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ALL CHANGE: Are you ready?

Egged on by family members and business associates, I have abandoned my five-year-old but reliable Acer PC in favour of a tiny, shiny Apple MacBook computer. Everyone said I'd be sure to like it. When it all works, it runs like a gem. But since taking it out of the box six weeks ago, life has, at times, felt like 'hell on earth'.

In the middle of all this I went to the Lechlade Community Cinema for the film 'I, Daniel Blake', Ken Loach's take on Britain's benefit system. It was the technology thrown at the lead character by the social security system that made the biggest impression on me. I've been blessed with a technical education and have used computers and gadgets a lot. If I was struggling with the PC/Mac conversion, how on earth would a carpenter in his 60s, who'd never used a computer, be able to login, let alone fill in the complex online claim forms?

So, what have I learned from this experience? This applies to any technology really.

It's an inescapable fact that we find it harder to adapt to change as we get older. Even 'technical' people find change difficult and frustrating. If you know a younger person willing to be your wingman, enlist them immediately.

The bigger the change (and I'd include the PC/Mac here) the more you need to allow for things to go wrong – and, believe me, they will. That means giving it plenty of time to install and overcome the seemingly endless glitches. Take stock of all the equipment you use and what you do with it. List it all and get advice about how it will all fit together. Your budget must allow for replacements and upgrades. And you might need to allow for expert technical assistance to get it all running. It's surprising how the cost and time escalate while confidence drains away.

Perhaps the most important question is whether you are ready for the change. People who easily follow intuition will probably feel at home quickly with modern technologies. Whereas people like me (an irritating engineer who needs to know how something works) may well make a meal of it.

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REMINDER:
The deadline for our
June edition is 12 noon,
Friday 12th May.

Grand opening of Fenton's

The official opening of South Cerney's new Community Hall, on Saturday 18th March, was attended by hundreds of people.

There was a palpable excitement in the air as you approached the new building that afternoon. Masses of people gathered outside eager for a glimpse of what the new hall had to offer; the café area was bustling and the sport's hall was alive with dance and music.

The Community Hall is dedicated to the life of Raymond Fenton, a South Cerney man who touched the hearts and lives of many and epitomised the village's community spirit. Philip Nicholas, Chair of the Fenton's Committee, delivered a celebratory speech and invited some of Raymond Fenton's grandchildren, Dan (13), Eva (7), Millie (4) Florence (3) and Austyn (1), to cut the ribbon. The crowd gave three loud cheers as the hall was officially announced as open!



Members of the school choir and their teacher, Mrs Jones. Photo: Victoria Elliott

Katharine Isles, Raymond's daughter, said: 'The whole Fenton family have been very touched that this fantastic building has been named after Raymond. We are so lucky to have this amazing facility for the village. I am enjoying coming to some of the classes and the café is just what we needed. It is already well used and I'm sure it will continue to be very popular. We were really pleased that so many people came to the opening event; it really was a great community occasion.'

The crowds were entertained throughout the day,

starting with an energetic Zumba session led by Fitness with Pippa, followed by an excellent show by Cirencester Creative Dance Academy who showcased their singing, ballet, contemporary dance and cheerleading talents.

Meanwhile, in the café area, village group Singing for Fun and Ann Edwards school choir and bell ringing group treated visitors to a wonderful array of musical delights.

Rhian Gardiner, Manager of Fenton's, said: 'There was such an amazing turnout. We were really pleased with the show of support from the community and everyone was really positive about the centre.'

The café 'Coffee at Fenton's' is open 9am-4pm, Monday-Saturday, and 10am-3pm on Sundays. Recently they have added soft seating and a children's play area indoors, as well as tables and chairs

outside overlooking the pond. Over the past few weeks, a team of 30 dedicated volunteers have worked tirelessly to complete the planting and landscaping around the hall and this week work began on the playground adjacent to the building.

Thank you to Katherine Isles who organised the day and to everyone who has worked behind the scenes to make this such a wonderful space for our community.

Victoria Elliott



The crowd gather outside Fenton's. Photo: Nick Morell

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The Ducks are starting to get race ready for 19th June!

Hundreds of plastic ducks will be launched on the River Thames at the Town Bridge, Cricklade on Sunday 19th June (Cricklade Festival Day) in the 2nd Annual Cricklade Scout Duck Race.

Our volunteers will be selling race tickets from 9am-12noon from the archway of the White Hart from Saturday 13th May right up to and including Festival day.

Tickets are £1 each with a chance to win 3 monetary prizes: 1st prize £100; 2nd prize £75 and 3rd prize of £25.

So come along, enjoy the Festival and support your local Scout Group.

The waiting list is currently very long for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts – it's taking about a year from when a name gets, added to when a space becomes available. We can add to the waiting list from birth to avoid disappointment once becoming Beaver age at 6.

For further information on Scouting in Cricklade, contact martin.ferm@2ndcrickladescouts.org.uk.



Thames Pre-School, Cricklade Open Day

If you are thinking about pre-school or kindergarten for your 2, 3 or 4 year old, then why not come and see around our pre-school and meet the staff?

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Open Day Saturday 6th May 10am-2pm. Entrance

via White Horse Road next to the Children's Centre, Cricklade.

We are now accepting applications for 2017/18 school year and encourage parents and prospective parents to book sessions as soon as possible. With the introduction, in September, of 30 hours free funding for eligible children, pre-schools in the area will all become considerably busier.

Visit www.thamespreschool.co.uk or call Paula Maxted on 01793 750635 during school hours.

Cricklade WI – your own Women's Institute

Our March meeting saw us 'All Tied Up' with scarves, practising different ways to wear them with Anne Fisher, and discovering that some vintage silk scarves by the big fashion houses are extremely valuable now. Anne floated us through 60s psychedelia, 80s power-dressing and pashminas.

On **Thursday 18th May**, Shaun McCormack visits to tell us about his service as a Yeoman of the Guard – The Queen's Bodyguard, created by Henry VII at the

Battle of Bosworth Field and the oldest British military corps in existence. Do you know their most famous ceremonial duty? Come and find out Ladies!

We meet monthly on the 3rd Thursday in the Town Hall Annexe at 7.30pm and have a programme of interesting talks and activities, plus trips out and other events through the year. Pop along if you've never tried us and we will give you a warm welcome. For more info please ring Nancy on 01793 750011.

Classic car meeting 'roars' into life

Coffee & Classics, a new monthly classic car event, started in Bibury on Sunday 2nd April.

Motoring enthusiasts and families alike met to view the exceptional vehicles driven to The Classic Motor Hub centre for classic motoring, just north of Ablington.

These included cars more often seen behind ropes at Pebble Beach than in the Gloucestershire countryside. Pink Floyd drummer Nick Mason's Ferrari 365 GTB/4 Daytona was there, as was a 1923 World Land Speed Record Delage V-12, fresh from last month's victory at Goodwood. Other automotive gems included a WW2 Jeep, Volkswagen campers and a fantastic Chevrolet Bel Air.

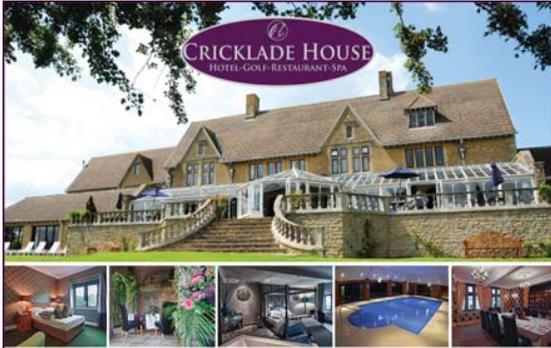
With smiles all round, it was clear everyone had a great time. Martin Chisolm of Burford said: 'There are going to be some very special cars and maybe a few



familiar faces attending over the next few months.'

Coffee & Classics is on 1st Sunday monthly at The Classic Motor Hub, Bibury, Gloucestershire, GL7 5NX. Visit The Classic Motor Hub on Facebook.

John Mayhead



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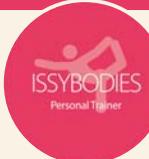
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FLOWER FESTIVAL – All Hallows Church

Dates and times to be published in the next Cerney News.

