

# CRATFIELD NEWS

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July 2018

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## 'Cratfield Houses' Stitchery



At last I have been able to organise the hanging of my work so I would like to invite everyone to come along and see it on

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July  
in the church**

**from 6.30 till about 8pm.**

To coax you along there will be a glass of wine and a nibble!

If you remember me photographing your house, or even if you don't, if you live in a farmhouse or a period property anywhere in the village from Red House Farm in one direction, Cantley Farm in another, Cratfield Lodge in another and Apple tree Cottage in yet another with all points in between, your house will hopefully be represented, unless you are very, very well hidden. I ventured up many drives and all but one householder was happy for me to take a photo. I think there are about 66 homes to see.

If you live in a more modern house, (could they be another project) please don't feel left out, you can still come for a look and a glass!

Sue Eade

Despite the late Spring and recent lack of rain, I hope that your greenhouses, gardens and allotment plots are looking great, and I hope that you are all beginning to think about your entries for the

**Cratfield Horticultural Show  
on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August**

As last year, 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 dry weather may have an effect on some of the classes. As before, my broad beans are already over but the peas, potatoes and shallots are coming on well!

There are plenty of classes for those of you who are not gardeners or flower arrangers. Over the last three 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 have moved the carrot cake from the Men Only class to the open class and added in a chocolate cake, hoping that the bakers amongst you will have your own favourite recipes. Last year, in the Men Only class, the gentlemen of the village were highly competitive with their sausage rolls so we have kept this in and added the Loaf of Bread which was successful in the first year. 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. We have kept the fee to 50p per entry and the prize money the same as before but we will not be giving out the certificates for First, Second and Third. The prizes will be indicated by the entry cards and the prize money envelopes. This is because last year a small profit was turned into a loss! Also, so if anyone feels that they could contribute to prizes for the raffle this would be much appreciated.

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** – entries later than this will not be accepted. If you have mislaid the schedule or the entry form then there will be copies at the Village Hall on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July – the next 'Pop up Bar' evening- or you can ring me on 01986 798 187 or 07794914330, Carolyn White.

## **CRATFIELD DOG SHOW**

The Annual Cratfield Dog Show was held on 13<sup>th</sup> May and was very well supported by the village and further afield.

The classes were very full and competitive giving the judge a difficult choice in all of them.

The Best in Show for the pedigree classes was Wengen handled by owner Cathy Connelly from Worlingworth and the Best in Show for the other classes was Flora shown by J. Allen from Kessingland.

The most competitive class was the 'Cratfield Dog', this year won by Lola, owned by Andy Barringer.

Once again there always seems to be a comical event during the day and this year it was Ruby handled by Maisy Woolward in the gymkhana games. During the football race Ruby decided to assist Maisy and grabbed the ball which deflated immediately. Needless to say Ruby slept very well that night.

The overall total raised was £996 in aid of the village hall, with donations being made to both St. Elizabeth Hospice and Dogs for Good.

I would like to thank everyone who helped before, during and after the day and all those who made cakes.

Hope to see you all there again next year.

Rebecca Sannick

**Laxfield Produce, Craft and Flea Market**  
**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July 10am -12.30pm**

*“a friendly community market  
held in All Saint's Church & the Royal Oak  
and outside on Church Plain”*

Flaming June indeed! We had a thorough soaking at last month's Market, but this didn't deter our lovely locals and visitors from grabbing brollies and setting off for their monthly dose of friendly marketeering.

Better weather has been ordered for the July Produce, Craft and Flea Market on the morning of Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>, when you will find another huge range of local and independent stalls offering all manner of items. Look for summer flowers and plants, sourdough bread, free range eggs, excellent quality beef and pork, cheese from Laxfield's goats, and cakes and pastries too. Step just inside the church to find a great offering of healthy organic fruit and veg supplied by Lisa of Anglian Organics. As usual there will be several types of vintage and collectible stalls, some raising funds for their chosen charities.

Entertainment will be provided by Julia Maclusky and the Black and Tan Dog Band. Performing outside the Royal Oak they will provide a good background sound to this month's Market.

The popularity of the Laxfield Produce, Craft and Flea Market means that there is often a waiting list for stall space, so please contact Catherine Cawood on 01986 798852 early if you would like to request a space.

