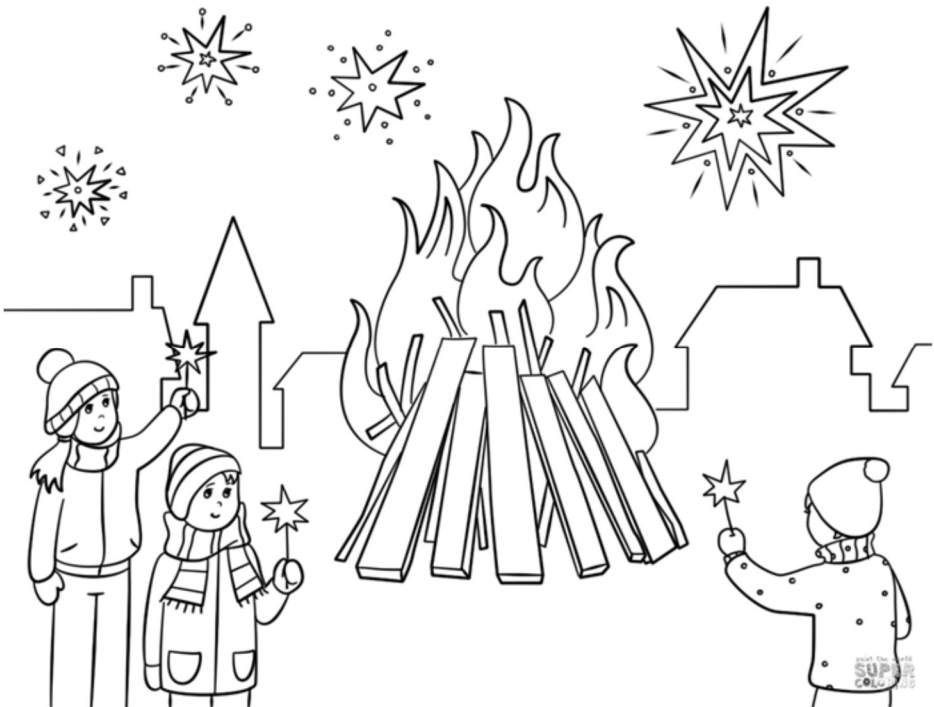


CRATFIELD NEWS

November 2019



HE.....LP!

Your magazine needs you!
We are in need of a Treasurer.

Since the magazine, as you know it, was set up in January 2004 by Dawn, Geoff and myself, Geoff has carried out the role of treasurer, which is an essential part of the production of Cratfield News. Without the advertisements you would have to pay for it!

After 15 years of service Geoff now needs a well earned rest. Many new people have made their home in the village since the magazine was started, and many take a very active part in village life. Are you one of them? Or would you like be able to contribute to the life of the village and have been wondering what you could offer?

The job is not *too* onerous, invoices need to be sent out and cheques banked etc. But of course Geoff will fill you in.

Please contact either Geoff - 01379 588024 or Sue - 01986 798725

THANK YOU

Once again a very big thank you to all of those who turned up to help in the autumn Churchyard clearance. There were seventeen of us - Jean & Don, Andy, Sue & Nick, Alison & Mike, Mark, Susan & Adrian, Chrissie, Peter, Linzi & Dan, Wendy & Gary and Geoff. And, once again it was a bit of a soggy day, but efforts did not flag. As all events in the village, community spirit comes to the fore. The Community Payback Team came a few days later and were able to finish off the remainder of the churchyard, so all is looking more or less shipshape for the winter, just a few of the older graves need weeding out, but people have volunteered to do this in their own time. It really is a most pleasant place to do a little quiet gardening, whilst reflecting on life, or not!

On behalf of St. Mary's PCC, thank you again. See you next time, when maybe it won't be raining!

CARPET BOWLS

This is proving to be very popular as an entertaining evening for everyone. All welcome.

Every Wednesday, 7 – 9 pm. Entry £2-00.

This is the second '**CRATFIELD TALK**' and will be combined with cheese!

Ian Pettit took over a somewhat fading vineyard in Laxfield a few years ago and will tell us all about the development of the vineyard and the emergence of Burnt Foot Wines. He spent some time deciding on the name of the wine and very sensibly rejected my suggestion of 'Man with a Vin'!

