

# **CRATFIELD NEWS**

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*January 2016*

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**2016**

## **Topic of local interest**

I read with interest the news from Cratfield Parish Council in the December issue, especially the words used in the section about the change of use application for the Cratfield Poacher. In particular the statement by the Chairman 'After the meeting I was contacted by a number of Cratfield residents who said they were unaware of this matter...'

I was certainly aware of it and I would suggest that anyone else in the village that actually uses the pub would be aware of it.

But that is of course a very small number of people.

So, logic dictates that the people who were unaware were unaware because they haven't been in there for the last six months or more, it does rather question the validity of the comments that they are stated to have made to Suffolk Coastal.

To those who were unaware, there is a well used phrase that comes to mind and is very common in rural communities, if you don't use it you lose it.

R.S.

## **THANK YOU**

Katie would like to thank everyone who supported her charity gig in November.

The pub was packed out.

The event raised £526.75 and the money split between 'Save the Children' and 'Oxfam'.

Well done Katie, it was an excellent night.

## **LOST**

On Abell's farmland short leather dog lead. It is of no great moment as we have a replacement, but, out of interest, did anyone pick it up? Or, are the foxes trying to keep their off-spring under control?

Nick retraced his steps, but nearly dark then we walked the same route the very next morning, but could find no trace.

If anyone has it, it would be useful as a reserve.

Crane's Cottage 798 725

## LEAD THEFT

There can be no-one in the village who was not shocked and disturbed by the desecration of our village church.

St Mary's church, Cratfield has become the latest victim of the metal thieves who have been targeting church roofs across the region. In the small hours of Friday 4th and Saturday 5th December they stripped around four tons of lead from the roof of this grade 1 listed medieval church. In a couple of hours they ripped off a roof that had protected the church for generations and would have continued to do so for generations to come. And this was not just theft of materials, it was the destruction of craftsmanship of the highest order, lost to mindless vandals.

Throughout the weekend volunteers from the village rallied round and worked in gale force winds to fix plastic sheeting as temporary protection for the inside of the church, and the church organ which stands under the exposed area. Unfortunately the plastic is unlikely to withstand winter conditions for very long and the urgent task now is to provide more durable protection until funds can be raised for a permanent replacement.

Ironically the church was in the process of arranging for a roof alarm system to be installed but with uncanny timing the thieves beat them to it.

In recent years, as insurance companies came under pressure from a countrywide epidemic of lead thefts, cover was limited to a fraction of the true replacement costs leaving parishes who had suffered major roof thefts struggling to find the shortfall. The situation has now improved with the development of effective alarm systems that help to deter the thieves and give parishes access to proper insurance cover. All too late, however, for Cratfield.

Dr Donald Peacock  
Cratfield PCC

### Innocent Smoothie Big Knit

Many thanks to Sue, Margaret, Carolyn, Heather and Viv who joined me on a cold, wet afternoon. We had a cosy time by the fire and *some* hats were produced! Thanks to Heather for arriving with a big bag of hats she had already made and to Carolyn and Viv for making quite a few more. Also to Margaret, as chief bobble maker!!

On hat count day we had 194 to send off, well done everyone!

P.S. We enjoyed getting together like this so much we plan to have a monthly meet up, details to follow. Please contact me, Ali, on (798063) if you are interested,

Also, thank you to Carolyn, Sue and Margaret who helped me make the Angels this year.

£60.00 was raised for the MS Society. Thank you to everyone who bought one, your support is much appreciated.

Ali Peet

### Sing in the New Year with YoxVox!

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### **Some ghastly cracker jokes!**

- Q. What do angry mice send each other at Christmas?  
A. Cross mouse cards!
- Q. What's the most popular Christmas wine?  
A. 'I don't like sprouts!'
- Q. Where does Father Christmas go when he's not well?  
A. To the elf centre!
- Q. Why does Santa have three gardens?  
A. So he can 'HO, HO, HO!'
- Q. Who is Santa's favourite singer?  
A. Elf-is Presley!
- Q. What do you sing at a snowman's birthday party?  
A. Freeze a jolly good fellow!



### **Christmas Fayre**

Thank you so much for coming to support us at the Fayre this year. First and foremost it has always been a community event so only days after the lead was stolen you proved how important St. Mary's is to you. We all had a wonderful afternoon and we thank you all. Those of you that worked, those of that gave and those of you that came. Thank you. What a special place you all make this to live in. Thank you.  
My good wishes to everyone for a healthy 2016  
Margaret Thompson.

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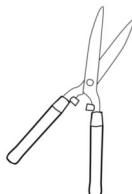
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## Poacher Events for January

Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup> Men's Discussion Group
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup> Book Club
Tuesday	9 <sup>th</sup> Ladies' Discussion Group
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup> Acoustic Night

Please note – no Quiz in January

## **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

## **THEY ARE SURVIVORS!**

(As yet another year passes, here are some reflections on the way things have changed for those born before 1940)

They were born before television, before penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lenses, videos and the pill. They were before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams and ballpoint pens, before dish-washers, tumble-driers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip-dry clothes....and before man walked on the moon.

