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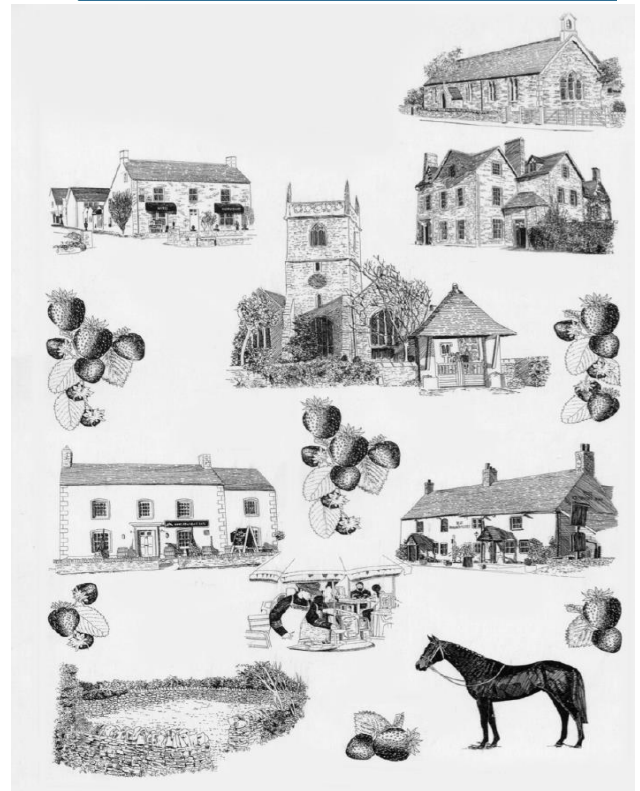
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Coffee and Chat	8 January	10.30
All Saints Church		
Parish Council Meeting	14 January	7.00
Village Hall		
Crudwell Ladies	15 January	
Lunch at The Thames Head		
Crudwell Ladies	22 January	10.30
The Wheatsheaf		
24 Hour Bike Ride	21/22 June	



Editor's Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter for 2025. If you're wondering about trying something new to kick start the new year, then quite a few of our village organisations are looking for some new blood!

Crudwell Badminton Club are keen to welcome new players of all abilities to their Monday evening sessions. Find out all about the club on page 11. All Saints Church could also use some extra pairs of hands to join the cleaning rota just twice a year. See page 7 for more details.

The Village Hall Committee would be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to join them. Turn to page 5 to find out more about the projects they have planned for 2025. Finally, The Parish Council has vacancies for up to three more councillors to help with their invaluable work.

If you have news that you'd like to share in our February edition, please contact us at woicrudwell@gmail.com by January 15th. *Katie Hawkins, Editor*

Local Services

Post Office Monday and Tuesday 2.00pm - 5.30pm, Wednesday 9.00am-12.30pm collection time 4.50pm Contact 01666 577201.

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Defibrillators Village Hall and Wheatsheaf Inn, Crudwell; BT telephone box, Eastcourt

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from Debbie and Toby and all the staff.



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As there was no Strawberry Fayre this summer to raise valuable funds for our church, a group of local residents decided to organise a Christmas Fair, which would raise some money and hopefully be a wonderful event for the village community to attend.

Many individuals donated gifts, time and in some cases money to make it the wonderful event that it was. Almost everyone who attended thought it had a great atmosphere and was a brilliant way for villagers to meet new and old friends.

There were some fantastic prizes on the raffle organised by Terry Murphy. Jean Haden and help motley crew of helpers prepared teas, coffees and mulled wine, along with delicious cake. There were also a number of lovely stalls to browse. There were also two stalls for children where all proceeds were going to go to the school. Unfortunately, we didn't have as many children visit as we would have liked, but we're able to donate about £30 to the school. The overall amount raised was £1600.00

Everyone involved worked tirelessly to make sure the event was a success. Thank you to all volunteers and helpers on the day. We hope to put another on next year. If you would like to get involved, please contact Caer Rice-Smith (577307) or Helen Dawson (Church Warden)

CRUDWELL SANTA DASH 2024

Crudwell's biggest Santa Dash celebrated its 5th birthday this year with a fantastic turnout of Santas, Santa dogs, Santa horses & even three French hens. The weather was perfect, and much enjoyment was had by as the Santa's dashed, walked, trotted & strolled around all the street of Crudwell, bring a heart-warming smile from many a residents and car drivers. The Kneads van was there to offer a well-deserved coffee and cake to the finishers.

