

CRATFIELD NEWS

March 2016

Happy Easter!



Special Easter Egg Hunt edition!!

On each page I have hidden one of these:



Can you find them all?

Condolences

Our sincere condolences to Carolyn White and family on the sad loss of Bob who died on February 6th after a long illness.

Agapé

Do come and join us for Agapé at 7pm on Maundy Thursday, 24th March. We gather in the chancel to commemorate the Lord's Supper with some symbolic snacks by candlelight. That is followed by Communion after which, in darkness, we hear St. John's account of Christ's betrayal and crucifixion before leaving the church in silence

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The Poacher

Congratulations to Roger and Margaret for finally getting the change of use for the Poacher approved despite the objections from a few individuals and some naivety from some members of the Parish Council and/or associates.

Whilst I will be sorry if it actually closes – I'm one of the few in the village to actually use it as a pub – at least justice has been done rather than a few misguided individuals (led by one with a vested interest) trying to interfere with other people's lives.

Maybe someone will now buy it and keep it as a pub, but, more likely, some developer will buy it, demolish it and build a few totally inappropriate houses on the plot just like across the road from us at present and others in recent years.

That would be Suffolk Coastal's preference, lots more council tax but none invested back into the infrastructure (roads, power, broadband, community facilities just more money for them) but that's how it is.

Such is life, but good luck to Roger and Margaret for their future, they gave it a try, but had minimal support from anyone in the village.

Anyone seen a copy of the "Village Plan" we were promised about 8 years ago that should show where all the inappropriate development will be allowed to go ahead?

Not me.

RS

Responses please. SE

Followed by Family Service



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Oreo and the lost Dreamies

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I was just outside minding my own business when I heard the sound of Dreamies; I ran to see why they were outside. I was prepared to meow but I then saw, wearing black socks, were... *Dreamie Bandits!* They ran the quickest I have ever seen a cat run when they saw me sprinting up to them. They ran into a pitch black cave which all of a sudden lit up...*uh oh! Were the Dreamies lost and if they were, where could they be?*

The Bandits were having a party and throwing the Dreamies all around. Except my favourite flavour (chicken), these they locked in a cupboard where I couldn't get them.

So I needed a plan, what could I do? How could I get to those delicious cat treats? I needed a distraction, some way to draw the Bandits attention away from the locked cupboard so I could break in without them seeing me.

I needed a dog!

I ran home as fast as I could. I needed to be fast, it wouldn't be long until they started on my treats.

I tried to get Penny and Cooper's attention but they wouldn't stop playing, so I hissed at them in annoyance and went next door.

Two dogs lived next door, cocker-poos (aren't dogs silly?), Marley was the one I wanted, because he's the fastest, loudest and biggest.

Together we ran all the way back to the cave and found the Bandits had run out of other treats and were just opening the cupboard to get mine out.

Marley immediately charged into the band of bawdy Bandits barking as loudly as he could, chasing around with slobber flying from his floppy tongue. He was having a whale of a time!

The cowardly crooks cut and run in all directions, leaving the cupboard door wide open.

I moved quickly and quietly towards the unit alert for any stragglers. I was there, my paw reaching out towards the bag of goodies when...

A screech and yawl behind me made me turn, Malicious Tom stood there his scarred face drawn back showing his sharp teeth, hackles raised and back arched, he wasn't going to let me take my Dreamies.

Thinking quickly, I called for Marley and he came running barking his head off. He woofed so loudly that every dog in the village came hurrying toward Tom and I.

The dogs chased Tom away, all the way to the big badger sett. Tom was trapped! I snatched the packet and raced home to share the Dreamies with my friends.

By Katheryn Bird-Sparrow age 10 (nearly 11).

