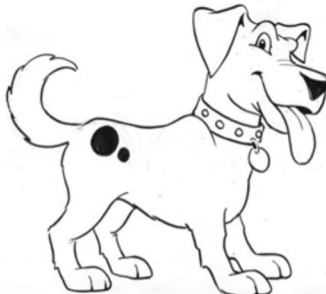


# CRATFIELD NEWS

May 2018

## Cratfield Companion Dog Show

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018



## **CONGRATULATIONS**

A little belated,...  
but none the less very sincere congratulations to Mr and Mrs Algar.  
HOLLY and ANGUS of 2 Poachers Cottage, were married on March 29th  
Hope you enjoyed the cow-shed!

## **A BIG WELCOME**

To Rich, Marline, Jacob, Nicholas and Timothy who have just moved into  
1 The Street we hope you enjoy the country quiet after the rush of  
moving in!

## **FOR SALE**

Calisia upright piano. Dark mahogany in colour.  
Beautiful condition.  
Buyer would have to collect. Please ring any time of day  
01986 799145 or 07943 410335

## **FOR SALE**

Blue check formica-topped kitchen table 26' 'x 26" with 2 extending  
leaves which are 10". Each one £22.50 o.n.o.

New heavy duty weed control membrane 2m wide by 25m long £10.00

tel:-0781072027

**FRESH START FOR HENS**  
(re-homing ex-commercial hens)

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May, Beccles**

We have a number of collection points throughout the country.  
If you are interested in re-homing ex-commercial hens please visit our  
website  
[www.fsfh.org.uk](http://www.fsfh.org.uk)

## **FOUND**

A set of house keys found on the road between Spong Lane and  
Linstead Farm.  
Please telephone 798 845 or call at 5 The Street.

## HEVENINGHAM HALL COUNTRY FAIR

30<sup>th</sup> June & 1<sup>st</sup> JULY 2018

10am till 5pm

Last year's Fair was such a huge success that it is going to be really difficult to beat it. However, we must try, and, as last year, I need all the help I can get from the people of Cratfield!

The money raised at the fair goes into the Trust which is a Charity that helps all the local villages. Cratfield has benefitted hugely from the Trust with funds for the Village Hall and the Church, in particular. Their generosity has helped enable us to refurbish the kitchen at the Village Hall, along with other smaller projects including the new notice boards and they were very quick to offer a large donation when the lead from the Church was stolen. From the funds raised last year the Village Hall was given a huge donation of £2356 to check and update the electrics in the Hall. Cratfield people have always been very generous with their time as well as contributing to the Tombola stall and I know that many of you will already have volunteered to be stewards, helpers, money counters and cake makers on the weekend of the Fair. There is a Hog Roast for many of the volunteers, together with free entry to the Fair on the day you are helping.

My task is to collect as many prizes for the Tombola as I can. These must be new, with any food being in date please. They are also looking for 'star prizes' such as soft toys, wine etc. so please start thinking about what you would be able to contribute. In addition, each village was asked to provide something larger for the raffle and I have offered a £30 John Lewis voucher. I would like to collect no more than £1 from each family towards this and I hope that you will feel able to support this very worthy cause. I will put a green plastic box in the porch outside my back door and hope that I have to empty it many times!

For more information about how to get involved or get tickets, together with the attractions which are on offer then visit their website – [countryfair.co.uk](http://countryfair.co.uk)

Carolyn White

Salisbury House, Manse Lane

Cratfield Village Representative

Heveningham Hall Country Fair Trust Reg Charity No. 1095403 – For the Community

## **SWING MACHINE COMES TO CRATFIELD**

The Swing Machine are on their way to Cratfield!!  
Swing music is for everyone and it's LIVE.  
All you have to do is walk up the road after you've watched the  
Royal Wedding and the Cup Final.  
It will be super Saturday in Cratfield.

Please come along and support us and Richard Turberville who  
lives in our village and is a member of the band.

