

CRATFIELD NEWS

August 2016



National Garden Scheme (NGS) Appleacre Open Garden
Sunday 29th May 2016

This year we were truly blessed with really lovely weather and it brought the crowds out in force. We had 212 visitors and raised over £1,100.00. Again, the day would not have been such a success without the excellent help we had from Ian and Margaret Thompson, Jon and Maureen Amsden, Sue Seabon, Peter Baker, our daughter Chloe and her son Gwyn.

To all of you who very kindly made and donated cakes, a very special thank you.

Margaret and Maureen in the tea-room made a great £340.00 and ran it very smoothly as usual.

We were touched by the encouragement, support and offers of help given to us by the whole village.

The proceeds have been forwarded to the NGS who distribute funds to ten very worthwhile charities.

Poo and Tim Shaw

(With sincere apologies from the editor (Sue), this should have been published in last month's magazine.)

CONGRATULATIONS.....

to Kate and Richard (at Box Bush Cottage) on the birth of baby Bella in early July

and somewhat belatedly to Sally Ann and Oilly (at Larter's Farm Barn) on the birth of their baby boy.

We wish them all well for the future.

HEDGES

Please could all Cratfield residents check their hedges to ensure they are not grown over the footpath or that they are a danger to road users? A good cutback would help the safety of others!

Many thanks

Sally Clerk to Cratfield Parish Council



Midsummer Madness

Well another Midsummer Madness and we were blessed with a rare balmy evening!

Lots of people have asked about the origins and where does the money go to ... The original idea emerged as a way of getting people together with the option of having a look at the Parish Plan, before a copy was put into the Village Hall. We wanted to celebrate having a community and showcase some of our local talent. Over the years we have had performances from Rob Fincham (Purple Lights of Latitude fame), Ollie Adams (Folk Collective), Katie Bealing with various bands and Cara Cleibh (from Thorndon with links to the village). John O'Brien has also been our disco and Karaoke man over the years. All of the performers are paid in beer and burgers with a donation for travel expenses. I am sure you agree that we are lucky to have such talent on our doorstep.

This has never been promoted as a fund-raiser as our belief is that Cratfield does a lot to fund-raise for the village and other charities- so this was a chance to have a party that was open to all in the village and any friends that they would like to bring along. We don't usually publicise beyond the village as we want to maintain the spirit of it being for the community.

The lorry was lent to us from the Chapman family

The electricity was provided by Yvonne and Trevor, cabling from Folk East

Fire bowl hired from Simon Price (Laxfield)

What we do rely on volunteers to pull it all together – this year our set up team involved:

Lottie, Chrissie, Nick, Ian, Lotty, Roger, Tina, Katie with the help of Jimmy and Lydia.

On the night: Lottie (Bar); Katie (Children's games); Chrissie, Paul, and Margaret (Barbecue); Ian (generator).

Clear up team: Natalie, Chrissie, Ian, Katie (Jimmy and Lydia), Lotty, James and Roger.

Our aim is to break even and we usually do.... This year we are £32.20 in profit which we will split between the church and the village hall.

Thank you everybody for such a lovely evening

Tim and Sue

CRATFIELD CARPET BOWLS

EVERY WEDNESDAY 7-15 9-15pm

Due to a shortage of members, the Cratfield Carpet Bowls may have to close in the near future. The present membership is seven members and this is not enough to keep us going. We have in the past tried several promotional events with limited response.

The club which was started in 1998, has, in the past, enjoyed success in tournaments and friendly matches with other carpet bowls clubs, but due to a shortage of members we can no longer take part. It is hoped that we will continue until the end of the year with our Wednesday evening two hour sessions.

MIDSUMMER MADNESS

On behalf of all who attended I would like to thank Sue and Tim for once again organising this excellent village event. What a night it was! The sun was still shining and when the sun went down the moon came out *and* it was still warm, maybe in part due to the blazing fire bowl.

The bar was buzzing, Pimms, beer and wine flowing, the barbecue was wafting out delicious aromas, the band was rocking and everyone was in good spirits, friends and neighbours enjoying each other's company which, as Sue said in her piece, is what it is all about. With ages ranging from under 2 to over 82 it was truly a community event. If, sadly, you missed out, then let's hope they will be able to make it happen again next year.

