

# CRATFIELD NEWS

*January 2020*



**VILLAGE COMMUNITY WALK  
SUNDAY JANUARY 12TH 2.00PM  
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**Please join us for the walk and afterwards for bonfire, hot  
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On behalf of Peter, Graham and myself I would like to wish you all a happy and healthy 2020 And thank you for reading our magazine.



If you would like, not only to read, but also to write, contributions are very welcome.

## **WELCOME**

A warm welcome to Jackie Steward and family who have recently moved in to Clearview, Sliverleys Green. We hope they'll enjoy living here in Cratfield.

## **THANK YOU**

Our most grateful thanks to Graham Nixey who has very kindly volunteered to take up the position of treasurer for the Cratfield News. So all will continue to run smoothly and Geoff is able to take his well earned rest. Although, even after all these years, Geoff still delivers over 50 magazines around the village.

***Laxfield Produce, Craft and Flea Market***  
***Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2020***  
***9.30am -12 midday***  
*inside All Saint's Church and in the Royal Oak*  
*and outside on Church Plain*

Very best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year to all our lovely customers.

Your continued support is vital in helping to create the great buoyant atmosphere each month. This year we've been pleased to welcome several new faces to the Market, some recently moved into the village.

Stallholders look forward to greeting you again on the 4<sup>th</sup> January. Restock your fridge and cake tin with the local foods on sale or liven up the left-overs with some fresh and zingy preserves. Also on offer from 20+ stalls will be organic veg, local honey and meats, Wandering Bee clothing, locally made jewellery, French and English vintage, collectibles, plus second-hand 'junk'. Garden birds will be needing feeding now it's colder so visit Ruth's stall for bird food and collect some lovely free-range eggs from her at the same time.

Do you have birthdays to buy for early in the year? This Market is a great place to find lovely unique gifts, hand-made and not mass produced, it beats shopping in towns and battling through the left-over sale goods. Cards and wrapping paper are available as well. Buy a postage stamp from the Co-op across the road, and the job's done.

Last month brisk sales of Laxfield panto tickets took place, and this month Laxfield Cinema will be advertising their season's films, so local entertainment on offer too.

Refreshments as usual will be available in the Church, and in the pub where breakfasts, bacon butties and teas/coffees and lunches will all be on offer, plus delicious edibles from both Cheryl and Sue's bakes stalls.

Thinking of taking stall space this year? Contact Catherine Cawood on 01986 798852 for more details. There's normally a waiting list, so do plan ahead.

*The Laxfield Produce, Craft and Flea Market welcomes you on the first Saturday morning of every month –*

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## For the Birds



The moment we moved to Cratfield, before we had time to make human friends, we found a readymade social set – the birds in our garden. Our garden, like the whole of the village, is full of birds.

When it is in its full winter swing our busy bird feeding station does more covers in a day than Carluccio's in Canary Wharf. There are dunnocks, sparrows, blue tits, coal tits, finches and goldfinches hanging like necklaces from their beloved Niger seed.

Some birds visit occasionally to feed. Others live here. They are entertainers and clowns whose antics delight and occasionally puzzle us. Each bird has its way of moving – such as the inimitable hopping of blackbirds and the stabbing way they feed on the lawn. The pigeons jerk like grey pull-along wooden toys across the grass. Mr Pheasant pecking his iridescent way around our lawn together with his wives. Once he fought a bitter battle for supremacy with a rival male - under our noses. Birds can be very beautiful – like the raptors – these savage creatures who need flesh to survive and can seem handsome and impressive but never comic. There are the buzzards circling overhead like warplanes – and the ghostly barn owls that glide over us at twilight. A hovering kestrel still as a freeze frame eyeing up our lawn for prey. A beady eyed sparrow hawk sitting on the telephone line ogling the packed bird feeder like a hungry diner staring at a buffet table.

During the season mating birds shook out hedges with lascivious green laughter. We have witnessed the odd death. A thrush stiff and mangled on the lawn. A heartbreakingly perfect dead robin by our conservatory window - cause of death unknown.

The Old Year has gone, and we stand at the threshold of a new one. Whatever joys and sorrows the New Year brings the birds will remain with us. There will be birdsong. The woodwind hoots of tawny owls at night. The liquid sounds of a watch of nightingales from distant trees. The needle-sharp clarity of the dawn chorus. I would like to finish with the song of a beloved literary bird. Hardy's elderly thrush, tremulously greeting the arrival of the Twentieth Century in a poem Hardy wrote for New Year 1900.

