



# The Cropredy Crier

## Village news for February 2021

### Climate Change – Proposed Cropredy Group- Zoom Meeting in February

I am sure all of us are aware of the current climate and ecological crisis caused by the impact of human activity burning fossil fuels and destroying natural habitats. We are very fortunate to live in a rural village such as Cropredy and we need to protect that environment so that future generations can enjoy it too. At the Cropredy Parish Council meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> December, it was proposed to set up a Cropredy Climate Change Group and, as a first step, arrange a Zoom meeting open to all parishioners. **Please see details below.**



#### The Background

Climate change is leading to increased frequency of severe weather events such as floods. The ecological crisis is leading to rapid extinction of species with potential impacts on food supplies as we lose pollinating insects for example. Climate Change – Proposed Cropredy Group- Zoom Meeting in February.

Many global governments and local councils, including Banbury Town, Cherwell and Oxfordshire, have declared Climate Emergencies and pledged to reach 'net zero' by 2050 or earlier (net zero means that on balance we emit no more greenhouse gases such as CO<sub>2</sub>). Even achieving this will still result in severe changes to our climate and environment. As well as national and regional action, we need to make changes locally and individually to play our part in reducing our carbon footprint. We'd like discuss what changes we can start to make in our local area.

There is much to be gained from sharing knowledge of what is already being done in our local area. We can learn from each other what has worked well and what has been more challenging. Together, we can also suggest what we want the Parish Council to work on.

So as a first step, the Parish Council is coordinating a meeting of those interested in working together on this topic, with a view to forming a Cropredy Climate Change Group. Given the current Covid-19 situation, this meeting will have to be online – it is hoped that in due course we will be able to hold open public meetings again. Please register with [bob.n.garland@gmail.com](mailto:bob.n.garland@gmail.com) to receive Zoom details of the event.

**Please would you get in touch by 22 February**

We aim to make this event as inclusive as possible, if you have any accessibility issues that make participation difficult, please contact us and we will try to accommodate you. Depending on numbers attending, the intention is to use a Peoples' Assembly format with breakout groups to ensure that everyone gets a chance to have their points heard.

Bob Garland Cropredy Parish Councillor

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# Candlemas

*If Candlemas be fair and bright,  
Come winter, have another flight.  
If Candlemas bring clouds and rain,  
Go winter, and come not again.*

Candlemas is an intriguing little festival that has attracted a range of traditions and customs along the way. It is a time for wondering and seeking to predict when the seasons will change. Is spring really coming (or even already here) or are we in for more winter? Is change coming, or will the days remain the same? Once again, these questions take on deeper meaning in these Covid 19 affected days.



In between the winter solstice and the spring equinox, Candlemas comes. In the earth new life is stirring, seeds are tentatively making their way through the cold, dark earth into the light. It is time for wondering about what might be coming, emerging. It is time for noticing and attending to new possibilities. Candlemas is a turning point. In the church's calendar it is time to turn away from the seasons of Christmas and Epiphany and turn towards Lent and Easter. We hear a wonderful intergenerational story and take inspiration from wise and holy ones – Simeon and Anna, who kept up a faithful way of listening and hoping, looking out for God, and who recognised the light of God's love in the child brought to the Temple to be blessed, surrounded by love and thanks.

May Candlemas hope, wisdom and wonder continue to guide and bless us.

Revd Hilary Campbell

## SERVICES AT THE PARISH CHURCH

**In person communal worship in Church is suspended for the time being, although Church remains open for individual private prayer between 10am and 2pm every day. As soon as services resume we will post information as widely as we can around the village.**

Please contact Hilary to access our weekly Sunday Zoom Service.

Other services on Zoom: Tuesdays 12.00 mid-day

Please contact me for information on joining these by computer or phone.

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

The church clock has stopped, so at least it's right twice a day. The spring at the top of the pendulum has snapped and we are waiting for the good people from the Cumberland Clock Company to come and fix it...

## MESSAGE FROM THE METHODIST CHAPEL

The Methodist Circuit has indicated that we should not hold any Worship Services in the Chapel, while C19 tier 4 controls apply in Oxfordshire.





## World Day of Prayer

*Postponed from Friday 5th March until we can find a suitable and safe date to be together in the Chapel*

The Women of Vanuatu have prepared this year's service.  
*which is entitled*

### **“Build on a strong FOUNDATION”**

*Vanuatu is a cluster of islands in the tropics 1,100 miles to the east of Australia. The first European contact was by the Portuguese in 1606. James Cook named the islands the New Hebrides. It was jointly managed as an Anglo-French condominium until the Republic of Vanuatu was founded as a Parliamentary democracy in 1980. Being so far east Vanuatu is one of the first countries to celebrate the World Day of Prayer.*

The Day of Prayer is a women-led, global, ecumenical movement. It is celebrated in over 170 countries, beginning in Samoa and finishing in American Samoa 36 hours later. Each year the service is prepared by women from a different country. It is open to all including men who wish to share a time of worship and fellowship together.

**Please look out for further announcements about the date and time for the service.**

CROPREDY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Wednesday 17 February 2021, 7:30 p.m.

### THE FLYING SIKH

An illustrated talk by Stephen Barker

In November 1916, the Royal Flying Corps began to recruit Indian residents in Britain.

