



The Cropredy Crier

Village news for December 2021

We're Back!

Cropredy Church Quiz is returning

Saturday February 5th. 2022 at 7.00 p.m.

Supper Bar Raffle

Teams of 4, to compete for the Terry Austin Memorial Cup.

Entries £8.50 per person

Contact: Gill 750427 or Pip 758255 pipdealtry@hotmail.com

Save the date!



REMINDER: St Mary's Church Christmas Tree Festival

Come and join us on Saturday 4th. and Sunday 5th. December for our first ever Christmas Tree Festival

As well as a bevy of beautifully decorated trees to see, there will be: a fabulous **Christmas Decorations Stall** where you can buy some exciting new additions for your tree at home; a **cosy Christmas Café** with coffee, tea and cakes (free squash drinks for children); and a **raffle**.

Our organist, David Upton, will be on hand at various times taking Christmas Carol requests, and we will be joined by the Handbell Ringers on Saturday morning.

The fun starts on **Saturday at 10.30 a.m.**, with a 4.30 p.m. finish, and on **Sunday 10.30 a.m.** to 2.30 p.m.

Entrance **£1** per adult, to include a voting slip for your favourite tree.

Let's bring the Christmas Cheer to Cropredy.



Gifts of the Season

Each time, each season offers its own gifts, if we learn again how to give our attention to the season. Still living with the ongoing effects of pandemic living, the times and seasons have perhaps taken on a new importance for us. Here we are in the season of Advent, on the approach to Christmas, and once more the busyness and stress can overwhelm, Once more the bittersweetness of this time can bring its own challenge. The season of Advent can help us. Here are some ideas to help us receive again precious gifts, and maybe find a way to do something differently this December. They are both playful and serious, stressing the Advent themes of day-by-day waiting, watching, and preparation.



- Remember darkness and light are Advent gifts. Take time to appreciate this dark time of the year: have a meal by candlelight; do some stargazing, or watch the sky change colour at sunrise or sunset;
- Notice the gifts of the natural world – make a wreath from natural materials; listen to the autumn songs of garden birds; make a nativity scene with found natural objects;
- Take a 3 minute break away from those screens - light an Advent candle, be still, take time, become aware of your breath, use an Advent prayer 'Come Lord Jesus'.

May the gifts of Advent bless you into the joy of Christmas.

'Walk cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in everyone.' (George Fox)

Revd Hilary Campbell: vicar@campbells.me.uk 01295 750385

DECEMBER SERVICES AT THE PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 5 th .	Second Sunday of Advent 4.00 p.m. Christingle Service	Revd Hilary Campbell
Sunday 12 th .	Third Sunday of Advent 10.00 a.m. Benefice Communion	Revd Hilary Campbell
Sunday 19 th .	Fourth Sunday of Advent 6.00 p.m. Carol Service	Revd Hilary Campbell
Friday 24 th .	Christmas Eve 3.00 p.m. Crib Service 11.00 p.m. Midnight Mass	Verna Wass Bishop Jonathan Meyrick
Sunday 26 th .	First Sunday of Christmas 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion	Revd Hilary Campbell

DECEMBER SERVICES AT THE METHODIST CHAPEL 10.30 a.m.

Sunday 5 th .	Rev. Steve Swann, inc. Holy Communion and Christening.
Sunday 12 th .	Rev. Chris Eddy
Sunday 19 th .	Cate Vokes, Carol Service
Saturday 25 th .	Christmas Day , local arrangement service, 45 minutes



(No Service on Sunday 26th. , Boxing Day.)

CHRISTMAS DRINKS @ The Old Manor, Station Road

Courtesy of Andrew Fellows
Tuesday 21st December

REMINDER: I will do my open house again this year from 6.00 - 9.00 p.m. for anyone in the village who wishes to come for a drink, no response needed and dress code casual!