**Nigel Cousins**

## **The Darkling Thrush**

I leant upon a coppice gate  
When Frost was spectre-grey,  
And Winter's dregs made desolate  
The weakening eye of day.  
The tangled bine-stems scored the sky  
Like strings of broken lyres,  
And all mankind that haunted nigh  
Had sought their household fires.  
The land's sharp features seemed to be  
The Century's corpse outleant,  
His crypt the cloudy canopy,  
The wind his death-lament.  
The ancient pulse of germ and birth  
Was shrunken hard and dry,  
And every spirit upon earth  
Seemed fervourless as I.  
At once a voice arose among  
The bleak twigs overhead  
In a full-hearted evensong  
Of joy illimited;  
An aged thrush, frail, gaunt and small,  
In blast-beruffled plume,  
Had chosen thus to fling his soul  
Upon the growing gloom.  
So little cause for carolings  
Of such ecstatic sound  
Was written on terrestrial things  
Afar or nigh around,  
That I could think there trembled through  
His happy good-night air  
Some blessed Hope, whereof he knew  
And I was unaware.

**Thomas Hardy**

MICHAEL OLIVER

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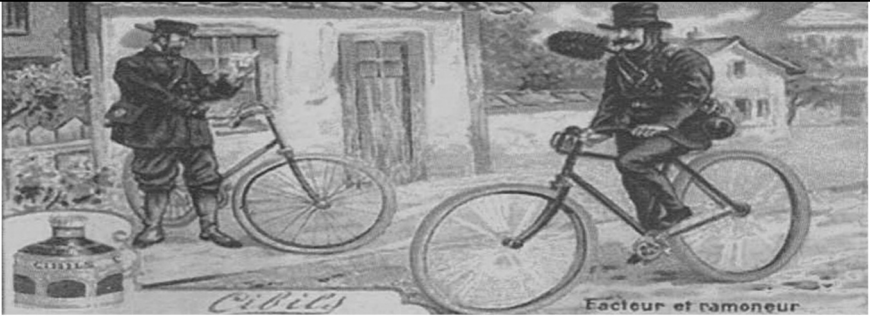
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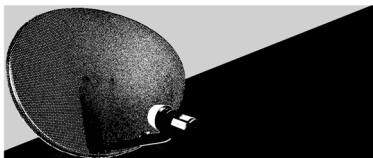
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## **Village Hall Update – December**

### **Christmas Fair –**

Another successful event at the Village Hall - many thanks to all the stall holders, visitors, mince pie makers, 'setter uppers' and 'clearer awayers' and to Richard for running the kitchen and keeping everyone fuelled with breakfast!

### **Next Pop Up Pub - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January with food by Cratfield Kitchen 6 – 9PM**

Many thanks to all the helpers and bar staff from the December pop up, and all the 'elves' who put all the lights and tree up to make the hall festive for the Pop Up Pub and the Christmas Fair. Cratfield Kitchen will also be providing food – but with a slightly limited menu due to other work pressures - but the usual great quality as standard.

### **Acoustic Night 4 ! - 14<sup>th</sup> March**

Following the huge success of the 3 previous acoustic nights and by popular demand we now bring you Acoustic Night 4 featuring rising star, singer and songwriter Joe Gibbings, more details to follow. Many thanks to Paul Marfleet for arranging these acoustic evenings and sourcing a fantastic array of talent.

### **Advance dates for your diary for 2020..**

Race Night – provisionally 22 Feb TBC

Next Village Hall Talk evening – 28 March – A spanish evening – more details to follow

Dog Show – 17<sup>th</sup> May

Sotterley Horse Show – 24<sup>th</sup> May

### **Photographic Competition – 10<sup>th</sup> October**

The categories are...

#### **Suffolk Transport –**

A category with plenty of scope! Any form of transport such as trains, planes, boats, bicycles, horse & carts, pogo sticks, buses, soap box racers, horse boxes, trucks, classic cars (and not so classic cars!) tractors, sledges – the list is endless. Think old, new, vintage or obscure, single or groups.

#### **Black & White Cratfield –**

A great opportunity for professionals and the not so professional amateur photographers among us - any photo in or around Cratfield in black and

white format, anything goes as long as it is black & white.

### **Suffolk Skylines –**

Be it a city scape, sea scape or country scene, any outline of a scene / location in Suffolk with the sky as a backdrop.

### **Fun category – Suffolk Seaside –**

Anything featuring the seaside, a day at the beach, a walk on a coastal path, messing about on the water, a picnic, sandy dogs – the list is endless!

