

The Cropredy Crier

Village news & events for September 2025



Cropredy Lunches

Cropredy Lunches is open to anybody who would like to have a delicious home cooked lunch twice a month. We usually have about twenty guests, but there is room for a few more.

If you would like to join us on the second and fourth Monday of the month at 12.30 p.m., just get in touch with:

Valerie Peachey at valerie.peachey@gmail.com Phone 01295 750739 or 07818 414046

Look forward to hearing from you.

Valerie Peachey

Christmas Tree Festival

We are delighted to announce that the Christmas Tree Festival is back for 2025. The festival will take place on Saturday 29th, and Sunday 30th. of November.

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



TREASURE HUNTING OVER?

RELAX AND CHILL OUT WITH AN ICE CREAM

BACK IN CROPREDY BY POPULAR REQUEST

NAPTON BUFFALO MILK ICE CREAMS

Thanks

I'd like to offer my thanks to all who supported the wonderful Continental Cafe in St Marys Church across the Fairport Festival as part of the team or as our customers. We had a wonderful breakfast spread continental style, a great range of papers to browse, music, and a lovely on-going partnership with local artists who provided a pop-up gallery again in the St Freman's Chapel .

The Fairport Service on the Sunday morning was buzzing, lively, and well supported, too, extending hospitality to all who came and stayed on for further refreshment, and the excellent music of our Old Mettle Band members, Stephen Wass and Bryan Martin.

Thank you to all who helped make it a success, and such a lovely offer.



Study Leave

Just a short note to let you know that I am on study leave across September and will be back on duty in the benefice from 1st October. I will however be available for any pastoral emergencies, and will monitor my email, but all matters regarding church should otherwise be directed to the Church Wardens, and to the Ministry Team. Contact Verna Wass or Graham Oliver Church Wardens as a first port of call.

With thanks for your understanding. I'll be about 'in mufti' so do expect to see me about at certain times!

Harvest Thanksgiving

This year we will again celebrate Harvest with a Community All-Age Friendly Harvest Service (12th October 10.30am) with familiar hymns and a non perishable offering for the Banbury Foodbanks. Harvest is a time to give thanks to God for the abundance of the earth, and for those who produce and supply our food, and to remember those whose harvest has failed, and those who struggle to put food on the table, praying and working for a fairer world. We welcome everyone to join us!

Dates:

Cropredy: Community Harvest All-age Friendly Thanksgiving 10.30am 12th October

Messy Harvest (for preschool and primary aged): Saturday 2-4pm, 4th October All Saints Great Bourton.

School Harvest Service: Wed 8th October 9.15am.

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Revd Sarah

SERVICES AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

Sunday 7th.	9.30 a.m.	Family Communion	Rev. Canon David Tyler Archdeacon of Dorchester
Sunday 14th.	10.30 a.m..	Morning Worship	Bishop Gavin Read Bishop of Dorchester
Sunday 21st.	10.00 a.m.	Seeker Service	Siobhan and Rebecca Croft
Tuesdays	12 noon	Holy Communion Service	
Wednesdays	9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	

Churchwardens:	Verna Wass	verna.wass@btinternet.com	01295 758222,
	Graham Oliver	nb.Alnwick@gmail.com	01295 750956

All enquiries for baptism, wedding or funeral services,

Revd Canon Sarah Fenby I Vicar of Shires Edge Benefice

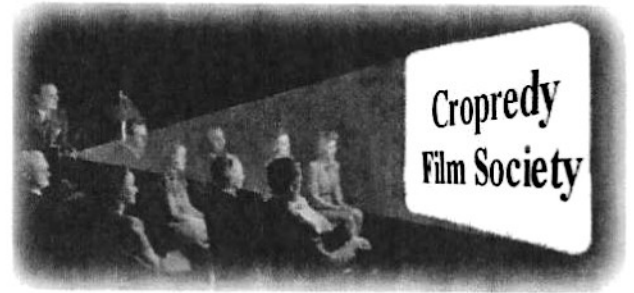
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Bell-ringing, practices every Monday. Tower secretary: Grace Wilson, 07765 465 994

CROPREDY FILM SOCIETY

Cropredy Village Hall
Doors open 6:30 p.m.
Supper at 7:00 p.m.



Saturday September 27th.

Conclave

Robert Harris's thriller about a papal succession rocked by conspiracy

Directed by Edward Berger Cert 12A 120 minutes
Released 2024

Starring: Ralph Fiennes, Stanley Tucci and John Lithgow as cardinals and Isabella Rossellini as the influential Sister Agnes.

Cardinal Thomas Lawrence (Fiennes) organises a conclave to elect the next pope and finds himself investigating secrets, backstabbing and scandal about the major candidates

"Candidates fall like dominoes as spies are sent out to hunt for scandal. Controversies are covertly – then viciously -wielded in a most un-Christian manner".