COFFEE MORNING
with a bring and buy table
FRIDAY December 10th. 10.30 a.m. – 12 Noon.
METHODIST CHAPEL SCHOOL ROOM



Come on your own or bring friends and family whilst meeting and making new friends.

Cropredy Tots

... will be meeting on Monday December 6th. and Monday December 13th. in the Chapel School Room, 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 mid-day

Come and join in the fun for the under 5s and those who love and care for them. There are lots of things to take part in: making craft items, singing painting and lots more while learning to play and share with others.

For more information about Cropredy Tots...
please ring Helen on 01295 758759

Cropredy Tots are inviting you to a
COFFEE MORNING hosted by us
on Christmas Eve at the Sunday
School Room of the chapel
10.30 - 12.00
Open to all including children



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*A huge thank you to the ghosties and ghouls that visited Ryetts Corner on Halloween. You were all brilliant, so very well done, and thanks for making the effort.
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IN AID OF:



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Cropredy Historical Society

No meeting in December

Here are some further notes giving the background to some of names on the war memorial, first erected in 1921

Arthur Stevens – lived with his parents William and Ellen and his brothers and sisters in a stone cottage in Station Road. Several of the a highly regarded man of many shepherd and pig killer. His hedge miles around. Arthur was killed of Cambrai, and his name is on France, marking the deaths of and South African whose graves



siblings died under the age of 2. William was useful skills around the village, as well as a laying was regarded as the the best for in action on 3 December 1917 in the Battle the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, more than 7,000 servicemen of the UK are not known.

Arthur W Thame (or Tame) sustained in battle in Flanders, aged father. He was buried in the Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery in Belgium. His mother lived in Red Lion Street from 1926.

died on 13 December 1917 from wounds 21. He worked at Upper Prescote with his

Matthew Townsend – had been living in Chipping Warden with his wife Florence and baby son, Harry, at the time of the 1911 census. They then moved to Kentish Cottage, Cropredy. His father - also Matthew - lived in Great Bourton, and Matthew was known as Henry or Harry, perhaps to distinguish him from the father. His mother was Elizabeth, née Cherry. He served as a gunner in 303 Siege Battery in the Royal Garrison Artillery, but lost his life on 23 January 1917, aged 35.

There are more details held in a file at St Mary the Virgin Church, Cropredy, thanks to the work of Cropredy Historical Society archivist, Sue Lester. We will feature further names from the monument in future editions. Ed.

Planning for Cropredy Up to 2040

Thank you to all who provided comments to the Parish Council and / or sent comments directly to Cherwell on their 'Developing Our Options' paper. Cropredy Parish council submitted detailed comments on this paper. These comments will be published on the new Parish Council/ Village website at <https://www.cropredyvillage.info> Please keep an eye on the Planning section under Parish Council documents. (Do get in touch with me if you are unable to access the documents.)

Work now begins on the **Cropredy 'Plan/ Vision' up to 2040**. The Plan will draw on information from further public meetings in the New Year and a questionnaire for every resident to complete. We need to think about what we would like for the village over the next twenty years. We will be collecting evidence on housing requirements, community facilities, transport, protecting green space, the natural environment, and ways to slow Climate Change.

Please get in touch if you would like to know more.

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Cropredy Film Society

FILM SUPPER in Cropredy Village Hall
Doors open 6.30 Supper at 7.00pm

Saturday 11th December *Supernova*

This tender movie reflects on mortality and fleeting life. Sam (Colin Firth) and Tusker (Stanley Tucci), partners for 20 years, travel across England in an old campervan to visit friends, family and places from their past. Tusker was diagnosed with dementia two years ago, so their time together is the most important thing they have.

