

# *Charlton Parish Chat*



Keen cyclists participating in a middle distance triathlon  
approaching the War Memorial corner in the  
extreme heat that we suffered in July.

*August and September 2025*



# Local History Corner



I found this interesting - a very old photo of Charlton Park. It is dated 1856, which is the early days of photography. It was taken by Mervyn Herbert Nevil Story-Maskelyne, a pioneer of photography and an associate of William Fox Talbot (of the Fox Talbot museum in Lacock).

Ed.

## Submissions for the next issue of the Chat

Next Chat "deadline": Input would be appreciated by 10<sup>th</sup> September, but can probably be accepted a few days after this date - please check with the editor.

Please email articles to the editor at [charltonchat@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:charltonchat@yahoo.co.uk) or by post/hand delivery to Peter Holland, 25 Park Street, Charlton, or phone 01666 823719.

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a quarter page £5;

a half-page £10 and

a full page £20.

Contact the editor, or Marion Adkins 824684

## CHARLTON PARISH CHAT AUG/SEPT 25 - PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The Parish Council (PC) reviewed all 3 festivals (Shindig, Existence and Gem) that have taken place in Charlton Park in the past couple of months:

1. Summary of all complaints from residents (and some from residents of surrounding parishes):
  - Noise. Far too loud.
    - Combined with the type of music – heavy low-frequency bass, perhaps made the impact greater.
  - Timings – midnight was bad enough, but music to 4am was totally unreasonable.
  - Bad language over loudspeakers, and at great volume. Thought to be GemFest only.
  - Mobile phone coverage. With so many extra people, coverage was lost. Impact on at least one home security system. Residents lost ability to make calls. May explain why complainers unable to get through to organizers' response numbers.
  - Lack of response of organizers to complaints. Lack of mobile phone coverage may have added to this problem.
  - Roads and traffic:
    - Blockages caused by traffic trying to turn right at the Lodge entrance.
    - Problems at the Unleashed exit gate – traffic signs/bollards on B4040 on the road not the verge, so an obstruction for west-bound traffic who could not know that east-bound traffic also had a green light.
    - At main exit times the west-bound traffic formed a queue due to the exit being on green for lengthy periods which was a hazard for west-bound traffic approaching through the dip.
    - Some cars parked on Tetbury Lane, drivers/passengers perhaps attempting to walk in without paying.
    - At least one camper van parked at gate end of Park St, thought to be people sleeping there.
  - People walking on road (B4040 towards Malmesbury; and in Charlton, exiting Park St) in unsafe condition – i.e. appeared to be under influence of alcohol, possibly even drugs.
  - Drugs at festival (specifically Gem?) reported overheard being discussed in supermarket in town.
2. PC Discussion. Various comments by Cllrs:
  - Take what festivals say on first meeting with great caution.
  - Volume of bass unacceptable; bad language unacceptable.
  - Community should benefit in some way. (Note – Shindig free Thursday, Gem free entrance all weekend, talked of welcoming local employment and traders.)
  - Accept that Estate needs to diversify, but 4am and noise level unacceptable.
  - Lord Suffolk – “noted all comments, looking at noise levels, will not repeat 2 events same weekend.”
3. PC Action Now. Discuss with all festivals, report back to PC 4 Sep. 25.



# News from the Bell Tower



Due to the efforts of many, for which we are most grateful, the May 10th World Record achievement and Open Tower Day, refreshment and Beer & Cider sales and Sponsorship and a number of generous donations, we managed to raise over £1,500, towards the church facilities project. Which is a good start, with much more to come. We really are very appreciative of all those who contributed to the success of that day, and although I had hoped for a higher figure for the World Record, for the most number of ringers through one tower in a day, which was verified as 176, we can always claim to have set that record in the first place and many people have told me, how much they enjoyed the day.

All the recent learners are making good progress, so we could do with another intake, so we will plan for another Open Taster Day in the Autumn. Bells are not just rung for reminding and welcoming people to Sunday Services, they are rung to celebrate National events such as the King's Coronation, the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe, but also Weddings and Funerals. Ringers often ring Peals and Quarter Peals to mark certain events of a more personal nature, and on July 10th we rang a Quarter Peal to celebrate the life and work, at the sad passing, of Richenda Milton-Daws, the wife of Christopher, which he was able to join us for. We rang this half muffled, which is the tradition when someone has passed away. The back strokes on the ringing are dampened by a leather pad, which gives the effect of an echo:

Quarter Peal of 1260 changes of Grandsire Doubles, rung half muffled in 47 minutes.

