

# CRATFIELD NEWS

July 2017



Pop-up pub and barbecue

Friday July 7<sup>th</sup>

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## **THANK YOU**

Very many thanks to all those who volunteered to help with the delivery of the magazine and believe me there were several.

The round is now covered, but if ever any deliverer feels they no longer have the time or the energy to carry on there are several people now upon whom we can call.

It was extremely gratifying to receive so many offers of help which proves that the magazine is appreciated and valued as a means of communication. It also proves that our village is truly a great community in which to live and be part of, despite the odd little niggle(!) which occurs from time to time.

Thanks again.

Sue

## **ON SALE**

In Cratfield Church you can find a newly published Guide to St. Mary's Church, produced by Don Peacock and illustrated with some of his paintings plus photographs by Geoff Moore. This publication is most interesting and informative providing an insight into the history of our church plus information on the various architectural features and furnishings.

We know, from the wonderful fund-raising response to the lead theft, that the church means a lot to the village, church-goers or not, so we feel sure many of you will be keen to read the guide. A quality product, good value at just £3.00 per copy.

Sue

## **MOBILITY AT LAXFIELD MUSEUM**

Laxfield & District Museum Management Committee are aware that there are a number of people in and around Laxfield who would like to see the inside of the Museum, together with its artefacts, photographs etc., or would like to know more about local family matters, but are unable to access the Museum itself, due to the difficult stairs.

We plan to hold a photo exhibition of our material later in the summer so that all who would like to, or if you know some-one who would like to, can see it all on a big screen, to be held in an accessible venue such as Hertismere House, the Village Hall or the Baptist Chapel.

We will have some knowledgeable staff on hand to assist you with any questions you may have.

In order to assess the demand for this would you please contact Barry Cable on 01986 798295 so that we know the size of venue that may be required.

## **FREE DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING**

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017 from 7.00-9.00pm  
at Cratfield Village Hall, IP19 0DJ

**by Andy Mower**  
**Emergency Medical Technician**  
**Waveney Community First Responder**  
**Trainer**

***Everyone Welcome!***



### **National Garden Scheme (NGS) Appleacre Open Garden.** **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2017.**

A record breaking year for us when we had over 280 visitors, all enjoying the garden and the teas and cakes. Success was largely due to the wonderful support we had from our helpers and those who baked cakes. Particular thanks must go to Margaret Thompson who again managed the teas magnificently; to Ian Thompson who helped with the signage to good effect and to Peter Baker and Sue Seabon who manned the gate. We should also like to thank my daughters, Phoebe and Chloe and our son in law Anthony who worked hard behind the scenes. Not to mention Toby and Daisy our grandchildren who did their bit.

Receipts from the teas, the gate and the plants were all up and we have been able to send a cheque for £1462.10 to the NGS who will distribute it to the excellent charities they support.

Poo and Tim Shaw.

### **Book Club**

The Cratfield reading group meets on the second Wednesday of each month, and new members are welcome. Meetings are informal, at each other's homes. A different person chooses a book each month. If you'd like to join, email me at natalie.L.evans@gmail.com or call me on 798790.

While I am on the subject of books, my novel *The Wardrobe Mistress* is out in paperback on August 1<sup>st</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>. It's already out as an e-Book available on Amazon. For those of you who don't know my alias, I write as Natalie Meg Evans. In the next magazine I will be enclosing an invitation to the launch party at Halesworth Library, 6.30pm on August 10<sup>th</sup>. It's an open invitation for wine, chat and a short reading.

Natalie Lloyd-Evans

I was recently honoured to go to the funeral of a veteran aged 92, Tom Babester. His funeral really moved me. The eulogy told of his life, one of eight children who at the age of 17 joined the Royal Navy, there followed stories beyond comprehension, such bravery, saved so many. Tom was awarded the Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur which he received only last year.

My goodness, I'm humbled to have known this man, if only for a short period. So whilst reflecting on my own life I wrote this.

### **Life on the Line**

She came and balanced, perfect on my swing-around washing line,  
Yellow lines, symmetry, connected to two, three supports and one upright,  
That's about it.

Life.

She sat and balanced, dun coloured, pivoting, eyeing, the whole body  
surveying

Walnut tree, musk rose, almost ready golden rod.

Seconds later she flew.

Female blackbird off, gone, so brief was her stay.

Lines quivered, shook, reverberated.

Bird had flown.

That's it.

