



# *The Cropredy Crier*

*Village news for August 2021*

## **The Church Garden Party**

**@ The Old Manor**

(Courtesy of Andrew Fellows)

**Saturday September 4<sup>th</sup>.**

A chance to relax and enjoy these beautiful gardens  
in the company of friends and family

**REFRESHMENTS BAR**

**LIVE MUSIC GAMES**

Watch out for posters and further information on  
Facebook and the village web-site

### **Worship in church - the next stage**

Covid-19 legislation has now been removed in England as we move into 'Step 4' of the government's roadmap. There are a number of recommendations and "notes of caution", as we continue to 'live with the virus' and continue to remember our responsibility of care for one another. The legal restrictions on numbers attending for baptisms, weddings and funerals have been removed. We will be following guidance from the national church and the Diocese of Oxford, and adopting a careful process of resuming various elements of worship that have had to be discontinued or adapted. At the same time we will keep a watch on the incidence of the virus, and bear in mind concerns for the immunosuppressed and the clinically vulnerable.

Please continue to observe sensible hygiene precautions, and please observe other guidance given by warden/welcomer/minister for the service being attended. Please do not attend church if you have any coronavirus symptoms. Our church will continue to be open and available during the week for visitors and for private prayer. Thank you for your understanding and care.

## Summer Holidays

How do you like to spend your summer break? This year, again, it will look different, as we continue to live in pandemic times, living with care for others and for ourselves. Whether you are staying home, or exploring a little further afield – what do you need? Some adventure and action, or time looking out on rolling hills or flowing river? Doing or being? There's a story in the Bible about two sisters from Bethany, Martha and Mary. When their friend Jesus comes to visit, Martha busies herself in the kitchen, doing her job of getting things ready, doing her work of welcome. Her sister Mary sits down and listens to what Jesus has to say. Martha is cross that her work isn't being recognised and her sister doesn't attempt to help. I've got a lot of sympathy with Martha, and the story is often presented as one way is better than the other. In fact, when you delve a little deeper into the language, this is a radical story in which Jesus is reminding both Mary and Martha to stay with their own distinctive ministries, their own God-given being. In reality we are both Martha and Mary from time to time. We need the blessing of both - of welcome and listening, makers and dreamers, service and being served, action and reflection. May you find the wholeness and the re-creation you need this summertime.



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

## SERVICES AT THE PARISH CHURCH

Sunday August 15<sup>th</sup> **Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**  
10.00 a.m. Family Communion Revd Hilary Campbell

Sunday August 22<sup>nd</sup>. **Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**  
10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer Sue Upton

Sunday August 29<sup>th</sup>. **Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
10.00 a.m. Worship Group

Tuesday midday prayers by Zoom. Please contact Hilary for information on joining these by computer or phone.

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

Sunday August 1<sup>st</sup>. Ross Adkins.

Sunday August 8<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion, led by Rev Chris Eddy, at **10.45 a.m.** at Chacombe chapel. (combined service.)

Sunday August 15<sup>th</sup> Service on 'Zoom' - see noticeboard for details..

Sunday August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Local Arrangement' service - led by congregation members.

Sunday August 29<sup>th</sup>. Marilyn Nutt



We will be restarting coffee mornings and Tots in September, for more information ring Helen on 01295 758759

**Dr. Barry Tucker:**

As many of you will be aware Dr. Tucker is retiring in the summer.

We are compiling a book of messages/memories to present to him and have cards available in reception for patients who would like to take part (these need to be in by 1.8.21 please)

Many of you have asked about making a contribution to a gift and this is also possible via reception.

**Cropredy Lunches**

I have been in touch with the volunteers who prepare the meals for Cropredy Lunches. I am pleased to announce that most of them are willing to return, so when the time is right, we will be able to return to our Monday lunches.

It would be lovely to have more volunteers, either helping to lay the tables, cooking, or clearing up afterwards If you would like to join our friendly team, just contact me. We have three teams of five, so at the moment you would be helping about every six weeks.

We would like to make Cropredy Lunches more of Community activity, for people of any age, so if you would like to join us on a Monday lunch time please contact me, Valerie Peachey at [valerie.peachey@gmail.com](mailto:valerie.peachey@gmail.com) or phone me on 01295750 739.



**Calling All Cropredy Clubs and Businesses**

There is a Village event being held at the Village Hall on **Saturday October 2<sup>nd</sup>**. 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. It is to inform everyone what there is on offer in Cropredy., so please come and represent your club or business.