1. Bob Blanden. 2. Christopher Daws. 3. Lisa Sukharev-Chuyan. 4. Toby Gordon-Smith. 5. Richard Gray (Conductor). 6. Jos Binns.

## Visitors to Charlton Church Bells in August

Tuesday 19th August. - Gloucester & Bristol Youth Team (10yrs - 18yrs) are coming to Charlton. Any young people in the Village / Parish that would like to come and see that bell ringing isn't just something for oldies, are most welcome to come between 10.00am - 11.00am and once they move on to their next tower, we will give you a chance to have a go, and that is anyone not just youngster's.

This is an opportunity to discover a hobby that certainly doesn't restrict you to ringing in one place for ever and a day! Having had the good fortune to have rung in the most northerly and most southerly in the World (Inverness Cathedral in Scotland and First Church, Dunedin in the South Island of New Zealand) and a few in between, I can vouch that visiting other towers and ringing and meeting with lots of other people, is one of the highlights to ringing.

N.B. The 'G & B Youth Team' have competed annually for the last 12 or so years in the the Ringing World National Youth Competition, with various degrees of success, recently competing in Birmingham with a total of 320 other young ringers in 37 teams, with classes in 6 bell and 8 bell, Method ringing and Call Changes and also having the opportunity to ring on the peal of 16 bells at St Martin's in the Bullring (only 2 other 16's in the World) and Mobile Belfries.

Also, on Saturday, 23rd 9.15am till 10.15am, the Malmesbury Ringers are visiting.

And on Sunday, 24th at 11.30am a band from Richmond upon Thames are visiting.

Bob Blanden

## **April – October 2025 Charlton Church is Open!**

Thanks to those who have volunteered the church will now be open every day until the end of October.

The visitors' book already has signatures from people who have appreciated the church being open on weekdays. The aim is to have the church open from 10.00am to 4.30pm

A quick reminder for those walking or cycling the Athelstan Pilgrim Way the Braydon Brook Benefice churches route is not launched as part of the Way until weekend of 6th/7th September. We may not have a church stamp or Pilgrim Passports available until nearer the launch date..

## **HARVEST FESTIVAL Charlton Church Sunday 21st September 9.30am**



**We will be supporting the Malmesbury & District Foodbank  
and The Farming Community Network (FCN)**

**and later the same day there will be a**

## **HARVEST CELEBRATION LUNCH**

**Details of which will be available  
early in September**

**01666 824684**

# August's Message from the Ministry

For all of us, life throws up challenges and blessings, joys, and sometimes sorrows, at the same time.

So it was, this weekend.

We have had the wonderful Minety Music Festival featuring great bands and a Sunday service enhanced by the enthusiastic performances of pupils from Minety Primary School. We have had the gorgeous relaunch of the Strawberry Fayre in Crudwell in which the village green was transformed by gazebos and marquees, tables and chairs, bunting, strawberries, cream and - most importantly for both events - lots and lots of people, meeting, greeting and celebrating together!

Most inspiring to see was the way so many volunteers, young and old, threw themselves wholeheartedly into ensuring two beautiful and successful events.

In between responsibilities at these brilliant affairs, my wife, Dee and I, also sat at the bedside of two dying colleagues. Many of you will know *Colonel Nick Mangnall* of Oaksey and *Richenda Milton-Daws* of Lea. As churchwarden and Licensed Lay Minister respectively, they both faithfully served the Lord, the Benefice and the community, for many years, and leave behind an incredible legacy.

We feel their loss acutely, and will, I fear, feel it more as the reality of their absence hits home, but we take deep comfort from the knowledge that they are in the presence of the Lord they served.

In Malcolm Guite's beautiful words, '...death itself is made the catalyst Of Life eternal.'

And, as Julian of Norwich so resonantly said, 'All shall be well and all shall be well and all manner of thing shall be well.'

So, we mourn and our mourning is a measure of our love, but we raise our eyes to the One who loves us and who reassures us that,

*"No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor has the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"* 1 Corinthians 2 vs 9 .

We believe.

We give thanks for all those volunteers in our communities who made such lovely events happen over the weekend and we also give thanks for the lives of our friends and for their God and ours, who is with us in sorrow and in joy.

