

CRATFIELD NEWS

Sep 2018



A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE

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CRAZY OR WHAT?

Cratfield resident Hugh Vass, seen recently about the village astride a bicycle dressed in lycra, has been training for the **Land's End – John o'Groats** bike ride from 8th to 16th September, a distance of just under **1,000 miles in 9 days, an average of about 110 miles per day**. Hugh is fund-raising for 2 charities, **Macmillan Nurses** and **Education for All**, and if anyone would like to sponsor him they can visit the JustGiving.com website and key in his name. Hugh would like to point out that he has already paid for all costs of the challenge, and so any sponsorship large or small will go directly to the charities, not in subsidising his strange choice of leisure activity. Should he survive the ordeal, Hugh looks forward to recounting his adventures to anyone polite enough to feign interest. (Good luck Hugh, I'm sure you'll be successful and if you have the strength left to stagger around the village when you get back we look forward to hearing of your adventure. Sue)

SUFFOLK CURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE

Did you realise that you do not have to cycle around Suffolk in order to raise funds for our historic churches. You don't even have to stride, a gentle stroll will do the job. A day out in Bury could incorporate about 9 or 10 churches and there are 20 or so in Ipswich which would make for a fairly strenuous day, but you don't have to visit them all.

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NEWS FLASH!

On Sunday July 29th **CRATFIELD CAKES** made National BBC 3 radio. An events slot promoting musical programmes was on air describing the Cratfield concert for that afternoon, it finished with the following quote....”and the famous, some say legendary service of tea and cakes will take place during the interval”.

To all those ladies and gentleman who over the past 20 years or so have made cakes and served teas for the Concerts held in the church each summer, this applies to you all, very well deserved recognition. What better time for me to hand over the reins to someone who will continue organising the teas and cakes for the 2019 Concert season. Thank you all for your support.

Anne



Alors, do we 'ear the soulful chords of an accordion drifting from ze village 'all?

You will later this month when we hold our French Bistro Night. Gallic food with the added va-va-voom of a wine tasting courtesy of the vineyard Domaine du Grand Mayne, in the Bordeaux region. Wine tasting is free, included in the price of the ticket.

Place; Village Hall

Date: Saturday 29th September

Time 7.00 for 7.30pm (come in time for the wine tasting)

Boeuf Bourignon, Coq au Vin, Vegetarian option. Desserts et fromage

No bar that night. Drink is bring your own, but bottles of Domaine du Grand Mayne will be available to buy.

Note, places are limited so please book early. Call me, Natalie, on 01986 798790 or email natalie.l.evans@gmail.com That is natalie dot L dot evans. Please state in your message if you require a veggie option.

Laxfield Produce, Craft and Flea Market
Saturday 1st SEPTEMBER 2018
10am -12.30pm

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The very first day of September starts off in an excellent way with the Laxfield Produce, Craft and Flea Market on the 1st. It'll be the ideal place to chill, chat and relax at the end of the Bank Holiday week. Last month's aptly named Pretty Grim Welsh Border side entertained with their energetic, slightly dark take on Morris Dancing, even 'encouraging' a few bystanders and stallholders to join in the dancing. Enthusiastically entering into the bashing of each others' wooden staves, all enjoyed the drama and fun of it, and survived in one piece. Entertainment on September 1st will be much more relaxing with a West African style drumming group, they're based in Bruisyard and it's a lovely sound, so do come and hear them. Again there will be lots of different stalls, offering anything from local meat, cheese, veg, cakes, pastries, as well as crafts, cards, gifts, vintage finds, garden plants and ornaments. A lot of items are hand-made and produced in small amounts, so do ask if you'd like something a little bit more individual for yourself or as a gift, and orders for food items can be placed for parties or get-togethers. Some of our stallholders will be in evidence the following weekend as part of the Laxfield 'Laxitude' event, including The Scrumptious Sisters who will be offering vintage teas with a 1940's theme alongside a singer in the Marquee outside the Royal Oak on the Sunday afternoon.

The popularity of Laxfield Produce, Craft and Flea Market means there's usually a waiting list for stall space, so please contact Catherine Cawood on 01986 798852 to request a slot.

The Laxfield Produce, Craft and Flea Market welcomes you for a sociable
time on the first Saturday morning of every month.
(don't forget the Museum will also be open just across the road)

Tea, coffee, cake and loos available in the Church
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Laxfield Produce, Craft & Flea Market – the friendly one!

