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Our contributors have submitted some interesting articles this time. On **Page 16** we have news from Crewkerne Museum. Crewkerne British Legion marked the 80th anniversary of VJ Day on Friday August 15th. Read their article on **Page 22**. On the same day Stoke sub Hamdon resident Chris Weedon held a talk about his late father, and his experiences following surrender to the Japanese in Hong Kong. More details on **Page 32**.

Crewkerne in Bloom have their regular article on **Page 30** and Friends of Crewkerne Station appear on **Page 34**.

Crewkerne District Rotary Club have details of their up-coming fundraising events this winter, on **Page 42**, and we bring our report on Crewkerne's Annual Charter Fair on **Page 43**.

Our contributor wished to remain anonymous, but **Page 46** brings an interesting account and photos of a local tree surgeon who was entrusted with felling a dangerous tree this summer - in Norway!

With warmest wishes for the
winter season 2025-26.

Anthony Bucke EDITOR.

Friday 10 October 2025.

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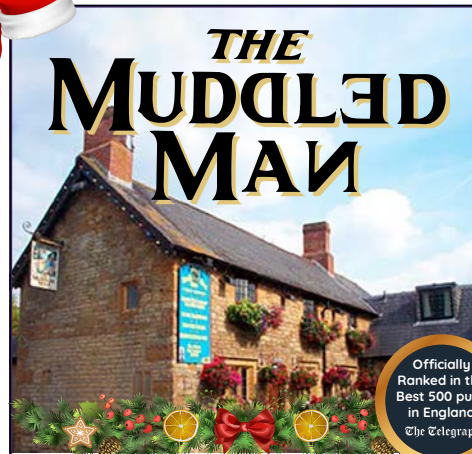
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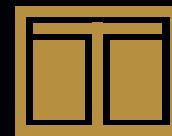


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We have been pleased to welcome new volunteers this season who are becoming familiar with the building and how they can help. Although the museum will close on 2nd November we continue to work through the

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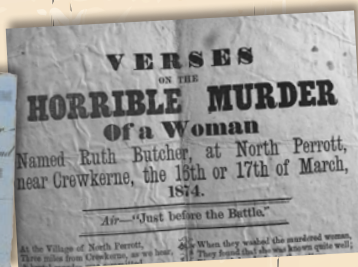
We also welcome group visits to the museum during the winter so if your organisation/school/group of friends would like a guided tour then email to make arrangements and find out details.

The museum will be open on Lighting up evening with some homemade goodies for sale, don't forget to pop in while you are enjoying a walk around the town to view the Christmas lights.



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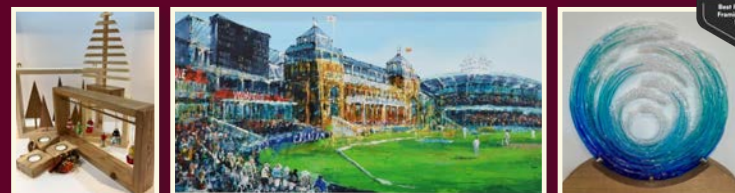
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At 6pm the Proclamation was announced from the steps of Crewkerne Town Hall by the Town Cryer, David Craner. He was accompanied by the Deputy Mayor, Kathy Head, the branch President Tony Smith, branch Standard Bearer John Smith and Stevie, the branch Poppy Mascot.

At 6.30pm attention switched to the Crewkerne Methodist Church where a Commemoration Service took place. This was compiled and conducted by Rev

Longshaw on behalf of the crewkerne Branch. The service was short but moving with 3 Hymns, a Reading, an Address titled **"They are not Forgotten"**, the Last Post, 1 min silence, Reveille and the Kohima. Light Refreshments, prepared by branch committee members Sandie Smith, Sarah King and Lizzie Longshaw were available on completion.

The Crewkerne Branch as a whole was congratulated by a small party that had come across from the Bath area. They commented very favourably on the content and manner in which the occasion had been handled. They had come, they said, because they could find absolutely nothing in the way of VJ Day Commemorative activities taking place in their local area.