Life, here you are,

Shake around, quiver, make a noise,

Gone, quite still.

Until

New breath, another song.

Come sit awhile.

Life on the line.

Chrissie Kitchen

### **The Cratfield Litter Pickers**

We always enjoy our daily walk around the Cratfield Globe, meeting nice people on the way and enjoying the birdsong, such a feature of our village.

Casting our eyes downward though, one can see just how much litter has found its way into the grass verges; plastic bottles, drink cans, coffee cups, sweet wrappers, helium balloon, polyfilla tube, the list goes on, the worst being dog mess discarded in Bell Green wrapped in a tissue.

So far in one month we have collected and disposed of 30 items.

On a lighter note aren't the wild flowers and grasses on the road side just wonderful, so glad nothing has been cut back yet.

Liz and Rod

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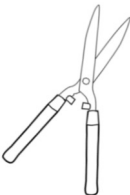
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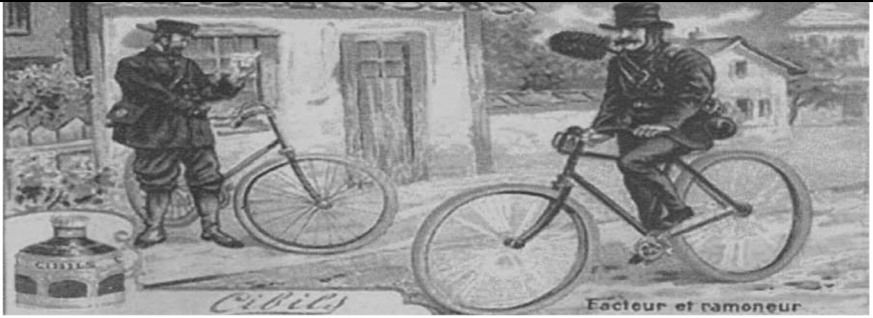
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## Communities share views to improve health and care services in Suffolk

We're Healthwatch. We listen to your views about local NHS and social care services so that we can make them better for everyone. We have just launched our fourth annual report, which covers the year 2016/17. It tells you how we have been working and using people's experiences to shape, influence and improve local services throughout the year. Five ways that health and care services have improved:

1. Maternity services increased support for birthing partners and changed policies so that birthing partners can stay with mum and baby overnight.
2. People will receive improved support and information to help them manage their risk of complications from foot disease caused by diabetes.
3. Residential and nursing homes have made changes that will improve the experience of some of Suffolk's most vulnerable people following visits by our volunteers.
4. We made safeguarding alerts that have led to immediate improvements to people's care.
5. We delivered patient feedback that helped to shape pathology services in Sudbury, including improvements to IT systems and access to appointments.

In our annual report, we highlight outcomes from our work that has included specific research projects, visits to local services and work across all levels of health and social care. Further examples include:

Decisions to keep In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF) and Marginalised and Vulnerable Adults services were strongly influenced by public feedback we obtained in partnership with NHS leaders.

Prompted by calls from young people for more information, we developed a new poster and information card that will help young people to find support.

We worked closely with new GP partnerships to shape their plans for developing services by engaging patients within surgeries.

We were central to the launch of a new Dementia Forum for Suffolk that will aim to change the way dementia support is provided in Suffolk.

In addition, we have helped many people that contacted our free Information and Signposting Service to find support with their health and wellbeing needs.

More information is available within the Healthwatch Suffolk Annual Report 2016/17. Visit: [www.healthwatchesuffolk.co.uk](http://www.healthwatchesuffolk.co.uk). You can also call 01449 703949 to find out more.

### 2017 MOBILE LIBRARY DATES

Silverleys Green 14.15-14.35  
The Poacher 14.45-15.00

Calling every four weeks on Tuesdays:

**18<sup>th</sup> July**, 15<sup>th</sup> August, 12<sup>th</sup> September, 10<sup>th</sup> October, 7<sup>th</sup> November, 5<sup>th</sup> December

## In The Soup

In the mid-seventies I spent three months sharing a food cupboard with a little man called Cyril. He had brylcreemed hair, short back and sides and shiny brown shoes. My hair hung long, wild and free. My shoes did not take a polish. He wore the white coat that went with the job buttoned up and took it home each night for his sister to iron. I wore mine with casual defiance. I was too big a character to be contained within its limitations. Life in the Bristol Royal Infirmary food stores was mainly inactive. There were deliveries to take in and record and orders to take to the Hospital Kitchen or to the Wards. Mainly it was sitting inside the food cupboard. Cyril spent his time choosing horses from the racing page of the Daily Express. He had a system.