Reverend Bob and Dee  
8<sup>th</sup> July

## Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals at Charlton

### *Baptism*

15th June                      Isabella Rose Pattemore

### *Burial of Ashes*

5th June                      Mark Alan Hobbs

### *Quarter Peal – bells half muffled*

10th July                      Celebrating the life and work of Richenda Milton-Daws

# CHARLTON RECREATIONAL CENTRE



By the time you read this the car park and surrounding areas will have been strimmed back and a little easier to access, thank you Andy Mansfield! The cricket club are staying on top of the rest of the field so all we need now is a little water to turn the brown surface a little more green!

We are still looking for some 'green fingered' volunteers to assist in maintaining the small area outside the front of the hall. If you are interested please get in touch with the hall committee.

We hope you all enjoyed the swing band 'Swing from Paris'. Looking at other events in the hall, we are looking forward to another autumn quiz with the possibility of having a horse racing night....more details to follow as the planning progresses. If you have any ideas on fund raising events for the hall, children's play area or the field, please get in touch with the hall committee.

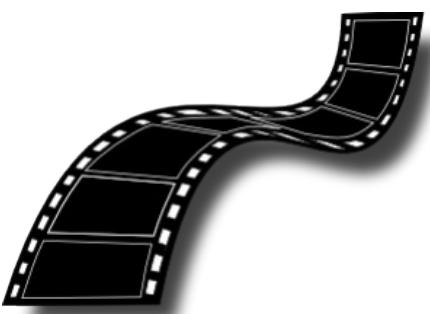
You will see we have purchased three more picnic benches for outside the children's play area. Please feel free to move them around the area, however we ask that you keep them off the cricket pitch.

In addition to a few minor repairs around the outside of the hall, after some grants from the Malmesbury Area Board, we now have enough money to update the lighting systems both inside and outside the building. Once this has been completed, we will be painting the interior of the building. A date has yet to be chosen, however we will try and minimise any disruption to the use of the hall. Through some recent fund raising we are looking to add to the children's play area, again more details to come when a decision has been made on what will be added.

The Parish Council are making headway with the local emergency plans, however there is still a need for volunteers to assist in any future use of the hall as an emergency hub, so please don't hesitate in adding your name to the standby list.

Whilst we have managed to sell a few more tickets for the Charlton 150 club, there are still some spare tickets. This is one of our main revenue streams that allows us to maintain the hall for your use. So if you would like the opportunity to support the hall whilst also being in with a chance of winning a monthly cash prize, please speak to the committee members or send an email to [150clubcharlton@gmail.com](mailto:150clubcharlton@gmail.com) to get your number. Each ticket is only £20, however it does go along way to helping at the hall and playing field.

Doz James



When the August rains start and you are wondering what to do, there are some good films on offer in Malmesbury. Info available in the Town Hall, or see the website...  
<https://www.malmesbury.gov.uk/cinema>



# Coffee Mornings @ Charlton Village Hall

Funds raised support Charlton Recreational Centre 279819



10.30am on Mondays:

4<sup>th</sup> August, 1<sup>st</sup> September  
and 6<sup>th</sup> October



All are welcome, young or old.

£1 Charge

Do ring me if you want a lift.

Anne 823719

## North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

Hi there

I'm here again from the North Wiltshire Flower Club, I'm writing about what has happened and is going to happen in our Club. On June 18th we had Lesley Hunt talking and demonstrating about her time in hospitality in Weston-super-Mare. Lesley did some lovely seasonal arrangements which we raffled after. In July we had Beverley Clay with her take on "Here comes Summer", a lovely display of flowers which we also raffled.



On August 20th we are having a workshop on how to make door rings in flowers. Please phone to book your place. The meeting is at 4pm instead of 7pm. We will supply the rings and some foliage. You may bring family members and children too.

In September we have our AGM followed by a great talk by Andrew Tolman. Remember your first visit as a non-member is free (except for the door flowers workshop). Then of course we have our Open Evening on 19th November with Katherine Kear at Malmesbury Town Hall entitled "Myths, Mincet and Merriment". Definitely a date for your diary.

We are a group of folk who just love flowers, some with experience but most with none. So do come along to Crudwell Village Hall where there is plenty of parking space. There is also free tea/coffee and cake at the end.

Cathy email: [carrollcath@aol.com](mailto:carrollcath@aol.com)



## Charlton Village Hall Hire *for parties, events, business hire, etc.*

**Special Events Package:** All day booking, plus access to the premises from the middle of the previous day to 10.00am the following day. Use of all Hall facilities and a roped off area outside.

