

The Cropredy Crier

Village news and events for August 2025



St. Mary's Continental Café

Join us in the parish church for a relaxed Fairport morning.

Enjoy freshly brewed fairtrade coffee, a continental breakfast, glass of fizz or juice.

Read the paper and listen to music.

Browse the art in the Pop-up Gallery and buy a momento to take home.

Spend time together or on your own in the peace and beauty of the church.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 8.00 a.m.

Indoor and outdoor seating and WiFi connection.

We are keen to build up this venture and to recruit additional helpers to join our tried and tested crew. If you can spare some time over the festival weekend, and would like to join us please contact:

Jane Oliver 07796 367993

Other events in the Church over the weekend

Free Lunchtime Concert from 12 noon - 3.00 p.m. on Thursday August 7th.

with a stellar collection of musicians, licensed bar and ploughman's lunch available.

Church Lane Gallery Pop-up Exhibition - original art from talented local artists for sale.

Fairport Sunday Communion Service at 9.30 am

Sunday August 31st.

TREASURE HUNT & BBQ

Fun for all the family

2.30 p.m. from the Village Green and ending at the Sports and Social Club with a BBQ and bar

Adults £1.00 Children Free

Clues around Cropredy and visible from the road

Organised by Cropredy WI for its centenary year

Please come and support us by having fun

ALL WELCOME



METHODIST CHAPEL - We will be serving our usual Tea, Coffee and Homemade cake during Fairport week.

THURSDAY 7th., FRIDAY 8th. and SATURDAY 9th. 10.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.

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CROPREDY WI



CENTENARY TRIP TO ETTINGTON PARK BY CROPREDY WI.

In July 1925 the first WI meeting was held in the Church Rooms. In July 2025 the monthly meeting was held at Ettington Park Hotel near Stratford. This neo gothic house, on a site where the Shirley family have lived since Domesday times, was a fabulous setting for a centenary tea. How did we get there? By a 1930s bus of course. Unmodified since it was built, with art deco fittings and no seat belts, it trundled us majestically to Ettington. Avoiding steep hills we took the scenic route the driver double-declutching and without the help of power steering.

26 members gathered on the Green, all dressed up with hats and smart dresses; one member wore her mother's very chic 1920s dress. As it was a monthly meeting we were obliged to follow correct procedures, so before we set off we sang Jerusalem, minutes were signed, some short announcements of upcoming events were read and off we went. It was too noisy on the bus for singing so we sat back and enjoyed the countryside in the hot summer sun. Ettington Park was impressive in its neo gothic grandeur, set in an old deer park



complete with ruins of a Norman church. We had time to wander around before being seated in a large ornate dining room. Sue Smith, our President, welcomed us and complimented us on our outfits before we were served with a tasty afternoon tea. We started with a selection of savoury items. Before the sweet course was served, we each had a glass of Prosecco and toasted the next 100 years of the Cropredy WI. As it is also the centenary of the Shipping Forecast, Sue had written an informative and amusing version of events in the first years of the WI taken from original minutes – read in the lyrical and concise form of a shipping forecast. And so, a memorable outing finished and we wended our way back home. 100 years ago, similar charabanc outings were held – we know they went to Leamington, Warwick and Stratford. Having experienced the bus ride, and possibly with roads not much improved in places, we can appreciate how ladies who didn't have much chance to travel far must have enjoyed the trips.



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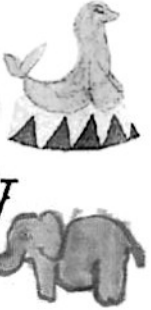
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Roll up, Roll up
for this year's ...



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:
7-9th August
2025



Email cropredyscarecrowtrail@gmail.com
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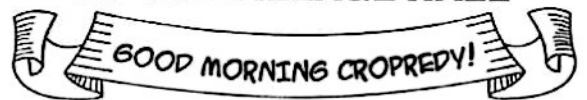
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Famous Fairport BREAKFAST AT THE VILLAGE HALL



THE VILLAGE HALL IS LOOKING FORWARD TO
PROVIDING ITS FAMOUS FAIRPORT BREAKFASTS
AGAIN THIS YEAR.

(We served over 2,300 of them in 2024!)

We are looking for new volunteers to join our wonderful team,
preparing & serving breakfasts over the Thursday, Friday,
Saturday & Sunday (7th - 10th August) of festival weekend.

If you are interested in helping us to provide our famous, friendly
[& fun] festival service and can spare a few hours on any (or all)
of these days, then we'd love to hear from you!

Please contact Kate Payne on 07765 548308 or
katepayne@rocketmail.com as soon as possible to reserve your
place on the team!