The Fourteenth Army and all those who served in the Far East are truly not forgotten by the Crewkerne and District RBL.



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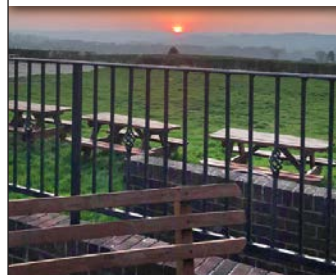
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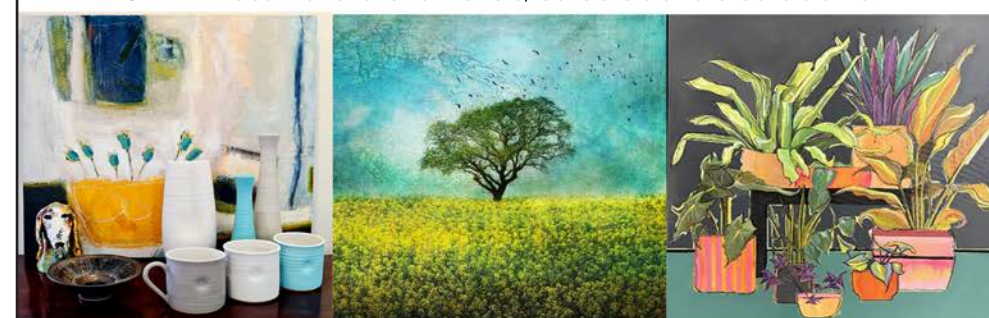
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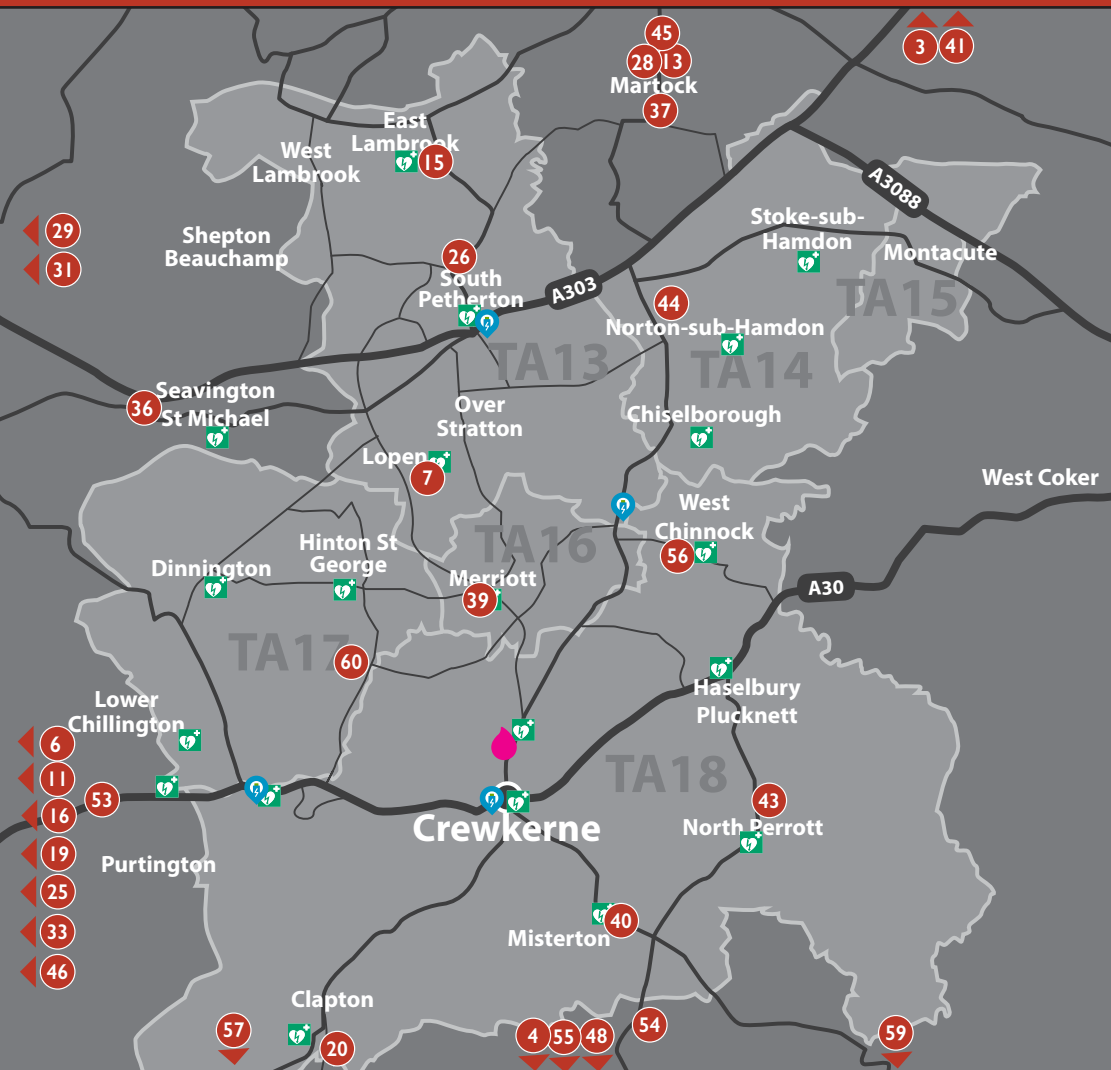
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We've been adjusting to global warming for some time and we're pretty sure that you will have noticed changes to the contents of our planters this year.

