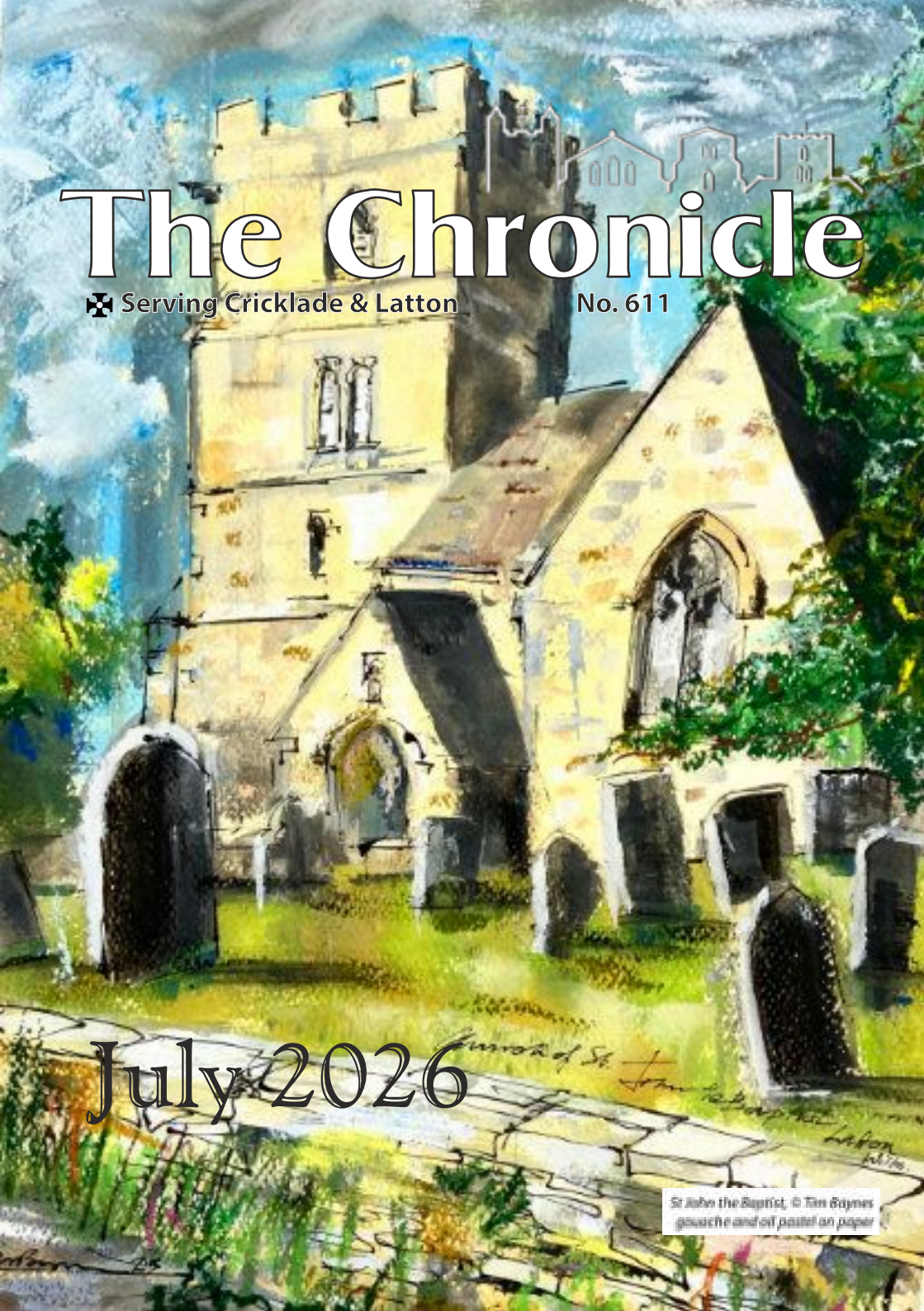




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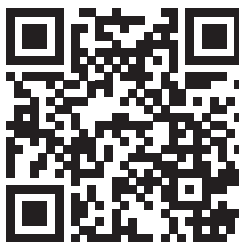
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From the Editor

Our cover this month is a painting of St John the Baptist, Latton by Tim Baynes. Tim provided our February 2025 cover of St Sampson's and may be able to provide future pictures of St Mary's and the United Church. Thank you, Tim!

A big thank-you to the Cricklade Hotel & Spa who invited *The Chronicle* volunteers to an afternoon event with pizza and wine. For those of us who were able to attend, it was good to have a chat and know who else was in the team. Stuart and his staff made us all feel very welcome.

If you like music, we have a good number of concerts to look forward to this month. Sing Four Four are at St Mary's Church in Purton on the 11th (page 31) while St Sampson's in Cricklade is hosting a concert by Avebury Vocal Ensemble on 12 July (page 19).

