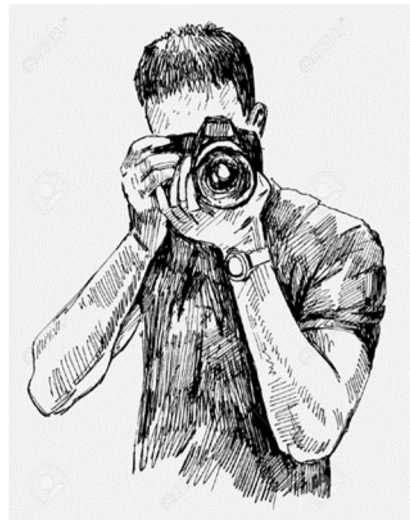


CRATFIELD NEWS

October 2019

Photographic Competition 6pm



Saturday 12th October



WELCOME

A warm welcome to Helen, Elliott and Harry who are moving into Yew Trees.

Helen, Elliot and Harry first came to Cratfield at Easter 2012, staying at Bell Corner Cottage. They have since stayed at the cottage on ten occasions. (Must have been love, what's not to love about Cratfield?) They mentioned a couple of years ago that they hoped eventually to move here, so when Yew Trees came on the market they felt it was an opportunity not to be missed. We look forward to them being here permanently in the not too distant future.

NOT LONG TO GO NOW!

Your last chance to take that winning picture and submit it to the
Cratfield Photographic Competition

Photos may be 12" x 8" or 8" x 6" (no other sizes accepted) and you should keep copies in digital format.

Photos may be matt or gloss, colour or black and white.

Please write your name clearly on the back of each photo submitted together with the title of the picture and the category entered. (£1 per entry)

All entries to go to Susannah Ellis/Crawley, Bell Farm, Bell Green, Cratfield IP19 0DL (opposite Manse Lane) by **7.00pm on Monday 7th October 2019** together with the entry fee (cash only please).

CARPET BOWLS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Carpet Bowls is back in the Village Hall every Wednesday evening from 7.00pm to 9.00pm.

Come along and join us. It's great fun and very sociable.

Don't be put off if you are a total beginner – most of us are.

Just turn up on the night.

Cost £2.00 for the evening.

As instructed on the cover of September's Cratfield News... 'I give thanks'.

Sue

Your kind words about Charlie's recent 30th birthday celebrations are much appreciated. A tremendous time was had by all and we are grateful for both your tolerance and your understanding.

Charlie had earlier that day hung the Suffolk flag in the tent for his party and Sue, your generous spirited response to the disturbance to Cratfield's more usual peace and quiet that night has led me to reflect on an idyllic Suffolk childhood that both Emily and Charlie experienced in this village.

As they grew up here, they had the freedom to begin to roam, which increased once they could borrow a mobile phone and travel further afield on their bicycles. Then Emily passed her driving test and Charlie had a moped and so it went on. Now they are both living in London – but they return and they visit old friends and bring new ones here, including Emily's young son Archie. And it is in Cratfield that they choose to celebrate their milestones..

So, thank you Sue and all our other neighbours for your tolerance over the years – and for the part you will have played in the Suffolk upbringing of my children: I Give Thanks.

Sara Vass

P.S. I understand that the reason Charlie's friends didn't make it 4.00am is because the birthday boy was ready for bed at 3.50am, so pulled the plug on the electrics!

Message from Yvonne and Trevor to all our friends of Cratfield

We would like to say a big Thank You for all the lovely cards, messages and well wishes we have received, it has been overwhelming.

It was quite emotional leaving Cratfield, we grew up there and spent most of our lives in the village, it was always on the cards that one day we would move away and when we came to look at the house we now live in, we knew that the time had come, it was just what we were looking for and we are loving it here in Framlingham.

It is 10 miles nearer to Trev's work and I have found a couple of lovely circular walks that take me about 35-40 minutes which I am enjoying daily. I have already seen a few of you while out walking, some have stopped

and said hello and some have hooted the horn and given me a wave.

