



# *The Cropredy Crier*

## *Village news for November 2021*

### **St Mary's Church Christmas Tree Festival**

**Come and join us on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>. and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>. December for our first ever Christmas Tree Festival and get into the festive spirit.**

Doors are open from 10.30 a.m. – 4.30 p.m. on Saturday and 10.30 a.m. – 2.30 p.m. on Sunday.

Admission is only £1 (Children are free) and this entitles you to vote for your favourite tree. The results will be announced at the Christingle service at 4.00 p.m. on Sunday.

You can enjoy tea/coffee and delicious cakes whilst making your choice and shop for decorations at the Christmas stall.

We hope you will join us at this special event and add some sparkle to your Christmas festivities. Plus enjoy the lovely twinkling trees in a beautiful setting.

If you would like to enter a tree please contact:

Mary Richardson 750774 or Gill Parratt 750427 for more information.



## End of year

According to the church's way of telling time we are approaching the end of the year. A good time to reflect, to do our remembering, and to wonder how we might continue to put ourselves, and our communal lives back together again. The last Sunday of the church's year is called Christ the King, or the Reign of Christ. Time to think again about our image of what power means and how we use power for good in the world. I have a favourite image from the island of Iona, where there is a large and striking sculpture by Ronald Rae. Carved in pink and grey Kemnay granite this powerful work portrays the Fallen Christ on the road to Calvary with the burden of the world on his back. An image of vulnerability of Christ the King who is in solidarity with those knocked down by life, who knows what it is to be as low and as powerless as it is possible to be. What image of power and leadership will inspire you as the seasons change once more?



*".. O King of our desire,.. rejected joiner, making many one: .. O King within the child within the clay, O hidden King who shapes us in the play of all creation. Shape us for the day your coming kingdom comes into its own. "* (words by Malcolm Guite)

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

### NOVEMBER SERVICES AT THE PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> .	<b>Third Sunday before Advent</b> 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion	Revd Hilary Campbell
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> .	<b>Remembrance Service</b> 10.55 a.m..	Revd Hilary Campbell
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> .	<b>Sunday next before Advent</b> 10.00 a.m. Seeker Service	Siobhan and Rebecca Croft

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

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> .	Rev. Robert Jones - inc. Holy Communion.	
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> .	Remembrance Sunday - joining with the Parish Church at 10.55 a.m.	
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> .	A Service led by our own congregation. ("local arrangement")	
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> .	Rev. David Alderman (new Banbury circuit Superintendent.)	



## CROPREDY PAINTING GROUP

WINTER EXHIBITION

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>.

11.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

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CRAFT STALLS

*Raffle for Christmas hamper*

## CROPREDY CURFEW

Ringin in Cropredy has a long history: When Roger Lupton was the priest (1487 -1528) he lost his way returning from Chacombe in a fog. The sound of the Cropredy bell tolling helped him to reach home safely. In gratitude he made an Indenture on the 26 August 1512 in which he placed £6-13s-4d in the care of the Cropredy and Bourton Churchwardens to be invested in land which was to pay one person to daily wind up the faceless clock. This struck the hours. This person was also to ring the bell daily both winter and summer at four in the morning then the

‘grettest or myddell bell by the space of a quarter of an houre and toll daily the Aves bell at six in the morning at seven in the night, at twelve noon and at four in the afternoon, and to toll in winter at seven in the night three tolls and immediately after the tolling to ring the curfew by the space of a quarter of an hour. In summer to toll and ring the curfew between eight and nine at night.’

Failure to get this seen to would mean the churchwardens had to forfeit 6s-8d to the vicar every month the curfew was left unring.

The curfew was suspended at the beginning of the Covid epidemic. We shall restart in November. Cropredy is very special and unique in continuing to ring a curfew. Mercifully these days we only ring the curfew bell on Tuesdays and Thursdays for 5 minutes after the clock has struck 8.00 p.m.