WE WILL HAVE A **WINE TASTING** COMBINED WITH SAMPLING OF LOCAL **ARTISAN CHEESES**.

Saturday 9th November in Cratfield Village Hall – 7.00 for 7.30pm. £6 per person. Booking your place is essential – please leave money, name and phone number in Rebecca Sannick's post box at Bell View Farm, Manse Lane, Cratfield

CRATFIELD ACOUSTIC NIGHT 3

I very much hope you can make it to acoustic Night 3 – after the musical success on One and Two we have some wonderful performers for Three, which will be in Cratfield Village Hall on **Saturday 23rd November** – doors open at 7.15pm to start at 7.40pm. The bar will be open and entrance is free but there will be a collection, as usual for the Air Ambulance and we hope you will give generously.

We have a guest appearance – Sharam Gill from Wolverhampton. I met Sharam at a song-writing course last year. He is a lovely, talented guy and his excellent new CD 'The Cautionary Tale of Cox McQueen' is attracting plays all over the world.

Paul Marfleet

The temperature's dropping, the berries are swelling on the holly.
The **Cratfield Christmas Fair** is on Sunday December 8th
from 10am to 2pm at the Village Hall
It's going to be a cracker

HEVENINGHAM HALL FIREWORKS SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2019

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***Laxfield Produce, Craft and Flea Market
Saturday 2nd November 9.30am -12 midday***

***inside All Saint's Church & in the Royal Oak
and outside on Church Plain (IP13 8DH)***

The Market was really lucky with the weather last month – the Saturday was a lovely day but the following day rain came down in buckets, and roads flooded! Hopefully the weather will be kind again on 2nd November, when as usual there will be a huge array of local stallholders in the Church, in the Royal Oak, and some braving November out on Church Plain.

Do come along for a friendly sociable morning. A previous resident of Laxfield re-visited after moving away for a while, and was blown away by the success and atmosphere of our monthly Market, a great testament to all involved, including the enthusiastic stallholders, local customers, and visitors alike, who all help make it so vibrant, and a great event to visit.

For November there'll be over 30 stallholders as usual, offering a range of items such as free-range eggs, first class welfare-friendly meats, cakes, bakes (including gluten and dairy-free), meat pies and sausage rolls, hand-crafted gifts, bird food, artworks, hand-made cards, vintage items, locally made jewellery, collectibles and vintage, and charity items too. Look for Sally's plants and tulip bulbs ready for planting to ensure your garden looks great next Spring.

Coffee, tea and scrumptious cake will be available in the Church, and in the pub breakfasts, bacon butties and teas/coffees, beers and lunches (and no doubt a log fire too) will all be on offer.

This lively Market is very popular with stallholders and customers alike, so there is always a waiting list for indoor stall space, but do contact Catherine Cawood on 01986 798852 for info on availability.

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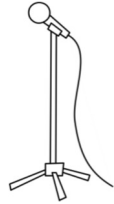


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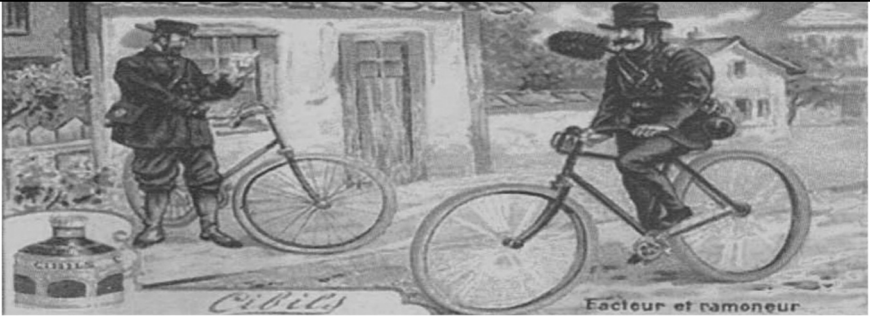
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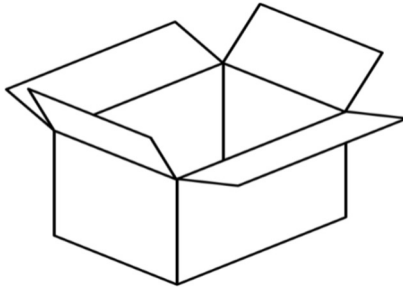
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VILLAGE HALL UPDATE – OCTOBER

Photographic Competition –

Well done to all who entered – the standard was really high again this year with a record number of entries in all categories. A huge amount of thanks to Susannah Crawley, Paul Marfleet and Nigel Cousins for arranging this event and the independent judge – Photographer Helen Cannon from Huntingfield. Watch out for the Calendar coming out soon - and next year's categories will be announced shortly!