We have not cut our ties with the village completely, we still have family living there and family graves to tend to in the churchyard, so if we have not already seen you, we may see you on one of our visits in the future from time to time.

We have some lovely neighbours here, young and friendly which is good as it was one of our main concerns after living next door to brilliant neighbours in Cratfield.

So many thanks to all.

Trevor and Yvonne

Well, I think the above two items just about sum up all we love about living in Cratfield. I often wonder if it is the same in all villages or are we just extra fortunate. I think I'll go with the latter.
Now all you good people see below!!
Sue

Help Wanted

We are planning an autumn clearance for the churchyard
Saturday October 12th 10.00am (from 10am, morning only)

We had a splendid turn out earlier in the year and since then several people have told us they would be very happy to join in again. So, make a note on your calendar when you read this, it's so easy to think, yes I'll do that and when the time comes you've forgotten!! I write as one who knows!
Although the Community payback team have done a good job towards the front of the churchyard there is still plenty to do further back.

Strimmers particularly useful, but secateurs, shears, rakes, wheel- barrows are all needed. Tea/coffee and biscuits provided.
Thank you in advance!

Cratfield Garden Society

The Cratfield Garden Society met at Church Farm House on Wednesday 4th September. Eight of us gathered round to discuss bulb planting, pruning (what and when) and shared some seeds we had collected. It was decided that we would plan a visit to Beth Chatto's garden in Essex, hopefully later this year. The plan would be either to hire a mini-bus or, depending on numbers, go in two or three cars.

The Garden Club also agreed that it would take on the responsibility for the small beds outside the village hall.

The next meeting will be in the village hall on Wednesday 6th November to discuss planning the vegetable garden to 2020 and what vegetable and flower seeds to sow this autumn.

Caroline Marfilleet

Annual Christmas Market – All Saints Church, Mendham Saturday 30th November 2019 – 10.00am – 3.00pm

Our annual Christmas market will be taking place in the church. This is the ideal opportunity to get ahead with your Christmas shopping and solve some of those present buying dilemmas. There will be stalls selling home-made preserves, cakes and other seasonal goodies, hand-painted pots and other items, jewellery, hand-crafted cards, gifts, decorations, and even home-made treats for your four legged friends! Our café will be serving a variety of cakes and drinks, including our legendary sausage rolls and hot lunches will be available from 12.00.

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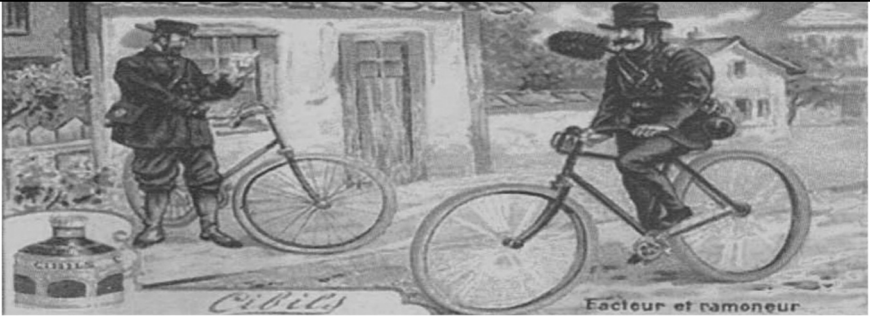
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***Laxfield Produce, Craft and Flea Market
Saturday 5th October 9.30am -12 midday***

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

Last month's Market was successfully incorporated within the 'Laxitude' weekend event with some stallholders being accommodated in their large marquee, this month it returns to normal with stalls inside the Church, inside the Royal Oak and outside on Church Plain, linking the two.

There will be lots of stallholders as usual, ranging from local items such as free-range eggs, first class welfare-friendly meats, cakes, bread and bakes including gluten and dairy-free, hand-crafted gifts, artworks, hand-made cards, vintage items and collectibles. Plants and bulbs ready for autumn planting, garden items and turned wood.

Also planning to attend are jewellery makers, makers of hand-made soaps and candles, lampshades, children's clothes, and lots more, usually 30+ stalls.