They got married first and then lived together (how quaint can you be?). They thought 'fast food' was what you ate in Lent, a 'Big Mac' was an oversized raincoat and 'crumpet' was something you had for tea. They existed before house-husbands, computer dating and 'sheltered accommodation' was where you waited for the bus.

They were before day care centres, group homes and disposable nappies. They had never heard of FM radio, tape decks, artificial hearts, word processors, or young men wearing earrings. For them 'time sharing' meant togetherness, a 'chip' was a piece of wood or fried potato, 'hardware' meant nuts and bolts and 'software' wasn't a word.

Before 1940 'Made in Japan' meant junk, the term 'making out' referred to how you did in your exams, 'stud' was something that fastened a collar to a shirt and 'going all the way' meant staying on a double-decker bus to the terminus. In their day, cigarette smoking was 'fashionable', 'grass' was mown, 'coke' was kept in the coal-house, a 'joint' was a piece of meat you ate on Sundays and 'pot' was something you cooked in. 'Rock Music' was a fond mother's lullaby. 'Eldorado' was an ice-cream, a 'gay' person was the life and soul of the party, while 'aids' just meant beauty treatment or help for someone in trouble.

Those who were born before 1940 must be a very hard bunch when you think of the way in which the world has changed and the adjustments they have had to make. No wonder there is a generation gap today.....BUT

By the grace of God....  
they have survived!

## TICKLE HAS A PARTY

Tickle was celebrating his birthday, so he decided to have a party for all his friends. There was a lot to plan, so he asked his friends Charlie and Kendrick to help. They were all very excited.



First Tickle wrote a list of guests, which included Prince Rupert, Sox the cat, who was more partial to birds than mice, the two ponies from down the road and of course, his favourite uncle from Ireland, Shamrock. He lived in Dublin, under the barrels at the Guinness factory. Shamrock loved to visit his nephew, so Tickle knew he would accept his invite.

Tickle decided to hold his party in the village hall so he phoned the nice lady at The Cattery to ask if it was available. She said it was. Charlie and Kendrick said they would put up the decorations and get the food ready.

Tickle asked his good friend Lady Cupcake to make a special birthday cake and the choir and the bell-ringers were signed up to sing Christmas carols.



Everything was ready and Tickle picked out a dashing outfit of red waistcoat and green bow tie to wear, he looked very smart. Charlie and Kendrick had also made some party hats for everyone.

The big night came and all the guests arrived at the village hall. Charlie and Kendrick handed out the hats as they waited for the guest of honour. Tickle arrived on the back of Farmer Jack's tractor which had been draped in fairy lights and holly. The choir sang 'Happy Birthday' and the sound of the hand-bells rang out.

A good time was had by all. Tickle thanked everyone for coming as he cut the cake which looked like a big cheese with grapes trailing down the side like a garland.



It was the best birthday ever!



## CRATFIELD VILLAGE HALL

JANUARY 2016

- ❖ **Club 100 Winners** – The lucky winners for November were drawn on 3<sup>rd</sup> December - **1<sup>st</sup> Sandra Chivers No: 38 £15.00: 2<sup>nd</sup> Jackie Chapman No: 44 £10.00: 3<sup>rd</sup> Pat Chave No: 51 £5.00 congratulations.**
- ❖ **Following the lead being stolen from the church roof the committee have agreed that half of the proceeds from the sale of the 2016 calendars will be donated to St Mary's Church to assist with the cost of the replacement roof – we still have a few left if you would like to purchase one please contact Rebecca on 01986 799006 or Sandra on 01379 586816.**
- ❖ Thank you to everyone who supported the **Beetle Drive on 28<sup>th</sup> November** especial thanks to Tim Ackerley our caller for helping make it an enjoyable evening – and many thanks to everyone else who helped in any way or donated a raffle prize your support is as always appreciated.

Just a reminder - we are planning to decorate the loos at the village hall during January this shouldn't affect any hirers (we can work around you/them) so we start the year with freshly painted facilities for everyone to enjoy!

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2016**

**5<sup>th</sup> March Thai Food Evening Meal** – back by popular demand - times to be confirmed

**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**

**26<sup>th</sup> November – Possible Quiz or Beetle Drive or maybe something else!**

Please let us know if you have any suggestions or ideas for events in 2016 the next meeting of the Cratfield Village Hall Committee will be held on **25<sup>th</sup> February 2016** all welcome we would love to see you and hear from you.

If you would like to hire the hall for an event or you would like to hire any equipment (chairs/tables/crockery etc) for more details please contact **Carolyn White on 07794 914330** or email **carosalis47@gmail.com**



## Post Christmas Blues

So the Festive period is at a close, or nearly, depending on when you get the Mag.

One of the things I find most difficult about Christmas is how different it is compared to when I was a child. For a start it's a whole lot more expensive. I remember me and my brothers and sister getting great big piles of present and they used to cost me nothing! Now everything seems to cost me a fortune.