The music of Glen Miller, Count Basie, Duke Ellington and  
more, all in our beautiful church. So, if you haven't already,  
please ask some friends and family to come too. The more the  
church is full the better the evening will be.

There will be light refreshments included in the price of your  
ticket and we will have an outside bar. Ticket prices are on the  
poster so all you have to do is call the Ticket Hotline –  
07906509302.

I am looking for some items to decorate the Church.  
Has anyone got a large Union Jack Flag?  
I am also looking for some big band instruments to use for  
display only.  
We will be having a raffle too.....  
A one off prize of Cratfield Produce.  
Has anyone got a hamper or nice crate they are wanting to get  
rid of that we could have?  
Thank you.  
Please call me on – 07906509302

**BUT** more importantly please come along. It will be an amazing  
evening

St Mary's Church  
Cratfield, Suffolk, IP19 0BU

# Big Band Jazz

WITH

## SWING MACHINE

Big Band Sounds from  
the 1940's & 50's  
Concert

Starts

7PM

Bar and Light  
Refreshments

**MAY  
19th**

Ticket Hotline: 07906 509302

**TICKET PRICES**

Side Aisle (obstructed view) £8.00

Body of Church £11.00

Tables of 6 £15 per person

Cliff Miller, Count Basie, Woody Herman, Duke  
Ellington, Stan Kenton

Frank Sinatra, Bobby Darin, Ella Fitzgerald and more!

All proceeds in aid of Cratfield Church.

MICHAEL OLIVER

## FENCING AND GATES

ALL ASPECTS SUPPLIED ERECTED REPAIRED  
ADAPTABLE to your individual requirements

GARDEN FEATURES CONSTRUCTED AND INSTALLED  
Arches pergolas trellis paving paths footbridges raised beds log stores

GRAVEL DRIVEWAYS CONSTRUCTED AND REFURBISHED  
Including drainage and all types of edging

MINI DIGGER TO: CLEAN SMALL DITCHES TRENCHES DRAINAGE  
HOLES AUGERED CONCRETE BREAKING AREAS LEVELLED AND CLEARED

*PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE  
FREE WRITTEN ESTIMATES AND SENSIBLE ADVICE*

HOME: 01986 798129 MOBILE: 07946 714291  
EMAIL:michael700oliver@btinternet.com



## Linstead Farm & Garden

For all your gardening equipment and machinery needs

Lawn mowers, ride-ons, chainsaws, hedge trimmers etc

**STIHL VIKING MOUNTFIELD COUNTAX STIGA**

Sales and service, spares and repairs. Contact Bob or Simon on 01986  
785272 or email [linsteadfarm@btconnect.com](mailto:linsteadfarm@btconnect.com)

## Brian Cole

7, The Street, Cratfield,  
Halesworth, Suffolk IP19 0BS

Tel: 01986 798503 Mobile:  
07770768209

**Garden machinery repairs**

**Shears sharpened**



Would you like  
an attractive  
garden, or a productive  
vegetable patch, but lack the  
time, energy or experience?

Then call Gary Kimpton Garden  
Services for expert advice and  
practical help in your garden.  
Please telephone 07913814176 for  
a prompt response.

## *Gates Lodge Self Catering*

- *Luxury Grade 2 Listed Accommodation*
- *Fully Equiped*
- *4 star Detached Cart-Lodge & Stable*

*Farmland views*

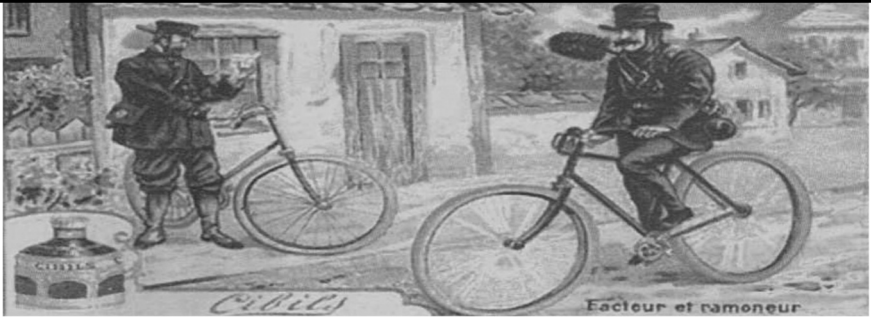
Chippenhall Green, Fressingfield, IP21 5SJ