Stephen Barker tells the extraordinary story of one of those pilots, Hardit Singh Malik, with photographs and video profiling his life and achievements in wartime and peace,

Born in Rawalpindi - then in India - and educated in England (Eastbourne College and Balliol, Oxford), finding time to play first class cricket for Sussex and to be awarded a golfing Blue, Hardit Singh Malik was the first Indian to fly into combat. Before 1916 Indians had been regarded as possible revolutionaries and unable to join up.

After several dangerous and heroic missions, at the end of World War I he entered the Indian Civil Service and diplomatic corps. He was appointed the first Indian High Commissioner to Canada, and then Indian Ambassador to France.

As with recent meetings, this talk will be delivered online by Zoom, so please register your interest with host Bob Garland. He will then email you the link so that you can watch the talk on your own device at home. There will be an opportunity to ask Stephen questions at the end of his talk. You must register c/o [bob.n.garland@gmail.com](mailto:bob.n.garland@gmail.com)



## CROPREDY COMMUNITY CALENDAR 2022

We are planning to produce a high-quality community based calendar for 2022 covering images of Cropredy and surrounding villages. We would like villagers, local businesses and local charities to all be involved by contributing and benefitting from the sale of the Calendar! We have already had interest from local businesses and villagers who are keen to get involved - this is very encouraging. Hopefully, publication will be in October and it will be for sale in time for Christmas - proceeds going to local nominated charities.

Entries covering Cropredy and surrounding villages are welcome – each reflecting a month of the year. The photos can be old or new and if you have a story behind the photo please let us know. This is a community project run by volunteers - nominated charities will benefit from all monies (printing & postage and nominal costs excluded). We welcome nominations for local registered charities - hopefully they will all benefit!

If you are a business (no matter how big or small) and would like to get involved by promoting your business - please contact Richard Beghin directly on [calendaradmin@cropredyvillage.info](mailto:calendaradmin@cropredyvillage.info) or via Facebook.

Please note: It is recommended that during this period of the Covid pandemic you adhere to National Guidelines. So to get things started why not look for those winning images on your phone, camera or computer and submit them early - your photo may be one of the first to be displayed on the Village website. <https://www.cropredyvillage.info/cropredy2022calender.htm>

### How to enter

- Photos can be black and white or colour and must relate to the village of Cropredy or its immediate surroundings. The photos can be of anything and everything, current or historical, within the boundaries of Cropredy and local villages - we are looking for creativity, something striking or unusual, consider local interest, including a person in your photo always adds value.
- Entrants under the age of 16 will need to obtain permission from a parent or guardian.
- We ask that you only submit two photos for each month of the calendar.
- Entries should be made by email to [calendar@cropredyvillage.info](mailto:calendar@cropredyvillage.info) or by post to Cropredy Calendar, Lock Cottage, Red Lion Street. Oxon OX17 1PE and must include your name and contact details (email address and telephone number)

### Terms & Conditions

By submitting an entry you are deemed to accept the Terms and Conditions stated below:

1. Photographs must be original and taken by you.
2. It is your responsibility to obtain any appropriate permissions.
3. Please do not submit portrait photographs of children unless you have expressly gained the permission of their parent or guardian. If you are going to submit a photo of a person you should gain their prior permission.
4. Entry is open to all photographers and young budding photographers- we ask that if you are a professional or semi-professional photographer that you notify us with your submission.
5. Entries will close on Tuesday 31 August 2021
6. A shortlist of entries will be made by local community judges and then subjected to a public vote. The Judges decisions are final.
  1. Selected entries will be available for display on the village website, Facebook page and displayed in public places (eg Village noticeboard)
8. Authors of the chosen entries will be notified by email or telephone.
9. All Entries for the 2022 Cropredy Calendar should include:  
Your name, email address, phone number  
Title of entry  
Month



**DR. COLIN KYTE**

23.11.1928 - 25.12.2020

We are sad to announce the death of Colin Kyte. Colin passed away peacefully in the early hours of Christmas Day, aged 92. He lived in Cropredy with his wife Pat.

We want to thank Dr Tucker and all the staff at Cropredy Surgery for their care and support over many years.

We'd also like to pay tribute to the management and staff at the Green Pastures Nursing Home in Banbury who made his last months comfortable. Their dedication to their work in such difficult times has been overwhelming. We'd also like to thank the family's friends in Cropredy. Colin loved it here - the countryside, the village and the people who live here.

Pat, Stephen and Angela Kyte

# THE RED LION *at Cropredy*

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To announce a few of our bookings for the 2021 Fairport Fringe Festival we have a little bit of fun for you.  
Your chance to win a lock-down treat from us!



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### Fringe 2021 Word Search competition

Post your answers through our door at The Red Lion Pub or email your answer, we will select a winner at random on Feb 14th.  
Don't forget to include your name and telephone number!

Your Name: .....

Telephone No.: .....

## Cropredy Film Society Spring Season 2021 *Suspended till further notice*

The Village Hall is booked for the following Saturdays. When we are permitted to open we shall email members to let them know which films will be shown and give details for the screenings. It is very likely that we shall continue with two screenings so we can comply with social distancing.

30th January / 13th February / 20th February / 27th March and Friday 23rd April

We send our Best Wishes to you all to Stay Safe until we meet again.

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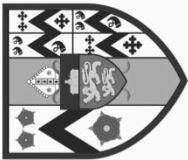
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**Advertising enquiries to: [verna.wass@btinternet.com](mailto:verna.wass@btinternet.com)**

With lock down continuing it is inevitable that once again restrictions will be apply to permitted 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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