

# CRATFIELD NEWS

February 2016



When “**Lead Free**” is a *bad* idea!

See centre pages.

## Cratfield Carol Singers

Once again this year The Cratfield Carollers took to the streets to share the joys of the festive season with our fellow Cratfieldians.

Deciding this year to start at the other end of the village (so as to actually make it that far this time!) and work our way back knocking on any door with a light on!

This has become a bit of a tradition in the village heralding in the start of the Christmas festivities and, even though it was too warm to really feel like Christmas, help us all get into spirit

With special thanks to everyone who ~~gave us money to move on~~ donated (sending the youngest, cutest members of the choir with the collection tin is an obvious winner!) we raised £135 for the Cumbrian Flood Appeal!

We would also like to thank Roger and Margaret at The Poacher and Don and Jean for providing lubrication and sustenance to keep us all in fine voice (a matter of opinion, I know).

If anyone would like to join us next year, the more the merrier!

Pete

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### **THANK YOU**

On behalf of Cratfield St. Mary's I would like to thank everyone who has donated books to the book stall at the back of the church. The welcome money from the sale of the books trickles steadily in. At present the shelves are full to bursting, so in order that they do not begin to look like a jumble sale, I would be grateful if you have any more books to donate, that you perhaps leave them for a month or so, or better still, come and browse and buy, we do have quite a good selection on offer, and then donate. Paperbacks, in good condition are the most popular sellers.

Sue

Cratfield News is pleased to announce that last year it was able to sponsor - a class at the dog show, the 'Soup Group's' Christmas Lunch and the presents for the children's Christmas Party following the Nativity in the church.

Sue, Geoff, Pete

# Cratfield Parish Council

Draft Minutes from Cratfield Parish Council's Meeting  
held at Cratfield Village Hall on Tuesday 12th January 2016

**Summary of the meeting – the full draft minutes can be found on CPC's website:**  
www.cratfield.onesuffolk.net.

## **PARISHIONERS OPEN FORUM - 7.15pm**

Parishioners asked if the Parish Council meetings dates could be advertised, as they were not aware of the meetings. The Chair advised in future the Parish Council meetings and information will on the noticeboards, in Cratfield News and the website: www.cratfield.onesuffolk.net. All will be updated regularly.

### **County & District Councillor Report**

Councillor Burroughes gave a full report. Main Points:

**Future Financial Overview – 2015/16** - it looks likely Council Tax will be increased by 2% – the first time since 2010.

**Waste Collection Brown Bins** – SCDC is not planning a charge for collecting organic waste (brown bins).

**The Poacher - Change of use from A4 (Public House) to C3 (Residential)** - Councillor Burroughes said he supported The Poacher becoming a Community Asset.

**Dog Waste Bin** - Councillor Burroughes agreed a grant of £100 to replace the dog bin and post.

**Better Broadband** –under consideration for fibre between 2016-2019 and subject to 2Mbps commitment.

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Financial Report and Approve Cheques** Councillors received the Finance and Budget report the following were approved for payment.

Date	Cheque No.	Payee	Amount
12.01.2016	100692	B.Cable, Clerk December Salary	£172.16
12.01.2016	100693	B. Cable, Clerk Expenses	£43.69
12.01.2016	100694	HRG Services (Clerk's retirement gift)	£61.99

### **New Audit Regime**

Deferred to the March meeting for the Clerk to investigate further.

### **Planning Applications and Decisions since last meeting**

Councillors discussed 3 applications and 2 decisions.

### **Ownership of Village Pump & Land**

Councillors discussed and the Clerk to check the Land Registry.

*Parishioners – please advise if you know!*

### **Replacement Dog Waste Bin and Noticeboards**

New dog waste bin selected and more quotes to be sought for the Noticeboards.

### **Play Area Maintenance Report**

Maintenance schedule approved and the goal posts will be removed and replaced. Councillors agreed to a monthly check.

### **Any Other Business**

- Missing Cratfield fingerpost on North Green Road on the Metfield/Fressingfield junction .
- Concerns regarding speeding through the village - Clerk to investigate extending the speed limit on the outer edges of the village centre and speed roundels.
- Flooding at the bottom of Church Hill towards Huntingfield.

**The next meeting:** Tuesday 15th March 2016 - 7:15pm

***All Parishioners Welcome!***

## CRATFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

### Meeting dates

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May Parish Council AGM & Annual Parish Meeting  
2016

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2016

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016

### Parishioners Open Forum – 7.15pm

Parishioners are invited to raise matters of concern

### Parish Council Meetings 7.30pm

Planning meetings will be arranged as and when required.

