 9th September** Sheila Lloyd Graham (professionally known as She Unique) is coming to talk to us about ladies' wardrobes of the 1920s-1950s. Sheila will of course bring some lovely models of these dresses (some of us will probably remember our mothers' dresses from the 1950s). She is such a fun speaker and brings these clothes very much to life. A very enjoyable evening is promised at the Village Hall, starting at 7.15 pm. Non members are very welcome, with just a small charge of £3 and the price of a raffle ticket.

Our next meeting at The Wheatsheaf is on **23 September** 10.30 – noon. Contact either *Judy Paginton – Treasurer* on 01666 577370 or *Margaret English – (Newsletter Secretary)* on margaretenglish261@btinternet.com or 01666 577572 for more details.

Coffee & Chat

Crudwell Church on Wednesday 9th September between 10.30 am and 12 noon will be a refreshingly cool place to enjoy refreshments, the raffle and the company of neighbours, friends and visitors! Whilst hopefully it will have rained by then, either way, everyone will be very welcome; funds raised go towards maintaining the church building and churchyard.

Please contact Rosemary Williams for further details on 01666 575073.



Short Mat Bowls

Bowls have now reverted to our original time of 2.00-4.30 on Thursday afternoons instead of 3.30- 5.30. Preschool no longer require Thursdays.

Why not come along and give us a try? We have all the equipment, and the first session is free.

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

Crudwell Village Hall

The final results from this year's [incredibly fun] 24hr-bike ride are in! The 29 teams who took part in this year's event raised over £17,600 between them - 80% of which goes to their chosen charities.

This year, those charities included Action for Children, Cohere (supporting refugees displaced by wars across Africa), and the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

The remaining 20% (plus the Gift Aid from donations) goes to supporting the hall and recreation round, meaning we raised approximately £8000 - a fantastic result and we would like to thank the Bike Ride committee and all those who played a part in this year's event for their huge contribution. If you have any feedback or comments to help the 2027 event (19th/20th June!) go even better, please do let us know.

In the meantime, thanks to all those who attended Gary Lawes' free talk on achieving lower energy usage and costs. We hope you found it illuminating. And a reminder that our screening of the People's Emergency Briefing will take place at the hall from 4pm-6pm on Saturday, 12th September. Details for how to register your place can be found elsewhere in this issue of WOIC. The screening aims to bring communities together to hear the evidence on the climate and nature crisis for themselves and discuss how to respond.

If you're interested in any of these activities and in helping us in any of our work, please reach out to me at chair@crudwellvillagehall.org.

Phil Buxton, chair, Crudwell Village Hall Committee.



Crudwell Village Hall is a great venue for functions, including parties, wedding receptions, meetings, presentations, as well as activities and clubs. It features: a large hall with a capacity of 150 to 200 people; large, fully equipped kitchen; separate meeting room; large playing field with walking path and picnic tables; and a children's playground adjacent to an outdoor fitness area. The hall has free wi-fi and a drop-down projector screen. For more information, availability, and bookings, head to our website or email bookings@cvhrg.org.uk



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.

People's Emergency Briefing

On the climate and nature crisis

Crudwell



Film screening and discussion

Crudwell Village Hall
Saturday, 12th September 2026 4pm

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7pm Wednesday 7 October
Malmesbury Abbey
Berkeley Ensemble
'Schubert and Metcalf
In Malmesbury'

All Tickets may be obtained at www.malmesburyabbeymusic.com (no booking fee) or in person at Caerbladon, 24 High Street, Malmesbury.

Malmesbury Abbey Music Society is delighted to introduce, on Wednesday 7 October, the first concert in the 2026 to 2027 season which will be given by The Berkeley Ensemble.

The Berkeley Ensemble was formed by friends in a spirit of adventure. 'An instinctive collective' (*The Strad*), its members have come together from diverse corners of musical life to make music in new ways, reach new audiences and, most importantly, explore new repertoire, be it newly written or inadvertently forgotten.