Crewkerne in Bloom volunteer Sallie explains, "Wherever possible we are introducing drought tolerant plants. Instead of filling all the planters with seasonal bedding, some now contain a mixture of perennials and foliage with a few annuals included for extra colour.

Meanwhile, our landmark large flower bed at the

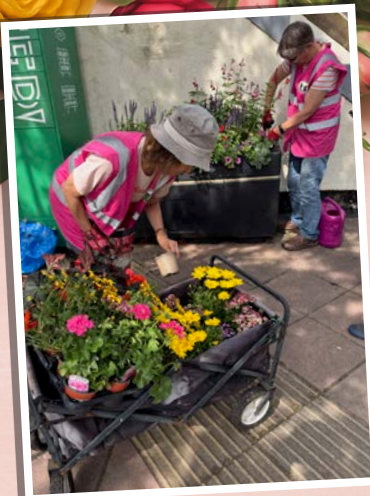
Rotary Stone is benefitting from the addition of plants that have outgrown their planters, plus the two big coloured grasses that were formerly near the Black Swan dental practice. Autumn's rain has encouraged new growth in the perennials and we are well on the way to restoring this area's former beauty after the dry Summer."

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At times like this we often hear about The Fall of Singapore; The Burma Railway; Changi Jail; and Hiroshima. Stoke sub Hamdon resident Chris Weedon brought a fresh dimension to war in The Far East, high-lighting a tragic event which involved his late Father. This was the sinking of "The Lisbon Maru".

On 15 August 2025, at Stoke sub Hamdon, Chris held a fascinating talk about his late Father, Martin Weedon 64628, and the book his Father had written "Guest of An Emperor". On 25 December 1941, Captain Weedon had

been captured during the fall of Hong Kong, along with **1815 other prisoners**. On 27 September 1942 Captain Weedon and his fellow prisoners of war boarded armed Japanese troopship "The Lisbon Maru". Although they did not know each other at the time, my late Father Lieutenant Cyril Bucke 113504 was also on the same ship. They were bound for slave-labour camps in Japan.