Conclave won four BAFTA awards, including Best Film. The performances, directing, screenplay, design and cinematography were widely praised, and received award nominations worldwide. Peter Straughan was awarded an Oscar for Best Adapted Screenplay.

Booking through f.61whitaker@btinternet.com. Ticket prices for members still only £8. No tickets on the door in order to comply with licensing rules

Dates of autumn film suppers: October 25th.; November 29th. Christmas special: December 27th.

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WI Resolutions over the years

The WI is the largest women's membership organisation in the UK with over 220,000 members. As Queen Elizabeth II said in 2015 'There has been significant economic and social change since 1915; women have been granted the vote, British women have climbed Everest for the first time and the country has elected the first female Prime Minister. The WI has been a constant throughout gathering women together, encouraging them to acquire new skills and nurturing unique talents.'

Some of these new skills included organising themselves into pressure groups to bring concerns which they thought weren't being taken seriously by government. It was Richard Crossman who warned the government that 'you ignore the Women's Institute at your peril'. Tony Blair discovered this when he was slow-hand-clapped at the AGM of 2000 when he tried to use the non-party-political WI as a backdrop for making political points.

The first resolution of 1915 was 'to urge local authorities to take advantage of the government scheme for state aided housing'. Over the next few years it had ground breaking campaigns on equal pay, family planning and child allowance and having women in the police force. More recently there have been resolutions on Keep Britain Tidy, Care not Custody, End Modern Slavery, Dental Health matters and Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife – showing the members concern about women's health issues and the environment.

Every year since 1915 members have had the chance to put forward issues as 'resolutions' that they want to see the national body campaign on. We are a non-political organisation so our concerns are about social issues and the impact on everyday living. WIs are encouraged to put forward to their county federation a well-researched issue which really bothers them, these are sent to national federation who then scrutinise and discuss them at a meeting of all county representatives. The resolutions are whittled down to 4 – 6 which are then circulated to membership through WI Life magazine, who in turn discuss them and send their choice back to national. This all takes about a year but it's a very fair and democratic operation. The chosen resolution is taken to the AGM where once again members representatives have a chance to vote. Cropredy WI has always been very keen on holding these discussions which have often resulted in changed minds. Our President this year has been a very active ambassador for the Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife the resolution of 2023. There have been demonstrations in Whitehall which the WI have strongly supported and Cropredy members have joined in. This year, 2025, the Resolution was 'Bystanders can be Lifesavers'. Over 30,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur annually. It is a fact that women are less likely to receive help from passers-by because of the general lack of knowledge of how to administer the right treatment. The WI called for the promotion of training in CPR and defibrillation and to improve access to defibrillators and therefore to enhance survival rates.

Women's Institute - Tuesday September 9th. 7.30 p.m. at the Village Hall

Guest speaker Christine Farmer will entertain us with her experience of participating in BBC's The Repair Shop. Guests (including men!) welcome. Small admission fee for non members. Tea, coffee and home made cakes. Sales table. Raffle. Collection point for Banbury Food Bank. Further information from Sue 07597 959462

Ukulele Club - Monday September 8th 6.30 -7.30 p.m. at 5 Chapel Row

After our successful "flashmob" and mass ukulele jam at Cropredy Festival, we look forward to spreading more ukulele happiness around the village and beyond! We are a friendly informal group suitable for all levels. Chord sheets provided. Further information from Caroline 07802 722923.



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FAR FAR GALLERY

WORKS70 by Simon Allison - *Open to the public Sunday 12 October 2025*

Works are now well underway on our gallery barn conversion.

We look forward to inviting you to the opening of the space that was so well supported by the village when we were gaining planning permission to expand the Lockbund Gallery programme.

For more information please visit our website: www.farfargallery.com
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Cropredy Gardening Club

Visit to Bridewell Gardens Open Day, Wilcote

Sunday 7th September

Leaving Cropredy Village Green at 12pm

Bridewell is a mental health recovery service which provides social and therapeutic horticulture in a working garden to adults living in Oxfordshire. Visitors are encouraged to explore all parts of the vineyard and walled gardens to see the early autumn display. There is much to see at this time of year and the light can be stunning.

From the pop-up cafe you can enjoy the beautiful and peaceful surroundings of the gardens or bring a picnic to relax in the vineyard. Take the opportunity to speak to Bridewell staff and volunteers to find out about the recovery service. Bridewell produce and plants will be available for sale and also Bridewell's acclaimed organic sparkling wine, made from grapes grown in the vineyard.

