



The Cropredy Crier

Village news for January 2021

With Oxfordshire going into tier 4 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

The Church of St. Mary the Virgin says...

A big thank you....

....to all those who helped us achieve a festive Christmas in difficult times:

- to those who helped erect and decorate the Christmas tree in the Churchyard
- to members of Cropredy WI who created the large scale nativity in the porch
- to the church flower team for the wonderful arrangements adorning the building
- to the carol singers who braved the rain to create some outdoor Christmas cheer
- to the ringers for the wonderful sound of bells again
- to Gerry for braving the tower to fly the flag

Cropredy Film Society

Spring Season 2021

Films *without Suppers* in Cropredy Village Hall

TWO IN JANUARY!

Saturday 9th January *A Beautiful Day in the Neighbourhood*

A film we all need now. Tom Hanks stars as American children's TV presenter, Fred Rogers. Matthew Rhys is a cynical journalist sent to interview the iconic star, with life-changing consequences as he learns about kindness, empathy and decency.

PG Biography and Drama 2020 109 mins

Director: Marielle Heller Writer: Michel Fiefferman-Blue, Noah Harpster

Cast includes: Tom Hanks, Matthew Rhys, Chiwetel Ejiofor

Saturday 30th January *Judy*

30 years after the 'Wizard of Oz' Judy Garland arrives in London to perform. She sold out Talk of the Town nightclub. She looks back at her past life, and begins a whirlwind romance with Mickey Deans who becomes her 5th husband.

12A Biography, Drama, Romance 2019 118mins

Director: Rupert Goold, Writers: Tom Edge, Peter Quilter

Cast includes: Renée Zellweger, Jessie Buckley, Michael Gambon, Rufus Sewell and Fin Wittrock.

Saturday 20th February *The Good Liar*

Saturday 27th March *Blinded by the Light*

Friday 23rd April *Our Kind of Traitor*

Until further notice we shall continue with our "Covid" screenings. Supper will not be served but you may bring your own food and drinks. To allow for distancing there will be two screenings of the films at 4:00 and 7:30 pm. at a cost of £5 for each member

All bookings must be made online with Frances f.61whitaker@btinternet.com

Looking to the stars.

For some reason, the stars draw us. We have created stories and pictures of the grouping of stars (eg Orion the warrior, Cassiopeia the vain queen). These stories from ancient myths are full of adventure, struggle between human beings and gods, they are full of love, courage and transformation. Maybe we are drawn to the stars because of their beauty, maybe because they are out of reach (even with the development of space travel), maybe because we need to know mystery and wonder. Maybe we need to hear those stories again of struggle, adventure, love and courage. As a new year begins, only a very foolish person would dare to predict what it might bring, especially after the year that 2020 was! In the church's way of telling time we reach the season of Epiphany. Epiphany is a season of wonder and adventure, of hope and courage, of recognising the light of love shining around us. We hear the story of star followers who dare to travel a different way.



Guiding star, light of God, show us wisdom, show us the way to follow.

SERVICES IN JANUARY AT THE PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 3rd.	Epiphany 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion	Revd. Hilary Campbell
Sunday 24th.	Third Sunday of Epiphany 10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer	Sue Upton
Sunday 31st.	Candlemas 10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer	Worship Group

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 01295 750385

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. So, our Service on Christmas Day was the last, - until further notice.



SUSAN CHERRY (SUE)

The family wish to record following Sue's death:
our sincere thanks to Dr. Tucker and all the staff at Cropredy Surgery for their care and consideration at all times;
the John Radcliffe Hospital for their care and exceptional kindness;
Katherine House Hospice for the last four days, how lucky we are to have this wonderful facility close to home;
the kind thoughts and numerous cards from so many friends and acquaintances and for those that stood on the green during the funeral, we were so touched that so many people held Sue in such high esteem;
to Ed Frost and daughters for their very professional care and attention to detail making a sad time so much more comfortable.

