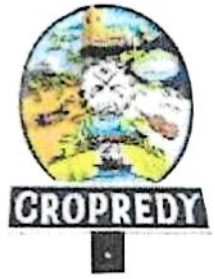


The Cropredy Crier

Village news & events for June 2026



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CROPREDY CHURCH FETE

Saturday June 20th. from 12.30 p.m.

St. Mary's Church and Churchyard

complete with all your favourites: Village Pantry, our legendary Bottle Tombola, Teas, BBQ, Pimms Bar, Raffle, Plants, Baubles Bangles and Beads, Live Music and more.

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Cropredy Harlequins Summer Soirees

Saturday July 11th (evening) Sunday July 12th (afternoon)

an outdoor cabaret style entertainment on all things "Weather".

at Wharf House (by the Canoe Club).

Bring your own picnic and drinks.

Further information from carolinewatsham@btinternet.com 07802 722923

Cropredy Fairport Festival

Concessionary tickets for the Fairport weekend will be on sale to village residents in Cropredy Village Hall on **Saturday June 27th.** and **Saturday July 4th.** between 10.00 a.m.- 12.00 and 2.00 - 4.00 p.m. Payment by card or cheque is preferred please. Residents in the marina are also eligible to buy tickets by showing a current council tax invoice. Please bring identification with you and proof of address. As last year tickets will cost £48 and £24 for children aged 12 to 17

Battle of Cropredy Bridge Anniversary Commemoration Sunday June 28th.

Guided walk of the Battlefield using public footpaths and roads. Stout footwear recommended.

Booking for walk essential, please contact: verna.wass@btinternet.com 07831 632206

Starting from The Church of St Mary the Virgin Cropredy at 2.15 p.m.

There will then be a Memorial Service in Church at 4.30 p.m.

The Sealed Knot will be making an educational visit to the school on Friday. June 26th. thanks to fundraising through Cropredy Film Supper catering.



WELFARE MATTERS. Pantry in the Porch at St Marys' Church continues to be very successful and is definitely meeting a need. We are grateful for a grant from Cherwell District Council to help restock but would welcome donations from members of the community to help us fill this need. Literature on cooking on a budget also available in the porch. One-off Food Vouchers for those who need extra support from time to time can be accessed through Revd Sarah Tel: 01295 750486/ Mob: 07747181868 or Mr Reeves at the School. An individual, couple or family may apply.

Please be in touch at: Vicar.shiresedge@outlook.com

SERVICES AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

Sunday 7th.	9.30 a.m..	Family Communion	Revd Canon Sarah Fenby
Sunday 14th.	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sue `Upton
Sunday 21st.	10.00.a.m.	Seeker Service	Revd Canon Sarah Fenby
Sunday 28th.	4.30 p.m.	Cropredy Bridge Commemoration	Revd Canon Sarah Fenby
Tuesdays	12 noon	Holy Communion Service	
Wednesdays	9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	

All enquiries for baptism, confirmation, wedding or funeral services to:

Revd Canon Sarah Fenby Vicar of Shires Edge Benefice

The Vicarage, High Street, Cropredy

Tel: 01295 750486 Mob: 07747181868 Email: vicar.shiresedge@outlook.com

Churchwardens: Verna Wass verna.wass@btinternet.com 01295 758222,

Graham Oliver nb.Alnwick@gmail.com 01295 750956

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

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

Sunday 7th.	Missions Service with Andrea Harding-Smith.
Sunday 14th.	Local Arrangement Service
Sunday 21st..	(no Service at Cropredy) - Circuit Service in Marl. Rd Banbury (Fathers day)
Sunday 28th.	Marilyn Nutt..



COFFEE MORNING

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FRIDAY 12th. 10.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon.

