

# The Cropredy Crier

Village news and events for June 2025



## Cropredy Church Fete

Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup>

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Please contact:

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with offers of help or for collection of donations



## SERVICES AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

Sunday 1st.	9.30 a.m.	Family communion	Revd. Canon Sarah Fenby
Sunday 8th.	10.30 a.m.	Pentecost, Morning Worship with Baptisms	Revd. Canon Sarah Fenby
Sunday 15th.	10.00 a.m.	Trinity Sunday, Fathers' Day Seeker Service	Siobhan and Rebecca Croft
Tuesdays	12 noon	Holy Communion Service	
Wednesdays	9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	

## OTHER SERVICES WITHIN THE BENEFICE

Sunday 22nd.	9.30 a.m.	Family Communion Wardington	Revd. Canon Sarah Fenby
	11.00 a.m.	Family Communion Claydon	Revd. Canon Sarah Fenby and Sue Upton
	6.00 p.m.	Come and Sing, Mollington	Revd. Canon Sarah Fenby
Sunday 29th.	10.00 a.m.	United Benefice Communion Service, Claydon	Bishop Jonathan Merrick

Churchwardens: *Verna Wass*      [verna.wass@btinternet.com](mailto:verna.wass@btinternet.com)      01295 758222,  
*Graham Oliver*      [nb.Alnwick@gmail.com](mailto:nb.Alnwick@gmail.com)      01295 750956

### **All enquiries for baptism, wedding or funeral services,**

Revd Canon Sarah Fenby | Vicar of Shires Edge Benefice

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## SERVICES AT THE METHODIST CHAPEL (all services 10.30 p.m. unless otherwise notified)

Sunday 1st.	Cate Vokes
Sunday 8th.	Circuit Service at Marlboro' Rd, Banbury. Rev Sonia Hicks. (District Chair)
Sunday 15th.	Hazel Stagg
Sunday 22nd.	Rev Chris Eddy - Missions Service.
Sunday 29th.	Local Arrangement Service



**COFFEE MORNING**  
with homemade cakes and other things to buy  
**FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup>. 10.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon.**  
**METHODIST CHAPEL SCHOOL ROOM**



Bring friends and family or come on your own to meet and make new friends.

Cropredy Historical Society

Wednesday June 18th. at 7.30 p.m.

Cropredy Village Hall

## INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY IN YOUR SHED, GARAGE OR ATTIC

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. Refreshments

Visitors welcome £5



CROPREDY FILM SOCIETY  
AUTUMN SEASON 2025  
Film Suppers in the Village Hall

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!**

The dates scheduled for film suppers in the autumn are:

Saturday September 27

Saturday October 25

Saturday November 29



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**Coming Soon... Sunday July 20th., 4.00 p.m.,  
Choral Evensong and Afternoon Tea**

*40th Anniversary Celebration of David Upton as St Mary the Virgin*

*Cropredy organist.*

David is a faithful, talented, and good natured servant of so many churches in our Benefice and beyond, (and has also played for so many family baptisms, weddings and funerals, in addition over the years, as well as Cropredy Church of England Primary School services). This year is the 40th anniversary of his playing as St Mary's organist, and we warmly invite you to join with us Sunday 20th June, 4pm, for Evensong, to hear him play and to celebrate his humble service of



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## COMING THIS SUMMER:



*The Harlequins invite you to take a stroll through Cropredy's rich and colourful history. Travel through time to visit key locations, meet characters from the past and hear their stories. Your journey will conclude at the Village Hall to enjoy afternoon tea courtesy of our wonderful WI.*

*Saturday 12th. and Sunday 13th. July*

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# The Carnival Band



**Coming to Cropredy, Friday June 27th.  
in the church at 7.30 p.m.**

Tickets £17 under 18 £5  
from Brenda Day: 01295 758782 [days@gatrell.org](mailto:days@gatrell.org)  
OR: [carnivalband.com/diary](http://carnivalband.com/diary)