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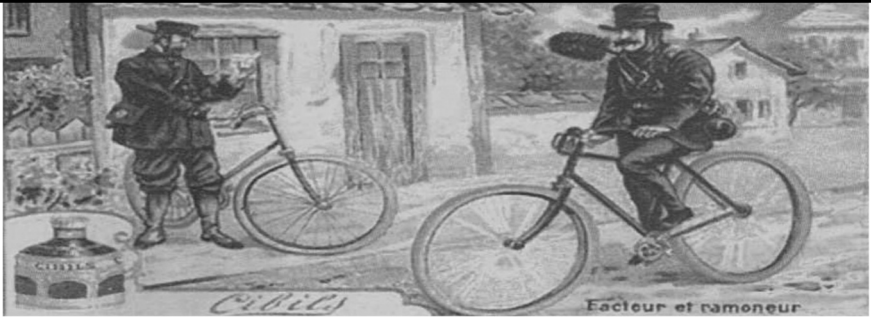
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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Two draw results this month. The July draw was delayed as The 100 Club started its new, one year cycle.

100 Club draw held at Nova

JULY

1st Emma Loades No. 34 £15.00

2nd Sara Saunders No. 90 £10.00

3rd Sue Seabon No. 46 £5.00

AUGUST

1st Rebecca Sannick No. 46 £15.00

2nd Geoff Moore No. 41 £10.00

3rd Frank Cousins No. 28 £5.00

Congratulations to all the winners

CHRISTMAS IS COMING.....

Hideously early though it is, our thoughts are turning to the Cratfield Christmas Fair. This will be held on Sunday, December 9th at the village hall from 10.00am to 2.00pm, so please put the date in your diary. Last year stalls offered festive food and gifts, along with mince pies and mulled wine. Would you like to be a STAL HOLDER? Do you know somebody who sells crafts or artisan food? Tables are for hire at very reasonable rates.

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Call me on 01986 798 790 or email natalie.l.evans@gmail.com

PHOTO COMPETITION AND SOCIAL EVENING IN OCTOBER

A date for your diary: our photographic competition is on Saturday October 13th.

Categories are “**Suffolk Coast**”, “**Suffolk Architecture**” and “**Suffolk Produce**” which should provide plenty of inspiration for colour and drama. There will be a pay bar this year – an extra pop-up in the month with added pictures, so please come along even if you're not exhibiting.

Viewing from 7 -9pm. See the flyer in this magazine to complete your entry

Left on the Shelf

Suffolk people love a raffle. I was reminded of this once again in August at the annual produce show in the Village Hall. We bought plenty of tickets and were pleased to walk away with a modest prize.

Suffolk raffles are old school and rather charmingly retro. Every event I have been to seems to have

featured one. A friend went to see a very serious art house film at a Suffolk cinema club – where – after the final credits rolled leaving the audience emotionally and intellectually drained they held a raffle draw. Perhaps some other solemn and momentous events could be enlivened by a lottery. Brexit Day could be celebrated by raffling off the last few affordable items of assorted European produce. Anyone fancy winning the last camembert in Cratfield? At Uncle Jim's funeral mementoes of the dear departed at could be raffled off as the crematorium curtain closes. A good way to finally get shot of that novelty tie.

Most raffle prizes are things you would like to have. A hamper of local produce from a farm – some chocolates from the supermarket. However,



the prizes that really fascinate me are the unacceptable ones, the wall-flower prizes that get left on the shelf after all the others have been picked. There is something almost touchingly appealing about the badly knitted pink bunnies that are coming undone, the chipped glass bowls and the unidentifiable chromed plastic ornaments. I have a

hunch that all these unwanted items are recycled and returned to the raffle circuit to be won, rejected and returned again. I am convinced that some of them have been haplessly doing the raffle rounds for years. Maybe some have done it long enough to become antiques. To regular Suffolk raffle ticket buyers these unwanted prizes have probably become as comfortingly familiar as much loved old friends.

When I was a teacher in the East End there was a market just down the road from the school. Grateful students would buy us sincerely meant but ghastly presents. These invariably ended up ranged along the staff room window ledge. There were toxic cheap bath salts in presentation baskets, grotesque favourite teacher mugs, huge blue puppies with revolting saucer eyes and a whole pantomime cast of uningratiating fairies and gnomes.

Towering over the entire collection and taking pride of place was a huge and hideous plaster statue of a Spanish Dancer presented to the Head of the Languages Department. No matter how touched you were as the recipient of such a gift you could not possibly take it home. You did not have the heart to dump it and so, inevitably it joined the gallery of tat that served as a memorial to terrible taste and sincere intentions. If only I could



teleport the whole lot to Suffolk they could have a new lease of life as the raffle prizes that nobody wants.