*Cake of the month on the Scrumptious Sister's bakes stall -  
'Summer Cream Tea Cake'  
indulge in a slice with a cup of tea, coffee or a beer!*

*The Laxfield Produce, Craft and Flea Market welcomes you for a sociable  
time on the first Saturday morning of every month.*

*See you there!\**  
*(\*don't forget to visit the Museum just across the road)*

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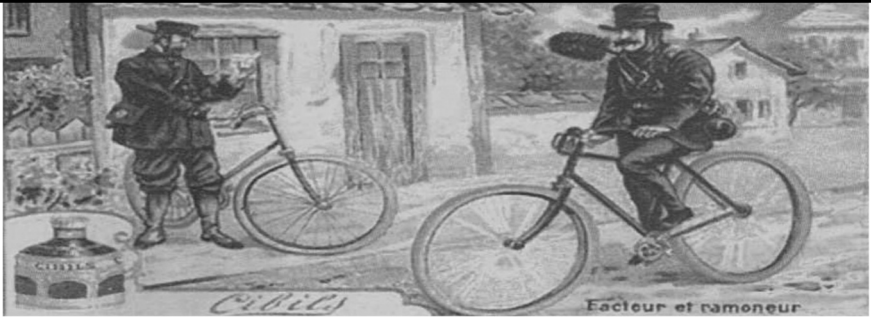
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## The Final Episode

This brings me to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final stage of my army career. To fulfil my ambition to join the riding school staff I had to serve 2 years in the ranks, carrying out mounted duties including Trooping the Colour, Opening of Parliament, State Visits, Garter Ceremony etc. after which I could apply to join. I did and gained a place in the Army School of Equitation. This involved 6 months training at Melton Mowbray.

On induction the twelve successful applicants were 'issued' 3 horses; 1 fully trained, 1 half-trained and a third untrained, the idea being that the trained horse was to be schooled in more advanced equitation, the half-trained horse was to be brought up to fully trained and the untrained to be half trained.

During the six months training we rode 6 hours a day (minimum), 6 days a week. Part of the programme included hunting with the Quorn, Belvoir or Fernie hunt.

On successful completion of our course we returned to our Regimental Unit to practice our newly learnt skills; in my case the training of 'remounts', unbroken Cavalry horses, to be used for ceremonial duties and instructing recruits in riding for State Duty. The training of 'remounts' was completed - passed out – with us riding the 3 horses we had had to train in a three day event, dressage, cross country and show jumping, plus skill at arms, sword, lance and revolver used from the back of the newly trained horses.

I also rode free-lance; I had a bit part in 'Charge of the Light Brigade', schooled Nyree Dawn Porter for a television part and taught Simon Ward to ride for his role as Winston Churchill in 'Young Winston'.

This completed my military career after which I moved on to 'Civvy life'. But that's another story.

Nick Eade

## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Another busy night at the pop-up pub in June, with the bar and kitchen going non-stop for three hours. Anyone who came expecting an outdoor barbecue as advertised on the front of the mag, that was my error. Apologies, I mixed up the dates. There is definitely a BBQ at the next two pop-ups , July 6<sup>th</sup> and August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

When the hall committee decided to launch the once-a-month pub nights, we had no idea how quickly they would establish themselves as part of the village scene, we are learning as we go along – such as running out of beer once or twice. We are all volunteers who appreciate that everyone takes our occasional lapses in good part. We also need as much help as we can get from others in the village. Volunteering to lend a hand clearing up, washing up or serving on the bar is always much appreciated if you feel you could, please contact me or Rebecca Sannick, her number is on the back page.

Finally a note on four-legged friends in the hall. We're fine with dogs (between us, the committee has 17 at a 'ruff' count) and we *really are* fine with them coming to the pop-up. Could we ask, however, that those bringing dogs keep them to the rear of the hall, away from the serving hatch. Health and safety regs are then being observed. Outside, please continue to keep them on a lead. Bring your 'poo bags' and be aware that during the summer there will be various hazards, such as the BBQ and small children running around, not all of whom are confident around dogs.

We hope to see you all in July.

Natalie Lloyd-Evans  
01986 798 790

### 100 Club Draw

1<sup>st</sup> Paul Taylor no. 68 £15.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Shirley Symonds no. 100 £10.00  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sara Vass no. 12 £5.00

**100 Club renewal/ application form**, if you have mislaid the form please place a cheque for £12.00 or £6.00 made payable to Cratfield 100 Club, with your name and address, in an envelope and leave in the mailbox at Vine Cottage. Thank you.