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**Friday and Saturday Evenings:** Access to the Hall from 6.00pm to midnight. All other event and party bookings are chargeable by the hour. The hirer should request a booking that covers their total occupancy of the Hall ( including setting and clearing up).

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Special Event	£100	£450	£550
Children's Party	£50	£35	£55
Friday or Saturday Evening	£100	£100	£150
Other Events	£50	£10 per hour	£15 per hour

The Local rate is available to residents of Charlton, Hankerton & Garsdon

To enquire about using the Village Hall or Playing Field, whether for a one-off event or regular booking please email us on [enquiries@charltonvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@charltonvillagehall.co.uk) or call Tracey Hobbs on 07557 124628.

See: [www.charltonvillagehall.co.uk/bookings/](http://www.charltonvillagehall.co.uk/bookings/) for details of the current bookings and a copy of the booking form and terms and conditions.

## Charlton Recreational Centre - 150 Club Monthly Prize Draw Winners

May		June		July	
1 <sup>st</sup>	M.Langley	1 <sup>st</sup>	R.Dalgleish	1 <sup>st</sup>	B.Betts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	I.McMorrine	2 <sup>nd</sup>	M.Bromley Gardner	2 <sup>nd</sup>	J.Ayre
3 <sup>rd</sup>	M.Hodgkins	3 <sup>rd</sup>	S.Rivett Carnac	3 <sup>rd</sup>	B.Warner



Our thanks to all those who have bought a ticket for 2025/6.

**To those that have not yet signed up please consider joining us!**

If you use the field to walk your dog, play ball games, fly kites or have taken your children or grandchildren up to use the playground or whizz on the zip wire; if you have used the hall for a childrens party, exercise class , joined us for the Coffee mornings or come to one of our Quiz nights then please subscribe to a ticket to support the upkeep of these important community resources.

An annual ticket is £20 and your number will be entered into each monthly draw for a chance to win a £20, £30 or £50 prize.

So if you would like to join in then please email

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or call Tracey on 07557 124628 to reserve tickets .

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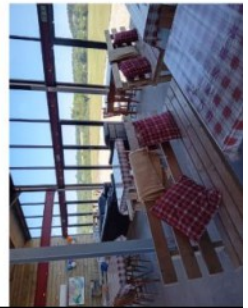
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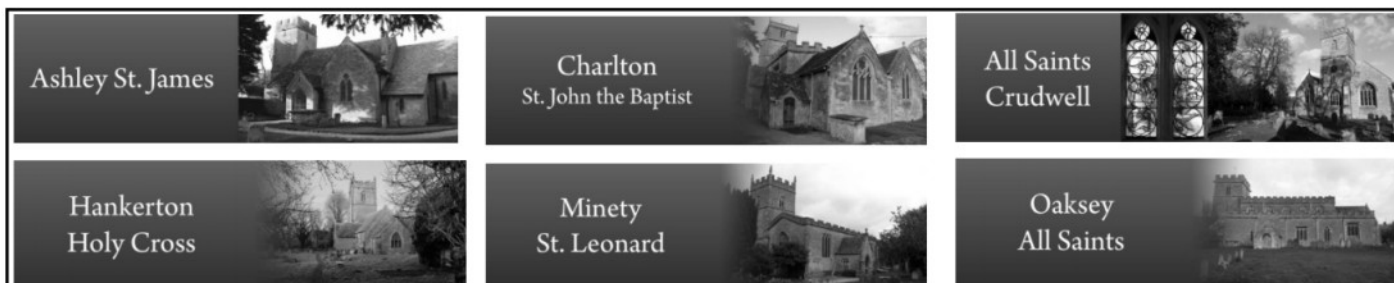
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MORE DETAILS OR TO MAKE A BOOKING.



# August Services across the Braydon Brook Benefice

All are welcome to attend any of the services taking place across the Benefice



Date	Services in Church	Services on Zoom
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August</b>	9.30am, <b>Holy Communion</b> @ Hankerton	
	10am, <b>Friends &amp; Family</b> @ Crudwell	
	11am, <b>Holy Communion</b> @ Oaksey	
	6pm, <b>Evening Prayer</b> @ Ashley	
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August</b>	10.00 am, <b>Benefice Communion</b> @ Minety	
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August</b>	8.30am, <b>Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion</b> @ Ashley	
	9.30am, <b>Holy Communion</b> @ Charlton	
	9.30 am, <b>Morning Praise</b> @ Crudwell	
	11am, <b>Holy Communion</b> @ Minety	
	11am, <b>Matins</b> @ Oaksey	
	4.30pm <b>Prayer, Praise &amp; Story</b> @ Hankerton	
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August</b>	9.30am, <b>Holy Communion</b> @ Ashley	
	9.30am, <b>Morning Praise</b> @ Charlton	
	11am, <b>Holy Communion</b> @ Crudwell	
	11am, <b>Morning Praise</b> @ Minety	
	10.15am <b>Sunday School</b> and 11am, <b>Family Service</b> @ Oaksey	
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August</b>	10.00 am, <b>Benefice Communion</b> @ Oaksey	