‘Pat Eddery and Eddie Hyde’ he told me one day. ‘I only back horses they ride’. A limited system for a limited man, I thought.

While he pored over the racing pages or sat like a brylcreemed wax work I read **the Guardian** from cover to cover. More than that I scaled the peaks of world Literature. I read **Ulysses** by James Joyce, the poetry of Baudelaire in French, the short stories of Thomas Mann. I was steeling myself to read Dante.

I had just graduated with a degree in Comparative Literature. I wanted to do more with my life than going on the conveyor belt of a graduate training scheme. I wanted to live the CV that writers put on book jackets: ‘lumberjack in Newfoundland, trapeze artist in the Russian Circus, deliverer of puffins’ eggs to top London restaurants, international explorer’. Somehow, I had found myself not quite any of these things. I was back living with my Mum and Dad in my single bedded child’s room.

But the job I had in the stores of Bristol Royal Infirmary with Cyril had its merits I reasoned. With the arrogance of youth, I saw myself as having promise and great if not quite defined gifts, doing a working-class job whilst reading great literature. Not quite panning for gold in the Yukon or running a wholefood restaurant in Haight Ashbury. But it was a start. I gloried in the irony that the foolish workaday world had seen fit to put such a limited character as Cyril as my boss.

As I read and dreamed my literary dreams in my half of the food cupboard Cyril glassily stared into space in his. He had been in that food cupboard for forty years. I only needed a year there. A year to read as much as I needed and then from my chair would emerge the literary masterpiece that would vindicate me forever.

Yet somehow, I sensed that something about me riled Cyril.



## **VILLAGE HALL NEWS**

At last the promise of the weather that we had in the Spring has been fulfilled! I hope that your greenhouses, gardens and allotment plots are looking great despite the lack of rain, and I hope that you are all beginning to think about your entries for the

### **Cratfield Horticultural Show Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August**

After our experiences in the first two years of this event, we have tried to tailor the classes in the Produce and Flowers Sections to what we hope will be available at the beginning of August, but the weather may have an effect on some of the classes. Personally, my broad beans and peas are already over!

There are plenty of classes for those of you who are not gardeners or flower arrangers. Over the last two years we have seen how much talent there is in Cratfield Village in the Making and Baking classes, with some of the Craft work being outstanding. Last year the judges were very complimentary about the standard of entries so we are looking to make this year just as good, if not better. We hope that the Chocolate Brownies will bring the same standard of competition as the Victoria Sponge did last year and you will have seen that we have included the recipe for these so that there is a level playing field for all you bakers! We have also put in 2 options for the Men Only Class but we hope that some of you will enter both. There are free classes for children to enter and we hope that more of the village children will take the opportunity to show us your artistic, baking and arranging skills.

Remember that we are all amateurs and that the more entries we have the more fun it will be for everyone. However, if you don't feel able to enter any of the classes but would just like to look and admire come along to the Village Hall from 2.30 pm when the show will be open to the public. We will be serving Pimms and light refreshments.

All entries should be made using the entry form and should be taken to Salisbury House, Manse Lane, Cratfield by Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August – there will be not entries on the day. If you have mislaid the schedule, the recipe or the entry form then there will be copies at the Village Hall on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July – the next ‘Pop up Bar’ evening – or you can ring Carolyn on 01986 799187 or 07794914330.

### **Heveningham Hall Fair Prizes**

Thank you to all those Cratfield residents who have already made contributions to the Raffle Prize and the Tombola for the Heveningham Hall Fair. I was able to take about 50 items for the Tombola to the last committee meeting and they were received with much enthusiasm. I am still looking for more items – new and food in date – from those of you who I am sure mean to contribute but just haven’t got round to it. The green plastic box is outside the back door of Salisbury House, Manse Lane, so please have a look in your cupboards for those duplicate DVDs, tins of tuna (in date!), photo-frames etc. that you will never use.