**01379-586166**

**[www.jolly-farmers-suffolk.com](http://www.jolly-farmers-suffolk.com)**

**[www.gateslodge.co.uk](http://www.gateslodge.co.uk)**





## CHIMNEY SWEEP

STRADBROKE 01379 388908

FULLY CERTIFIED

INSURANCE APPROVED

TONY HALES

BUMBLE COTTAGE, WILBY RD, STRADBROKE



*Don't forget to book your lucky sweep for weddings.*

## Pike's Paws

### Home Boarding for Dogs



- Safe family environment
- 3 Acre organic small-holding
- From holiday stays to day care
- Fully insured and Licensed

Oak Tree Cottage, Cratfield Road  
Huntingfield, Suffolk, IP19 0QB

[Pikespaws@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Pikespaws@yahoo.co.uk)

01986 798310

Find us on:  
 [facebook. PikesPaws](https://www.facebook.com/PikesPaws)

# FRESSINGFIELD STORES

YOUR FRESH AND LOCAL VILLAGE STORE

**NEW**  
**'INDEPENDENT'**  
RANGE OF  
OWN BRAND  
SPECIAL  
VALUE  
GOODS



- ★ 3 Weekly Special Offers
- ★ Off-Licence,  
Dry Cleaning,  
Gas & Coal
- ★ Open 7 Days a Week  
until 8pm  
(Sunday 6pm)

**01379 588188**

**Mace**

**Tank  
Change  
Limited**

Does your Oil Tank need replacing?  
We are your local oil tank installer established since  
1989 with over 16,000 installations to date

- New oil tank installations, relocations and servicing
- Emergency pump out service available for leaking oil tanks
- Kingspan Titan polyethylene tanks and steel tanks held in stock
- OFTEC registered
- Kingspan Titan Accredited
- Fully insured
- Parish magazine discount
- Free surveys

Tel. 01449 781210  
Email: [enquiries@tankchange.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@tankchange.co.uk)  
[www.tankchange.co.uk](http://www.tankchange.co.uk)





## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The April Pop-up was busy, with John O'Brien's karaoke in the second half of the evening bringing in new faces. We're thinking of putting on a stand-alone karaoke/dance evening later in the year, so please let us know if you think this is something you would like to come to.

Our custom-built bar made its début. Thanks to Robert King and Dan Elford for doing a lovely job of making it. The chance to admire the bar again, or even lean on it, comes on Friday May 4<sup>th</sup> our next pop-up, where there will be the usual selection of beers, wine and soft drinks. A keg of St. Peter's brewery beer sold out at the last evening and we may well have another in May, or source a different local beer. If you know of a local micro-brewery do please pass on the name. Cratfield Kitchen will be serving food as usual in May.

The bar opens at 6.00pm, closing at 11.00pm.

Our recent licence application was successful which means that the hall can provide a bar for most events.

Contact the hall secretary Jo Nunn or the Village Hall Chair, Rebecca Sannick for details if you are thinking of having a 'do'.

**Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup>** is the popular Cratfield Dog Show which is always a busy and cheerful day, and, with only one notable exception, generally blessed by sunshine. More detailed information on time and classes is in the magazine. Bring your dogs and enter the fun classes (or the earlier pedigree classes, if you have that kind of dog) or just come along to chat with your neighbours. Food and refreshments available.

This year the show is supporting two charities:- St. Elizabeth Hospice and 'Dogs for Good' which is a UK based charity training and providing assistance dogs to people with physical disabilities and children with autism.