Coffee Morning -

Following the success of the Rural Coffee Caravan's visit to the village earlier in the year and requests for another community coffee morning it was great to see a similar number of people turn out for this to 'test the water' with regards to interest (possibly due to the excellent selection of cakes!) – many thanks to Wendy Thomas for coordinating this event along with anyone who assisted / set up / poured tea etc – the village hall was loaned free of charge for this community event, with donations to cover the cost of refreshments. Watch this space in case it happens again...

Carpet Bowls Club –

Newly reformed and meets every Wednesday 7 – 9 (except the 6th November) – 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!

Next Pop Up Pub - Friday 1st November with food by Cratfield Kitchen 6 – 9PM

Many thanks to all the helpers and bar staff from the October pop up – especially Dennis and Lesley (it takes quite a lot of time to set up all the chairs, tables, bar, glasses, drinks and stock the fridge etc – so a huge thank you to them for giving up a large chunk of their time each month to do this – it is very much appreciated!)

The October Pop-Up was one of the busiest ever – we look forward to seeing you all there in November - if you would like to help in any way please contact Paul Marfleet who organises the rotas of bar staff etc - marfleets@doctors.org.uk

Gardening Club – Wednesday 6th November at 7.30 (Village Hall)

From Caroline Marfleet – A huge thank you to all those (Graham, Susan, Hugh and Paul) who helped clear the village hall flower bed on Thursday

17th October. It was conveniently planned to be on the same day as the coffee morning in the hall! It now looks a bit bare so if anyone has any spare shrubs or perennials they are clearing, please let us know!

Members and non-members welcome. We will be discussing planning the vegetable garden for next year! Any queries please contact Caroline on marfleets@doctors.org.uk

Next committee meeting – PLEASE NOTE AMENDED DATE TO 14TH NOVEMBER to tie in with AGM

Apologies to anyone who turned up for the open forum before the planned Committee meeting on the 17th October, due to a number of reasons this had to be re scheduled.

Open Forum from 7.15 with committee meeting starting at 7.30 (please note only committee members can be in attendance from 7.30 onwards for the AGM and committee meeting) The open forum is for anyone to attend if they have any queries, questions or suggestions on how the village hall is run or would like to suggest any events, offer assistance etc. During the AGM office holders will be offered the chance to stand for re election. If you would like to join the village hall committee please contact Natalie Lloyd-Evans - natalie.l.evans@gmail.com – the committee meet a handful of times across the year and split any tasks up, so it only takes a few hours every other month to be involved – it is a great way to meet other people in the village if you have some spare time – whether it be helping set up or clear up after an event, man the bar, create and distribute some posters etc etc.

9th November – Cheese & Wine evening 7 for 7.30

Something for all the food and drink lovers out there - wine tasting plus! This is the second 'Cratfield Talk' and will be combined with local artisan cheeses! Ian Pettit took over a somewhat fading vineyard in Laxfield a few years ago and will tell us all about the development of the vineyard and the emergence of Burnt Foot Wines. He spent some time deciding on the name of the wine and very sensibly rejected the suggestion of 'Man with a Vin'!

Tickets £6 per person – please place money per head in an envelope with your names and a contact number on the front in Rebecca Sannick's post-box which to the left of the gate behind the picket fence (Bell View Farm, Manse Lane – used to be Cratfield Cattery) Any queries please contact Rebecca on 01986 799006 - please note places are limited so book your place early!

23rd November – Acoustic night 3, doors open 7.15

Back by very popular demand with a full programme of fine singers and musicians from both local and further afield, some new and some returning by request – and the bar will be open too! After the success of Acoustic Nights One and Two we have some wonderful performers for Three including a

guest appearance - Sharam Gill – a very talented guy and his excellent new CD, 'The Cautionary Tale of Cox McQueen' is attracting plays all over the world. Entrance is free but there will be a collection, as usual, for the Air Ambulance and we hope you will give generously.