Nigel Cousins

Try singing in the Autumn

As the nights draw in, it is important to seek new ways to lift our spirits. Autumn is all about trying something new and singing with others can really lift spirits. Why not try YOXVOX and harmony singing in Yoxford village hall. Everything is taught by ear so you do not need to be able to read music, or be experienced as a singer. You just have to enjoy singing!

Try it; it might be just what you have been looking for. Come on your own or with a family member or friend. You will be sure of a welcome. We learn songs from different eras, traditions and parts of the world so there's no chance to get bored!

YOXVOX meets fortnightly, Monday evenings, 7.30-9.30 in Yoxford village hall

It's £5 -7 a session. Each session stands alone, we're not rehearsing for performances, so come whenever you can.

Autumn dates September 3rd and 17th, October 1st, 15th and 29th, November 12th and 26th, December 10th.

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Cratfield Parish Council – Meeting July 2018 Summary

The full Draft Minutes are on CPC's website: www.cratfield.onesuffolk.net

Present: Lotty Barbour (Chair), Richard Chivers (Vice Chair), Michael Oliver, Robert Sannick, Gloria Steward

Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer: Sally Chapman

Also Present: Tim Ackerley – Midsummer Madness Committee

Public Forum

Parishioners Matters of Concern - None

County & District Councillor Report - Not present and no report sent.

Meeting

To consider Apologies for Absence

Clr Baker and Clr Mobbs – apologies accepted.

To record Declarations of Interests and to consider Requests for Dispensation

None

To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th May 2018 and 26th June 2018

The minutes of the meetings were confirmed unanimously as a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising

The Chair read through the minutes and noted all actions were on the agenda or in hand.

Finance

a) To receive the current Financial Report and Approve Cheques

The RFO read out the Finance and Budget report:

Receipts		
	None	£ -
Expenditure		
29/05/2018: Clerk's Salary - May		£ 175.07
29/06/2018: Clerk's Salary - June		£ 175.07
10/07/2018: East of England Ambulance Service - Defib		£ 2,406.00
10/07/2018: Clerk's Expenses June-July		£ 84.11
Total		£ 2,840.24

The Payments and Finance and Budget Reports were agreed unanimously as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

To consider a Donation to Cratfield's Church Event

(To celebrate the 100-year anniversary of the ending of WW1, open to all parishioners)

The Chair informed Cratfield Church are keen to host an event with a service, a beacon to be lit at 7pm and refreshments afterwards. The Clerk suggested contacting DC Burroughes re a grant. Clrs agreed unanimously to support the event with a £150 grant.

To consider quotes for a Table Tennis Table Base

Clrs discussed and agreed to apply for a further grant in the autumn.

To approve the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) Policies & Documents

Clrs agreed unanimously to adopt the GDPR Policies & Documents.

Planning Applications and Decisions

Applications (Awaiting Decisions)

a) Change of use of outbuildings

Rookery Farm Swan Green Lane Cratfield. Status: Access Planning Application withdrawn.

b) Change of Use from an agricultural barn to residential

OS 1390 Silverleys Green Cratfield Suffolk. Status: Awaiting decision

c) Proposed new dwelling, associated external works and landscape enhancements.

Roselynn Silverleys Green Cratfield Suffolk IP19 0QJ. Status: Awaiting decision

d) Listed Building Consent

South Cottage Silverleys Green Cratfield Suffolk IP19 0QJ. Status: Awaiting decision

Decisions

f) Proposed Diversion of Public Footpath No. 36 (part)

Silverleys Green | Status: Permitted

g) Variation of Condition No. 2 of DC/16/1234/FUL - Barn conversion

Land and Buildings Rookery Farm Swan Green Lane Cratfield Suffolk. Status: Withdrawn

Suffolk Highways: Community Self Help

Huntingfield Parish Council Letter re Highways – update

CC Buroughes has advised ‘volunteers may do maintenance as long as common sense is applied and there is adequate insurance cover in the council’s policy’. Cllrs discussed and agreed the County Council seem to do less and less highway maintenance.

Midsummer Madness - 14th July 2018

Mr Tim Ackerley from the Midsummer Madness Committee gave an update on the forthcoming event. The risk assessment had been completed and approved by the Council’s insurance, no firepit this year because of the dry weather. The lorry for the band was not covered in the Council’s insurance and Mr Ackerley informed he would find an alternative insurance. It was agreed the barbeque would be cleaned and returned to the Chair.