Agendas (3 days before the meeting) can be found on the noticeboard and the website: [www.cratfield.onesuffolk.net](http://www.cratfield.onesuffolk.net)

*All parishioners are welcome*

### Recipe for February – EASY FRUIT CAKE (Sally Chapman)

300g (12oz) fruit (sultanas, currants, cherries, grated apples, pears etc or mixed)	
100g (4oz) sugar	100g (4oz) butter/margarine
125ml (¼pt) water or fruit juice	1 egg
200g self-raising flour (white, brown or mixed)	1 tsp spice (mixed, cinnamon etc.)
Demerara sugar for sprinkling on top	

Place fruit, sugar, margarine, spice and water/juice in a saucepan or in a large microwaveable bowl and cook slowly, stirring regularly until the sugar has dissolved and all the ingredients are mixed well.

Allow to cool for 10 minutes.

Add flour and beaten egg and stir well.

Tip into a greased and bottom lined large loaf tin. Sprinkle with Demerara sugar. Bake for 1½ hours at 150°C or 300°F or Gas mark 2 until a skewer comes out clean.

Allow to cool before turning out of the tin – Enjoy

Be adventurous with this cake – sultana, apple and cinnamon is a good combination or try using a fresh orange – use the juice and stir in the grated rind.

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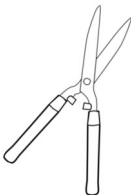
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## POACHER EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Men's Group
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies' Group *
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Acoustic Night
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Trembling Wheelbarrows

Please note – in future the Ladies' Group will meet on the second Tuesday of each month

## 2016 MOBILE LIBRARY DATES

Silverleys Green 14.15-14.35  
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**5 January**, 2 February, 1 March, 29 March, 26 April, 24 May, 21 June, 19 July, 16 August, 13 September, 11 October, 8 November, 6 December



## CRATFIELD VILLAGE HALL

FEBRUARY 2016

### Photographic Competition Calendar

Thank you to all our advertisers and those who supported us by purchasing one. We are pleased to announce they are all now sold and we shall be donating half of the profits to Cratfield St Mary's Church Roof fund.

### 100 Club

The lucky winners for January were 1<sup>st</sup> Gary Aryaenia £15, 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Peet £10, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sara Saunders £5.00

### Village Hall Booking Secretary

We would like to notify everyone of a change to the contact name and number for hire of the village hall and or crockery tables etc. **The person to contact is now Jo Nunn on 01986 799181.** Your consideration in using the new number is appreciated.

#### **Thai Evening - 5<sup>th</sup> March - 7pm**

We are once again hosting a Thai Evening back by popular demand. You should find a menu card in your magazine. If you haven't been before it's very friendly and the food is great! Please contact Ali on 798063 to book.

## **Village Hall toilets**

Are now fully refurbished and looking lovely.

## **Village Hall Committee Meeting**

The next meeting is on 25<sup>th</sup> February at the Village Hall. Please do let us know if you have suggestions or ideas for future events. You are very welcome to attend the meeting.

## **Future Dates for your Diary**

**8<sup>th</sup> May**

Cratfield Annual Companion Dog Show

**27<sup>th</sup> August**

Cratfield Horticultural and Produce Show

**15<sup>th</sup> October**

Photographic Exhibition and Competition

## **An update on the church roof**

Thanks to the efforts of our volunteers most of the winter rain is being kept out. Not all of it, of course; it would be too much to hope that the plastic sheeting would be a match for our recent storms, so mopping-up sessions have been needed – and no doubt will be again until a new roof is on. And we are making good progress towards a replacement.

The first question we have to ask is whether there is a cheaper material than lead and one which will not get stolen again. We have gone into this in some detail including talking to other churches in similar positions and the picture which emerges is as follows.

Polymers, GRP and felts are out because of their short life and replacement cost.

The practical alternatives are coated stainless steel and zinc. These are a popular choice for modern industrial buildings because their life is similar to that of the buildings and their lightness in weight offers savings in structural costs. However, from our point of view, while their material cost is less than lead, the labour and scaffolding costs remain the same, and nor is there any saving in structural cost. So, whilst there is still an overall saving, it is less than might be expected.

They have other limitations too that would adversely affect us. They have a shorter life, they cannot accommodate the awkward stonework shapes around the edges, so we must still use lead there, and the sheets cannot be patch-repaired during their life time. Also, anyone with experience of tin roofs will know, they make a terrific din inside in rainstorms.

Where other churches have nevertheless chosen to use them, despite their drawbacks, the deciding factor has usually been that as they had been robbed repeatedly and had only limited insurance cover they simply could not cope with the continuing cost.

So, in terms of practicality and lifetime cost lead remains the favourite – but the big question; will it be stolen again?

There are no guarantees here, but so far as I can discover, where one of the new generation alarms has been fitted, the lead has not been stolen. That encouraging situation may change, of course, as more churches fit alarms and the thieves find ways of getting round them, but at least there is the comfort of knowing that once an alarm is fitted the insurers will cover the whole cost of replacing the lead on any of the roofs.

