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*Village news for March 2022*



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## Food for body and soul

March begins with a day of many names – Mardi Gras it is called in some places – 'Fat Tuesday' – carnival time – carnival meaning 'goodbye to meat'. The last stocks of meat, fat, eggs and cheese were eaten up before the fast of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday. Shrove Tuesday is a day of celebration and partying, letting out emotions, before the discipline and order of Lent. The tradition continues of eating pancakes. To shrive means 'to absolve sins' – people were encouraged to go to confession so that they could begin Lent with clear consciences. Lent comes from the word that means 'lengthen' and in the northern hemisphere the days get longer, flowers begin to blossom, signs of spring appear. Here in the Shires' Edge Benefice, as we turn towards the cross, and follow the way of the carpenter's son, Jesus, we will reflect on the ways and wisdom of trees. Joy and abstinence, less and more are part of this season.

Lent is a season for doing important work, inner and outer, personal and collective, which may be hard. Lent is also a source of good news as it has the potential to offer just what we need – maybe especially as we negotiate together another transition time in response to Covid.



Whatever you have with your pancakes, may you enjoy this time of changing seasons, this time of feasting and fasting – thinking about less and more.

*Go out: love wastefully and save the world.*

*Go out: live foolishly and be wise.*

*Go out: you cannot love too much.*

*(prayer by Sally Foster-Fulton)*

Revd Hilary Campbell: [vicar@campbells.me.uk](mailto:vicar@campbells.me.uk) 01295 750385

### **MARCH SERVICES AT THE PARISH CHURCH**

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> .	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b> 9.30 a.m.. Holy Communion	Revd Hilary Campbell
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> .	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> 10.00 a.m. Seeker Service	Siobhan and Rebecca Croft
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> .	<b>Mothering Sunday Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion	Revd Hilary Campbell

### **MARCH SERVICES AT THE METHODIST CHAPEL 10.30 a.m.**

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> .	Richard Clugston
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> .	Margaret Clarke
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> .	(Details to be advised)
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> .	Hazel Stagg.





**COFFEE MORNING**  
with a bring and buy table  
**FRIDAY March 11<sup>th</sup>. 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 March 14<sup>th</sup>.** and **Monday March 28<sup>th</sup>.** 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

### Resources for Lent 2022

Wondering about ways to reflect on this season? Here are some ideas:

- **Lent in a Bag** – contains objects, readings, questions and prayers linked to the readings and themes of the weeks through Lent.
- **Lent Reflections** – Among the Trees In Lent we turn towards the cross and wonder again at its meaning. The cross is sometimes called the tree of life. In this practice we consider the way and wisdom of trees in connection with this season. There will be links with scripture and poetry along the way. Reflections will be part of the Lent Morning Prayer (Wednesday, 9am, Cropredy church) and Lent Compline (Night Prayer) by Zoom at 8pm. Beginning Wednesday March 9th.

Resources available at Lent church services and from me.

Revd Hilary Campbell

## World Day of Prayer

Women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland have prepared this year's service.

*The service is based on the hope given in the reading from Jeremiah*

**“I know the plans I have for you”**

Come and join us in the church on

Friday March 4<sup>th</sup>. at 4.30 p.m.

The Day of Prayer is a women led, global, ecumenical movement. It is celebrated in over 170 countries, beginning in Samoa and later. Each year the service is country. It is open to all **including** worship and fellowship together. interesting service. As ever,



finishing in American Samoa 36 hours prepared by women from a different **men** who wish to share a time of Please come for this uplifting and refreshments afterwards.

## **Cropredy Gardening Club AGM**

**Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup>. at 7.00 p.m.**

**Cropredy Village Hall**

**followed by an orchid demonstration**

**by Malcolm Moodie**

Come and find out about the events we have planned for the coming year and collect your new membership cards, £10 for the year, which includes 10% discount at several local garden centres.

There will be a complimentary glass of wine or soft drink for everyone attending the meeting.

Please note the earlier starting time

*We look forward to seeing you there*

Advance notice: Flower, vegetable and craft show, which will be back this year on Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup>.

**CROPREDY VILLAGE HALL**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Tuesday April 19<sup>th</sup>. at 7.00 p.m.**

*This year we are looking for new members from the village to join the village hall committee. There are only a few meetings a year but all committee members are involved in ensuring that the hall is well maintained and in helping to organise events such as the popular Fairport Village Hall breakfasts. Anyone who might be interested in finding out more about what is involved is welcome to speak to Judi Beer (758221) or Ray Moss (750505) before coming to the AGM on April 19<sup>th</sup>. All villagers are welcome to attend the AGM*

**Thank you from the Cluster Care Group** to all who organised the lovely Cropredy Calendar. We are so grateful to all those who sent in the photographs which made it such a success and to the generosity of everyone who bought one.