The St Sampson's Church Refurbishment

Appeal group have a saxophone jazz concert by Sister Sister on Friday 17 July (page 26).

Mikron Theatre are back at Riverside on 11 July with "Wensleydale Whey" in aid of Bloomers. I sense cheese jokes will be encountered! See page 23 for more details.

Cricklade Pre-School Playgroup are holding a fundraising Pamper Evening at Cricklade Club on 10 July (page 28).

There are two Kavali Curry Evenings on offer. The Bowls Club are holding one on 13 July (see page 45). You may be just in time to book another Curry Evening held by Cricklade Open Door on 29 June (page 21).

If you want to help influence future movie selections, Cricklade Cinema's AGM is in the Town Hall Committee Room on 17 July (page 29). Their autumn season usually starts in September ... so watch this space!



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Cricklade Town Council

Town Council Meetings

Monday 29 June Planning, Conservation & Transport Committee

Monday 6 July Community & Leisure Committee

Monday 27 July Planning, Conservation and Transport Committee

All meetings, commence at 7pm, and are held in the Council Chambers, 113 High Street. Press and members of the public are welcome and have an opportunity to ask questions at the beginning of each meeting.



Cricklade Council 2026 – 2027

At the Annual meeting of the Council held on 11 May 2026, the following members were elected to positions of Chair and Vice Chairs for the coming year.

Body	Chairman	Vice-Chair
Full Council	Mark Clarke	Stuart Pryde
Community & Leisure Committee	Angela Jensen	Barrie Beasley
Planning, Conservation & Transport Committee	Cathy Limbrick	John Harmer
Personnel Committee	Angela Jensen	Mark Clarke
Premises & Finance Committee	Mark Clarke	Alan Poole

We wish them all the best in their roles for the coming year.

Cricklade in Bloom

Councillors will be out and about judging the Cricklade in Bloom competition between 18 July and 2 August 2026.

The categories are: Best Garden, Best Hanging Basket or Container, Best Front Door* and Best Commercial Property on the High Street. No need to register – we will be out and about looking at all properties.

* Best front door is an annual award of a cup donated many years ago by the late Mrs Joyce Crampton.

Barbecues and litter

The Council once again asks that you do not use barbecues on its grounds, Hallsfield Meadow, Fairview Fields, Long Close, Hall Close, Millennium Woods and Jubilee Woods. Remember to pick up your litter and dog faeces and deposit it in any of the bins provided. This will ensure that these areas can be used and enjoyed by all the residents and visitors of Cricklade. Let's all keep Cricklade a place to be proud of.

The Rise Trust

Did you know Cricklade Town Council provides a safe space at the Youth Building and Cricklade Leisure centre on Tuesdays from 7pm to 8.30pm for all secondary school years? This safe space is provided by The Rise Trust and the young people have a space to chill. There is outreach support from youth workers, snacks and activities are also provided.

Wiltshire Council – How do you report Complaints?

The Town Council is often contacted by residents who have a complaint, though many of these issues are the responsibility of Wiltshire Council.

Wiltshire Council is responsible for:

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- dog mess,
- flyposting,
- fly-tipping,
- footpaths,
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- overhanging bushes and trees,
- pedestrian crossings,
- potholes,
- public litter bins,
- roads (includes closures and diversions),
- salt bins,
- street lighting,
- street litter and sweeping.

To report an issue to Wiltshire Council, log on to the MyWiltshire app and complete the online form at My Wiltshire using the QR Code (*right*) or www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywiltshire-online-reporting

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Roz Savage MP

Roz Savage, MP for the South Cotswolds, is holding regular constituency surgeries to support residents with their concerns.

Following parliamentary advice, these surgeries are now by appointment only.

Where possible, appointments will be held virtually. However, Roz is also hosting less frequent in-person surgeries at various locations across the constituency to ensure accessibility for all residents.

To book an appointment, please email roz.savage.mp@parliament.uk or call her office on 01285 300555. If you have specific accessibility needs, please let the team know when booking.



Wiltshire Perspective

Nick Dye, Councillor for Cricklade, Latton and Marston Meysey



Community resilience, neighbourliness and volunteering

Summer often brings out the best in our communities. The longer days mean more of us are out and about – chatting over garden fences, stopping on the High Street, or catching up at local events. It's a good reminder that resilience isn't just about sandbags and emergency plans; it's also about the strength of the relationships between us.

When I look at the level of self reliance shown here and compare it with other parts of Wiltshire, it's clear how far ahead we are. Over the last year

I've seen countless examples of this in action. Checking in on a neighbour who lives alone, or keeping an eye out for anything unusual – these small acts add up. They're what emergency planners call "community resilience", but really it's just being a good neighbour.