The ensemble celebrates contemporary chamber music, especially by British composers. Since its founding in 2008 the ensemble has premiered over 40 works commissioned by or written for the group from composers including Michael Berkeley and Misha Mullov-Abbado among others.

The programme pairs Schubert's monumental octet, written late in the composer's short life, with leading Welsh composer John Metcalf's own piece for the same forces, inspired equally by Schubert and Welsh folksongs.

North Wilts Flower Club

Our next meeting in the Village Hall on **16th September** sees our (short) AGM, followed by a talk and demonstration by Jennie from Halliesphere using environmentally friendly flower holders. At this meeting we will publish our varied new programme for 2027 which includes talks, workshops, and demonstrations, mostly held on the third Wednesday of the month, 7pm for 7.30pm, at Crudwell Village Hall. Then on **21st October** we are holding a wreath making workshop with tuition by Brinkworth Willow.

Also please save the date for this year's main annual event, an Open Meeting entitled 'Jingle a Partridge with Tinsel' at Malmesbury Town Hall on Wednesday **18th November** with Nick Grounds. Nick is a National Demonstrator, with a day job as a professional horticultural auctioneer, known for his theatrical, humorous and engaging flower-arranging events. Tickets are now available (£20 for members, £25 for visitors, including delicious canapes and fizz).

For more information, please visit our Facebook page – North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club, our website northwiltshirevillagesflowerclub.co.uk or contact us by email - nwvflowerclub@gmail.com. We hope to see you soon.

Parish Council Meetings: The most recent full Council meeting took place on Tuesday, 25th August. Minutes from all meetings, and agendas for upcoming meetings, are available on our website: <https://www.crudwell-pc.gov.uk/category/minutes> . The next full Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 29th September 2026 at 7:00 pm in Crudwell Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend and may speak during the first ten minutes of the meeting.

Speed Limits Survey

We are grateful to those of you who responded to the recent survey on speed limits in our village with your views on their effectiveness, potential reduction and extension to south of the village on the A429. The results of the survey, which has now been reported to the Parish Council, will be made available on our website shortly and will be shared with Wiltshire Council's Local Highways and Footways Improvement Group that reviews, discusses, and recommends local transport, traffic, and pedestrian safety projects.

Play Park and Fresh Air Fitness facilities

The Play Park and Fresh Air Fitness facilities at the Village Hall Park are owned and maintained by the Parish Council at our cost. The swing seats were recently damaged beyond repair and replaced, but, ironically, a routine safety inspection immediately afterwards found that the swing framework was unsafe. As a precaution, we removed the new seats while arranging for a replacement framework to be installed. We hope the work will be complete by the time you read this journal. A special thank you also goes to the two four-year-old young ladies who kindly wrote to tell me the swings were broken and asked for them to be mended. Mr Roy is sorry it took a little while!

Neighbourhood Plan News

Public Consultation - Draft 2020–2038 Crudwell Neighbourhood Plan (Regulation 14)

Wiltshire Council officers have asked for further detailed work before our Regulation 14 submission can progress. This is partly because Wiltshire does not yet have a Local Plan and partly because new representations have been received from landowners. The Parish Council will review the likely cost, timescale and options for progressing this work at its September meeting, noting that grants are no longer available. We believe a robust Neighbourhood Plan remains essential to help protect Crudwell from large, unwanted speculative planning applications while Wiltshire Council has a significant housing shortfall and no adopted Local Plan. A further update will be shared after the September Parish Council meeting.