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CROPREDY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Cropredy Parish Council meeting held in the Sports & Social Club on Monday 11th May 2026 at 7pm

Present: Councillors, Des Knight, Jacqui Smith, Clive Dunn, Carine Varaez, Rachel Hughes, and David Best (Clerk). Nine members of the public attended the meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs Tania Johnson, District Cllr Phil Chapman, County Cllr Chris Brant
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.
3. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN AND WORKING GROUP LEADERS**

Cllr Carine Varaez was elected chairman

Cllr Jacqui Smith was elected vice chairman

Cllr Des Knight was elected to lead Village Maintenance and Improvement

Cllr Clive Dunn was elected to lead Transport, Traffic and Street Lighting

Cllr Rachel Hughes was elected to lead Village Emergency Plan

Cllr Carine Varaez was elected to lead Internet & Social Media

Cllr Rachel Hughes was elected to lead Social & Entertainment

Cllr Jacqui Smith was elected to lead Planning

4. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – The minutes of the meeting of 13th April were approved as a correct record and were signed by the chairman.

5. **MATTERS ARISING:**

Mr Tim Batchelor report on cracks in tennis courts – Mr Batchelor had investigated causes by taking soil samples and digging trenches. He concluded that the Oak tree near the courts should be taken down or moved (this was also identified as a hazard by Sports Courts who resurfaced the courts in 2022), a root should be severed between the car park and the tennis courts and that the root barrier installed by the new cricket club was ineffective and requires replacing. The Tennis Club will agree the implementation of these recommendations at the next Sports and Social Club committee meeting.

Works required to other trees around the village – Mr Tim Batchelor identified other works to trees around the village. It was agreed that an estimate would be submitted for this work.

Safety at the School – Cllr Des Knight has asked County Councillor Chris Brant to arrange for OCC Highways to observe the traffic and pedestrian issues one morning at 8.15am so that they can make recommendations.

Defibrillator cabinet at the school – An email has been sent to the school asking for details of the cabinet required to enable the defibrillator to be used by members of the public.

Playground 10 year plan & repair grants– Cllr Jacqui Smith has prioritised the maintenance work and has secured a £1,000 grant from OCC. It was agreed to prioritise the cleaning of the skate park and an updated quote will be obtained.

Quote for clearing the Williamscot Rd ditch – The quote is £3000 and a flood prevention grant application has been submitted to OCC for this work.

Local Heritage Assets – A number of building have been registered with CDC as Local Heritage Assets

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT

Surface water in Red Lion Street opposite the bungalows – This was reported on Fix my street. OCC Highways has advised that this may take some time to fix and for more information visit www.oxfordshirefloodtoolkit.com. There is no further update.

Upper Churchyard Mowing – No volunteers have come forward in response to the note in the Cropredy Crier but some existing volunteers have agreed to do more. An additional request for volunteers will be put on facebook.

Canals and Rivers Trust – The next towpath taskforce is Wednesday 20th May. There are usually 12-15 volunteers with a couple from Cropredy.

Playground Inspections – Cllr Des Knight has agreed to assist with the weekly inspections in place of Tania Johnson.

Station Rd post box repairs – This has been reported to Royal Mail and the postman has followed this up but there is no update from Royal Mail.

6. **TRANSPORT, TRAFFIC & STREET LIGHTING**

Speedwatch – A new 3 month schedule is in place.

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Street Lighting –Conversion to LED lighting has been completed except for the light along the Hell Hole. A survey on partial night lighting will be issued when this has been converted.

Missing 20mph speed limit sign on Station Road – Someone has removed the sign from the pole which has been reported on Fix my Street.

7. **VILLAGE EMERGENCY PLAN, CRIME PREVENTION & ENVIRONMENT** : No update
8. **PARISH COUNCIL USE OF INTERNET & SOCIAL MEDIA**: No update
9. **SOCIAL & ENTERTAINMENT**: No update
10. **PLANNING**:

25/03234/OUT (74 houses on Land

East of Claydon Rd) The report from the planning consultant objecting to the application has been received. This will be submitted to CDC as soon as one amendment has been made.

New Planning Applications and Appeals:

26/00862/F – 9 Vicarage Gardens – single storey extension – PC supports

26/00893/F – The Green – 3 bay timber framed garage – PC to decide.

New Planning Decisions: None since last meeting.

25/01304/Q56 Appeal – Oxhay Farm – conversion of agricultural building to 2 dwellings – Appeal allowed

11. **COUNTY COUNCIL AND DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT:**

Cllr Chris Brant submitted an annual report. It was agreed to ask the Cropredy Crier to publish it.

