

CRATFIELD NEWS

May 2016



Cratfield Companion Dog Show
Sunday 8th May 2015!

CHURCH CLEANING

Can you help temporarily

Our rota of two is going to be down to one while I get a new knee. Would some kind person stand in for me for a couple of months?

Thank you.

Jean Peacock 798 275

MAGAZINE CORRESPONDENCE

The recent correspondence in the Cratfield News has made for interesting reading and provoked quite some discussion within the community, which, I feel, is what a local village magazine should be all about. There must be issues from time to time on which readers would like to air/share their views. So, anything bugging you (no vitriol, libel or slander mind you!) or any matters on which you would like to make positive comment please feel free to email suecratmag@aol.com or drop a note in my box.

On a positive note regarding new building in the village, whilst many of us (older generation maybe) are reluctant to embrace change, it is heartening to report that the two 'affordable homes' on Bell Green are already spoken for. In these days when it is so difficult to get a foot on the housing ladder it's good to know that Cratfield is playing a part in providing this opportunity.

Sue Eade (Ed.)

BREAKFAST BARN SALE, BELL FARM

Just a reminder that this Saturday 30th April I'm holding a barn sale at Bell Farm, Cratfield. Bell Farm is right in the middle of the village, just down from The Poacher pub. Look for balloons and sign boards. This is a true clear-out, and there are many interesting items, large and small including house wares, workshop items, furniture, vintage fabrics, horse stuff and clothes.

It starts early at 10.00am till about midday.

There will be coffee, tea, bacon and egg butties served, so make a breakfast date. Help me clear the house I'm leaving and raise money for the church. All the profits are going to St. Mary's Cratfield, to help replace the lead roof.

If you have anything to donate, call me on 01986 798790. Parking will be down the drive and along the roadside. If you have any mobility difficulties, there will be limited parking round the back of the house.

Natalie Meg Evans

THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone in the village who offered to bake, shop or anything else to help me whilst my arm was in a plaster cast due to a nasty fall on my kitchen floor. The fracture is healing well and maybe by the time you read this I will be out of my cast. Rod has coped in the kitchen and looked after me very well.

Elizabeth Dix
Hill View
Bell Green

Heveningham Hall

“Heveningham Hall Country Fair Trust are delighted to announce that the Fireworks and Bonfire evening raised £19k, which will go towards supporting local communities.”

Mike Stephens
Publicity Heveningham Hall Country Fair Trust

Broadband – further comment from Rod

Ofcom have now updated the mobile phone coverage on their website to include average or expected broadband speeds as well. www.ofcom.org.uk/check-coverage/ Try your postcode and let us know what it says. But be aware, the figure that the Ofcom site will quote is an average for any given postcode. I am reliably informed that they have created the tables from real data provided by BT (who own the cables irrespective of who your ISP is) rather than the normal ruse of saying you are “x” km from the exchange and will therefore get “y” Mb/s. As with any average there should be some who get more, and some who get less, than the quoted figure.

Rod Sugden

On Monday 18th April pm a dog entered our fields and savaged two of our turkeys that were sitting on eggs. The owners would have known that their dog had killed something as it would have been covered in blood and may have carried the head back to them.

CCTV is being reinstalled, so if this happens again the evidence will be given to the police.

It is the responsibility of the dog owners to keep their dogs under control where livestock are about. What would the outcome have been if the dog had attacked a child?

Heather Hargood

(Heather submitted a photo showing the headless corpse which we did not think suitable to print. Sue Eade ed.)

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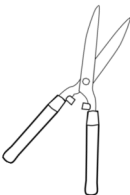
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Next meeting: Tuesday 10th May – Parish Council AGM and Annual Parish Meeting 2016

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

Parish Council Meeting – 7.30pm

Agendas (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!



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POACHER EVENTS FOR MAY

Open Bank Holiday Monday (2nd). Closed Tues.

Tues 10th. Men's discussion group and the ladies group are invited too.

Weds 11th Book Club

Weds. 18th Acoustic night

Sat. 21st. Romping Roy's Jazz Band

2016 MOBILE LIBRARY DATES

Silverleys Green 14.15-14.35

The Poacher 14.45-15.00

Calling every four weeks on Tuesdays

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

SUFFOLK BROADBAND – Again?

This letter is in one way a response to Rod Sugden's recent letters on this subject, in another, an attempt to relieve the frustration and discontent I have with the poor, and I believe worsening, service we suffer from in Cratfield.

