

Update for Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board

Name of Parish/Town Council	Cricklade Town Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	26 th November 2014

Headlines/Key successes

- The resignation of Cllr Hema Jain-Brar in September prompted a by-election which was held on 6th November. Peter Colmer has been elected as the new councillor. There was a good turn out with 19.77% (660) of the electorate voting. People may remember Peter as a former Town and Wiltshire Councillor.

- Two very well supported events took place on Remembrance Sunday: A parade down the High Street to the War Memorial, followed by a church service and a second outdoor service at the Blakehill Cairns on the disused airfield, attended by representatives from local military groups and the Honorary Colonel of 437 (T) Sqn “the Huskies” of the Royal Canadian Air Force. A further Armistice Day service was held at the war memorial attended by the local school children.

Cricklade has been presented with a beautiful oil painting by the Cricklade Art Group which recently hosted a special exhibition as part of the World War One commemorations. Ron Holmes, a local artist, has donated this painting, which depicts the 2013 service at the War Memorial, to the town and it will be officially received by the council at its next meeting, however it has been on display for all to see.

- Two recent community events: Children from a local primary school participated in the Big Tidy Up, part of the Keep Britain Tidy Campaign, and filled 6 large bags of rubbish from 2 public spaces in the town. Children from our pre-school helped plant a new hedge on Armistice Day, supported by members of the Royal British Legion.
- Time Capsule
The Town Council contributed contents to a time capsule to be laid at the end of the month and opened in 100 years, to mark the success of the recent Jenner Hall refurbishments. Interesting to provide information on what the town is like now and think about what might change over the coming decades.

Projects

- The Neighbourhood Planning Working Party have recruited a new member (Lesley Cowley), said good bye to another member (John Harmer to whom the group is very grateful for his support over the past 3 years) and been very busy behind the scenes designing a questionnaire for receiving views from the public, following a large public engagement event last year. It hopes that the responses will be analysed in December and the group can focus its resources into drafting

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the plan in the early part of 2015.

Forthcoming events/Diary dates

- There are many events in Cricklade and it is not possible to list them all here, but please have a look on the website and Facebook as daily posts are added for activities and events, which are not just aimed at residents but things for families to do at the weekends. www.cricklade-tc.gov.uk
- Cricklade is now a member of Visit Wiltshire and receives a wide range of leaflets for activities in and around the area. Leaflets on local walks, the Heritage Trail and the local Towns and Villages Trail are all stocked so please pay a visit to our offices.
- The Cricklade Walking Group, part of Get Wiltshire Walking, often has more than 30 walkers on a Friday morning and a smaller group on a Tuesday evening, who enjoy a walk around the area and refreshments. If you would like to join them please contact rosie.golding@wiltshire.gov.uk in the first instance. Walks start at 9.30am on Fridays from the council offices; Tuesdays at 6.30pm from the Leisure Centre. Supervised groups, led by qualified walking coaches, cater for a range of abilities.
- Our Cricklade Cinema Club recently won a commendation in the Cinema For All national awards. The group continues to go from strength to strength and with the grant awarded by the Area Board have been able to buy a permanent screen. Their Spring Season will be announced on the website www.crickladecinema.org.uk
- Cricklade Community Christmas Lights Switch on – Saturday 29th November at 6pm
- Cricklade Leisure Centre Christmas Quiz – Friday 12th December at 7.30pm
- Cricklade Bloomers Christmas Wreath Making – Saturday 13th December from 9.30am in the Jenner Hall

A Merry Christmas to all the residents within the
Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board

Signed: Charlotte Rogers-Jones

Date: 14th November 2014