SOUND AND THE SIRENS

Friday 26th May, 7.30pm – Midnight. Marquee, Atkyns Manor
Adult tickets £10: Telephone Wendy O'Keefe 07793 741240 or Mike Powell 01285 860636

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Saturday 27th May, 7.30pm – midnight
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CYCLING EVENT – Sunday 28th May

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Wildlife Notes by 'Chiff Chaff'

The Blackthorn on The Dance has put on a magnificent display this year. The flowers of purest white were not only a delight for winter-jaded humans but a valuable source of energy for early flying insects. Later as the flowers fade, leaves and fresh new shoots will appear on the shrubs, appetising fare for the grubs and caterpillars of the species, (numbering well over a hundred) that use the Blackthorn as a food plant.



Brown Hairstreak butterfly. Photo: Trevor Simmonds

Cherry-Plum, is one of the ancestor species of all commercially grown plums. But in ancient folklore Blackthorn was greatly feared as the old black crone of the woods and a vestige of this may remain in the still current superstition that it is unlucky to bring it into the house. Its hard, dense wood is ideal for walking sticks, staves



and clubs and it is the traditional wood for shillelaghs and the Black Rod, carried by the Parliamentary official.

We are planning to have a working party at 10am on **Sunday 4th June**. If you would like to join us there will be work to be done and it is a wonderful time of year to visit The Dance. Please consult Facebook for details.

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On The Dance we cut a proportion of the Blackthorn each year, in order to produce the soft Spring growth which is favourable for insect larva. Most desirable of all would be to attract Brown Hair Streak butterflies, (the female lays her eggs exclusively on Blackthorn), a species which is found on a number of local sites, but is nationally very uncommon. Of course, the dense almost impenetrable thickets of older shrubs are also important as places in which small birds like Wrens, Blackcaps and Whitethroats feel secure enough to nest.

Blackthorns bear bluish-black fruits called Sloes in the Autumn and together with its near relative the

Moment of glory for condemned houses

When the Culver Hay houses were vacated and sealed up, it seemed that all they had to do was wait for the demolition crews to arrive. But someone had a clever idea, and that someone was Peter Brice, Cricklade Fire Station's Watch Manager, who envisaged some training scenarios involving fire, smoke and simulated casualties. It would be the most realistic training fire crews could possibly get.



Cricklade Fire Exercise

apparatus and prepared to enter the buildings.

Although it was just an exercise, it did seem very 'real' and thought provoking. This is what Firemen and women do every day for real, without hesitation. Cricklade is short of retained personnel and is desperately looking for people who live close to the Fire Station on Bath Road. If you can commit 48 hours a week to be 'on call' you could be that vital part of our Community which we

appreciate and value.

Pete Price was delighted with the feed-back on the training in Culver Hay, but he would be an even happier man if some suitable candidates would join his dedicated team. Visit www.dwfire.org.uk.

Story and photos: Jan Furze

Peter spoke of how co-operative and helpful everyone was as he sought to get the permissions he required to carry out the task. With permission given and the locals informed, there was a definite buzz about on the bitterly cold evening of the first exercise as the stage was set. As smoke began to swirl about, fire crews arrived, quickly donned breathing



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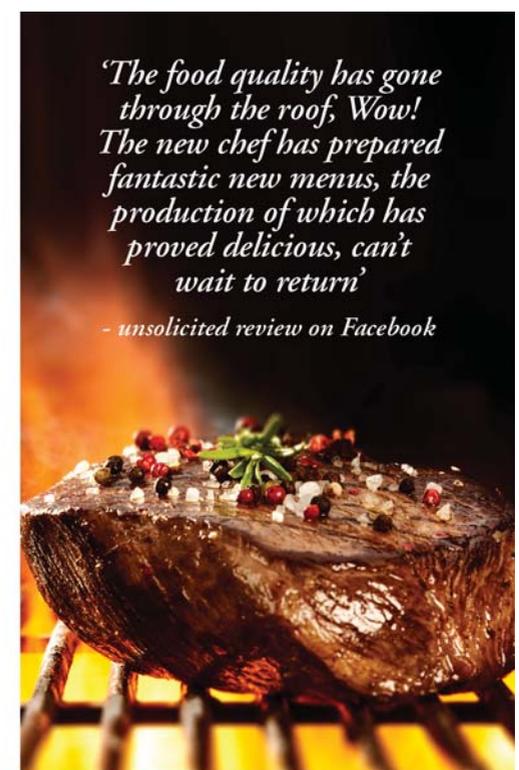
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Thursday 4th May at United Church: 'Ned and Bumps' with speaker James Cooper

Thursday 1st June: 'Besoms and Gypsy Flowers' with speaker Carl Sadler

Thursday 6th July: 'From the Manor House to your house' with speaker Roger Turner. Club Competition

2nd Tuesdays: CRICKLADE GARDEN CLUB: 8pm in the Town Hall Annexe. Various speakers on gardening subjects. Tea, cakes, raffle, plant sales. Info: 01793 752877

Tuesday 9th May: Speaker Michael Marriott from David Austin Roses

Saturday 20th May: Plant Sale at Jenner Hall, 9am to 11.30am

Tuesday 13th June: 'How to extend the season in our gardens' with speaker Victoria Logue

Cricklade Garden Club: Clematis

There was a great turnout for the March meeting when Marcel Floyd treated us to a humorous and informative talk on 'Clematis'.

Taking us through the correct pruning for the three groups he informed us that group 3 can be hard pruned in February as they flower on the new season's growth but recommended leaving C. Tangutica until there is some growth showing; if you forget to prune this group, blooms will become higher and higher but you can always give it the Chelsea chop in May!

Marcel also said that if you like your C. Armandii to flower high up, you could use the bare lower stems to support another clematis.

Whilst deeper blooms will be enhanced by sunlight Marcel advised dappled shade to avoid bleaching paler flowers.

With Marcel's tips, we are all prepared to plant, prune, feed and enjoy this beautiful genus of plant.



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Miserden Park, Miserden, Stroud, Glos GL6 7JA
- Sunday 4 June (2-6pm) Monday 5 June (2-6pm)
Hodges Barn, Shipton Moyne, Tetbury, Glos GL8 8PR
- Sunday 4 June (2-6pm)
Whitehill Farm, Widford, Burford, Oxfordshire OX18 4DT
- Saturday 10 June (2-5pm) Sunday 11 June (2-5pm)
Cotswold Farm, Duntisbourne Abbots, Cirencester, Glos GL7 7JS
- Sunday 11 June (1-5pm)
Dauntsey Gardens, Church Lane, Dauntsey, Chippenham, Wilts SN15 4HW

Garden clippings with Tina Owen



Good Old Geraniums

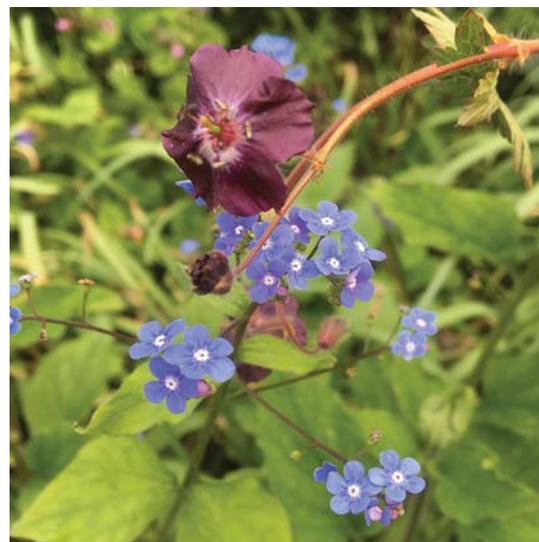
Geraniums are hardworking and hard to beat. They flower at a variety of heights often for long periods, are great at filling gaps and some even scramble through and up their neighbour; often producing delightful combinations.



G. albanum and G. sanguineum

A favourite of mine, *G. albanum*, is a pretty sprawler; at the end of February, in a mild year, a new mound of rounded, deeply-cut green leaves with pink stems emerges. During May, these leaves are topped with a foam of lavender-pink, veined flowers fading as they age giving a multi-coloured effect.

Plant it next to a magenta *G. sanguineum* and *Erysimum Bowles Mauve* and it will take you through



A dark G. phaeum with brunnera

June beautifully. It will tolerate light shade but prefers a sunny and well-drained spot, so mine grows in a raised bed, weaving up and tumbling over the wall.

The taller *G. phaeum* can reach over 60cm in a shady spot, erect flower stems topping its mounds of dark foliage. It flowers in a range of colours, from white to deep purple, sometimes having pale centres. It often cross pollinates producing some lovely hues. Its silver-grey flowers look great with the drooping pink *Dicentra Formosa* and purple *Aquilegias*.

