



# *The Cropredy Crier*

*Village news for September 2021*

## **The Church Garden**

### **Party**

**@ The Old Manor**

(Courtesy of Andrew Fellows)

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

**2.00 - 4.00 p.m.**

(Entrance Free)

REFRESHMENTS BAR

Raffle LIVE MUSIC GAMES

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

Try your hand at a few games.

Enjoy a classic Cropredy Cream Tea, homemade cake or a refreshing drink from the bar.

## Thanksgiving

The seasons change, and we wonder what this next season will look like and feel like. Maybe, hopefully, we will have some good summer experiences, times of being together and memories to nourish us. Maybe we will have new plans and possibilities to look forward to. In the church's calendar we will soon be marking Harvest celebrations, and entering a month of Creation Time. This is another opportunity to re-connect with creation around us, to enter into a responsible and compassionate relationship with creation. Thanksgiving is always at the heart of Harvest. Thanksgiving can help us shift our attention and extend our practice of care for others and for the earth. We gather in good gifts, acknowledge them, see how much we depend on each other and on the fruits of the earth. We remember the gifts that come unbidden.

Some words from the great poet Wendell Berry:

*When despair for the world grows in me  
and I wake in the night at the least sound  
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,  
I go and lie down where the wood drake  
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.  
I come into the peace of wild things  
who do not tax their lives with forethought  
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.  
And I feel above me the day-blind stars  
waiting with their light. For a time  
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.*

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

## SEPTEMBER SERVICES AT THE PARISH CHURCH

- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> **Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
9.30 a.m. Holy Communion Revd Hilary Campbell
- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> **Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
10.00 a.m. Seeker Service Siobhan and Rebecca Croft
- Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> **Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**  
10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer for Harvest Sue Upton

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

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

- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Richard Clugston.  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Circuit service at Marlborough Rd Church,  
Banbury.  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> John Neal. Harvest Festival



Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>. Marilyn Nutt

**We are back!**  
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with a bring and buy table



**FRIDAY September 10<sup>th</sup>. 10.30 a.m. – 12 Noon.**  
**METHODIST CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM**

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

## **Cropredy Tots**

... will be meeting on **Monday September 13<sup>th</sup>.** and **Monday September 27<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 **CropredyTots** please ring Helen on 01295 758759

## **Cropredy Jazz**

## **Andy Hooley Trio**

**Saturday 18th September**  
Doors open 6.30pm, Show starts 7.00pm

Tickets £15.00

‘Remembering the Greatest of all Jazz Clarinet Players’

From a musical family, Andy Hooley spent his early playing career in the Royal Airforce earning the accolade of being the RAF’s principal clarinetist. As a soloist he’s performed at the Royal Albert Hall, Ronnie Scotts Jazz Club and Birmingham Symphony Hall (both as a classical player and jazz) amongst many others. He now runs his own septet and appears on numerous recordings and live shows as a guest soloist and section member. For Cropredy, together with ace guitarist Jez Cook and bassist Paul Jefferies, Andy will bring us a show that remembers and celebrates the greats jazz clarinetists (such as Monty Sunshine, Arti Shaw, Glen Miller and Benny Goodman).



*Paul & Jayne Jefferies*

*07704 297119*

*[www.cropredyjazz.co.uk](http://www.cropredyjazz.co.uk)*

## Scarecrow Trail 2021

We are delighted to announce that we have raised £591.96 (so far) for Oxford Children's Hospital. Many thanks to everyone who made a scarecrow, knitted a doll and donated.

Next year's theme will be announced in the January Crier- the knitting has already begun...!

*Cropredy WI and Knit and Natter*

## Cropredy 2022 Calendar

Last chance for submission! This is the last call for entries for the **2022 Cropredy Calendar**

We are almost at the point of putting the calendar together and sending it to the printers – did anyone take any photos at “Fairport” this year? Or any of the scarecrows dotted around the village? After all, these are iconic village events and we don't currently have any photos of them.

We will be at the Church Garden Party on September 4<sup>th</sup>, so look out for our stall and sign up for a reserved copy (or copies) of the calendar.

**Further information and full terms & conditions can be found at**

[www.cropredyvillage.info](http://www.cropredyvillage.info) then follow the link to the calendar

## CROPREDY FILM SOCIETY



Are you hoping to raise funds for a local good cause? Why not offer to provide supper at one of the Film Society's screenings?

We guarantee a minimum payment of £250, based on a fee of £6 per head. The maximum number of ticket holders is 50. There are four film supper evenings at the village hall this year. Guidelines and advice available. Please contact Frances on [f.61whitaker@btinternet](mailto:f.61whitaker@btinternet) for more information.

