

What's on in Crudwell

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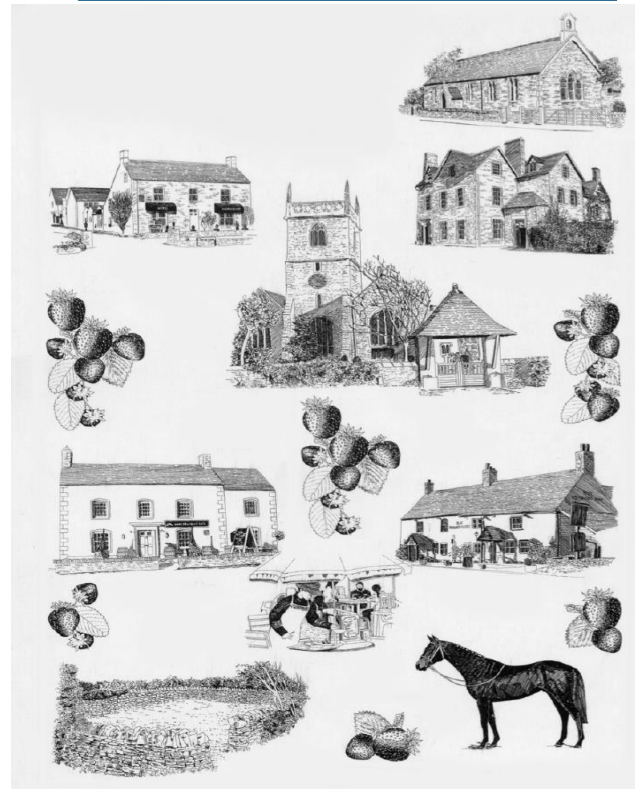
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Diary Dates

Parish Council Meeting Village Hall	11 February 7.00 pm
Coffee and Chat All Saints Church	12 February 10.30 am
Crudwell Ladies Village Hall	12 February 7.00 pm
Crudwell Ladies The Wheatsheaf	26 February 10.30 am
24 Hour Bike Ride	21/22 June



Editor's Welcome

Eagle-eyed readers may have noticed that What's On In Crudwell will be 100 editions old next month – quite a milestone! I wonder if anyone has any interesting “news from the WOIC archive” they could share with us for our next edition?

This month we bring you news of the village response to the December floods and an update on how new housing targets may affect Crudwell.

Currently the newsletter is just about self-funding, but we would welcome the support of more advertisers to bring in extra revenue to increase the number of pages we can print. If there are any local businesses out there who would like to place an advert with us, then we'd love to hear from you.

As always, get in touch with us at Woicrudwell@gmail.com *Katie Hawkins, Editor*

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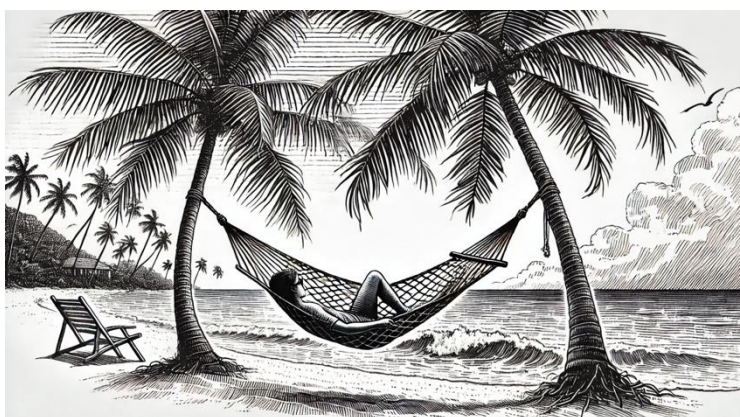
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Crudwell Flood Action Group

Crudwell Flood Action Group (FLAG) is an independent voluntary organisation set up by residents in response to the flooding caused by storm Bert last December. It aims to share experience and knowledge about local flooding and to promote improved flood prevention measures for the future.