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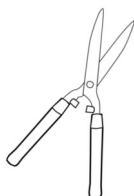
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POACHER EVENTS FOR MARCH

Tuesday 1st Men's Group
Thursday 3rd Quiz
Tuesday 8th Ladies' Group
Saturday 12th Band – The Cheeseroom Collective
Wednesday 16th Acoustic Night
Saturday 26th Band – Shedlode

Plus Bridge every Tuesday

2016 MOBILE LIBRARY DATES

Silverleys Green 14.15-14.35
The Poacher 14.45-15.00

Calling every four weeks on Tuesdays



1 March, 29 March, 26 April, 24 May, 21 June, 19 July, 16 August, 13
September, 11 October, 8 November, 6 December



Cratfield Village Hall

News

March 2016

Bob White – Village Hall Treasurer

As most of you are probably aware Bob White passed away on 6th February.

Bob became treasurer of the Village Hall when Frank retired and took on a host of challenges during his time in the post.

When the committee discussed the possibility of having a new kitchen installed, Bob rose to the challenge by sourcing grants available for us to be able to proceed, he achieved this admirably. The kitchen is Bob's legacy to the village.

When Bob was unable to attend meetings due to his ill health, we had some positive telephone conversations re funding and Bob was always so up-beat in his manner and his enthusiasm for the Village Hall's achievements shone through.

As Bob's ill health prevented him continuing in the role as treasurer, Carolyn became 'the apprentice' and the Village Hall is lucky to have her continuing Bob's good work.

Bob was a great treasurer, as although he ensured we always had money to cover any uncertainties, he was always happy to spend money to improve the hall and its facilities, he will be sadly missed by us all.

Rebecca Sannick (Chairman)

Photographic Competition

Just a reminder of the subjects for this years competition

Suffolk Cats

Suffolk Colours

Suffolk Flowers

If you haven't entered before please give it a go. The exhibition date is the 15th October and more details of how to enter will follow.

Yoga Sessions

Starting on Thursday 7th April there will be a weekly 1½ hour Yoga class starting AT 7PM. It will be a mixed ability Hatha Yoga - beginners welcome. Please email Richard Turberville richturbs@gmail.com or call 798346 for more information and to register you interest.

Village Hall Committee Meeting

The next meeting date has had to be changed to Thursday 3rd March at 7.30 at the Village Hall. Please do let us know if you have suggestions or ideas future events. You are very welcome to attend the meeting.

100 Club

The lucky winners for February were 1st David Lloyd No 73 £15, 2nd Sheila Hookins No 50 £10, 3rd Chrissie Kitchen No 1 £5.00.

Future Dates for your Diary

8th May Cratfield Annual Companion Dog Show

27th August Cratfield Horticultural and Produce Show

15th October Photographic Competition and Exhibition

If you would like to hire the village hall for an event or would like to hire tables chairs or would like to hire crockery or glasses the person **the person to contact is now Jo Nunn on 01986 799181**. There are preferential rates for Cratfield residents



THE CHURCH ROOF

Since the progress report in last month's magazine I am happy to say we have made a significant step forward. With the help of grants from Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and the H B Allen Charitable Trust a roof alarm has now been fitted. If anyone tries to get on the roof a siren goes off, strobe lights flash and a booming voice announces that the security call centre has been alerted. Fitting the alarm also means that we now, at last, get full insurance cover against metal theft.

We have also heard that our other grant application has been approved and this leaves us, as we anticipated, with the final £10,000 gap to fill. To help us achieve that we are planning to hold an **AUCTION OF PROMISES** on 21st May in the Village Hall.



Those of you who remember the similar event we held in 2006 will recall what an enjoyable social evening it proved to be and we are hoping you will help us make this one even better. So if there is a service or a special treat or trip you could offer please ring **Margaret on 07906 509 302** to discuss it; we would be very grateful. To help jog your memory the following are some of the promises that were on offer in 2006.

Cottage holiday breaks, B&B, meals in restaurants, meals at homes, chauffeur service, cases of wine, food hampers, tickets to various events, loads of logs & muck. There were many more, but I hope that gives you an idea.