The darkest *G. phaeum* can be brightened by the clear blue flowers of the equally robust *Brunnera macrophylla* with large, bright green leaves.

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Dusting: Next, take a microfibre cloth and work your way around the room, top to bottom, picking up as much dirt and dust as you can. Your microfibre cloth should do the hard work for you, even better when it's a little damp, so move quickly and wipe over all your surfaces.

Vacuuming: When you've finished with the microfibre cloth, pick up your vacuum and work your way around the room again. If you couldn't reach an area with your cloth, your vacuum should have a better reach. Use all the extra tools at your disposal to pick up the hidden and hard to reach dirt.

Kitchen: If you have a dishwasher, utilise its power and place everything you can inside to give them a really good clean. If you can't wash certain items in the dishwasher, place into hot, soapy water whilst you tackle other jobs.

To tackle the fridge and any nasty stains or odours that have collated in there, grab an old toothbrush and toothpaste and get scrubbing. The chemicals in toothpaste are great for cleaning stains and marks left over time and the toothbrush allows you to reach those tricky areas. Rinse the fridge well and if odours remain, chop a lemon in half and place one half at the top and one at the bottom – they'll soon clear up any nasty smells.

Bathrooms: Tough limescale in the bathroom may take longer than 15 minutes to remove but with pre-planning, you can clean your bathroom overnight, whilst you sleep! For showerheads and taps that are turning green, fill a bag with white vinegar and tie it tightly around the showerhead or tap and leave it overnight. In the morning, remove the bag and take a toothbrush to the stain and it should just wipe off.

PING! The timer has gone and your home is looking and smelling beautiful. It really doesn't take all that much time to ensure your home is left looking its best this spring.

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History of popular South Cerney group, Singing For Fun

The birth of our Singing For Fun group came about in 2006.

During a trip to Sri Lanka by some supporters of the South Cerney Sri Lankan Community Support Fund, it was found that they all enjoyed singing and wanted to continue this after their trip. Raymond Fenton kindly offered the use of his drawing room at Atkyn's



Manor where Annie Perry, Christabelle Johnson and Raymond himself all helped to shape the group. Singing around the piano soon gave way to more structured pieces, and the first ever concert – with much trepidation – was for St George's Day in 2008.

However, with a view to taking on a bigger work, the group moved out of Atkyn's Manor into the United Church and opened up membership to all comers. Thus, the group in its present form put on a fully staged Trial by Jury in 2009, which was a great challenge but a huge achievement for all involved. Since then, we have gone from strength to strength performing many concerts and another Gilbert and

Sullivan operetta – HMS Pinafore. Over the years, we have raised more than £8,000 in aid of charities, usually ones which members of the group are actively involved in.

We meet regularly each Monday in the United Church in South Cerney, and enjoy singing a wide variety of music of different genres, much of it in four parts. It is also a great social group with much laughter, and the welcome coffee break sees everyone mixing and chatting to each other. At present, there are forty-five members and a waiting list.

Christabelle Johnson

Honouring the WWI fallen

We are publishing records of local servicemen who lost their lives in the First World War, 1914-1918, kindly supplied from the archives of Cricklade Museum, South Cerney Branch of the Royal British Legion and Somerford Keynes History Group.



If you have photos or further information about any of these servicemen, please write to the editor (see details on page 3).

South Cerney

281508 **Sgt Charles John Painter**, 2nd/4th Bn. London Regiment (Royal Fusiliers). Died 15th May 1917 and commemorated at the Arras Memorial, France.

Somerford Keynes

30070 **Pte Henry Radway**, age 18, 12th Bn., Gloucestershire Reg. Died 08 May 1917. Remembered with Honour on Arras Memorial, Bay 6, France.

Volunteers needed to help at Cricklade Library

We are currently looking for extra volunteers to get involved at Cricklade Library. Our Community Library Volunteers help to extend the library's weekly opening hours with two volunteer-led sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-5pm.

Our volunteers provide a friendly welcome to all visitors and assist them with using the library services. This includes dealing with straightforward enquiries, assisting with the self-service machines, shelving the stock and

helping customers to log onto the public access computers.

We are looking for volunteers who can be flexible about their availability and are able to do at least two sessions per month. If you are interested in volunteering at Cricklade Library and would like further details about the Community Library Volunteer role please contact Jane Hunt either on 01225 713792 or by email at jane.hunt@wiltshire.gov.uk.

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Cricklade Town News



TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday 2nd May: Planning, Conservation and Transport Committee

Monday 15th May: Annual Meeting of the Council and Full Council

Monday 22nd May: Planning, Conservation and Transport Committee

Tuesday 23rd May: Community and Leisure Committee

All meetings, commencing at 7pm, are held in the Council Chamber, 113 High Street and the public are invited to participate in a public forum at the beginning of each meeting.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: Thank you to everyone that attended the Annual Town meeting on the 10th April. We would also like to thank all the community groups that took part and gave presentations.

LOCAL ELECTIONS: Your Council Needs Your Votes on Thursday 4th May.

Cricklade Town Council invites residents to get involved in the forthcoming elections. Parish and Town Councils depend on local people taking an interest in what happens in their community, whatever their background. Local people standing as Councillors bring a wealth of knowledge, skills and community understanding to the local team.

Help us to meet your needs by supporting your local Councillors and remember to vote on **Thursday 4th May**.

THE CRICKLADE COMMUNITY AWARDS: The Council is delighted to announce the results of the annual Community Awards. The presentations were made at the Annual Town Meeting held on 10th April.

The Young Person of the Year was awarded to **William Hebbard**. William is an Explorer Scout in the 2nd Cricklade Scouts. He has received the highest award achievable as a Scout, which is the Chief Scouts Gold Award. He is undertaking his Young Leader training, and when completed he will be the first Cricklade member

to attain the award. William is also a Cricklade Fire Cadet, he supports many fund-raising activities and community events, such as the Town Festival, litter picks, the Christmas lights switch on and the duck race.

The Cricklade Community Award was presented to **Jeremy Anderson**. During 2016, through fund raising, he has raised over £7,000 to provide community defibrillators. Defibrillators have been placed at Hallsfield and at Culverhay Stores. Mr Anderson has also provided a defibrillator to the Cricklade Rugby Football Club and to other local sports clubs.

The Community Group of the Year Award was presented to the **Cricklade Link Scheme**, a group of volunteers, who provide transport and services for people who find it difficult to use public transport or where there is no public transport. Their destinations range from Cricklade High Street, the GWH in Swindon to the larger hospitals in Oxford, Bath, Chippenham and Devizes.

The Volunteers also collect and deliver prescriptions and library books and undertake minor housing repairs. Those using the service are only asked to donate towards the service. The Link scheme is looking for more volunteers, if you are interested, please contact the Council Offices.

CRICKLADE IN BLOOM - CHILDREN'S COMPETITION 2017: This year, we thought it would be fun to see who can grow the fattest pumpkin. Judging will take place at the end of October, with seeds and entry forms available from the Council Offices from 17th April. See posters and website for further details on how to register for the competition.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2017: This year, the theme is 'People at Work and at Play in Cricklade'. Details of the competition, the rules and how to submit your entry are on the Council's website.

TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS: The Town Council has a Small Grant Scheme for local community and voluntary groups. Application forms and guidance can be found on our website and hard copies are available from the Town Council offices.

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Date of forthcoming Full Town Council meeting: Monday 15th May

Visit the website for the full line-up!

Friday!

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- 2pm: Festival Site, Stages, Bars & Camping OPEN!
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- 5.30pm: MODRAPHENIA
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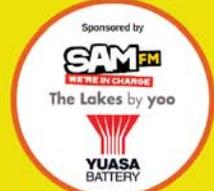
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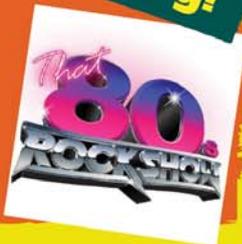
- 12 noon: THE COTSWOLD VOICES
- 7.45pm: MISSY MALONE & FRIENDS BURLESQUE REVUE
- 9.40pm: The Lambrettas

Saturday!

Live Music from Midday to 11pm!