15 Drama, Romance 2020 95 minutes
Director/Writer: Harry Macqueen Cast includes: Colin Firth, Stanley Tucci, Pippa Haywood

Post Christmas Special at 6.00pm in the Village Hall

Bring your own Festive Picnic and Drinks
Complimentary mulled wine or soft drink on arrival

Wednesday 29th December *Tom and Jerry: The Movie*

One of the most popular rivalries in history is reignited when Jerry moves into New York City's finest hotel on the eve of the "wedding of the century". A chaotic battle ensues between Jerry Mouse who has taken refuge in the hotel and Tom Cat who is hired to drive him away.

PG Animation, Adventure, Comedy, Family, Fantasy 2021 111min
Director: Tim Story Writers: William Hanna, Joseph Barbera, Kevin Costello
Cast includes: Chloe Grace Moretz, Michael Pena, Colin Jost

Booking with Frances 758 448 or f.61whitaker@btinternet.com

sorry no tickets on the door

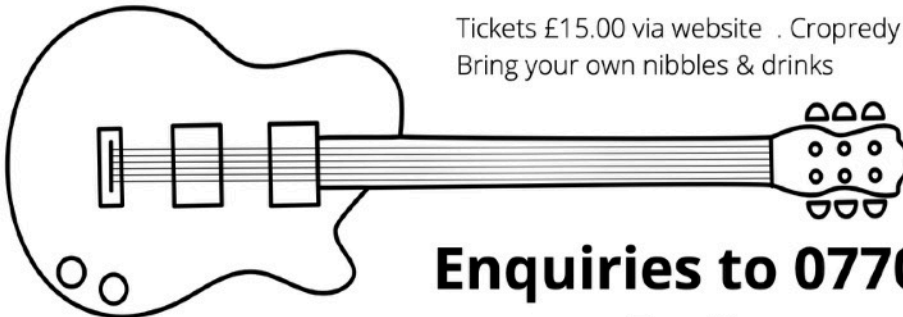
Cropredy Jazz . Xmas Special

18th Dec 7pm

Hugh Turner's Funky Quartet

Guitarist Hugh's playing is steeped in the blues and the funkier side of jazz - his performances are marked by a highly rhythmic pulse and a cool 70s harmonic edge. Playing alongside Hugh at this concert will be incredible tenor saxophonist, Toliy Vyacheslavov, Paul Jefferies will play double bass and Steve Wyndham is on drums The quartet will present a varied mix of jazz, blues and funky flavoured tunes.

Tickets £15.00 via website . Cropredy Village Hall
Bring your own nibbles & drinks



Enquiries to 07704 297119

www.cropredyjazz.co.uk

Christmas party menu

Four delicious courses for £30 in the evening
or £24.50 for lunch

Starters

- Salmon mousse served with toasted sourdough
- Baked camembert with Brasenose chutney and crusty bread (v)
- Crispy quail's egg with a watercress salad (v)
- Sweet chestnut, parsnip and thyme soup served with toasted garlic croutons (ve)

Mains

- Roast turkey parcel served with pigs in blankets, roasted potatoes, brussel sprouts with chestnuts, red cabbage, star anise carrots, festive stuffing and gravy
- Cauliflower and sweet potato Panang Thai Curry served with fragrant coconut rice (ve)
- Salmon en crouete served with roasted potatoes, brussel sprouts with chestnuts, red cabbage and star anise carrots

Desserts

- Homemade Christmas pudding with clotted cream (v)
- Chocolate and orange mousse with a tangerine compote (v)
- Apple, cranberry and sultana strudel served with vanilla ice cream (v)
- Avocado chocolate mousse served with a cranberry compote (ve)

To finish

- Coffee or tea with homemade stollen bites

Available until December 23rd. Our Christmas menu is pre-book only, please call on 01295 750244. A deposit will be required on booking with full payment due before the event

Christmas opening times

Christmas Week

Friday 24th Dec

Open for drinks as normal
Food served until 3pm

Saturday 25th Dec

Open for drinks 12 - 3pm

Sunday 26th Dec

Open as normal
Food served 12 - 6pm

Monday 27 -30th Dec

Open as normal

New Years Eve

Friday 31st Dec

Free entry. Open until 1am
Live music inside
Normal menu served 12-3pm
Set menu served 6-9pm. Pre-book only in 1777 restaurant