My-Crudwell mailing list

Sign up to receive email notifications about WOIC journal publications, community events, and updates on the Neighbourhood Plan—often before the printed version is available. Join over 300 subscribers by following this link: <https://www.my-crudwell.org/plan/signup/> . We should inform you that when you sign up you can opt to receive updates from “Crudwell Community” about local news and issues, “Crudwell Neighbourhood Plan” with news about the developing new Plan or both feeds. Crudwell Parish Council will only keep your details to inform you about these issues and will not share your information. We are governed by GDPR and you will find our Privacy Policy on our website at <https://www.crudwell-pc.gov.uk/content/uploads/CPC-IT-Policy.pdf>

Roy F Hamilton-Lambley; Chairman, Crudwell Parish Council

Existance Music Festival

3rd – 6th September

Near Boldridge Farm

Councillors Hamilton-Lambley and Berry spoke at the Cotswold Council's Licensing Hearing on the 19th August in support of the Parish Council's objection to this event **which will be held from the 3rd to the 6th September at land by Boldridge Farm adjacent to the Fosse Way.**

Councillor Hamilton-Lambley reports that “ Disappointingly for us and the many Councillors and others who objected, a licence for the event was granted subject to the following conditions:

- A noise management plan which bans music between 02.00 and 11.00. After 23.00 music levels will be limited to 43 decibels, which organisers describe as being the same noise level as a humming fridge.
- A traffic management plan;
- A fire inspection from a competent authority before event starts, plus signage that prohibits fires, barbecues, pyrotechnics and promotes the safe disposal of cigarettes;
- Ashley borehole will not be used in any respect;
- Local residents and businesses will be liaised with.

Existance is a psytrance dance festival with around 2,000 people expected to attend. It was originally planned for June 2026 but was postponed to allow more time for compliance conditions to be met. It was held at Charlton Park in 2025 but was obliged to relocate after problems with high noise levels.

If residents experience problems with sound levels or any other aspect of the festival, they should in the first instance use the local resident hotline or email info@existancefestival.com. The hotline number has not yet been published but will be available on www.my-crudwell.org once it becomes available.

Formal notification of breaches of licence conditions should be made to the Cotswold District Council.

Temporary Hosepipe Ban introduced by Wessex Water

From Wessex Water:

Following a period of record breaking heatwaves and lower-than-average rainfall, our water supply network is under increasing pressure.

We've seen record levels of demand for water and with more hot weather to come and no significant rain forecast, we've made the difficult decision to introduce a hosepipe ban.

The hosepipe ban started on **Tuesday 18 August at 00:01hrs**. Customers must not use a hosepipe for activities covered by the [restrictions](#).

Water use restrictions

You must avoid using a hosepipe for:

- watering a garden
- cleaning a private motor vehicle
- watering plants on domestic or other non-commercial premises
- filling or maintaining a domestic swimming pool or paddling pool
- drawing water for domestic recreational use
- filling or maintaining an ornamental fountain
- cleaning walls or windows of domestic premises
- cleaning paths or patios
- cleaning other artificial outdoor surfaces

For more information about the restrictions, please see our [FAQs](#).

What you can still do

This ban does not impact everyday essential household use, such as showering and washing.

You can also still:

- water plants with a watering can
- use water from your water butt
- fill up a bucket for car washing.

For a full list of restrictions and exemptions visit wessexwater.co.uk/hosepipe-ban or scan the QR code



Greetings from All Saints Church

September thoughts

1st September heralds metrological Autumn. Christina Rossetti wrote:

*The Autumn is an old friend that pleases all he can,
And brings the bearded barley to glad the heart of man.*

Harvest was early this year, with the barley picked during the summer.

Here is my rhyme.

*Now September is the start of a term,
During which there is much to learn.
Terror, worry as new things unfold,
Some exciting, others leave us cold.
Each can shape us and help us to grow,
Face the future with knowledge in tow.
We don't know the future we will face,
Each year it seems that time quickens pace.
I know who helps me when troubles brew,
The Lord helps and guides me battle through.
He is my defender, rock and guide,
I trust Him, as He is by my side.
He loves and wants to be your friend too,
He knows your heart and knows what is true.
You have to ask Him to be with you,
He brings us peace when all is askew.*



May this Autumn give you new insights to your journey in life.
May you find beauty around you as you look at nature.
May you find assurance that you are loved by God.
God bless and keep you.

