

What's on in Crudwell

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VILLAGE BULLETIN BOARD

See village calendar on back page for regular events

Got something for us?

Send it to Katie Hawkins
Woicrudwell@gmail.com

Quiz Night in aid of Dorothy House

Saturday 17th October
7.00 pm
Crudwell Village Hall

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MacMillan Coffee Morning

Friday 23rd October at 10.30
All Saints' Church

Hosted by Diana Hodgson
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Crudwell Christmas Fair

Saturday 14th November
11am to 3pm
Crudwell Village Hall

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Open Meeting

Local flooding

Hosted by Roz Savage MP

Friday 23 October
1.00pm – 4.30pm

Crudwell Village Hall

All welcome See page 7

Northern Lights: The Influence of Netherlandish Art

Lecture @ Crudwell Village Hall
13th October 13.45

Further details

<https://www.theartsocietymalmesbury.org.uk>

Crudwell Post Office

Is closed from Monday 19th October. Reopens Wednesday 28th October.

EVENTS

AT MURCOTT FARM SHOP

Sourdough Revolution: From the Mill to the table

Thursday, 15th October
7:00-9:00pm. £20 per person

Woodchester Valley Wine & Cheese Tasting

Thursday, 12th November
7:00-9:00pm £25 per person

Christmas Wreath Workshop with Silver Birch Flowers

Thursday 3rd and 10th December
6:30-8:30pm £58 per person and day

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MURCOTT FARM SHOP



Quiz Night

**Crudwell Village
Hall**

**DOROTHY
HOUSE**
Hospice Care



Saturday October 17 7.00 pm for 7:15

£12.50 (includes ploughman's, tea / coffee)

BYO alcohol / glass

4-6 in a team

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Friday October 23rd

10.30 – 12.30

**All Saints Church
Crudwell**

Hosted by Diana Hodgson 07817

242888 dhodgson@live.co.uk

Donations of cakes, raffle prizes, produce or offers of help on the day, would be much appreciated.

Payment by CASH preferred but we do have a QR code. (no card reader)

A group of people, including a young boy, several older adults, and a few younger adults, are gathered around a green short mat bowls table in a well-lit hall. Some are holding bowls, and one person is in the middle of a bowling motion. The background shows a large window and a bulletin board.

AN INVITATION FROM CRUDWELL SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

- Something different
 - Keeps you active
 - Something trendy
- If you are fit, it will make you fitter
- Good company- make friends
 - Social and competitive

AND IT'S ALL FREE

Tea, coffee, cake and biscuits
Possibly even chocolates

WHAT'S NOT TO LIKE?

- A friendly introduction to the game of bowls
 - Come to one or all of the sessions below
 - All welcome, young or old
- Just drop in – you can play or just be inquisitive

CRUDWELL VILLAGE HALL

**SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER
SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER
SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER
SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER
2pm – 4pm**

CRUDWELL CHRISTMAS FAIR makes a welcome return this year on Saturday 14th November in the Village Hall from 11am to 3pm and we are looking for a bit of help from the residents of the village.

The fair, now in its third year, offers the chance to stock up early on Christmas gifts for all the family from a wide range of stalls selling everything from jewellery, stationery, craft items and children's clothing to dried flowers and lampshades.

There will also be a raffle, a tombola with prizes for kids and adults and the ready-wrapped surprise books stall for imaginative stocking fillers. Festive refreshments include mince pies, mulled wine and the turkey-and-stuffing rolls that were such a hit last year.

The event is in aid of the upkeep of our lovely village church, and to maximise the total raised, we are asking Crudwell folk to look through their cupboards and attics for suitable items to donate to the tombola and books stall. If you have any unwanted items (new and in-date please) that have been taking up precious storage space in your home, please consider donating these to the tombola. The same goes for any books (in good condition) that you have finished reading. Books and tombola prizes can be left behind the font in the church – open 9am to 5pm daily – from where they will be collected every few days.

Finally, if you feel able to spare a couple of hours to help out behind the scenes or at one of the stalls Caer Rice Smith would love to hear from you (email: caerrice@gmail.com)

Thank you for your support of this community Christmas event.