Enquiries Tania Johnson: [taniadressage64@gmail.com](mailto:taniadressage64@gmail.com) or tel. 07941062549

**GARAGE SALE / CAKE STALL**  
**at 'Elm Grove', 8 Cherry Fields, Station Road**  
**Saturday August 14<sup>th</sup>.**  
**Sunday August 15<sup>th</sup>.**  
**11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.**  
**Proceeds for Cropredy Methodist Chapel**

We are delighted with the response to our appeal for photographs for the **2022 Cropredy Calendar**. We are now we are looking for some photographs of village icons – don't forget that Cropredy is not just the canal! Your photographs need not have been taken this year and remember, quality is not the be all and end all.

We now have a number of sponsors – if we had just a few more, we would have one for each month. Remember – a small donation will result in your business being named in the calendar. Don't forget this is a Community Project – we would love as many people as possible to be involved.

Further information and full Ts & Cs can be found at  
<https://www.cropredyvillage.info/cropredy2022calender.htm>

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## Cropredy Jazz presents... Alex Clarke Trio

£15.00 (in advance only - no door tickets)

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>. August, doors open 7.30 p.m., show starts 8.00 p.m.**



Pershore Jazz Festival  
(photo by Barry Kester)

Finalist in 2020 BBC Young Jazz Musician - Alex is a corker of a player! For such a young player (she's only 21) Alex Clarke (<http://www.alexclarkejazz.co.uk>) has remarkable poise and musical language. Her bebop playing is muscular with a great sense of tempo and yet her ballad sensibilities are already gaining her a reputation as a great interpreter of jazz. She is one of the new breed of young players who show great respect for earlier swing music, yet give the classic melodies a new twist that stays faithful to the originals. Performing with Alex will be another younger talent - Tom Berge on piano and Paul Jefferies will play double bass. This trio has the potential to really excite your ear buds!

Jayne & Paul Jefferies  
For CROPREDY JAZZ  
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2021

SATURDAY 14TH AUG LINE UP\*

FREE EVENT

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2pm (ish)



2.00-  
4pm (ish)

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5.00-  
7pm (ish)

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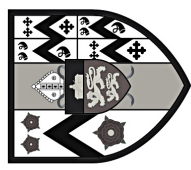
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**FIRST THURSDAY  
OF EVERY MONTH  
AT THE RED LION  
7.30PM START**



# THE BRASENOSE



## THE BRASENOSE FRINGE

THU 12TH - SUN 15TH AUGUST 2021

Tickets available via Eventbrite from 9am Sunday 11th July

Thursday £10  
 Friday £15  
 Saturday £25  
 Sunday £15  
**EVERYDAY £45**

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Limited Cropredy residents' tickets £35  
 Available at The Brasenose ONLY with proof of residence until 31st July

Thursday 12th Aug  
 Treebeard | The Milkmen | Fraser Nimmo  
 Jamie & The Roots Collective | FolkLaw

Friday 13th Aug  
 All Night Chemists | Leatherat  
 Three Daft Monkeys | Canadians In Space  
 Stompin' Dave & Sam Kelly

Saturday 14th Aug  
 John Otway | Funke & the Two Tone Baby  
 Spank The Monkey | Gus Flind-Henry  
 The Bar-Steward Sons of Val Doonican

Sunday 15th Aug  
 Vo Fletcher & Guest | As The Heron  
 Fleetwood Cave | Gerry Colvin

Lineup is subject to change



# CROPREDY PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a meeting of Cropredy Parish Council held in the Methodist Chapel on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7pm

