

Update from	Cricklade Town Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	Wednesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2011
<b>Headlines</b>	

- **Cricklade – Champion of Champions** – Cricklade is celebrating winning the RHS national title of Champion of Champions. This is the culmination of many years of hard work orchestrated by Cricklade Bloomers supported by the Town Council, Wiltshire Council and a number of other organisations and lots of volunteers. The announcement was made at an awards ceremony in St Andrews in Scotland on 25<sup>th</sup> September and the following morning the town appeared on BBC Breakfast as part of regular weather bulletins from presenter, Carol Kirkwood, as well as featuring on Points West. This is a huge achievement which will have welcome knock-on effects not least in terms of boosting tourism.
- **St Sampson's Junior and Infant Schools** – Following consultation, governors of St Sampson's Infant and Junior schools voted in favour of the proposal for amalgamation of St Sampson's Infant School and St Sampson's CoE Junior School. Closure of the Infant School is scheduled to take place in September 2012 when the junior school will expand to take in the infants. There is now a period of statutory notice during which time any further representations on the proposal can be sent in writing to the governors and Wiltshire Council. A final decision will then be made by Cabinet.

## Projects

- **Diamond Jubilee** – The Town Council is now working with a number of groups in the town towards celebrations to mark the 2012 Diamond Jubilee.
- **Tourism** – A Working Party has been established to look at tourism promotion.
- **Olympic Torch Bearer** – The Town Council has nominated a young local tennis player – Sam Hutt – as a torchbearer to represent Wiltshire. His story is at: <http://www.lloydstsblondon2012.co.uk/en/carrytheflame/Nomination/?nid=685a1418-5722-4de7-a335-3656fefe8a6e>
- **Closure of the Forty** – The Town Council is analysing the results of a targeted survey to gauge interest in a proposal put forward by residents to close The Forty as a through route for traffic.
- **Christmas Festivities**. - A new voluntary group has been established to work towards Cricklade's 2011 Christmas festivities.
- **Town Guide** – The Town Guide is currently being updated and will be published in early 2012.
- **Change of Opening Hours** - The Town Council's office opening hours will change to 10am – 5pm, Monday – Thursday and 10am – 4.30pm on Fridays. These new extended hours work better with the new library opening hours (the library shares the same building) and will offer a better service for residents and visitors to the town.

## Future Events/Dates for the diary

A full list of events in Cricklade can be found at our Events Diary at [www.cricklade-tc.gov.uk](http://www.cricklade-tc.gov.uk)

- 1<sup>st</sup> November – New Town Council office opening hours begin
- 13<sup>th</sup> November 2011 – Remembrance Day Parade with wreath collection from the Town Council offices

Signed: Shelley Parker, Town Clerk

Date: 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011