### Film Suppers RE-OPENING Autumn Season 2021

Cropredy Village Hall

Doors open 6.30

Supper at 7.00pm

Saturday 25th September

#### *The Dig*

*In May 1939, amateur excavator Basil Brown, was hired to dig up huge mounds on Edith Pretty's property in Suffolk. The film shows the historically important excavation at Sutton Hoo as a hotbed of snobbery, class warfare and intrigue.*

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Novel: John Preston

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Saturday 30th October    *Nomadland*

Saturday 27th November    *News of the World*

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Noel, every Saint and Six  
hundred years of history

An evening with the  
Rt Hon Sir Tony Baldry DL

Thursday 9th September 2021  
7:30-9pm

All Saints Church, Great Bourton

The 45 minute talk will be followed by a  
raffle, refreshments including wine, soft  
drinks, cheese & biscuits

Evening in aid of the Bell Tower  
Conservation project - donations welcomed!

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DEPOSIT (PARTNER BANKS)  
**PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR A  
FACE MASK**

# Cropredy Historical Society

Cropredy Village Hall

Wednesday September 15<sup>th</sup>. 7.30 p.m.

## Cropredy in recent centuries

Are you interested in the history of your home or street?  
Can you identify archive photos – places and people?  
Name some of the residents photographed by Pam Keegan  
in 1985 – and bring your smartphone to take  
a copy  
Share your memories of events and places in the village  
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That's why, if you take out a new car, home, van or business policy, a £50 donation will be made to Cropredy School when your policy has been on cover for more than 14 days.\* Also, if you know another school that would like to join the scheme then please get in touch.

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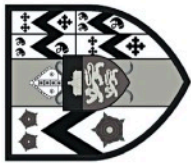
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 SUNDAY 12 SEPT 4PM

*Gin Festival* Saturday 18th September

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<i>Three full G and T's</i>	<i>Garden menu voucher</i>
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6pm *The Coopers*      8pm *The Flashback Band*

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## 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 a 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**

## CROPREDY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of Cropredy Parish Council held in the Methodist Chapel on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 7pm**

**Present:** Councillors Tania Johnson (Chairman), Margaret Boscott, Bob Garland, Sheila Jones, County Cllr George Reynolds, District Cllr Phil Chapman and David Best (Clerk). Two members of the public attended the meeting.

Before the meeting commenced a presentation was made to Bob Dunn who retired as Chairman of the Parish Council after 25 years' service. The current Chairman gave a speech thanking Bob for his commitment to the Council all his hard work, his dedication to support Cropredy and enhance the quality of life of its residents over many years.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs Des Knight, Karla Martin, Jacqui Smith
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** there were no declarations of interest.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – The minutes of the meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> July were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:** None.
5. **VILLAGE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT**  
**Village Clean up** - Two areas of the village that have been cleaned up since the last meeting are Hell Hole and Red Lion Street. Whilst cleaning up Hell Hole, the damaged retaining wall looked as if further deterioration had occurred. Photographic evidence has been sent to Tony Brummell (Building Control Manager – CDC) and he has scheduled a further inspection week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> August.

**Headstones** - There are a number of headstones in the Upper Churchyard that are currently wrapped in blue plastic and are kept beneath a tree. An approach has been made to the Cropredy P.C.C. and they have agreed to move these headstones into the church to be displayed in the Ladies Chapel. Cllr Knight is liaising with Verna Wass to schedule the move that will be overseen by Stephen Wass.

**Play Area Inspection Training** - The Chairman and Clerk attended a playground inspection course organised by the Oxford Playing Fields Association. Weekly inspections of the playground Cup and Saucer Play Area will be carried out using a checklist.

**Zip Wire at playground** - Cllr Boscott advised that the Zip Wire needs to be checked. The Playsafety Ltd annual inspection has just been carried out and it was agreed that the section on the Zip Wire would be circulated to all Councillors.

**Books at Teenage Shelter** - It was agreed to move some of the books from the Teenage Shelter into the Church. An additional shelter to keep the books next to the shelter is being investigated.

**Mowing around the village** - The Council expressed thanks to Benda & Stephen Day and all the volunteers who mow around the village. It is requested that anyone wishing to volunteer to help keep the village tidy and clean to contact one of the Councillors. Chapel Green has been strimmed by Oxfordshire County Council.

**Water leaks around the village** - Thames Water has been contacted to request that more permanent water main repairs are carried out. They advised that they are replacing the oldest pipes in the Thames Valley Area, starting with London, so it will be many years before the system in Cropredy will be updated. They will continue to respond to leaks as soon as possible. If a leak is spotted either ring Thames Valley or 'Fix My Street' on the Cherwell District Council website.

**Cropredy Village Sign** - It was reported that the Cropredy village sign along the Mollington Road has been stolen. It was agreed that the Clerk will ask Cherwell District Council for a replacement. Cllr Knight is also making enquiries.

