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Village news & events for September 2026

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Cropredy Ukuleles. We are a small and informal group who meet on the second Monday of each month at the home of one of our members (next session 14th September). After our popular "Uke Jam" as part of Cropredy Festival, we are now preparing for our next public appearance as part of Banbury Folk Club's programme of live music over Banbury Canal Weekend. New members always welcome. No membership fee. Music provided. Further details from Caroline 07802 722923

SERVICES AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

Sunday 6th.	9.30 a.m..	Family Communion	Bishop Jonathan
Sunday 13th.	10.30.a.m.	Morning Worship	Sue Upton
Sunday 20th.	11.00.a.m.	All Age Seeker Service	Revd Canon Sarah Fenby and team
	Sunday 27th.		Visiting Sunday
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 6th,	Mr. David Sandy
Sunday 13th.	Circuit Service in Marlborough Rd Church, Banbury. (welcome for new Superintendent Minister.)
Sunday 20th.	Rev Phil Robinson. Harvest festival service.
Sunday 27th	Local arrangement service in the Chapel.



COFFEE MORNING
with homemade cakes and other things to buy
FRIDAY 11th. 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 WI Whip-cracking Workshop

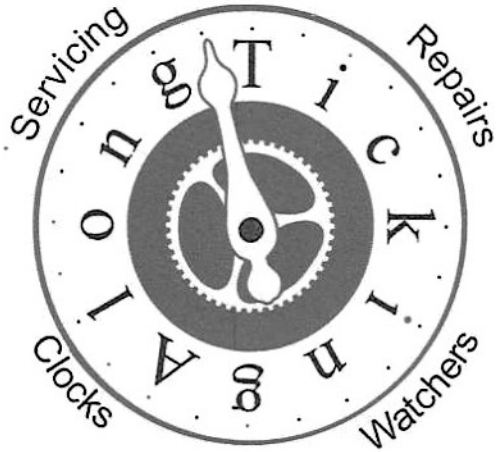
Tuesday September 8th., 6.30 p.m. at the Sports and Social Club (note change of venue)

We are delighted to welcome Jas, a performer of many talents including singing, accordian playing, fire-eating and whip-cracking! At our September meeting, Jas will be demonstrating the latter of these skills and showing us how to get a resounding crack from a bullwhip. Having taught thousands over the years, she assures us that most will achieve this within a few minutes, overcoming fears and gaining a sense of empowerment. Open to non-members (men included). £5 admission (deductible from WI subscription should you decide to enrol). Refreshments. Further information from Caroline 07802 722923.

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Cropredy Gardening Club

Wednesday September 9th., Leaving Cropredy Village Green at 11.00 a.m.

Visit to Waterperry Gardens, Oxford

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All welcome, including non-members.

Entry price £12.95, payable on the day. 2 for 1 saving if you have a Gardeners' World card, free entry for RHS members.

Please contact Sue Fairbrother on 750523 or by email,
if you would like to come, no later than Monday 7th September



CROPREDY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Wednesday September 16th., Cropredy Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.

The Battle of Edgehill, Sunday 23 October 1642

Stephen Barker

One of the first pitched battles of the English Civil War took place between Edgehill and Kineton in October 1642. The King, Charles I, had decided to march to London to force a decisive confrontation with Parliament's main army under the command of the Earl of Essex. On October 22 both armies unexpectedly found the enemy nearby. The next day the Royalist army descended down the hill to force battle. Both armies consisted of inexperienced and sometimes ill-equipped troops. Neither side was able to gain a decisive advantage.

Free refreshments after the talk. Visitors welcome £5.



Cropredy Harlequins present "Pin Money" - a rather saucy comedy

Save the date! The Harlequins are staging Malcolm Needs' adult comedy "Pin Money" at the Village Hall on Friday 16th and Saturday 17th October. Curtain up 7.30 p.m. Tickets £8 from 01295 758224.

Muriel, a downtrodden housewife, decides to enrich her life by taking on a part time job. Little does her VAT inspector, stamp collecting husband Dennis know that she is selling the sort of products more usually seen in Ann Summers shops. Encouraged by her outrageous new boss Sandy, Muriel discovers a new zest for life and quickly becomes a star saleswoman. Her husband thinks she's selling Tupperware ... Can she keep the contents of her demonstration bag a secret from him and their family?

Please note this play, whilst extremely funny, contains adult themes and is therefore not suitable for children, nor for the faint hearted! For further information on this production please contact Caroline Watsham on 07802 722923

CROPREDY CHARITIES – a history compiled by Sue Lester of Cropredy Historical Society. Most of these charities were amalgamated into what is now the Cropredy Welfare Trust.