Thank you!

from the Cropredy Village Hall Committee



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Cropredy Gardening Club Flower, Vegetable & Craft Show



**Saturday 23rd August 2025 at 3pm
Cropredy Village Hall**

Entrance: Adults - 50p, Juniors - Free
Raffle ~ Refreshments ~ Auction

Entries and fees to: Denis Paynton, 10 Creampot
Crescent, Cropredy, telephone 01295 750441

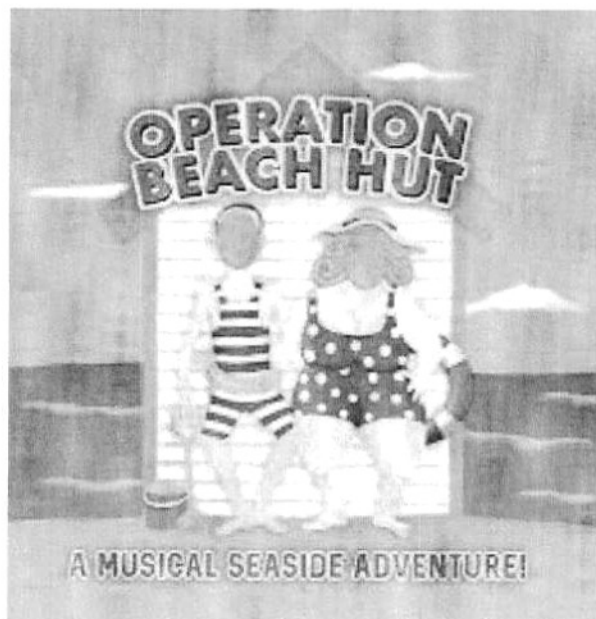
Entries to be in by 8pm on Monday 18th August

It's that time of year again... in celebration of the talents of our local community at this lovely traditional village event.

There are entry classes for everyone so do take a peek at the schedule and show your support in any way you can. Schedules are available from all committee members / Cropredy Community Page on Facebook or helenatudor@btinternet.com.

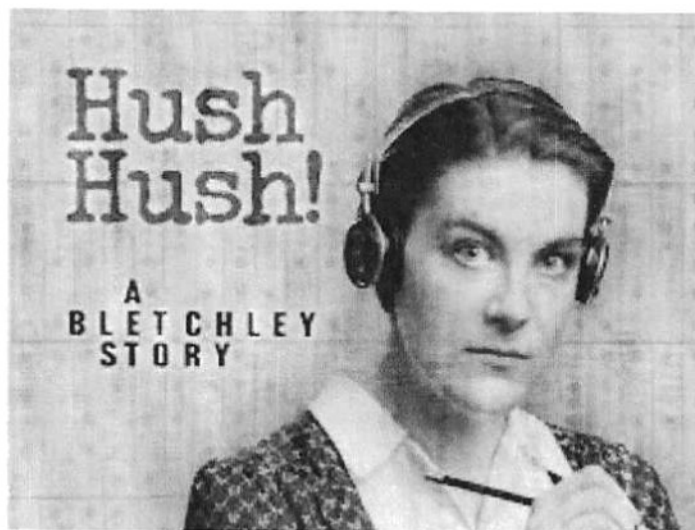
This is a friendly and welcoming event – entries from surrounding areas are positively encouraged!

Do come along on the day to see the display and enjoy the teas & delicious homemade cakes.



Tuesday August 5th. 7.00 p.m.

MIKRON



Wednesday August 6th. 7.00 p.m.

WHARF HOUSE, Cropredy OX17 1PG

No tickets required... pay what you feel, collection will be taken after the show

Show Champions: Janet Green/Aunty Shirl

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Date	Time	Event	Venue
Monday 4th.	7.00 p.m.	Cropredy Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
Tuesday 5th.	7.00 p.m.	MIKRON <i>Operation Beach Hut</i>	Wharf House
Wednesday 6th.	7.00 p.m.	MIKRON <i>Hush Hush!</i>	Wharf House
Thursday 7th.	12.00 mid-day	Free Acoustic Concert	St. Mary's Church
Thursday 7th to Saturday 9th.	Fairport's Cropredy Convention		Here, there and everywhere
Wednesday 13th.	2.00 p.m.	Cropredy Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
Monday 18th.	12.30 p.m.	Cropredy Lunches	Village Hall
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Saturday 23rd.	3.00 p.m.	Cropredy Gardening Club <i>Flower, Vegetable and Craft Show</i>	Village Hall
Monday 25th.	12.30 p.m.	Cropredy Lunches	Village Hall
Wednesday 27th.	2.00 p.m.	Cropredy Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
Sunday 31st.	2.30 p.m.	Treasure Hunt and BBQ	Village Green

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Deadline for the next edition will be Monday August 18th.

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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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