- 12 noon: THE NORTH WILTSHIRE ROCK CHOIR
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- 8.15PM: **HOOSIERS**
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FENTON'S COMMUNITY CENTRE: The Fenton's Community Centre in Teal Way had a very popular opening event on Saturday 18th March, when Raymond Fenton's grandchildren cut the ribbon to declare the new facility officially open. The Parish Council wishes to thank all those involved, particularly Katharine Isles for organising the day. Redrow have also commenced installation of their playground equipment on land next to Fenton's and this should be completed very soon.

For information on the café at Fenton's, check Coffee at Fenton's on Facebook. Fenton's own website (www.southcerneyhalls.org.uk) is now up and running, and if you have any queries about booking facilities at Fenton's, please contact the manager, Rhian Gardiner, at or 07724 518131 or fentons@southcerney.org.uk.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: The Neighbourhood Plan steering group staged its first public consultation event at Fenton's on Saturday 25th March, and presented the results of the recent household questionnaire. Over 150 people attended during the day to browse the information and discuss the results, and were also treated to a display of photos of South Cerney down the years. The Parish Council wishes to thank all those who came along, and those who have assisted with bringing the plan process this far. Members of the steering group were ably assisted on the day by staff from Gloucestershire Rural Community Council, who had provided advice and consultancy services.

PAWS ON PATROL & DOG WALKING: The Paws On Patrol scheme is a positive adjunct to the established neighbourhood watch scheme and local community policing in the village. Paws On Patrol is using dog owners and their dogs whilst they are out and about walking their dogs. South Cerney has a high level of community spirited dog owners who have established a camaraderie and support for each other. Dog owners already network with each other and recognise if individuals in the village are absent from usual routines and check on their well-being. The majority of dog owners use the poop a scoop bins throughout the village and clear up after their dog

whether on pavements, footpaths or in fields.

A launch event for the scheme is being held at Fenton's in Teal Way on **Sunday 14th May** from 10am until 2pm. Come along and find out what it's all about. Further information may also be found elsewhere in this edition of Cerney News.

Dog walkers are also asked that they keep to public footpaths when walking their pets and not allow them to roam across fields and other private land.

R-WAY YOUTH GROUP: R-Way sessions run 5pm to 6.30pm Tuesdays (term time only) at Fenton's in Teal Way. Sessions are only £1 per child. This is proving very popular with up to 27 children attending at the last count. Please note that children need to bring a pair of daps or other indoor shoes (i.e. not worn outside) with them to change into at Fenton's. This is to protect the floor of the main hall from damage. R-Way is operated by Young Gloucestershire on behalf of the Parish Council and a programme of activities is available on the Parish Council website.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: The Annual Parish Meeting is planned for **Thursday 18th May** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Whilst this is not a Parish Council meeting, it is run by the Parish Council, and allows various village organisations to present reports on their activities over the past and coming year. The Parish Council is considering revamping some of the play equipment provided at the playgrounds, including provision of some toddler play equipment at Upper Up. Ideas and suggestions will be gratefully received at the meeting or by the Clerk beforehand.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The next Parish Council Meeting is planned for **Wednesday 10th May** starting at 7.30pm. Agendas are published on the website and on the notice board opposite the Post Office. The next Committee Meetings for Village Maintenance & Playing Fields, Finance, and Planning will take place on **Monday 8th May** from 7pm. All meetings take place in the committee room at the Village Hall in School Lane unless otherwise stated.

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Date of forthcoming meeting: Wednesday 10th May

News from South Cerney United Church

Reta-May Matthews, Senior Steward, writes

There is always something going on at South Cerney United Church but April was a very exciting month for us.

Not only did we have all our usual activities plus our two end-of-term parties for our toddler groups but on the previous Sunday recently ordained Naomi Cooke took our morning Sunday Gathering Service and Rev Dr Jonathan Pye, Chairman of the Bristol Methodist District, led our evening worship. It was delightful to hear him and to share fellowship with him and others after the service over delicious refreshments.

We are a joint Methodist, Congregational Federation church and we are extremely pleased to have been short-listed for a Congregational Federation Serving the Community Award 2017. These awards are for churches that are meeting the needs of their local community through harnessing the energy, commitment and skills of church members and volunteers. We have now had our first visit from a judge and, if we are one of the final three churches chosen to receive an award, we will be featured in a short film clip and presented the award at an Assembly in Wales in June.

We will be sure to let you know how we progress in this process.

Paws on Patrol is coming to South Cerney

PC Mark Weedon of Cirencester Rural South Local Policing Team writes...

Between 10am and 2pm on Sunday 14th May, the Community Engagement Vehicle will be in the car park of Fenton's, Teal Way.

We are inviting all dog owners to register and be extra eyes and ears whilst walking in South Cerney each day. Each will be issued with a membership card that will hold necessary contact numbers including the Police non-emergency number, District Council and Highways. If you registered on the opening day of Fenton's, come and collect your membership card as well.

The aim of Paws on Patrol is to build a community spirit where dog walkers can contribute towards the protection of their neighbourhood.

However, Members of Paws on Patrol are not vigilantes! Stopping crime is a Police job, Paws on Patrol is simply about providing the Police and Council with information, so together we can help make South Cerney safer.

We can't thank you enough!

Cathy Forman of Swindon's Harbour Project writes...

Last September we asked Ripples readers if they had any bicycles they no longer wanted and were prepared to donate to asylum seekers in Swindon. We were overwhelmed by your generosity and have now collected, mended and distributed 89 bicycles to grateful recipients at Swindon's Harbour Project (www.harbourproject.org.uk).

As you can imagine, many of those seeking asylum in the UK have been through traumatic experiences to get here. The asylum process itself can also be a bewildering, difficult and stressful one. The bicycles allow these men and women the means to access the support they need anywhere in Swindon and they remain the number one item on the wish list of those arriving at "The Harbour".

Should anyone still have an adult bicycle they no longer want (no matter the condition), I would be delighted to come and collect it at your convenience. Please call me, Cathy Forman, on 01285 750671.

Thank you and the Ripples team.

Artist Nadja Ryzhakova on the hare trail

The Cotswold Hare Trail is in its 4th year, but this is the first year hares have been seen in Cricklade. The initiative, which is sponsored by local businesses to encourage tourism and trade, also supports a different charity each year.

This year's theme 'Our Hare Story' is intended to celebrate the history, culture and heritage of The Cotswolds. At the end of the season the hares will be auctioned.

I was privileged to meet the Russian artist Nadja Ryzhakova who was selected to paint the hare at Cricklade Leisure Centre. Born in the beautiful town of Tver, which sits each side of the Volga River, Nadja went to study monumental painting at Moscow.

Moving to London, Nadja was attracted to a then new medium, iPad drawings, and her work attracted coverage in the



Artist Nadja with her Hare

London Evening Standard. For a time she tutored at the V&A, the world's leading museum of art and design, but in the end she felt restricted by that particular medium and returned to monumental painting.

Nadja met her future husband in London and they moved to Cirencester.

The hare duly arrived and she then set about transforming it according to her brief. It took two weeks to plan and a month to complete while nine-month-old daughter Sophia looked on. Look carefully at Nadja's hare and you will see she has represented not only the town's heritage but also the fun run, the aquarobic class and children at play in the park.

Nadja's website www.ipainting.pro is well worth a visit, as are all the hares on the Cotswold Trail www.cirencestermarchharefestival.org.uk.

Story: Jan Furze. Photos: Alexander Golev



Leisure Centre Hare

Cricklade Camera Club back in the autumn

Following a successful first season Cricklade Camera Club is taking a break from monthly meetings for the summer. For more information about the Camera Club and membership contact Alan: 01793 751937, crickladecamera@gmail.com.

During June, July and August, we have planned

several photographic evening and day events for members and full details will be available at www.crickladecameraclub.org. The 2017/18 season will start again on Tuesday 5th September in the Town Hall Annex.

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Cricklade Art Group

The group meets in the Cricklade Town Hall Annex on the third Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm. Bring suitable art materials along to the "Head and Shoulders" workshop on 16th May when Jim Dowton will be available to give guidance.

Jim Dowton is a member of the art group and mainly works with pastels, though he also works with acrylics, watercolour and pencils. In 2013, Jim won the thirteenth biennial Oexmann Art Award with his cubist influenced painting of the playwright, Actor, Author, Alan Bennett. This prestigious competition has been running since 1988, and is one of Wiltshire's art community's most important events. Examples of Jim's work: www.artzeit.com.