CALCOTT CHARITY. Walter Calcott, by his will of 1575, charged his manor at Williamscoth with the payment of 5 shillings to the poor of Cropredy, to be distributed after the preaching of an annual sermon. Records show that in 1824 Mrs Loveday was paying 10s for a sermon each Whit Tuesday, and distributing the money thereafter. The money was still being received and distributed in 1931. This charity was in existence until 1969, with the 5s for the poor by this time being used to augment Tomson's Charity.

BATHURST CHARITY. Edward Bathurst was Vicar of Cropredy from 1642 to 1656. He left money to apprentice one poor boy or girl from Cropredy and three other villages. This charity appears to have been lost by 1824.

MISS HALL'S CHARITY. By her will dated 1657 Joyce Hall gave half the annual rent of a small property in Burton Dassett to the poor of Cropredy. In 1825 this property was let for £12 a year. Cropredy's share was distributed after Christmas each year to all the poor – in sums of 1s 6d or 1 shilling. In 1916 the property was sold for £390. In the 1950s the dividend of £7 13s 6d was paid annually into the Cropredy Clothing Club and about 30 people received 5s each. Later in 1969 sixteen people received 11s each.

ELIZABETH WALKER CHARITY. By her will, proved in 1866, Elizabeth Walker left £1,000 in trust. Half the interest from this was to be spent on fuel for the poor and half in goods and money for poor widows and widowers at Christmas. Records show that people could choose to have wood or coal and their names are listed in parish ledgers, with details of the distribution of other charities. In 1969 the income of £21 was distributed to 24 people at the rate of 17s 6d each. The trustees between 1930 and 1978 include Thomas Amos, Robert J.P. Smith and S Roland Cherry.

REBECCA TOMSON CHARITY. In her will of 1871, Rebecca Tomson left money in trust to buy £1,000 of 3% stock. The income was to be given half yearly to 12 aged poor of the parish. The annual income in the period 195-55 was £25, and each recipient was given tickets for coal or groceries worth 1 guinea. In 1969 the income was £25, which was distributed in cash to twelve people.

MARY TOMS CHARITY. Mary Toms left £500 in her will of 1897, the income from which was to be used to provide coal for the most necessitous inhabitants. In the period 1953-55 the income was £10 8s a year, out of which 20 coal tickets of 10s were distributed. In 1969 twenty people each received 10s.

TRUSTEES OF THE POOR. At the time of the 1774 enclosures, the trustees of the poor of Cropredy were allowed 41/2 acres of land. The rent from this in 1786 amounted to £5 1s. 9d. Parish records show payments from 1894 to 1907, and 1907 to 1973 and name the trustees. Parish council accounts in 1909 include a Rate Book for the Relief of the Poor of the Parish. In the 1950s the rent of £7 10s was distributed to about 16 people, each receiving 9s. In 1960 the rent was increased to £10, and by 1969 it was £37.10s. This was distributed between 25 people.

TOWN STOCK. William Eagles held £40 in 1819, described as the Town Stock. The origin of this sum is uncertain, but it is thought to be surplus money from the time of the enclosures in 1774. William's father had paid 40s a year interest on this sum and this was distributed each fourth year to the poor of Cropredy. William Eagles had increased the distributions to every other year, with each person receiving about 1s. No further evidence of this charity has been found.

BELL LAND. Roger Lupton, the vicar, placed an indenture of £6 13s 4d in August 1512 in the care of the Cropredy and Bourton church wardens to be invested in land. This was in gratitude for the sound of the church bell guiding him back to the village in thick fog. The income from the Bell Land was originally to pay one person to wind the clock and to ring the bell several times a day, including the curfew at 8:00 pm. The land still brings in an income (Allotments) as she is an allotment holder.



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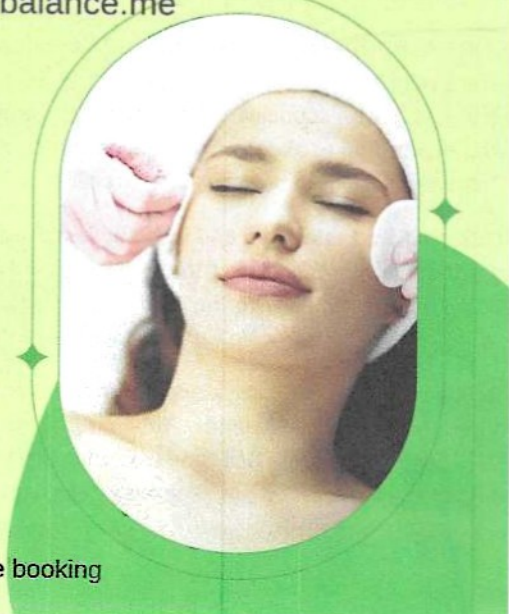
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Autumn Programme

Doors Open: 6.30 p.m. Film supper at 7.00 p.m.