From the riotous pre-Lent carnivals of medieval Europe to the midwinter revelry of the Lord of Misrule, The Carnival Band take us through the year, imaginatively weaving folk, historical and contemporary strands from home and abroad into a rich tapestry of seasonal celebration. Themes of climate, nature, tradition, migration, love and loss are explored with catchy ballads, barn-storming dance tunes and settings of texts ranging from the middle ages to the present. The Carnival Band play an extraordinary mix of instruments, including medieval shawm, renaissance cittern, Flemish bagpipes, fiddle, bass and add rich vocal harmony. Their unique blend of folk, world, classical and contemporary influences defies definition. Renowned for their recordings and concerts with Maddy Prior, they are admired for their consummate musicianship and loved for their humour and rapport with the audience.

'The purists must have been squirming. The rest of us were having too much fun to care.' (York Press)

[www.carnivalband.com](http://www.carnivalband.com)

**Tuesday June 10th , 7.30 p.m. at the Village Hall** (doors open 7.10 p.m.) This month we puzzle over the fascinating world of jigsaws as Sindy Randall, Senior Product Manager of Ravensburger UK, shares the secrets of this enduring hobby. We are a friendly and vibrant group, open to women aged 16 and over. Guests (including men) welcome too. Tea, coffee, home-made cakes, raffle, sales table, collection point for Banbury Food Bank. £5 admission for non-members.

## HAPPY 100<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY CROPREDY WI

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 1925 about twenty people were present at a meeting held in the Church Rooms, Cropredy, to discuss the formation of a Women's Institute in the village. Mrs Muriel McDougall (Prescote Manor) was in the Chair and agreed to act as Secretary. Mrs Hiley from Oxford and Miss Jansen from Adderbury came to advise. The motion was passed that a WI be formed in the village.

The next meeting was held on 26<sup>th</sup> June in the Church Rooms and a committee of 12 was chosen. Mrs McDougall was in the Chair, assisted again by Mrs Hiley and Miss Jansen, and Miss Drummond. About 40 people were present and a ballot took place to select a committee. Mrs Jones agreed to form a Tea Committee and she would ask Mrs B Cherry, Mrs H Pettifer and Miss E Cooknell to serve with her; tea to cost 1d. Meetings would be held on the third Tuesday of each month (we now meet on the second Tuesday). It was decided to approach the ex-servicemen in order to obtain the use of their hall – 40 people in the Church Rooms must have been a tight squeeze! Junior members could join aged 15 to 18 and small children could come so long as they were well behaved. It had already been nationally agreed that men could only be honorary members which apparently put many noses out of joint!

And so Cropredy WI started, 10 years after the first meeting in Wales in 1915. We could now cast our vote with the National Federation to support resolutions put before government – the inter-war years saw the WI embark on an ambitious public policy programme aimed at achieving equal rights in the home and within the family unit. An article in The Times in 1933 remarked 'what a revolution they have wrought in village life in this country both social and domestic.'

July 1925 was the beginning of the way meetings would be held for the next 100 years although back then people were more class conscious. It tended to be the middle-class ladies who found in the WI a place for their organisational skills; they had the education and also the experience of running large households and being members of other society groups. Working class ladies were very often more practical and had everyday skills which were underrated and they found the WI a welcome place to enjoy leisure activities and to discover other hidden skills. The first general meeting took place on Tuesday 21 July, at Prescote Manor, Mrs McDougall lending her garden, a gesture much appreciated by the members as it was much too hot for an indoor meeting. Every member was asked to state what they would like to have in the way of lectures and demonstrations and this provided a very varied list – from fruit preserving and chair caning to folk singing and dancing. Outings in charabancs were arranged to Oxford and Coventry – road surfaces were probably as pot-holed as they are today. At this first meeting a Treasure Hunt was held all over the garden and this became an annual event up until the war. For our centenary celebrations we are having an outing in July in a 1950s bus to have tea at Ettington Park dressed in period outfits (optional). In August we are organizing a Treasure Hunt through the village which we hope many of you will join in – you will be reminded of this nearer the time. The last 100 years have seen great changes in the country both socially and politically but the WI is also changing to keep up – feminism shook our traditional values and we had to adapt. Cropredy WI maintains its friendly and welcoming atmosphere and we try hard to interest all our members.



