



The Cropredy Crier

Village news for May 2021

WINCOTT family of WILLIAMSCOT

Cropredy Historical Society have recently received a request for information about the Wincott family who lived at Home Farm House in Williamscot in the 1950/60's. Their daughter, Wanda Wincott, was born in 1926 and attended Cropredy school.

A descendant is currently writing a booklet about this family and would be grateful for any memories of the family held by local residents.

If any of our readers can contribute to the memories of this family please contact Sue Lester by email (suelester13@gmail) or Tel 01295 750397.

The Parish Council have obtained a few "No Cold Caller" signs. If you would like one for your front door or window please let me know. Thank you, Sheila Jones 07731635596

Church of St. Mary the Virgin Easter Thank You

Yet again you came up trumps!
It was a joy to see the
Easter Eggstravaganza
so well supported and with such
creative ideas too!

Thanks to those who contributed to
the Easter Tree in the Churchyard,
and also those who cleaned and
polished and provided the floral
decorations in Church.

The season of Easter lasts all the way
to Pentecost which this year is on 23rd
May so we can leave our eggs up for
another month!



Great Plant Giveaway

Supported by YOU, the WI and Cropredy Gardening Club

Following on from its success last year, the Great Plant Giveaway starts May 1st

*There will be 4 Giveaway stations:
Crystal Cottage (8 Station Road); 2 The Plantation; The Homestead,
Chapel Row and 10 Creampot Crescent*

The idea is that you leave **plants or seeds** you wish to give away **or** you take things you would like to have **or** both.

*Please label plants and give any information on growing that you can.
The scheme was extended last year to include produce
All gardeners - experienced or beginners - welcome!*

May Reflection – Among the Trees

I grew up in a home with a garden where there were two great hawthorn trees as markers of the seasons. Though not just as things of beauty to watch and enjoy but physical objects of practical and playful use. They were fixtures for a home-made swing, and for the household washing line. In my childhood dreams of escaping gravity, I wondered what it might be like to climb high in the branches, but was too scared to try. Now I live in a vicarage with a huge Wellingtonia (also known as a sequoia) outside. Still, looking up into its branches you cannot fail to have a sense of awe and respect, and passers-by often stop and look up at it.

May will hopefully take us fully into the season of summer, and also hopefully life will be opening up more as we continue to be in pandemic times. In creation around us buds, flowers and leaves will also be opening up. The poet Mary Oliver says: 'When I among the trees .. I would almost say they save me, and daily'. In the church calendar May is the season of looking up, with the celebration of Ascension. In the thinking of Ascension-tide heaven and earth are drawn together. We remember that we are rooted and reaching, we are earthly creatures and citizens of heaven, however we might understand this.



May those who look and strain their eyes, longing for signs of the kingdom, find the way of justice, hope, joy and love is closer than their next breath. Amen.

Revd Hilary Campbell: vicar@campbells.me.uk 01295 750385

SERVICES AT THE PARISH CHURCH

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| Sunday May 2 nd . | Fifth Sunday of Easter 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion | Revd. Hilary Campbell |
| Sunday May 23 rd . | Pentecost Whit Sunday 10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer | Sue Upton |
| Sunday May 30 th . | Trinity Sunday 10.00 a.m. Worship Group | |

MESSAGE FROM THE METHODIST CHAPEL

All Sunday services at 10.30 a.m.

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| May 2 nd . | John Neal. |
| May 16 th . | Rev Chris Eddy. |
| May 30 th . | Ross Adkins. |



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

Cropredy WI and Knit and Natter...

are pleased to announce that the Scarecrow Trail and knitted tableau in April Cottage garden ,in aid of Oxford Children's Hospital, will take place again in the summer .

The theme is Fairport Fairsport and it's time to start planning your Scarecrow. You may wish to go for an Olympic or Paralympic theme, winter or summer but your Scarecrow could be taking part in any sport . How about darts, skittles, bowls or even ballroom dancing?

Further details to follow or email christine.2.garland@gmail.com

Cropredy Film Society

Fingers Crossed!!

