



The Cropredy Crier

Village news for December 2022

Christmas

at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin

*Sunday 18th. 6.00 p.m.
Candlelit Carol Service*



plus mulled wine, mince pies



Saturday 24th.

Christmas Eve

3.00 p.m. Crib Service

children especially welcome: dressing up
and audience participation

11.00 p.m. Midnight Mass

Come to St. Mary's Church, for a real Christmas...



A Message from Valerie, Co-lay chair of the PCC:

The Church community of St. Mary the Virgin realises the importance of being there when a person is in need in any way, be it because of illness or bereavement or being new to the area. We are currently without a vicar so if you would like prayers for yourself, or somebody known to you, or a visit for a listening ear, just get in touch with me, Valerie Peachey and I will get back to you. **Tel.01295 750739 or valerie.peachey@gmail.com**



Any questions regarding services or requests for weddings, baptisms etc should be addressed to the Churchwardens:

Verna Wass verna.wass@btinternet.com 01295 758222

Graham Oliver nb.Alnwick@gmail.com 01295 750956

SERVICES AT THE PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 4th.	2nd. Sunday of Advent 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion	Rev. Glyn Evans
Sunday 18th.	4th. Sunday of Advent 6.00 pm. Candlelit Carol Service	Sue Upton
Saturday 24th.	Christmas Eve 3.00 pm. Crib Service 11.00 pm. Midnight Mass	Verna Wass Rev. Sarah Sharp

Bell-ringing, practices every Monday
tower secretary, Grace Wilson 07765 465 994

SERVICES AT THE METHODIST CHAPEL.

Sunday 4th.	10.30 a.m.	Mr. David Sandy.
Sunday 11th.	10.30 a.m.	Mr. Richard Clugston.
Sunday 18th.	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Phil Robinson. Carol Service.
Sunday 25th.	10.30 a.m.	Local Arrangements Christmas Day



COFFEE MORNING

with a bring and buy table also on sale books from
Mary Smith's library. They are Victorian cloth and gilt
bound novels
and stories, a piece of Croprey's social history



FRIDAY 9th. 10.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon.

METHODIST CHAPEL SCHOOL ROOM

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

Coming in January... WARM PLACES



All are welcome, room for all. Meeting on the fourth Friday of each month at the Methodist School Room.
Call 01295 758759 for more information



Cropredy Tots

**... will be meeting on Monday 5th. and 19th. in the Chapel School Room,
10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon.**

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 Painting Group

We meet in the Village Hall on Monday afternoons during term time.

If you would like to find out about the group or add your name

to our waiting list please contact Sue Fairbrother on
750523



Knit and Natter Remembrance Day Cascade.

We would like to thank all those who kindly knitted poppies of all shades of red and some white. The response was overwhelming which meant that we were able to have two cascades, one from the village sign and the other from the north door in the church.

We hope you enjoyed them too.

Thank you all, we now know where to go if we have any more big 'designs' to do.

Rachel McLoughlin

Village Christmas Tree in Churchyard:

Hooray! Movements are afoot to dig the hole for the Christmas tree so there will be a Christmas tree in the churchyard for Christmas. One of the donors suggested that it would be fun to have carols around the Christmas tree one evening, so it is planned to do this on Thursday 22nd. December at 6.00 p.m. for about half an hour, weather permitting. Words provided.

Villagers are invited to add their own decorations to the tree as well as any individual messages of Christmas hope, cheer or goodwill.

Thank you to those who have donated. There is still time. We are not quite there yet but there are plans to cook a film supper in the New Year.

Do come and bring your family and friends.

Valerie

[The hole has been dug, by yours truly: 500mm square and 800mm deep should anyone be interested. It contained at least four distinct archaeological deposits including the remains of an early cobbled path approaching the west door provisionally dated by the pottery to the late fifteenth century. Ed.]