### **100 CLUB draw held at Nova**

1st Lotty Barbour no. 40 £15.00

2nd Heather Hargood no. 7 £10.00

3rd Nigel Cousins no. 81 £5.00

Congratulations to all the winners

# Cratfield Companion



## Dog Show

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May  
2018



**Classes for all shapes  
and sizes!! Come and have fun!!**

**Judging from 10.30am**

By kind permission of The Kennel Club and

Mr Rick Haddingham

Judge Sharon Clarke (Harbethol)

**Proceeds to Cratfield Village Hall with donations  
to St Elizabeth  
Hospice and Dogs for Good**

**BBQ, Cakes Refreshments, Raffle and Ice  
Cream**

Held at Cratfield Village Hall, Manse Lane Cratfield

Halesworth Suffolk IP19 0DJ

Signposted from A1123

**Perpetual trophy to Pedigree Best in Show**

Contact Rebecca for schedule or further details

07879400113

JUDGING COMMENCES 10.30AM by Sharon Clarke

PEDIGREE CLASSES £2.50 PER CLASS

1. PUPPY (6-12 months) *Sponsored by Olivia, Naomi and Alannah*
2. SPORTING *Sponsored In Memory of Bob White*
3. NON SPORTING *Sponsored Mr Chips*
4. OPEN *Sponsored by Sam Buck*

*Perpetual Trophy to Best in Show (Pedigree) Sponsored by Rebecca Sannick*

*Best in show rosette sponsored by Kate Scorey rosettes*

*Reserve Best in Show sponsored by Loki Wolfdog K9 Tracker*

*Best Puppy rosette sponsored by Waveney Security and Fire*

*Presentation of Best in Show Trophy and Best Puppy by Lotty Barbour Chairman of the Parish Council*

**DURING THE JUDGES BREAK THERE WILL BE DOG GYMKHANA 3 RACES WITH DOGS IN TWO AGE GROUPS 10yrs and under and over10 YRS** *Sponsored by Wangford Veterinary Clinic*

**FUN CLASSES £1.00 PER CLASS (Approx 1pm)**

5. **BEST CRATFIELD DOG** (*for dogs who live in Cratfield*) *Sponsored by Cratfield News + Trophy to winning Dog*
6. "AH FACTOR *Sponsored by Turkey Hall*
7. **BEST PAIR OF DOGS(MOST ALIKE)** *Sponsored by 'In memory of Kevin (Sox)*
8. **IRISH PAIR (LEAST ALIKE)** *Sponsored by Derek Knights, Plummer*
9. **MOST WAGGY TAIL** *Sponsored In Memory of Rusty and Amber*
10. **PRETTIEST BITCH** *Sponsored by Anne Bedford*
11. **MOST HANDSOME DOG** *Sponsored In memory of Oscar Chivers*
12. **VETERAN (OVER 7 YEARS)** *Sponsored by In Memory of Ruby Thomas*
13. **RESCUE** *Sponsored In memory of Alfie Robinson*
14. **SCRUFFY DOG** *Sponsored by Growlers Dog Grooming*
15. **DOG THE JUDGE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE HOME** *Sponsored by Rosalie's Jewels*
16. **PRETTIEST EYES** *Sponsored by Pikes Paws @ Oak Tree Cottage*
17. **BEST CONDITION** *Sponsored by Leo Cutts, little warrior!*
18. **BEST TRICK** *Sponsored by Whippetree Cottage Holiday Home*
19. **FANCY DRESS** *Sponsored by Vicki Gilmour*
20. **BEST SAUSAGE CATCHER** *Sponsored by Wilf Elford*
21. **JUNIOR HANDLER** *Sponsored by Amies Scaffolding*
22. **WOLF DOG (PURE, PART BRED OR LOOK ALIKE)** *Sponsored by Wolf Dog Rescue*

*All prize winners from classes 5- 22 will compete in the **Best in Show Fun classes.***

*Winner to receive champion rosette Sponsored by Kate Scorey and Reserve Champion rosette sponsored by Southwold Pier Trophy sponsored by Kerry Tarrant Photography*

## Spring Term Report 2018 - All Saints Primary School

Another busy term has passed and pupils and staff are looking forward to some brighter weather. The snow was certainly exciting for many of our pupils who had seen very little before and enabled us to build snowmen on the field, but did result in closure for three days - a first for me at Laxfield.