Sunday 8th December - Christmas Fair 10 - 2

Following the good turnout last year (mind you – that could have just been for Richard's bacon rolls!) this year we have lots of local stalls, festive gifts, food, crafts (including The Southwold Candle Co with their new range) and a Christmas Tree raffle. Phoenix Rescue will also be bringing a live Owl along – with a table of gifts and tombola. All the stall holders are local, many from the village so please come and support them. Coffee, mulled wine and bacon butties will be on sale, and this is a lovely opportunity to meet with friends for a pre-Christmas catch up.

100 Club draw held at NOVA.

1st Shirley Symonds No: 100 £15.00

2nd Mary Powell No: 37 £10.00

3rd Geoff Moore No: 41 £5.00.

Congratulations to all the winners!

Don't forget – more information on village events, reminders of events and timings along with information on other surrounding areas can be found on the village facebook page – just search 'Cratfield Village'

Cryptic Quiz

(Theme Musical shows or film titles)

Arm yourself Ms Lennox.

Coal user may be deranged. (anagram)

Head covering – for most!

Cat by night repeated round this musical. (anagram)

Your female sibling's stage performance.

Getting rather wet while vocalising.

Fair hair within the law.

Eight-legged lady gives you a smacker!

Sir Bernard Law Montgomery, First Viscount of Alamein?

Karloff and Cushing in a boutique.

(Answers next month)

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FISHING WITH ROGER

To some visitors the countryside exudes a reassuring feeling of being constant and immutable in a world dominated by uncertainty. In fact, of course, the landscape is anything but static. It changes like the view in a slow but relentlessly turning kaleidoscope. Weather, light, vegetation, sounds and smells are in constant flux. The field overlooked from our decking changes greatly over the year – sometimes it is brown, sometimes brown with green shoots, sometimes it nods with greening crops. In the height of summer, it is golden with wheat or barley. I was having an early breakfast on the decking. The kaleidoscope adjusted, the perfect combination was somehow achieved, and something was unlocked. The light was just right, the field was bare and brown to just the right extent and the raspingly familiar sound of the crows was just right too. I was suddenly transported to somewhere else.

'Kraa! Kraa! Kraa!' went the crows. Cratfield melted away and I was fifteen or so walking across a field identical to this one in identical light and with identical sounds. I was walking to the special spot on the Bristol Avon where, as a school-boy, I fished every Saturday with my friend Roger. It might have been one specific morning or perhaps it was an agglomeration of similar mornings.

I enjoyed fishing well enough if I went on my own, but I never felt confident - nothing much would happen, and I would have no luck. When I fished with Roger it was different. He seemed to make things happen. He knew the floats to use, the knots to tie, the right depths to fish at. I never caught as many as he did, but it seemed only with him that my float darted under and I struck to feel the throb of resistance and glimpse the flash of a fish under brown water as I reeled in my line.

I was always reading and fancied myself good at English. I wanted to stay on and go to University. Roger was not academic. When he was sixteen, he wanted to leave school and earn money in a job. Whereas I could be shy and tentative he was bold as brass and up to all sorts. From the age of thirteen he smoked a Huckleberry Finn corn cob pipe and would drink beer as we fished the river together. I was a bit in awe of him. He had girlfriends and had gone quite far with them or so he said. Once - maybe on the very afternoon of that day that came back to me so vividly - after our fishing trip we caught the bus home from outside the aptly named **Trout Inn** in Keynsham. He was fifteen but he reckoned that if you had bad acne, scowled and grunted you could easily pass as being eighteen. I did not dare but, as we had ten minutes to wait, he put on his best mature grimace and popped into the **Trout** to order and drink a cheeky and illegal pint of cider. Then after, bold as brass, he stubbed out his **Number Six** cigarette to skip on to the bus, composed his face in a smiley and angelic way and, passing as under thirteen, paid half fare. That morning I remembered another thing too. Ten years ago, in a sentimental Google search, I looked him up to find that he had been killed quite a while before in a freak single engine aircraft accident on a pleasure trip, together with his brother, his brother's young daughter and the pilot – a mate of theirs who had hired the plane for the day. It was a horrendous crash according to the **Daily Telegraph**. The wreckage was spread for miles around and the victims could only be identified from dental records. It seemed horribly apt that this larger than life – to me almost mythic – character had died in such dramatic circumstances.

