

CRATFIELD NEWS

April 2016



**Garage/barn sale at Bell Farm, Bell Green, Cratfield
Saturday April 30th starting at 10.00am
All profits will go to St. Mary's Church roof fund.**

See page 15 for details.

APOLOGIES

As editor I should like to apologise for any distress caused to Rebecca Sannick, Robert Sannick and Bob Stratford due to the publishing of an article in last month's magazine bearing the initials RS. The views expressed in that article do not represent the views of the above mentioned.
Please note that, in the future, items printed in the magazine will carry full names.

AND MORE

To anyone who has been lacerated by the staples in the magazine in recent months I apologise. The trusty stapler (maybe not so trusty of late) which has served us for more than **ten** years has finally been consigned to the bin. We have invested in a super new one for which both Nick and I, not to mention our dining room table, are most grateful, a finger tip pressure is all that is needed. Should see us out at this rate.
Sue Eade

Bob White 18 04 1947 – 06 02 2016

Carolyn and her family would like to express their gratitude to those who have supported them by attending the funeral service for Bob at Ellough Crematorium. They were also very touched by the number of cards and messages of sympathy that they received. They would particularly like to thank Margaret Thompson for the professional and sensitive way that she conducted the service and Steve and Ali Peet who attended the memorial service in Northampton and were there for whatever was needed. Carolyn would also like to thank all her friends in the village for their kindness and continued support.

HELP WANTED – Silverleys Green, North Green

As you all know Geoff has delivered your Cratfield News faithfully, come rain or shine, for well over ten years now. Geoff will be away for the May delivery, so, is there anyone out there who would be willing to come to our assistance and cover Geoff's round for that month.
If you can help please call Geoff on 01379 588024

THE MANSE

Does anyone have any information or photographs related to the history of The Manse?
Contact Mandy Hulbert:- 01986 799 102

IN RESPONSE TO.....

THE POACHER (March edition)

Although no longer a resident in Cratfield, I have been drinking in there regularly for over 25 years, and have been associated with Cratfield via various organisations, Parish Council, St. Mary's Church, the Village Hall, Dog Show etc.

I read with perplexity the article regarding the change of use of The Poacher and, while the author seems to be resigned to the fact that it will close as a pub and inappropriate development is likely to take place, interference with other people's lives was not the prime objective, but the preservation of a Village Asset, a social meeting place which, when it is closed, the present owners will just walk away from, leaving Cratfield with nothing.

This will also affect the numerous Bed & Breakfast Accommodations and Holiday Lets, who will no longer be able to advertise the fact that there is a pub within walking distance, and all other properties in the village will, according to CAMRA, devalue between 10 & 15% of Current Market Value.

I am also surprised that the author hides behind just 2 initials RS – I know of at least 4 people with those initials living within 200 yards of the pub – perhaps he/she would like to identify themselves. (Perhaps they are also the equally anonymous RS writing about Broadband on page 15.)

Barry Cable

(Recently retired Clerk to Cratfield Parish Council)

ANOTHER RESPONSE

In response to the article tinged, rightly or wrongly, with some bitterness, I hope that the gentleman who feels that there has been an unfortunate rise in inappropriate housing within the village, does not also feel that those who might inhabit the inappropriate houses are themselves inappropriate.

Rod Dix

LAXFIELD & DISTRICT MUSEUM – Open Evening Friday 22nd April
7.30pm Laxfield Village Hall

Every year the Museum changes its theme for the Summer Season and introduces it at its Open Evening held at the start of the season. This year our theme is 'Local Hall of Fame' – and subjects will include Ivor Roberts Jones and his maquette of Sir Winston Churchill, The Baron de Huntingfield (Magna Carta), Sir Alfred Munnings, The Keable family of Laxfield, William Dowsing, John Noyes, Edric of Laxfield and others, each introduced by a local resident, giving a “taster” of the main display in the Museum, through dramatic reading, song and slide show.

Entry is free, but a donation towards the hire of the hall would be appreciated.

Bar and Nibbles

We are also looking to recruit people willing to put in a Saturday or Sunday afternoon of 'Stewarding' which means welcoming and engaging with our visitors; if you are able to help in any way a rota will be available on the night.