*Cropredy Bellringers*



## COFFEE MORNING

with a bring and buy table

FRIDAY November 12<sup>th</sup>. 10.30 a.m. – 12 Noon.

METHODIST CHAPEL SCHOOL ROOM



Come on your own or bring friends and family whilst meeting and making new friends.

## Cropredy Tots

... will be meeting on Monday November 1<sup>st</sup>. and Monday November 15<sup>th</sup>. in the Chapel School Room, 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 mid-day

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

# Planning for Cropredy Up to 2040

Many of you will have heard about Cherwell District Council's public consultation on Planning, 'Developing Our Options'. This is an early chance to have your say about the future of Cropredy, Banbury and the rest of Cherwell, so please respond directly to Cherwell by 10<sup>th</sup> November in the ways shown below this article. Cropredy Parish Council will be providing an overall response taking account of the various views across our community. Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October, completed the Open Day questionnaires and sent us comments.

Cherwell aims to publish a draft new Local Plan for consultation in the summer of 2022. Cropredy Parish Council considers it will be in a better position to respond to Cherwell's Plan if we develop our own community plan for Cropredy up to 2040. Over the next 6 months, we will be gathering parishioners' views in various ways including surveys and public meetings. We will be collecting information on issues such as housing, community facilities, transport, and the natural environment. We will then publish the plan for comment before finalising.

Please get in touch if you would like to know more.

Bob Garland, Cropredy Parish Councillor ( [bob.n.garland@gmail.com](mailto:bob.n.garland@gmail.com) )

## How to View and Respond to Cherwell's Option Paper (Closing Date 10th November)

<https://letstalk.cherwell.gov.uk/cherwell-local-plan-review>

or write to Planning Policy Team, Cherwell District Council, Bodicote House, White Post Rd., Banbury OX15 4AA, Phone: 01295 227985 or Email: [planning.policy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk)

## Cropredy Gardening Club Wednesday November 10<sup>th</sup>. at 7.30 p.m. Cropredy Village Hall Lucy Hartley - Designing your garden

The committee are pleased to announce that we will be resuming our meetings in November with the return of Lucy Hartley, who will be teaching us more about designing new borders in the garden. She will be giving advice on ways to reduce maintenance as well as looking at different styles of planting. Lucy's last talk was very interesting and enjoyable and we are looking forward to her return. We are also hoping to be able to put this talk on Zoom for those who do not feel ready to return to live meetings.

Please contact: Sue Fairbrother on 750523 if you would like to join in on Zoom

Free to members, non-members welcome - £3 fee

**Please note the change of venue**

## CHRISTMAS DRINKS @ The Old Manor, Station Road

Courtesy of Andrew Fellows

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December

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## Cropredy Jazz

## Tommy Scott Trio

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(doors open 6.30 p.m.)

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The Music of Oscar Peterson  
on  
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*Tis the season to be jolly*

**OUTDOOR**

**CHRISTMAS**

**FAIR**

**November 13th and 14th**  
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**Crafts and Gifts**

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## Cricket Club Hedge. Latest and final news.

We are nearly there. The 220 saplings/whips are being delivered by the Woodland Trust in the first week in November. The stock-proof fence will be in place. Now it just means as many of you as possible to turn up and plant.

We shall meet on **Saturday November 13<sup>th</sup>**. at **10.00 a.m.** at the new pavilion.

This is Cropredy doing its bit for the environment and for the future of our children, plus it's the month of COP26.

No digging is required as we will be using the slit method (as often demonstrated on Country File) but please bring a spade - and any children you find lying around.

Rachel McLoughin on [rwardmcl@btinternet.com](mailto:rwardmcl@btinternet.com) or **01295 750918**.

