

CRATFIELD NEWS

March 2019



CONDOLENCES

Our sincere sympathies go to Sarah and Derek on the loss of Sarah's mum Barbara who died in February.

WELCOME

A very warm welcome to Karen, Patrick and Harper the dog who have recently moved into Potters Roost. We wish them happiness here in Cratfield.

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Working together we raised enough for a Shelter Box, costing £590 and the rest will go to Tearfund who are in it for the long haul helping families to rebuild their lives.

What also happened on that morning was that the Village Hall was singing with chatter. Friends and neighbours catching up. Reminding us we live in such a special place where people are prepared to go the extra mile to make a difference. Thank you.

DOGS AGAIN

As there are upwards of 60 dogs in the village, there is bound to be the occasional issue.

I have been asked to remind dog owners that not everyone is as fond of dogs as they are.

Some people, children in particular, can be frightened or intimidated if a dog approaches them, especially if it is not on a lead. So please, if you are walking in the village, keep your dog on its lead. If requested to call your dog back, a little courtesy, also, would not go amiss. (This was probably not a village person, unseen before!)

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Winter Images

Are you impatient for Spring? If you are you can choose between two dates. The Met Office says that it officially starts on March 1st every year. If you want winter to linger longer you might prefer to follow the astronomical calendar which sets the date as being March 20th - the Vernal Equinox – which varies according to the earth's orbit round the sun.

Those of us who usually long for Spring would probably go with March 1st – admittedly Nature pays no attention to calendar dates – but you can take some comfort from the fact that it is officially Spring.

Whichever camp you belong to it can't be denied that March promises Spring. But before I fully enjoy its arrival, I would like to spare a few thoughts for the season we are leaving. When I look back Winter images crowd into my mind. Winter is not just cold and dull – it has its pleasures and beauties too. I would like to list a few of them.

There's our fierce robin with his burnt orange chest, the self-appointed winter guardian of our lawn. There's the thrill of waking up to even the slightest of snow mornings. There are walks across the fields with immense sulky skies which when you look a lot at them are shot through with all kinds of unexpectedly vivid bands of colour - purple, dove grey, pink and the darkest blue. And those occasional magnificent evenings when the sun sets, an incandescent orange ball against glistening copper, like an atavistic blood sacrifice.



There are those walks on late winter afternoons where half the walk is in gathering crepuscular gloom and you return home to a bright fire as the lights of cottages twinkle in the descending dark.

Visiting the seaside. Sitting safely behind glass sipping coffee on a lowering morning in the Pier Café at Southwold watching the swell of grey brown sea heave itself at the Winter shore.

There was crunching to St Mary's Church on the iciest of Christmas mornings, watching out for your footing in the shade where the ice is slipperiest. The childish pleasure of smashing panes of ice into grubby puddles under your wellington booted foot – an act of harmless and deeply enjoyable vandalism. Looking out at the lawn on mornings where it is grey blue and stiff with frost.

Then there were those cold clear nights when you looked up, the faint smell of wood-smoke in your nostrils, and saw the stars and moon as if they were embroidered on the dark velvet immensity of the night.

One afternoon I stared hard at a gateway in an old wall – the layers of different coloured moss and lichen. The moist greens of the many layered moss, the yellow of the lichen. It is so easy to miss such rich corners and just walk past them. And everywhere the leafless trees. Emerging from the hedgerows, lining the middle ground and fringing the horizon - like ornate engravings of the delicate inner workings of the human breathing apparatus – every branch and frond of their detail laid bare.



Nigel Cousins



Firstly a big thanks to Nigel for leaving me enough space to fit this in.

Secondly, I know how you all must be positively drooling with anticipation to have the answer to my secret phrase from last month and for me to announce the winner!

Well the answer was “Chocolate bunnies and eggs”.

And the winner, well only person to respond in any way what so ever, was Sue Eade!

So well done Sue you have managed to win yourself absolutely nothing for your efforts as I hadn't thought that far ahead!

A big Cratfield round of applause for Sue please...