Revd. Sarah Wyman

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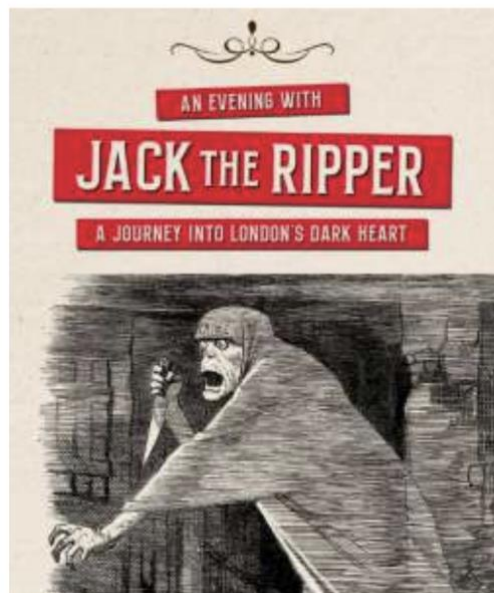
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SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS AT THE GOODS SHED



- Sept 4** **Alfie Moore – Radio Warm Up:** Alfie returns with a fun-filled interactive show ahead of recording Series 10 of his hit comedy radio show. The audience will be asked to imagine dealing with a real life scenario. Tickets £22. 8pm
- Sept 16** **An Evening with Jack the Ripper:** Broadcaster Steve Morgan, who runs Ripper Walks in London's East End, delves into the sordid realms of Victorian London to unmask the murderer. Tickets £18. 7.30
- Sept 19** **Very Santana:** Join a musical time travel into the work of Carlos Santana and his beautiful guitar melodies with a talented group of musicians who specialise in his songs. Tickets £24. 7.30
- Sept 20** **Jeneba Kanneh-Mason piano concert:** The third of the Kanneh-Mason family to establish herself as a soloist Jeneba will be playing music by Scarlatti, Mozart and Chopin. Tickets £30 7pm
- Sept 23** **Charlotte Aitken Exhibition:** Join this talented artist for an open evening to view her latest exhibition. Admission free. 6-7.30pm
- Sept 27** **Tetbury Wool Industry – a guided walk:** Join Jane Haines from the History of Tetbury Society for a fascinating walk tracing the industry which once made Tetbury one of the wealthiest in the region. Tickets £5 2pm

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?

September Village Calendar

All Saints Church www.braydonbrook.co.uk	Friends and Family	All Saints Church Crudwell	Sunday 6 September 10.00
	Morning Praise and Harvest		Sunday 20 September 9.30
	Holy Communion		Sunday 27 September 11.00
Coffee 'n' Chat	Rosemary Williams 01666 575073	All Saints Church	Wednesday 9 September 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	Wednesday 9 September
		The Wheatsheaf	Wednesday 23 September 10.30
Crudwell Ladies Lunch Club	Maureen Stephens 07552 233293	The Rectory Hotel	Monday 21 September
Crudwell Parish Council Meeting	Roy F Hamilton-Lambley r.lambley@crudwell-pc.gov.uk	Crudwell Village Hall	Tuesday 29 September 19.00
Crudwell Pre-School	Cathy 07986622191 info@crudwellpreschool.co.uk	Crudwell Village Hall	Mon/Weds/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 Thursdays 14.00 -16.00
Mobile Library	https://apps.wiltshire.gov.uk/librariesinformation/Route/Index/5	The Dawneys	Friday 11 September 11.10 – 11.45
Netball for All	Debbie Gregory 07880 606702	Multi- sports facility	Mondays 18.00 -19.00
North Wilts Flower Club	nwvflowerclub@gmail.com Cathy Carroll 07703299277	Crudwell Village Hall	Wednesday 16 September 19.00
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

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Collection time 4.45 pm Wednesday **12.15** Contact 01666 577201.

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