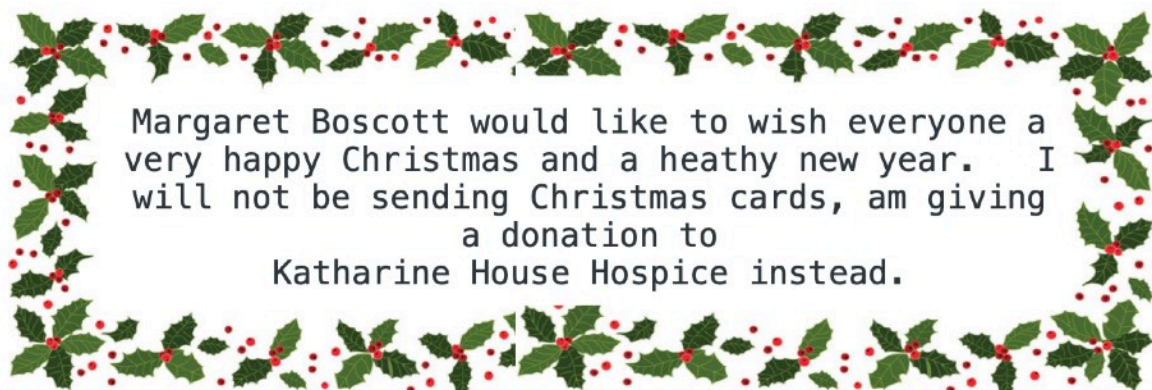


Church of St. Mary the Virgin Big Team Clean



Thursday December 15th. from 9.30 a.m.

Come along and help us prepare our village Church for the Christmas season. We will be sweeping, vacuuming, dusting, wiping, polishing and cleaning brasses to ensure that our church is fresh and gleaming. We will also be filling the church with seasonal greenery. Even if you can only spare an hour you would be most welcome....many hands make light work.
verna.wass@btinternet.com



Cropredy Film Society

Post Christmas Special in Cropredy Village Hall at 6.00pm

Bring your own Festive Picnic and Drinks

Complimentary mulled wine or soft drink on arrival

Thursday December 29th.

Downton Abbey: A New Era

The original star-studded cast of "Downton Abbey" return for a second film. In 2019 we saw the Crawleys prepare for a royal visit to their Yorkshire estate. This time they go on a grand journey to the South of France to uncover the mystery of the Dowager Countess's newly inherited villa.

PG Drama, Romance, **2022, 2h 4m.** Director: Simon Curtis Writer: Julian Fellowes Cast includes: Maggie Smith, Michelle Dockery, Imelda Staunton, Hugh Bonneville, Laura Carmichael, Jim Carter and Elizabeth McGovern

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

The first film supper in 2023: Saturday January 29th.

sorry no tickets on the door

Dates For The Diary

December 10th – Camp As Christmas Boozy Bingo Bizarre

December 24th – Christmas Eve Open "house"

More information on website. www.themulberrycafe.co.uk

Bookings via Facebook, email or in the café info@themulberrycafe.co.uk

All events are booking only.



Cropredy Church Quiz returns

Saturday February 4th. 2023, 6.30 p.m. for 7.00 start

Supper Bar Raffle

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

Entries £8.50 per person to include supper

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

Save the date!



Christmas Market

at The Old Coal Wharf

in support of The Arts Haven charity

Sat 10th , Sun 11th December

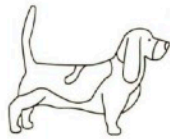
Browse the stalls for Christmas gift ideas all weekend!

Sat @ 1pm: Enjoy Christmas carols & songs

performed by Musicality singing group

Toast marshmallows round the fire pits,

Enjoy hot food, tea/coffee from The Saucy Hound.



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Weds : closed

Thurs, Fri : 2.00pm - 8.00pm

Sat : 10.00am - 7.30pm

Sun : 10.00am - 5.00pm

Souk (noun): Marketplace, bazaar. Also spelt Sok, سوق

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December Saturday 17th 2022

£2 per child
11am - 4pm

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your place:
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CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

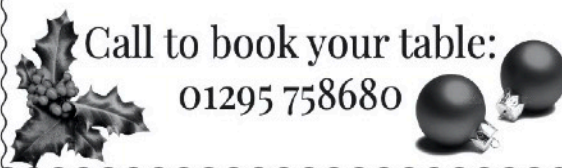


December Saturday 3rd. 2022

£5 per table. 11am - 4pm

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Call to book your table:
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CROPREDY PARISH COUNCIL

Information about a Provisional Proposal for New Homes between the Village and The Marina: Monday 12th. December

Please note (as recorded in the minutes below of the meeting of 14th November), that Obsidian Strategic (working on behalf of Brasenose College) has asked to attend the public part of the December Parish Council meeting to provide information about a provisional proposal for new homes between the village and the marina. There will also be information available and displays in St. Mary's Church from 11.00 a.m with the meeting following at 7.00 p.m.