We are delighted with the generous donation that you were able to send us, it will help us to start up after our recent Covid closure. Cluster has to survive very largely on donations from charities or local groups, and we are always grateful when our work is recognized.

Once again, our grateful thanks to everyone who made the calendar possible and donated so generously.

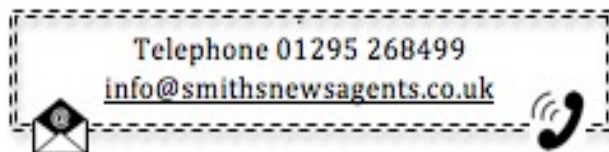
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## Cropredy Celebrations for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

From Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup>. to Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup>., we will be celebrating The Queen's 70 years of service.

In Cropredy, the Parish Council is organising, with the help of village organisations, a series of events that will include:

- Throughout the weekend: live streaming in the Village Hall of the national events; tea, coffee and cake will be available.
- Saturday Afternoon: on the Village Green - children's fancy dress, magician, live band, and of course tea, coffee, and cake.
- Sunday Afternoon and Evening at the Sports Field: children's games, food, live band.

Look out for further details in *The Crier* in April, the Village Website, and the Cropredy Village Community Facebook Page

## Cropredy Historical Society

**Cropredy Village Hall**  
**Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup>.**  
**7.30 p.m.**



### Vintage gardening and agricultural tools

*Bert Manton will be challenging members to identify a selection of bygone items from his collection. He will describe the history and function of the exhibits*

*Refreshments*

*Visitors welcome - £3 fee*

## Cropredy Film Society

**Spring Season 2022**

**Film Supper Cropredy Village Hall**

**Doors 6.30 Supper 7.00**



Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup>. ***The Courier***

*This true-life spy thriller follows the story of businessman Greville Wynne (BAFTA winner Benedict Cumberbatch), recruited into one of the greatest international conflicts in history. He forms a dangerous partnership with a Soviet officer in an effort to provide crucial intelligence needed to prevent a nuclear confrontation and defuse the Cuban Missile Crisis.*

Drama, History, Thriller

Director: Dominic Cooke Writer: Tom O'Connor

Cast includes: Benedict Cumberbatch, Merab Ninidze, Rachel Brosnahan, Jessie Buckley

2020

12A

1h 52m

Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>. ***St George's Day***

Booking with Frances 758 448 or [f.61whitaker@btinternet.com](mailto:f.61whitaker@btinternet.com)

*sorry no tickets on the door*



## Cropredy Tennis Club

AGM 2022



To be held at Cropredy Sports and Social Club pavilion

On Monday March 21<sup>st</sup>. at 7.00 p.m for 7.30 p.m. start

**All welcome**

**Bar open**



### Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Please let the parish council know if you have a child 12 years of age or under in June of this year. (Cropredy children only)

Ring Margaret Boscott (750440) or drop her a note at 20, Cup and Saucer

## FIRS FIRS FIRS FIRS FIRS FIRS FIRS FIRS FIRS FIRS FIRS

Come and join our **Friends in Retirement group** at Cropredy Village Hall from 2.00 until 4.00 pm once a month on a Wednesday. Next meeting is March 9<sup>th</sup>. We have speakers, social events, tea and cake and outings when we can.

You would be very welcome, we would love to see you. The cost is £2.00 per month

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# Cropredy Jazz - March 26th

Doors 6:30pm - show 7:00pm

## Rob Terry Trio

Rob Terry has He has written music with Eurythmics Dave Stewart, toured as Music Director with singer Eartha Kit and played for Britain at the Eurovision Song Contest. But we believe it's as a pianist, composer and arranger in his own right that he shines Rob's trio (piano, double bass & drums) will be creating a very special set of music with hints to the oncoming of spring in his very exciting Jazz 'Standards' show.



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Bring your own nibbles & drinks

Enquiries to 07704 297119

**[www.cropredyjazz.co.uk](http://www.cropredyjazz.co.uk)**

*If you would like to book tickets for Cropredy Jazz without the agency booking fee we are investigating the possibility of making a block booking and paying by BACS. Jayne and Paul would be happy with this so we just need to gauge interest.*

*Please contact : [verna.wass@btinternet.com](mailto:verna.wass@btinternet.com) 01295 758222 to find out more.*

### Cropredy Planning for 2040

What do we want for Cropredy over the next twenty years? What are our views on issues such as the natural environment, open space, climate change, housing, transport, and village facilities? The Parish Council will be consulting residents in March and April, continuing the work started last October which revealed some important issues. There will be a questionnaire survey in March and open meetings at the Village Hall in April. We want to hear from everyone. We will then prepare a 'vision statement' to guide how the Parish Council responds to the draft Cherwell District Plan that is expected in the Summer.

