

CRATFIELD NEWS

March 2020



As one door shuts another opens.

Many of you 'old' Cratfieldians know that taking down Mum and Dad's house 'Roselyn' was not a surprise, but it will look very different from now on. I went there, as I have on many occasions, and the workmen said they had found a couple of photographs... they were slides. Ray, a friend of mine, (many of you know him from seeing him in the village hall at various times), has a slide projector and when we showed the slides on a screen they were of my cousins from Australia when they were growing up. How extraordinary is that! They were only children back then. The slides were in colour and Ray took some photos of them from the screen and sent them back to Australia.

Donna and Simon

Cratfield Village Sign

Thank you to Mark Askew who is now helping out with maintaining our Village sign. As Mark lives in the Old School he is more than happy to do so.

RIP - Ned
(Bedlington)
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He gave us 16+ years of happiness, life's not the same without him.
Thank you to all for your cards and other kind messages of sympathy.

Sue and Nick

Carpet Bowls

Every Wednesday 7-9. £2 per head including refreshments. Everyone welcome. We play strictly for fun – and most of us are novices so do come along!

Please note that there will be no bowls on Wednesday March 4th

LAXFIELD & DISTRICT MUSEUM

Opening Event

*From Laxefeld to Laxfield
a surprising history of our village in sketches,
songs, stories...*

Friday 24th April 7.30pm
Village Hall

This is a repeat of a successful and much acclaimed previous event. It is a very enjoyable event and well worth seeing. Do try to get there.

Cratfield Gardening Club

.....will meet on **Wednesday 4th March at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall and there will be a guest speaker for this event. If you have never been to '**The Plantsman's Preference**', in South Lopham, near Diss, it is well worth a visit! It holds the National Collection of Miscanthuses and the nursery specialises in Hardy Perennials and Grasses. **Tim Fuller** who runs the nursery has kindly agreed to come and talk on '**Gardening with Grasses**' - and an expert is always worth listening to! Grasses, especially, are increasingly being used in garden design, so come and find out how to choose the right grasses and how and where to plant them!
Members – free. Non-members £4.
Tea/coffee/biscuits included

Lost & Found!

Someone must have lost them, as we found them.

One pair of ladies red knickers.

(Am I allowed to be gender specific?)

Well, easy to drop a glove, a dog lead, a hat even, but to drop one's knickers in Church Road, the mind boggles!

They were still there awaiting collection last time we passed.

Laxfield Produce, Craft and Flea Market
Saturday 7th March
9.30am -12 midday

*lots of stalls inside All Saint's Church and in the Royal Oak
and outside on Church Plain*

Looking forward to Spring now and the March market brings lots of stalls both indoors and out... the usual very mixed and very interesting offering of over 35 independent, local, stallholders. As well as gifts, crafts, vintage, artisan breads, cakes and savouries, find nice things for the garden this month with the welcome return of Sally's selection of lovely plants, bulbs and helpful advice.

There'll also be stands with garden ornaments, garden decorations with rustic appeal, and a supplier of specific bee-friendly plants.

Joy's Junk makes a welcome return following winter hibernation - all sorts of interesting things to be found on her stall. Also search out the locally hand-made jewellery, plus vegan and organic cosmetics and skincare, all made in the UK. Look for the large Fairtrade table supporting similar small ethical crafters and makers overseas.

The Laxfield Produce, Craft and Flea Market is a monthly event on the first Saturday of each month, run as a co-operative, non-profit making venture, with stallholders and organisers from both Laxfield and from the local area making it the vibrant market it has become. The Market welcomes newcomers as customers or sellers, and one-off stalls help make the morning interesting, so if having a Spring clean and sort out, why not book a future slot for stall space with Catherine Cawood on 01986 798852?

Cake, tea and coffee will be available in the Church, and in the Royal Oak breakfasts, bacon butties and teas/coffees, beer and lunches will all be on offer, plus goodies for immediate consumption from the bakes stalls.

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

A fantastic community co-operative market run by lovely friendly people!