## Mid-Week Services and Events

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Every other week</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Bible Study via Zoom</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer via Zoom</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> August (2<sup>nd</sup> Wed)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Coffee &amp; Chat @ Crudwell</b>
	<b>Weekly (on hold until September)</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Men's Bible Study 1 Days Court, Crudwell</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> August (2<sup>nd</sup> Thu)</b>	<b>9.45am</b>	<b>BCP Communion Service @ Minety</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer via Zoom</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> August (1<sup>st</sup> Sat)</b>	<b>11am – 12.30pm</b>	<b>Café Church @ Hankerton</b>

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Date	Services in Church	Additional information
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30am, <b>Holy Communion</b> @ Hankerton	<i>Launch of our section of the Pilgrim Way 2.30 pm walk Crudwell to Hankerton</i>
	10am, <b>Friends &amp; Family</b> @ Crudwell	
	11am, <b>Holy Communion</b> @ Oaksey	
	5pm, <b>Evening Service</b> @ Hankerton	
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00 am, <b>Benefice Communion</b> @ Ashley	
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	9.30am, <b>Holy Communion</b> @ Charlton	
	9.30 am , <b>Morning Praise</b> @ Crudwell	
	11am, <b>Holy Communion</b> @ Minety	
	11am, <b>Matins</b> @ Oaksey	
	4.30pm <b>Prayer, Praise &amp; Story</b> @ Hankerton	
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30am, <b>Holy Communion</b> @ Ashley	
	9.30am, <b>Morning Praise</b> @ Charlton	
	11am, <b>Holy Communion</b> @ Crudwell	
	11am, <b>Morning Praise</b> @ Minety	
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Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup> September (2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed)	10.30am	Coffee & Chat @ Crudwell
	Weekly	7.30pm	Men's Bible Study 1 Days Court, Crudwell
Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup> September (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thu)	9.45am	BCP Communion Service @ Minety
Friday	Weekly	9.00am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup> September (1 <sup>st</sup> Sat)	11am – 12.30pm	Café Church @ Hankerton

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## Charlton Footpaths Group

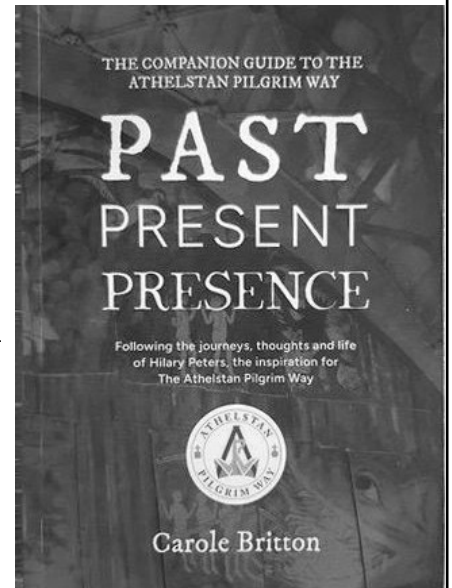
A brief update...

Unfortunately the weather's been too hot and we've only managed one walk, on Sat 7th June, to Cloatley Meadows.

We had coffee at Hankerton Church and listened to an interesting talk by Carole Britton on the life of Hilary Peters, who inspired the Athelstan Pilgrim Way.

If you would like to join us or have a copy of our Charlton walks booklet, do get in touch.

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# The Dragonfly Café and Nature Centre

Situated on the Lower Moor nature reserve overlooking Cottage Lake is the newly built but already becoming firmly established Dragonfly Café and Nature Centre.

Since 2007 the reserve has been home to a plethora of wildlife from insects to otters and offers the opportunity to get lost in the nature we endeavour to protect.



Open all year round, the Dragonfly Café and Nature Centre is the perfect spot to sight otters, herons and (of course) the many species of dragonfly, ideal for professional and amateur wildlife photographers and passionate nature enthusiasts.



