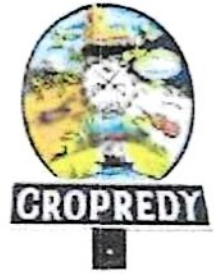


# The Cropredy Crier

Village news & events for October 2026



## Community Harvest Thanksgiving, Followed by Ploughman's Lunch,

St Marys, Church, Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup>, 11.00 a.m.

We gather once again at our Community Harvest Thanksgiving, amid food insecurity and climate crisis, to thank God for the Harvest, for those who work to ensure our food supply, and to pray for the needs of the world, including those on or own doorstep. Produce (non-perishable) is welcome at this service to support the *Pantry in the Porch* and Banbury food banks, *Everyone Welcome!*

We will also be celebrating the restoration of our beautiful East Window and are delighted to welcome the team who carried out this skilled work including Stephen Fear (stonemason), Bryan Martin (architect) and Gordon Cain (QS) to our service and lunch.

A collection will be taken for the Red Cross Nepal Emergency Fund.

Afterwards we will be serving Ploughman's Lunch, please contact Valerie Peachey if you'd like to add your name to the list for that.

[valerie.peachey@gmail.com](mailto:valerie.peachey@gmail.com)

We look forward to welcoming you to this short service of popular Harvest Hymns, suitable for all ages, in the restored beauty of St Marys Church,

With my best wishes in the changing seasons,

Revd Sarah



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### Future Autumn/Winter Dates for your diary

**Remembrance Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup>, 10.50 a.m.** at the village cenotaph, and after in church.

**In Memory Service, Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup>, 4.00 p.m.** a reflective service remembering all those we love but see no longer. With lighting of a candle in memory of loved ones and refreshments.

**December 4<sup>th</sup>, 5.00 p.m., Christingle,** for all the family, supporting the Children's Society.

**December 20<sup>th</sup>, 6.00 p.m., Carol Service.** Lessons and Carols, with choir, and festive refreshments.

**Christmas Eve Crib Service, 3.00 p.m.,** Favourite Carols and nativity fun as we countdown to Christmas.

**Christmas Eve Midnight Service, 11.15 p.m.,** A special Communion Service with carols and readings for Christmas Night.

### All-Age Worship at St Marys

Short, informal multi-generational services with craft, song, storytelling-fun and refreshments, suitable for all-ages. October 18<sup>th</sup>, November 15<sup>th</sup>, January 17<sup>th</sup>, all at 10.00 a.m.

*Everyone welcome*

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

|                       |            |                                |                  |
|-----------------------|------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Sunday 4th.           | 9.30 a.m.. | Family Communion               | Bishop Jonathan  |
| Sunday 11th.<br>Fenby | 11.00.a.m. | Community Harvest Thanksgiving | Revd Canon Sarah |
| Sunday 18th.          |            |                                |                  |
| Sunday 25th.          |            |                                |                  |
| 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

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Graham Oliver [nb.Alnwick@gmail.com](mailto: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 4th,  | Rev Phil Robinson, including a baptism                                                           |
| Sunday 11th. | 11.00 a.m. Joining in the Parish Church for a Harvest Service<br>(Preacher - Rev Phil Robinson.) |
| Sunday 18th. | Rev Charity Nzegwu.<br>(New Superintendent Minister of Banbury Methodist Circuit.)               |
| Sunday 25th  | Marilyn Nutt.                                                                                    |



**COFFEE MORNING**  
with homemade cakes and other things to buy  
**FRIDAY 9th. 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  
Warm Spaces Cafe Reopens  
Friday October 23rd.

### **Queen Victoria, a Life in Portraits -13th October 2026**

Cropredy WI's October meeting is a members meeting with guests from WIs in Hornton, Shutford and Bloxham. A Victorian themed sit down meal, lashings of desserts, raffle and a talk by Dr. Gillian White who many will know from CHS. Join now if you'd like to come along.

New members always welcome. Contact: **Caroline Watsham on 07802 722923**

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**INSPIRING WOMEN**

## Cropredy Gardening Club Flower, Vegetable and Craft Show

The Village Show took place on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Despite the incredibly dry summer, there was a beautiful display in the Village Hall displaying the creativity and talents of our community. We had 50 adult and 9 junior entrants - many thanks to all. Congratulations to all of those who won prizes.

