

Photographic Competition – Saturday 15th October 2022

Entry forms will be coming out in the summer – but that is no excuse to not start thinking about the categories and start snapping away now! The categories are – Cratfield Flower Power, Suffolk Textures and Suffolk Perspective.

100 club

100 Club winners numbers drawn by NOVA Ladies Group. 1st Gary Thomas No: 33 = £15.00 / 2nd Jean Peacock No: 5 = £10.00 / 3rd Nick Eade No: 30 = £5.00.
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May Recipe

SAUSAGE, SPINACH & RICOTTA LASAGNE

serves 6

12 dried lasagne sheets, about 225g
8 pork sausages
2 tbsp olive oil
3 garlic cloves, crushed
2 x 400g tins chopped tomatoes
1 tbsp dried oregano
2 tsp sugar
250g baby spinach
250g tub of ricotta
60g Parmesan, grated

1. preheat the oven to gas 6, 200°C, fan 180°. Spread the lasagne sheets in a heatproof tray or roasting tin. Cover with freshly boiled water and set aside to soak, separating the sheets occasionally.
2. Meanwhile, squeeze small chunks of meat straight from the sausage skins into a large, shallow flameproof casserole dish or oven proof frying pan; discard the skins. Drizzle over the oil, turn the heat up to medium and fry for 5-8 minutes until golden, breaking up the sausage-meat as it cooks. Stir in the garlic and cook for 30 seconds, then add the tomatoes, oregano and sugar; season. Simmer for 5 mins until the sauce is thickened.
3. Drain the lasagne sheets, pulling any apart that are stuck together (it doesn't matter if they break up into smaller pieces). Stir 150g spinach through the sauce, then add the lasagne sheets and mix so they're well coated in the sauce.
4. Mix the ricotta with half the Parmesan and dollop heaped tablespoons of it over the top. Scatter over the remaining Parmesan, season and bake for 20 mins until golden and bubbling. Serve with remaining spinach.

Answers to Countries Quiz

1.Denmark 2.Belgium 3.Japan 4. Australia 5. France 6.Peru 7.Russia
8.Canada 9.England 10.Brazil 11. USA 12.S. Africa 13.Italy 14.Turkey
15.Greece 16. India 17.Egypt 18.New Zealand 19.Romania
20.United Arab emirates

2022 Mobile Library Dates

Tuesdays

17th May, 14th June , 12th July, 9th August 6th September, 4th October, 29th November

Cratfield Parish Council

Meeting Dates 2022

- Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 7.30pm
 - Tuesday 8th March 2022 at 7.30pm
 - Tuesday 10th May 2022 at 7.30pm
 - Tuesday 12th July 2022 at 7.30pm
 - Tuesday 13th September 2022 at 7.30pm
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Dear Friends,

I sincerely hope that you enjoyed the most important feast of the church's year – Easter! Whilst we were celebrating and enjoying a time with family and friends that has been missing these past two years owing to the pandemic, I could not help but feel great sadness for the people of Ukraine and other war-torn nations. How blessed we are to live in the UK.

So here we are. David our Rector and Sue his wife have left us and gone to Somerset to enjoy what I pray will be a long and happy retirement. In his last letter David spoke of the 'trying time ahead' that we will experience and the importance of keeping together, supporting one another and caring for each other. He asked us to remember that we, "...are a people of God and the best way to reflect this is to live in communion with one another," and in John's Gospel (13 vs 34 – 35) we are reminded that Jesus said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

It was lovely to give them both a good send off at the service in All Saints Laxfield on 24th April. There were lots of tears but there was also a great deal of laughter and many memories for all us all to treasure. I know I am not alone when I say I will miss them.

So, as David said last month, "You will always be in our prayers," to which I add, and they will always be in ours.

Chrissie

Rev. Chrissie Smart, Assistant Curate

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES MAY 2022

Sunday 8th	Sunday 15th	Sunday 22nd
6.00pm Evening Prayer	9.00am Village Worship	9.00am Holy Communion
Sidesperson C. Marfleet	Sidesperson M. Thompson	Sidesperson D. Peacock
Reader M. Powell	Reader D. Peacock	Reader P. Baker
Readings Acts 9:36-end Rev 7:9-end John 10:22-30	Readings Acts 11:1-18 Rev 21:1-6 John 13:31-35	Readings Acts 16:9-15 Rev 21:10,22-22.5 John 14:23-29

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