### **Carpet Bowls Club –**

Continuing to go from strength to strength since reforming - meets every Wednesday 7 – 9 and cost is £2 per head and includes refreshments. The majority are novices who just get together to learn and have fun – so do come along and have a go – for £2 you might find you have a new hobby!

### **Gardening Club –**

From Caroline Marfleet - The dates for next year will again be the 1st Wednesday of the month so March 4th; May 6th; July 1st; September 2nd; November 4th. The March and November meetings will be held in the village hall and the summer meetings in a Cratfield garden. Details to be arranged. On March 4th, Tim from 'The Plantsman's Preference' near Diss will be our guest speaker. His nursery specialises in Grasses and Hardy Perennials and they hold the National Collection of Miscanthus. If anyone wants to pre-order plants, he will bring them to the meeting.' Caroline Marfleet

### **Next committee meeting – Thursday 30 January**

Open Forum 7.15 – 7.30 with committee meeting from 7.30. The open forum is for anyone who wants to ask the village hall committee any questions about use of the village hall or events etc. Please note only the committee can be in attendance for the committee meeting from 7.30 onwards.

### **100 Club draw held at NOVA,**

100 Club draw held at NOVA, 1<sup>st</sup> Andrew Barringer No: 58 £15.00 ; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesley King No: 85 £10.00 ; 3<sup>rd</sup> Sandra Taylor No: 53 £5.00. Congratulations to all the winners.

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### Summary of November 2019 Meeting

**Present:** Lotty Barbour (Chair), Richard Chivers (Vice Chair), Peter Baker, Chris Mobbs, Michael Oliver, Gloria Steward

**Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer:** Sally Chapman

**County & District Councillor Reports:** [www.cratfield.onesuffolk.net](http://www.cratfield.onesuffolk.net)

**Matters Arising - None**

### Finance

#### To receive the current Financial Reports and Approve Payments

Date	Income	Amount
27/09/2019	ESC Precept - 2nd Instalment	£ 1,600.00
21/11/2019	Scoones Partnership - Land Rent	£ 545.62
24/10/2019	Allotment Payment - T.A.	£ 32.50
28/10/2019	Allotment Payments	£ 81.50
30/10/2019	HHCFT Grant - Bus/Play Area Shelter	£ 4,925.00
06/11/2019	Allotment Payment M.P.	£ 16.25
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 7,200.87</b>
	<b>Expenditure</b>	
30/09/2019	Clerk's Salary - September	£ 179.75
31/11/2019	Clerk's Salary - October	£ 179.75
12/11/2019	Clerk's Expenses October & November	£ 24.50
12/11/2019	CAS Website Hosting	£ 60.00
12/11/2019	Play Equipment Inspection	£ 96.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 540.00</b>

#### To agree the Budget and Precept for 2020/21

Councillors unanimously agreed the Budget and Precept of £3,500 for 2020-21.

#### Heveningham Hall Country Fair Trust Grant - update

The Chair was delighted to inform HHCFT had given a grant of £4,925 towards the new bus/play shelter and landscaping.

#### Planning Applications and Decisions

##### Applications

##### a) Listed Building Consent

White House Cottage Bell Green Cratfield Halesworth Suffolk IP19 0DL Ref. No: DC/19/4024/LBC. Status: Awaiting decision

##### b) Erection of Double Garage and Alterations to Drive

Yew Trees Bell Green Cratfield Suffolk IP19 0DL Ref. No: DC/19/3827/FUL  
Status: Awaiting decision

##### c) Extension and Porch

Red Brick Barn Swan Green Cratfield Halesworth Suffolk IP19 0QQ Ref. No: DC/19/3548/FUL  
Status: Awaiting decision

#### **d) Variation of Legal Agreement**

2 Poachers Cottages Bell Green Cratfield Halesworth Suffolk IP19 OBL Status: Awaiting decision

#### **Decisions**

##### **a) Non-Material Amendment of DC/19/0863/FUL**

Yew Trees Bell Green Cratfield Suffolk IP19 ODL Ref. No: DC/19/3483/AME. Status: Permitted

##### **b) Details as required by Conditions 4, 5, 7 & 10 of planning permission DC/18/3647/FUL**

Roselynn Silverleys Green Cratfield IP19 OQJ. Ref. No: DC/19/3231/DRC. Status: Permitted

#### **Village Matters**

##### **a) Play Area Maintenance**

- Play Bark/Rubber Chippings - Cllrs viewed the samples of Play Area recycled rubber chippings and agreed an order to be placed in the spring. The initial outlay would be expensive and it was suggested to try and find funding.