Well done the Ackerleys.

It's that time of year so why not try this barbecue recipe.

Barbecued pork with sage, lemon and prosciutto

Ingredients

85g pack of prosciutto
juice of 3 lemons, zest finely grated
3tbsp fresh sage leaves, roughly chopped
3 x 350-450g/12oz-1lb pork tenderloins, trimmed of any fat
oil for brushing
50g butter chilled and cut into thin slices
sage sprigs, to garnish

Method

Whizz together the prosciutto, the zest of three and the juice from 1½ lemons, the sage and plenty of seasoning until blended to give a thick paste. Put aside and reserve the rest of the lemons.

Cut each tenderloin lengthways down the centre, but not all the way through. Open out the meat, butterfly style and flatten slightly. Make about 10 deep slashes in each tenderloin, cutting about three quarters of the way through. Rub the paste over the meat and into the slashes. Brush the meat with oil. Barbecue paste side down for 6-8 minutes until tender and cooked through.

To serve, top with pieces of butter, leave for a minute or two to melt. Squeeze the reserved lemon halve over the meat, scatter with sprigs of sage and cut into slices.

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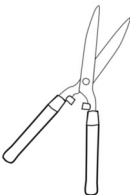
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THE GUILD OF MASTER SWEEPS

So my wife, me and the kids were sitting and watching a film.

As is usual for us we were also enjoying some snacks whilst watching the film, jaffa cakes and cookies with hot chocolates all round!

The middle child decided she needed the toilet, just as the film as the film was getting to a good bit (always the way), so we paused it. Then the oldest stood up and brushed crumbs off herself and said "I need the hand hoover!" by which she meant the handheld vacuum we have for just such occasions, as she left the room the wife said "Crumbs are annoying, aren't they?" To which the child laughed. The wife then turned to me "Kids eh? Who'd have them?" We say this to each other a lot, to which the answer usually is "Us!", obviously, as we have three!

On this occasion I answered differently.

"Well," says I. "You can't have the cookie without getting the crumbs!"

I feel this statement works on so many levels...



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POACHER EVENTS FOR AUGUST

Tuesday 2nd Men's Group
Thursday 4th Quiz
Tuesday 9th Ladies' Group
Wednesday 17th Acoustic Night

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Silverleys Green 14.15-14.35
The Poacher 14.45-15.00

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16 August, 13 September, 11 October, 8 November, 6 December

Summer term Report – All Saints Primary School

It has been a very busy term indeed.

It began with SATs. Our pupils really tried their best. We are glad to be supported by brilliant parents and carers who work with us to ensure pupils are well prepared. The results have just come in and we are well above national average in all subjects. Congratulations to our hard working pupils.

Then after half term we held our Annual Arts week. This year it was themed around China and the pupils experienced Chinese fan and dragon dancing, Chinese cooking and a puppet show. Elaine Nason and Melanie Pipe came in and worked with the pupils to create either Chinese crowns or more traditional crowns, which were then taken home ready for the Village celebration on the Saturday. We were pleased to have an exhibit in the church for the flower festival.

Year 5 took part in a Bikeability scheme, so you may have seen them cycling around Laxfield. This is such an important skill to learn.

We held our first Family Worship Assembly in June, led by Revd David, Pastor Tim and Liz Hammond. It was a success and there is talk of another one in the Autumn term. Everyone is welcome.

Four of our pupils took part in the County Cross Country final around Mellis Common. Millie came second in the year 5/6 girls and Sienna 3rd in the year 3/4 girls. Congratulations to them.

Class 2 visited the home of Springwatch, RSPB Minsmere on their educational visit and enjoyed a sunny day (thank goodness) pond dipping and bird watching. Class 1 went to Foxborough Farm to learn about animals in the local environment such as mini-beasts and pond creatures. Class 3 headed off to Africa Alive and enjoyed learning about animals not in the local environment.