The main prize-winners were:

|                                                                      |                       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| RHS Banksian Medal for most points<br>in veg, fruit & flower classes | Roger Watkiss         |
| Most points in fruit and veg classes                                 | Roger Watkiss         |
| Most points in Cookery                                               | Catherine Golsong     |
| Most points in Crafts                                                | Fiona Mahon           |
| Most points in flower classes                                        | Sarah Pepper          |
| Most outstanding Junior entry (age 5 & under)                        | Edith Golsong         |
| Most outstanding Junior entry (age 6-10)                             | Hadassah Varju        |
| Most outstanding Junior entry (age 11-16)                            | Levi Varju            |
| Best kept allotment                                                  | Helena & Andrew Mills |

The People's Choice Award was won by Sue Johnson for her stunning fox cross-stitch. The much-coveted Victoria Sponge Sandwich class was won by Jenny Ballinger.

The committee would like to express special thanks to all who donated prize money, raffle prizes and everyone who helped to set up the hall in advance, during the show, and those who helped clear the village hall afterwards - a great team effort!

The committee are very open to improvement ideas, so please do get in touch about how to make this event bigger and better than ever.

Contact Helena Mills (Show Secretary) [helena.mills@btinternet.com](mailto:helena.mills@btinternet.com) / 07894 758315 or any other committee member.



**Lymphoma Action** . Rob and Tania want to thank all those who helped and came to our two fund raising events, on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> September. We hope everyone enjoyed the events. We took in donations over the weekend £1,726.00 plus the Just Giving page. These are difficult to separate, as Rob's son is doing a challenge of 100 press ups a day for one month. At this moment the total including the weekend, is £5,424.00. Our target was £1,000.00, so we are so amazed from the generosity shown. Our thanks must also go to our friend Richard Beghin, who started the process off, showing us his support wearing a Lymphoma Action beanie hat in the Antarctica.'

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# **CROPREDY SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB**

## **FESTIVE SNAIL RACING MEETING**

Saturday 5<sup>TH</sup> December 2026

In the Village Hall

Doors open 7pm, first race at 7:30pm prompt

Tickets: £12 includes Fish/Chicken/Sausage & Chips  
(Please bring your own drinks and glasses)

Proceeds to Katharine House Hospice

Please note that all race  
transactions are cash only.

### **CROPREDY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Wednesday October 21st., Cropredy Village Hall,  
7.30 p.m.

An illustrated talk on the work of

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission



The CWGC looks after graves, memorials and cemeteries worldwide, and **Gary Short**, our speaker tonight, will inform us about its work. The Commission started during the First World War, continued during the Second World War and now maintains and preserves its historic estate around the world. We'll hear about ongoing commemoration today, and stories about the men and women who lost their lives in the two world wars. Soldiers, sailors and airmen from Cropredy are remembered at Helles (for Gallipoli); Tyne Cot (pictured above); Gaza; Cambrai; Salerno; Anzio; Lissenthoe, Belgium and El Alamein.

Free refreshments after the talk. Visitors welcome £5.

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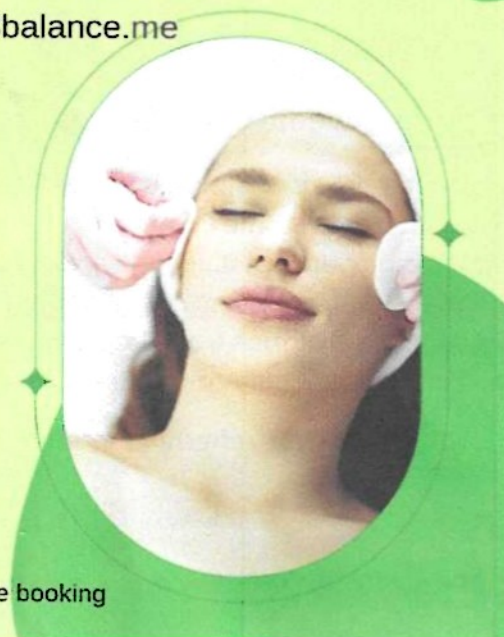
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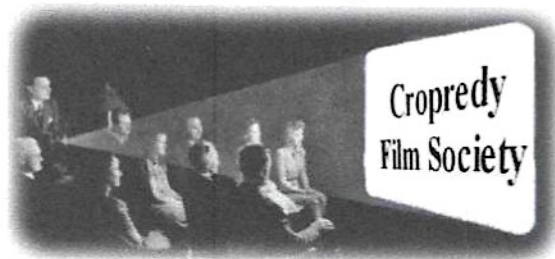
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## CROPREDY FILM SOCIETY