A Film without Supper

in Cropredy Village Hall

Saturday 29th May ***Judy***

Thirty years after starring in The Wizard of Oz Judy Garland (Renee Zellweger) arrives in London to perform at the Talk of the Town. While there she reminisces with friends and fans and begins a whirlwind romance with Micky Deans (Finn Wittrock) her soon to be 5th husband.

12A Biography, Drama, Romance, Director: Rupert Gould

Writers: Tom Edge, Peter Quilter, Cast includes: Renee Zellweger (in an Oscar-winning performance), Jessie Buckley , Finn Wittrock and Rufus Sewell

2019, 118 mins

Because of Covid-19 we are unable to serve our usual suppers at the film screenings. There will be a reduced number of seats available but you may bring your own drinks and snacks and we shall be able to enjoy one another's company albeit at a distance. If there are sufficient numbers we'll put on two screenings – an evening event, preceded by a matinee in the afternoon.

Members will be receiving emails giving this information and we shall send more details to those who have booked nearer the time. Each film will cost £5.

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

Self-Described “Ancient Monument” and Banbury History expert dies

Alan Sargeant passed away on Friday March 12th 2021.

Alan was a long-time member of the Banbury Historical Society, Banbury Camera Club, and most recently “Times Past” group at Banbury Museum. He developed a slide show called A Walk Round Banbury which he took on tour around local care homes and senior clubs, inspiring hours of happy reminiscing. He was also involved in computerising the records of the village of Cropredy. Nobody knew more about the history of Banburyshire than Alan.



The family moved to Banbury in 1939 when Alan's Dad, went to work at the aluminium works. They lived right next to St. John's Church, and Alan attended school at St. Mary's and then Dashwood Road. He was part of St. Mary's 100th anniversary celebration in 2018, regaling current pupils with his memories of World War II. He chuckled when a young boy asked him if he had survived! The war left an odd assortment of “teachers” for the students at Dashwood Road. Alan remembered a retired history Prof, “Tubby” Brinkworth who inspired in Alan a deep love of history. Alan left school at 15 and went to work at Messrs. Stockton Sons and Fortescue, a firm of Solicitors in the High Street. The story of this first job, “The Office Boy” was published in Ottaker's Local History Series. Alan had a life-long love of learning. He would joke that he was “educated at Rugby and Oxford” because he attended technical college in both towns studying engineering. He became a draftsman for General Electric in Rugby, and later for many years at Demag in Banbury. He will be sadly missed. Linda



Because Cropredy is fielding 4 teams in the league this year there will be a home fixture on both grounds every Saturday with bars open and welcome all to visit to see competitive matches on the new ground an opportunity to see some of the young talent coming through and on the old ground some exciting new players. First match: Saturday May 8th. <http://www.cropredycc.play-cricket.com/home>

I would like to make the village aware of the **Gigabit Voucher scheme** to find out if it is something that the Parishioners of Cropredy would like to be involved with. The Government is providing up to £210m worth of voucher funding as immediate help for people experiencing slow broadband speeds in rural areas. Vouchers worth up to £1,500 for homes and £3,500 for businesses help to cover the costs of installing gigabit broadband to people's doorsteps.

More information is available at <https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/>

We need to get a group of householders and/or businesses together to start the process so if you are interested please contact Jacqui Smith at jacqui.smith@gmail.com.

Thank you, Jacqui.

CROPREDY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

7.30 p.m. Wednesday May 19th.

BILL KING and 'YESTERDAY'S RUNWAYS'

Chipping Warden - Edgehill/Shenington – Gaydon - Turweston

Wellesbourne Mountford - Kidlington - Hinton in the Hedges/Turweston

The sites of many of these local wartime airfields are still operational today – from industry, museums, rocket propulsion establishments, solar farms, to air salvage operations – or operate under different names.

Bill King traces the stories of local airfield origins as bases for Bomber Command, or from training for glider towing and parachute dropping, the development of jet engines and to a base for Douglas Dakotas. He specialises in the history and archaeology of wartime aviation, and you may remember his previous visit when he told us about "The Women in Air Force Blue".