In January, we held a Healthy Schools week. We invited a company called Kidzfit to come into school and work with us as we learnt about how to keep our bodies and minds healthy with exercise, diet and positive thinking.

In February, we marked *Internet Safety Day* with lessons in all classes about how to keep safe and happy when using the Internet and what to do if something upsets you. Technology is moving at an incredible pace bringing with it opportunities, but also pitfalls. There is some excellent advice for adults to help their children use the Internet carefully on websites such as [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) and [www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)

Our celebration of World Book Day in March was postponed for a week due to the snow, but was well worth waiting for. There were some amazing costumes and fantastic entries into our 'Extreme Reading' competition (a photograph had to be taken reading somewhere unusual). Our day was themed around bears and along with lots of other activities we wrote a most hilarious whole school story with a chapter written by each of the classes beginning in Wrens (reception) and ending in Eagles (year 5 and 6) who had the difficult job of untangling the plot so far and creating an ending. Mrs Clements from Halesworth Bookshop kindly brought us the World Book Day books so that pupils could exchange their vouchers.

On Friday 9th March we held a special assembly to mark Mother's Day. Each of the classes took a turn in celebrating the brilliant ladies who care for them, be that a Mum, Grandmother, Foster carer etc. The results caused laughter and lots of 'aah' moments. Our school council arranged an excellent Sports Relief Day on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, which raised over £700. They worked with Mr Millican (Barn Owl class teacher) to create an obstacle course which pupils were then sponsored to complete.

Our Easter service was held in All Saints Church on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. It was a celebration of the hope that Easter brings. We are grateful to Liz Hammond, Pearl and all at All Saints Church for making us so welcome and allowing us to take over the church (including moving furniture to allow for our youngest two classes to dance in the aisle). Pastor Tim very kindly moved across from the Baptist Chapel to talk to us and lead us in prayer as Reverend David

had to be elsewhere.

Our term ended with an Easter egg hunt after school on Thursday 29th March. This was organised by our Friends of All Saints, Laxfield who did a fantastic job. Luckily the weather held, eggs were found, tea drunk and bonnets worn.

When we return to school after Easter we will be part of the All Saints Schools Trust along with Stradbroke Primary, Fressingfield Primary, St Peter and St Paul (Eye) Primary and Wortham Primary. The conversion to academy status took effect from April 1<sup>st</sup>. Mrs Barrow (our Executive Head) becomes the Co-Executive Principal (along with Mr Carlyle - Head of St Peter and St Paul) and Chief Executive Officer of the trust. Pupils and parents will not notice a great deal of change as each school retains its own identity, but it will give us opportunities to work more closely together.

It will be my final term at All Saints as I am leaving at the end of the academic year (July 2018) to spend more time with my family and take a career break. I have loved my time at this brilliant school and will enjoy my final term before handing over to Mrs Minns who is moving to us from Scole Primary school.

Lucy Hammond (Mrs)  
Head of School



## **Laxfield Pre-School Group**

**(Framlingham Road, Laxfield IP13 8HD)**

Rewarded 'Outstanding' for the third consecutive time.

Sessions available between 8.30am -3.30pm for children aged 2-5yrs. Funding is available subject to criteria.

Please call Lizzie on 01986 798091 or email at

[manager.laxfieldpreschool@outlook.com](mailto:manager.laxfieldpreschool@outlook.com)

## 2018 MOBILE LIBRARY DATES

Silverleys Green 14.15-14.35  
The Poacher 14.45-15.00

Calling every four weeks on Tuesdays:

**24<sup>th</sup> April, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 17<sup>th</sup> July, 14<sup>th</sup> August, 11<sup>th</sup> September, 9<sup>th</sup> October, 6<sup>th</sup> November, 4<sup>th</sup> December**