Village Matters

Play Area Maintenance

- Two bags of bark have been received and distributed, thanks to Cllr Baker and Cllr Sannick.
- An annual allowance for bark to be added to the next budget.
- The new ‘No Dogs’ sign and ‘No dog fouling’ signs have been received and will be displayed soon.
- Cllrs discussed the removal of the bus shelter.

b) Village Maintenance

- Tongs Lane has two new green dog waste bins and they will be fitted ASAP.

c) Village Matters

- Neighbourhood Watch – no update received from the coordinator.

d) To consider a Maintenance Plan for Millennium Meadow

- The Chair arranged for a Parishioner to cut walkways in the long grass in the Millennium Meadow. This was completed and later that same day the whole area was cut by a local farmer, arranged by an allotment holder without authorisation. This has upset the Council and Parishioner after all his hard work.

Please note: Parishioners and Allotment holders must consult with the Parish Council before ‘arranging’ maintenance work.

- Cllrs asked the Clerk to find out if the Community Payback Team could complete some maintenance on the Millennium Meadow and Play Area in the autumn.

- A sign and a dog bin were discussed for the Millennium Meadow, c/f to next meeting.

e) Defibrillator and Defibrillator Training

- The new Defibrillator has now been fitted, thanks to Cllr Sannick, c/f the old defibrillator options. Clerk to put a note in the Cratfield News re using the defibrillator and any interest in training.

f) Allotments

- It was reported in spring that a tractor had been driven over the neighbouring field to access an allotment - leaving deep ruts in the wet ground and again recently a vehicle had again driven through the neighbouring field (through a growing crop) to access an allotment.

- It has been requested that the water bowser to be filled and this will be done ASAP.

- It was reported that an Allotment Holder has been sub letting part of their allotment, which contravenes their allotment policy.

- Access to the allotments should be via the trackway that runs between numbers 4 and 5 the street.

Correspondence

The Clerk circulated:

East Suffolk Communities Team flyer
Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine

- Rural Coffee Caravan Visit – Clerk to request more information

Any Other Business

None

Items for next Agenda

- Old defibrillator options

- Millennium Meadow sign and dog bin.

To confirm next meeting dates

- 11th September 2018 at 7.15pm

Dear Friends

Some weeks ago there was an item in the news about a priest who had abused a young child. A friend of mine asked me what I thought should happen to him. "He should be removed from the priesthood," I said, "because the Church has to act responsibly about those to whom they entrust the pastoral care of others." "Quite right," he replied, "and God will send him to hell to burn for evermore." He couldn't have heard what I said, because it is one thing to say that such a person should be removed from a position in which he can harm others and quite another to say that he should be expelled from the Church, forbidden its sacraments, denied its fellowship and consigned to everlasting punishment. As Christians we believe in a God who saves and forgives and rejoices at repentance. So although my friend and myself both claimed the name of Christian I couldn't help feeling that we didn't worship the same God.

That we live in a multi-cultural society and that in reality we all worship the same God have long been the politically correct things to say. For some years now there has been pressure in our schools to teach that all religions are the same sort of thing – all have holy people and holy books and holy places. Such a view, however, lacks integrity, because what the various faiths teach and believe about those people, books and places can be quite different. As opposed to political correctness, honesty compels us to say that we do not all worship the same God.

As Christians we do not worship a god who decrees that women accused of adultery should be executed, in public. We have Biblical authority for that (St John 8.1-11). We do not believe in a god who promises that suicide bombers who kill and injure their fellow human beings will be rewarded in heaven. We do not believe that we have to earn our own salvation by living many lives in different forms. We believe in God who loved us enough to become one of us in Jesus of Nazareth and who saves and forgives and restores.

That is not say that we may not recognize truth and goodness in whatever faith we find it. Nor is it to say that only those who come to Christ through the explicit doorway of the Christian faith will find life with God. That is the way God offers to us – and it is not for us to decree what door he may leave open for others. But we do believe that salvation was made possible for all because of what Jesus did in the time of his incarnation.

In the early days of the Christian faith the Roman Empire was a multi-cultural society with many gods – and if the Christians had agreed to worship the Emperor Christ would have been allowed as just one more god among the many. The Christians refused – and were persecuted – because for them Christ was the Only One. He must be that for us today – otherwise our faith will become just one more stream emptying itself into the sea of many faiths.

David

Thinking about the opening of this letter and the need for us to be aware such things along with many other organisations, the Church of England is keen that as many people as possible have a basic awareness of Safeguarding. We would like to invite you to one of two meetings in the benefice either (tea and cake at 3.15pm 6th September in Bedford Sports Centre,) or for (drinks and nibbles at 7pm on 12th Sept at Laxfield Church).

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