Carolyn White  
Cratfield Village Hall Representative

### **100 Club June Winners**

1<sup>st</sup> Rebecca Sannick No.48 £15.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Sarah Saunders No.90 £10.00

3<sup>rd</sup> Lesley King No. 85 £5.00

## Cratfield Parish Council

The full Draft Minutes can be found on CPC's website:

[www.cratfield.onesuffolk.net](http://www.cratfield.onesuffolk.net)

### **Summary of May 2017 Meeting**

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

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

### **County & District Councillor Reports**

Cllr Burroughes sent apologies and two reports:

[www.cratfield.onesuffolk.net](http://www.cratfield.onesuffolk.net)

**Also Present:** David Sillett

### **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

#### **Chairman's End of Year report**

The Chair gave a report, main points:

Thanked Cllrs and Clerk for all their hard work over the year.

Reported on the Village items that had been completed and renewed.

The replacement North Green signpost – first reported 3 years ago!

#### **Finance End of Year report**

The RFO gave an end of year report which was signed by the Chair

#### **To appoint Representatives to Village Organisations' and appoint Officers**

Cllr Sannick volunteered to be the Village Hall representative.

#### **Public Questions**

Mr David Sillett, Chair of the Town Estate Charity Trust, gave a report (*see report attached*).

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

#### **To appoint a Chair**

Lotty Barbour accepted the post as Chair and signed the Declarations of Office form.

#### **To appoint a Vice Chair**

Richard Chivers accepted the post as Vice Chair and signed the Declarations of Office form.

### **Finance**

#### **To receive a report from the Internal Auditor for 2016/17**

The Chair read out a satisfactory report from the Internal Auditor for the internal audit 2016/17.

#### **To confirm and sign the Annual Audit Return Section 1 and 2**

The Chair and Clerk signed the annual return to be forwarded to the external auditors by the end of June 2017.

## To receive the Financial Report and Approve Cheques

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

<b>Receipts</b>	
1st Precept instalment	£ 1,600.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 1,600.00</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
SALC Clerk's Networking Event	£ 19.20
SALC Subscription	£ 173.33
Village Hall Hire May-March 2017	£ 73.50
Poppy Wreath	£ 30.00
Clerk's April & May's Salary & Expenses	£ 390.49
Lester Baker - Removal of play equipment	£ 45.00
Paul Austin - Internal Auditor	£ 30.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 761.52</b>

The Payments and Finance and Budget Reports were agreed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

### **Charitable Donations**

Cllr Chivers informed repairs to the Bird Clock are still in hand and Cllr's requested £150 for repairs to be held in reserves.

### **Planning Applications and Decisions Update**

Cllrs noted the following:

#### **Applications**

None

#### **Decisions**

Removal of Condition 2 on application C/04/0389 - usage to change from holiday to residential Holly Tree Barns Bell Green Cratfield Suffolk IP19 0DN

Ref. No: DC/17/0415/ROC. Status: Refused

#### **Appoint a Representative to the Town Estates Charity Trust**

Cllrs Oliver, Mobbs and Barbour agreed to remain representatives.

The Clerk was asked to advise Mr D. Sillett (Chair) to advertise for a Treasurer in Cratfield News.

### **Defibrillator Relocation**

The Clerk to arrange some training for Parishioners.

#### **Village Update**

##### **Play Area**

- **New Goal Posts:** now in place thanks to Cllr Oliver.

- **Play Area Maintenance Report & Actions:** regularly checked and no issues.

- **New Play Equipment:** now in place and being used - Clerk to update insurance.

- **Hedge** on right-hand side to be cut in autumn.

##### **Village Maintenance**

- **Millennium Meadow Tree Plaque - Queen's 90th Birthday:** The plaque will soon be in place. Thanks to Mr N. Eade for maintaining the trees.

- **Allotment Tenancy Agreement:** Clerk to complete

##### **Correspondence**

- The Local Councillor Guide

- Clerk to email The Good Councillor Guides 2017 to all Cllrs.

##### **Any Other Business**

- **Litter Pick:** The Chair thanked Cllrs and parishioners who attended the litter pick on 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017. The village centre was very clear and most rubbish was found on the outskirts. Thanks to Cllr Baker for organising the days.

##### **To confirm next meeting date and time:**

- 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7.15pm

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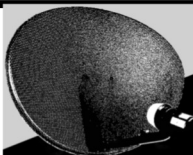
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**Laxfield Produce, Craft and Flea Market**  
**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 10am -12.30pm**  
**inside All Saint's Church, the Royal Oak and on Church Plain**

Over half way through the year, and the Market goes from strength to strength. Last month saw quite a few new visitors who enjoyed the ambience and produce, and were obviously pleased they visited. There were several vintage stalls proving of interest, although we missed 'Joy's Junk' stall, but she returns for the July Market. The entertainment/busking slot is proving very popular with visitors and stallholders alike, and adds another element to the morning. This month we have the very popular Barley Brigg Morris Dancers, a well-known Yoxford based group, with colourful costumes, clogs and bells on! Definitely a sign of summer. Do pop something in their collection box if you enjoy their entertainment.