The event itself raised loads of money for the friends of Crudwell School. Thank you to the Marshalls around the course and to my fellow organisers. And to Sasa's Indian Bar & Kitchen for their generous gift voucher. Looking forward to next year's event already.



Saturday 21st/Sunday 22nd June 2025

After a highly successful event last year, we are looking to make the 2025 Crudwell Bike Ride better and bigger.

For those new to the village, all the details of this amazing event can be found on our website crudwellbikeride.co.uk or please contact Damian on 575041 or Elizabeth on 577565.

We are always pleased to welcome volunteers new and old, to help with the running of the event, and teams of enthusiastic riders - regardless of age, fitness and speed levels! We pride ourselves on being a true community event - please come and join us.

Crudwell Pre-School

Hello everyone,

The end of term was fantastic. The children made beautiful cards for their families, different shaped decorations for the tree and we ended the term with a Christmas concert. The children were amazing, they have been practising lots and were so confident and brave singing to all the people who had come to watch (the hall was nearly full). We are so proud of each and every one of them.

Lastly, the children created some colourful Christmas cards as part of our Crudwell Pre-School's random acts of kindness. These have been posted through the doors of different houses around the village. If you were lucky enough to receive one, please let us know.

We are fully booked now for this academic year, but we have a waiting list, so please get in touch if you are interested in sending your child to Crudwell Pre-School. You can contact me by either ringing or emailing me on – 07986622191, info@crudwellpreschool.co.uk

Cathy and team.

Crudwell Pre-school (Charity Reg. No. 1186585) Crudwell Village Hall – Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays - from 9am to 3pm for 2 to 5 years old plus Thursday 9-3 from April).

Crudwell CE Primary School

Happy New Year! I hope you have had a fabulous break with your families over the festive period.

The lead up to Christmas was joyous at school. We have been thinking about the Christmas story at school and we were lucky enough to have a live nativity on our playground too! Rev Bob and his team led a wonderful afternoon at school with a pony, donkey and sheep, which the children really enjoyed and brought the story to life!

We also had a wonderful Friends of Crudwell School Fair that was really well supported by the community. Our year 6 pupils ran stalls, there was festive food and music and an appearance from Santa Claus too! Thank you so much to everyone who came and to all our amazing volunteers who transformed the school into a winter wonderland!

The festive fun did not stop there though... We enjoyed a whole school trip to the Bran Theatre to watch the production of The Three Musketeers and also an ice-skating trip to the Link Centre.

Finally, we finished the term at All Saints church where our youngest children performed their nativity, and we sang traditional Christmas Carols as a community. It has been a wonderful term, thanks everyone for your support.

Mr John

If you are considering Crudwell CE Primary school and would like to arrange a visit please call 01666 577357 or email admin@crudwell.wilts.sch.uk to meet with the Head teacher, Mr Ben John.

Crudwell Village Hall

Well, the path on the recreation ground at the village hall is indeed finished and we see people using it already for walks, young bike riders, and running, which is great to see. We are assured it will be down over time and with use and plans for ongoing maintenance are already in place.

The first trees and shrubs were also planted thanks to a gang of willing and determined helpers and, thanks to Mike Davis who helped source and deliver it all, they have all now been staked following the spate of downpours and strong winds, which had already knocked a few of our new arrivals off kilter.

Plans to mark out the new football pitch and install new goalposts ready for the annual Boxing Day match hit a major snag as the new posts arrived without some rather crucial pieces and which it turns out won't be in stock until the new year. It might be a jumpers for goalposts affair this year but do still come along and join the fun if you can.