## 6. TRANSPORT, TRAFFIC & STREET LIGHTING

**SpeedWatch Initiative** – Sue Leech (Hornton Parish Council) carried out a demonstration of their SpeedWatch camera equipment on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July. It was held at a known hot spot in Cropredy along Claydon Road adjacent to Kyetts Corner and attended by Cllr Knight, Clerk Best, District Cllr Chapman and Clerk Bowen from the Bourtons Parish Council. Following the successful demonstration, a formal quote for the SpeedWatch Kit was received from Traffic Technology Ltd of £2,030excl VAT. A consortium of 4PC's would share the cost with each PC having the equipment for 2 weeks in an 8 week period. The Bourtons PC will be discussing this initiative at their meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> August, Sibford Ferris have shown some interest. Clerk Best and District Cllr Chapman are contacting other PC's that might be interested.

**Car parking on bend outside The Brasenose Arms** - The issue of parked traffic on the bend outside The Brasenose Arms public house has been raised with Thames Valley Police. They are planning a site visit but no feedback has been received yet. There is a regular liaison meeting scheduled with the Police in mid-August, so if we should not receive any feedback in the meantime, it can be raised then. This has been reported to Thames Valley Police. Cllr Reynolds advised that parking enforcement may be helped in the future as Cherwell District Council are going to subcontracting this out.

## 7. VILLAGE EMERGENCY PLAN, CRIME PREVENTION & ENVIRONMENT – No update

## 8. PARISH COUNCIL USE OF INTERNET & SOCIAL MEDIA

Cllr Martin will work with Mr Hugh Brooman to develop a new website. The Council expressed thanks to Mr Brooman for all his work and time managing the current website. The Village Hall has requested a link between their website and the new Council website.

## 9. PLANNING, CLIMATE CHANGE, FINANCE & LEGAL

Cllr Garland would lead gathering of evidence, including a village survey, to enable a comprehensive response to the forthcoming consultation on Cherwell's Local Plan. Cllr Garland is preparing the response to the Oxfordshire 2050 Plan.

### **New Planning Applications:**

21/02247/F – 24 Station Road – Replacement conservatory - PC no objection

21/02256/F – 7 Vicarage Gardens – Render external walls - PC no objection

### **New Planning Decisions**

21/01089/F – Land between 7&8 Cherry Fields – 3 bedroom dwelling – CDC Permitted 21/07/2021

**10. SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB**

**Insurance** - The Cropredy Parish Sports and Social Club had requested that the Parish Council includes their risks could on the Council Policy but the Council insurers have advised that is not possible.

**New Management Agreement** – The Sports and Social Club has requested a new agreement with the Parish Council as the current one dates back to 1997. They have sent a draft to the Parish Council and it was agreed to form a sub committee to review and agree this.

**11. FINANCE**

**Payments** - It was RESOLVED that payments totalling £1,903.58 be authorised. Proposed Cllr Garland, seconded Cllr Johnson.

**Unity Trust Bank** – the new account has been opened but not all signatories have received letters with their log in details so it was decided to make payments with cheques from the Barclays current account.

**Payroll for new Clerk** – it was agreed that the new clerk would run the payroll on HM Revenue and Customs software Proposed Cllr Garland, seconded Cllr Jones.

**12. COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT**

**County Council Priorities** – These are changing following the recent elections with a greater focus on green issues and youth.

**20mph Limits in Villages** – an initiative is being developed to enable villages to implement 20mph speed limits at a lower cost. The moratorium on 20mph limits has been relaxed.

**Emergency out of hours number for Highways** – An out of hours number has issued. Previously out of hours highways issues were handled by the Police. The Clerk will circulate this to Councillors.

**13. DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT**

**District Council Funding** - District Cllr Chapman advised that CDC will experience funding shortages as funding is being taken back from councils to central government.

**14. QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE**

Celebrations will take place between 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June. Villages are encouraged to mark the event by lighting beacons on 2<sup>nd</sup> June and a lunch on 5<sup>th</sup> June. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

**15. CHERWELL COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

Cherwell District Council is giving Parish Councils the opportunity to request changes to parish boundaries and parish council names. It was agreed that no changes are required for Cropredy.

**16. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk had distributed the correspondence as it had been received during the month.

**Rubbish by bin along Canal** – an email had been received about black sacks dumped by a waste bin which was detached from the post. Cllr Garland had reported it on Fix My Street. The Bin will be reattached to the post and the Clerk will ask CDC to remove the Fly Tipping.

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

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

**New Dog Bin** - A member of the public asked for an additional dog bin to be installed by the rubbish bin on the High Street. This was agreed and it will be ordered by the Clerk.

**19. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING** – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021

There being no further matters the Chair closed the public meeting at 9.00pm

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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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Deadline for the next edition will be Saturday September 18<sup>th</sup>.

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