## The Teeth of Adversity

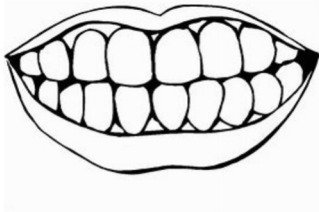
I was on a walk across the fields one fine carefree morning this late but lovely spring of 2018 when I said to my wife that sometimes – for example on fine carefree mornings - I wish I could dig my heels in and slow down or even stop time completely. I am prone to burble on like this, so she rightly ignores a lot of what I say. This once, however, she did take notice and remarked that, although sometimes it might be nice to stretch time there are many occasions on which, even though human life is pitifully short, it might be nicer to speed it up. And of course, she is right. For every moment we would love to prolong there are moments we would like to put on fast forward or even skip completely. If time you'd like to last for ever is golden and more humdrum time is silver, then the time you most like to speed on its way can be awarded bronze.

A good example of time in the bronze category is time spent on dental issues. The other day I had toothache. A good amount of bronze time ensued. There was the week when I thought that by ignoring the pain it would go away. Then, after I decided to seek treatment, more bronze quality time followed. I spent three hours on the phone unsuccessfully trying to get emergency dental treatment on the NHS. Yes, dear reader, you've guessed it, I made the cardinal error of moving to a new house without registering with an NHS Dentist.



As the bronze seconds, minutes and hours ticked by I discovered very soon that trying to get hold of an NHS Dentist for emergency treatment was a thankless task. I went on to the NHS website. I rang ten or so surgeries. No one could offer me emergency treatment on the NHS. A couple of

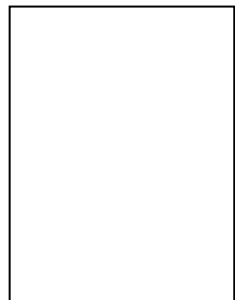
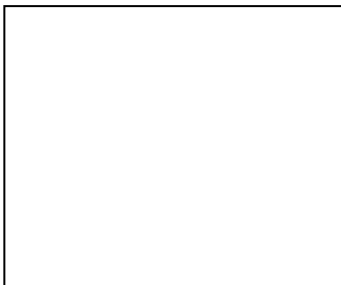
surgeries said they would be taking on patients in the future. The soonest I could be seen on the NHS was six weeks hence. In the end I had to go private. Even then it was not easy to get an emergency appointment. The dentist I found gave me excellent emergency treatment and some follow up appointments. I was told that this could potentially cost £1000.



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**Nigel Cousins**

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### **Mini earth quakes strike Cratfield this month!**

Local residents have been complaining of small earth quakes or tremors shaking the buildings of the small Suffolk town of Cratfield, the Cratfield News Team can report.

Local geologist Dr Harry D'Rock was shocked when he heard this news "Well," he said, "It's not exactly that Cratfield is a seismic activity hotspot or something is it?" But he took the reports seriously enough to place seismographs about the village in an attempt to locate the source.

After weeks of painstaking research the source was narrowed down to one slightly overweight ginger jogger whose only response when tracked down was:

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## **Cratfield Parish Council – Annual Parish Meeting May 2018 Summary**

**The full Draft Minutes can be found on CPC's website:** [www.cratfield.onesuffolk.net](http://www.cratfield.onesuffolk.net)

**Present:** Lotty Barbour (Chair), Richard Chivers (Vice Chair), Peter Baker, Chris Mobbs (*from 8.05pm*), Michael Oliver (*from 7.50pm*), Robert Sannick, Gloria Steward

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

**Also Present:** David Sillett – Town Estates Charity Trust

**To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 9th May 2017**

The minutes of the meeting were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

### **Chair's End of Year Report**

The Chair gave a verbal report, main points:

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

Expressed frustration over the current planning regulations.

Lack of County Council Highways road and sign maintenance and the lack of support re the flooding issues in the village.

Thanked the Clerk for gaining so many grants to renew the play equipment, defibrillator etc.

### **Responsible Financial Officer's End of Year Report**

The RFO gave an end of year report which was approved by Cllrs and signed by the Chair. All end of Year Accounts to be placed on the website.