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Cropredy Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Cropredy Parish Council held in the Methodist Chapel on Monday 8th November 2021 at 7pm

Present: Councillors Tania Johnson (Chairman), Bob Garland, Sheila Jones, Des Knight, Margaret Boscott, Jacqui Smith, District Cllr Phil Chapman County Cllr George Reynolds and David Best (Clerk). No members of the public attended the meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr Karla Martin
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Bob Garland in respect of any decisions relating to the History Club.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – The minutes of the meeting of 11th October were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:** None.
5. **VILLAGE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT**
 - Children's playing field** – John Taylor will shorten the wire on the zipwire, but the skateboard surface repairs will be left until the weather improves next year.
 - Bulbs planting** – The bulbs donated by Richard Behgin were planted by a working group of Councillors, Karen Bullen and Mr David Cherry.
 - Top Green working party** – A group of Councillors recently cleared up the Top Green.
 - Creampot Lane and New Close** – a working party will try to clear these if the weather permits in December.
 - Hell Hole retaining wall** – This has deteriorated further due to the heavy rain. Mr Tony Brummell, CDC Building Control Manager, has recommended weep holes are installed and an inspection is carried out by a structural engineer.
 - Cropredy Village Sign** – The new village sign along Mollington Rd has been installed.
 - Church Wall** – This has been inspected by a stone mason who will submit a report with recommendations.
6. **TRANSPORT, TRAFFIC & STREET LIGHTING**
 - School Car Park** – A meeting between all parties involved is being scheduled. Approach has been made to three solicitors for legal support quotes on the 'Letter Licence Agreement'. One solicitor has been recommended by the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils.
 - Community Speedwatch Initiative** – Thames Valley Police has recommended a handheld camera device which is £150-£200. The Parish Council will be registering on the scheme on 26th November. Volunteers would be necessary for this scheme and three would be required for each speed check. In addition to this there is an initiative entitled '20mph in Oxfordshire and a TOOL KIT' where Oxfordshire is one of the first Counties to consider widespread reductions from 30mph to 20mph over the next three years. Initially there are five trial sites, Cuxham, Wallingford Central, Wallingford North, Kirtlington and Long Wittenham. If speeds do not decrease, they will consider traffic calming.
 - Car parking on bend outside The Brasenose Arms** – Oxfordshire County Council has outsourced parking enforcement. It is possible to apply to OCC for yellow lines. The OCC fee for this work could be £4000 and it could take months to implement.
 - Streetlights** – Streetlight No 1 on the High Street has been repaired.
7. **VILLAGE EMERGENCY PLAN, CRIME PREVENTION & ENVIRONMENT**
 - Police Rural Liaison Meeting** – Cllrs Sheila Jones and Tania Johnson will attend this meeting.
8. **PARISH COUNCIL USE OF INTERNET & SOCIAL MEDIA**
 - New Website** – There was a vote of thanks to Cllr Karla Martin for building the new website and a vote of thanks to Mr Hugh Brooman who has provided a USB stick with information from the previous website which is being transferred onto the new site. There has been a reduction in the annual cost for hosting the website. It is working well and there has been lots of positive feedback about the new website. There is a need to advise residents about planning applications. This could be done via the website and Facebook page. A Cropredy Parish Council Facebook page has been created and information is growing. Parish Councillors have admin access to the page. It was agreed that rules will be drawn up for adding information and news.
9. **PLANNING, CLIMATE CHANGE, FINANCE & LEGAL**
 - Cherwell Local Plan 2040 response** – Cllr Bob Garland had drafted a response from the Parish Council on the Options and comments on the 4 potential development sites. Work will continue on preparation of the Cropredy Plan/ Vision. The Parish Council's starting point is that any development should be appropriate in size and design and beneficial to the village. In the future, if there were any development in the village sufficient to secure 'developer benefits', District Councillor Phil Chapman advised that the Parish Council could learn from the experience of Great Bourton in this respect. The Parish Council has been notified of an appeal hearing to the enforcement notice to use of land for a residential caravan without permission at The Stables, Main Road, Great Bourton (CDC Ref: 20/00419/ENF). This is a very technical appeal over whether a caravan has been occupied for 10 years. The Parish Council has no input into this.