Members of FLAG have been meeting to share experiences of the recent flooding and have now completed a 13-page report on how Crudwell was affected. I would like to express my thanks to everyone who has contributed and, through our feedback process, ensured the accuracy of what was recorded. In total, around 40 properties, including the Primary School, were affected by floodwater, either within buildings or on gardens and driveways. The Parish Council can now use our research to report to Wiltshire Council on the extent of flooding in the parish.

We have gathered hundreds of photos of both the recent and previous floods, which we hope will provide a visual record for reference purposes. Some of these are included in our report and the others will be archived. Many thanks for Graham and Dawn Wasey for sharing their considerable collection of photos, many of which have helped us estimate the depth of water at its peak. Drone footage of any future floods would be extremely useful, so if there's a licenced drone pilot out there who would be willing to help, please do get in touch.

The group believes that many different factors contributed to the serious impact the flooding had on the village, such as the size of culverts, the management of watercourses and the effectiveness of warning systems.

We hope that FLAG will develop a constructive working relationship with the Parish Council so that the expertise of both groups can be harnessed to provide fresh focus on the systemic flooding issues in the village.

If you were affected by, or are at risk from, flooding contact crudwellflag@gmail.com to join the group. Alternatively, call me on 07872538328. *Benjamin Preece*

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We hope to welcome you to our new facility soon and thank you for your continued support.



Crudwell Pre-School

This term we are focusing on the topic of 'winter'. The children have enjoyed strengthening their fine motor skills through different tactile materials, such as homemade white playdough, gloop and snow dough. We have also enjoyed taking regular walks around the new path and noticing the difference in the temperature and what we can see and hear.

We are encouraging the children's independence in putting on their own coats, hats and gloves. We are doing this through a sports day type game and the children love cheering each other on. This game can be quite tricky but through perseverance, resilience and the support from their friends and teachers, the children are becoming more independent day by day.

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 on 07986622191 or at 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

'Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life' is one of my favourite quotes. Music has the power to transform and enrich our lives.

At Crudwell, we truly value this power and have a fantastic music curriculum to inspire the children. We also have a fantastic group of musicians who support us as a school as peripatetic music teachers in bands, brass, piano, drums and guitar. This year we were awarded the 'Music Mark' for our contribution to the North Wiltshire music hub and our commitment to high quality provision at school.

It is wonderful to hear our pupils learning to play an instrument! All children are given this opportunity at school and in year 3, children learn how to play the ukulele. This is a brilliant introductory instrument and within a just a few months, the children have made such progress and have been enjoying playing along and learning some simple chords and songs.

This year we will be taking part again in the North Wiltshire Music festival, taking our choir to perform alongside other schools. This year we will be singing 'My Own Superhero' which is a rousing, inspiring song about believing in yourself.

Music and song is a true gift and deeply human. It is challenging to learn at first but once you're hooked it has the power to change lives. It's also never too late – go on pick up that old guitar, harmonica or violin and give it a go!

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

First up, an appeal: post-tree planting, there are a couple of tools still missing that got mixed up and went home with the wrong families. One's a special type - a border spade - and one's got sentimental value - a Spear & Jackson fork. Both owners would love to be reunited with them so please have a check and message me at the details below if they turn up.

Now to 2025, which promises to be a busy one. With the path bedding down, we're moving on to providing more facilities to make the walk worthwhile. We need to mark out the new football pitch and install new goalposts, once in receipt of complete sets. The hope is we can find some professional installers of the new posts since it's a complicated and back-breaking business to get them right.

We also need to source and install picnic tables and benches in the areas now set aside around the field. Any thoughts on great providers of such things are welcome. We definitely want them in before Spring really gets going.

The hunt for funding for a pump track at the bottom end of the field has begun and we're awaiting news from a few of them. More still will be sought once we have quotes from potential providers. A skate park is a more distant prospect but, having seen how much they really can enrich lives, especially for the young, this is still a key part of the plan. It's a fantastic pastime, full of daring, creativity, and dedication, and an incredibly supportive and positive community.