Dogs on leads are very welcome

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CROPREDY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Cropredy Parish Council held in the Methodist Chapel on Monday 11th August 2025 at 7pm

Present: Councillors Tania Johnson, Des Knight, Clive Dunn, Carine Varaez, Carl Twynham and David Best (Clerk). No members of the public attended the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs Jacqui Smith, Rachel Hughes, District Cllr Phil Chapman, County Councillor & District Councillor Chris Brant
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.
3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – The minutes of the meeting of 14th July were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
4. MATTERS ARISING: None
5. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT
 - Canals and Rivers Trust – Preparations took place for the Fairport Cropredy Festival. A sign has been erected in the Lock Garden. The next Towpath Taskforce is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 27th August from 10.00am to 02.00pm.
 - Rubbish bin replacements – It was agreed that the rubbish bins at The Plantation, High Street and Bus Shelter will be replaced and that Cllr Tania Johnson will investigate similar bins from Glasdon Ltd.
 - Mowing – Some residents have complained that the grass on the verges along Red Lion Street is getting long and that there are brambles behind the skateboard track at the playground. The brambles are cleared once a year.
 - Dog Bin at Broadmore Lock – The replacement bin has been delivered, and Mr S Bull will be asked to install it.
 - Bins at the shop – There are two Glasdon bins at the shop, and it was agreed that the clerk will check whether CDC empties them.
 - Bin Emptying after Fairport Cropredy Convention – Cllr Tania Johnson and Mr Rob Johnson emptied the waste bins after the event into the Grundon bins provided by the organisers.
 - Playground Inspection Report – The annual inspection has been carried out and there are no immediate repairs required.
6. TRANSPORT, TRAFFIC & STREET LIGHTING
 - Community Speedwatch – Thames Valley Police have issued a report on National Speedwatch Day. On the day, 10% of the 90,000 vehicles checked were exceeding the speed limit. Speeding vehicles are recorded mostly on Williamscot Road. The situation will be monitored and traffic calming measures may be investigated
7. VILLAGE EMERGENCY PLAN, CRIME PREVENTION & ENVIRONMENT
 - Emergency Plan – This has been reviewed by Mr Paul Mann from OCC. OCC has issued a new template and the plan will be transferred onto the new template by Cllr Carl Twynham.
 - Defibrillator Training – It is believed that the Sports and Social Club and the Village Hall are investigating carrying out training for residents who are interested.
8. PARISH COUNCIL USE OF INTERNET & SOCIAL MEDIA: See Parish Matters.
9. PLANNING:
 - New Planning Applications and Appeals:
 - 25/00032/REF – Cropredy Lawn – appeal against refusal of 22/03163/F for 4 glamping pods.
 - 25/01979/F – Brickfield House – relocation of agricultural building – PC to decide response.
 - New Planning Decisions:
 - 25/01216/F – Orchard House – Detached Garage – CDC permitted 18/07/2025
 - 25/01304/Q56 – Oxhay Farm Outline permission for 2 dwellings – CDC Refused 20/07/2025.
10. COUNTY COUNCIL AND DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT: None
11. SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB:
 - Gatepost near the tennis courts – This is rotten and will be replaced
12. PARISH MATTERS:
 - i. Streetlights – OCC is consulting on whether Parish Councils would like to switch off some streetlights to save energy. Details of the scheme can be viewed at <https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/pnl>. Approximately half the streetlights are LED and it was agreed to ask OCC for an update on changing the remaining streetlights to LED.
 - ii. Website and Social Media protocols – Guidance on the maintenance of content was agreed and will be documented.
13. FINANCE.
 - Accounts to 31st July 2025 – These will be circulated after the meeting.
14. CORRESPONDENCE:
 - Parking between cones during Fairport Cropredy Festival and cones being moved – The cones are installed by the event organisers. It is not possible to prevent them being moved or parking between them although residents should report vehicles parked dangerously to Thames Valley Police.
15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS NOT OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE: None
16. ANY MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: None
17. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Monday 13th October 2025.



Date	Time	Event	Venue
Monday 1st.	7.00 p.m.	Cropredy Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
Sunday 7th.	12.00 noon	Cropredy Gardening Club <i>Visit to Bridewell Gardens</i>	Village Green
Monday 8th.	12.30 p.m.	Cropredy Lunches	Village Hall
	6.30 p.m.	Ukulele Club	5, Chapel Row
Tuesday 9th.	7.30 p.m.	WI <i>Christine Farmer on BBC's The Repair Shop</i>	Village Hall
Wednesday 10th.	2.00 p.m.	Cropredy Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
Monday 15th.	7.00 p.m.	Cropredy Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
Monday 22nd.	12.30 p.m.	Cropredy Lunches	Village Hall
Wednesday 24th.	2.00 p.m.	Cropredy Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
Saturday 27th.	6.30 p.m.	Cropredy Film Society <i>Concl;ave</i>	Village Hall
Monday 29th.	7.00 p.m.	Cropredy Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall

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Whilst every care is taken the editor accepts no responsibility for any errors, omissions, consequences or the resounding success of this year's Fairport's Cropredy Convention... although I was there.

Deadline for the next edition will be Thursday September 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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