Sue and I live at the junction of Bell Green and Manse Lane: in May last year our broadband speed (download) was 1.97 – nearly the 2Mb/s. This year it has been consistently lower. We had our TV and broadband speed remotely tested by Samsung and Plus Net during March; download was never higher than 1.4 and on one evening was at 0.97. 'Catch up' TV is totally frustrating, we don't try to download film, even my BBC radio iPlayer is unreliable.

I do not have Rod's detailed working knowledge of broadband – nor am I on first name terms with the Prime Minister – but I do recognise his expertise and competence in this area and see the argument he is making. I also think that there must be many other people in our village who are experiencing the same frustrations as myself.

I have written to Councillor Stephen Burroughes and he has responded by saying, “Would it be useful for the better broadband team to come along and speak to the Parish Council, maybe I could pull together a few more parishes so as to make it a more useful event.”

I am not too naïve to believe that this would be a panacea for all our broadband ills, but I do believe it to be a positive suggestion and am willing to arrange a public meeting – probably in the Village Hall.

Clearly numbers count in these situations and a good turnout would be useful and just might be significant. If you are interested please let me know by speaking to me, or by phone 798617 or email peter-baker@madasafish.com

Peter Baker



Cratfield Village Hall

News

May 2016

Cratfield Companion Dog Show 8th May

We are hoping for great weather for this popular event and are having fun guessing who will win the 'Dog most like it's owner' class and 'Dog with the prettiest eyes'! Lots of other fun classes to enter too.

During the judges lunch break there will be games for children including Dog Gymkhana, Football, Egg and Spoon races and Hoop-La.

It's a great day out - even if you don't have a dog! There will be a BBQ, refreshments, home made cakes and ice cream, as well as a raffle.

The charities supported this year are the East Anglian Air Ambulance and Halesworth Dementia Carers Fund. We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Yoga Classes

These have now started on Thursday evenings. Thank you to all who have shown an interest so far.

For any further enquiries about the class please contact Jenny Mercer (the tutor) by e mail on info@yoga-house.co.uk and she will be able to confirm if there is room.

For those that have already signed up please could you let Jenny know if you are unable to attend on a particular evening since it helps to have rough numbers when setting up the hall.

Photographic Competition 15th October

the subjects for this year are

Suffolk Cats

Suffolk Colours

Suffolk Flowers

Cratfield Christmas Card

Horticultural Show 27th August !!

I hope everyone found their schedule and also noticed the mistake with the date. Apologies for the confusion, as stated above it is in August!! Please contact Ali 798063 or Carolyn 799187 you have any questions or need advice.

100 Club

The lucky winners for April were 1st Natalie Lloyd-Evans #20 £15, 2nd Dennis Rockall #94 £10, 3rd Roger Harrison #28 £5.00.

The 100 Club is an annual subscription and the new forms for next year are available from Heather Hargood.

Future Dates for your Diary

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 November 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 the person to contact is now **Jo Nunn, 01986 799181**. There are **preferential rates** for Cratfield residents.

Cratfield Parish Council

Summary of the March meeting

The full draft minutes can be found on CPC's website: www.cratfield.onesuffolk.net.

PARISHIONERS OPEN FORUM - 7.15pm

No parishioners present.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - 7.30pm

Matters Arising

PB referred to the payment made to HRG Services, which was made to them in error. The Clerk to email a copy of the bank statement and invoice to PB to reclaim.

County & District Councillor Reports and Police Report a) County & District Councillor Burroughes was not present, report (on website) b) Police Report – no longer issued.

Financial Report and Approve Cheques The RFO read out the Finance and the Budget report and the following were approved for payment.

Date	Payee	Amount
15/03/2016	Glasdon UK - Dog Bin	£ 1.03.82
15/03/2016	S. Chapman - Clerk (Salary Jan-Mar)	£ 514.80
15/03/2016	S. Chapman - Clerk (office costs/expenses)	£ 45.84

a) New Audit Regime

The Clerk advised Councillors that CPC were:

Group 3 – Authorities with neither income nor expenditure exceeding £25,000. Councillors agreed to formally opt-in to the new audit regime.

Internal Auditor - An internal auditor needs to be appointed to complete this year's audit and the Clerk was asked to forward the criteria.

b) Charitable Donations - Councillors discussed the donations for this year and asked the Clerk to investigate any restrictions.

Statutory Documents Annual Review

Councillors reviewed the following: a) Asset Register b) Code of Conduct Policy c) Financial Regulations Policy d) Risk Assessment Policy e) Standing Orders Policy A few minor amendments were made on the Asset Register and Standing Orders Policy.

To formally approve Clerk's Contract

The Clerk's contract was approved and signed by the Chair and the Clerk.

Planning Applications and Decisions since last meeting Applications

- a) Installation of Solar Panels on existing agricultural building roof - Church Farm Heveningham Road.
- b) Condition No 1 - School Farm Church Road.