On 1 October 1942 "The Lisbon Maru" was torpedoed by "USS Grouper" – an American submarine. As "The Lisbon Maru" was flying Japanese flags and showed no other indication that it carried prisoners of war – for example a RED CROSS - this was deemed a legitimate target. The ship sunk, and settled on a sandbank, but the Japanese made no attempt to rescue the prisoners; instead they shot dead any trying to escape from the stricken ship. **By 5 October 828 prisoners**

had been killed, the survivors finally escaping to Shanghai, aided by Chinese fishermen. Despite more deaths due to injuries, mis-treatment and malnutrition, the remaining men made it to Japan. However, by VJ Day 1945 - after a further two and a half years of captivity - **just 750 survived** out of the original 1815 who had originally left Hong Kong. Thankfully Chris's father and mine were amongst those 750 survivors.

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The volunteer watering team has kept planters going; a hose along the down platform made it easier. Passengers enjoyed flowers, lettuces and tomatoes. Drought-tolerant herbs and pelargoniums gave strong colour, with cordylines and phormiums as hardy



backdrops. Volunteer Sue is pictured dead-heading.



We welcomed local MP Adam Dance for a tour, highlighting how breakdown-prone elderly trains and limited passing places deter car users from switching to rail. Government investment in our Railway is needed. The photo shows Adam on the volunteer-restored waiting-room bench. The grant-aided Pumphouse window frame awaits a structural engineer's report before reinstatement.

A Railway 200 scheme encourages visits to first-class venues near Blackmore Vale Community Rail Partnership stations via collectible postcards-with prizes. Volunteer Frankie Mac won a South Western Railway water bottle after sending eight postcards and a rail ticket. The Christmas season is ideal for visiting local stations for decorations and gift ideas.

The Friends won gold for



their community garden and entered a Biodiversity award with South Western Railway. Seasonal flowering plants support pollinators and insects; birdlife is up thanks to bird boxes and a busy bird bath on the down platform. Wildflower banks further boost biodiversity. Heather is pictured with the gold award.



Meet the Friends at the Christmas Market on 29 November -food, drink, and seasonal, hand-crafted gifts for sale.



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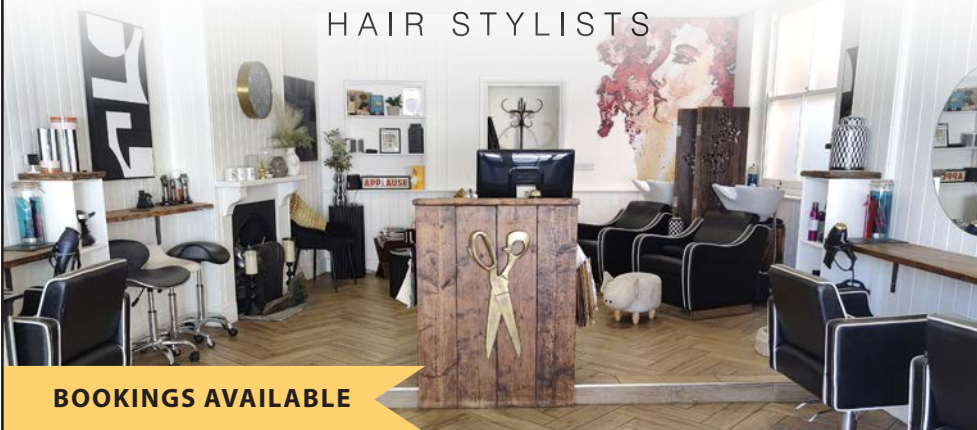