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Barry Cable (Acting Chairman)



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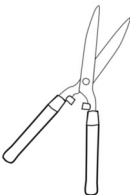
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Wednesday.

POACHER EVENTS FOR APRIL

Tues. 5th. Gentlemen's Group

Thurs. 7th. Quiz

Tues. 12th. Ladies' Group

Sat. 16th. Band - The Hedonists

Weds. 20th. Acoustic Night

Sat. 30th. Band - Mc2

2016 MOBILE LIBRARY DATES

Silverleys Green 14.15-14.35

The Poacher 14.45-15.00

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26 April, 24 May, 21 June, 19 July, 16 August, 13 September, 11
October, 8 November, 6 December



Cratfield Village Hall

News

April 2016

Thank you to all who attended our **Thai Meal** and made this a very successful evening. Congratulations to Chrissie Kitchen who won the raffle prize of having her supper free. Apologies to those who tried to book after we were full up, for all of these events we can only cater for, and seat, a certain number. **Please book early to avoid disappointment in future!**

100 Club

The lucky winners for March were 1st Julie Pasque No:61 £15, 2nd Carolyn White No:36 £10, 3rd Frank Cousin No:28 £5.00.

Cratfield Companion Dog Show 8th May

Our popular Dog Show is next month and plans are going well. The charities supported this year are the Air Ambulance and Halesworth Dementia Carers Fund.

There is a full programme from pedigree to a range of fun classes. If you would like to sponsor a class please contact Rebecca on 799006. This year we plan to bring back the children's gymkhana during the break.

New Events confirmed

On **October 1st** we are having another **Pie and Pud** evening after the success of our last one.

On **November 26th** we will be hosting a **70/80's night** with a live band – more details to follow, a night not to be missed!

Photographic Competition 15th October

the subjects for this year are

Suffolk Cats

Suffolk Colours

Suffolk Flowers

We will also be producing a **Christmas Card** again this year, hopefully the late snow will have produced some suitable photographs. The exhibition date is the 15th October and more details of how to enter will follow.

Horticultural Show 27th August

You should find a schedule included in this months news to give you an idea of what you need to be growing or making! Please contact Ali 798063 or Carolyn 799187 you have any questions or need advice.

Future Dates for your Diary

8th May Cratfield Annual Companion Dog Show

21st May Auction of Promises

27th August Cratfield Horticultural and Produce Show

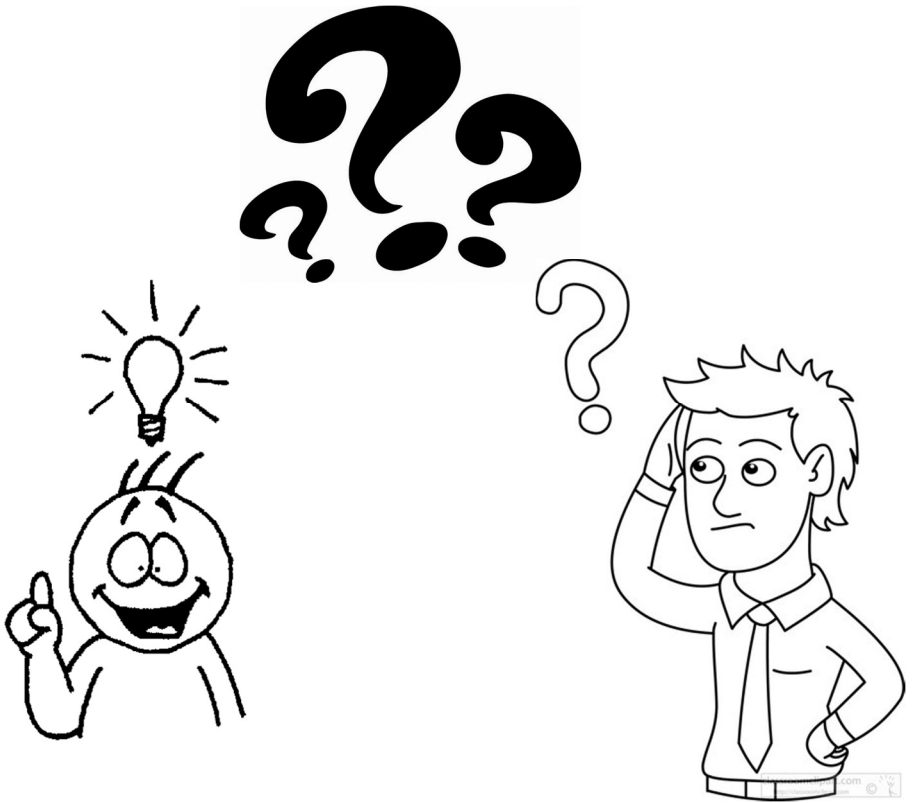
1st October Pie and Pud Night back by popular demand – book early