It should be noted that the proposal is provisional and no decisions have been made or are being made at this stage. If the proposal were to progress, there would be further consultations with parishioners.

Minutes of a meeting of Cropredy Parish Council held in the Methodist Chapel on Monday 14th November 2022 at 7pm

Present: Councillors Tania Johnson (Chairman), Des Knight, Sheila Jones, Jacqui Smith, Bob Garland, , and David Best (Clerk). One member of the public attended the meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs Margaret Boscott, Karla Martin, District Cllr Phil Chapman, County Cllr George Reynolds.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – The minutes of the meeting of 3rd October were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:** None.
5. **VILLAGE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT**

Vote of Thanks to the Upper Churchyard mowing volunteers – The final cut for the year is now complete. The PC is extremely grateful to all the volunteers who do the mowing

Hell Hole Wall – Another check is expected to be carried out by CDC imminently.

Canal and River Trust Volunteering Group – The last 'Towpath Taskforce' was cancelled due to the works associated with the installation of the new footbridge but another will take place in November.

Rubbish bin at Broadmore Lock – This has been repaired and black plastic sacks have not been left by it recently. It was thought that a dog bin used to be located here and this will be checked.

Gutters from The Chapel to Church Lane – It was agreed that Cherwell will be asked to sweep these but notify the PC in advance so that notices could be put on the parked cars asking for them to be moved before the sweeping takes place.

Cemetery Leylandii Hedge – A quote has been obtained but the overhead power cables nearby would need to be switched off for 5 days. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask National Grid if the power can be switched off.

Sign to the Church at Hell Hole and Book Shelter sign – It was agreed to get quotes for these..

Mowing quotation – Quotations had been obtained from a



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contractor but were more expensive than the people who currently mow the lower churchyard, Cemetery, Allotments and Play Area field.

6. TRANSPORT, TRAFFIC & STREET LIGHTING

Community Speedwatch Initiative – There has been some positive response to the recent appeal for additional support which could increase the team up to 10 volunteers. The minimum target is 12 volunteers which would mean a volunteer doing 1 to 2 hours a month at the current schedule. We are still looking for volunteers!

Footbridge replacement – It was agreed that the clerk would send a letter to OCC Highways thanking them for the excellent job they have done.

Car Parking on bend outside the Brasenose Arms – OCC Highways are expecting to schedule the Consultation Review for the double yellow lines proposal during December/January period.

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

Telecomms Mast – Several applications have been submitted and refused by Cherwell so Cllr Bob Garland has spoken to OCC to try to consult with the mobile phone provider to find an acceptable location.

Village Hall Broadband – An application has been submitted to connect the Village Hall to superfast broadband.

Cherwell Local Plan – Cllr Bob Garland attended a Parish Workshop given by CDC. Cherwell expect to publish the draft on 14th December. This will be the final opportunity to make substantive comments. The draft plan will set housing requirements for the next 20 years and provide an indicative distribution between urban and rural area. The rural allocation will be by three categories of village. Although these categories are being reviewed it is expected that Cropredy will remain a category 1 village.

New Planning Applications:

22/03163/F – Cropredy Lawn – Glamping Pods – PC supports

New Planning Decisions:

22/02607/TCA – St Mary's Church – Fell cherry tree - CDC granted 5/10/2022

22/02610/TCA – The Old Coal Wharf – Crown lift Horse Chestnut – CDC granted 24/10/2022

22/02783/TCA – Kyetts Corner – Prune Apple tree – CDC permitted 5/10/2022.

10. SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

Resurfacing the Tennis Courts – Tree roots have damaged the tennis court surface which was installed by the PC 25 years ago and it needs renewing. The Tennis Club has installed a barrier to prevent further root damage. It was agreed OCC Highways will be contacted about the poplar trees and the Cricket Club will be contacted about the oak tree nearest to the courts. Four quotes have been obtained and it was agreed unanimously to proceed with the resurfacing. The Tennis Club is making a significant financial contribution.

New Agreement – It was agreed that Cllrs Tania Johnson, Des Knight and the Clerk would meet to review the response from the solicitor on the new agreement.