Plans to source and install for picnic tables and benches around the field will begin in earnest next year, as well as the hunt for funding and suppliers of the pump track at the bottom end of the field.

It will be a busy 2025 so I'm pleased to report that our hunt for new committee members went well. Kelly Hastings-Trew has agreed to join us, and we're excited to have her on board. We have promised to be gentle. If anyone is keen, please let me know and, in the meantime, we hope everyone has a very merry Christmas and a great new year.

Phil Buxton, chair, Crudwell Village Hall Committee.

chair@crudwellvillagehall.or

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, a 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



Flooding Emergency; Storm Bert

12 residents attended the December Parish Council meeting to share their experiences and concerns during the village flooding on 24 November following the unprecedented rainfall. Serious flooding took place in the following areas: Rommel Lane, Goosey Corner, Tetbury Lane, The Street and Tuners Lane and the School area.

The council agreed to review our Emergency Plan in the light of the emergency, and Cllr. Berry agreed to expedite alleviation activities through Wiltshire Council, to ensure that the drainage team took action to clear gullies, drains and ditches within their jurisdiction.

We are particularly grateful to our Street Leaders group who were able to speedily communicate flooding emergencies and allow us to direct help where needed. Many thanks also to all those residents who came out to help those affected and to manage traffic.

Following the emergency Ben Preece has set up Crudwell FLAG; a volunteer group that provides a focus and voice for community issues, shares knowledge about flood prevention, and works to ensure waterways are kept clear.

The group is currently made up of residents whose homes and property are at high risk from flooding or have previously flooded. Flood Action Groups exist all around the UK, supported by the National Flood Forum:

<https://nationalfloodforum.org.uk/working-together/communities/what-is-a-flood-action-group/>

Since Storm Bert, Crudwell FLAG has:

- Met up to listen to each other and find common causes of concerns.
- Walked the village's watercourses to find blockages and bottlenecks.
- Created an issue tracker so that community concerns get seen through to completion.
- Shared information in the parish Facebook group about how to report blocked drains and gullies.
- Shared information about new flood defence products with the village school.
- Asked Wiltshire Council to clear a critical gulley outside the village school.
- Obtained updated mapping from utility companies.

Residents who want to join the group can find information in the Facebook group, or email crudwellflag@gmail.com

Wiltshire Council are asking those property owners affected by Storm Bert flooding to register for government support, please email customerservices@wiltshire.gov.uk

Parish Council

The Parish Council last met on Tuesday 3 December. Meeting minutes are published on our website <http://www.crudwell-pc.gov.uk/category/agenda/> together with the agenda for the next meeting which will take place at 7:00 PM on Tuesday 14 January at the Village Hall. Public speaking is permitted during the first ten minutes of the meeting, Gary Lawes has resigned from the Council; Gary has been a significant contributor to Council work for a number of years. We are most grateful to Gary for his work.

Roy F Hamilton-Lambley; Chairman, Crudwell Parish Council

Neighbourhood Plan Report Jan 25

2021 Neighbourhood Plan; Tuners Lane Planning Application PL/2023/09595

There has been no update on the progress of the Planning Application for this site which was allocated in the 2021 Crudwell Neighbourhood Plan. Meanwhile the Application for the site in Tuners Lane remains called in by Councillor Berry.