## CROPREDY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Join us in the **Village Hall** on **Tuesday November 9<sup>th</sup>**, **7.20 p.m.**

*An illustrated talk by Deborah Hayter*

### THE LOST VILLAGES OF OXFORDSHIRE: Decline, decay or desertion?

By the 1960s, over one hundred deserted villages had been discovered in Oxfordshire. Since then further researches have revealed more than 150 settlements which have either shifted, contracted or disappeared.

Guests welcome £3 - Raffle - Refreshments - Sales Table

## Cropredy 2022 Calendar

We are nearly there! The **2022 Cropredy Calendar** will be available from mid-November. Copies will be for sale in the local pubs and café, as well as being obtainable on-line, price £8.99. Further information will be available on the Cropredy Village Community Facebook page.

We are only printing a limited number (250) so pre-ordering is the safest way of securing your copy. E-mail [ricx@flicx.co.uk](mailto:ricx@flicx.co.uk) or phone 07516 726287 to place your order now!

Remember, all profits will be going to the following local organisations:

*Historical Society; Cluster Care and Cropredy Gardening Club.*

Thank you in advance for your support

St Mary's Church Cropredy invites you to our

## AUTUMN PRIZE BINGO

Cropredy Village Hall

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November.

Doors open 7.00 p.m. Eyes Down 7.30 p.m.

£1 per book, 10 games played (maximum 10 books per person)

Licensed Cash Bar

For further details, phone Graham Oliver on 01295 750956

# Cropredy Historical Society

Cropredy Village Hall at 7.30 p.m., Wednesday November 17<sup>th</sup>.

An illustrated talk by Dr Gillian White



**The most dissolute man in London...** William Cavendish, 4<sup>th</sup> Earl and 1<sup>st</sup> Duke of Devonshire, has gone down in history as both the saviour of English liberties and the “most dissolute man in London”. Dr White looks at his exciting political life as one of the aristocrats who overthrew James II and brought William of Orange to the throne, and also considers the gambling, womanising and duel-fighting side of his story. But he was also the builder of one of England’s greatest country mansions, Chatsworth House, which took twenty years and two architects to complete – and was really only done by accident.

## Remembrance Service Sunday November, 14<sup>th</sup>. 10.55 a.m. Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Cropredy

Come and join us in our village act of remembrance starting at the war memorial in the churchyard. This service is a joint service with Cropredy Methodists and the Royal British Legion.

**All welcome**

*Here are some notes giving the background to some of names on the war memorial, first erected in 1921*

### 1914 – 1918

**Horace Hatton Busby** – died aged 19 in August 1917, and is remembered on the Tyne Cot Memorial with his colleagues in the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry who died in action in Flanders. His widowed mother lived in Chapel Row and he was one of eight children, one of whom worked as a station porter for GWR, another as a mason.

**Leonard J. B. Lambert** – lived at Wharf House, where his father William was a farmer and coal merchant. Leonard was a sergeant in the Warwickshire Yeomanry and then served in the Household Cavalry. He fell in action and died in November 1917, one day after the capture of Gaza, by then a ruined and deserted city, and is buried in the Gaza War Cemetery. There is a tablet in his memory in the church.

**Ernest A Pettifer** – died at sea off Gallipoli in August 1915, and his name is on the Helles Memorial at Gallipoli. He was 19, and according to the 1911 census was working as a gardener’s help. The family lived in Brasenose Cottages, Station Road.

**Samuel W Pettifer** – had been awarded a silver watch at Cropredy School for “five years of perfect attendance and good conduct” when he left

**Thomas Watts** (also from the village and convoy which was at sea off the coast minefield. *HMS Torrent* was first hit the rescue but also sank. *HMS* but detonated two mines and sank offices and men were lost that night, latest and very best in the navy. **Thomas** result of enemy action, aged 19, on 23

Plymouth, recording members of the Royal Navy who have no known grave.



at the age of 13. He was on *HMS Tornado* with attended Cropredy School ) as part of a of Holland in December 1917 and ran into a and began to sink. *HMS Surprise* went to *Tornado* tried to escape the minefield, immediately, with only one survivor. 252 and the three destroyers lost were the **Watts** also died or was killed as a direct December 1917. There is a memorial to them at

*There are more details held in a file at St Mary the Virgin Church, Cropredy, thanks to the work of Cropredy Historical Society archivist, Sue Lester. We will feature further names from the monument in future editions. Ed.*



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## Cropredy Film Society

Autumn Season 2021

### REVISED PROGRAMME!

Cropredy Village Hall - Doors at 6.30 p.m. supper at 7.00 p.m.