If you've ever thought about volunteering, formally or informally, summer is a great time to start. Many local groups are looking for an extra pair of hands, and even an hour here or there can make a real difference. The key is to pick something you genuinely enjoy.

If you're not sure where to begin, please get in touch and I'll happily point you in a direction. And if you already volunteer, thank you – you're part of what keeps our corner of Wiltshire strong.

Wiltshire Council has also launched a new Community Lottery, which provides funding for local charities and good causes. Local good causes can register to benefit; and if you'd like to support those causes, or a chance to win a cash prize of up to £25,000, search for Wiltshire Community Lottery.

Enjoying nature in rural Wiltshire and the Cotswold Lakes

One of the joys of living where we do is that you don't need to travel far to feel like you're on holiday. The hedgerows are full, the meadows are buzzing, and the Cotswold Water Park is at its best. Whether you're walking the Thames Path, cycling the back lanes, or simply sitting by one of the lakes with a flask of tea, it's a reminder of how lucky we are.

We're fortunate to have so many cycle paths nearby, and the level countryside makes cycling accessible for everyone. Wiltshire Council has recently funded a new cycle repair station by the Leisure Centre, perfectly placed for anyone heading along the cycle path towards South Cerney.

Nature is also a great leveller. Whatever else is going on – potholes, planning, budgets – a walk by the river or a moment by the lakeside can reset the day. And if you can bring a neighbour who might not get out as much as they'd like, all the better. It's another small way of building the kind of community we all want to live in.

As always, if you think I can help with anything, or if you'd like to talk about volunteering, resilience planning, or simply want to share your favourite local walk, please do get in touch and I'll do my best.

My next surgery dates are **Fridays 26 June and 31 July** at The Club from 10am.

Nick.dye@wiltshire.gov.uk or 752501

Purton Surgery Patient Group

For the patients in Purton, Cricklade and surrounding communities



News about the Patient Group: Are you be interested in finding out about the work of your surgery? Would you like to be a part of its support? There is currently an exciting opportunity to join the PSPG committee so, if you are interested, we have information packs available from reception at both surgeries. The group helps with fundraising, information evenings and is a link between patients and the surgery staff. We would love to welcome you to it!

200 Club: New members to the 200 Club are always very welcome. It's never too late to join! It costs just £15 a year, paid by standing order. Every month, we award two prizes – one of £100 and another of £15. All proceeds go toward buying equipment for the surgeries that the NHS does not supply. Please enquire at reception if you wish to join.

Our lucky June winners have been notified. Many congratulations!

Tabletop /Book donations: Please hand in any good quality books and items for sale at the surgeries. Again, funds raised through these donations provide all the 'extras' needed. Thank you for your donations to both!

As always, your support is much appreciated.

Notes From Dance Common

A few brief words about some of the things you might spot on the Common in July. This is a very good month for seeing dragonflies and their close relatives, damsel flies, on the wing. Damsel flies are smaller and daintier and, because of this and their iridescent colours, they were often called 'the Devil's Darning Needles'.



In the meadows there is a tall plant with white or creamy flowers. This is Meadowsweet which is very fragrant and was greatly favoured by the first Queen Elizabeth who insisted on its inclusion in the stuffing of her mattresses. It was also used to flavour mead and ale, so Cheers everyone!

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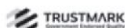
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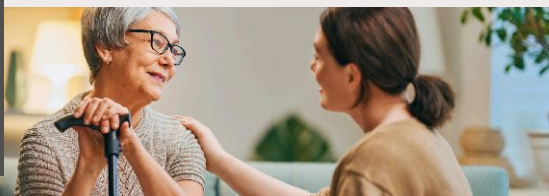
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24 Hours of Prayer, St Sampson's Church, Cricklade

Saturday 18 until Sunday 19 July

Church open Saturday, 11am–10pm and Sunday 7am–11am for prayer activities for ourselves, family and friends, local community and the wider world.

- Come and spend time with God
- Open to anyone
- Explore different prayer zones around the Church, using words, art, music, activities, silence and more to talk and listen to God.

People will be covering 10pm until 7am in prayer at home.

Here are some comments from those who took part in previous prayer events ...

"I loved the prayer time. It was so well done with all the different activities. It was so nice and calm. I felt really connected with God."

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Rutter's Requiem

Plus Fauré's Cantique de Jean Racine

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Tickets are available from TicketSource or by scanning the QR Code on the poster.

Ticket price (£12) includes a glass of wine or soft drink.

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Avebury Vocal Ensemble

Conductor: Peter Tims Organist: Simon Dinsdale



Sea Sunday is on 12 July this year and the Avebury Vocal Ensemble (AVE) is performing a concert on that day in St Sampson's Church at 7pm.