Doors Open: 6.30 p.m. Film supper at 7.00 p.m.  
Cropredy Village Hall  
**Saturday October 31st.**



## ***EPiC Elvis Presley in Concert***

*Hound Dog – Are You Lonesome Tonight? – Can't Help Fallin' in Love – In The Ghetto – Suspicious Minds* - and many more hits. New recordings and rarely heard versions of *Bridge Over Troubled Waters* and *You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'*. Described as "one of the most exciting concert films you've ever seen" with Elvis at the peak of his showmanship, this is an evening you won't want to miss!

Directed by **Baz Luhrmann** Running time: 96 minutes

Film-maker Baz Luhrmann originally tracked down unseen footage from feature films *Elvis on Tour* and *Elvis – That's the Way It Is*, hoping to include sequences in his film *Elvis* (2022). Searches in the Warner Brother archives stored in salt mines in Kansas discovered 68 boxes of more unseen film, and researches found a lengthy radio interview with Elvis. Luhrmann and his team spent two years restoring and remixing the footage to create a new unforgettable concert performance by the King.

*Coming soon .....*

**Saturday November 28th., THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA 2**

Bookings through [f.61whitaker@btinternet.com](mailto:f.61whitaker@btinternet.com)

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

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## **Cropredy Gardening Club**

Wednesday October 14th., Leaving Cropredy Village Green at 11.00 a.m.

## **Visit to Batsford Arboretum**

Enjoy 60 acres of beautiful trees, gardens and seasonal colour.

Garden centre, gift shop and cafe.

All welcome, including non-members.

Entry price £10.90/ £12 with gift aid, payable on the day.

Please contact Sue Fairbrother on 750523 or by email,  
if you would like to come, no later than Monday October 12th.



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

Friday 16th and Saturday 17th October. Village Hall, Curtain up 7.30 p.m.

Tickets £8 from 01295 758224.

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

## October

| Date            | Time       | Event                                                          | Venue         |
|-----------------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Wednesday 7th.  | 2.00 p.m.  | Cropredy Short Mat Bowls                                       | Village Hall  |
| Monday 12th.    | 12.30 p.m. | Cropredy Lunches                                               | Village Hall  |
|                 | 7.00 p.m.  | Cropredy Short Mat Bowls                                       | Village Hall  |
| Wednesday 14th. | 11.00 a.m. | Cropredy Gardening Club<br><i>Visit to Batsford Arboretum</i>  | Village Green |
| Friday 16th.    | 7.30 p.m.  | Cropredy Harlequins<br>Pin Money                               | Village Hall  |
| Saturday 17th.  | 7.30 p.m.  | Cropredy Harlequins<br>Pin Money                               | Village Hall  |
| Wednesday 21st. | 2.00 p.m.  | Cropredy Short Mat Bowls                                       | Village Hall  |
|                 | 7.30 p.m.  | Cropredy Historical Society<br>Commonwealth War Graves         | Village Hall  |
| Monday 26th.    | 12.30 p.m. | Cropredy Lunches                                               | Village Hall  |
|                 | 7.00 p.m.  | Cropredy Short Mat Bowls                                       | Village Hall  |
| Saturday 31st.  | 6.30 p.m.  | Cropredy Film Society<br><i>EPiC, Elvis Presley in Concert</i> | Village Hall  |

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Deadline for the next edition Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup>. [editor@church-of-st-mary-the-virgin-cropredy.org](mailto:editor@church-of-st-mary-the-virgin-cropredy.org)

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

|              |            |                                |                                 |
|--------------|------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Sunday 4th.  | 9.30 a.m.. | Family Communion               | Revd Canon Sarah Fenby          |
| Sunday 11th. | 11.00.a.m. | Community Harvest Thanksgiving | Revd Canon Sarah Fenby          |
| Sunday 18th. | 10.00 a.m. | All Age Seeker Service         | Revd Canon Sarah Fenby and team |