#### Saturday October 30<sup>th</sup> *A Quiet Place*

*"If they hear you, they hunt you". A father and a mother struggle to raise their children in a post-apocalyptic world inhabited by blind monsters with an acute sense of hearing.*

15 Drama Sci Fi

Director: John Krasinski Writers: Bryan Woods, Scott Beck, John Krasinski

Cast includes: Emily Blunt, John Krasinski,

Millicent Simmonds

2018

90mins

#### Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup> *Manon* 6.30 p.m. & own snacks

The Royal Ballet with Carlos Acosta, Tamara Rojo

Choreography: Kenneth Macmillan Music: Jules Massenet

#### Saturday November 27<sup>th</sup> *Nomadland*

*This film won 3 Oscars! A woman in her sixties who lost everything after hometown economic collapse embarks on a journey through the American West, living as a campervan-dwelling modern-day nomad outside the life of conventional society.*

12A Drama

2020

107mins

Director: Chloe Zhao Book: Jessica Bruder Screenplay: Chloe Zhao Cast includes: Frances McDormand, David Strathairn,

#### Saturday December 11<sup>th</sup> *Supernova*

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### **Church of St. Mary the Virgin** Big Team Clean



**Thursday November 25<sup>th</sup>. from 9.30 a.m.**

Come along and help us prepare our village Church for the Christmas season. We will be sweeping, vacuuming, dusting, wiping, polishing and cleaning brasses to ensure that our church is fresh and gleaming.

Even if you can only spare an hour you would be most welcome....many hands make light work.

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### **All Souls Service** **A Time to Remember**



**Sunday October 31<sup>st</sup>., 4.00 p.m.**  
**Church of St. Mary the Virgin**

This is an opportunity for **all** to come and remember loved ones lost, hear their names read out, and light a candle. If you would like someone remembered in this way, please contact Revd Hilary Campbell

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with their name.

Refreshments available after the service.



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Deadline for the next edition will be Thursday November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Stephen Wass: [editor@church-of-st-mary-the-virgin-cropredy.org](mailto:editor@church-of-st-mary-the-virgin-cropredy.org)



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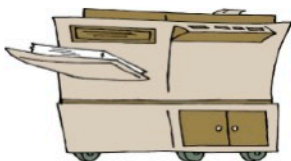
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# CROPREDY PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a meeting of Cropredy Parish Council held in the Methodist Chapel on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm

