



The Cropredy Crier

Village news for October 2022

Brackley Chamber Music Club presents:

'A Bank of Thyme'

A choral and instrumental concert directed by Helen Swift
Church of St Mary the Virgin, Cropredy
Saturday November 12th. 7.30 p.m.

The concert will include old and new settings of words of Shakespeare
and traditional folk songs.

Soloists: Helen Swift, Jean Parker and Tess Burroughs. Reader: Meriel
Dickenson

Tickets £10 (sold in aid of church funds) and available from
Graham Oliver nb.Alnwick@gmail.com 01295 750956



ADVANCE NOTICE

We are planning to hold a Christmas Tree Festival in
the Church over the weekend . November 26th./27th.

If your family, club, society, business or organisation
would like to take part in this exciting venture and
decorate a tree for display in the Church

Please contact: Gill Parratt 750427

or Mary Richardson 750774

to book your space or for more details.



The Death of Queen Elizabeth II

Many thanks to all those bell-ringers, flag-flyers and representatives of the church and village hall committee that helped commemorate the passing of our late Queen, Elizabeth II. The Book of Condolence will remain open in Church for you to sign until Sunday 9th October. At the request of the Bishop it will then be kept in Church as part of the Parish archive.

As we work our way patiently through the process of appointing a new vicar the PCC and Wardens will do their best to ensure that all the usual church functions operate as smoothly as possible.
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 2nd.	16th. Sunday after Trinity 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion	Right Revd. Jonathon Meyrick
Sunday 16th.	18th. Sunday after Trinity 10.00 a.m. Seeker Service	Siobhan & Rebecca Croft
Sunday 23rd.	Bible Sunday 10.00 a.m. Morning Worship	Sue Upton

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

SERVICES AT THE METHODIST CHAPEL 10.30 a.m.

Sunday 2nd..	Mr. John Neal.
Sunday 9th..	Local arrangement Service.
Sunday 16th.	Mrs. Jane Wass.
Sunday 23rd.	No Service in Chapel - Circuit Service in Marlborough Rd Church, Banbury.



COFFEE MORNING
with a bring and buy table
FRIDAY 14th. 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.

Cropredy Tots

**... will be meeting on Monday 3rd. and 17th. 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

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Dates For The Diary

October 29th – Halloween Boozy Bingo

November 19th – Curry Night

December 10th – Camp As Christmas

Boozy Bingo Bizarre

December 24th – Christmas Eve Open “house”

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All events are booking only.



Cropredy Film Society

Autumn Season 2022

Film Supper Cropredy Village Hall

Doors 6.30 Supper 7.00

Saturday October 22nd. **Belfast**

Belfast, 15th August 1969. Surrounded by sporadic violence and growing danger nine-year-old Buddy finds himself confronted with the ugly reality of sectarian conflict. There is terrific warmth and tenderness to this, Kenneth Branagh's elegiac autobiographical movie about the Belfast of his childhood.

12A Biography, Drama

Director: Kenneth Branagh Writer: Kenneth Branagh

Cast includes: Jude Hill, Lewis McAskie, Caitriona Balfe, Judy Dench

2021

1h 38m

Saturday November 26th. **Operation Mincemeat**

Thursday December 29th. **Downton Abbey: A New Era**

Booking with Frances 758 448 or f.61whitaker@btinternet.com
sorry no tickets on the door



Cropredy Gardening Club

Wednesday October 12th.

at 7.30 p.m.

Cropredy Village Hall

**'Why did the hedgehog
cross the road?'**

with
Hugh Warwick

Author, ecologist and spokesperson for the
British Hedgehog Preservation Society

All welcome, free to members, £3 for non-members



CHRISTMAS TREE:

Last month I put an article in the Crier mentioning that the PCC propose to have a Christmas tree in the churchyard annually for us all to enjoy. This means digging a hole in order to secure a permanent place which will be covered up for most of the year. There will be a cost involved so I have set up a Just Giving site where your donations, anonymous if you wish, would be very welcome.

Thank you very much,
Valerie Peachey

Cropredy Gardening Club

Flower, Vegetable and Craft Show

The 2022 Annual Show took place on Saturday 27th August. The theme this year was 'Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee' to celebrate 70 glorious years of reign. It was our first show since the outbreak of the Covid 19 pandemic in 2020, so we had a slightly scaled down show to enable social distancing. We had fewer entries than 2019, but there was still a lovely display in the Village Hall – and the tea and delicious homemade cakes were, as ever, enjoyed by the many visitors.

Special thanks must go to the judges – Brian Douthwaite, Gill Whitrow, Margaret Boscot and Denis Paynton... and of course to all those who entered. The committee would also like to thank the people who helped to set up the hall in advance, during the show, and those who helped clear the village hall afterwards – it is all very much appreciated.