If the roadmap continues to unfold, we may be able to meet in the Village Hall on this date, complying with the regulations that will keep us all safe. Otherwise, this talk will be on Zoom but we will be able to let members have that information nearer the time.

Cropredy Jazz presents The Pretty-Eyed Babies, Saturday June 19th.

Show A - 7pm and Show B - 8:45pm

Now presented in two shows 60mins each in a Covid-19 Secure venue.

A hugely entertaining guitar, piano & bass trio - music from the classic era of swing
The 'Pretty Eyed Babies' are guitarist Denny Ilett (Jnr), pianist Maff Potts and bassist Paul Jefferies. The trio takes its name from one of their favourite tunes "Pretty Eyed Baby" and their reason for getting together was a love of simple, classic, jazz which they perform with passion and great humour, indeed there's an infectious sense of fun on stage when these three get together. All three musicians are active in a variety of other musical roles playing styles from rock, through contemporary jazz and swing but they love early classic jazz artist like Louis Armstrong, Frank Sinatra and Hoagy Carmichael so what they play and how they play it is very much reflective of these styles.

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Annual General Meeting

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CROPREDY PARISH COUNCIL

THE PARISH OF CROPREDY, ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on-line on Monday 12th April 2021 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillor Tania Johnson (Chair), Councillor Margaret Boscott
Councillor Bob Garland, Councillor Sheila Jones
Councillor Des Knight, Councillor Jacqui Smith

In Attendance: County Councillor George Reynolds and District Councillor Phil Chapman.

Apologies for Absence were received from Ken Porter, Clerk to the Parish Council.

- 1. Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on 8th April 2019** were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
- 2. Chairman's Report:** Since the previous meeting Bob Dunn had resigned from the PC having been a member for some 25 years. However, as he had been Chairman for almost all of the period since the previous APM, he supplied a report for the meeting which Councillor Johnson read. Councillor Dunn reported that the past two years had seen a number of changes to the Parish Council. In May 2019 elections were held when four long standing, hard-working members retired, David Cherry, Stuart Alexander, Peter Croft and Gill Moss, to be replaced by four equally hard-working new councillors, Bob Garland, Tania Johnson, Sheila Jones and Des Knight. April 2019 saw the installation of new speed cameras on Williamscot and Claydon Roads, hedges were cut back at the Sports and Social Club and in the Play Area. During that year work was carried out in the churchyard pruning back and removing damaged trees. Remedial work was also carried out on equipment in the Play Area. In February 2020 grants of £7050 were approved to assist local clubs and organisations and again we thank Fairport Convention for their support which enables so many worthy organisations to flourish. Sadly, due to the pandemic, there was no festival in 2020 and the Parish Council's income was almost halved meaning it was unable to assist as in previous years. However, 2021 does promise a return to something approaching normality, and we hope the festival will proceed as before. Thanks to Cllr Knight who has organised mowing rotas for the churchyard and to Cllrs Garland and Knight who have continued to liaise with Mr Petre to try to arrange a parking area by the school. Planning permission has now been granted for this project and a construction specification has been drawn up and contractors have been invited to provide quotes for the work. Following further concerns over speeding in the village Cllr Knight consulted with OCC Highways following which the PC was able to have the 30mph signs on Williamscot and Claydon Roads moved further away from the entrances to the village. We have also had a duty of care tree survey on all trees owned by the PC which, fortunately on this occasion, has only revealed four moderate areas of risk which will need attention over the next six months. Also, a new rainwater catchment area has been put in place at the allotments which should be more ecologically friendly. Finally, Mr Dunn thanks to all residents who have volunteered for various tasks to help keep the village looking tidy, to our district and county councillors for their support and to all councillors past and present who have been a pleasure to work with over his many years as councillor and chairman. Special thanks were expressed to Ken Porter, who is shortly to retire as clerk, for his help and support, especially during his years as chairman; he will be a hard act to follow. Finally Mr Dunn wished the parish council all the best for the future
The Chair thanked Mr Dunn for his report.
- 3. Village Hall Report:** with restrictions still in place Ray Moss submitted his report via the Clerk. Unfortunately, there was very little to report by way of activities as the Village Hall was closed for much of the year due to the Covid-19 restrictions. During the first lockdown the committee spent considerable time making the hall Covid secure so that it could be re-opened, albeit with Covid restrictions in place. Thanks to the generosity of the Parish Council they were able to purchase new more comfortable chairs that were much appreciated by the users before we entered the second lockdown. Since then the hall has been inspected regularly by committee members to ensure that no issues have arisen during its closure. Despite the considerable loss of income caused by the lockdowns, particularly with the cancellation of Fairport, they have been able to remain viable thanks to grants issued to village halls by the government. The actions that the committee has taken are sufficient for it to be assessed as a Covid secure polling station for 6th May and will enable the resumption of restricted activities from 17th May, including the postponed 2020 AGM that will take place on 20th May.