David, Darrell, Tania and Chantelle

CROPREDY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Members and welcome visitors will be hearing about:

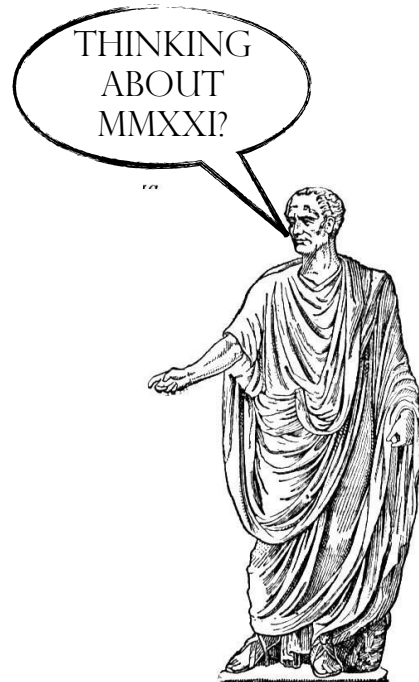
- *Vintage and retro gardening and agricultural tools
- *The discovery of a Roman villa in Broughton
- *Hidden runways in WW2
- *"The most dissolute man in London"
- *The building of Chatsworth
- *Children making bricks, lace and gloves in Victorian Oxfordshire
- *A First World War flying ace
- *The Oxford canal's oldest working boatyard
- *Antiques salerooms

All these fascinating topics and more, for a subscription of just £10, with refreshments at meetings. Some of these illustrated topics might be Zoomed to your device at home, but we hope to meet in the Village Hall at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month, as soon as it is safe and possible to do so.

Why not join us? Contact Bob Garland, on 07786 728247 for more information about how to subscribe.

Villagers can look forward to some exciting surprises in and around the Churchyard this spring thanks to the generosity of Peter Nyssen bulb merchants.

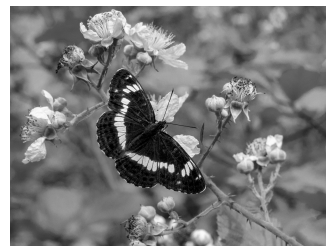
Having mistakenly duplicated an order for Richard Beghin they were persuaded to donate the surplus order to the Church rather than reclaim it. As a result an enthusiastic group of volunteers spent a very convivial morning, socially distanced of course, clearing ivy and thorns and planting the bulbs....so keep your eyes open and see if you can spot the new shoots as they emerge.



Now available to purchase at Cropredy GP Surgery
Calendar for 2021

...containing photographs of British butterflies, taken by nurse Janet Ashwell, it is A4 in size, opening out to double with a wire ring binder. The profits all go to the Cropredy Surgery patient fund. This is the fifth year the calendar has been produced and the surgery would be grateful for the support of local residents and patients if anyone would like to purchase one for a Christmas present for someone.

They cost £10 each and are available from the dispensary collection window.



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Artweeks May Festival 2021

To register for ARTWEEKS 2021 visit www.artweeks.org

OXFORDSHIRE ARTWEEKS is open to ALL - amateur and professional artists/craft makers alike, galleries, community and charity groups that live or work in Oxfordshire.

Deadline for registering exhibition entries: 31st January 2021

(this is an extended deadline for 2021 only)

- May exhibitions will be required to be COVID-SECURE.
- If circumstances cause last minute whole scale changes as they did this year, venues will then be able to choose to mark themselves as Open/Open by Appointment only (as well as postponed/closed).
- Alongside the physical festival, Oxfordshire Artweeks will host a virtual festival over the same period.
- As it is unlikely the festival guide can be distributed in print in the normal way in 2021, it will be produced in digital versions only.

DATES for the 2021 festival are 1st–23rd May

North Oxfordshire May 1st -9th [3rd Bank Holiday Monday]

Oxford City May 8th - 16th

South Oxfordshire May 15th – 23rd

THE BRASENOSE



We will be opening our doors on

2nd December 2020

(Fingers crossed)

Join us for delicious homecooked food,
freshly poured pints and a warm welcome!

But until then we've got a smashing lockdown menu available,
check out our website for details.

We look forward to meeting you!

www.thebrasenose.co.uk

The Brasenose | Station Rd | Cropredy | Banbury | OX17 1PW | 01295 750244

Congratulations to Wild Bru and Lavers for the brilliant start they have made in establishing The Brasenose as an excellent eatery. Although Tier 4 means no eating in, they will still be offering takeaway. Check their website www.thebrasenose.co.uk for details.

Give Your Business a Boost - Advertise in The Crier

As we move into 2021 all organisations, businesses and voluntary groups alike, are having to think about rebuilding and reinvigorating themselves after a very difficult year. The Crier provides a vital service to local organisations in circulating information about their activities. It relies heavily on local businesses for advertising to cover its costs. It also offers businesses a very cost effective way of reaching those in the local community most likely to use their services.