Sea Sunday is an annual global event dedicated to celebrating, supporting and praying for the 1.9 million seafarers and fisherfolk who sustain the global economy. AVE's programme includes Stanford's ever-popular *Songs of the Sea*, two 20th century settings of the ancient *Ave Maris Stella*, two folk songs by Vaughan Williams and three contrasting settings of the 16th century poem *Never weather beaten sail*. We will also celebrate musical anniversaries of Benjamin Britten, Pablo Casals and Samuel Sebastian Wesley. Tickets are £12 and can be purchased on the door.

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As many of you are probably aware, Cricklade Link Scheme is a charity providing assistance to residents of Cricklade, Latton and surrounding areas for whom the help they need is either not available, too expensive or inappropriate.

Most of the requests that we get are for transport to and from medical appointments, help with shopping and visits to hairdressers. Many clients tell us how incredibly important our services are and how they could not manage without us. Our volunteers give their time freely.

Can you drive and can you spare some time? Link needs your help

Cricklade Link has a pool of drivers but, due to a number having to stand down, we are in urgent need of more volunteers. If you have time to spare, have a car in good condition, a clean licence and the desire to help others, please get in touch to volunteer. There are no fixed commitments other than doing any job which you offer to carry out. You are paid a mileage allowance for your vehicle costs.

To join us contact Sue Dyson, our lead coordinator, on 07597 445 291 or email her at suedyson19@icloud.com

If you have management and organisational skills, we have vacancies for two new trustees to join us in running Cricklade Link Scheme. The time commitment is four trustee meetings a year plus the charity's AGM. There are also management tasks split between trustees which may take a further three or so days a year to complete. Please bring your skills to Cricklade Link as a trustee. Contact our Chairman, Jonathan Taylor on the email address jonathan1m@hotmail.com

We are a relatively small Link scheme but last year our drivers covered over **7,000 miles** for clients – now that's making a difference! Come and join our team!

Do you need our help?

Whether you are elderly, or on your own, unable to drive and going to a less than pleasant hospital appointment, it really is comforting to know that your Link driver is a friendly local who will wait until you are ready to go home. It is door-to-door transport. There is no cost for this service, but if you are able to help by way of a donation, this will assist with our running cost. Telephone us on 07421 018 499 and we will get back to you.

Prospect Hospice

A local support group for Prospect Hospice is holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 27 June starting at 10am in Cricklade United Church Hall, Calcutt Street. There will be Refreshments, Cakes, Raffle and Tombola. All proceeds go to Prospect Hospice.

Friday Coffee Cafe

All welcome to come along to the weekly Coffee Cafe **each Friday** at the Cricklade United Church Hall, Calcutt Street from 10am to 11.30am. Come along for a coffee and a chat.

Cricklade Open Door

A recent magazine article was entitled ... 'Fill your days with Friendship'. It suggested that people benefit from meeting new people and trying new activities. How about trying Open Door? We enjoy various activities, fun and informative, outings, afternoon teas and plenty of time to just sit, chat and meet friends over coffee.

During June and forthcoming in July we enjoyed and will enjoy – a guest singer, a pub lunch outing, both Cricklade schools' summer productions, a cream tea, another Techie Coffee Morning with experts offering help with our phones, iPads, laptops etc., as well as the usual, weekly activities.

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Monday 29th June 2026 at 7pm

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Open Door Curry Evening at Kavali

On Monday 29 June at 7pm

Please come along and support Open Door. You don't need to be a member or even have any connection with this charity. Just come along and bring your friends for a good social evening.

Tickets are £25 and that will include the 2-course meal, raffle and a quiz. Drinks are extra.

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Thank You Messages

■ MARGARET ANN MOBEY "MAGGIE" age 66.

Thank you everyone who attended Maggie's "Celebration of Life" at the North Wiltshire Crematorium. Maggie had left strict instructions on how the service should take place and we did just that. Nearly 200 people attended and then followed us on to The White Hart where we lovingly remembered Maggie's life and her courageous battles with her health.

Blackwell's of Swindon, The White Hart Hotel and Seàn Devine made us proud to live in Cricklade. The collection was made for 'Settusfree' a dog rescue charity and over £900 was kindly donated.

Thank you all from Vincent and families.

Editor's note: It was due to Maggie's Parkinson's that Vincent and she felt compelled to start the Parkinson's UK Cricklade café in 2018. Sadly Maggie died in April this year.

■ MICHAEL CHAPLIN

The family of Michael Chaplin would like to thank everyone who attended Michael's funeral in St Sampson's Church and helping to make it such a memorable occasion. Also for everyone's support and kindness during the last four years.

■ ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Royal British Legion Cricklade Branch, would like to say a big thank-you to the many people who bought raffle tickets for the meat draw in May in The Red Lion. Your generosity was much appreciated.