**Look out for further details on posters, the Village Website, and the Village Community Facebook Page. This will be an opportunity to have your say.**



Church of St. Mary the Virgin: Big Spring Clean

Thursday March 31<sup>st</sup>. from 9.30 a.m.



Come along and help us prepare our village Church for the Easter Festival

We will be sweeping, vacuuming, dusting, polishing and cleaning brasses to ensure that our church is fresh and gleaming ready for Easter

Even if you can only spare an hour you would be most welcome....many hands make light work.

There will be coffee and cake!

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## CROPREDY PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of a meeting of Cropredy Parish Council held in the Methodist Chapel on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7pm

**Present:** Councillors Tania Johnson (Chairman), Bob Garland, Sheila Jones, Des Knight, Margaret Boscott, Karla Martin, Jacqui Smith, District Cllr Phil Chapman and County Cllr George Reynolds and David Best (Clerk). One member of the public attended the meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** None.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – The minutes of the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> December were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:** None.
5. **VILLAGE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT**

**Playing Field** – The gate at the far side had been made self closing by the addition of a weight. Thanks to John Taylor for this and all the other maintenance carried out in the playing field.

**Areas in the village maintained by volunteers** – A list of the area currently maintained by volunteers from the village was reviewed and agreed to be correct.

**Mower servicing** – The mowers that are used for the Upper Churchyard and Kyetts Corner will have their annual service this month.

**Hell Hole Wall** – There is no change to the condition of the wall but the monitoring will continue.

**Canal and River Trust maintenance** – Another successful Canal and River Trust ‘Towpath Taskforce’ took place on 19<sup>th</sup> January, working on footpath maintenance and a general tidy up at the wharf. Thanks to an increasing number of parishioners joining, and the next session is scheduled for Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March weather permitting.
6. **TRANSPORT, TRAFFIC & STREET LIGHTING**

**School Car Park** – The legal advisor to the Parish Council has proposed a framework for the agreements between the PC, School and Landowners, and this appears acceptable in principle for all. There was a positive meeting with the headteacher on 11<sup>th</sup> February and some points of detail will be followed up. The PC legal advisor will prepare draft agreements and a final meeting between all parties will be arranged to finalise matters. Further advice has been noted that the PC will not be able to reclaim VAT on any material bought for the construction.

**Community Speedwatch Initiative** – This is up and running with three sessions at the entrance to the Village from Claydon Road. Some ‘offending’ vehicles had been reported to the police. Two further locations (Williamscot Road and Station Road) have been submitted for police approval. More volunteers would be welcomed.

**20mph speed limit for the whole Village** - 78% of respondents to the Parish Council Survey last October were in favour of a 20mph speed limit. Oxfordshire County Council funding is available for the consultation and installation costs. Cllr Knight proposed the PC apply to be considered and this was seconded by Cllr Johnson. This was supported unanimously by the PC. Cllr Knight will proceed with the application.

**Car parking on bend outside The Brasenose Arms** – The PC is seeking to lessen the traffic hazard in consultation with the OCC expert. A site visit has been conducted and recommendations are awaited
7. **VILLAGE EMERGENCY PLAN, CRIME PREVENTION & ENVIRONMENT**

No update.
8. **PARISH COUNCIL USE OF INTERNET & SOCIAL MEDIA**

No update.
9. **PLANNING, CLIMATE CHANGE, FINANCE & LEGAL**

Cllr Garland will lead the consultation with residents about planning for Cropredy over the next 20 years. A questionnaire survey is planned in March which will seek to identify the relative importance of issues including village services, community buildings, housing, the natural environment and slowing climate change. The survey will be available to complete online, but a 'paper' option will be available on request. Two open meetings are planned to be held in April.

### **New Planning Applications:**

21/04101/F – Water Meadows – Single storey side extension – PC support

21/04186/M56 – The Plant House – Change of use of office – PC support

21/04201/Q56 – Crockwell Farm – Changes for single dwellinghouse – PC support

21/04259/F – Lockbund Foundry – Change of use of agricultural building – PC support

21/04090/F – Cropredy Lock – Install lock counter – PC support

### **New Planning Decisions**

21/04201/Q56 – Crockwell Farm – Changes for single dwellinghouse – PC support

## **10. SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB:**

**Cable connection to carpark lighting and floodlights** – Three quotes have been received for the required work and Cllr Johnson proposed acceptance of the quote from DAP Electrical. This was seconded by Cllr Knight

**Defibrillator** – The Cropredy Parish Sports and Social Club is proposing to install a defibrillator at the Pavilion which will be partly funded by the English and Welsh Cricket Board. It was agreed that the {Parish council will contribute to the cost as it will not just be used by the sports clubs. It was agreed that the Sports and Social Club will be responsible for monitoring and managing the defibrillator.