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# Cropredy Welfare Trust

Cropredy Welfare Trust is a group of Cropredy Charities dating back to the Sixteenth Century. The objective of the Trust is to grant financial support to Cropredy residents who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress.

Applications are invited from Cropredy residents who believe they may satisfy the above criteria. Applications to: Rachel Dean, 3 Creampot Close, Cropredy or Peter Croft, 23 Station Road Cropredy

**The Trust meets annually to review administration needs and is bound by strict Charitable Trust Status rules.**



**THANK YOU** to everybody who attended the Cropredy Short Mat Bowls Club SPRING SNAIL RACING Event. This was well attended and a fun evening was had by all. It raised the grand total of £838.46 for Katharine House Hospice. Thank you to everybody for your generosity in supporting this very successful Event for our local hospice.

Thanks and best wishes, Rachel Dean (On behalf of Cropredy Short Mat Bowls Club)



## Cropredy Parish Council Website: Call Out to Cropredy Clubs and Societies

We would like to provide a complete list of Cropredy clubs and societies together with up to date contact details. Please would club and society representatives review the entries on the website and let us know any updates. The list is available on the website under Village Information and you can use the Contact Us page to provide updates.

Village Website. <https://cropredyparishcouncil.gov.uk>

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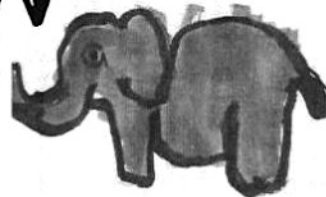
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Roll up, Roll up  
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# Cropredy Scarecrow Festival!



Cropredy residents and neighbours, we're back  
for another year of creativity and we need you to  
design and display your scarecrows!

This year's theme is...

## CIRCUS-PORT!



Trail dates:  
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2025



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Raising funds for the arts at Cropredy School

# CROPREDY PARISH COUNCIL

## Do you want Cropredy Parish Council to continue?

Your Parish Council are currently dangerously short of members.

Next year two more councillors are stepping down, this will leave a non-working Parish Council for our village. **If this happens the responsibilities of Cropredy will be handed to Cherwell District Council.** This means there will be no local representatives to voice our village concerns and make things happen. We would urge you to please consider joining now and get involved. The main role is to voice an opinion on the upkeep of village areas, give ideas of new projects which would enhance village life.

Please contact Tania Johnson, for more information. [taniajohnson64cpc@gmail.com](mailto:taniajohnson64cpc@gmail.com)

### Minutes of a meeting of Cropredy Parish Council held in the Methodist Chapel on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7pm

**Present:** Councillors Tania Johnson, Des Knight, Jacqui Smith and Sheila Jones, and David Best (Clerk). Four members of the public attended the meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** District Cllr Phil Chapman, County Councillor Chris Brant.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – The minutes of the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> April were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:** None
5. **VILLAGE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT**

**Tree Survey** – Mr Tim Batchelor has entered details of the 69 trees/groups of trees that the PC is responsible for onto a mapping and reporting system and it has been agreed that Cllr Tania Johnson will monitor this.

**Upper Churchyard Mowing** – 3 additional volunteers have come forward and some existing volunteers have indicated that they are prepared to do more cuts. One new mower has been ordered.

**Canals and Rivers Trust** – The next Towpath Taskforce is scheduled to take place on 28<sup>th</sup> May. In April, the volunteers installed a new safety handrail and repainted another.

**Playground maintenance** – Infinity playgrounds has replaced some swing shackles and are going to replace the ones on the basket swing and single swing and will carry out repairs to the roundabout. The roundabout bearing will also be monitored. A quote has been received for the new sign on the gate.

**Lock Garden** – The new sign for the lock garden is nearly ready. Cherwell District Council are paying for this.

**New dog bins along School Lane** – Dog walkers have advised that they are very grateful for these.

**Dog Bin at Broadmore Lock** – The dog bin has disappeared and a new one has been ordered. It was agreed that the clerk will check with CDC that they are aware of all bins as the bin at Broadmore Lock was not always emptied.