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CROPREDY PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of a Virtual Meeting of Cropredy Parish Council held online on Monday 14th December 2020.

At the beginning of the meeting Jim Smith gave a brief presentation on Climate Change and the positive actions parish councils and local communities can take. It was proposed to set up a Climate Change Group and, as a first step, in January, hold a Zoom meeting to be open to all parishioners. The Parish Council supports this and Cllr Garland will liaise with Mr Smith. The Council meeting then started at 7.15pm

Present: -	Councillor Bob Dunn (Chairman)	Councillor Margaret Boscott
	Councillor Bob Garland	Councillor Tania Johnson
	Councillor Sheila Jones	Councillor Des Knight
	Councillor Jacqui Smith	

In Attendance: together with one member of the public who joined the meeting.

Apologies for Absence: were received from County Cllr George Reynolds and District Cllr Phil Chapman (attending full District Council meeting) and Kenneth Porter (Clerk).

- 1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** there were no declarations on this occasion.
- 2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** of 12th October 2020 was approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- 3. MATTERS ARISING:** there were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.
- 4. REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS:**
 - (i)Village Maintenance and Development** – Cllr Knight reported that, to encourage a ‘Wild Flower’ environment in the Lower Churchyard, a second cut of the year was carried out on the 28th October with six volunteers. A full cut was not complete and is likely to remain the same until May, the first of two cuts in 2021.
 - (ii)Transport and Traffic, Street Lighting and Trees** – Cllr Knight reported that the planning application for the proposed school car park was approved on 13th November – a significant milestone! During the one month extension period from 13th October there had been a number of revisions made to the proposed plan to cover flood risks, gating orientation and car parking for the disabled. There is an existing draft construction specification that needs to be finalised in line with the above revisions and is subject to a meeting with Keon Petre (Landowner), Caroline Reid (School Business Manager) and Cllrs Garland and Knight on Thursday 10th December. The finalised construction specification will be put out for three quotes (including one from the landowner). The ‘speed limit’ work in Claydon Road, Mollington Road and Williamscoth Road was completed by

the end of October. The proposals on bollards by Cropredy Surgery are still outstanding. Flooding signs for Williamscot Road have been reviewed. Two 'Road Liable to Flooding' signs were installed, one by the Pub Staff entrance and the other at the river bridge, the work being completed by the end of November. Cllr Knight has been informed that a 'Not Suitable for HGVs' sign for Claydon will be installed on the Claydon Road just beyond the Mollington Road junction going out of Cropredy assuming there are no objections. Defective lighting in Newscut Lane, Orchard View and Cup and Saucer had been reported using fixmystreetlighting.com during October/November and all three repairs were completed within the quoted 7 working days. All villagers are encouraged to use this user-friendly website as and when necessary. Mr Batchelor has now completed the tree stump work in the churchyard reducing it to ground level. Unfortunately, the tree at the Sports Pavilion is still outstanding and Cllr Johnson will follow this up with Mr Batchelor. Cllrs Dunn, Johnson and Knight have reviewed the 'Duty of Care' Tree Survey requirements for the village. Three quotes have been received and assessed and Cllr Knight proposed accepting the recommendation in his report that Nicholsons be appointed to carry out the survey. This was seconded by Cllr Garland and approved unanimously. It was noted that the trees planted by the new house in Creampot Close were not established by the PC, possibly CDC? Following damage to the wall adjacent to Hell Hole the Clerk has written to the representative of the landlords asking that remedial action be taken and, in the meantime, Cllrs Knight, Johnson and Garland will visit to see whether the footpath should be closed. There has been a case of fly tipping by the garages in Cup & Saucer and the Chairman and Cllr Boscott have installed a combination lock on the gate to prevent further access. The Chairman thanked Cllr Knight for arranging the installation of the permanent flood warning signs. Cllr Smith reported that the rubbish bin at Broadmoor Lock had been overfilled by removal of the liner, which she replaced. It was decided to write to the Canal & River Trust to ask them to remind boaters that rubbish should be disposed of at The Old Coal Wharf.

(iii) Village Plan, Crime Prevention and Environment –Planning, Finance and Legal – Cllrs Garland and Jones will consider whether the Village Emergency Plan, with confidential addresses omitted, may be published on the village website.