Thanks also to Darren and his staff at The Red for enabling this.

Cricklade Walking Group: part of Get Wiltshire Walking

Come and join weekly walks in Cricklade, led by fully qualified walk leaders. Friendly and fun, it's a great opportunity to get fit, meet new people and get to know your local area. Everyone's welcome provided you are independently mobile, able to meet the physical demands of your chosen walk and can maintain responsibility for your own safety and wellbeing. We are sorry but no dogs, other than sensory dogs, are allowed.

Walk leaders manage and tailor the following walks to meet the needs of walkers:

- Fridays 9.30am meeting at Waylands (by flag poles): Starter, Stroller & Strider walks;
- Tuesdays 6.30pm meeting at Cricklade Leisure Centre: Strider walk only

On your first visit, please allow a few minutes to complete a short registration form.

For further information contact local walk leader Viv Tomkins on 01793 752459 or email vivienne.tomkins@btinternet.com.

Cricklade Bloomers

Whispers from the Walled Garden



As I write this at the end of May, I am reflecting on how climate change has impacted on Bloomers' work. Delivery of the bedding plants for the lamp post baskets was two weeks late because of the lack of light early in the growing season. Once received, the hottest May temperatures on record meant drooping plants and volunteers. Hopefully Bloomers' tireless watering and can-do spirit is now providing a good display for the town – expertly organised by Barry Arthurs and Sue Woodcock.

Consequently, like all gardeners, we have to change our ways. Going forward, planting has to be more drought tolerant and nature friendly. For example, the new planting at St Sampson's is to include the King's Rose and drought-tolerant and pollinator-friendly nepeta. We would like to hear from anyone interested in sponsoring one of the rose bushes, perhaps in memory of a loved one. Additionally, we are hoping to hear from



anyone who may have unwanted small (30cm) round or square slabs they can recycle by donating them to us.

Contact details: crickladebloomers@gmail.com or message 07596 823 797.

A final reminder that tickets for our annual performance by the **Mikron Theatre on 11 July** are available for purchase at £16 from the Town Hall Office (cash only). This year's production is called 'Wensleydale Whey, The Grate Cheese Quest'.

Cricklade Memory Café

We welcomed Cat from *Home Instead* to June's Café, who not only provides fun, games and entertainment, but is also a great resource and support to members and carers. We are lucky in that we have built good relationships also with our local Dementia Advisor Sue from 'Beyond Dementia' and Louise from the 'Prevention and Wellbeing Team at WCC'. For anyone with any type of memory change and also carers/family members, please keep this in mind if you are in need of any support/signposting.



Our July Café is on the 1st and we will be joined by some volunteers from Cricklade Historical Society who will bring along some artefacts for us to see, so that will be an interesting morning.

If you would like to join us at any of the Cafés, come along to the Town Hall Annexe on the first Wednesday of the month, 10.30 to 12.30. We meet new people at the door to ensure they feel welcome and supported while finding somewhere to sit and make introductions.

For further information please contact Vona 07896 723 794.

Churches Together

Services for the Upper Thames Churches

5 July

Trinity 5

- 8am Holy Communion at St Sampson's
- 10am Holy Communion at Holy Cross
- 10am Morning Worship at St Sampson's with music group & children's activities in church
- 10am Morning Worship at St John the Baptist, Latton
- 6.30pm Evensong at St Sampson's

12 July

Trinity 6

- 10am Upper Thames Worship Together Communion at St Sampson's

19 July

Trinity 7

- 8am Holy Communion followed by breakfast at St Sampson's
- 10am Holy Communion at St John the Baptist, Latton
- 10am Morning Worship at St Sampson's
- 10am Informal Morning Prayer "around the table" at Holy Cross
- 6.30pm Evensong at St Sampson's

26 July

Trinity 8

- 8.30am Holy Communion BCP at Holy Cross
 - 10am Worship Together Communion at Waterhay Old Chancel*
 - 6.30pm Worship Together Evening Service at Waterhay Old Chancel*
- * Both Waterhay services on this Sunday are Worship Together Outdoors around the Old Chancel at Waterhay, Leigh
If wet, services will be in Leigh All Saints Church, Swan Lane.

Thursday morning prayers in St Sampson's:

8.30am for coffee & catch up, prayers from 8.45 and finish by 9.30am.

Everyone is welcome.

Zoom Monday morning prayers – contact David Tarr

From the Registers of the Upper Thames Group of Churches

Baptisms

- 3 May Harry Jude Brenchley *at St Sampson's*
- 10 May Esmé Jane Smith *at St Sampson's*

Wedding

- 30 May Hannah Frances Lock-Pullan and Nathan Raymond Cowley *at St Sampson's*

Funerals

- 7 May Michael George Chaplin; *St Sampson's service and interment in Cricklade Cemetery*
- 9 May Royston John Bennett; *Holy Cross service and interment in Holy Cross church yard*
- 23 May Roger Ockwell; *Holy Cross service and interment in Holy Cross church yard*
- 27 May Anne Joan Smith; *St Sampson's service and interment in Cricklade Cemetery*

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St. Mary's Catholic Church

Weekly Mass times 9.30am on Sundays

10.00am on Fridays

For notices please see the noticeboard on the railings of St Mary's.