Refreshments will be available in the Church, and in the pub where breakfasts, bacon butties and teas/coffees and lunches will all be on offer.

This month we have some entertainment too – with the return of the popular 'Tanglethread'.

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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10:30am to 11:00am – Those with a Surname that starts with – G & H

11:00am to 11:30am – Those with a Surname that starts with – I, J, K & L

11:30am to 12noon – Those with a Surname that starts with – M & N

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Horticultural Show

Huge thanks to Carolyn White for taking on the massive undertaking of organising this event – many hours spent putting schedules together, begging/borrowing and occasionally stealing judges, setting out/ clearing up and organising helpers. Well done to all those who entered, especially those who were awarded the best in class or indeed best in show.

Friday 4th October – Pop-Up bar with food by Cratfield Kitchen 6-9pm

Many thanks to all the helpers and bar staff from the September pop-up – 'setter uppers' Natalie along with Paul and Sandra – who also assisted with the first bar shift and Richard and Andy who took over for the second bar shift. Also not forgetting Dan and Linzi Elford & Susannah (the new Mrs. Crawley!) along with Caroline Wisby-Brown who helped clear up and Dennis Rockall who is always around somewhere assisting – we would be lost without you!

Saturday 12th October – Cratfield Photography Competition 6pm with prize giving 7.15pm

It's almost here – cut off date for printed submissions is 7pm on 7th October and all entries/forms and monies need to be delivered to Susannah Crawley, Bell Farm, Bell Green, IP19 0DL (the long gravel drive opposite the end of Manse Lane). There is a green plastic-lidded box by the front of the house for entries. Entry forms in last month's magazine or there are spares at the Village Hall. The winning photos will also be used for the Cratfield Calendar – so ensure you also have an e-mailable/digital version of any you submit. Good Luck!

Coffee Morning – Thursday 17th October 10.30 – 12.30

Following the success and good turnout at the Rural Coffee Caravan's visit to the village hall a large number of people asked if it would be possible to have another – so come along between 10.30 and 12.30 for tea/coffee, cake and biscuits. If you would like to volunteer to help in any way (bake a cake, provide some biscuits, help with teas/coffees etc.) or would like to come along but need picking up or dropping off, please contact Wendy Thomas on 01986 798181

Next committee meeting – Thursday 17th October – open forum from 7.15pm with committee meeting starting at 7.30pm (please note only committee members can be in attendance from 7.30pm onwards for the meeting). The open forum is for anyone to attend if they have queries, questions or suggestions on how the village hall is run or would like to suggest any events, offer assistance etc.

9th November – Cheese and Wine Evening 7 for 7.30pm

Following the very successful food evenings we are combining a wine tasting and talk by a local wine producer from Laxfield along with sampling a range of local artisan cheeses. Numbers are strictly limited so book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets £6 per person -please place money per head in an envelope with your name on the front in Rebecca Sannick's

postbox which is to the left of the gate behind the picket fence, (Bell View Farm, Manse Lane, used to be the Cratfield Cattery). Any queries please contact Rebecca on 01986 799006. Please note cut off date for tickets will be 4th November – or sooner dependent upon how fast they sell out – if you are interested in this book ASAP as places are limited!

23rd November – Acoustic Night 3

Back by very popular demand with a full programme of fine singers and musicians both local and from further afield, some new and some returning by request – the bar will be open too! More details re the time in next month's magazine.

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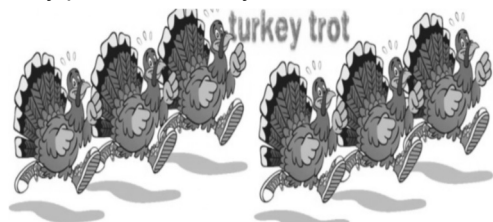
3rd Robert King No: 80 £5.00

Congratulations to all the winners

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I smiled to myself pityingly at the idea of a rural rival to Amazon on our doorstep. 'Oh yes,' I replied, unenthusiased, 'I must remember to pop in some time.'