New Planning Applications: 20/03376/F – rear of 2 Stanwell Cottages, Great Bourton – erection of two agricultural buildings:

Decisions: 20/02039/F – Box Tree Cottage, The Plantation – additional window to 1st floor bedroom - granted;

20/02036/F – Stonecote, Church Lane – two-storey rear extension – granted;

20/01665/F – Old Stone Cottage, Creampot Lane – proposed store conversion with internal & external works - granted;

20/02060/F – The Stables, Main St. Great Bourton – change of use to allow keeping of horses and as residential caravan site for four gypsy families (no more than four caravans) with laying of hardcore - refused;

20/02038/F – Cropredy Primary School – formation of hardstanding for use of car park - granted;

20/02783/TCA – Romeland, 9 Vicarage Gardens – reduce yew by 1.5m and shape by up to 25% - granted;

20/02939/TCA – 4 Cherry Fields – fell two mature conifers too big for site and replace with shrubs – granted.

It was agreed that Mr Petre should be invited to make a presentation to the February PC meeting on his proposals for camping for the disabled. School Car Park Planning Permission Granted – Councillor Garland had liaised with CDC to enable the permission to be granted within an extension period instead of needing to re-submit the application.

6. **SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB** – there was nothing to report on this occasion.

7. **FINANCE** – the Clerk's report had been submitted to councillors prior to the meeting and it was **resolved** that the payments itemised for £4330.27, together two others for 64p being the annual access fee from Network Rail, and £3120 to OCC in respect of relocation of 30 mph signs, be authorised.

(i) To Accept the Annual Accounts to 31 March 2020 – it was proposed by Cllr Garland and seconded by the Chairman that the PC accepted the Annual Accounts for the y/e 31 March 2020 which had been duly audited by the external auditors, Moore.

(ii) Precept 2021/22 – Cllr Knight proposed that the PC should request a precept of £13,000 for 2021/22, which is the same as in the current year. This was seconded by Cllr Garland and approved unanimously

8. **PARISH MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES** - the Chairman referred to the Parish Remuneration Panel's report and reminded members that previously they had agreed only to pay expenses when appropriate. It was proposed by Cllr Knight and seconded by Cllr Jones and unanimously agreed that the PC continue this policy and will not pay the basic allowance but will pay travelling and subsistence allowances in accordance with the recommendations contained within the Panel's report.

9. **REPORT ON COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS** – County Cllr Reynolds had provided a report to the Clerk and both he and District Cllr Chapman are in discussions with HS2 and if any problems arise in Cropredy they will be referred

to them. The OCC budget is likely to see a rise of between 3 & 5%, 2% to cover inflation the rest on social care, the big expense in Oxfordshire although, of course, in 2020 a lot of time, money and energy has been spent dealing with the coronavirus epidemic. There is a test centre, by appointment, at Woodgreen Leisure Centre, which is being little used and saves a journey to Oxford.

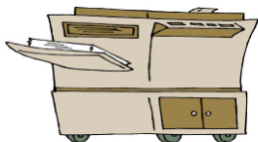
10. **REPORT ON DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS** – District Cllr Chapman had nothing new to report on this occasion.
11. **20S PLENTY FOR OXFORDSHIRE** – a campaign is being organised within the county to have the speed limit reduced to 20 mph in residential areas in Oxfordshire. Cllr Knight has discussed this with the traffic engineer and this will be kept under review. County Cllr Reynolds had reported that County has had a change of heart and may be prepared to bring in the reduced limit in villages and residential areas in towns but there is no money for this project at present and there is doubt that the Police would have the resources to enforce the restriction.
12. **Correspondence: OCC** – Entry to Primary school – September 2021; **CDC** – Cherwell Parish Bulletin; Parish Liaison Meeting; Statement of Licensing Policy Consultation; **OALC** – October & November Members’ Updates; **Community First Oxfordshire** – newsletter; **OPFA** – Coronavirus update; **CPRE** – monthly newsletters; **Rural Services Network** – Rural Bulletins; **Healthwatch Oxfordshire** – Briefings;
13. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS NOT OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE** – there were no further matters arising on this occasion.
14. **ANY MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ATTENDING THE MEETING** – no matters were raised.
15. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** via Zoom will be held on Monday 8 February 2021 at 7pm.
There being no further matters the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

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