Decisions

- a) Construction of a new building for the use of a garden/summer room after the original building burnt down. Status: Application Permitted
- b) Change of use from A4 (Public House) to C3 (Residential) Status: Application Permitted
- c) Proposed renovation and refurbishment of an existing agricultural building into a residential dwelling. Status: Application Refused

Ownership of Village Pump & Land

Councillors discussed and the Clerk advised it would cost £19.00 to check the Land Registry.

To consider quotes for replacement Notice Boards

Councillors approved the 12 x A4 Portrait Noticeboards from Officefurniture at £215 ex. VAT each. Clerk to order two for the village.

Play Area and Village Maintenance Update Play Area Update

The Chair read through the maintenance list and RS and PB confirmed all except 3c (to be monitored) had been repaired. b) RS and PB had completed the Play Area and Equipment check lists for late January and March 2016. c) MO reported on some costings for aluminum goal posts and said he would speak to the Play Ground Inspector re their suitability.

Village Maintenance

The Chair asked RS and PB to check the state of the hedge on the Play Area.

Correspondence

- a) Secret Gardens of Suffolk poster
- b) Flyer advertising a memorial coin for the Queen's 90th birthday.

Any Other Business

Litter Pick Councillors decided on a village litterpick for 16th April 2016 from 10.00am.

Items for next Agenda

RC spoke of the repairs on the mechanism of Cratfield Church's birdcage clock costing approximately £300 and asked if CPC would like to give a donation. To be carried forward to the next meeting.

To confirm next meeting date/time:

Tuesday 10th May 2016 – 7:15pm (Annual Parish Meeting and AGM)

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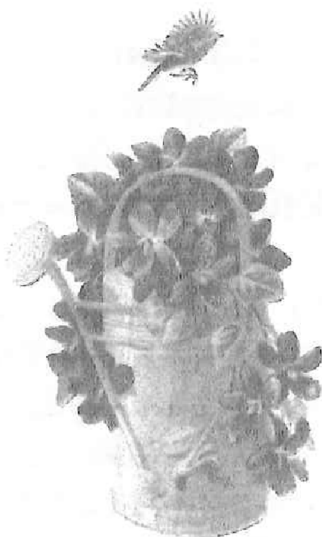
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Sunday 1st	No service in Cratfield
Sunday 8th	6.30pm Evensong RO
Sunday 15th	No service in Cratfield
Sunday 22nd	8.00am Holy Communion RO
Sunday 29th	No service in Cratfield

Sunday 8th Acts 16:16-34 Rev 22:12-14,16-17,20-21 John 17:20-26
 Sunday 15th Acts 2:1-21 Romans 8:14-17 John 14:8-17,
 (25-27)
 Sunday 22nd Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15
 Sunday 29th 1 Kings 18:20-21,(22-29), 30-39 Galatians 1:1-12
 Luke 7:1-10

CRATFIELD CHURCH DUTY ROTA FOR MARCH

Date	Sides-person	Reader	Flowers
Sunday 8th	M. Thompson	R. Harrison	
Sunday 15th			
Sunday 22nd	D. Peacock	P. Baker	
Sunday 29th			

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

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'AUCTION OF PROMISES' MAY 21st 2016

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Dear Friends,

Do you remember Archbishop Michael Ramsey? He was once asked how long he spends praying each day and after a moment's thought he answered, "About two minutes. But it takes me twenty five minutes to achieve that."

Prayer can be very difficult; I am challenged with questions such as: How often should I pray? How should I pray? What should I pray about? How long should I pray? How do I handle intrusive thoughts that keep getting in the way?

There is no single answer to these questions. St. Teresa of Avila once wrote that she found prayer very difficult and likened intrusive thoughts to being like flies buzzing round her head when she was trying to work in the vegetable patch.

I once listened to a well-known speaker, Michele Guinness, talk on the subject of prayer and she told of an instance where she discussed the plight of one of her husband's parishioners with him. At the end of the conversation, he said, "Shall we pray for her?" To which Michele replied: "I thought we already had."

There is no magic formula to prayer. Prey when you have something to share or to say in a way you feel is right for you, don't feel that you have to kneel; don't be overly formal, talk to God as if you are talking to a friend – because you are! Somebody once said they imagine that they are leaving a message on an answering service – why not? It obviously works for them! Pray about things that bother you or that you want to be thankful for; take as long as you need.

If all else fails, just take some quiet time to sit and be with God.. Open yourself to Him and let Him look on you and in you. Jesus once said that before you have opened your mouth to pray, God knows what you need.

With my prayers and best wishes,

Ron

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