Parish website www.stthomasparishfairford.org.uk.

Father Michael Robertson can be contacted on 01285 712586 or by email *michael.*

Robertson@cliftondiocese.com

The Friends of St Mary's website with more details of the history of the church is at www.cricklade.stmary.org.uk

Cricklade United Church

Calcutt Street, Cricklade

Minister: Revd Sarah Simpson, tel. 01666 826866, Email: sarahsimpson14@btinternet.com

As a United Reformed / Methodist Church, we are part of the URC North West Wiltshire Pastorate and the Upper Thames Methodist Circuit. Please have a look at our website for all the current information regarding our services, dates, times and other events.

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Sunday morning services during July - all at 10.30am

5 July The Worship Group

12 July Adrian German

19 July Rev Roy Fowler - the service will include Holy Communion

26 July Rev David Newman

Bounce and Rhyme

Bounce and Rhyme - a group for babies and toddlers plus their parents, grandparents and carers takes place every fortnight at the United Church Hall in Calcutt Street from 1.45pm - 3pm on the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

The dates this month are **7 July** and **21 July**.

Do come along for nursery rhymes, story time, refreshments and a chat. There is no charge - we are delighted to welcome you.

Cricklade Breastfeeding Friends

We run at the same time as Bounce and Rhyme alongside the free music group to offer friendly supportive infant feeding and parenting advice. We're non-judgemental and offer a safe space to talk about anything on your mind and signpost to other services and resources to help. A private space is available to talk in confidence.

St Sampson's Church Refurbishment Appeal

Creating a Community Space for the Future



Update on St Sampson's Church appeal

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising events or donated towards St Sampson's Church's new heating system. As I write today the new electric meter has been installed and the boiler will be commissioned in June. We can look forward to a warmer church next winter!

Our next steps are:

- Installing PV panels and batteries later this year to help offset some of the costs of electric heating and as part of our commitment to sustainability. We are in the process of applying for permissions. The PV panels will not be visible from the ground.
- Raising funds to repair the North Aisle and North Transept roofs so they are watertight before we start on the internal refurbishment.

Fundraising target for the roofs: £250,000 (includes contractors, materials, scaffolding, professional fees, and VAT. We are applying for a significant grant from English Heritage so please join us in praying that this will be successful. Thank you in advance for your support for our fundraising events and for your donations. We are very grateful.

**THIS MONTH
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Church Fete and Tower Tours
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Dates tbc soon for

KAVALI NIGHT

WINE TASTING

St Sampson's Church 100 Club

The lucky winner of the May 2026 draw was Bev Williams who won £32.50.

St Sampson's Church benefited by £32.50.

To join the 100 Club, contact Sharon Smith: tel. 751375 or email sharonsmith54@hotmail.com

How to give: Cash or cheques (made payable to St Sampson's PCC No. 2 Account) in the donations box in church or send to Adina Grace (Church Warden and Treasurer), 24 North Wall, Cricklade, SN6 6DU. For further details please contact Adina on 01793 380583 or email janda.grace447@outlook.com

Online donations can be made by scanning the QR code (*right*) or visiting donate.giveasyoulive.com.



Malmesbury & District Foodbank

Open every Friday 10am to 11.30am in the Jenner Hall, Bath Road

The foodbank is open in Cricklade on a Friday morning from 10am-11.30am and anyone in need of help is welcome. As well as providing emergency food items we have a Citizen's Advice advisor at the session who can offer face-to-face confidential support with benefit queries, debt advice, energy costs, budgeting and more.

We're pleased to be able to provide the services we offer as a result of the kind donations and support from the community. There are drop off points for food donations located around Cricklade – in the Churches, the Town Council office, St Sampson's School, Animal Fayre, Tesco and Culverhay Stores.

Donations received are used to support families in the Cricklade parish.

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Cricklade Garden Club

Our meetings are usually on the second Tuesday of the month in the Town Hall Annexe. Tea and cakes are served from 7pm. Speaker starts at 7.30.



But in July, instead of our meeting we will be going to Derry Watkins' garden and nursery on **Wednesday 29 July** so save the date!

Derry is internationally known as a speaker, writer and for her wonderful garden. Starting with an unpromising mainly north facing, downward sloping hillside in a frost pocket and with clay soil she and her husband have created a garden for all seasons. Her plants learn to be tough and you know that the ones you buy from her nursery will cope with everything nature throws at them.