Now, bearing in mind that I am only going back just under 30 years now I remember Christmas being a great time. Two whole weeks off school, no homework (until the last day rush to get it all done) and nothing more important to do than get so excited about Christmas I'd make myself ill!

Those were the days that I get legitimately cry for hours because I got the Skeletor sword and shield set instead of the He-Man one, get tricked by my older brothers into thinking that my giant bar of chocolate gave me super-powers and therefore eating the lot in about 10 mins and having stomach-ache the rest of the day and getting into trouble for not eating my Christmas Dinner.

Memories of my Nanna who refused to have a colour TV (she'd never had one and didn't need or want one, thankyou!) coming round to watch the Queens Speech on our colour TV, forcing us all to yawn our way through it, then leaving again before the washing up needed doing (she was smarter than I gave her credit for).

Nowadays it's about watching the kids go through the same things and trying not to laugh too hard when they react the same way (although now they cry for hours because they got the Play Station 4 and not the Xbox One with Super Mega Kill Strike instead of Super Kill Mega Strike) trying not to get angry when they've scoffed the four tonnes of chocolate in the house and can't eat their Christmas Dinner because they're rolling on the floor clutching their tummies in pain. Watching the joy on their faces as the magic of Father Christmas is brought to life for another generation, how he manages to get them what they wanted, how his elves manage to escape copy-write laws and make Nintendos, Hasbro and Apple products without hefty fines and court cases (it must be magic after all!) so the Big Red Fella can bring it all down the blocked off chimney, through the bricked up fireplace and place it all under the fake tree ready for the kids to tear open in naught seconds flat and lose interest in half of it twice as fast.

But, I hear you ask, where does the Post Christmas Blues come into to this? Well next time you see me ask to see my credit card bill... all 58 and a half pages of it!

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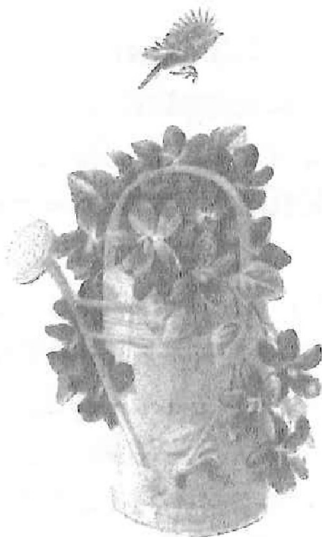
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Dear Friends,

Happy New Year!

Have you ever considered how many rites of passage you undergo throughout your life? No doubt in 2016 some of us may experience some. A recent list of 'rites of passage' I saw included the first time you ride a bicycle without the stabilisers, passing a driving test, leaving school, getting married, first child and so on. A rite of passage is a moment in our life when we make a transition.

One rite of passage that the Church offers is baptism. Baptism is our response to God's call to us to follow Christ, and is often known as Christening; it is carried out by a priest, mainly at the font and involves the symbolism of water and light. Most of us are Christened as children with the support of Godparents and our parents, though more and more are being Christened as adults. This rite of passage marks our transition from darkness into the light of Christ.

Being Christened however, is not the end, it is generally expected that this would be followed by what is known as Confirmation. Confirmation is an affirmation of the vows and undertakings that were made during Christening, when our parents and Godparents speak for us, but in Confirmation we confirm these vows and undertakings ourselves in front of the bishop, who then confirms us by laying his hands on our head.

We have a large number of children (and adults) who have been Christened but not Confirmed, so we are arranging for Bishop Martin to visit soon to carry out this rite of passage, so if you or someone you know qualify for Confirmation (you must be over 11 years of age), then please do contact David or myself. My telephone number is at the top of this letter, David's is: 01986-798136.

With my prayers and best wishes,

Ron

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

Sunday 3rd	9.45am Café Church Lay Elder
Sunday 10th	6.30pm Evensong RO
Sunday 17th	
Sunday 24th	11.00am Holy Communion DB
Sunday 31st	

Sunday 3rd	Jer 31:7-14	Eph 1:3-14	John 1:(1-9)10-18
Sunday 10th	Isaiah 43:1-7	Acts 8:14-17	Luke 3:15-17,21-22
Sunday 17th	Isaiah 62: 1-5	1 Cor 12:1-11	John 2:1-11
Sunday 24th	Neh 8:1-3,5-6	1 Cor 12:12-31a	Luke 4:14-21
Sunday 31st	Jer 1:4-10	1 Cor 13:1-13	Luke 4:21-30

### CRATFIELD CHURCH DUTY ROTA FOR JANUARY

DATE	SIDESPERSION	READER	FLOWERS
Sunday 3rd	A. Edmonds	C. Mobbs	
Sunday 10th	D. Peacock	A. Edmonds	
Sunday 17th			
Sunday 24th	M.Thompson	P. Baker	
Sunday 31st			

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.**

### PLEASE NOTE

The men's discussion group meets in the Cratfield Poacher on the first Tuesday of each month and the ladies' discussion group meet, also in the Poacher, on the third Tuesday in the month.

There will be no meetings of the Laxfield men's group until further notice.

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