We also managed to fit in Sports Day, which was won by the Green team and had a really lovely Summer Fair (organised by the

CRATFIELD VILLAGE HALL

AUGUST 2016

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Now that the warmer weather has arrived at last it is time to turn your attention to your gardens and think about your entries for the

Cratfield Horticultural Show on Saturday 27th August.

How are your onions and shallots coming on? Are your tomatoes and cucumbers loving these hot days? Which of your flowers are going to be the stars of the show? Have you made your strawberry jam or chutney yet?

Please don't be put off entering – we are all amateurs and just hoping to have a fun day with friends. So come on Cratfield Village – help us to make it a great day.

If you don't grow you can bake, if you don't bake you can sew, knit or crochet and if you don't do any of these you can just come and have a look.

There are free classes for children to enter too.

There will be Pimms and light refreshments served from 2.30 pm when the show will be open to the public.

We are hoping for lots of entries, but please note that there will be no entries on the day.

All entries should be made using the entry form and should be taken to

**Salisbury House, Manse Lane, Cratfield
by Wednesday 24th August.**

If you have mislaid either the schedule or the entry form then there will be copies at The Poacher and at the Church or ring Carolyn on 01986 799187.

100 Club

The draw was held at Nova on July 20th

1st Doris Cook No.21 £15.00, 2nd Carolyn White No.36 £10.00
3rd Mary Cousin No.39 £5.00

Future dates for your diary

October 1st Pie and Pud Night (don't forget to book early)

October 15th Photographic Competition and Exhibition

Don't forget this year's subjects

Suffolk Cats

Suffolk Colours

Suffolk Flowers

Cratfield Christmas Card

November 26th 70/80s Night

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

Jo Nunn 01986 799181

There are preferred rates for Cratfield residents

Cratfield Parish Council

July 2016

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

Summary of the July's Meeting

Matters Arising

CLr Steward confirmed the new noticeboard at Bell Green near the bus shelter has been put up and the Council thanked CLr Sannick for his hard work. The old noticeboard is being refurbished and will be placed in the bus shelter for village events. The noticeboard at Silverleys Green will soon be replaced.

County & District Councillor Reports

CLr Burroughes gave an update on devolution, signage throughout Suffolk and the grass cutting schedule (full report: www.cratfield.onesuffolk.net/cratfield-parish-council/district-councillor-s-reports).

- A Rural Broadband Provision meeting to discuss and give advice on Broadband for local villages was suggested and agreed for September at Cratfield Village Hall. Date to be confirmed.

- CLr Burroughes informed he had recently been elected Vice Chairman of Suffolk County Council and he will remain as the local County and District Councillor.

Finance

The RFO read out the Finance and the Budget report and the following were approved for payment:

Date	Payee	Amount
10/05/2016	EAAA Grant	£150.00
12/07/2016	S. Chapman - Clerk (Salary June & July)	£343.20
12/07/2016	Clerk's Expenses (June & July's)	£ 53.30
12/07/2016	SALC Annual Subscription	£168.27
No receipts received since the last meeting.		
Balance to 29th April 2016		
Current account balance		1897.00
Business Saver Account balance		2570.28
Petty Cash		0.00
Total funds		£4467.28

Transparency Grant

The Clerk informed Councillors of the Government's transparency grant to aid small Councils to comply with the Transparency Code. It will enable the PC to update the Clerk's computer equipment and training. It was agreed for the Clerk to apply for the grant.

Planning Applications and Decisions since last meeting

Councillors noted the following:

Applications

- a) Change of use of part of Home Farm, Glevering from Agricultural Barns to Residential**
(incorrect papers – to be returned)
- b) Proposed alterations and extensions including external rendering and replacement windows to existing dwelling**
(papers to come to meeting) - Baltic Farmhouse - Status: Pending Consideration
- c) Details as required by conditions 12, 13, 14 and 15 of Planning Permission Consent C/13/0911**
School Farm - Status: Pending Consideration
- d) Installation of Solar Panels on existing agricultural building roof**
Church Farm - Status: Not Available

Decisions

- a) Change of use of portion of grassed field to a riding manege**
Baltic Farm - Status: Application Permitted
- b) Conversion of existing detached double garage into residential annexe**
Oak Tree Cottage - Status: Application Permitted
- c) To remove and replace five defective windows.**
Rose Farm - Status: Application Permitted
- d) Proposed new oak framed garden room**
Wivern House - Status: Application Permitted
- e) Barn conversion**
Rookery Farm - Status: Application Permitted.
- f) Barn conversion**
Rookery Farm - Status: Application Permitted
- Ownership of Village Pump & Land**

Clr Baker informed the pump stands on Potters Roost's land. The Clerk was asked to contact the owners to see if their deeds confirm the ownership of the pump.