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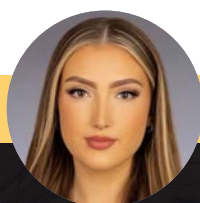
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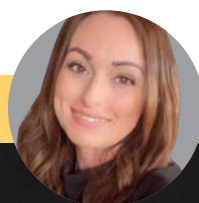
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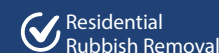
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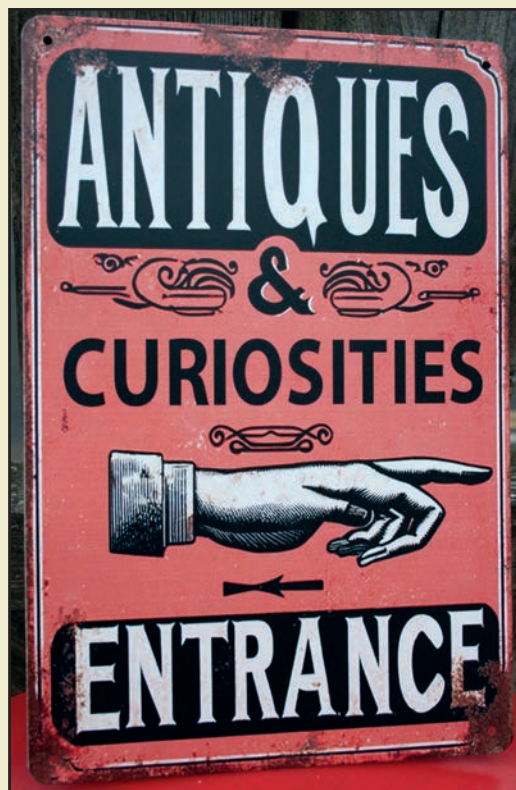
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PhysioFit – Chair-based exercise & physio – 10:30am – 11:30am.

Peer Support for Loss & Bereavement – every 1st Thursday – 11:00am – 12:30pm.

Conversational French – every 2nd & 4th Thursday – 11:00am – 12:30pm.

Goldies Sing & Smile – A fun singing session – every 4th Thursday – 2:00pm – 3:00pm.

Friday

Chair Yoga – A Yoga class which is accessible to all, no matter your fitness – 9:15am – 10:15am.

Meet, Greet & Eat – Games & 2-course roast lunch session – 11:00am – 2:00pm.

Friday Forget Me Not – A group for those suffering from Dementia – details upon request.

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ago included the sale of livestock and the hiring of farm workers and domestic servants for the coming season. Alongside the serious business were entertainers, card-sharps, amusements, swing-boat rides and cheap-jack stalls selling both useful items, and more frivolous and decorative treasures. Thomas Hardy records ancient hiring fairs in a number of his works.

Today the scene is quite similar, but without the serious dealing, hiring and firing.

Crewkerne Fair has survived due to a few factors; the original Charter permitting

its operation on very strict dates and operating hours; the enthusiasm of the Town of Crewkerne to perpetuate this very popular event; and the excellent stewardship of Crewkerne District Rotary.

Recently elected Rotary President Lindsey Bristow and her team were on hand throughout the 3 days of the fair, carefully directing traffic, guiding pleasure-seekers, visitors and sight-seers, around the narrow streets of our town.

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EDITOR. Monday 6 October 2025

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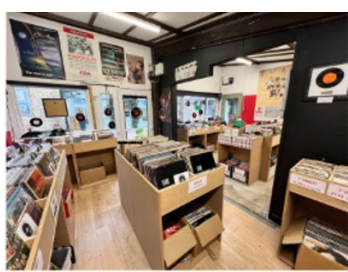


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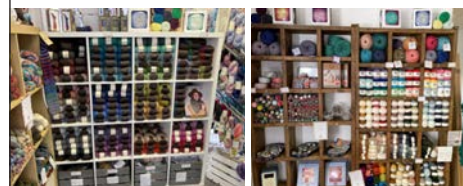
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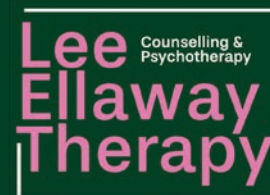
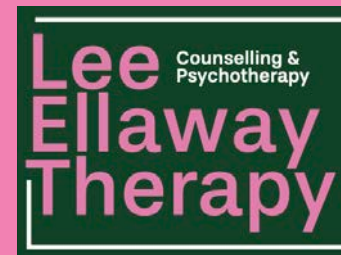
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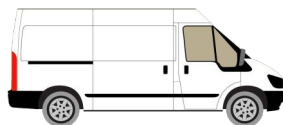
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