Congratulations go to another member of the art group, Lloyd Washington, who was recently awarded first prize in the 2017 Oexmann Art Award. The art group feels extremely honoured to have these prize-winning artists in its membership.

Membership Secretary, Lynne Young 01793 750822 www.crickladeart.co.uk. Like us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/CrickladeArtGroup>



Alan Bennett by Jim Dowton

Minety Music Festival: Friday 30th June – Sunday 2nd July

Minety's first music festival is getting a lot of attention on the Wiltshire music scene, especially since the announcement of headline bands **Dr and the Medics**, **Who's Next?** and **Roving Crows**.

Minety is a community festival, so alongside a fantastic music line up, there is also a plethora of interactive activities for all the family, including Slacklining, giant inflatables, workshops, games and stalls. The chill out zone will offer a chance to rest your dancing feet, and the huge variety of music means there's something for everyone including local up and coming bands, big names and a gospel and rock choir who have formed especially to perform

on the Sunday!

The team have been incredibly busy and with only a small handful of people, it has been quite a feat getting this far! The team would never shy away from additional offers of help! Tickets have been selling fast, but there are still some tickets available at www.minetyfestival.co.uk.

We wish the team the best of luck for what is going to be a fun and exciting weekend for the entire family. Please get in touch with Rich or Rachel Swatton via the website if you would like to get involved and be part of this great new festival!

See great art in fantastic surroundings!



'Pegasus' by Lucille Lonsdale

South Cerney Art Group will be holding their annual art show (10am-6pm, Saturday 27th-Monday 29th May) during the South Cerney Festival and Street Fair.

Take a wander down School Lane to the village hall, set in picturesque surroundings and come and take a look at the great variety of work produced by the group, using various mediums such as water colours, acrylics, oils and pastels.

Recharge your batteries with a cuppa and take the opportunity to buy original artwork, pottery and cards, and the chance to meet some of the artists.

For further information on the event, the group or becoming a member, please contact Janet on 01285 860579 or Margaret on 01285 861369. Better still, come along during the exhibition and meet the group.

Janet Fairman

Cricklade supports the charity Knit for Peace

Cricklade United Church has a great tradition of supporting causes both in the UK and overseas. For many years, they have given regular financial help to 'Embrace the Middle East' and supported the building and equipping of schools in the Dominican Republic (COPA).

They send gifts every year to the Women's Refuge and 'The shoebox appeal'. 'Traidcraft' is another way in which they have raised the profile of the importance of fair wages and conditions for farmers across the World.

This year, with the help of the local community the friends worked to support 'Knit for Peace', a Hampstead-based charity which receives knitted items from all over the World to distribute to where they are most needed, places such as refugee centres, homeless shelters and care homes.

Knitting can be enjoyed by men and women alike, of all ages. It has been known to bring communities together and this was the motive behind the 'Knitting for Peace' initiative. When some of the knitters came together recently at United Church to show what



Cricklade knitters: Mary Coole, Ray Tetlow, Ceri Saunders, Clare Brooks. Kathy Prosser, Angela Kemble, Robin Cassingham, Margaret Cripps, Marilyn Newman and Margaret Roberts

they had achieved, it became obvious that the knitting had been done with much love and that the sight of the colourful articles was really uplifting. One can only sense the feeling a needy person might have at receiving one of these beautiful blankets or shawls and imagine hands holding on to the item to be valued for many years to come.

What a great project is featured at www.knitforpeace.org.uk.

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Swindon Badminton Club are back in the silverware

Cricklade Leisure Centre-based Swindon Badminton Club took top honours in two of the county's club tournaments and are on course for a third.

In the 'Fiddes Cup' the team of Laura Pallett, Sarah Boyce, Yasmin Hallard, Steve Mapleston, Andrew Jones and Andrew Ferris despatch the holders Chippenham 9-0.

The team went back to Melksham the following week with a different line-up, consisting of Andrew Ferris, Jo Ferris, Ruth Martin, Harriet Ferris and Duncan Sorbie and won the 'Wilson Lee Shield' 8-1



The Fiddes Cup winners

against the same club.

The results put the club back on top after losing out to Chippenham in the finals last year. With just a few matches left to play they also have the County League in their sights, which would really put the icing on the cake for the season.

Locally they have won the Men's, Ladies and Mixed district leagues, which they have dominated for many years.

For more details about Swindon Badminton Club please contact Steve Bates on spbcsecretary@hotmail.com

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Sailability @ Whitefriars launches new boats for disabled sailing

On a bright sunny March day, Sailability @ Whitefriars, the disabled sailing arm of the Whitefriars Sailing Club, launched two new boats in readiness for another great season of disabled sailing.



Sailability competitors enjoy close racing

Cirencester Round Table funded the Hansa 303 dinghy, while the Barnwood Trust, the Gloucester County Council, Awards for All and an anonymous donor supported the RS Venture. Both boats have adaptive equipment to enable people with more severe physical disabilities to sail independently.

Last season the group welcomed several new individual members, as well as new groups such as Aphasia Now, a charity supporting people living with the affects of a stroke, and Forget-me-Not who support people with dementia. An influx of new volunteers from within the club, from other clubs within the Cotswolds, and helpers

from the local community, has helped our group to be able to provide sailing for more people with disabilities. We are incredibly grateful for their support, and we hope to attract more this season to help with rigging boats, safety cover, administration, instructing, and as sailing buddies.

This year we are planning to provide support on some Saturdays, so that people with disabilities who cannot attend our regular Wednesday sessions can have an opportunity to sail at the weekend.

We would be delighted to welcome new members and volunteers. Please get in touch if you feel you are the person to help disabled people achieve something from sailing. Contact David Durston: sailability@whitefriarscc.org or visit www.whitefriarscc.org.

Simon Clark, Commodore

South Cerney Sailing Club invites you to 'HAVE A GO'

So the season is already in full swing and now it is time for you to have a go. Although we operate an open-door policy allowing prospective members to visit us whenever the gates are open, which is a lot.

We run two specific Open Mornings. The first on Saturday 13th May and then Saturday 1st July from 10am-1pm. The whole club is dedicated to providing you with the best experience we can offer, guided tours, discussions with the people who know and to top it off the ability to get on the water.

We have a fleet of boats on the water helmed by

experienced instructors that you and your family can help to crew, but they are there to give you an idea of what sailing is all about and cruise around the lake. We provide buoyancy aids but recommend you come dressed in appropriate clothes in case you get wet, we promise to ensure you don't go in but accidents can happen. You are so close to the lakes, take full advantage of them.

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Cricklade Fun Run 2017

As usual, Cricklade Leisure Centre will be hosting the annual Fun Run event on the first Sunday in October which falls on 1st October.

There'll be 3 races – a 1.5mile Fun Run, a 10k and the very popular and flat half marathon! Proceeds from race entries directly benefit the people of Cricklade. We donate to local charities and organisations who request financial help with projects.

Of course, there are costs involved with staging such an event, such as electronic race numbers, medals and trophies, first aid and police presence etc. The Fun Run team is always very grateful for any sponsorship to help offset these costs. If you represent a local business and feel you would like to help in some way, please do get in touch with Louise at Cricklade Leisure Centre (louise@crickladeleisure.co.uk or telephone 01793 750011). We are also always on the lookout for marshals who can spare an hour or two on the day.

Louise and the Fun Run team

Cricklade Cricket Club 2017 season

The new season starts in earnest with the 1st X1 away at Tetbury and the 2nd X1 away at Langford. At the time of writing, three pre-season friendly matches were planned for April 9th, 23rd and 29th, all away. This is to allow our ground to fully recover after the winter and the extensive work undertaken to relay and level the square.

Thank you to all those who supported the Race night at the Town Hall on Saturday 22nd April. News of other fundraising events will be published in due course.

Both teams are in the Cotswold District Cricket Association (CDCA) with the 1st team in the first division and the 2nd team in the second division. We have practice nights for seniors on Thursdays between 6.30pm and 8.30pm and for juniors on Fridays between 6.30pm and 8pm. League matches take place on Saturday afternoons and we occasionally have friendly matches on Sunday afternoons. We are always looking for new players so if you are interested in playing for your local club either at Senior or junior level then please contact either of the committee members below.

John Youe (Club Secretary): 07514 035177 and Rob Milican (PR): 07881 662486.

Cricklade Rugby Club

2017 is our Silver Jubilee year and we are planning lots of celebrations, involving the Cricklade community.