North Wilts Flower Club

Our next meeting is on October 21 at 7 pm in the Village Hall. We are holding a workshop with Brinkworth Willow, where we will learn to construct wreaths which can be decorated subsequently with seasonal flowers, foliage and decorations. Useful for autumn but also great for the festive season.

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 & Neighbourhood Plan October

Neighbourhood Plan

Following the September PC meeting , you will be able to see a substantive NP update on the village website (www.my-crudwell.org) and in November's What's On.

Parish Council Meetings

The most recent full Council meeting took place on Tuesday, 29 September. 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, 27th October 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.

Play Equipment Repairs at the Village Hall Park

Repairs to the swing frame, the reinstatement of all four swings, and also the scramble net are now complete. We apologise that these items were unavailable for several weeks.

Exercise Resilient Swill Brook – with the Environment Agency – Weds 7th October 1 – 3pm at Pettifers Hotel

Lead by Mat Lloyd, a Flood Resilience Engagement Advisor for the Thames EA Area. Sitting in small groups, attendees will work through the emergency scenarios relating to water, flooding, etc and then discussion will be fed back through the facilitator. Some "experts" (from Wiltshire Council, Fire Brigade, and Wiltshire and Swindon Prepared - who led our Flood Warden training earlier in the year) will also be present to share their wisdom, experience, and answer questions that arise. This event is for Parish Councillors, flood wardens and residents interested in contributing to the village's ability to be resilient in the face of extreme weather events. Please contact our parish.clerk@crudwell-pc.gov.uk if you intend to attend.

Roy F Hamilton-Lambley; Chairman, Crudwell Parish Council



The Flood Action Group, with the help of the Cotswold Rivers Trust, is applying for a grant that could fund a Sustainable Drainage Solution (SuDS) project in Crudwell. There's a quick survey that explains more, and asks you what you think should be done. To fill in the survey, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/crudwellsuds>



Roz Savage Flooding Meeting - Friday 23 October - 1 PM - 4:30 PM at Crudwell Village Hall

Roz Savage MP is bringing together residents and the organisations involved in managing our roads, rivers and water infrastructure to talk about flooding across the South Cotswolds.

Come along to hear the latest, ask questions directly of the organisations involved, and find out what is being done to reduce flood risk.

We'll also hear from local communities already taking practical action – sharing what works, what they've learned, and how we can all help make our communities more resilient to flooding.

The afternoon will include:

- Updates from local councils, including how councils are working together across constituency and county boundaries.
- Examples of positive local action, including contributions from flood wardens and community flood groups.
- Updates from highways and environmental agencies on work taking place across the South Cotswolds.
- Updates from local water companies on their work to address flooding and support affected communities.
- A panel discussion and Q&A, giving residents the opportunity to put their questions directly to those responsible for tackling flooding.

To attend [please reserve your place](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/roz-savage-flooding-meeting-october-2026-tickets-1998746587849) or visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/roz-savage-flooding-meeting-october-2026-tickets-1998746587849>



A date for your diary!



The 2027 Strawberry Fayre will be held on Saturday 17th July and Sunday 18th July.

2027 will be 40 years since the first Strawberry Fayre, so a great opportunity to celebrate everyone who has been involved in the Strawberry Fayre over the years. Without the reputation and plans they put in place, we wouldn't have the wonderful, unique event in Crudwell each year and without the money raised, our local parish All Saints Church wouldn't be the building we have today.

As well as saving the Saturday and Sunday in your diaries, please also reserve the Friday 16th as we need all the help possible to set it all up.

We would also welcome anyone who would like to get involved with the event.

Please contact Angela King ajking23@live.co.uk and let's make the 40th anniversary a very special Strawberry Fayre.

Crudwell Ladies Lunch Club

The Crudwell Ladies Luncheon Club will be held at The Rectory, Crudwell on the **19th October 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 to be confirmed. Looking forward to seeing our members and we welcome any guests who may wish to join us. Contact Pauline Shelbourn on pshebourn@yahoo.com

Crudwell Ladies Evening Group

At our September meeting, Sheila Lloyd Graham showed us some very lovely women's clothes from the 1920s through to 1950s and the difference in today's clothing was noticeable. Metal zips were being used and often put in by hand and buttons were covered in the same material. One particular smart blue daytime outfit had a lot of us wishing it was available now. Some of the corsets that our mums and grandmas would have worn looked particularly uncomfortable, glad they aren't around today. A big thank-you to Sheila for giving us such a fun evening.