**District & County Councillor's Yearly Report** Not present and no report sent.

### **To Receive a Report and Appoint Representatives to the Town Estates Charity Trust**

Mr David Sillett, Chair of the Town Estate Charity Trust, gave a verbal report, main points:

The Charity is now seeing the benefits of re-invested funds as they grow in value.

The investments were invested in three accounts, to spread the risk and have flexibility to allow withdrawals without penalties.

Three educational grants were given in the last year.

Funds are distributed in three ways: 1/3 to Cratfield's Church, 1/3 to a Care Fund and 1/3 to a Public Purposes Fund. The Care and Public Purposed Funds were re-invested and a £2,000 float was maintained.

The year end has been changed to run with the tax year.

Another Trustee needs to be appointed by CPC, ideally with treasury skills.

The Town Estate Charity Trust has 9 Trustees: 3 Church members and 6 others, currently David Sillett, Geoff Moore, Lotty Barbour, Michael Oliver and Chris Mobbs.

### **To Receive Reports and Appoint Representatives to Village Organisations**

Cllr Sannick re-volunteered to be the Village Hall representative.

Although invited, no representatives from other Village Organisations were present or sent a report.

## **Cratfield Parish Council – Annual General Meeting May 2018 Summary**

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**To appoint a Chair** - Lotty Barbour was proposed and accepted the post as Chair.

**To appoint a Vice Chair** - Richard Chivers was proposed and accepted the post as Vice Chair .

**To consider Apologies for Absence** - None

**To record Declarations of Interests and to consider Requests for Dispensation** - None

**To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018 & 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2018** - The minutes of the meetings were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**Matters Arising** - The Chair read through the minutes and noted all actions were on the agenda or in hand.

## **Finance**

### **a) To receive a report from the Internal Auditor for 2017/18**

The Chair read out the first two points of the summary:

**1.1** During the 2017/18 year the Parish Council maintained effective governance arrangements including a robust framework of financial administration and internal control. The Council has a wide range of formal policies and procedures in place. This Internal Audit review has confirmed the overall adequacy of the financial arrangements in place within the Council.

**1.2** By examination of the 2017/18 accounts and supporting documentation it was confirmed that the Clerk, in the role as the Council's Responsible Financial Officer (RFO), satisfactorily undertook the administration of the Council's financial affairs and produced satisfactory financial management information to enable the Council to make well-informed decisions (*full report on CPC's website*). Cllrs thanked the Clerk for her co-operation in the Internal Audit.

**To complete the Certificate of Exemption from a Limited Assurance Review and the Annual**

**Audit Return Sections 1 & 2** - Cllrs discussed and agreed they were very happy with the thorough internal audit.

**c) To appoint and Internal Auditor for 2018/19** - Cllrs agreed to re-appoint Mr Trevor Brown

**d) To receive the current Financial Report and Approve Cheques** - The RFO read out the Finance and Budget report.

**e) Charitable Donations** - The Chair read out a Grant Request from EACH and asked the Clerk to keep the letter on file for future consideration.

## **Planning Applications and Decisions**

### **Applications**

#### **Extension to Rear of Property**

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

10<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 7.15pm - *Parishioners Welcome!*

### THANKS FOR HELPING HANDS

It has been because of all the hours of help from volunteers that we have had such an overwhelmingly positive start at the Low House in Laxfield as we're finding our feet. So a heartfelt thank you to EVERYONE who has so willingly put in their time and expertise – in the garden, the kitchen, the taproom, the B&B and behind the scenes with the events and business, quietly making such a difference at this important time. Of course, without the committed support of Emma, Maddie, Mollie and Jean we wouldn't have been half as prepared, so a huge thanks to them too.

### WHO'S THE CHEF?

Daniel Mays has put together a delicious menu, available all week, including roast on a Sunday; delicious starters and main meals (and lunchtime sandwiches and ploughmans for about £5.00). It is great to be able to say, 'Yes we are serving food' and 'Yes we do take cards', after starting off without either. It has been reassuring to welcome back lots of people who love the pub and so many new faces too.

### WHAT'S ON NEXT?

After the World Cup England games which we are showing on our large TV, we will be welcoming the **Barley Brig North West Morris Dancers** on Wednesday July 25<sup>th</sup> from 8.00pm. Our '**High Summer at the Low House**' weekend with a range of guest beers, acoustic music and food on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> August is also taking shape.