Cropredy Village Hall



Saturday September 26th.

LOVE SARAH

A young woman wants to fulfil her mother's dream of opening her own bakery in Notting Hill, London. She enlists the help of an old friend and her grandmother.

With Celia Imrie, Rupert Penry Jones and Bill Paterson Plus Bake Off winner, Candice Brown.

Running time: 97 minutes. Directed and co-written by Eliza Schroeder

Saturday October 31st.

EPiC Elvis Presley in Concert

Bookings through f.61whitaker@btinternet.com

Still only £8 to include supper and an icecream Bring your own drinks.

Saturday November 28th.

THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA 2

PLUS

Saturday September 12th

BANBURY CONUNDRUM.

You are invited to a special free screening of this film written and directed by Henry Goater who will be available to answer questions afterwards (Doors open 6.30 p.m., film screening at 7.00 p.m.)

Blake and 'Paul are two unknowns tasked with undertaking various strange jobs for hard cash. Their newest6 peculiar job ends up winding them into Banbury where a growing sense of dread and mistrust forms around their next client

Bookings through f.61whitaker@btinternet.com

Donations in aid of film production costs Bring your own drinks.

Fun evening Saturday September 5th

Charity walk Sunday September 6th

Free entry, to a fun evening at Cropredy Village Hall

September 5th, 5.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

Games for all ages, Raffle with fantastic prizes, including a weekend in a beautiful catering cottage. Refreshments available. There will be background photos of local residents amazing trips to the South Antarctic. All proceeds to be donated to Lymphoma Action.

September 6th, 10.00 a.m. meet, start 10.30.

Enjoy the Cropredy Circular with some added history of the area as you walk. Start at Cropredy Sports Pavilion, approx 6 miles. Donation of £20 this includes refreshments and a free Lymphoma T shirt.

Scan QR code to donate and register interest to join the walk.

Please email for more information of both events, and intention of joining walk, so T shirt can be ordered.

robtania4lymphoma@hotmail.com



September is National BLOOD CANCER awareness month, so this is the perfect time to bring awareness, but also to enjoy two events whilst raising money for such a worthy Charity.

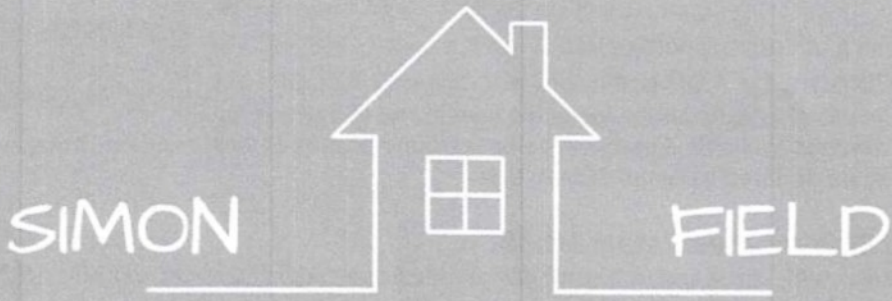
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Date	Time	Event	Venue
Saturday 5th.	5.00 p.m.	Lymphoma Action <i>Fun Evening</i>	Village Hall
Sunday 6th.	10.00 a.m.	Lymphoma Action <i>Charity Walk</i>	Cropredy Sports Pavilion
Tuesday 8th.	6.30 p.m.	Cropredy WI <i>Whip-cracking workshop</i>	Sports and Social Club
Wednesday 9th.	11.00 a.m.	Cropredy Gardening Club <i>Visit to Waterperry Gardens</i>	Village Green
	2.00 p.m.	Cropredy Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
Saturday 12th.	6.30 p.m.	Cropredy Film Society <i>Banbury Conundrum</i>	Village Hall
Monday 14th.	12.30 p.m.	Cropredy Lunches	Village Hall
	7.00 p.m.	Cropredy Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
Wednesday 16th.	7.30 p.m.	Cropredy Historical Society <i>Battle of Edgehill</i>	Village Hall
Wednesday 23rd.	2.00 p.m.	Cropredy Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
Friday 25th.	7.30 p.m.	Vikki Clayton in Concert	St. Marys Church
Saturday 26th.	6.30 p.m.	Cropredy Film Society <i>Love Sarah</i>	Village Hall
Monday 28th.	12.30 p.m.	Cropredy Lunches	Village Hall
	7.00 p.m.	Cropredy Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall

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