Our next meeting is a **fun quiz** on **Wednesday 14th October at 7.15 pm**. There'll be no pressure- it's not going to be Mastermind, as we don't have the black chair or buzzer. Also, there will be no booby prizes, only lots of laughter and conferring. If you feel like exercising your little grey cells do come along and join us.

Whilst The Wheatsheaf is closed, please contact *Judy Paginton* on 01666 577370 or *Margaret English* on 01666 577572 for details of our **coffee morning** on **28th October**.

Coffee & Chat

Our monthly social gathering in Crudwell Church will be on **Wednesday, 14 October** between 10.30 - 12 noon. Friends, neighbours and visitors from the village and beyond are most welcome for refreshments and the ever-popular raffle. All funds raised contribute to the upkeep of the church building and maintenance of the churchyard.

Please contact Rosemary Williams for any enquiries on 01666 575073.



Short Mat Bowls

Why not come along and give us a try? We have all the equipment, and the first session is free. Sessions are held on Tuesdays 19.00 – 21.30 and Thursdays 14.00 – 16.30.

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

Crudwell Village Hall

The village hall committee is back in business after its August break from meetings and there's plenty of work on the horizon, from path extensions to new planting, to a heating system overhaul and a zip wire!

First, by the time you read this, extensions should have been made to the path around the playing fields. We're adding path access by the playground and from the hall itself to ensure that people can get onto the path without having to walk on the grass - useful for accessibility and those muddy days.

We've started investigating costs and implications for installing a zip wire to add to the fun activities and in lieu of a pump track, which is now fully on the back burner. This would be most likely placed near the earth mound from our path excavations. We're also looking into how to eliminate our fossil fuel use and improve the hall's energy resilience through the installation of an air source heat pump, solar panels, and battery storage. We're hoping to have the facilities surveyed soon to see what's possible.

And now that our original tree and flower planting looks to have largely survived the year's unprecedented heat, we're looking at what can be done next to add to the diversity of flora on the playing fields for the benefit of humans and other animals.

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.

Crudwell Pre-School

The return to Pre-School after the summer break has been incredible. The children have come back excited and happy and have been so wonderful in welcoming the new children who started with us this year.

We have been exploring our natural environment, and we found a new friend in our garden. It was a newt and the children named it Timmy completely independently! The curiosity and wonder the children had over this newt decided our plans for the next week.....

We are discovering more about nature. We are looking at what makes a good habitat for bugs. We will go for walks and collect twigs, leaves and anything else we find and create a bug habitat in our garden for bugs and inside for our pretend bugs.

We will have another open day on **Monday November 9th 9:30 -1:30**. Visit anytime between those hours, no appointment needed.

If you have any questions, 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 and Friday - from 9am to 3pm for 2 to 5 years old.)

Crudwell CE Primary School

The new academic year has begun with great enthusiasm at Crudwell Primary School, and it has been wonderful to see the children returning with such excitement and positivity.

From the very first day, classrooms have been full of eager learners ready to embrace new challenges and opportunities. Our youngest pupils have settled remarkably well into Maple Class, quickly becoming part of our friendly and supportive school community. It has been a pleasure to watch new friendships forming and confidence growing each day. Across the school, pupils have already immersed themselves in a range of engaging learning activities. Whether investigating science experiments, exploring new stories in English, developing mathematical reasoning skills, or enjoying creative opportunities in art and music, the children have approached every task with enthusiasm and determination.

We welcome visitors for prospective 2027 EYFS starters. Please contact the school office to make an appointment admin@crudwell.wilts.sch.uk

Greetings from All Saints Church

Do you remember 'Refresher' sweets? They are small, hard, fruity flavoured fizzy tablets sold in a roll, similar in format to Polo mints or Love Hearts. They dissolve on the tongue rather than requiring any chewing, and the fizz comes from the tablet itself. Suck on one, and it will certainly do what the name suggests!