New Heaters – It was agreed to replace the heaters at the Sports and Social Club



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11.FINANCE

Accounts, Bank Balances, and Payments - The Summary of Receipts and Payments to 3rd November 2022 had been circulated prior to the meeting. The bank balances total £100,308.93 Payments totalling £707.38 were agreed.

2023-24 Budget – The draft budget, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, was reviewed, and agreed. It was agreed not to increase the Precept.

Pay increase for Clerks – The National Association of Local Councils published new pay scales for clerks on 2nd November. It was agreed to increase the Clerk's pay from £13.21 to £14.21 per hour.

12.COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT – No update.

13.DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT – No update.

14.CORRESPONDENCE

Request to meet PC from Brasenose College representative - Obsidian Strategic (working on behalf of Brasenose College) has asked to meet the PC to provide provisional information about a proposal for new homes between the village and the marina. It was agreed to invite Obsidian to the PC meeting (public part) on 12th December. It was noted that the meeting is to provide information only and no decisions have been made or are being made at this stage.

Near miss at the School – The Headmaster reported to the PC that a parent had to do an emergency stop when a

small child ran from their mother and friend and ran into the road, in front of the parent's vehicle. Thankfully the parent was able to stop. The Headteacher has written parents asking them to supervise children very closely. A parent has asked that a formal crossing with warning lights and/or railings are installed. The Parish Council will ask OCC Highways, who are responsible for road safety, how road safety can be improved at the school. It is hoped that the 20mph speed limit through the village that the PC has asked OCC Highways to install will be completed in 2023.

15. PARISH MATTERS

Cemetery fees rules and ongoing maintenance – It was agreed to form a working group to review these.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS NOT OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE - None

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

18. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Monday 12th December 2022

There being no further matters the Chair closed the public meeting at 9.35pm

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Christmas

THE  BRASENOSE

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Booking essential on 01295 750244

- STARTERS -

Winter root vegetable soup served with crisp vegetable ribbons
and sour dough bread (v) | £9.50

Oven baked mushrooms with truffle oil and a garlic cheddar sauce. Served with
toasted rustic pumpkin seed bread (v) | £8.50

Chicken liver parfait served with toast, garlic butter, Brasenose chutney
and crisp beetroot | £9.00

Black pudding and blue cheese croquettes served with apple sauce and fresh salad | £9.50

- MAIN COURSE -

Bacon wrapped turkey, stuffed with sausage and cranberries | £19.00

Pork Belly with cider and pears | 18.50

8oz Sirloin steak | £25.00 (£5 supplement)

All the above served with rosemary roasted potatoes, crispy bacon
brussell sprouts, maple glazed carrots and parsnips, and braised red cabbage

Beetroot and squash wellington with kale pesto (ve) | £17.50

King prawn and pea risotto served with a parmesan crisp | £18.00

- DESSERTS -

Homemade Christmas pudding with brandy cream | £8.00

Traditional sherry trifle | £8.00

Salted pecan and chocolate pie | £8.00

Lemon posset with homemade shortbread biscuit | £8.00



CROPREDY VILLAGE EVENTS AT A GLANCE



DECEMBER

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Wednesday 7th.	2.00 p.m.	Short mat bowls	Village Hall
Monday 12th.	11.00 a.m.	Planning Display	St. Marys Church
	12.30 p.m.	Cropredy Lunches, Christmas Lunch	Village Hall
	7.00 p.m.	Short mat bowls	Village Hall
	7.00 p.m.	Planning Meeting	St. Marys Church
Monday 19th.	5.30 p.m.	Village Carol Singing	Meet at Church Rooms
	7.00 p.m.	Short mat bowls	Village Hall
Tuesday 20th.	5.30 p.m.	Village Carol Singing	Meet at Church Rooms
Wednesday 21st.	2.00 p.m.	Short mat bowls	Village Hall
Thursday 22nd.	6.00 p.m.	Christmas Tree Carols	St. Marys Churchyard
Thursday 29th.	6.00 p.m.	Cropredy Film Society <i>Downton Abbey: A New Era</i>	Village Hall

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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

Whilst every care is taken the editor accepts no responsibility for any errors, omissions, consequences, or on-going hose-pipe bans.

Deadline for the next edition will be Sunday December 18th.

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