New Planning Applications:

21/03074/F – The Straw Barn – Change of use from horticulture to class E – PC no objection

21/03346/F – Tanah Merah – Single storey rear extension – PC no objection

21/03347/F – land SW of Beecham Cottages – 4 Glamping Pods – PC no objection

New Planning Decisions

21/03126/TEL56 – Oxhey Hill – Mobile Mast – CDC refused 5/11/2021

10. SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB:

Cable connection to carpark lighting and floodlights – This had found to be faulty and a temporary cable has been installed by a qualified electrician until a more permanent repair can be carried out.

Hedge cutting – one more cut will be carried out this year.

11. FINANCE

Balance Sheet – Reserves are currently £105,892. Expenditure for the year is below income but the only outstanding income is the VAT reclaim. Significant grounds maintenance bills are still due.

Barclays Bank Mandate – A mandate change request form has been submitted add new Councillors and delete people who are no longer councillors.

Unity Trust Bank Mandate – A mandate change request has been made to add Cllr Des Knight as a signatory.

12. COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT –

20 mph Speed initiative – OCC has budgeted £8.5 million for this. Enforcement may remain an issue if speed limits are lowered in villages.

Civil Parking Enforcement – OCC has contracted this out. It was previously the responsibility of Thames Valley Police.

Councillor pay increase – Councillors have voted to increase their allowances by £1,000 to £12,000.

Cycle Track Scheme – OCC has approved £12.5 m on a new cycle track scheme.

Zero Emission Zone – OCC is proposing to introduce a zero-emission zone in the centre of Oxford so that only zero emission cars could drive into the centre without charge but there are technical issues with trying to implement this.

13. DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT - None

14. CORRESPONDENCE – None

15. SUB COMMITTEE FOR QUEENS' PLATINUM JUBILEE

It was agreed that the Cllrs Tania Johnson, Karla Martin, Des Knight, Sheila Jones and Margaret Boscott would form the sub-committee.

Mugs for children under 12 years – It was agreed to purchase mugs for children. Cllr Bob Garland will try to obtain the numbers from census data.

16. DONATION TO HISTORY CLUB

It was agreed unanimously that a donation of £250 would be given to the History Club as a contribution towards the cost of shelving to store records.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS NOT OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE

Trees on the High Street – Some trees are growing into power and telephone lines. It was agreed that the clerk would report these to Western Power and BT Openreach.

Cars parked on Chapel Green – Some vehicles are being parked regularly on the Chapel Green. Notes are being put on them asking owners not to park there regularly.

Signage on The Plantation – Residents have complained about the amount of temporary signage on The Plantation. It was agreed that a policy will be developed for controlling the temporary signage and that The Brasenose will be advised that their recent sign is considered too large and should be removed.

Canal and River Trust - The Canal & River Trust has offered to carry out monthly maintenance with volunteers from the Trust and Cropredy residents on the 3rd Wednesday every month. This will be organised and managed by the Canal & River Trust. The initial work that is proposed is to replace a handrail that can then be painted by Cropredy volunteers.

Footbridge – It was agreed that the clerk will chase OCC to carry out the scheduled repairs to the footbridge and at the same time to decrease the gradient down towards the shop which is very steep and difficult to negotiate with a mobility scooter.

18. ANY MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC - None

19. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Monday 13th December 2021

There being no further matters the Chair closed the public meeting at 9.08pm

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