Our BIG EVENT will be a Summer Ball – a black tie dinner dance in a marquee at Fairview Fields on the actual anniversary, **Saturday 24th June**. To purchase your tickets, select food & purchase your wine visit: <https://kevin5770.wixsite.com/crclub> for general enquiries please call Mitch Bryan: 07540 166664.

Other events include friendly games of petanque, netball, bowls, cricket, golf and football against Cricklade teams. The first of which is on **Friday 5th May**, 6.45pm at Cricklade Leisure Centre vs Saxons Petanque Club. Rugby matches start again in September with another Silver Jubilee celebration.

Kerrie Bickell

Marley's Musings

Share your stories with me K9Marley@mail.com or phone Jan on 01793 264671.

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Ideally you should be looking for someone who is a certified clinical animal behaviourist, affiliated to organisations such as the Association for the Study of Animal Behaviour (ASAB) or the Association of Pet Behaviour Counsellors (APBC).

Then of course there is the question of the complex needs of the owner, but that's another story.



Don't forget, we welcome your cute pet pictures. This month's picture is of eight-month-old Maisie enjoying the kids' company up on the farm.

Story and photo: Jan Furze



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Cricklade's billy goats on Countryfile

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Countryfile followed Liz and Jamie's processes from the purchase of the one-week-old billies from a high-health status dairy farm in Hereford, to the rearing of them back on their Cricklade farm. Everything Lizzie and Jamie do is aimed at a sustainable, low-carbon footprint business with the highest regard for the welfare of their billy goats, which may well be why they have picked up a Gold Star award from The Great Taste Awards.

Read more about it at www.cotswoldkidmeat.com.

Story and photo: Jan Furze



Lizzie Dyer with kids

Ripples team's word of the month: Ciao!



When is it too late for the 'works Christmas dinner'?

Never, it seems, as Ripples production team members got together at Highworth's Ciao Eatalia in March.

Pictured without seasonal party hats are Ciao's efficient waiters and talented chef (standing), behind Margaret Hing (reporter for Lechlade), Chris Roberts (reporter for Fairford), Debbie Hodgson (advertising), Simon French (designer and taster), Adrian Young (editor), Jan Furze (reporter for Cricklade), Teresa Coulson (distribution) and Graham Fry (production). Our newest team member Victoria Elliott (reporter for South Cerney) was unable to make it.

Ripples thinks Ciao Eatalia is well worth a visit. Visit: www.ciaoeatalia-highworth.co.uk.

ADVERTISING FEATURE

Raising money through golf competitions at Wrag Barn Golf Club

It may be my imagination, but the request for money to support charitable causes increases every year. Websites such as Just Giving make it very easy for money to be donated, but the pot is finite.

We get three or four requests a week for a 4-ball voucher that can be included in a raffle and we have reached a stage where we can't help everybody. The value of a 4-ball voucher during the week is £120 and I don't think everybody realises that when they ask for a 4-ball – with a cup of tea thrown in as an afterthought.

Another way to raise money for charity is through playing golf with a group of friends, work colleagues or clients and making a small charge for the entry. In March at Wrag Barn, we had the annual British Heart Foundation Mixed Greensomes Cup. Fifty-two people entered the competition, there was a raffle and we sold some BHF branded goods. The total money raised was £350 and everybody had a bit of exercise, some good food and company.

We can vary these days with chipping competitions, beat the pro, a coaching session and an array of formats.

For further information please call Karen on 01793 861327 or email info@wragbarn.com.

Let's Talk

Depression is the leading cause of disability worldwide and is becoming more common. Depression, anxiety and stress are also the leading cause of sickness absence in the UK, with 70 million working days lost each year.

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Meet Meliny Tim

Meliny grew up in Johannesburg and spent her childhood living on her parents' vegetable farm; she has early memories of going out into the fields to pick crops for their dinner.

She had a traditional Chinese upbringing where expressions were made through food and herbs. It is unsurprising that she later discovered that she had an inherent passion for food. However, it wasn't until she went to University that she realised that not everyone shared her knowledge about food and nutrition.

In 1999, Meliny completed a Bachelor's Degree in Commerce and came to the UK to work for manufacturing company Loadpoint Ltd in Cricklade, before moving onto Corin in Cirencester. It was through her role as a manager that she discovered that she loved mentoring people and came to realise that many of her conversations centred around food and nutrition. Consequently, Meliny took the decision to retrain as a nutritionist in 2010.

You may remember, in June 2014, the government issued new school food standards which included putting cooking and food education into the curriculum as an entitlement for all children in Primary School. At the same time Meliny, along with her business partner Emily Bird, was setting up a new business. In September 2014, The Kitchen Club was formed – a pop-up kitchen which travels to schools to teach children to 'Learn to cook, eat well for life!'

Schools were required to implement Cooking and Nutrition as part of their curriculum. However, in



reality many found they lacked the resources; a number of local schools therefore enlisted the services of The Kitchen Club. Meliny and her team work hard to teach holistically; they provide the equipment, ingredients and integrate food hygiene, food providence and nutritional understanding into their classes. I have witnessed Meliny cooking with a group of young people and it is a remarkable sight; her enthusiasm and passion for food is infectious and you can't help but feel inspired.

The things that Meliny is involved in mirror her love for teaching children and the joy of seeing them engage and be amazed with all that there is still to learn – about life; about God; about who they are eventually going to become. She is involved with Beaver Scouts, which she feels is such an important resource to have in South Cerney and is loath to see it disappear, hence continues to play a role in its running even though her son, no longer attends.

Meliny is also the Children's Liturgist and Catechist at St Mary's Catholic Church in Cricklade. She has over the past years had the privilege and joy of 'walking' alongside groups of children, preparing them to make their First Holy Communion in their continued Faith Journey.

She says: 'Community is a huge part of who I am, whether it be a school community, a sports community or the community where I live. I guess that is why I love living in South Cerney.'

Victoria Elliott

Got a community event you want to promote?

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EVENTS notices are intended for local, not-for-profit, community organisations. A notice is typically 20-30 words. We accept events up to the 15th day of the next month. For example, notices in June edition extend to 15th July.

VARIOUS DAYS

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Friday 30th June to Sunday 2nd July: **MINETY MUSIC FESTIVAL**: Tickets at www.minetyfestival.co.uk

Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd July: **SOUTH CERNEY SCARECROW TRAIL**: 50 years of Pop from Beatles to Beyonce. 2017 celebrates 50 years of Radio 1 so the theme for the Scarecrow Trail this year is Pop music. Entry forms: 01285 860710, joan_townsend@hotmail.com

Friday 28th to Sunday 30th July: **SOUNDS OF THE COTSWOLDS 2**: at Cirencester Park, Cirencester, GL7 1XB. In aid of Homes for Veterans. Tickets £36 by PayPal to gerryminicar@aol.com, 07808 030220. Camping available **MOVIES AT MALMESBURY**: see what's on at www.malmesbury.gov.uk/cinema or our Facebook page: Movies at Malmesbury

CORINIUM MUSEUM, CIRENCESTER until 21st May: **FOUR MEDIEVAL MANUSCRIPTS**: coming back to Cirencester for the first time in nearly 500 years. Part of the Abbey 900 festival, which celebrates 900 years since the founding of St Mary's Abbey in Cirencester. Visit www.coriniummuseum.org for full events listing

SATURDAYS

Saturday 13th May: **PLANT SALE**: 9am to 12noon in Oaksey Village Hall. Supporting the Brain Tumour Charity. Info: 07434 402376

Saturday 13th May: **FANCY A GAME OF BOWLS?** 10am at Cricklade Bowls Club, next to the fire station on Bath Road. We will supply all the equipment and help. Please bring flat shoes or trainers. Meet our friendly crew, enjoy a chat and some gentle exercise. Info Dennis Impey: 01793 750105, Jean or Tony Milner 01793 751229

Saturday 13th May: **COFFEE MORNING**: 10am-12noon at Jenner Hall, Bath Road, Cricklade. Scones and cakes with fresh coffee or tea. The Jubilee Gardens hanging baskets and plants and Jean Whitbread's embroidered cards

Saturday 13th May: **CAT SHOW (Championship)**: 10am-4pm at Cricklade Town Hall. Pedigree and non-pedigree cats, good food/refreshments, auction (not cats!), lots of very varied stalls, raffle. Something for everyone – not only cat-lovers. Adults £2, concessions £1. Enquiries: 01666 860646, 07801 802832