### T.W. Tree and Gardening Services

All aspects of tree surgery

Hedges trimmed, rough areas  
strimmed, garden rubbish cleared

Tel: 01986 798928

Mob: 07787 753525

## BOOTY BUILDERS

### LAXFIELD

\*\*\*\*\*

**For all types of  
building work**

\*\*\*\*\*

**Contact Terry**

**01986 798753**

**Or 07889 116448**

## D.C. PATRICK

26 Market Plkace, Halesworth

**YOUR LOCAL NEWSAGENT  
NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES  
DELIVERED TO YOUR HOME 7 DAYS A  
WEEK**

**TELEPHONE 01986 875229**



**Do you hate ironing?**

Then let me do it! Reasonable rates, I can  
collect and deliver.

Existing customers in Cratfield.

Contact Sue on 07789 041793 or  
01986 873 729

**D. M. BULLOCK**  
**GENERAL BUILDER**

*All building work undertaken*



Extensions

New Build Renovations

Patios Brickwork

Plastering

Carpentry

Ceramic Tiling

Mobile: 07766 063601

**R. Gritton**

**Professional Decorators**

**High Quality, reliable  
service for all your  
interior and exterior  
requirements**

**Telephone: 01379**

**586768**

**Mobile: 07766 982600**

**Cratfield Beef**



**Quality Home Produced Beef**

A large selection of fresh & frozen beef  
readily available

Come and visit the Cratfield beef stand  
at Halesworth produce market every  
second Saturday of each month

A full price list is available on request.

Further details from Lotty 01986

798099

orders@cratfieldbeef.co.uk



**HILLCREST**  
VEHICLE SOLUTIONS

- MOT
- Servicing
- Repairs
- Diagnostics
- All makes welcome
- Land Rover Specialists

**All mechanical work guaranteed for 12  
months or 12,000 miles**

**Hillcrest Garage, Cratfield Road**

**Huntingfield Tel: 01986 798668**

**AFFORDABLE  
HANDYMAN  
HOME + GARDEN**



**RELIABLE, TRUSTWORTHY  
EXCELLENT REFERENCES  
CALL PETER  
01379 668436**

**ACORN FOOT HEALTH**

Roger C. Griffiths, BSc (Econ), Dip Soc Sci,  
PGCE, MCFHP, MAFHP

**FOOT HEALTH CONSULTANT**

HOME VISITS, CARE HOMES & PRIVATE CLINIC

Verruca treatments, ingrown toenails, calluses,  
fungal Infection, corns, nail cutting, bunions  
and Foot Care for diabetics.

Foot health checks and all nail conditions.

For an appointment

Tel. 01379 384873 Mob. 07724 073328

Email: [griffithstwo@aol.com](mailto:griffithstwo@aol.com)

Some evening appointments available



**GARDEN  
WASTE  
SCHEME**

Local people can now sign up to the new Garden Waste Collection Scheme being provided by Suffolk Coastal District Council.

Suffolk Coastal District Council is introducing a £43 a year charge for collecting garden waste this financial year (2018/19).

The scheme is optional, with the first paid-for collections scheduled to start from the beginning of May 2018.

It's quick and easy to sign up, either:

- ✓ Go online at: [my.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/MyServices](http://my.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/MyServices). You will need to register, or login to, your My Eastsuffolk account and then complete the form for garden waste
- ✓ Call Customer Services on **01394 383789**, and choosing option '0'.
  - ✓ Or, pop in to see our Customer Service staff in the Customer Service Centre in Felixstowe and Woodbridge Libraries.

You will need a debit or credit card to pay. The fee for one bin is £43 for a year (the equivalent of paying about £1.65 per fortnightly collection). You can place your order now and don't forget to say 'YES' to the upgrade.

Fiona Patrick's Therapies

Relax & Unwind ....

Holistic Massage - Back Massage

Hot Stone Massage - Indian Head Massage

Body Scrubs - Body Wraps

[www.fp-therapies.co.uk](http://www.fp-therapies.co.uk)

Fully Qualified & Insured

Give me a call - I am only in BRUNDISH

01379 388458 or e-mail

Fiona@fp-therapies.co.uk

## HORSE & GARDEN

The Thoroughfare, Halesworth

01986 873484 open 9 - 5.00 pm

Monday – Saturday

Everything for horse and rider.