Neighbourhood Plan Review to 2038

- In 2023 the Parish Council agreed to commence a review of the 2021 plan to align with the emerging Wiltshire Local Plan which will state Wiltshire's housing requirements to 2038.
- However, the Government has recently published a revised version of the National Planning and Policy Framework (NPPF) which sets out a mandatory requirement on Councils in terms of the number of houses to be built. These compulsory targets will inevitably increase the allocation for Wiltshire which will therefore affect the number of houses we are required to build in Crudwell by 2038.
- The current review was designed with flexibility in order that any change in requirement in terms of housing could be accommodated. We are therefore taking professional advice on the likely impact of the new targets on us in order that we can ensure that the Plan will be acceptable.
- The Crudwell Neighbourhood Plan was "made" (completed and included in Wiltshire Council Local Plan) in May 2021. This gives us protection from speculative planning applications for unwanted developments for five years to May 2026. It is therefore imperative that we proceed to "make" the Plan by then in order that we continue to be protected from large unwanted speculative developments.
- Fresh discussions are therefore taking place with Neighbourhood Steering Group members and landowners who responded to the call for sites made as part of our 2023 consultation in the light of the likely new housing requirements. The discussions are focussed on demonstrating the suitability and deliverability of housing on these sites which would meet the parish's requirement for new homes by 2038. We will have more information on this issue soon and hope to informally consult with you in the February issue of WOIC.
- Work on the other areas of policy continues, these new policy areas include proposed Protected Green Spaces, the green network and hedgerow, Business Park, Business Development and an additional Parking Facilities Policy to ease congestion at the Primary School, also a new Design Guide to meet Government requirements.
- We are pleased to report that we have secured the resources required to develop our required new Crudwell Design Code.
- The changes in Government policy and other external issues which are beyond our control mean that we have had to revise our plan timetable, and we now anticipate that the next formal consultation called Reg 14 will take place during the Spring of 2025. We will of course continue to keep you informed at all stages.

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

Church Cleaning

Our group of Church cleaners are a great bunch, so a very special thank you to all the people who keep All Saints Church looking so good. Fortunately, the bats have all hibernated for the winter months which makes our Church cleaning much easier. We hear lovely compliments about how clean and tidy the church looks and how well looked after it is, so thank you to everyone involved.

We are looking for a few more volunteers to help us out, we work in pairs (or singly if that suits you best). The Church is cleaned twice a month. As a volunteer you will be required to commit to one month a year (2 individual visits). If you are interested to join us, please give me a ring on **01666 577572** or email on margaretenglish261@btinternet.com and I would be delighted to hear from you and let you know what is involved. I look forward to hearing from you.

Margaret English

Greetings from All Saints Church

A New Year starts full of mystery, excitement and fear, as to what will happen and how we will respond.

Often, we pass through life quickly; time seems to get faster as we get older. We hurry to our next appointment and stop looking at what is around us, we miss out on the beauty and wonder of creation. On a course I attended recently I was told to spend at least one hour a week, if not more, doing something I enjoy as this would inspire and revitalise me.

I pass this information on and suggest you make this a priority, a New Year resolution to keep. I assure you that it helps, and I pray that you will find strength when you need it, joy to inspire and peace to calm the worries.

I pray that each of you will see more clearly what exists around us, seeing the amazing diversity on our planet of all living things. How we all are linked and need each other. May you find pleasure in all created things. May you face bravely and enthusiastically the responsibility to preserve and care for our beautiful earth.

May you awake each morning with a thank you on your lips and in your heart, recognising that all is a gift, that all is a blessing. God Bless you. Revd. Sarah Wyman

Date	Services in Church	Services on Zoom
Sunday 5th January	9.30am, Holy Communion @ Hankerton	
	10am, Friends & Family @ Crudwell	
	11am, Holy Communion @ Oaksey	
	6pm, Evening Prayer @ Ashley	
Sunday 12th January	10am, Benefice Holy Communion @ Hankerton	
Sunday 19th January	9.30am, Holy Communion @ Charlton	6pm Evening Prayer
	11am, Holy Communion @ Minety	
	11am, Matins @ Oaksey	
	4.30pm, Prayer, Praise & Story @ Hankerton	
Sunday 26th January	9.30am, Holy Communion @ Ashley	
	9.30am, Morning Praise @ Charlton	
	11am, Holy Communion @ Crudwell	
	11am, Morning Praise @ Minety	
	10.15am Sunday School and 11am, Family Service @ Oaksey	