We are getting such helpful responses from everyone we speak to that I am entirely confident May will see us home and dry, especially dry. So do help us to get there.

Don Peacock

Raise the roof for St Mary's Church

Auction of Promises



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Love from innocent x

PS Hold on to your hats - the Big Knit will be back in 2016. www.thebigknit.co.uk



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- Silverleys Green Area; 01379 586816. North Green Area; 01986 785035.
- You can contact any of these if the one you phone is not available.



In December 2012 the MP for this constituency stated in an article in the local free paper, "by 2015 95% of us will get super-fast broadband, while everyone will get a minimum broadband connection speed of 2MB...."

This was to involve lots of taxpayer's money both at national government and local government level, and Suffolk County Council created a website showing a map of which areas were to be done and in which year.

The map started in 2012 with 85% of Suffolk covered, including this location.

Every few months the maps was updated, showing less and less.

I pointed this out a couple of years ago both the MP and our County Councillor (Burroughs) and he assured me it was all in hand, just delayed a bit.

Now, any of you who have complained to the MP before will know that you get put on a mailing list for her "Newsletter".

In the January 2016 one she states "I have now had it confirmed from Suffolk County Council that no more areas in our constituency will be upgraded this year" and provides a link to the current map.

The latest map shows only about 10% of Suffolk to be covered by the end of 2016 and that is mostly small towns (urban) rather than any rural areas or villages.

So I wrote to her and Burroughs pointing out her failed commitment and his previous statement and got no reply from either.

A couple of weeks later, a report was issued by the "British Infrastructure Group" (BIG), one of Dave's initiatives from the last election, a cross party group of 120 MPs chaired by one called Shapps.

The title of the report is "Broadbad" - and that is not a spelling mistake by me.

You can download it (that might take most of you some time but it is possible), the link is www.shapps.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Broadbad-FINAL.pdf (or just Google "shapps broadband" and you'll find it).

It is well worth reading. Especially page 3 where the key statement is

"A new report from the British Infrastructure Group of MPs (BIG) reveals that despite £1.7bn of taxpayers' cash pumped into subsidising the construction of UK high-speed broadband, there are still a staggering 5.7 million people across Britain who cannot access the internet at the Ofcom required 10 Megabits per second."

Note that Ofcom's definition of normal broadband is 10Mb/s, yet, if you read MP's newsletter, she thinks 2Mb/s is "super-fast" and Suffolk County Council is now offering to subsidise satellite installations to anyone who wants 2Mb/s. Yet more money being wasted by total incompetents.

I wrote to both the MP and Burroughs again, this time suggesting they read the Shapps report. Guess what, no replies again.

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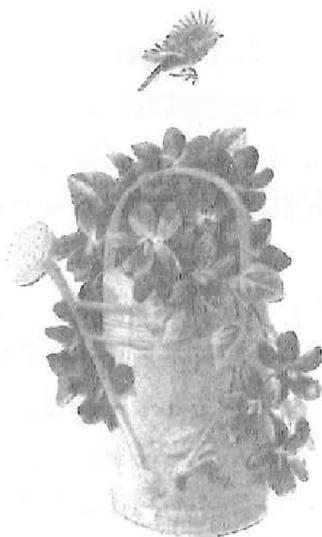
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Dear Friends,

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



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Sunday 13th	6.30pm Evensong DB
Maundy Thursday 24th	7.00pm Agapé Supper
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Sunday 6th Exodus 2:1-10 Col 3:12-17 John 19:25b-27

Sunday 13th Isaiah 43:16-21 Phil 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8

Sunday 27th Isaiah 65:17-25 Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18

CRATFIELD CHURCH DUTY ROTA FOR MARCH

DATE	SIDESPERSION	READER	FLOWERS
Sunday 6th	G. Moore	A. Edmonds	No flowers in Lent.
Sunday 13th	M. Thompson	R. Harrison	Joint effort for flowers for Easter
Sunday 27th	D. Peacock	E. Cook	

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