Garden supplies, seasonal bulbs,

wellingtons, workwear, country

clothing, gift tokens and much

more

## MAN & MACHINE



**LOCAL PLANT & DRIVER HIRE – REASONABLE RATES.**

SITE WORKS, DRIVES, AGRICULTURAL, DITCHING, DRAINAGE, HARDCORE SUPPLIED AND REMOVED, INCLUDING CONCRETE CRUSH.

ALL JOBS UNDERTAKEN. TRACTOR, TRAILER, SITE WASTE REMOVED.

CALL DAVID ABELL FOR QUOTATION; 01986 785132 MOBILE 07966 725001

## Local is best

One unlooked for result of moving to Cratfield from London was its sparkling effect on our marriage. My better half was transformed into a fairy tale Princess. It was as if she had been given control of a Genie who roves the world, seeks out treasures from its four corners and enables them to be delivered to our cottage. Transforming into an Ali Baba's cave that secret area which is our designated place to drop deliveries when we are out. An endless caravan of goods winds its way towards us seemingly every week. They include: rare books, a Thomas the Tank Engine collapsible bed for the grandchild, any kind of clobber you care to name, a shoe rack, Mexican air plants, an assortment of fly killing products, a whole new telephone system, a patent drain unblocker, unique wooden knitting needles from China, a blue rug all the way from India and an Eastern European hand-painted glass vase in glistening orange.

Maybe she commands that Genie because she unwittingly helped a spirit disguised as a mortal. Perhaps the magical powers that be simply took pity on her and rewarded for having stayed married so long to such a charmingly flawed fellow as myself.



There was internet shopping in our household before we moved to the country. But it seemed on a much smaller scale. Westfield was nearby; the largest shops were comfortably within reach.

Like most men I am a responsible and frugal shopper limiting my purchases to essentials. Once, a village had a shop which stocked everything that you really needed. Things of which you had never heard – and there were a lot of things we had never heard of before the internet – were things that you could comfortably go without.

Then there is the problem of what if something goes wrong. Local goods may be more limited in scope – but at least you can take them back without the complication of repackaging, arranging collection and quibbling about getting your money back.

My wife knows my views on this sort of thing too well, she tells me. If I dared impart my doctrine about limiting shopping to the local, she would probably mistake it for meanness.

I did buy one thing – and an expensive one at that – on the internet. After much research I invested in a fine new battery powered electric mower.

One thrilling evening I came home to find it waiting, snug in its box, in our designated delivery place. It had to be assembled using complex instructions - another downside of these pesky internet purchases. It took Anne forty-five minutes to put it together.

After just under a year it went wrong. If I returned the mower to a recognised agent they could despatch it, along with the guarantee, back to the manufacturer. A sweep of the world wide web revealed that there was a local place which dealt in my brand of machine. There was no time to lose as the guarantee only had two weeks to go. I rushed the mower to the guy down the road.

He gave it a casual glance, fixed it himself and did not want to charge me. He told me it wasn't worth the time it would take him fiddling around online and sending it back to the suppliers to activate the guarantee. He was right, as I almost found myself telling the wife when I got home. This internet business is a waste of time. Best to shop local.



## Nigel Cousins

Pete's

Computer

Services

Reliable, helpful, honest and local!

Assistance, maintenance and repairs.

PC, laptops, tablets and phones.

NO FIX NO FEE.

**Tel: 07758076177 or 01986888505**

**pete@petescomputerservices.co.uk**

**WEB: petescomputerservices.co.uk**

Crane Lodge, Bickers Hill, Laxfield, IP13 8DP

Telephone: 01986-798901

May 2018

Dear Friends,

When I recently celebrated communion on Easter Sunday at Wilby, it was the wonderful occasion it always is, but for me it was tainted with sadness as it is the last time I will celebrate on Easter day as assistant priest and a member of the ministry team.