Cratfield Acoustic 4

.....will be on Saturday 14th March in the Village Hall. As I mentioned in last month's magazine, the format is slightly different with 3 performers in the first half and a guest for the whole of the second half. Entry will be £3.00 on the door, instead of a charity collection.

Performers – **Paul Marfleet** who will be singing and playing some tracks from his soon-to-be-released album 'On the Edge'.

- **Tanglethread** – Ruth and Des Hart, a husband and wife duo playing a selection of traditional folk music from around Britain. Ruth plays descant and tenor recorders and Des plays cuatro, guitar and sings.

- **John Dyson** – some tasty nostalgia to enjoy with covers from the 60's and 70's.

Joe G. - our guest singer/songwriter. In 2013 Joe studied the Artist Development course at an Access to Music College in London, then studied History at Goldsmiths, University of London. Following the completion of his degree he recorded and released his first album 'Landscape' for free download via www.joegworld.com and on Youtube and Soundcloud in September 2018. Several songs from Landscape were aired on BBC introducing in Suffolk around the time of the album's release. He began to perform around Suffolk at every open mic night available and in 2019 he played over 100 gigs solo as well as with a full band, including performances at FolkEast and Ipswich Music Day. Joe played live and was interviewed on BBC Radio Suffolk twice in 2019 on Jon Wright and Stephen Foster's programmes. Joe is set to release his second album in 2020.

Cratfield Talks

at Cratfield Village Hall, Manse Lane

'Back Roads in Northern Spain'

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pictures

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on Saturday 28th March 2020 at 7.00pm

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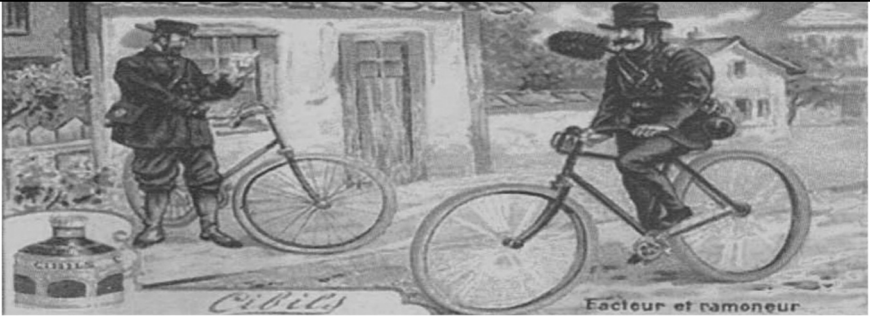
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Reading the February edition of the Cratfield News I spotted a letter from Andy about a diesel spillage and the apparent mice roaming the village, nibbling their way through our car wiring. I can assure all involved that Tickle-mouse is not among the little gang on the rampage. Tickle is a very good and sociable mouse who goes on adventures round the countryside; and for those who have followed his story, or those who are yet to be acquainted, here is the long awaited next adventure.

The Green Car



It was a beautiful morning and Tickle was on his way to market. He loved the hustle and bustle and the smell of the food and flower stalls. There were lots of places to explore and Tickle stopped at the antique stall where he spotted a little green car with brown leather seats, shiny wheels and lights. Tickle climbed on board, looked through the windscreen and held onto the steering wheel. Suddenly the car moved, a little boy had picked it up and

was zooming it around in the air.

“Please, please, can I have this?” he asked his mother.

“If you want it,” she replied with a smile.

The little boy gave the stall-holder his money and tucked the car in his pocket for safe-keeping until he got home. Tickle peeped out of the pocket to see where he was going. The street was busy with lots of cars and tractors going about their business.

The little boy and his mother made their way home for a nice cold drink and some cake they had bought from the cake stall.

“May I go and play?” said the little boy when he had finished his drink.

“Yes, off you go.”

He raced up to his bedroom where he carefully took the car from his pocket and put it on his car transporter.

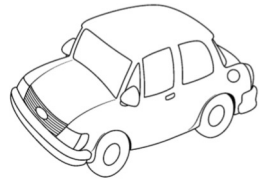
“I’m going to give you a good wash,” said the little boy.