12. **SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB:** No update

13. **PARISH MATTERS:**

- i. **Churchyard Wall repairs** – The CARE Engineer surveyed the wall on 28th April and it is hoped that the report will be available to the PC and the Church Architect by the end of May.
- ii. **Recruitment of new clerk** – Kirsty Buttle, who is a very experienced clerk, was interviewed, glowing references were received, has accepted the job and is expected to start on 1st June.

14. **FINANCE.**

Accounts to 30th April – These were circulated prior to the meeting and there were no requests for clarification.

15. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

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 8th June 2026 at the Sports and Social Club

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Cropredy Upper Churchyard Mowing Rota 2026 It's that time of the year when we start thinking about mowing the Churchyard. Last year we had a team of 22 volunteers but we have lost some of that support due to change of circumstances. To help us maintain the appearance of this historic village asset - we just need you to volunteer (all necessary equipment and fuel is provided). The mowing rota starts in March and finishes in September with cuts every 2 weeks requiring an average of 3 volunteers per cut. If we can maintain a team of 22 volunteers, it will require on average 2 cuts per volunteer.

If you feel that you can support the existing team with this worthwhile activity. then please put yourself on the list for the 2026 season. If you can help us, please give me a call at your convenience so that we can talk it through. It would be very much appreciated to help maintain the appearance of our village church.

Des Knight, Cropredy Parish Councillor, 07990 588392

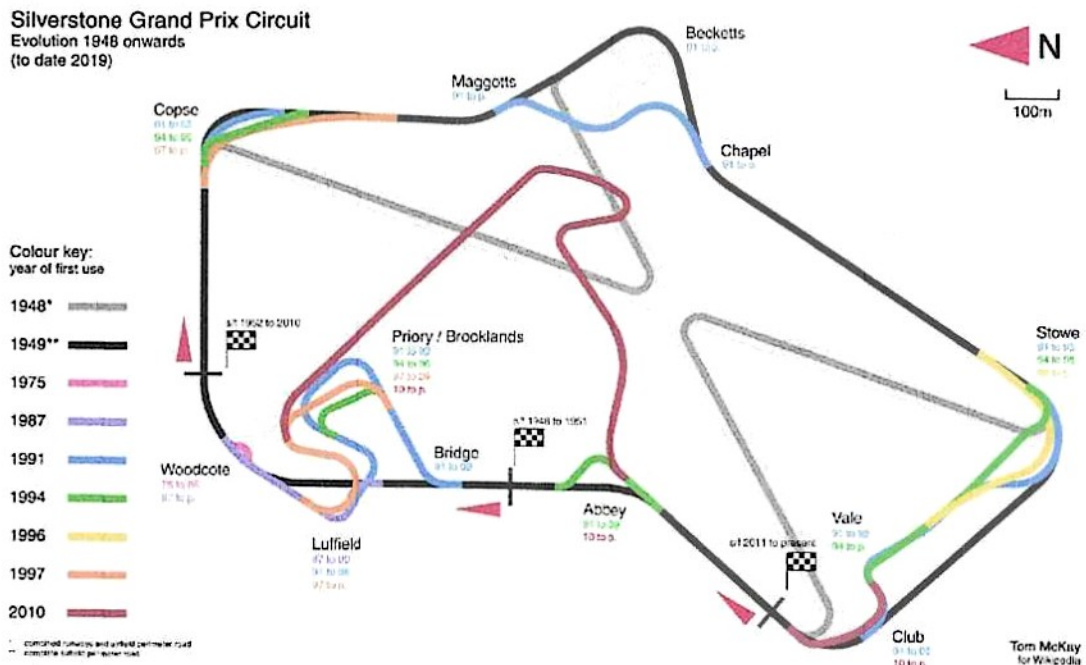
Cropredy Historical Society

Wednesday June 17th.

Cropredy Village Hall 7.30 p.m.

The Silverstone Story: The village, the RAF Station and the Circuit

An illustrated talk by Gerald Lovell



Silverstone is world famous as the home of British Motor racing, but its past reveals a small village which once housed a Benedictine Priory, a royal hunting lodge, twenty-two wood-yards, and a RAF Wellington bomber training station. It currently attracts 400,000 spectators over the first weekend of July each year to watch the British Grand Prix.