Congratulations to all of those who won prizes. A list of the main prize-winners is printed below:

Society Cup for most points in show	Helena Tudor
RHS Banksian Medal 2020 for outstanding service to Cropredy Gardening Club	Harold Cotterell
RHS Banksian Medal 2021 for outstanding service to Cropredy Gardening Club (& notably his role in the big plant giveaway)	Denis Paynton
RHS Banksian Medal 2022 for most points in vegetables and fruit classes	Helena Tudor
Most points in Cookery and Crafts	Sue Ewing
Most points in flower classes	Helena Tudor
Two most outstanding Junior entries	Olivia Blakeman
Two most outstanding Junior entries	Elizabeth Denton
Best kept allotment	Andy Baxter & Stuart Gross
People's Choice Award (for knitted chess set)	Christine Garland

Many thanks to all who contributed to this year's show. We hope that next year we will be back to full strength with lots more entrants. If you have any comments or suggestions for improvements, please contact Helena Tudor (Show Secretary) helenatudor@btinternet.com / 07894 758315 or any other committee member.



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CROPREDY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

CROPREDY VILLAGE HALL at 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday October 19th.

An illustrated talk by **Dr Gill White**

KATHERINE OF ARAGON

“The first wife”. But what was she really like?



Katherine was a remarkable and capable woman who steered a complicated course through Tudor England for more than thirty years. Well educated, courageous and politically shrewd, she was loved by the people and was in most ways an excellent royal consort. But she failed in one thing: to provide her husband, King Henry VIII, with a son and heir.

Dr White tells Katherine's largely forgotten story, from childhood in the palaces of Spain, through her short-lived first marriage, her traumatic fight for survival as a young widow, her triumphant second marriage and the catastrophe of "The King's Great Matter" that saw her set aside in favour of Anne Boleyn.

Gill White is one of our frequent and popular speakers. She has informed and entertained us with the histories of the Field of the Cloth of Gold, Robert Dudley's carnival at Kenilworth Castle for Elizabeth I, portraits of Queen Victoria, the Great Fire of Warwick, and the biographies of Bess of Hardwick, Mary Queen of Scots and most recently the 1st Duke of Devonshire, William Cavendish, builder of Chatsworth House.

Refreshments from 7.15 p.m.

Visitors welcome £3

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OCTOBER MENU

STARTERS

- Squash and apple soup with cheddar croutons (v) | £7.50
- Sweet potato, chickpea, and spinach curry (ve) | £8.50 | £15.50
- Mac and cheese bites with Mexican salsa (v) | £9.00
- Bubble and squeak with crisp bacon and quail's egg | £9.50
- Marmite peanut butter chicken satay on crispy salad | £9.50

MAINS

- Creamy pork and pear cassoulet herb mash with charred vegetables | |£19.00
- Vegan lasagne with salad and garlic bread (ve) | £16.50
- Cajan rice with chorizo meatballs and fried hen's egg | £18.00
- Spicy black bean chicken enchiladas with pumpkin sour cream sauce | £18.00
- Braised lamb shank with celeriac and rosemary served with sautéed chard and parsnip and potato puree | £22.00

DESSERTS | £8.00

- Ginger and rum pumpkin pie
- Pear and blackberry crumble with bay leaf custard
- IPA treacle tart with clotted cream
- Plum, hazelnut, and chocolate cake with clotted cream
- Vegan lemon tar and plant-based pouring cream (ve)

Menus and prices are subject to change. A full grill, bar and garden menu is also available.

Dogs are welcome in the garden and bar areas.

Please check our website and Facebook for all menus and food service times

Save the date!  **The Brasenose Christmas Fair**  **Save the date!**
12th, 13th, 19th and 20th November. 12-4pm
Crafts & gifts, live music, festive food and drink

The Brasenose Arms, Station Rd, Cropredy. OX17 1PW | Tel: 01295 750244
www.thebrasenose.co.uk | www.facebook.com/thebrasenose

Note: There was no meeting of the parish council in September because of the death of the Queen.



CROPREDY VILLAGE EVENTS AT A GLANCE

OCTOBER

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Monday 10th.	12.30 p.m.	Cropredy Lunches	Village Hall
Wednesday 12th.	7.30 p.m.	Gardening Club <i>Why did the hedgehog cross the road?</i>	Village Hall
Friday 14th.	10.30 a.m.	Coffee Morning	Methodist Chapel
Wednesday 19th.	7.30 p.m.	Historical Society <i>Katherine of Aragon</i>	Village Hall
Saturday 22nd.	6.30 p.m.	Film Society <i>Belfast</i>	Village Hall
Monday 24th.	12.30 p.m.	Cropredy Lunches	Village Hall
Friday 28th.		Halloween Boozy Bingo	Mulberry Cafe

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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 ‘fiscal events’.

Deadline for the next edition will be Tuesday October 18th.

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