Cricklade Town Council - Area Board update for January 2024

Please see details of events that have been supported by Cricklade Town Council (CTC), and also some upcoming events that are planned for the residents to get involved with.



Cricklade and Latton Memory Café

A councillor identified a need for a monthly support group for those with problems with memory and their companions living in Cricklade and Latton. The council put out a plea for any volunteers to run the group and we are thankful for the two lovely experienced and qualified ladies that have come forward.

The Memory Café will be held in the Town Hall Annexe on the first Wednesday of every month. The upcoming dates are **7th February**, **6th March**, **3rd April and the 1st May from 1030-1230**. The cafes will include varied entertainment and social activities, support and information. First session free for all new visitors and £2.50 each thereafter. Light refreshments provided. **Anyone interested in volunteering or want to know more please contact** Margaret 07976 620089 & Vona 07896 723794.

CTC have provided a grant to the group to help with start-up costs.



Cricklade Christmas Community lights



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small group of residents come together each year to arrange the annual Christmas lights switch on, this year's event was on Saturday 2nd December and was very well attended by local residents. The local traders along with Cricklade Town Council all donate money to ensure the event is insured and runs smoothly. All young children are invited to visit Santa in his Grotto, for a donation only.

Many congratulations to the winners in the Cricklade Christmas Lights competition held in December. Certificates were presented at the Full Town council meeting held in January. Many thanks to all who decorated windows or their homes over the festive season, for all to enjoy.

Remembrance in Cricklade

Once again, this year the Town turned out in force to commemorate the fallen over the Remembrance weekend. Firstly, on Friday 10th November there was a short service of Remembrance for the school children, all the children attending have an opportunity to lay a cross around the War Memorial. On Saturday there was a short informal service for any residents, then Sunday was the formal parade and service. As always, this event was very well

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attended and Cricklade paid its respects. After the non-denominational service in St Sampson's a small contingent of residents and guests attended a wreath laying event at Blake Hill Cairns. Here the men and women from the UK and the Royal Canadian Air Force that were based and flew from Blake Hill during the 2nd World War are remembered.

Thanks to all who helped make the events a success as always.



Upcoming community events in Cricklade

<u>Community snow drop planting</u> – weather and ground conditions being suitable then this will take place in the Millennium wood area during February half term – look out for further details nearer the time.

<u>Community tree planting day</u> – this was due to happen in November but the area was only accessible with waders or a boat, again hopefully the community will be able to plant out the trees in February, date to be confirmed dependant on ground conditions.

<u>Community Litter pick</u> - will be held on Saturday 23rd March 2024, meet at Bath Road Play area at 9.30am and finish at the Council offices for tea and biscuits. Look out on the Council website and Facebook pages for more details.

Cricklade Festival – Sunday 9th June 2024. More details to follow.