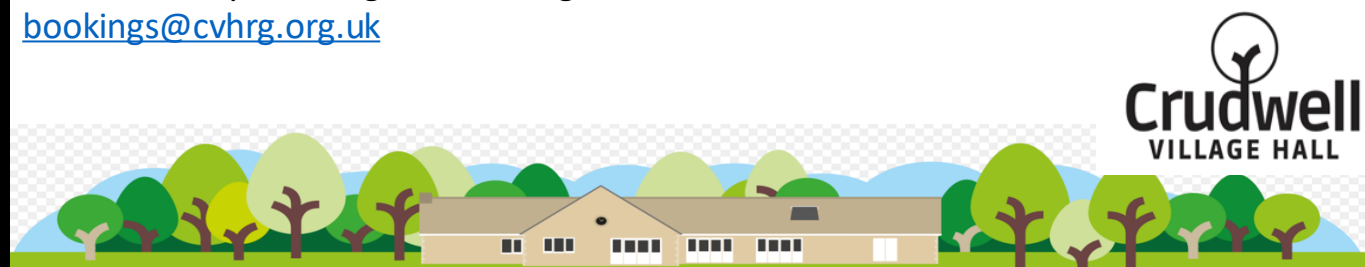
Our hunt for new committee members to help us think through and do all these things well always continues so, as ever, if anyone is keen, please let me know. Happy new year!

Phil Buxton, chair, Crudwell Village Hall Committee. chair@crudwellvillagehall.org

Crudwell Village Hall is a great venue for a variety of functions including children's parties, wedding receptions, meetings presentations, as well as activities and clubs.

There is a large fully equipped kitchen, refitted and refurbished facilities, a large hall with a capacity of 150 to 200 people, meeting room, large playing field and a children's playground adjacent to an outdoor fitness area. The hall has free Wi-Fi and drop-down projector screens.

For availability, bookings and more general information, head to our website or email bookings@cvhrg.org.uk



Parish Council and Community Report

Parish Council

The Parish Council last met on Tuesday the 14th of January 2025 in the Village Hall . Minutes of all meetings are published on the council website at:

<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 the 11th of February 2025 in the Village Hall. Public speaking is permitted during the first ten minutes of the meeting if you wish to attend. There are currently still three vacancies for Parish Councillors. If you are interested in joining the council, then please contact our parish clerk at parish.clerk@crudwell-pc.gov.uk.

Flooding Emergency; Storm Bert

Further to the meeting of the 3rd December, a number of members of Crudwell Flood Action Group (FLAG) attended the meeting of the 14th January to review progress. It was agreed that a Parish Councillor would join the FLAG group in order to establish effective communications and promote synergy of effort. The Parish Council agreed to follow up on actions to review the Parish Emergency Plan, to survey the village watercourses with members and to communicate with landowners who have riparian rights seeking to ensure that issues are effectively managed or escalated to Wiltshire Council.

Residents who wish to join the Crudwell FLAG group can find information on the Facebook group, or email crudwellflag@gmail.com

Also, if you have been affected by flooding, sources of help can be found on the Wiltshire Council website at:

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/10592/Overview>

Community Support

The January copy of this journal was distributed to 430 homes in the village last month and published on our website at <https://www.my-crudwell.org/2025/01/whats-on-in-crudwell-january-2025/> The online journal was opened by 230 recipients.

The following progress has been noted by the WOIC team:

- Many advertisers and contributors have now made donations to the Parish Council on a tariff which is determined by the advertisement size.
- The distribution list has been reduced to remove those who no longer wish to receive a paper copy.