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Cropredy WI

Tuesday June 9th, 7.15 for 7.30 p.m. at the Village Hall

Our guest speaker this month is Emma Orton, who will talk about the work of ARCh (Assisted Reading for Children) and what they are doing to support children across Oxfordshire. A former teacher, Emma will also talk about current issues around reading in primary schools: one in three children say they don't enjoy reading for pleasure and only one in five read every day. This year is the National Year of Reading, so the perfect time to shine a spotlight on this vital skill. All welcome (men included) Free to members. £5 admission for visitors (deductible from annual subscription should you decide to enrol).

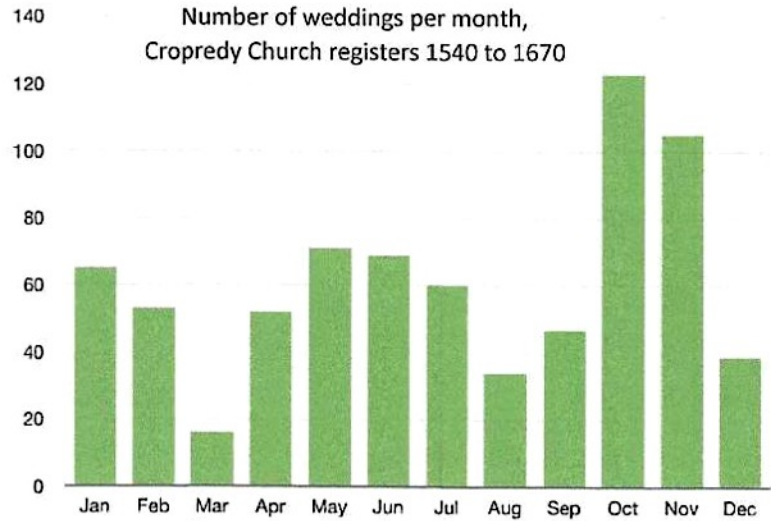
Refreshments, sales table, raffle, collection point for Banbury Food Bank and blister packs. Annual member cost is £54 which includes admission to 11 meetings, discounts on our workshops and excursions, access to the WI online learning hub.#



"I'm Getting Married in the Morning", Notes on the Cropredy Marriages Register Part 1

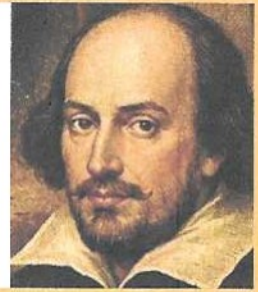
After the rather grim content of the previous series of historical notes from the burial registers let's turn to something a little more up-lifting. Have you ever wondered what the best time to get hitched was in what historians call the early modern period? Probably not, but I've been looking at the Cropredy entries for marriages in the registers of St. Mary's Church from 1540 to 1670 and results may surprise you. There are two distinct dips. The first is around March which as well as being in a season of dearth is also in the middle of Lent, traditionally a period frowned on for frivolity. The second is

centred on August which is of course harvest time so without a doubt October and November were the prime choices, the harvest is in, the depths of winter lie ahead, let's get together and get married! Next time: the devastating impact of the English Civil War on weddings.



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June

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Wednesday 3rd.	2.00 p.m.	Cropredy Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
Monday 8th.	12.30 p.m.	Cropredy Lunches	Village Hall
	7.00 p.m.	Cropredy Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
	7.00 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting	Sports and Social Club
Tuesday 9th	7.15 p.m.	Cropredy WI <i>Assisted Reading for Children</i>	Village Hall
Thursday 11th.	10.00 a.m.	Men's Coffee Morning	Village Hall
Wednesday 17th.	2.00 p.m.	Cropredy Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
	7.30 p.m.;	Cropredy Historical Society <i>The Silverstone Story</i>	Village Hall
Saturday 20th.	12.30 p.m.	CROPREDY CHURCH FETE	St. Mary's Church
Monday 22nd	12.30 p.m.	Cropredy Lunches	Village Hall
	7.00 p.m.	Cropredy Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
Thursday 25th.	10.00 a.m.	Men's Coffee Morning	Village Hall
Saturday 27th.	10.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.	Fairport Concessionary Ticket Sales	Village Hall
Sunday 28th.	2.15 p.m.	Battlefield Walk	St. Mary's Church

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