A terrible end which it shook me to discover. But still my most vivid memory of Roger - suddenly pushed to the forefront of my mind by a trick of the morning light - is surgingly positive. It was the fun I had fishing with my old friend long ago and the moments when being with him made me feel – not just about fishing but about life itself - invincible.

Nigel Cousins

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

The Cratfield Photography Competition took place in the Village Hall, October 12th – 13th.

It was a bumper year! The many visitors were delighted by the 120 plus glowing images of Suffolk and Cratfield.

There was a cornfield under a moody dark cloud worthy of Van Gogh. The eye of the viewer was drawn down enticing views of country lanes. There were highly technical abstract compositions which could have graced the Tate Modern. There was humour. The worthy overall winner was a classily composed image of a man and his dog engrossed in reading the latest edition of *Farmer's Weekly*.

Whether the photographs were of sensuous fruits, flowers, landscapes, soft toys, pets or two pairs of men's legs clad in brogues protruding from a hot-tub, what they all shared was a warm affection for the subject matter and the part of Suffolk where we all live.

Helen Cannon, our judge, did a difficult job with meticulous care.

There was a special mention for "Painted Lady" by Rachel Haworth, (13).

The prize winners were:

Winner of Crafield Pets and overall winner Tracy Abell - 'It must be a good article'.

My Suffolk Weekend Paul Marfleet - 'The Mole Catcher

Secret Suffolk Sarah Knight - 'Light at the End of the Tunnel'

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I am not saying we should gush with sympathy or sorrow but we should respect their sacrifice and acknowledge their service. There is a poem *The Death of a Soldier*, (Wallace Stevens) it calls for no pity; it does not partake in the grandeur of Jesus' rebirth, the death calls for no pomp, in either the rituals of culture or the gaudiness of language.

Stevens' poem is stern because he is writing not about the death of a soldier – and not an ambiguously fictitious soldier but Eugène Lemerrier [the young French painter killed in 1915 whose letters were collected as *Lettres d'un soldat* and read by Stevens in the summer of 1917]. ... And its utter bareness derives from the fact that Stevens was writing not about natural death (the death of a loved one that, however terrible, can be accepted in its inevitability) but about a new kind of unnatural death, the daily death of thousands of soldiers on French battlefields.

When a young person meet their untimely death the loss is not just about the immediate but of the future years they will not have in which to amaze the world. The soldier, sailor and airman who dies in service of their country deserve our respect, they should demand respect because they give their future to us.

David

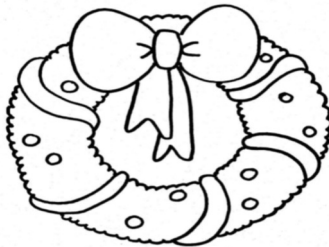
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Life contracts and death is expected,
As in a season of autumn.
The soldier falls.

He does not become a three-days personage,
Imposing his separation,
Calling for pomp.

Death is absolute and without memorial,
As in a season of autumn,
When the wind stops,

When the wind stops and, over the heavens,
The clouds go, nevertheless,
In their direction.



BRUNDISH CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Christmas Fair November 30th 2.30pm Brundish Village Hall

Il Tenore and Forest Christmas Concert 7.00pm Brundish Village Hall

Christmas Cinema and Social Night 7.00pm Brundish Village Hall
(For details and to book call 01379 388034)

St. Mary's Church Services – November 2019

Sunday 10th	Sunday 17th	Sunday 24th
6.30pm Remembrance Service DB	9.30am Village Worship Lay Elder	8.00am Holy Communion DM
Sidesperson A. Edmonds	Sidesperson A. Edmonds	Sidesperson D. Peacock
Reader T.B.A.	Reader D. Peacock	Reader A. Edmonds
	Isaiah 65;17-25 2 Thess 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Colossians 1:11- 20 Luke 23:33-40

Come along to our Remembrance Service

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'REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR'

Date for your diary –

St Mary's Carol Service – 20th December 7.00pm

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