Visit our new website at [www.lowhouselaxfield.com](http://www.lowhouselaxfield.com) for full details about the menu, the beer, the B&B and events, or just ask – we look forward to seeing you.

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Dear Friends,

July. The start of six weeks school holiday. Again.

I well remember the different reactions to this time when I was a child; to me it was a seemingly infinite release into freedom from the day to day yoke and tedium of education and classroom tyranny. My parents on the other hand, who both worked, groaned at the additional expenditure of having me cared for and the worry of what I was getting up to in their absence...□ A sentiment I shared when I had children. □

While there is so much more for children to do during the holidays and so many organisations including churches and chapels rising to the challenge, I am often concerned at how some children are being encouraged to the point of being forced to leave their childhood and become adults too early and take premature responsibility for themselves. As Reg Bailey, who is the author of the government sponsored report 'Let children be children' and former chief executive of the Mothers Union, said in his report, '...for children to be children, parents have to be parents'.

A famous pioneering psychologist by the name of Erickson who established what we now know as the seven stages of life said that each stage in life must be successfully and wholly completed in order to move on to the next one. In short, childhood is important, it is the foundation on which we build the rest of our lives.

Childhood should be a time of exploration and innocence; in his gospel Mark quotes Jesus as saying: 'Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' The image Jesus gives us is the ready acceptance and trust that children have, and that is how we should be with the Kingdom of God. As God does not abuse that trust, neither should society abuse the trust and innocence of children. Let children be children.

There is nothing like childhood and if you get the chance this summer, be a child again. It is a time to put responsibility and worries to one side and relax, but always make sure there is room for the presence of God.

With my prayers and best wishes,

Ron

## ST. MARY'S CHURCH - JULY SERVICES

| <b>SUNDAY<br/>8th</b>  | <b>SUNDAY<br/>15th</b>                                      | <b>SUNDAY<br/>22nd</b>   |
|--|---|--|
| <b>6.30pm<br/>Evensong<br/>DB</b>                            | <b>9.30am<br/>Holy Communion<br/>DB</b>                     | <b>8.00am<br/>Holy Communion<br/>DB</b>                              |
| <b>Reader<br/>Liz Dix</b>                                    | <b>Reader<br/>P. Baker</b>                                  | <b>Reader<br/>E. Cook</b>  |
| <b>Sidesperson<br/>A. Edmonds</b>                            | <b>Sidesperson<br/>A. Edmonds</b>                           | <b>Sidesperson<br/>A. Edmonds</b>                                    |
| 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10<br>2 Corinthians 12:2-10<br>Mark 6:1-13 | 2 Samuel 6:1-15, 12b-19<br>Ephesians 1:3-14<br>Mark 6:14-29 | Song of Solomon 3:1-4<br>2 Corinthians 5:14-17<br>John 20:1-2, 11-18 |

### SWING MACHINE

People came from Metfield, Laxfield, Huntingfield, Linstead, Halesworth, Fressingfield, Peasenhall, Wilby, Brundish, Worlingworth, Dickleburgh, Monk Soham, Leiston, Saxmundham, Wenhaston, Lowestoft and Leicestershire. These two were actually a mother and daughter who were on holiday in Walberswick, they got a taxi over and back. Mum was 85 and has since told me it was the best part of her holiday.

From the first note 'Swing Machine' raised the roof of St. Mary's and by the end there was dancing in every aisle. As someone later said to me, 'There was so much joy that night.' So, a very special thank you goes to Richard Turberville, whose support in bringing the band to Cratfield knew no bounds. Another special thank you goes to Alison, Clive and David Mobbs and Sue Eade who set the scene for us. Ask them about the bow and arrow when you see them next. Of course, with love in my heart, thanks go to Stan, Ollie and June... you were amazing. Thank you to the Cratfield producers of food who gave so generously to the raffle. Thank you to Rebecca for the Village Hall support. I must also thank the Swing Dance Class from The Hub at Huntingfield; fourteen came who not only led the way dancing, but entered into the spirit by wearing some wonderful outfits, and a nod to Chrissie's outfit too.

So the last word goes to St. Mary's, she gave her 'soul', 100s of years of music echoing throughout her roof, it just would not have been the same anywhere else.

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