Saturday 13th May: **POULTON SCHOOL REUNION**: 2-5pm at Poulton Village Hall. £5 booking via Rosemary Houston: 01793 751566

Saturday 20th May: **SPRING FAYRE**: 10am at the United Church Hall, Calcutt Street, Cricklade. Tombola, plants, bric-a-brac, books, raffle, refreshments. Supporting Prospect Hospice

Saturday 20th May: **CASTLE EATON VILLAGE FETE**: 1pm in The Red Lion garden. Cakes and teas, garden plants, raffle, the duck race, Highworth Silver Band

Saturday 27th May: **JUBILEE GARDENS PROJECT – PURTON STOKE**: Spring Open Day and Plant Sale with bedding, fuchsias, geraniums, planters, hanging baskets, tombola, raffle, and refreshments. Free admission

Saturday 17th June: **PLANT SALE**: 9am-12.30pm the Market Cross Malmesbury. Supporting the Brain Tumour Charity. Info: 07434 402376

Saturday 17th June: **SUMMER CONCERT**: 7pm at St. Sampson's Church, Cricklade. Sing 4/4 Community Choir and guest vocalists with a selection of favourite songs from the Musicals. Tickets at £7.50 each from Choir members, The Barista, 49A High Street Cricklade, or from Mary New: 01793 770630. Proceeds to local charities

Saturday 24th June: **SUMMER BALL**: back-tie dinner dance at Fairview Field, celebrating the silver jubilee of Cricklade Rugby Club. Tickets at <https://kevin5770.wixsite.com/crclub>. Enquiries to Mitch Bryan: 07540 166664

Saturday 24th June: **ABER VALLEY MALE VOICE CHOIR**: 7pm at All Hallows Church, South Cerney. Also with 'Blue Notes', in aid of All Hallows Church. Tickets £10 from South Cerney Post Office, Graham James: 01285 860529, Carolyn Kennedy: 01285 861299 and Joan Townsend: 01285 860710

Saturday 1st July: **OAKSEY VILLAGE FETE**: 2pm with Malmesbury Concert Band

CRICKLADE MUSEUM: 10am to 12noon at Calcutt Street, Cricklade

SUNDAYS

Sunday 7th May: **FREE OPEN DAY**: to 'have a go' with a traditional English Longbow. Roves Farm, Sevenhampton (follow signs for Roves Farm, then Black Cat Archery)

Sunday 14th May: **PAWS ON PATROL**: Launch of the scheme for dog owners, 10am-2pm at Fenton's, Teal Way, South Cerney

Sunday 21st May: **70th ANNIVERSARY OF CRICKLADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**: Open day from 10am at Cricklade Museum. Displays by Companions of the Longbow. The Court Leet will be Beating the Bounds starting at the Museum at 2pm

Sunday 4th June: **FANCY A GAME OF BOWLS?** 10am at Cricklade Bowls Club, next to the fire station on Bath Road. We will supply all the equipment and help. Please bring flat shoes or trainers. Meet our friendly crew, enjoy a chat and some gentle exercise. Info Dennis Impey: 01793 750105, Jean or Tony Milner 01793 751229

Sunday 25th June: **VINTAGE TEA PARTY**: 2-4pm in The Abbey Grounds, Cirencester. With Soroptimists International of Cirencester and District

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BALLROOM & LATIN DANCE CLASS: 4.15-5.15pm in Cricklade Town Hall. Phone Joanne: 01793 325341

1st Sundays: **MESSY CHURCH:** 4pm at All Hallows Church, South Cerney. A fun and informal service with crafts and activities suitable for all ages, followed by refreshments. Everyone welcome

MONDAYS

Monday 22nd May: **CIRENCESTER CIVIC SOCIETY:** 'New Brewery Arts' an illustrated talk by Beth Alden at 7.30pm at The Salvation Army Hall, Thomas Street Cirencester, GL7 2AX. £3. Info at www.ccsoc.org.uk

HELP WITH YOUR COMPUTER OR A TABLET: 10am-12noon at Cricklade Leisure Centre, with Wiltshire Council approved volunteers

OPEN DOOR: 10am-4pm at the Jenner Hall, Bath Road, Cricklade. Community cafe & luncheon club offering fun, friendship and support to anyone through lunches, activities and games. Phone 07599 987851 or visit www.facebook.com/crickladeopendoor

BEAVERS (6-8 years): 5-6pm in the Thames Hall, Cricklade. Group Scout Leader Martin Ferm: 01793 751864, martin.ferm@2ndcrickladescouts.org.uk

CUBS (8-10½ years): 6.30-8pm in the Thames Hall, Cricklade. Group Scout Leader Martin Ferm: 01793 751864, martin.ferm@2ndcrickladescouts.org.uk

SOUTH CERNEY ART GROUP: 7-9pm in South Cerney Village Hall (September to June, except January). Friendly group, pop in and see what we do! Contact Janet: 01285 860579 or Margaret: 01285 861369

Monday 3rd October: 'An introduction to working with charcoal' with Brenda Muir

Saturday 5th November: 10am-4pm at the Village Hall, 'Art and Craft Sale' of member's work – a great chance to stock up on affordable presents and cards for Christmas

Monday 14th November: 'Drawing trees' 7-9pm in the Village Hall, workshop with Lyn White

SWINDON MALE VOICE CHOIR: rehearsals 7.30pm at New Century Club, Gorse Hill, Swindon SN2 8BU. Information at www.swindonmalevoicechoir.co.uk

EXPLORERS AND NETWORK (14 years upwards): 8pm in the Thames Hall, Cricklade. Group Scout Leader Martin Ferm: 01793 751864, martin.ferm@2ndcrickladescouts.org.uk

2nd Mondays: **MINETY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE:** 7.30pm in Minety Village Hall. Contact Janice Shepherd: 01666 861145, janiceshepherd30@yahoo.com

TUESDAYS

Tuesday 9th May: **SECRETS OF BODICACIA'S TOMBSTONE:** 7.30 pm at South Cerney Village Hall. Speaker Martin Watts of Cotswold Archaeology for the South Cerney Trust

ASHTON KEYNES YOUTH CAFÉ FOR YEARS 6 & 7: 4-5.30pm in the function room of The White Hart. Music, table tennis, all kinds of games or just a chance to chill out and you are welcome to drop in

OPEN DOOR: 10am-4pm at the Jenner Hall, Bath Road, Cricklade. See Mondays for details

MINETY ART CLUB: 10am in the Committee Room of Minety

Village Hall (except July and August when we meet (at the same hour) in various club member's gardens). Chairman David Brown: 01666 860846

R-WAY YOUTH GROUP: 5-6.30pm (term time only) at Fenton's in Teal Way, South Cerney. £1 per child. Bring a pair of daps or other indoor shoes (i.e. not worn outside). Operated by Young Gloucestershire on behalf of the Parish Council

ASHTON KEYNES VILLAGE CHOIR: rehearsal at 7.30pm in the hall at Ashton Keynes School in Gosditch. Contact Jane Broughton: 01285 861540

BIG BRUNCH BAND REHEARSALS: 7.30-9pm at the Bradstones pavilion in Ashton Keynes. Contact Martin Nichols: 01285 861272

SCOUTS (10½-14 years): 7.30-9.15pm in the Thames Hall, Cricklade. Group Scout Leader Martin Ferm: 01793 751864, martin.ferm@2ndcrickladescouts.org.uk

CORINIUM BADMINTON CLUB: 8-10pm at Cotswold Leisure, Cirencester. Need Men and Ladies for Swindon Division 2 & 3, Men's & Mixed teams. Contact Trevor Dukes: 01285 659785

1st Tuesdays: **CRICKLADE CAMERA CLUB:** 7.30pm in the Committee Room at the Cricklade Town Hall. Non-members with possible interest to join are also welcome. Contact Alan: 01793 751937. Club meetings resume in September

2nd Tuesdays: **CRICKLADE GARDEN CLUB:** See 'Local clubs for gardeners' in 'Home and Garden' section

2nd and 4th Tuesdays (except August): **GREAT WESTERN EMBROIDERERS:** 10am-3pm at the United Church Hall, Calcutt Street, Cricklade. New members & visitors very welcome, contact: margaret.harris@btinternet.com