One summer day I needed something to help us deal with the flies, which, as everyone knows, are the only downside of living in Cratfield. Why not try the Garage? If they sold 'everything' – surely, they would have the answer to our plague of insects. Off I went, hunted around (the Garage is some way past the Church and the Post Office) and found it. There was a shop in an old building, a complex of outbuildings and a disused petrol pump. I opened the door and a sound like an electrically enhanced squeaky hinge in a horror film summoned assistance. I looked around. Ranged on the crammed shelves was everything you need for life in Suffolk. Screws, hinges, nuts, bolts, tacks and nails in many sizes and all available singly. All kinds of rope and twine. Vermin traps, grass seeds, practical outdoor clothing, garden gloves, paints, varnishes, oils and wood treatments. It smelled of a pleasant concatenation of all those useful things.

The owner, Neil, came in. I asked him about what could be done about the flies and he suggested those red top traps that capture flies by the thousand. They worked well.

Since then I like nothing better nothing more than a trip to the Garage at Laxfield. If there is anything we need for the garden Neil has it. When my mower conks out Neil is the man to repair it!



The Garage at Laxfield has lots of history. Neil lent me a book about it. The business has been owned and managed by five generations of the Grayston family continuously from 1850 when it started out as a blacksmiths' at Heveningham. Later they opened premises in Laxfield and since 1912 these premises have traded under the name Grayston Bros. The history of the business tells the story of rural Suffolk and its changing needs and wants. Over the years they sold cars and all kinds of farm machinery. They were large contractors, especially for plumbing and central heating. Many of the houses in the area were plumbed into the mains and have running water because of Grayston Brothers. At its height the business had up to ten full time employees. It has been a thriving garage, selling, servicing, repairing vehicles and farm machinery and

stocking petrol. It was once a busy blacksmith. Farmers were very keen get their horses shod there on rainy days when they could not work the land. Grayston Brothers performed the highly skilled task of fitting iron tyres to cartwheels – the tyres had to be sized so that when they were red hot they would fit over the wheels and when they cooled, they would make a tight fit.

Over the years the business has changed - it has got smaller and diversified in other directions, but it is still very much a part of the local scene.

I went in the other day. A man in a car outside who was about to drive off said to me.



‘They sell everything here. I came in for two individual screws and he had exactly what I needed. I’ve lived round here for years and only found out about this place recently when a mate of mine could not obtain a rare spare part for his Classic Car and someone suggested I came here. Neil had it for him the next day.’

‘Yes’ I nodded sagely, ‘They sell everything at the Garage in Laxfield.’

Nigel Cousins



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Dear Friends

The Battle of Britain Memorial which is in the shape of a Propeller is situated on the Cliffs just outside Capel-le-Ferne about 2 miles from Folkestone.

The Battle of Britain Memorial, as its name sounds, is devoted to the memory of those lost in the Battle of Britain from July to September 1940. It was the idea of Wing Commander Geoffrey Page DSO DFC, himself a veteran of the Battle, that there should be a permanent, national memorial. The Cliff tops of Kent over which most of the Battle was fought seemed an appropriate location. It was opened by Her Majesty the Queen on 9th July 1993. It is recessed in the cliff top slightly, with banked up edges which can be used for viewing, however the best view is from the air and it was designed as such. The memorial is in the form of a three bladed propeller.

The three blades are chalk, cut into the cliff top with a central stone memorial and stone paved area. The figure is approx. 60 metres wide, the blades are 3.5 metres at their widest point.

The design of the centre piece of a lone pilot in contemplative mood was felt to be more appropriate to the memory of those who lost their lives in the Battle (This was made in Cambridge). Beneath the figure are the Crests of those squadrons that flew in the Battle of Britain, many no longer exist. The R.A.F. was decimated during the defence of France and was ill prepared for the defence of an invasion, and in July of 1940, Hitler grew tired of waiting for Britain's surrender and made plans for the invasion of Britain. German forces of 60,000 men were to be landed along the coast between Folkestone and Brighton. He aimed to capture the whole of Kent by October 1940, having commenced the invasion on 21st September.