### 6. TRANSPORT, TRAFFIC & STREET LIGHTING

**Community Speedwatch** – It is possible that the police will investigate the increased in the number of vehicles breaking the speed limit along Williamscot Road.

**Potholes** – Some of the deep potholes along Oxhey Hill have been filed but not all. All parishioners are encouraged to report potholes that they observe in the road network between

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**7. VILLAGE EMERGENCY PLAN, CRIME PREVENTION & ENVIRONMENT**

**Emergency Plan** – This is up to date and on the Parish Council website. Vulnerable people should register with their utility provider for preferential service in the event of an emergency. Telephone land lines are transferring to Voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) and will not work in the event of a long power cut. It was agreed that the PC will ask OCC what can be done if there is no mobile signal.

**8. PARISH COUNCIL USE OF INTERNET & SOCIAL MEDIA:**

**Help for the website** – A vote of thanks was given to Mr Clive Dunn who has updated the village side of the website further.

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

There is no update from CDC on the S106 agreement for a new GP surgery as part of the Claydon Road development and it was not known whether this agreement would change because of the recent government commitment to overhaul existing GP facilities although the NHS is believed to have agreed to the redevelopment of the existing surgery.

**New Planning Applications:**

**25/00708/F** – The Seed House, School Lane – remove condition 8 from 12/00611/F – PC has no objection.

**25/00729/F** – The Old Manor – New storm porch and gates – PC has no objection.

**New Planning Decisions:**

**25/00729/F** – The Seed House, School Lane – Remove condition 8 from 12/00611/F – CDC permitted 8/05 2025.

**10. COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT** – No update

**11. DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT** – No update.

**12. SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB**

The dip in the surface of the car park where water collects will be investigated by Mr John Taylor. There have been four floods this year and ways to reduce flooding and damage are being investigated

**13. PARISH MATTERS**

**Cropredy Pre School** – The Charity Commission has asked additional questions about the transfer to the Eynsham Partnership Academy which have been answered with the help of the Trustees.

**14. FINANCE.**

**Accounts to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025** – It was agreed that the accounts would be circulated later in the week.

**15. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Village Information Sheet** – The Women’s Institute has agreed to update the sheet and the PC has agreed to pay for printing it.

**Requirement for 3 additional councillors** – A resident has asked whether the Parish Council could be reinstated in the future if it closed as a consequence of no further volunteers coming forward to fill the vacant places. It was agreed that the clerk would ask CDC. It was also agreed that a list of the likely impacts of the PC closing would be reviewed.

**16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS NOT OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE:** None

**17. ANY MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** None

**18. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING** – Monday 9th June 2025.

There being no further matters the Chair closed the public meeting at 8.42pm



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Date	Time	Event	Venue
Wednesday 4th.	2.00 p.m.	Cropredy Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
Monday 9th.	12.30 p.m.	Cropredy Lunches	Village Hall
	7.00 p.m.	Cropredy Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
Tuesday 10th.	7.00 p.m.	Cropredy WI <i>Jigsaw Making</i>	Village Hall
Saturday 14th.	12.30 p.m.	<b>CHURCH FETE</b>	St.Mary's Church
Wednesday 18th.	2.00 p.m.	Cropredy Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
	7.30 p.m.	Cropredy Historical Society <i>Industrial archaeology in your shed</i>	Village Hall
Monday 23rd.	12.30 p.m.	Cropredy Lunches	Village Hall
	7.00 p.m.	Cropredy Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
Friday 27th.	7.00 p.m.	<i>The Carnival Band</i>	St.Mary's Church

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Deadline for the next edition will be Wednesday June 18<sup>th</sup>.

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*Village organisations have generally been allocated half a page each month. We can sometimes accommodate more, depending on the volume of notices coming in, and we will always do our best if you have a special event coming up. Please talk to us if you think you might need more space, and bear in mind when drawing up notices that they may need to fit on half a page and that we can only print in black and white.*

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