2nd and 4th Tuesdays: **LUNCH CLUB FOR CARERS:** in The Old George pub. £8 will cover a soft drink, main course and pudding and tea or coffee afterwards. Enquiries to Anna: 07851 004885 or Roz: 07812 033629. See also Café Society on 1st Wednesdays

3rd Tuesdays: **MEETING FOR THE SIGHT IMPAIRED AND CARERS:** 10.30am-12noon at Herberden House, Cricklade. Contact Margaret Hunt: 01793 752455

3rd Tuesdays: **CRICKLADE ART GROUP:** 7.30pm in the Cricklade Town Hall Annexe. Contact Lynne Young: 01793 750822

WEDNESDAYS

Wednesday 10th May: **HIKE FOR HOME-START COTSWOLDS:** 9.30am 10km charity walk in Stowell Park by kind permission of Lord & Lady Vestey. £15 walk & refreshments or £25 for walk & lunch provided by Wiggly Worm charity. Free parking, dogs on leads welcome. Tickets/info: 01285 885391 or visit www.home-start-cotswolds.org.uk

Wednesday 24th May: **CORINIUM DECORATIVE AND FINE ARTS SOCIETY:** 'Romancing the rails-British Rail art on track with the best', an illustrated talk by Charles Harris at 7.30pm at Deer Park School, Stroud Road, Cirencester, GL7 1XB. £5. Info at www.coriniumdfas.org.uk

RAINBOWS (5-7 years): 4.30-5.30pm at Thames Hall, Cricklade. Contact Bev Blunden 01793 750801 or bevblunden@hotmail.co.uk

BROWNIES (7-10 years): 5.30-7pm in Thames Hall, Cricklade. Contact Bev Blunden: 01793 750801, bevblunden@hotmail.co.uk

GUIDES (10+ years): 7-8.30pm at Thames Hall, Cricklade.

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GET INVOLVED: 7-9pm at Cricklade Youth Centre, Stones Lane. Sports, cooking, art & craft, trips & events, pingpong, pool, Xbox, Wi, Internet, chill out and more!

CIRENCESTER SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLUB: 8pm at the Bingham Hall, King Street, Cirencester. Contact Maurice: 01666 860481, mm.jhampton@btinternet.com

CRICKLADE MUSEUM: 2-4pm at Calcutt Street, Cricklade (April to October)

1st Wednesdays: **CAFÉ SOCIETY – Café for Carers:** 10am – 12 noon in South Cerney United Church (by the fish and chip shop). Enquiries to Anna: 07851 004885 or Roz: 07812 033 629. See also Lunch Club on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays

2nd Wednesdays (except August): **ASHTON KEYNES WI:** 7.30pm in the Ashton Keynes Village Hall. Visitors welcome. Contact Sally Marston: 01285 861363

3rd Wednesday: **CRICKLADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** 7.15 for 7.30pm in the Town Hall Annexe. All welcome
Wednesday 17th May: 'Chatsworth and the Cavendish Family' by Dr Gillian White

THURSDAYS

Thursday 18th May: **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:** 7.30pm in the Village Hall, South Cerney

Thursday 15th June: **OPEN GARDEN:** 2.30pm at the Grange Malmesbury. Supporting the Brain Tumour Charity. Info: 07434 402376

OPEN DOOR: 10am-4pm at the Jenner Hall, Bath Road, Cricklade. See Mondays for details

1ST SOUTH CERNEY SCOUT GROUP: (term time) Beavers 5.30-6.30pm, Cubs and Scouts 7-8.30pm. Held at the Scout HQ, Berkeley Close, South Cerney. Enquires to 1stsouthcerneyscouts@gmail.com

SING 4/4 COMMUNITY CHOIR: 7.30-9.30pm (term time) at the Jenner Hall, Bath Road, Cricklade. No auditions required. Contact Mary New: 01793 770630

CIRENCESTER COMMUNITY CHOIR: (term time) 7.30-9.30pm at Ashcroft Centre, Ashcroft Road, Cirencester GL7 1RA. A friendly, relaxed group focussed on singing for health, wellbeing & fun! No experience needed & no music reading skills required. Pop, folk, gospel & world songs all taught by ear. Vicky Sweeney: 07593833943, www.ciren.singtastic.co.uk

ZEN MEDITATION (Wild Goose Zen Sangha): 8-10pm on Thursdays in St Lawrence Church Centre, Chesterton, Cirencester GL7 1UD. Zen meditation, taught by an authorised Zen teacher, is an opportunity to open to life itself, to appreciate your life in silence and stillness, and this enables you to live it to the full. Visit www.wildgoosesangha.org.uk and call Jeremy: 07777 680845, jeremyryokan@icloud.com

1st Thursdays (except August): **SOUTH CERNEY GARDENING CLUB:** See 'Local clubs for gardeners' in 'Home and Garden' section

1st, 3rd and 5th Thursdays: **UNDER 5s:** 2pm in All Hallows Church. Time2 do all sorts of things including having lots of fun. For those not yet at school (0-5 and older in the school holiday). A time of very informal worship, followed by tea, biscuits and a chat

2nd Thursdays: **THURSDAY GROUP:** 8pm in South Cerney

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3rd Thursday: **SIDDINGTON WI:** 7.30pm in the Community Room in Elizabeth Way

3rd Thursdays: **CRICKLADE WI:** 7.30pm in the Town Hall Annexe. Visitors always welcome to our friendly group which has a range of speakers and visits to cater for all ages. Information from Nancy Kirk 01793 750011. Thursday 18th May: Shaun McCormack visits to tell us about his service as a Yeoman of the Guard – The Queen's Bodyguard. Come and find out ladies!

Alternate Thursdays: **HUB OF CREATIVITY:** 10am-12noon at Boxbush Community Centre in South Cerney. Knitting, painting, crocheting, drawing and colouring. Drop in for a cup of tea and a chat. Contact Debbie Field: 0770 880 1208, fielddebbie@hotmail.co.uk

Alternate Thursdays: **CRICKLADE AND DISTRICT PROBUS – the local club for retired gentlemen:** 10am at the White Hart Hotel, Cricklade. Contact David Tetlow: 01793 750712 or david@tetlow.co.uk

On Thursday 4th May: Annual General Meeting
Thursday 18th May: Dr. Richard Long will talk about Lawrence of Arabia (known and unknown)

FRIDAYS

WALKING FOR HEALTH: 9.30am at Cricklade Town Council. Led walks around Cricklade. Just turn up. Contact Rosie Golding: 07917 599964, rosie.golding@wiltshire.gov.uk

FRIDAY BOOK CLUB (formerly The Blackthorn Book Club): 10am-12noon. Meets in members' homes. Contact Jackie Dagnall: 01793 759220, dagnall405@btinternet.com

ASHTON KEYNES SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB: 2-4pm at Ashton Keynes Village Hall. A non-competitive, friendly group seeks new members. Contact Bev Blunden: 01793 750801

SOUTH CERNEY CHOIR PRACTICE: 6.30-7.30pm at All Hallows Church. Contact Mary James: 01285 860529, mary-james1@tiscali.co.uk

CIRENCESTER (Brass) BAND: The Band Room, Bingham House, Dyer Street, Cirencester. 7pm Training Band for beginners and 8 pm for Main Band. Free loan of instruments and tuition. Ian Hartnell: 01285 656662

SWINDON BADMINTON CLUB: 7.30-10pm Cricklade Leisure Centre, if you have previously played badminton and enjoy competitive play please contact the Secretary, Steve Bates at spbsecretary@hotmail.com

ST SAMPSON'S CHURCH CHOIR PRACTICES: 7-8.30pm at St Sampson's Parish Church, Bath Road, Cricklade. For more information please contact Sarah Townsend, Director of Music: 07860 439146, sarahtownsend251@btinternet.com

1st Fridays: **SOUTH COTSWOLD MEMORY CLUB:** 10am-12noon at The Churn Project, 14-16 The Waterloo, Cirencester. Support if you have problems with your memory and your family and friends who may be helping you manage. For more details contact Julie on 01285 380038

2nd Fridays: **BREWERY BLUES:** in the Cirencester Rugby Club, The Whiteway, Cirencester GL7 2ER. See Facebook/Brewery Blues for details. Contact John Drummond: 07710 503575

Last Fridays: **CRICKLADE COUNTRY MARKET:** 2-4pm at The Jenner Hall, Cricklade. Tel Nikki: 01793 751845 or Moira: 01793 771656

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