**Valuation on Sports Club Buildings** – The Clerk had obtained quotes from Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors to assess the full reinstatement cost of the building in the event of a total loss. Cllr Johnson proposed acceptance of the quotation from David Parlett, MRICS. This was seconded by Cllr Garland

## **11. FINANCE**

**Accounts** – The accounts up to 14<sup>th</sup> February were circulated by the clerk prior to the meeting and agreed.

**Bank Mandate Changes** – Unity Trust Bank had confirmed that Cllr Knight was added as a signatory. Barclays Bank has not yet confirmed the changes that have been requested

## **12. COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT**

**Cherwell District Council & Oxfordshire County Council Partnership** – OCC has decided that it no longer wants to continue the partnership to share back-office functions. This will add cost to both CDC and OCC.

## **13. DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT - None**

## **14. CORRESPONDENCE** – No outstanding items from correspondence received since the last meeting.

## **15. PARISH MATTERS**

**Sorting of Books in Teenage Shelter** – A vote of thanks was given to Trevor Burch for sorting out the books and implementing an aging system.

**New Book Shelter building** – The wood has been purchased to build the new book-store and building will begin as soon as the weather improves.

**Chapel Green quotes** – Cllr Johnson proposed that the quote from John Taylor to erect posts and chains be accepted, and this was seconded by Cllr Smith.

**List of volunteers and areas for grass cutting** – This was reviewed and agreed. It was agreed that a schedule of mowing would be compiled.

**Church Wall** – Cllr Johnson has spoken to two structural engineers who could advise on necessary repairs but neither has provided a quote yet. They will produce a schedule of work prioritising the sections requiring repair. It was agreed that the clerk would check if listed building consent is required.

**Schedule diary of work to be carried out in the village** – It was agreed that a schedule of the work carried out in the village including mowing would be drawn up.

**Poor state of footpath across the Pearson's Land** – Gt Boughton PC had requested Cropredy PC to ask the landowners to improve the access on the footpath which crosses a field where cattle are often grazing. Cropredy PC will ask Gt Boughton PC to report issues on their footpaths via the OCC Countryside Access Map website.

**Brown Bins** – Cherwell will be charging for Brown Bin collections from 1<sup>st</sup> March. A number of volunteer grass cutters use their own bins for grass cuttings. It was agreed that the Parish Council will pay for all bins that are used for mowing communal areas.

**16. QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE**

It was agreed that 120 mugs would be ordered for children and the original design was chosen. The marquee has been ordered and a deposit paid. No additional insurance cover is required unless the PC expect more that 500 people at any event. Some small sections of road may need to be closed for the event on The Green on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June. This would affect parking but should cause minimal disruption.

**17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS NOT OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE**

**Toy Cooker for Cropredy Tots** – It was agreed that the PC would pay for a new toy cooker for the Cropredy Tots Group which is run by volunteers. This was proposed by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr Knight.

**Meeting Frequency** – It was agreed to hold a meeting in January in future.

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

**19. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING** – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022

There being no further matters the Chair closed the public meeting at 9.20pm



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Remember to check the village website (<https://www.cropredyvillage.info/welcome.htm> ) and facebook pages ( <https://www.facebook.com/groups/377518459014813/> ) for updates

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**Deadline for the next edition will be Friday March 18<sup>th</sup>.**

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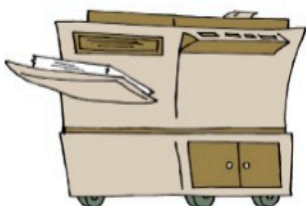
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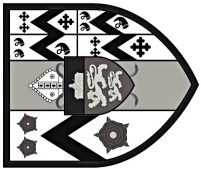
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Slow-roasted shoulder of lamb

### **Ballotine of Chicken**

A juicy chicken breast wrapped in bacon

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### **Brasenose roast lentil loaf (v)**

Served with crispy roast potatoes, homemade Yorkshire pudding, roasted roots, wilted greens, cauliflower cheese & gravy

Can be a vegan option - please ask.

### **Broad bean falafels (ve)**

Served with vegan pesto dressed zoodles & roasted tomatoes

£16.50 adult meal | £12.00 children's meal.

Free scoop of Jude's vanilla, strawberry or chocolate ice cream with every children's meal

We also have a full bar and garden menu served Wed-Sat. See website for more details. Dogs are welcome in the bar.