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Crudwell Ladies

Crudwell Ladies would like to wish all WOIC readers a very happy and healthy 2025. Our December 2024 meeting was our annual 'planning the diary' get-together and some really interesting visits and talks have been arranged so watch this space for more news. Our first outing for 2025 is on **Wednesday, 15th January** when we start the New Year in style by having lunch at the **Thames Head** in Kemble. Menus have been chosen with much relish and lifts arranged. Our next meeting after that is on Wednesday, **12th February** in Crudwell Village Hall, **David Head** is making a welcome return and this time telling us about '**5 of the Planets Most Unusual Wonders**', this will be accompanied by photographs and starting at 7pm for a 7.15pm sit down.

We meet every 2nd Wednesday of the month in Crudwell Village hall, unless as previously advertised, for a **7pm with a 7.15pm** start. Our membership is not restricted to ladies living in Crudwell and members are very welcome to bring along a guest, for which we make a small charge of £3, with members paying £15 (same as last year) a year which covers the hall hire and cost of speakers. There are refreshments and a raffle, with the meeting finishing around 9.30pm.

Crudwell Ladies also meet in the Wheatsheaf every 4th Wednesday of each month for tea/coffee & biscuits/cake from 10.30am through to noon, and our next one will be **Wednesday, 22nd January 2025 at 10.30am**. These coffee mornings are great fun with lots of laughter and sorting out the world (not much success so far), so please come along, friends are always welcome.

Please contact either of these people for more details. **Judy Paginton – Treasurer on 01666 577370** or **Margaret English – Newsletter Secretary margaretenglish261@btinternet.com or 01666 577572**

Coffee and Chat

The December meeting was a festive one in the church decorated with flowers and a large, brightly lit, Christmas tree. We enjoyed coffee, sherry and mince pies, chatting, laughing and singing some carols. In addition to the usual raffle table, tickets were drawn for a beautifully iced Christmas cake. The next coffee morning will be in church on Wednesday 8 January 2025 between 10.30 a.m. – 12 noon, to which residents, neighbours and friends are warmly welcomed. All proceeds go towards the upkeep of the church building and churchyard maintenance.

All enquiries to Rosemary Williams on 01666 575073.

Ladies' Lunch Club

Our lunch on Monday, 9th December was a really lovely occasion with Chris Jarvis demonstrating some beautiful Christmas flower arrangements, which a few lucky members won as raffle prizes. The proceeds, plus a collection amongst us went to Julia's House, which Chris Jarvis supports very generously. Julia's House is a children's hospice charity, they have homes in Wiltshire and Dorset. It is not a typical children's hospice, it provides practical and emotional support for families caring for a child with a life-limiting or life-threatening condition, providing frequent and regular support in their own homes, in the community or at their hospices.

Lunch Club is carrying on in some very safe hands, more of which next month, Dreena and Margaret were given a very lovely send off and both were delighted with their presents. More news in the next issue of WOIC about the future of Lunch Club.

North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

Just to remind you we meet every third Wednesday of the month in Crudwell Village Hall. There is plenty of parking space and there is free coffee/tea and cake afterwards.... And chat too.

In November we had our successful open evening at Malmesbury Townhall with Angela Turner who is a National Demonstrator. She did some extraordinary arrangements which we then raffled off. We also had several stalls and a glass of bubbly and finger food. The mayor also joined us. So, a good night was had by all.... And an excellent preparation for Xmas. Following that our December meeting was a shared supper and a quiz.

Looking forward to 2025, in January we have a DIY evening and in February we are welcoming Persephone Violet who will be demonstrating on the theme of "aestheticism". Do come and join us. Cathy 07703299277

Short Mat Bowls

We have had a bit of a mixed few weeks. Earlier this week we played our third County League game against a strong Melksham team. For the most part, we were not 'firing on all cylinders' and our opponents excelled. Basically, it was a scrap. Brian, Maureen and Greg came from behind in both their games to draw; Anita, Julia and Geoff had their first loss of this season in their first game but won their second 15-1. Overall, we scrambled a 5-4 victory and 35-27 on shots. In the Malmesbury League there was a 4-1 away victory for the Kingfishers over the Woodpeckers (at Sherston) with Jenny Lane playing her first ML game of the season. Our Kestrels team also played at Sherston against their Egrets team. Unfortunately, after a close game, they lost 3.5 to 1.5. So a real mixed bag of results.