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Pete



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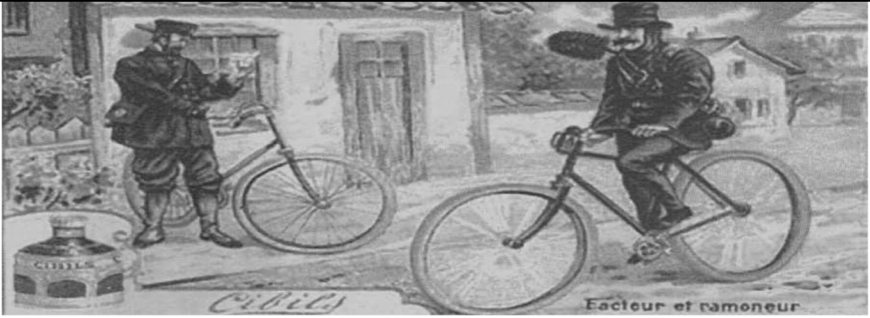
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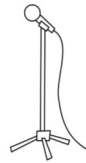
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VILLAGE HALL UPDATE MARCH 2019

Friday 1st March – Pop Up Bar with food by Cratfield Kitchen

First orders 6.00pm with last orders at 9.45pm – please note the bar closes at 10.00pm and the hall will close at 10.30.

Many thanks to Alex and Liz along with Dan and Linzi who helped out behind the bar last month and anyone else 'behind the scenes' – it is hugely appreciated and helps this monthly event to make a healthy profit. If anyone else would like to help in any way with this evening, please do let Natalie know on 01986 798790. You needn't stand behind the bar – there are other jobs such as washing the table cloths, helping set up and clear away – many hands make light work.

Saturday 16th March – Curry and Casserole Night

Tickets are £12.50 per head and booking is essential – please book via Rebecca Sannick with your food choice on 01986 799006.

Options are chicken curry, beef casserole, curried eggs (vegetarian option) or winter vegetable casserole (vegan option) and pudding options are chocolate or syrup steamed sponge,

Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Bring your own wine or beer to drink – the bar will be selling bottles (not glasses) of wine on the night (no soft drinks or beer will be sold).

Saturday 30th March – Acoustic Night 2!!

Doors open 7.15pm, admission free – there will be a collection for the Air Ambulance Service.

Included in the line-up will be one of the best harmonica players you are ever likely to hear, plus Skylark- an acoustic duo from Norwich – and Rosewood (Simon and Val Haines, who also run the folk club at Hadleigh)... definitely not to be missed! Add to that some local talent and we should have another fine Acoustic Night.

The bar will be open, so do come and enjoy an evening of music and song – join in and sing along or just relax and listen.

Thursday 25th April – the first in a new series of Cratfield Talks

The first of what we hope will be an on-going series of talks and will feature John Burton MBE who was the only other man after Sir Christopher Wren to hold the title of Surveyor to the Fabric of both Westminster Abbey and Canterbury Cathedral!

This is a real coup for our village, so please pop the date in your diary and watch for further details.

Sunday 12th May – Dog Show

More details to follow.

Sunday 1st September – Horticultural Show

This year's schedule and entry form are included in this month's magazine to give you an idea of what you could be thinking of growing, baking or making. I find it difficult to believe that the first one of these events was in 2014. We have deliberately chosen a variety of dates during the last 5 years to give us the opportunity of changing the produce to suit the season. I hope that everyone will be able to find something that they can put in this year's show to make it as much of a success as the previous years have been. I hope that the improvement in the weather that we have seen in the last two weeks of February will continue to give us all the impetus to get out into the garden. Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible on September 1st. Please contact Carolyn White on 799187 if you have any questions.

100 Club draw held at Nova

1st Helen Siddle No. 31 £15.00, 2nd Chrissie Kitchen No.1 £10.00, 3rd Nick Eade No. 30 £5.00

Thank you Patrick for donating your winnings to the 100 Club.

Well done and thank you

to Chrissie, Sue and Peter for re-framing and hanging the historical photographs of the village in the Village Hall.

Heather

Dear Friends,



Whether or not you are a bus user you will be concerned to read the following news – basically before Easter we may no longer have a bus service from Halesworth to either Southwold or Norwich. As well as reducing the quality of life for many residents of the Halesworth area (I myself use both the bus to Southwold and Norwich and had anticipated doing so increasingly as I got older) it will have a negative impact on tourism, making it more difficult for visitors to reach Halesworth and for those staying there get out and about. (Yes, there are those who come here without a car and enjoy getting out and about to walk – and using the buses to get them to or from their destinations).

May I urge you to be in touch with our local county councillor, Stephen Burroughes to express your concern.

We are seeing this removal of bus services happening all over the country but must do what we can to see that we do not lose yet another service here in Halesworth! Konnectbus appears to blame the competition from First bus for the need to cancel our buses and they hope First bus will replace these routes.

Anyway, please take a few minutes to express your concern to Stephen Burroughes.

CRATFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

~ Thursday 2nd May 2019 ~

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in the Village Hall to find out more!***

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A little piece of Cratfield history – courtesy of one of Brenda Thirkettle's poems

RED LETTER DAY

Saturday was a red letter day
For our two postmen, George and May.
Just retired, they met at the hall
Where the villagers proudly recall
Their service of twenty-eight years,
Given to people residing here,
Delivering mail to one and all
Through wind and rain and icy squall.
Two hundred thousand miles they went
Hours of cycling they both spent.

May's round each day was a twelve mile trip
Through Cratfield's lanes she had to rip.
George's round was just eight miles,
But always done with kindly smiles.
The villagers turned out in force
To give their grateful thanks of course.
The Parish Chairman made a speech,
A presentation was made to each.
Then George and May spoke of a plan
To serve the area with a postal van.

Mrs. Sillett (75yrs), Mr. Brown (66yrs). Both retired April 1973

Dear Friends,

We are all familiar with there being four seasons in the year: Winter, Spring, Summer and Autumn. It is the way we understand our weather and a rough guide to planning any outdoor or indoor jobs we need to do. But we are not as familiar with the fact that the church's year is divided into seasons as well. We all know Christmas and Easter but are perhaps less aware of Epiphany, Trinity, Lent and Advent. Each season allows us to reflect and rediscover certain aspects of church life and history.

Some seasons are joyful, such as Christmas and Easter, and we are always sad to see them go. Others are sad and more reflective and others, to be unfair to them, are used to fill in the gaps. You may say that the church is always harking on about the bad stuff and never enjoying the good stuff; perhaps more people would come to church if there were more Christmas and Easter-like seasons. Unfortunately life is not like that and if the church is to be relevant to the lives of people it must reflect a true picture of life. Nobody can claim that their life is full of joy and there is no sorrow; in many cases there is a lot of sorrow and very little joy.

It was the same for Jesus. His life had its ups and downs just like any other, perhaps more so. We cannot ignore that he was rejected by some, hated and reviled. We cannot ignore that many a time his miracles and healings were met with hostility from the very people who should have recognized them for what they revealed about Jesus.

We are now entering the season of Lent, which begins on March 6th. This is an opportunity for us not only to follow Jesus on his journey from baptism to crucifixion but also to reflect on our own lives on the good as well as the bad. If it happens that life is hard for us at the moment then we know that Jesus had it hard too and will understand what we are going through.

Life can be very cruel and if we are in the depths of despair it does not help to have the jolly folk around telling us things will be all right. It is at times like that we can look into the face of Christ as he faced the cross, or as he heard Peter deny him, or as the Pharisees tried to destroy him, or as one of his closest friends betrayed him; we can look upon

that face and know he has been there and is ready to listen, support and love.

Lent acknowledges life is not a bundle of roses and allows us to get angry, to despair and to cry with the understanding that all through our blackest moments we are not abandoned by God; no we are not abandoned, for he has been there and is there ready to take our hand and walk with us whatever the problem is and for however long it takes.

David

There is however a bit of good news as I can announce the winner of the Christmas Quiz!

There were several entries and most were all correct this left me with a bit of a dilemma should I break the bar of chocolate up and give a piece to each winner? Or should I put the names of all the winners in a hat and draw one name out. I decided upon the latter and the name that came out of the hat was Catherine Cawood. Congratulations to her and well done to all those who got it right.

LENT 2019 (Kagera Lent Challenge.)

Kagera, in north- west Tanzania, is a beautiful region, mostly of steeply hilled savannah country. However it is poor and remote. Its 1 million people typically live on less than £1 a day, mostly through subsistence farming. Malaria and HIV/Aids are major problems. Parts of Kagera have some of the highest under-five mortality rates in the country. Lack of education and low capital investment in the area has led to a perception of poverty being the norm and to dependency on external aid. The Bishops' Lent appeal this year will support our brothers and sisters in Kagera with education in its many forms to enable them to raise their people out of a mindset of dependency to self-sufficiency. The funds raised will support priests, subsistence farmers and young people, and empower them to build a more hopeful future. Please go to the diocesan website (www.cofesuffolk.org/bishops/kagera-lentappeal) and download the challenge leaflet or pick one up from the church. Please help the best you can these people have nothing and ask so little. The vision of Kagera Diocese is 'Life in its fullness' (John 10:10) and through the link we can help them achieve it

St. Mary's Church Services – March 2019

Sunday 10th	Sunday 17th	Sunday 24th
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Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Phillipians 3;17, 4:17 Luke 13:31-end	Isaiah 55:1-9 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9

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