The following plan has been agreed by the team in respect of future development:

- Those residents who indicated that they do not require a paper copy should subscribe to the my-crudwell mailing list if they have not done so, in order to receive notification of future online publications. You can subscribe to the mailing list [here](#). or at:

<https://my-crudwell.us16.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=6c7b9a2a92354da7cede56384&id=ef342a9859>

- Those residents who no longer wish to receive a paper copy of the journal can email the editor at woicrudwell@gmail.com with their request.
- The editor will seek further advertisers to fund a longer newsletter. However, the new adverts will only be included once there is enough revenue to cover the extra printing posts.

Roy F Hamilton-Lambley; Chairman, Crudwell Parish Council

Neighbourhood Plan Report

2031 Neighbourhood Plan Allocation; Tuners Lane

The agents for the Tuners Lane site have agreed to host an exhibition showing the final designs for the site. We will publicise the date for this when it has been arranged. Meanwhile, the Planning Application remains called in for North Wiltshire Planning Committee review.

2038 Neighbourhood Plan Review

- Following our information last month regarding the impact of the new Government housing targets and having taken professional advice, we now understand that the number of additional homes required in Crudwell by 2038 for the Neighbourhood Plan Review will be in the region of 39 units. This is an increase of 28 in addition to the 25 houses planned for Tuners Lane and other local committed developments.
- 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 larger unwanted developments for five years to May 2026. It is therefore imperative that we continue to complete the Plan Review by then in order that we continue to be protected from such developments.
- If we fail to deliver the Plan Review, then the situation here could be very much more threatening with large developments being planned or allocated in and around the village (as in Tetbury and Malmesbury) with little or with no increase in our infrastructure and facilities.
- Our last consultation included a call for sites and two landowners responded with proposals to make sites available for housing development. A working group of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is in discussion with the landowners and their agents to establish the viable sites which could be delivered by 2038. It is likely that these sites could in time provide our housing allocations to meet the new targets, thus keeping us safe from proposed developments which could be much bigger.
- We promised that we would consult with you at all stages while we draft the plan in order that you are fully informed. We hope to be able to tell you which sites we may be able to allocate, with the potential number of homes for each, in next month’s edition of this journal ,together with an opportunity to express your views. Watch this space!

Cllr. Roy F Hamilton-Lambley, Chairman; Crudwell Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Greetings from All Saints Church

Date	Services in Church	Services on Zoom
Sunday 2nd February	9.30am, Holy Communion @ Hankerton	
	10am, Friends & Family @ Crudwell	
	11am, Holy Communion @ Oaksey	
	6pm, Evening Prayer @ Ashley	
Sunday 9th February	10am, Benefice Holy Communion @ Minety	
Sunday 16th February	9.30am, Holy Communion @ Charlton	6pm Evening Prayer
	11am, Holy Communion @ Minety	
	11am, Matins @ Oaksey	
	4.30pm, Prayer, Praise & Story @ Hankerton	
Sunday 23rd February	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	

Please visit our website www.braydonbrook.co.uk and **Braydon Brook Churches Facebook Page** to find out more.

BOLD BEGINNINGS IN GENESIS

Marilynne Robinson in her book *Reading Genesis*, says 'The Bible is...a meditation on the problem of evil. This being true, it must take account of things **as they are**. It must acknowledge in a meaningful way the darkest aspects of the reality we experience, and it must reconcile them with the goodness of God and of Being itself against which this darkness stands out so sharply.'

Bold Beginnings in Genesis

is the subject of two study groups between now and Easter



Men's Den @ the Rectory, 1 Day's Court, SN16 9HG. Wednesdays @ 7:30pm

Women and Words @ the Rectory 1 Day's Court, SN16 9HG @ 2:00

March 5, 12, 19, 26. These are discussion groups. All perspectives

are warmly welcomed.

PUB THEOLOGY

7:30 @

THE HORSE AND GROOM, CHARLTON

FEBRUARY 28TH DOUG JOHNSTON: CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE CHRISTIAN CONSCIENCE.