The Chair thanked Mr Moss for his report and also added her thanks to all the volunteers.

4. **School Governors' Report:** there was no report from the governors on this occasion.
5. **Sports & Social Club Committee Report:** on behalf of David Cherry, Chairman of the SSC, Cllr Jones reported that the Sports and Social Club had been unable to open during the past year due to Covid-19 restrictions, this including the bar, so income for the year is nil. However, it was possible to obtain a grant from CDC which has helped maintain balances despite having to dump a large quantity of alcohol and soft drinks. Hopefully the bar will be allowed to reopen in May to allow a degree of normality to return. A large tree, whose roots had been seen as a potential threat to the clubhouse, has been felled most competently and the new water heater which the PC funded has been fitted and is working well.

The Chairman thanked Mr Cherry for his report.

6. **Appointment of representatives:**
- (a) **Village Hall committee:** The meeting resolved that Mrs J Green and Mrs M Boscott be reappointed as the meeting's representatives to serve on the Village Hall Committee.
- (b) **Sports and Social Club:** The meeting resolved that Mr C Upton and Mrs S Jones be appointed as the meeting's representatives to serve on the Sports and Social Club.

All representatives were thanked for their services to the parish during the past year

7. **Public comments:** there were no members of the public in attendance on this occasion.

The Chairman then thanked those attending and declared the meeting closed at 7.10pm

Minutes of a Virtual Meeting of Cropredy Parish Council held online on Monday 12th April 2021 at 7.10pm immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting.

Present: -

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| Councillor Tania Johnson (Chair) | Councillor Margaret Boscott |
| Councillor Bob Garland | Councillor Sheila Jones |
| Councillor Des Knight | Councillor Jacqui Smith |

In Attendance: County Cllr George Reynolds and District Cllr Phil Chapman.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** were received from Kenneth Porter (Clerk).
 2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** there were no declarations on this occasion.
 3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** of 8th March 2021 were approved as a correct record to be signed by the Chairman.
 4. **MATTERS ARISING:** there were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.
 5. **REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS: (i) Village Maintenance and Development –** Cllr Knight reported that Tony Brummell (Building Control Manager – CDC) made a further inspection of the damaged retaining wall in Hell Hole on 12th March. He saw no evidence that the wall had moved since his last visit some three months ago, or deteriorated materially. On balance, at present, he did not think its condition warrants closing the footpath as that would by implication mean serving a Notice on the owner of the wall under the Building Act requiring it to be made safe. He believes any such Notice could currently be successfully contested. By way of mitigation he will continue to monitor the condition of the wall at intervals of 2 to 3 months. Tony has asked Cllr Knight/Parish Council to also monitor it more frequently and let him know immediately if there are any concerns that its condition may be deteriorating. The annual service on the mowing equipment has been completed and Cllr Knight has issued the Upper Churchyard mowing rota with the first cut completed. The first of two annual cuts on the Lower Churchyard needs to be considered in May with some alternative support. Cllr Smith is to investigate a voucher scheme for superfast broadband.
- (ii) Transport and Traffic, Street Lighting and Trees –** Cllr Knight reported that the tender period for the construction of the proposed school car park is now complete with three firm quotes and Cllrs Knight and Garland will be reviewing these with the respective contractors. Cllr Knight has also received a quote from Nicholsons covering all six observations made in their 'Duty of Care' Tree