Village Update

Play Area

- RS had strimmed the area and the Chair will weed kill. Otherwise all in order.
- Clerk to speak to the Play Ground Inspector re aluminum goal posts suitability.

Village Maintenance

- The dog waste bin and Silverley's Green noticeboard will be soon put in place.
- Clr's commented on the overgrown hedges over the footpaths in The Street and asked the Clerk to put a notice in Cratfield News asking owners to cut back.
- An overgrown hedge and a blocked gully was reported on Heveningham Road.
- Overgrown footpath on waste land near Gothic Cottage, Silverleys Green.

Correspondence

Thank you letter from EAAA for the grant received.

Any Other Business

Clr's agreed to plant an Oak tree on the Millennium Meadow in the autumn to commemorate the Queen's 90th birthday. Tree and plaque not to exceed £100.00

Items for next Agenda

- Defibrillator to consider re-siting to Village Hall.
- Letting Policy for Millennium Meadow and Play Area.

To confirm next meeting date/time:

Councillors noted the meeting dates and times for the next year and the next meeting date:

Tuesday 13th September 2016 - 7.30pm

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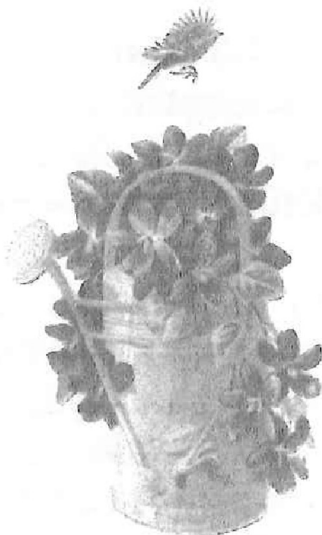
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FROM YOUR CHURCH WARDEN

This year we've been unable to have our usual spring workday in the Church yard, with the result that it is now looking a little unkempt, particularly towards the back.

This is a plea for help. If anyone can spare some time to help us get on top of the situation it would be greatly appreciated. Even just an hour of strimming, trimming, raking, burning, hedge clipping or general tidying would be most helpful.

Please speak to me or Don and we can show you what is needed.

Thanks in anticipation.

Andy

The Vicarage, Noyes Avenue, Laxfield

Dear Friends

What does WLTM mean? Well if you have ever perused the lonely hearts columns in the paper you would know it means: Someone **Would Like To Meet** another person with particular characteristics. Imagine if it were not a human being you WLTM but God. You would probably meet in the place built in his honour, the church in each of our villages. I wonder what would your requirements be? Many lonely hearts lay down hopelessly idealistically (and rather unreasonable) conditions such as young slim and attractive'. So trying not to be unreasonable what are your requirements where God is concerned?

Here are some possibilities:

'I only want God to be there when I need him.'

'Church must be exactly the same as when I was a child.'

'Fun times only, not difficult/boring/challenging bits.'

'If the Church was like it is at Christmas, something to bring the kids to, I'd maybe give it a try'.

But just suppose God has been saying to us all our lives that he WLTM us. Not just those of us who go to church regularly, but everyone. He does lay down one simple condition, that we come as we are, without excuses, without dictating terms, without thinking that Jesus is just someone like Father Christmas for small children to know about and then grow out of. God wants to share his love with us as we are, he does not expect us to be saints. Would our defences then come down as we realized his love for us is genuine and caring, far more than the human ideal advertised for?

Church services may not always press the right buttons, but no-one is saying that they or we are perfect. The Old Prayer Book encourages us 'to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul'. That's a reasonable programme for all of us, not just at Christmas but in August too.

David

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