More information is available from members of the committee, our website and Facebook.

Derry will be our speaker at our October meeting on "Gravel Gardening: Low Maintenance, Drought Tolerant Plants" so we will have had the benefit of seeing how she has achieved this.

For information about the club, upcoming events and trips please look at our excellent website www.crickladegardenclub.org.uk

Membership is £25 p.a. We are affiliated to the Gloucestershire Federation of Gardening Societies (www.gfgs.org.uk) Visitors welcome at £5 a session – come and give us a try.

Queries to Christine 07527 397 021, Bizzie 07876 347 973 or Janet 07765 276 534.

We look forward to seeing you!

CRICKLADE CINEMA!

We will be holding our AGM on Friday 17 July at 6.30pm in the Town Hall Committee Room.

In addition to a review of the past 12 months, you will have the opportunity to ask questions and help shape the future of Cricklade Cinema.

For the very latest information on Cricklade Cinema please check out our website: www.crickldecinema.org.uk or Facebook page Cricklade Cinema.

Feel free to email us at: crickldecinema@gmail.com.



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Cricklade Art Group

Cricklade Art Group welcomes you to our 20th Anniversary Summer Exhibition. There will be a wide range of art on display, from those starting out on their artistic journey, to our more established artists. Please come along and enjoy the artwork along with homemade cakes.



Summer Exhibition 2026

Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 June 2026
10am to 4pm at Cricklade Town Hall
Free entry. All are welcome

To learn more about the Cricklade Art Group, and the artwork likely to be on display, please visit our website www.crickladeart.co.uk or www.facebook.com/CrickladeArtGroup.

The group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at the Cricklade Town Hall Annexe from 7.30pm-9.30pm Contact crickladeartgroup@gmail.com for further information.



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Life has been busy and interesting in Cricklade W.I. We enjoyed a fascinating and informative presentation from Margie Hoffnung about Historical Landscapes. Having worked for Rosemary Verey at Barnsley House Gardens, she also worked at Highgrove, Chelsea and Hampton Court. What a CV! I wish I had her energy and enthusiasm for my small green patch!

Our July meeting will be a craft and social evening led by one of our very talented members. August and September see presentations on the very racy Mitford Sisters, and a Tasting Session from Wiltshire Farm Foods.

We have also recently enjoyed some interesting outings including the Wroughton Science Park, Wiltshire Day – a day celebrating our glorious county – and a tour round a recycling facility (much more interesting than it sounds). We also enjoyed a trip to Woolovers in Marlborough for a discount evening not forgetting a glass of Prosecco and chocolates! Later in July several of us will be off to Highgrove to see the gardens.

Coffee & Chat takes place on the first Tuesday of each month the next two are Tuesdays 7 July and 4 August at 11am in the White Hart – everyone welcome.

So ladies of Cricklade and surrounding villages, if you are interested giving the W.I a try please speak to one of our members or contact our secretary Amanda Heard crickladesec@wiltshirewi.org.uk tel: 07748 526 861.

A promotional poster for the Cricklade Photo Competition. It features a background image of a large stone building, likely a church or castle. In the foreground, there are three Polaroid-style photos hanging from a string with wooden clothespins. The photos show a street scene, a river, and a sunset. A large camera lens is also visible. The text on the poster includes: 'Cricklade PHOTO COMPETITION', 'Show us your town through your lens!', '3 CATEGORIES', 'IMAGES TO BE SENT TO photocomp@crickladecameraclub.org', 'Sponsored by mcfarlane property.com', and three category boxes: 'UNDER 10 Capture the magic around you', 'UNDER 16 Show us your unique perspective', and 'ADULT Show the beauty of our town'. At the bottom, it says 'GET CREATIVE • SNAP • SHARE • INSPIRE' and 'See terms & conditions on crickladecameraclub.org'.

Cricklade Camera Club

Are you interested in photography, or do you just want to take better photographs?



If so, why not come along to Cricklade Camera Club. Visitors and new members will receive a warm welcome – you don't even need a camera. Checkout the website at crickladecameraclub.org/program

Over the summer there will be a series of outings, feel free to come along. We usually meet at Cricklade Town Hall and share lifts. Keep an eye on the website for details.

Why not take part in the Cricklade Photo Competition? It's open to everyone. There are three categories: 10 and under, under 16, and adults. You don't need any special equipment or knowledge, just have a go.

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Cricklade & District Probus Club

We are looking forward to our forthcoming group meetings when the following talks will take place.