##### **b) Village Maintenance**

- Hedges in the village had now been cut back and tidied off the pavements.

##### **c) Village Matters**

- Neighbourhood Watch – no update

- Parish Map update – the Clerk was asked to gain a further quote.

- Allotments update – two new allotments taken and two still to let. Clerk to advertise again.

##### **d) Millennium Meadow**

- Community Payback Team update – the Payback Team have spent four days tidying the Millennium Meadow and some Councillors were pleased with the result and asked the Clerk to send thanks. Cllrs discussed a twice yearly programme to maintain the area in spring and autumn and Cllr Steward expressed concern about the effect on the wildlife of the area. The Chair asked Cllr Steward to come up with a management plan for the Millennium Meadow. The Chair gave thanks to Mr David Steward for cutting the paths through the Millennium Meadow and Mr David Sillet for cutting the Play Area's grass throughout the year.

#### **Correspondence**

Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine

Fressingfield Parish Council's Councillor training event

Emails from Parishioners re hedge cutting

#### **Any Other Business**

None

#### **Items for next Agenda**

None

#### **To confirm next meeting dates:**

14<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7.15pm

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## January Recipe

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### Roast sprouts with apples, salt-sweet walnuts, chestnuts and honey

**Serves 8**

#### Ingredients

900g sprouts, trimmed, washed and halved

6 tbsp olive oil

75g walnut halves

50g cooked chestnuts, halved or quartered

1½ tbsp honey

pinch of cayenne pepper

sea-salt flakes

black pepper



#### For the apples

1½ tbsp olive oil

2 apples, cored and cut into wedges (no need to peel)

2 tbsp cider vinegar

½ tbsp honey

#### Method

Preheat the oven to 200C/190 fan/gas mark 6

Toss the sprouts in a tin with 4 tbsp of the olive oil. Roast for 15 minutes (but it does depend on the size).

Line another roasting tin with foil and toss in the walnuts, chestnuts, rest of the olive oil, honey, cayenne and some sea-salt flakes and freshly ground black pepper, then roast for 5minutes.

For the apples, heat the oil in a pan and sauté them. You just want to get a bit of colour, not make them soft. Remove them from the heat and add the vinegar and honey. Stir it all together.

Put the sprouts, chestnuts, walnuts and apples on to a platter and serve.

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January 2020

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year!

The start of a new year is always a good time for taking stock of our lives and making plans, though this year we will all have to consider what changes Brexit may bring. As in all things, there will be winners and losers. I was reminded of this after the recent election when, the following day there were scenes of jubilation alongside scenes of dejection and sadness. This has ever been the case in elections, as in life in general, for some, a time to weep and for others a time to laugh (Ecclesiastes 3.4) and I daresay it will always be the case in this life.

Jesus gives us hope through a very famous sermon, called 'the sermon on the mount' (Matthew 5). In essence, he says that he is going right the wrongs and make all things just and equal. The first few verses to me, are the most profound:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

In the period before Christmas – Advent, or 'the coming' we not only celebrate the coming of Jesus in his birth, but we look for the second coming when Jesus will return and bring about the Kingdom of heaven where there is no inequality just love, joy and harmony. Imagine a world where there is no need for elections or referendums, no politics and no-one jostles for first position without consideration of anyone else!

As we approach this period of uncertainty pray for each other and if you are a winner, remember those who have not fared so well and ask yourself: 'what can I do to level the playing field? What can I do to realise Jesus promise and bring the Kingdom of God nearer?

With my prayers and best wishes,

Ron

## St. Mary's Church Services – January 2020

Sunday 12th	Sunday 19th	Sunday 26th
6.30pm Evensong DB	9.30am Holy Communion DM	8.00am Holy Communion DM
Sidesperson A. Edmonds	Sidesperson A. Edmonds	Sidesperson D. Peacock
Reader P. Baker	Readers D. Peacock	Reader A. Edmonds
Isaiah 4:2 v1-9 Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 3:13-17	Isaiah 49:1-7 1 Corin 1:1-9 John 1:29-42	Isaiah 9:1-4 1 Corin 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-23

**St. Mary's wishes everyone a healthy, happy, joyous  
New Year**

**Come along and join us for the Community Walk on 12<sup>th</sup>  
January at 2.00pm.**

**Afterwards stay for a while around the bonfire with a hot  
drink and toasted tea-cake or any Christmas bits that need  
using up! Please bring them along**



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