

## AREA BOARD UPDATE

### **Cricklade Community awards 2024**

At the Annual Town meeting held in Cricklade Town Hall on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024, Cricklade Town Council are pleased to announce the three winners of the Cricklade Community Awards.



#### **Cricklade Young Person of the year**

##### **- DARCEY BANNON**

Darcey's nomination read – Darcey is an active member of Sampson Explorer Scout Unit in Cricklade. She joins in with all activities and events (she's an excellent Santa's Elf!) She ensures new members have someone to talk to and encourages them to get the full Scouting experience by joining in and being fully engaged.

This is borne out by her being appointed as a student leader at school. This involves her being accessible to all students, she is available to talk to, she listens to concerns and issues of students. She also liaises with teachers and students when required to ensure students are happy and feel secure at school.



#### **Community Group of the year**

##### **- CRICKLADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The Historical Society nomination read – The historical society is to be congratulated on the development of the museum and the events in the Town during the year. Residents and visitors can learn so much about many aspects of the Town from industry to farming, transport, education and war experiences. Residents and those from near and far are helped to find out about family history, and the history of homes, churches, shops and pubs.

The museum welcomes hundreds of visitors per year with time given by volunteers. Two walks are held annually by society volunteers. The historical society organises a wide range of talks during the year and also helps us to remember significant events of the past through a vast archive of photographs, records, maps and artefacts and regular bulletins. The historical society, its chairman, committee and volunteers deserve to be recognised for providing such rich resources to help the understanding of many aspects of our historical town, 'a delightful place' in which to live.



#### **The Cricklade Community Award**

##### **- BOB JONES MBE**

This award was presented to Mrs Kate Baker on behalf of Bob Jones MBE.

Bob's nomination read – Bob Jones played an active and influential role across many organisations and institutions within Cricklade. As well as serving the community as a local Councillor, he was a driving force in putting the Leisure Centre on a new locally run footing, he contributed to the Scout movement, was a key figure in the Cricklade Link scheme and Cricklade Bloomers. His efforts and enthusiasm helped to make many things happen, with great benefit felt by both individuals and organisations. Bob's recent involvement with the Cricklade Development Foundation has, it is reasonable to say, been

transformative to our High Street. Recognising Bob's efforts posthumously, while would seem a fitting, timely and thoroughly deserved marker of his standing within the Cricklade Community.

#### **Queen Elizabeth Community Orchard**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 in a joint venture between Cricklade Town Council and Cricklade Bloomers a community planting day took place to plant 30 fruit trees to establish a community orchard on Fairview Fields. On 4<sup>th</sup>



May a 'Friends of the Queen Elizabeth Orchard' group was established to help with the maintenance of the orchard into the future.



**D-Day 80** – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

On the evening of Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024, over 200 residents came together with officers and jurors of Cricklade Court Leet at Saxon's Rest to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day. There was music from the Cricklade Band, poems and readings and at 9.15pm our beacon was lit by the Constable of the Court Leet, Cllr Mike Hatton. Also, in attendance was Amanda Burnside deputy Lieutenant from Wiltshire Council.



**Cricklade Festival** – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

This is a free event on Cricklade High Street, organised by a very small but effective committee. This year's theme was 'It's a small world after all'. There was entertainment from the Cricklade Band, country music, Bollywood and Irish dancers and a samba band to name a few. Also new for 2024 was a popular silent disco. The children's craft tent was run by the local playgroups with different activities available during the day. An enjoyable day was had by all and the attendance increased this time back to pre covid levels. Many thanks to the committee for all their hard work.



The Cricklade Band

The committee

Festival flags on the High Street



The silent disco



Residents enjoying the day



View from St Sampson Tower