What gave those young airmen the impetus to carry on the fight? Well they believed in their cause, they believed in the machines that they flew and they were supported by devoted ground crew and the home radar system. They could so easily have given up especially when they were sent up to face the enemy for the third or fourth time in one day but they did not. Even when the enemy seemed to have limitless resources they battled on and thank God they did because without their tenacity and bloody minded refusal to admit defeat the history of the Second World War may have been written by a different set of victors.

The church also seems to be getting smaller with fewer members and churches closing; is this the end? Yes, it is, if we do not take the lesson from history that the Battle of Britain gives us. The Battle was won by the faith the airmen had in their machines and by the support they were given. As Christians we need also to keep the faith and also be ready to support those who carry the message to others or who face daily the canon shells from a world that has rationalised out the need for God.

'The right to guide the course of world history is the noblest prize of victory. We are still toiling up the hill; we have not yet reached the crest -line of it; we cannot survey the landscape or even imagine what its condition will be when that longed-for morning comes. The task which lies before us immediately is at once more practical, more simple and more stern.... For the rest, we have to gain the victory. That is our task. ' So said Churchill again in that wonderful speech, we must keep our eyes on the now, we do not know what the future holds it is pointless to speculate. When the roof of a Suffolk church was renewed in the 1980s a note was found hidden in the rafters from the Victorian church wardens saying when the note was found they believed there would be no Christian Church and all was lost, They were wrong. The task which lies before us immediately is at once more practical, more simple and more stern.... For the rest, we have to gain the victory. That is our task. ' In other words do not lose heart follow the task God has given you and the future will look after itself.

David

Lightwave comes to the Four Rivers Churches

We are setting up Lightwave groups across the eight parishes in the Four Rivers and looking for ideas and folk to join in. Lightwave is a Christian community all over Suffolk, meeting in small groups in homes, offices, schools, pubs and other places. It works alongside the more traditional ways of doing church. It is committed to shining the light of Jesus in Suffolk through acts of kindness and practical service as well as worship and witness. There are no sermons, but we do read the Bible and try to put it into practice in our lives. Lightwave enables those who cannot get to a Sunday Service to be fully included in the community based on Christian faith. Our aim is to encourage people who find the Sunday service too formal or structured to join a Lightwave group. Lightwave groups have lots of fun together for example – barbeques, bonfires, Trade craft parties, children's events, bowling or cinema. For further information and expressions of interest, please contact Chrissie Smart at christinemsart@aol.com or telephone 01728 627838

Il Tenore and Forest

Il Tenore and Forest return to Brundish, St. Lawrence' Church on 8th December 2019 for a festive evening of Christmas Music. Tickets £12 from Chrissie Smart or Michelle Aitken – 01728 627838. As always, wine and cheese will be available afterwards.

St. Mary's Church Services – October 2019

Sunday 13th	Sunday 20th	Sunday 27th
6.30pm Evensong DB	9.30am Holy Communion RA/DB	8.00am Holy Communion DB
Sidesperson A. Edmonds	Sidesperson A. Edmonds	Sidesperson D. Peacock
Reader P. Baker	Reader D. Peacock	Readers E. Cook
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19	Jeremiah 31:27-34 2 Timothy 3:14-4.5 Luke 18:14	Joel 2:23-32 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14

CONCERT TEAS

A special thank you to Pat Thompson, Diane Bullock, Maisie Lister, Sue Seabon and Sue Ackerley Team Managers for this year's Concert Teas at St. Mary's Church. Thank you to all their teams and especially all the wonderful cake bakers. We couldn't do it without you. Cratfield teas remain supreme amongst the concert-goers. A special thank you to Diane Bullock who very kindly supplied all the provisions this year.

These concerts are a very significant part of our fund-raising to keep St. Mary's the very special place she is. The Parochial Church Council at St. Mary's are extremely grateful.

Thank you.

HARVEST SUPPER

Thank you to everyone who supported St. Mary's Harvest Supper this year, whether you cooked, entertained, created amazing flower arrangements, put up tables, laid tables or washed up (there was a lot of it!), even just buying a ticket, every one played a part in making it the wonderful evening it was.

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