The Dragonfly and Nature Centre caters for those with a sweet or savoury tooth presenting delicious homemade scones baked fresh every morning, fresh homemade soups and a variety of heavenly cakes including vegan and gluten free options.

With excellent locally roasted coffee and hot chocolate to warm you in winter as well as refreshing apple juice made from apples in Lower Moor orchard to cool you in summer, the Dragonfly can start your journey around the reserve or end it with a well deserved treat.



## **Dragonfly Café & Nature Centre**

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## athelstan museum

MALMESBURY

There are a number of talks about local history over the next couple of months, covering topics such as the extraordinary story of three generations of Max Woosnams, and the rags to riches story of William Stumpe and how his descendants successfully became part of England's elite. For more details see the museum's website:

<https://www.athelstanmuseum.org.uk/events/>



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## Who's who

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Contact us for wedding or baptism inquiries  
and other matters regarding the Braydon  
Brook Group (Ashley, Charlton, Crudwell,  
Hankerton, Minety & Oaksey).

## Useful Websites:

The Village Hall website is at:  
[www.charltonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.charltonvillagehall.co.uk)

The Parish Council website is at:  
[www.charltonnorthwilts-pc.gov.uk](http://www.charltonnorthwilts-pc.gov.uk)

Charlton Church website is at:  
[www.braydonbrook.co.uk](http://www.braydonbrook.co.uk)

Also see the Charlton Community  
Hub on Facebook.





# ATHELSTAN PILGRIM WAY

## Braydon Brook & Upper Thames Routes Launch

# 6th September 2025



**11.30am Pilgrimage Walk**  
from the Leigh Chancel (SN6 6QY) to Cricklade

**2.30pm St Sampson's Church  
Cricklade (SN6 6AT)**

Ticketed event with guest speaker  
**Martin Palmer**

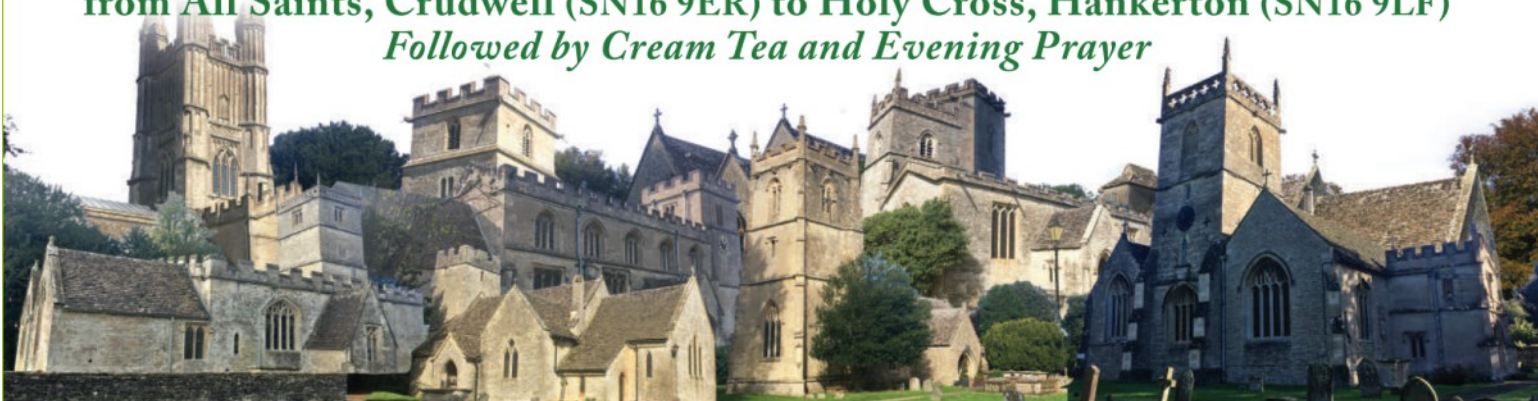


**TICKETS: £10.50 adults (children free)**

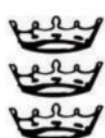
available from 14th July 2025 from Cricklade Town Hall  
and also online via [www.athelstanpilgrimway.org](http://www.athelstanpilgrimway.org)

**PLUS: the walk continues ... 7th September 2pm**

from All Saints, Crudwell (SN16 9ER) to Holy Cross, Hankerton (SN16 9LF)  
*Followed by Cream Tea and Evening Prayer*



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