It was originally my intention to make this announcement in November, but as rumours are going around concerning my retirement I thought I better set the record straight.

The Church of England rules are that when a priest reaches the age of 70, he or she must, by law retire. Though I look as though I passed that milestone decades ago I am 70 next year, so accordingly I must retire from my position, though I will still be a priest. Also, I must withdraw from Benefice activities for 6 months.

However, before you breath a sigh of relief and think that it may be safe to return to church, read on... Once the period of six months has elapsed, I can and will, apply to the Bishop for what is called permission to officiate (PTO). If granted, this means that I will be given license to officiate at services again, but as a retired priest living in the Benefice, not as a member of the ministry team.

The good news is that by then, David and Rebecca will have been ordained as Deacons, so the ministry team will have grown not shrunk.

It is my intention to continue as an active priest in these parishes and God's own county of Suffolk for as long as I am able, and I look forward to many years ahead sharing Christian fellowship with you all.

With my prayers and best wishes,

Ron

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH - MAY SERVICES**

<b>SUNDAY 13th</b>	<b>SUNDAY 20th</b>	<b>SUNDAY 27 th</b>
<b>6.30pm Evensong DB</b>	<b>9.30am Holy Communion CW DB</b>	<b>8.00am Holy Communion</b>
<b>Reader Liz Dix</b>	<b>Reader Don Peacock</b>	<b>Reader Elizabeth Cook</b>
<b>Sidesperson Andy Edmonds</b>	<b>Sidesperson Andy Edmonds</b>	<b>Sidesperson Don Peacock</b>
Acts 1:15-17, 26-end 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19	Acts 2:1-21 Romans 8:22-27 John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15	Isaiah 6:1-8 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17

**Have you got your tickets for the Swing Machine?  
Saturday May 19th 7.00pm - Cratfield St. Mary's Church**

# DIRECTORY:

Doctor's Surgery	Fressingfield	01379 586 227
	Stradbroke	01379 384 220

## Local officers:

Church Rev. David Burrell		01986 798 136
---------------------------	--	---------------

'The Vicarage, Noyes Avenue, Laxfield

[theparsnips@googlemail.com](mailto:theparsnips@googlemail.com)

## Church Wardens:

Andy Edmunds		01986 798523
--------------	--	--------------

Lay Elder for Cratfield - Margaret Thompson		07906 509302
---	--	--------------

Parish Council - Lotty Barbour		01986 798099
--------------------------------	--	--------------

PC Clerk Sally Chapman		01379 855486
------------------------	--	--------------

PC Website	<a href="http://www.cratfield.onesuffolk.net">www.cratfield.onesuffolk.net</a>	
------------	--	--

Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator - Nick Eade		01986 798725
--	--	--------------

## Village Hall:

Chair Person - Rebecca Sannick		01986 799006
--------------------------------	--	--------------

Vice Chair - Richard Turberville		01986 798346
----------------------------------	--	--------------

Bookings - Jo Nunn		01986 799181
--------------------	--	--------------

Painting Club - Mick Chave		01986 798771
----------------------------	--	--------------

Laxfield School Head of School- Mrs Hammond		01986 798344
---	--	--------------

Nova Group - Heather Hargood		01986 798180
------------------------------	--	--------------

## Magazine Editors:

Sue Eade, Cranes Cottage, Cratfield, IP19 0BN		01986 798725
---	--	--------------

[suecratmag@aol.com](mailto:suecratmag@aol.com)

Treasurer - Geoff Moore		01379 588024
-------------------------	--	--------------

Production Manager -

Peter Sparrow, 2 The Street, Cratfield, IP19 0BS		01986 888505
--	--	--------------

[peter-sparrow@outlook.com](mailto:peter-sparrow@outlook.com)

All information must arrive by 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Advertising rates p/a: Full page £60; half page £30; quarter £20; eighth £10; directory £8; flyer £10.

Please contact Sue, Geoff, Molly or Peter for more information