15th October Photographic Competition and Exhibition

26th October 70/80's night with Live Band

If you would like to hire the village hall for an event or would like to hire tables, chairs, crockery or glasses the person to contact is now Jo Nunn on 01986 799181. There are preferential rates for Cratfield residents.

The promises are coming in for the Auction (just see the next page for something fantastic!), but if you have been thinking about entering a promise but haven't recorded it yet please call Margaret Thompson on 07906509302 or ianandmadge@hotmail.co.uk in order to be included in the brochure.



The brochure will be going to print at the beginning of April and a copy will be delivered to every house in the village by the beginning of May. Please put the date in your diary, come and join us to experience a village get together.

There will be something for everyone!

Raise the roof for St Mary's Church

Auction of Promises



Saturday 21st May 2016

Cratfield Village Hall

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We have been given these tickets for the Auction of Promises, *but*, as you can see match is on **April 30th**.

Please call me, Margaret Thompson on 07906 509302 or e-mail on ianandmadge@hotmail.com and make a bid for the tickets.

It will go towards the church roof fund.

Dear Mr Sugden,

In response to your comments on the "Parish Plan" published in the Cratfield News and comments made in the Poacher during the Men's Group discussion.

The Parish Plan was an initiative set up by the government and managed by the councils, where by communities in rural England were strongly encouraged to produce a document describing their village and how the residents wanted their village to develop in the near future. Cratfield started work on its parish plan in early 2009. The finished plan was presented to the village eighteen months later.

You suggested that each household should have been given a copy of the finished plan. This would have been prohibitively expensive, as the document runs to about sixty pages. There were about fourteen copies published. These were held by various interested bodies, Suffolk Acre, the organising quango, Suffolk Coastal Council and the Parish Council. In addition to these, copies were also held by the Halesworth library, the Village Hall and several individuals who had been involved in producing the plan. You also suggested that the finished plan should have been better publicised. An event was organised with the sole purpose of launching the village plan, this was called "Midsummer Madness" and was held on the Millennium Green, about two hundred people attended. There was a large tent, where information referring to the Village plan was assembled and about five copies of the plan were on display. The event was well publicised, I personally went round the village, door to door, asking people if they would be attending the event. Posters were displayed around the village and the event was fully discussed in the parish magazine including an A5 flyer per magazine.

I find it hard to believe that anyone living in the village at the time would be unaware of the event.

Planning permission for the present development, opposite Mr Sugden's house, predates the Parish Plan.

It is also worth noting that people felt if there was to be new housing in Cratfield it should be for smaller, affordable homes for people with a local connection. This is something that might be considered by the Parish and Suffolk Coastal councils.

As to your comments on the demise of the Poacher Public House, I think you are out of touch with the general view of the villagers, most of whom are feel disappointed and let down. I also think you're being rather arrogant in implying that, as you are one of the few people who now drink in the Poacher, your opinion is more valid than other villagers. We should consider why, once regular customers, are now choosing to drink elsewhere.

See you at the next discussion group Ron.

Yours

Tim Ackerley

BRUNCH SALE

**Garage/stable sale at Bell Farm, Bell Green, Cratfield
Saturday April 30th starting at 10.00am
All profits will go to St. Mary's Church roof fund.**

Along with some of my neighbours, I'm having a clear out. All welcome to browse and buy. There will be horsey stuff, lots of bloke stuff from my garage as well as some of the domestic treasures I moved here with and still haven't unpacked. Should prove a good rummage. **Bacon rolls and coffee too**, so please come along, help us get rid of our excess possessions and raise some money for the church roof.