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

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs Margaret Boscott & 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 9<sup>th</sup> August were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- 4. MATTERS ARISING:** The emergency out of hours number for Oxfordshire County Council Highways department had not been provided to councillors by the clerk. The clerk will email the number to councillors.
- 5. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT**
  - Children's playing field** – A new fence has been installed by Cherwell Fencing which should keep dogs out. A number of repairs have been carried out to the equipment by Mr John Taylor including new links in the double basket swing, a gap closed in the old slide. Further repairs will include removing rotten wood from the mound and smoothing it off, tightening the zip wire and raising the zip wire seat off the ground and replacing some tarmac with cement on the edge of the skate ramp to smooth the boundary.
  - Books at Teenage Shelter** – An offer has been received towards the cost of building a bookstore next to the Teenage Shelter.
  - Cropredy Village Open Day** – Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to this event in the Village Hall on 2<sup>nd</sup> October. It is hoped that this will be a regular event. Questionnaires were completed and residents could volunteer for work in the village. Questionnaires have been handed in after the event with ticks on indicating a willingness to volunteer but they have not got names and contact details on so will residents offering to volunteer please contact a councillor or the clerk. The Parish Council would like to thank Larna Smith, Police Community Support Officer, and her team for attending.
  - Village clear up** – A group of Councillors recently cleared up Roundbottom. Thanks to Jo Jennings who helped and everyone who moved their cars to enable this clear up. Thank you to Cllr Des Knight who cleared around Cropredy Bridge.
  - Hell Hole retaining wall** – This appears to have deteriorated further but is not considered to be in imminent danger of collapsing but Mr Tony Brummell has written to the wall owner advising of the current condition.
  - Headstones** – Thank you to the Parochial Church Council and volunteers who helped to move the wrapped headstones. This will make it easier to mow the churchyard. The upper churchyard mowing rota is now complete for 2021.
  - Cropredy Village Sign** – A new village sign with anti-theft fixings has been ordered to replace the one that has been stolen along the Mollington Road.
  - Church Wall** – There are sections of mortar missing from the church wall in the last section before Roundbottom and it was agreed to get it inspected.
  - Cup and Saucer sign** – Thank you to Mr Rob Johnson who has fixed the sign back.
- 6. TRANSPORT, TRAFFIC & STREET LIGHTING**
  - School Car Park** – Mr Phil Goldsworthy, Headteacher, has confirmed to Cllr Des Knight that the school would like to move forward with the project. A meeting will be scheduled with all parties to agree the next steps.
  - Speedwatch Initiative** – Following the successful demonstration of equipment used by another parish council, Thanet Valley has confirmed that a cheaper handheld device is approved by them. It has also been confirmed that it will be possible to rent/loan equipment for 6 months from the Police to carry out a trial. Cropredy PC will register their interest to join the Speedwatch initiative on 26<sup>th</sup> November when new participants in Cherwell District can join. District Cllr Phil Chapman advised that the Police are currently investigating ways of making the result legally enforceable.
  - Car parking on bend outside The Brasenose Arms** – This is being monitored by the Police, but they have not provided an update yet. Cars are being parked here by hikers and fishermen, not just people using the pub. It was suggested that signs could inform of the public car park at the Sports and Social Club and the sign at the Sports and Social Club could be amended by adding "Public" as visitors may think that it is just for people using the club.
- 7. VILLAGE EMERGENCY PLAN, CRIME PREVENTION & ENVIRONMENT**
  - Emergency Plan** – Residents at the Village Open Day were asking about the Emergency Plan and it was agreed that this should be posted on the current and new websites.
- 8. PARISH COUNCIL USE OF INTERNET & SOCIAL MEDIA**
  - New Website** – The desktop version of the new website is finished. It was agreed that Cllrs Karla Martin and Bob Garland would meet with Mr Hugh Brooman to plan migration of data from the current website to the new one. The Chairman thanked Hugh for all his hard work with the current website.
- 9. PLANNING, CLIMATE CHANGE, FINANCE & LEGAL**
  - Cherwell Local Plan 2040 response** – Cherwell District Council has started work on a new plan and is currently consulting on an Options Paper with comments due by 10<sup>th</sup> November. The comments will feed into the draft local plan that will be published for consultation in the Summer 2022. A public meeting to seek views from residents is scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> October which will be held at the Methodist Chapel at 7pm. Cllr Bob Garland will write an article for the November issue of the Cropredy Crier and

will circulate the draft response on the Options Paper to councillors by 31<sup>st</sup> October to seek their comments before submitting the final response by 10<sup>th</sup> November.

Cllr Bob Garland will also prepare a Plan to 2040 for Cropredy before Cherwell publishes the draft Local Plan next summer. This will enable the Parish Council to provide a robust response to the Cherwell Draft Plan that is evidence based and draws on parishioner's views. The process will include issuing a questionnaire on planning issues to every household, holding public meetings and gathering information on issues, including possible development sites.