Survey. Three of four moderate risk observations that need some attention within 6 months are quoted at £200 plus VAT. Cllr Knight proposed acceptance of the quote and this was seconded by the Chair and approved unanimously. The fourth of these observations is being reviewed with Oxfordshire Highways. OCC is supporting the Twenty's Plenty scheme for urban areas and Cllr Knight will investigate the available signage for consideration at the next meeting. Cllr Jones will place a reminder about the Ability Community Bus service in the next edition of the Crier. Concern has been raised by a parishioner about cars parked opposite the entrance to Vicarage Gardens and this will be raised at the next police liaison meeting.

(iii)**Village Plan, Crime Prevention and Environment** – Cllr Jones has updated the emergency plan with contact details for the school keyholder. The Chair has obtained some further “No Cold Caller” signs and Cllr Jones will place a notice in the Crier to invite anybody wanting one to be in touch.

(iv)**Planning, Finance and Legal:**

New Planning Applications: 21/00539/F – The Straw Barn, Station Road – erection of two polytunnels 12m long x 6.5m wide;

21/00666/F – 2 Vicarage Gardens – change of window & front door layout to more transitional door and window;

21/01089/F – land between 7 & 8 Cherry Fields – amendments to approved application;

Decisions: 21/00413/F – 37 Station Road – three storey side extension and front porch – refused;

21/00327/F – land SW of Beecham Cottage, Cropredy Lawn – erection of up to four glamping pods – withdrawn;

Notice of Appeal: The Stables, Main Street, Great Bourton - change of use of land to caravan site; associated parking; domestic paraphernalia – enforcement notice served.

Cllr Garland had completed the Village Services questionnaire for CDC as part of their Local Plan review.

6. **SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB** – the Chair and Cllrs Garland and Knight will be arranging a meeting during the last fortnight in April to review the insurance arrangements with the SSC. The new water heater has been installed.
7. **FINANCE** – the Clerk’s report had been submitted to councillors prior to the meeting and it was **resolved** that the payments itemised for £365 be authorised.
 - (i) **to accept and approve the Annual Governance Statement** which forms part of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return to be submitted to the external auditors, Moore, and which had been circulated by the Clerk to councillors prior to the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Knight and seconded by Cllr Garland that this be accepted and approved and this was agreed unanimously.
 - (ii) **to accept and approve the Annual Accounts to 31 March 2021** - the Clerk had also circulated the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 and the Chair proposed acceptance of these and this was seconded by the Cllr Boscott and approved unanimously.
8. **CLIMATE CHANGE GROUP** – Cllr Garland had attended a zoom meeting arranged by OCC on promoting electric vehicles. The next meeting of the group is to be arranged by the end of April.
9. **REPORT ON COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS** – County Cllr Reynolds had nothing to report on this occasion as all is quiet with elections pending.
10. **REPORT ON DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS** – similarly District Cllr Chapman also had nothing to report on this occasion.
11. **Correspondence:** CDC – Cherwell Parish Bulletin; **OALC** – March Members’ Updates; Future PC meetings; **OPFA** – Spring newsletter; **CPRE** – monthly newsletters; **Rural Services Network** – Rural Bulletins; **Healthwatch Oxfordshire** – Briefings; **Royal British Legion** – brochure received of items to commemorate the Armistice and the Chair will look into these with a view to discussing at the next meeting.
12. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS NOT OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE** – there were no further matters on this occasion.
13. **ANY MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ATTENDING THE MEETING** – with no public in attendance there were no matters raised on this occasion.
14. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING (ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING):** as current regulations allowing virtual meetings come to an end at midnight on 6 May and, as there is as yet no further guidance, it was agreed to hold the next meeting on Monday 3 May 2021 at 7pm via Zoom.

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Although lock down is starting to ease it is inevitable that restrictions still will apply to 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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