Dante Rossetti, the famous 19th-century artist, was once approached by an old fellow. The man had some sketches that he wanted Rossetti to look at.

"Were any of them good? Did the artist show talent?" he asked. Rossetti looked them over carefully. After the first few, he knew that they had little artistic merit. But Rossetti was a kind man. He told the old fellow as gently as possible, that the pictures were without much value. He was sorry, but he would not lie to the man.

The visitor was disappointed but seemed to expect Rossetti's judgement. He then apologized for taking up Rossetti's time, but asked if he'd look at a few more drawings –done by a younger student? Rossetti looked over the second batch of sketches and immediately became enthusiastic over the genius they revealed.

"Oh, these are very good," he said, "This young student has great talent. He has a great future, if he will work hard and stick at it."

Rossetti could see that the old fellow was deeply moved. "Who is this fine young artist?" he asked, "Your son?" "No," said the old man sadly. "It's me – 40 years ago. If only I had heard your praise, then! For you see, I got discouraged and gave up – too soon !"

We know from experience, that a single word can crush or heal. Sadly, we've all met people who always seem to have a critical spirit. In only a couple of minutes in their company, we feel sucked into a downward spiral of negativity. Equally, (and thankfully) we've also met people, who, when we've left their company, have made us feel uplifted, valued, rejuvenated, inspired. Their sweet words, kind words, restore!

In a small letter towards the back of your Bible, you'll find this verse, written by Paul to Philemon, a church leader in Colossae, (located in southwestern Turkey). "Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people." (vs 7). It's one of my favourite Bible verses.

Let us be the reason someone feels refreshed, noticed, and loved this week.

With every blessing - Reverend Bob

Grow your own in Crudwell!

Want fresh fruit, vegetables or flowers but short on space at home?

We have two vacant allotment plots on Tuners Lane - available now!

An allotment is a great way to:

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OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS AT THE GOODS SHED



- Oct 11** **Tetbury Wool Fair:** A don't-miss occasion for all yarn and fibre lovers, featuring independent yarn makers, spinners and dyers. As well as craft stands there'll be live sheep and alpacas, and silk moths to see. 10-4.30 Tickets: £6am/£4pm
- Oct 18** **Reelin' in The Dan:** A tribute to Steely Dan's 1972-80 era. A night of nostalgia with big hits and steep cuts from Can't Buy a Thrill and others. 6pm Tickets from £26.
- Oct 24** **Derailed Daytime House Music:** a treat for anyone of 25 and over who likes to dance and remember their youth and still be home for tea! DJ Danny Toft and Mike T and joined by Row Sax. 3-8pm. Tickets from £12.
- Oct 25** **Around About Dusk:** The Bristol-based band blend musette, New Orleans jazz with old-time and European folk into an evening full of warmth and charm. 6.30. Tickets from £16
- Oct 31** **Red Robin's Winter Song:** Tutti Frutti give us the story of a Red Robin who stays behind as other animals prepare for winter to find new friendships and a special place to call home. Ideal for children over 3 and their families. 11am and 2pm. Tickets from £8.

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?

October Village Calendar

All Saints Church www.braydonbrook.co.uk	Friends and Family	All Saints Church Crudwell	Sunday 4 October 10.00
	Morning Praise		Sunday 18 October 9.30
	Holy Communion		Sunday 25 October 11.00
Coffee 'n' Chat	Rosemary Williams 01666 575073	All Saints Church	Wednesday 14 October 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 14 October 19.00
		TBC	Wednesday 28 October 10.30
Crudwell Ladies Lunch Club	Maureen Stephens 07552 233293	The Rectory Hotel	Monday 19 October 11.45
Crudwell Parish Council Meeting	Roy F Hamilton-Lambley r.hambley@crudwell-pc.gov.uk	Crudwell Village Hall	Tuesday 27 October 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 -16.30
Mobile Library	https://apps.wiltshire.gov.uk/librariesinformation/Route/Index/5	The Dawneys	Friday 9 October 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 21 October 19.00
Qigong	emily@qigongwithemilyking.com	Crudwell Village Hall	Mondays 18.00 – 19.00 Starting 5 October
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.

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