Anything you'd like to contribute or sell, call Natalie 01986 798790

Heveningham Hall Country Fair

This year's fair takes place on the weekend of 2nd & 3rd July from 10am till 5pm. I am looking for stewards & volunteers for the weekend. The length of most shifts are between 2 & 2 ½ hours. Stewards need to be able bodied and over 18. Our priority is the safety of the public. There are various jobs for volunteers, please let me know if you are interested. During the week before the fair, we hold a stewards & volunteers meeting to tell you all you need to know and to answer any questions. You will be given a pass to the fair for the day you are stewarding/volunteering, and can enjoy the day either before or after your shift is over. If you would like to help please contact Julie via email j.collett5@btinternet.com, or by phone 01986 798258 or 07766654599. I look forward to hearing from you.
Julie Collett



Cratfield

Please help clean & tidy up your village

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SUFFOLK BROADBAD UPDATE

Since my last letter to the magazine, things have moved downwards a bit more, with the publishing times, it was too late to update the original letter.

On February 25th Ofcom released their response to the Shapps report. It was widely reported on the BBC, including an interview with the head of Ofcom, Sharon White.

Basically she (and the report) states that they are not going to do what Shapps and his 120 cross party MPs recommended, basically just do nothing except tell BT to play nice.

Report here, <http://media.ofcom.org.uk/news/2016/digital-comms-review-feb16/>

However, the report is worth a read as it clarifies certain terms used by the MP, Ofcom, and the various ISPs, particularly in relation to broadband acceptable speed and superfast broadband.

So I did a bit of research on the term superfast – which is what the MP promised for 95% of us by 2015.

And I stumbled across this, <http://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-plans-to-make-sure-no-one-is-left-behind-on-broadband-access>

It is dated Nov. 7th 2015, from Dave, and obviously was intended to pre-empt the Shapps report and Ofcom's statement that 10Mb/s is the minimum acceptable for normal broadband (not superfast, just normal).

In it Dave states that the new universal commitment is 10Mb/s by the end of this parliament which matches what Ofcom say except Ofcom say now, not 4 years time.

So I emailed the MP and Burroughs again pointed out that Dave had obviously left them out of the loop as they were still both saying the universal commitment is 2Mb/s.

I finally got a reply from the MP (nothing from Burroughs at the time of writing this).

In it she states that superfast is only 24Mb/s (most ISPs who provide the service say a lot higher), and that 85% of you can now get it, and that the universal commitment remains 2Mb/s (not 10Mb/s as stated by Dave, Ofcom and Shapps) and the taxpayer will pay for you to have a satellite link installed but you will have to pay the running costs)

Satellite is nothing new, just very expensive to run, and you have to pay for your landline as well as they both need each other to work.

The satellite info has been on the www.betterbroadbandsuffolk.com website for a while, nothing new there.

She also states that it is still the ambition of 97% coverage of normal broadband (which, by her definition is 2Mb/s) by 2019.

Not much of an ambition in my opinion, and considerably less than Dave's.

She also states she will not answer any further communications from me (not really a loss as she hasn't a clue and didn't answer the first two anyway).

The most amusing bit is the letter itself, despite my clearly stating the reply(s) should be by email, not the expensive, fancy House of Commons paper and envelopes at taxpayer's expense, I got one of the fancy bits of paper and envelope.

Now in the letter there is one major grammar/spelling error which has been corrected BY HAND.....yes, actually corrected by pen.

So either she uses a typewriter, I haven't seen one of them since I last visited the Science Museum, or she doesn't know how to turn spelling/grammar checking on in a word processor, or doesn't realise you can correct mistakes and re-print the letter even after it is first printed.

Rod Sugden



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PRESS RELEASE

Monday 29th February 2016.

HEVENINGHAM HALL COUNTRY FAIR 2016 UPDATE

This year's Heveningham Hall Country Fair takes place on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd July and it has been announced that the two-day extravaganza - which raises funds for a wide range of local good causes - will be organized solely by the Heveningham Hall Country Fair Trust.

The Fair typically sees around 15,000 visitors descend on the 18th Century Estate and each year the Heveningham Hall Country Fair Trust distributes all proceeds to the local communities for village and school projects, church repairs and individual cases of need.

Commenting on the organisation decision, chairwoman and charity trustee Anne Clark, said: "We have had three fantastic years of partnering with Halesworth Lions Wings & Wheels but feel the time has come for us to take back the reins in the spirit of constantly evolving the event. We are already excited about this year's Fair and will be making some further announcements on new attractions in the coming weeks."