Crudwell Ladies

The ladies had a very pleasant meal out in January at the Thames Head in Kemble. The food and company were thoroughly enjoyed. Our first meeting in Crudwell Village Hall is on **Wednesday 12th February**. It will be a talk by **David Head** who is making a welcome return. This time he will be telling us about **'Five of the Planet's Most Unusual Wonders'** and the talk will be accompanied by photographs. The evening starts at 7pm for a 7.15pm sit down. Our March meeting (12th) will be a very interesting talk about life behind the Berlin Wall - further news next month.

We meet every 2nd Wednesday of the month in Crudwell Village hall at 7pm with a 7.15pm start, unless advertised differently. 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. Members pay £15 a year (the same as last 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. Our next one will be **Wednesday, 26th February 2025 at 10.30am**. These coffee mornings are great fun with lots of laughter and deciding that Crudwell Ladies ought to sort out the world, as nobody else seems to be making much of a go of it, 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 'n' Chat

The sociable meetings of friends and neighbours from Crudwell and beyond take place in Crudwell Church on the second Wednesday of every month (come rain or shine, snow or glow!) between 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon. So do join us on Wednesday 12 February for refreshments and the raffle. We now have a QR code in church for anyone who uses them, but cash is always acceptable, of course, and either route ensures proceeds go directly into the church fund for building and churchyard maintenance.

Rosemary Williams on 01666 575073 welcomes enquiries.

North Wilts Flower Club

We are a group of flower lovers who meet to celebrate all things floral every third Wednesday of the month in Crudwell Village Hall at 7.00 for 7.30.

We occasionally make our own arrangements, but mostly watch excellent national and area NAFAS demonstrators work their magic and then raffle their arrangements afterwards. In February local florist Persephone Violet is visiting to talk to us about aestheticism and how everything can be looked at as art.

You are most welcome to join us. Cathy 07703299277

Short Mat Bowls

We are now moving into the most important part of the 2024/2025 season. Our Kestrels team have two games to play in the Malmesbury League. Hopefully they will get positive results and may well take third place in the league. Kingfishers finished their fixtures on 13th January with a resounding win over Skylarks (Little Somerford) 45-4 on shots. Kingfishers are now in second place behind Marshfield by two points. In the County League, we have not played any more games this year as yet. We still have five fixtures to fulfil and hopefully we can do enough to win the league - it might be a struggle!!

With the help of a 50% grant from the Malmesbury Area Board, we have been able to order new mats and other necessary equipment. We are eagerly awaiting the delivery in mid-March and would like to thank Councillor Berry and the Parish Council for their support.

We welcome new players, whether experienced or new to the sport. We meet Tuesdays at 7 pm and Thursdays at 2 pm. Please contact **Anita on 07977566883 or Geoff on 07400266866** if you would like to come along.

Tai Chi

Faith is teaching us a new routine which we are finding interesting, puzzling and certainly exercising our little grey cells. We are enjoying ourselves and feel very chuffed when we realise that the new steps are all coming together, so do come along and learn with us.

Our weekly Tuesday Tai Chi classes are very popular, and all are welcome to attend. Faith is a great teacher and really helps to keep our sessions flowing. Tai Chi is recommended as a proven way of improving our concentration, balance and co-ordination. The exercises can be done standing or sitting and are done to a background of very gentle music. It costs just **£7** for an hour on a pay as you attend basis.

For further information, please contact either:

Carmel Straughan on 577502 and 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**](mailto: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 Action Group (CRAG) part of the **Crudwell Village Hall & Recreation Ground** charity no.294177
Email bookings@cvhrg.org.uk
for more information.



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.

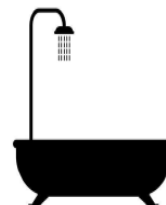
For those new to the village, all the details of this amazing event can be found on our website crudwellbikeride.co.uk or please contact Damian on 575041 or Elizabeth on 577565. We are always pleased to welcome volunteers new and old, to help with the running of the event, and teams of enthusiastic riders - regardless of age, fitness and speed levels! We pride ourselves on being a true community event - please come and join us.



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