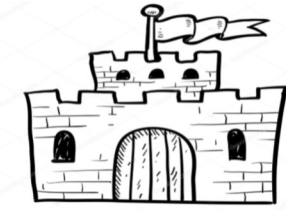


Tickle heard this and thought I had better hide or I will get very wet, so he jumped out of the car and ran under the bed. It was very dark and there were lots of toys just lying there unloved and forgotten. The little boy came back with a bowl of water and a cloth and carefully cleaned the little car.

“There you are, you look like new now,” he said putting the car back on the transporter. Tickle watched as he left the room, he saw his chance to come out

from under the bed and have a look around. In the corner was a building with turrets and a drawbridge, it had soldiers standing around the battlements. Tickle ran in and hid in one of the towers as the little boy came back into the room. He lay down and pushed the car transporter round the floor stopping outside the fort where Tickle was hiding.





“Hello soldiers, look what I got today,” he proudly held up the green car and showed it to his army. Suddenly he saw Tickle hiding in the tower. “Hello little mouse, where did you come from?” Tickle squeaked that he had been in the green car at the market.

“Oh, do come out and I will let you drive my car again.” So Tickle came out of the tower and

climbed into the car. The little boy happily pushed the car around the floor until his mother came to let him know that the tea was ready. The little boy said goodbye to Tickle and went out of the room. Tickle climbed out of the car and made his way down the stairs and out of the door to head for home and a nice piece of cheese. It had been a lovely day.

Perrin Ellis



'BUMPY LANDING'

The passengers filed off an aeroplane after a bumpy landing. Many were still pale and shaking as the crew said to them, 'Thank you for flying with us. Hope to see you again soon.'

None of the passengers was brave enough to complain about the traumatic experience until the last person off, a little old lady who said to the flight attendant, 'Tell me dear did we land or were we shot down?'

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Village Hall Update – February

Next Pop Up Pub - Friday 6th March with food by Cratfield Kitchen 6 – 9PM

Many thanks to all the helpers and bar staff from the February pop up – your help is very much appreciated! Cratfield Kitchen will also be providing their usual fantastic range of hot food.

If you fancy a turn as a bar maid or bar man Paul Marfleet oversees the rota's – please contact him on marfleets@doctors.org.uk

Acoustic Night 4 ! - 14th March (Doors open 7.15 / music starts 7.40)

Please see the full advert elsewhere in magazine. Many thanks to Paul Marfleet for organising these very successful evenings.

Cratfield Village Talk – The Back Roads of Northern Spain (Starts at 7pm)

Please see the full advert elsewhere in magazine – pre-book tickets either via email to cratfieldvillagehall@gmail.com (where you will receive a confirmation of your ticket request) or by putting your name, contact number and number of tickets required on a note in Carlolyn White's ppost box – Salisbury House, Manse Lane.

Advance dates for your diary for 2020..

Dog Show – 17th May

Sotterley Horse Show – 24th May

Photographic Competition – 10th October and the categories are...

Suffolk Transport –

Photography tips - As well as shooting photos where you get the whole car, tractor, bike, horse, plane or train etc in the frame, take some close-up shots of the patterns, badges, paintwork and other detail the vehicle has.

Black & White Cratfield –

Photography tips – Black and white photography is all about taking pictures that do not depend on colour to make them interesting. Instead, you have black, white, and various shades and tones of grey in between to work with. Your camera or phone/tablet settings and the way you use available light will be basically the same for black and white as when you are taking colour pictures.

Suffolk Skylines –

Photography tips – Think about the time of day - the hour after sunrise and the hour before sunset give a beautiful light which can transform any

scene. In fact, you can get two very contrasting photos taken from the same place at different times of the day.

Fun category – Suffolk Seaside –

Photography tips – Take a look at your surroundings and look for a focal point. Frame your picture - look around you and ask yourself what points of interest you can include in the shot and use differing levels and angles

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 this 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. For further details see page 3.