**New Planning Applications:**

21/03126/TEL56 – Oxhey Hill – Mobile Mast – PC decision to be determined

21/03074/F – The Straw Barn – Change of use from horticulture to class E – PC no objection

**New Planning Decisions**

21/02256/F – 7 Vicarage Gardens – Render external walls – CDC Permitted 31/08/2021

21/02247/F – Springfields – Replace Conservatory – CDC Permitted 29/09/2021

21/02681/F – Conifers – Loft conversion – CDC Permitted 30/09/2021

21/02570/F – Orchard House – external refurbishment - CDC Permitted 1/10/2021

10. **SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB** - No update

11. **FINANCE**

**Payments** - It was RESOLVED that payments totalling £1.673.78 be authorised. Proposed Cllr Garland, seconded Cllr Knight.

**Unity Trust Bank** – It was agreed that Cllr Des Knight will also be added to the Unity Trust signatory mandate.

**External Auditor Report** – The External Auditor confirmed that the information in sections 1 & 2 of the Annual Return was in accordance with the Proper Practices except for the following items:

1. Question 4 in Section 1 should have been answered “no” as the council had not provided for the exercise of electors’ rights to inspect the 2019/20 accounts in relation to the 2020 Annual Return.
2. Question 7 in Section 1 should also have been answered “no” as the exercise of electors’ rights to inspect the 2019-20 accounts occurs in the 2020-21 accounting period.
3. The council did not report two outstanding payments at the year-end totalling £97 in line with “Income and Expenditure” accounting convention which it informed the Auditor was the basis of the accounts. The reporting basis used was “Receipts and Payments”. It was agreed that the 2021-22 accounts will be prepared on a “Receipts and Payments” basis.
4. Questions K and L on the Internal Report should have been answered “not covered” instead of “yes” as the Parish Council had an External Audit of the 2019-20 accounts.

The Accounts, Annual Return and External Auditor Report will be posted on the new website when launched

12. **COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT** – None

13. **DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT** - None

14. **CORRESPONDENCE**

**History Record Shelves** – The archives and records made by Pam Keegan and maintained and updated by Martyn and Sue Lester have been moved to the Church Rooms. The process of digitising the records has commenced but in the meantime, racking is required for safe storage. It was agreed in principle to contribute to the cost of racking. A decision will be taken at the next meeting when costs have been finalised.

**Leaf Mould Bins** – a resident has proposed installing leaf mould bins at Kyetts Corner to create an organic and sustainable soil improver for residents. A decision will be taken at the next meeting when costs have been finalised.

15. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS NOT OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE** – None.

16. **ANY MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

**Lockbund Gallery** – Mr Simon Allison presented information about the gallery explaining that it is one of the UK's leading Art foundries supporting early career artists, hosting artist in residency programmes, and working with schools. The size of the current studio gallery limits the aspirations of this development programme so a barn with land located off Oxhey Hill has been purchased. Planning permission is being sought so that the current programme can be expanded including supporting the curriculum of local primary and secondary schools with a dedicated arts education officer. The gallery currently employs 17 full time staff. There will be only small changes to the exterior of the barn, and it is hoped to re-wild the land.

**Daffodil Bulbs** – A resident has offered a bag of bulbs to be planted around the village. It was agreed that locations will be decided, and a working group formed to plant them.

**Cropredy Community Calendar** – The calendar will be available in early November. Profits will go to village groups and organisations. It was agreed that the Parish Council will try to facilitate purchases via the new website which is being developed with the facility to take payments.

**Road Closure Notices** – It was agreed that these will be published on the village website. A recent closure on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> September for Thames Water works had not been communicated to the Parish Council.

**Flood Warning Signs** – It was agreed that the Parish Council will check that the current key holders to the store where the flood warning signs are kept are happy to continue.

17. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING** – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021

There being no further matters the Chair closed the public meeting at 9.08pm