The Fair also plays host to a 10km run on Sunday 3rd July which specifically raises monies for 'Get Kids Going', a fantastic national charity providing disabled children and young people - up to the age of 26 years - the wonderful opportunity of participating in sport. The charity provides specially built sports' wheelchairs so young people can do a huge range of sports.

Further information and booking forms can be found on our website: www.countryfair.co.uk

For further press enquiries, please contact Will Kitchener on Tel: 07969 723207 or Email:

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Notes for editors:

1. Satellite navigation for the event is IP19 0PN
2. The Heveningham Hall Country Fair Trust is a registered charity (number: 1095403)
3. Since its launch, the Heveningham Hall Country Fair Trust has raised over £500,000 for charity – and counting

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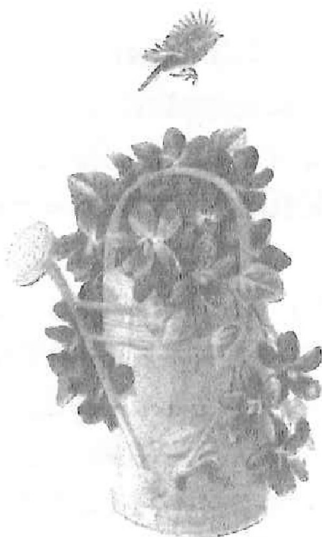
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Sunday 10th	6.30pm Evensong DB
Sunday 17th	9.45am Café Church
Sunday 24th	8.00am Holy Communion DB

Sunday 3rd Acts 5:27-32 Rev 1:4-8 John 20:19-31
 Sunday 10th Acts 9:1-6, 7-20 Rev 5:11-14 John 21:1-19
 Sunday 17th Acts 9:36-43 Rev 7:9-17 John 10:22-30
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CRATFIELD CHURCH DUTY ROTA FOR APRIL

DATE	SIDESPERSION	READER	FLOWERS
Sunday 10th	M. Thompson	R. Harrison	
Sunday 17th	A. Edmonds	C. Mobbs	
Sunday 24th	D. Peacock	P. Baker	

Anyone who cannot attend to their duty please contact Margaret Thompson
 or, for flowers, Judith Mobbs.

If you wish to know times of services in other churches in the benefice these are
 posted on our church notice board.

Cratfield Parish Council

**Next meeting: Tuesday 10th May – Parish Council AGM and Annual
 Parish Meeting 2016**

Parishioners Open Forum – 7.15pm (Parishioners are invited to raise
 matters of concern)

Parish Council Meeting – 7.30pm

Agenda (3 days before the meeting) can be found on the noticeboards &
 website: www.cratfield.onesuffolk.net

Planning meetings arranged as and when required.

All Parishioners welcome!

The Vicarage, Noyes Avenue, Laxfield

Dear Friends,

One of the less attractive traits of human beings is the way we load expectations on to people that are unrealistic and unfair. Then, when the expectations are not met, we criticise the others and not ourselves.

Jesus was well aware of what people wanted him to be and do. He knew he could not be the conquering liberator of their imagination because his path was to lead to defeat and death – something very hard for his followers to accept. St Luke tells us that even when Jesus hung on the cross ‘the leaders scoffed at him, saying “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”’ (Luke 23:35-37.) These must have been bitter words for the Son of God to hear, when he knew that he could have summoned legions of angels to release him from the cross, but chose not to.

In that choice he in fact exceeded all expectation. Instead of liberating the nation he sacrificed himself so that every man, woman and child in the world could come back to God. That’s how much he loved us.

No-one on that first Good Friday believed that Jesus would rise again, although he had told them he would. On Easter Day he turned defeat into victory and silenced the mockery of his enemies by a far greater miracle than stepping down from the cross would have been. However, he still didn’t do what we might have expected, namely to appear to the Jewish leaders and Roman soldiers. Instead he appeared secretly to his friends, that not very wonderful bunch of disciples. Gradually the message that he was alive again spread and spread, so that now all round the world people can rejoice in God’s great work in saving lost humanity. He has done far more than we could ask, or think, or deserve. It’s a secret that we can all share in one of our churches over this Easter season and beyond ‘Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again!’

David

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