Thanks to Toby for his defibrillation presentation; it could be literally lifesaving.

We welcome new players whether you are experienced or new to our sport. If you fancy having a go, we play on Tuesday evenings (7pm start) and Thursday afternoons (currently 2pm start). For a variety of reasons, there are occasions when we don't play on those days so if you are interested, please contact Anita on 07977566883 or Geoff on 07400266866. All you will need to bring are flat shoes. We have woods and help and encouragement.

Tai Chi

We return to Tai Chi on **Tuesday, 7th January 2025** after our Christmas break, ready to exercise the excesses away (well some of us) of our Christmas breaks. We are starting a new routine which Faith described as 'tricky' in parts, - she wasn't kidding.

All are welcome to attend our weekly Tuesday classes. No experience is necessary as Faith explains every move. Tai Chi is recommended as a proven way of improving our concentration, balance and co-ordination. The exercises can be done sitting in a chair or standing and are accompanied by very gentle music which helps the class to participate more easily. Comfortable loose clothing and non-slip shoes are all that is required. It costs just **£7** for an hour and each session is a stand-alone so you are not paying up front for a course. Just come along and join our friendly group. For further information, please contact either: **Carmel Straughan on 577502 or Margaret English on 577572.**

Netball and Tennis

Netball for all takes place from 6pm to 7pm on Mondays. Phone Debbie on 07880 606702 for more information. On Tuesdays, it's tennis starting at around 5.00pm and we have a WhatsApp group to confirm if we have enough people to play. We are all relatively keen, all levels of fitness, and like to think we are more able than we probably are. If you are interested in joining us or have any questions, please email anniebsmith@hotmail.co.uk

- The courts were built to **play tennis, netball, basketball and 5/side football.**
- There is **no charge** for the use of the courts.
- **Maintenance costs are funded entirely by donations, which can be made at The Wheatsheaf, Crudwell Post Office or online by bank transfer. A suggested donation could be £10/hour per court.**
- If you play regularly, please consider joining our **subscription scheme** for a donation of **just £5/month.**
- Help keep the courts in good condition especially **NO WHEELS ON THE COURTS!** Thank you.

**Crudwell Recreation
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Crudwell Badminton Club

Crudwell Badminton Club – Call for new members!

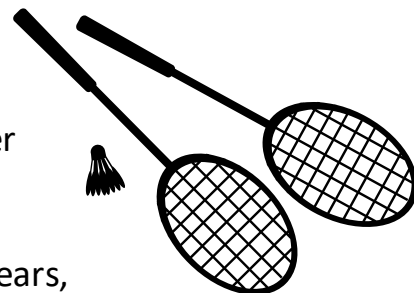
Are there any keen badminton players in the village, it doesn't matter if you have played before or just would like to give it a go?

Crudwell Badminton Club has been keeping villagers fit for over 20 years, however, sadly the numbers are starting to dwindle and we would dearly like to keep the club running.

We would love to welcome a few new members, we play doubles and the standard might not be considered Olympian, but we all love a good game and a bit of competition. We welcome newcomers who have never played before and do our best to teach the game. We meet on a Monday evening between 8pm and 10pm at Crudwell Village Hall.

Apart from the obligatory tea, biscuits and chat between games, we also do various social events throughout the year, including narrow boat trip, skittles evening, walks, annual meal and we put a team in the famous Crudwell 24 Hour Bike Ride.

So, if you would like to join us for an evening (free of charge, normal cost is £4 a session) please email hilarywarner62@gmail.com.



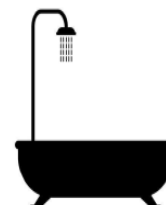
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