Stalls will include - amongst many others of course - really delicious free-range pork and super sausages, free-range eggs, real sourdough breads baked in a wood oven, genuine certified organic veg and fruit, delicious cakes and pastries, jams, jellies, fresh fish, Laxfield goats cheese, and a host of interesting craft, vintage and bric-a-brac stalls. Plants and flowers will be in abundance at this time of year, and there's kitchen equipment, cruelty-free make-up, soaps and items to upcycle on offer. Lovely greetings cards and paper are available too. There'll be lots of stalls to provide an interesting morning.

Tea, coffee and cake will be available inside the Church, and The Royal Oak will as usual be offering breakfasts, bacon rolls, plus lunches and liquid refreshment.

As the Market is now so popular, please contact Catherine Cawood on 01986 798852 for info on pitch spaces. (Don't forget that children can have one free pitch per year, a good time to clear out their toys and books perhaps?)

Cake of the Month – Nectarine and Polenta Cake

***Laxfield Market - on the first Saturday morning of each month –  
all local, all individual and all very friendly! Come and see us!***

### **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

The Fressingfield and District Royal British Legion held their annual summer fête on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Fennings Farm, Pixie Green. As usual the fête was supported by FORC, (Fressingfield Oily Rag Club), over 100 classic cars and about 80 motor bikes were on show. The weather was splendid and the many visitors enjoyed a jazz band, dog agility, Pimms, beer, burgers, tea and cakes as well as surveying the vintage vehicles and buying cakes and raffle tickets.

Over £2,500.00 was raised for welfare provided by the Royal British Legion for ex-service personnel and their families.

Chrissie, who ran the tea and cake stall would like to thank all those who made cakes for her, 26 in all, you know who you are.

On behalf of the Branch I would like to thank all those Cratfieldians who offered their support by attending on the day.

Sue

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May 2017

Dear Friends,

One of my favourite hymns is Dear Lord and Father of mankind. Strangely, it was written by a man who deplored singing in church. John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-92) was a Quaker who firmly believed that God was best worshipped in silent meditation. However, he allowed the verses to be used in a hymn book in 1884, to which none other than Hubert Parry's music was later set.

The verse which I think encapsulates Whittier's sentiment is the fifth one:

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,

Till all our strivings cease;

Take from our souls the strain and stress,

And let our ordered lives confess

The beauty of thy peace.

This verse is most appropriate for modern living, where our lives are governed and dictated by the ever-moving, never sleeping world in which we live, even though it was written in the mid nineteenth century.

This always seems to come to the fore in the summer when holidays, gardens and the outdoor life place additional demands on us. As much as we should try to enjoy all that the better weather and holidays offer, think about trying to ensure that there is a regular moment where you are free from others, entertainment and demands, so that you can be still and at peace with God. This also can be a time for you to reflect on who you are and for a while at least stop being what others want you to be. This may lead to you experiencing what the last line of verse 5 is about – the beauty of God's peace.

Jesus often took himself off from the disciples and his followers to be with God and many of those in ministry try to go on a quiet retreat as often as they can for the same reason.

Have a happy, peaceful, restful and joyful Summer.

With my prayers and best wishes, Ron

## ST. MARY'S CHURCH - JULY SERVICES

<b>SUNDAY 9th</b>	<b>SUNDAY 16th</b>	<b>SUNDAY 23rd</b>
<b>9.30am Holy Com- munion DB</b>	<b>6.30pm Evensong Lay Elder</b>	<b>8.00am Holy Communion DB</b>
<b>Reader D. Peacock</b>	<b>Reader E. Dix</b>	<b>Reader P. Baker</b>
<b>Sidesperson A. Edmonds</b>	<b>Sidesperson A. Edmonds</b>	<b>Sidesperson A. Edmonds</b>

If you cannot fulfill these requirements please contact Margaret  
Thompson

### Fête on the Green 2017

From 12 noon, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July on Brundish Village Green

A lovely family occasion with all the spirit and warmth for which  
Brundish is rightly famous. With all the favourite stalls and games  
plus exhibitions and refreshments. It really is a delightful and re-  
laxed afternoon out. Please come and join us.

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