In broad terms we anticipate that a new lead roof, including the alarm system, scaffolding, fees etc. will cost £35,000. From the insurance payment, grants and donations to date we have £18,000 and we have applied for further grant aid. If, therefore, we can raise £10,000 locally from donations and events we will have met our target and will be able to restore this superb medieval building to the standard it deserves.

Finally, I want to stress that, regardless of the involvement of the Diocese, St. Mary's church was built by, maintained by and belongs to the village. It is your church whether you are a churchgoer or not and these decisions are being taken by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) on your behalf. If you would like to discuss any of them, or make a donation, please contact me by phone or email, or in person.

**Donald Peacock 01986 798 275, [peac@live.co.uk](mailto:peac@live.co.uk)**



# Jokes

Taken from the City of London Pensioners' association magazine. Funny sense of humour these pensioners.

A Minister placed four worms into four separate jars. The first worm was placed into a container of alcohol. The second worm was placed into a container of cigarette smoke. The third worm was placed into a container of chocolate syrup. The fourth worm was placed into a container of good clean soil. These were the results.

First worm in alcohol.....Dead  
Second worm in the cigarette smoke.....Dead  
Third worm in chocolate syrup.....Dead  
Fourth worm in good clean soil..... Alive

So the Minister asked the congregation, "What did you learn from this demonstration?"

Maxine who was sitting at the back, quickly raised her hand and said, "As long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won't have worms!"

That pretty much ended the service

And this - from somewhere else

A man took his very sickly pet duck to the vet and asked for treatment. The vet looked at the duck and sadly shook his head, "There is nothing I can do for this poor creature, he is very sick."

"Please," begged the man, "could I have a second opinion?"

The vet pushed a button on his desk and a cat walked in.

"Will you have a look at this duck?" the vet requested.

The cat walked up and studied the duck, then shook his head and walked out.

"Oh, please," begged the man, "there must be something that can be done."

The vet pressed the button again and a Labrador appeared. "Will you have a look at this duck, please?"

The dog studied the duck, shook his head and walked out.

"I'm very sorry said the vet, you've had a cat scan and a lab report, there really is nothing that can be done to save your duck."

Hope you liked these Martin!

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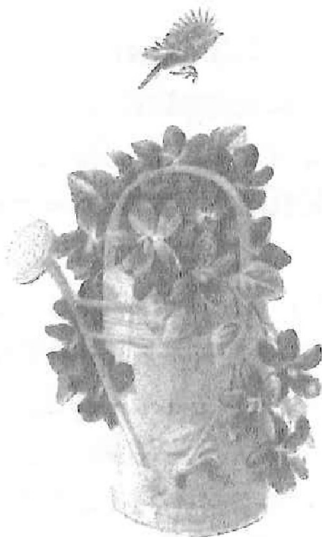
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To be a churchwarden you must be baptised, you must be on the church's electoral roll and a regular communicant. Soon after they are elected the Archdeacon who represents the Bishop admits the wardens to their office. Each year the Bishop will send enquiries to the churchwardens so that he can be kept abreast of any concerns felt in the parishes along with any joys that are being experienced. According to church-law a churchwarden's main tasks are the upkeep of the church building and its contents so that it is in a fit state for worship and depending upon their own skills and abilities they may lead worship and undertake pastoral work. During an interregnum, (the time between a priest leaving and another coming) Churchwardens share the responsibility for the running of the church and its worship in partnership with the rural dean.

In these days when multi-parish benefices are becoming the norm churchwardens take on an ever increasing roll and we should be grateful to those who give of their time so freely and conscientiously; because we/I, would be sunk without them. There are currently two parishes without churchwardens and there are two parishes that only have one in post. If you feel you have something to offer and would want to become part of that long line of men and women who over the years have looked after the churches in this benefice then why not offer your services. The parishes currently without wardens are Tannington and Bedfield, the parishes with only one warden are Cratfield and Monk Soham.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my churchwardens for their constant support and I hope that you will all want to carry on with your good offices for the next year.

**David**

## ST. MARY'S CHURCH CRATFIELD – FEBRUARY SERVICES

Sunday 7th	9.45am Café Church Lay Elder
Sunday 14th	6.30pm Evensong DB
Sunday 28th	8.00am Holy Communion RO

Sunday 7th Exodus 34:29-35 2 Cor 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

Sunday 14th Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13

Sunday 28th Isaiah 55:1-9 1 Cor 10:1-13 1 Luke 13:1-9

### CRATFIELD CHURCH DUTY ROTA FOR FEBRUARY

DATE	SIDESPERSION	READER	FLOWERS
Sunday 7th	C. Mobbs	A. Edmonds	
Sunday 14th	M. Thompson	R. Harrison	
Sunday 28th	D. Peacock	E. Cook	

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.

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