100 Club draw held at NOVA,

1st Jean Peacock No. 4 £15.00 : 2nd Carolyn White No.32 £10.00 : 3rd Sue Seabon No. 46 £5.00 Congratulations to all the winners.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all those who organised the coffee morning at the Village Hall on February 20th. There was a lovely atmosphere, people gathered around a centre table to chat and laugh together. Cakes too, as you might expect. These gatherings are free for anyone to come along – a small, voluntary donation is asked – and they are held early in the day. There will be another one at some point this year, so look out for notices in the magazine and posters around the village. Particular thanks to Wendy Thomas, whose brain-child this has been.

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Pies and Parsons

The other day, out of the blue, I fancied a steak and kidney pie. I hadn't eaten one for years. Envisioning an old style treat of tender steak, complemented by unctuously creamy kidneys, swimming in a savoury pool of gravy and topped with golden pastry I drove off to Laxfield Coop. They were bound to have one.



I was to be disappointed. A concerted scour round the cool cabinets revealed piles of quiches and a plethora of pizzas. I realised that the young want pizzas, quiches, nachos and tacos - anything but pies. It made me feel old. Pies, like cups of tea, marmalade and listening to BBC Radio 4 are an old person's thing now – I reflected. The whirligig of time has spun, and I have been left behind. Even in rural Suffolk. One last throw of the pastry dice – I asked the lady behind the counter if there were any steak and kidney pies in the shop. She smiled and said she was sure there was one at the back somewhere. She disappeared into an obscure corner and returned with a small air of triumph, carrying a pie in a box. It was the only one. And it was not steak and kidney. The box read steak and ale. I was bitterly disappointed.



Steak and kidney used to go together like Laurel and Hardy, Morecombe and Wise or Accident and Emergency. Modern tastes balk at the inclusion of offal. These days all the kidneys have been transplanted and substituted with ale. Not even beer – but ale with its phoney Ye Olde Englande connotations. Beer is allowed to be used in modern pub cookery – but only to batter fish

with. The beer in the batter has the same culinary qualities as the ale in the steak pies – it is undetectable.

These musings on absent kidneys show me up as belonging to an older generation now. A generation that remembers a world that is now gliding away like an old liner on its way to the breaker's yard.

How wistful I felt the other day when I heard of the sad loss of Nicholas Parsons. His witty, polite, English gentleman persona has become, with his passing, a thing of the past. He was many things in light entertainment – but for me he will always be associated with **Just a Minute** - as a teenager I used to love chortling to Nicholas Parsons and the team on my transistor radio in the bath. I have been listening to it ever since. Its changing personnel reflected the passing of time but, miraculously Nicholas Parsons was always there.



I often used to play **Just a Minute** with school students in East London. None of them had heard of Radio 4 or Nicholas Parsons – but I found that, once the rules were explained to them: talk for one minute on a given topic with no deviation, no hesitation and no repetition - they all loved it. Curiously enough the students who struggled with English – those with special needs or who were new to the language loved it best of all. It was a great way to get the shy or hesitant to talk. It was lovely to see them having fun with English rather than be intimidated by it. I am sure that any number of ex-students owe a tiny debt to Nicholas Parsons.

Nigel Cousins

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In this benefice we are gradually introducing focal ministers, these people need not be ordained. They will be the people who keep a look out over the parish to make sure parishioners are well and to let me know what is happening. They will be a part of the community and take some of the burden off the churchwarden's role. I would still be in charge but the Local Ministers will be my eyes and ears.

As for services these will carry on as normal and where the local minister is ordained they will take services but not all the services because I would want to keep in touch with you all. Four villages so far have had such people identified these are Rebecca Artiss in Monk Soham, Chrissie Smart in Bedfield and David Mulrenan in Tannington and Worlingworth. Having a Local Minister does not mean the rector has no contact in the village, far from it, having a Local Minister means I will have a better idea as to where my energies will be put to best use.

I encourage you to use these people and give them your support.

David Burrell (Rector)

St. Mary's Church Services – March 2020

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