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

Before the meeting commenced a presentation was made to Ken Porter who retired as Clerk after 16 years' service. The current Chairman and a previous Chairman gave speeches thanking Ken for his hard work, sound advice and support to the Council and Cropredy over many years.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** County Cllr George Reynolds
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** there were no declarations of interest.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – The minutes of the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> June were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:** None.
5. **REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS:**
  - i. **Village Maintenance and Improvement** – The repair of the lip between the tarmac and the skateboard ramp is still being investigated. The undergrowth at the side of the play area will be cut back at the end of the summer before the fencing is carried out. Mr Clive Porter has carried out another cut of the Churchyard grass. A 3<sup>rd</sup> cut is planned at the end of August and the last cut in October. The number of cuts required will be reviewed at the end of the season. Book shelter sheds start from £700-900 without a base. In addition, there is an offer for books to be located in the Church and the Church Rooms, accessible when the Post Office is open, but with the potential for longer opening hours if volunteer librarians could be recruited. It was agreed that it would be good to provide some book storage near the teenage shelter complemented by the other locations. A village clean-up was started on 12<sup>th</sup> July but interrupted by rain. Areas that still require a clean up include Hell Hole, Red Lion Street, Churchyard trees and the canal bridge. A member of the public attending the meeting offered to clean the white posts along Station Rd. A vote of thanks was given to Chris and Jo Jennings for clearing trees and undergrowth in the Churchyard. Nicholson Nurseries had invoiced for some tree surgery before the work was carried out, but payment not made until the work had been completed. The resident who mowed Vicarage Gardens has moved from the village so a new volunteer will need to be found. Cllr Johnson is attending a play area inspection course which is being run by the Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association.
  - ii. **Transport, Traffic and Street Lighting** – It was agreed to progress with the quote from Mr Petre for construction of the school car park subject to further discussions relating to ensuring the conditions (e.g. design and construction) of the planning permission are met, and finalising the 'agreement' between Mr Petre, the School and the PC. It is hoped that the work could commence in September. Matters should be clearer after the Cherwell District Council's decision on the separate planning application from Mr Petre for for 7 visitor units for disabled people. Oxfordshire County Council has advised of a further delay to repairs of the footbridge until Spring 2022. It was agreed that the Clerk would request assurance form OCC that it is safe to continue using it and keep chasing for the work to be completed. It was agreed to prioritise investigation of the speed initiatives in the order of 1<sup>st</sup> – Speed Watch, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chicanes, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 20's Plenty Campaign. It was agreed that Cllr Knight and the Clerk would accept the offer from Hornton Parish Council to demonstrate the Speed Watch equipment that they own and seek interest from neighbouring Parish Councils to partner Cropredy in the scheme. There is an issue of cars parking on dangerous sections of the roads in the village. Incidents should be reported to the Police who will take action with cars parked dangerously.

- iii. **Village Emergency Plan, Crime Prevention and Environment** – The Emergency Plan has been circulated to Councillors after updates were completed.
- iv. **Parish Council use of internet and social media** – Cllr Martin has built the foundations of a new website. It is easier to build a new website than modify the existing one. A Facebook page will be linked to the website and used to advise parishioners of more urgent and topical things. Hugh Brooman, who runs the current website, is happy to hand over responsibility for the website. The PC is grateful to Hugh Brooman for his work on the Village Website and he will be thanked formally in due course.
- v. **Planning, Climate Change, Finance and Legal** – Cllr Garland advised that the next stage in the consultation on the Cherwell Local Plan appears to have been delayed, but he would be ready to engage with the next round of consultations.

**New Planning Applications:**

21/02022/F – 37 Station Road – 3 storey extension – PC no objection

21/02093/F – 8 New Place – Single storey extension - PC no objection

**New Planning Decisions**

21/01321/LB – Canoe Club – 4 Rooflights – CDC Permitted 30/06/2021.

- 6. **SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB** – It was reported that some cables to exterior lights may need replacing following PAT testing. A meeting is being scheduled between the Sports and Social Club and the Parish Council.
- 7. **Finance**
  - i. It was RESOLVED that payments totalling £1,071.17 be authorised (unanimous)
  - ii. All the forms and documents have been signed and returned to Unity Trust Bank and it is hoped that the account will be opened by the end of July.
  - iii. Long Term Budget – A number of possible items of expenditure in the next few years have been identified. The clerk will produce a long term budget to which further expenditure items can be added.
- 8. **COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT** - None
- 9. **DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT** – District Councillor Phil Chapman advised that CDC will shortly be consulting on whether to continue issuing planning notification letters to neighbouring properties as well as displaying a notice near to the site of the applicant. It was agreed that the priority should be to continue to send letters to neighbouring properties. He also reported that the Castle Quay II development was progressing well and that the development around the canal looks good.
- 10. **CORRESPONDENCE** – The Clerk had distributed the correspondence as it had been received during the month. Cropredy Surgery has written requesting a recommendation of where to park 2-6 staff cars as it is hoped to install a portacabin in the car park to provide additional office space.
- 11. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS NOT OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE** – A decision on the purchase of Queen’s Platinum Jubilee mugs will be taken at a meeting before the end of the year. There will be a fringe Fairport event at The Brasenose Arms and a Fairport Convention concert on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Some concerns have been raised about parking, but it is understood that CDC is going to put some cones in the road and there may be arrangements for off-site parking. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact CDC asking for confirmation that the event will properly controlled and managed. The information sheet that has been distributed around the village has some changes. It was agreed that the information sheet would be put on the new website and updated through the year so that it will be up to date when next printed.
- 12. **ANY MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC** – A member of the public advised that the 30mph sign on the Williamscot road was obscured by undergrowth. This will be cut back.
- 13. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING** – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021

There being no further matters the Chair closed the public meeting at pm.8.42

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As some restrictions linger on it is inevitable that uncertainty still hovers around some activities. Please 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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