9 Jul Martin Collison: William Marshal – Power behind Five Kings

23 Jul Paul Barnett: Wrecks and Relics – Purton's Mulberry Blueprint



Meetings normally take place fortnightly on a Thursday meeting at 10.00 am for a 10.20 start at the White Hart Hotel in Cricklade. Ours is a friendly group who enjoy keeping our minds active and socialising over a drink in the bar after the meetings. We are actively seeking to expand our numbers and look forward to welcoming new members to the Club.

For further information about our local club please contact the Honorary Secretary, Martin Chambers on 01793 751223. If you contact Martin and advise you would like to attend, which is free for the first few visits, you will be allocated a dedicated host who will introduce you to our members. Or just turn up on the day for a warm welcome.

For further details about Cricklade and District Probus Club and our scheduled talks for the year visit our new website at probus.org.uk/cricklade

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Cricklade Pétanque Club

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The good weather has encouraged more than 400 people onto the piste in April.

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Cricklade Bowls Club

The club would like to thank everyone who supported the Open Day on 23 May. The weather was wonderful, which made the Pimms very popular, and it was great to see so many people enjoy having a go at bowls.

The silent auction proved very popular, and one lucky bidder got a holiday in Woolacombe. Homemade cakes went down a treat!

We are very lucky to have such supportive businesses and organisations in our town. We thank them so much for their donations to the auction and the raffle.

If you missed the event and would like to try out the game, just come along to one of our regular Club Nights every Friday during the summer season. Come and join us to see what the game is about. We have social roll-ups starting from 6pm. It's best if you come around 5.45pm so we can sort out teams and coaching.

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For more information about the club, please contact:

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7pm Town Council Community & Leisure Committee, Council Chamber
- 7 Tu 1.45pm to 2.45pm: Bounce & Rhyme, United Church, Calcutt Street
- 9 Th 10.20am Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel
- 10 F 7pm Cricklade Pre-School Pamper Evening at Cricklade Club – see page 28
- 11 Sa 7pm Mikron Theatre at Riverside, Cricklade – tickets see page 23
7pm Sing Four Four concert at St Mary's church, Purton – see page 31
- 12 Su 7pm Avebury Vocal Ensemble in concert at St Sampson's – see page 19
- 13 M 7pm Bowls Club Kavali Curry Evening – see page 45
- 15 W 10.30am to 12 noon: Parkinson's Café at Cricklade Hotel & Spa
- 16 Th 7.30pm Cricklade W.I. at Town Hall Annexe
- 17 F 6.30pm Cricklade Cinema AGM in Town Hall Committee Room
7pm Sister Sister saxophone concert at St Sampson's Church – see page 26
- 21 Tu 1.45pm to 2.45pm: Bounce & Rhyme, United Church, Calcutt Street
7.30pm Art Group at Town Hall Annexe
- 22 W until 1 Sept: Wiltshire Schools summer holiday (others may vary)
- 23 Th 10.20am Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel
- 27 M 7pm Town Council PC&T Committee, Council Chamber
- 29 W tbc Garden Club outing to Derry Watkins' garden and nursery – see page 29
- 31 F 10am Nick Dye (Wilts Councillor) surgery at Cricklade Club

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- Tu 6.30pm Cricklade Walking Group - from Cricklade Leisure Centre
7-8pm Rugby Mixed Tag at Fairview Fields
- W 1.45 for 2pm Bingo4U at Jenner Hall
- Th 10-11.30am Acorn Community Bank: in Tourist Information Office
1.30-4.30pm The Paint Palette: Ladies' Art Group at Town Hall Annexe
7-8.30pm Senior men's rugby training at Fairview Fields
7-10pm The Cricklade Band rehearsal night, at Town Hall, visitors welcome
7.30-9.30pm Sing Four Four choir rehearsal at United Church, Calcutt Street
- F 9.30am Cricklade Walking Group - from Waylands/Saxons Rest
10-11.30am Cricklade Foodbank at Jenner Hall
10-11.30am Coffee Cafe at Cricklade United Church Hall
7pm St Sampson's church choir rehearsal



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It's high summer and schools are soon out for the holidays. Perhaps our thoughts are turning to packing our suitcase/rucksack and taking off for some R&R away?

I wonder if you are someone who travels light, or maybe takes with you everything but the kitchen sink? I like the challenge of trying to live more simply (at least for a couple of weeks!), and fondly remember camping holidays with our young twins, where we could take no more than would fit in a tent.

And what of our spiritual baggage, those deeper thoughts, feelings, fears and joys, the things that give life meaning for us? Holidays might bring times when we can ponder, reflect as we rest... are we carrying with us burdens that are heavy, that we could maybe leave behind, or at least share the load? Or perhaps we want to add something new to our spiritual suitcase, something to take with us into the future as our needs change?

Jesus said:

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

And whether we travel light, or prefer to be equipped for every eventuality, my prayer is that, wherever you go, you will find rest for your souls and your bodies. I wish you all safe travels this Summer, and happy holidays!

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