

CRATFIELD NEWS

January 2022



WELCOME

A very warm welcome to Shannon and Justin who have recently moved into Salisbury House. We hope they will enjoy living in Cratfield as much we all do.

VILLAGE HALL

With the renewal of the cladding on the Village Hall a time capsule has been placed within the walls.

It is dated December 2021 and states:-

“We the people of Cratfield have left you a time capsule containing documents of the past history of Cratfield and our present day history. Also included is a daily national newspaper dated 11th December 2021. Our present Queen of England is Queen Elizabeth II, aged 95 years. At present we are in the midst of a global pandemic which started in 2019, known as Covid 19 and has been followed by a further virus known as Omicron. It is hoped that by global vaccination this virus can be eradicated.

We, the people of Cratfield wish you all, health and global peace. God bless you all.”

THANK YOU

As editor I would like to thank those of you who have contributed regularly to our village magazine over the last year/years, in particular Andy Barringer for keeping us up to date on all village hall events, Margaret Thompson for informing us on church services and activities, Rev. David Burrell for his monthly letter, Jeremy Blackham for his many interesting and informative tales of navy life, Nigel Cousins for his creative and often amusing ruminations on many varied themes and Sue Askew for her quizzes to keep our brain cells whirring.

There are several more who have made contributions from time to time and these are always welcome, so if you have a story or an anecdote to tell, a favourite poem or recipe, indeed anything you feel may be of interest please send it in. Email to suecratmag@aol.com or drop a note in my postbox at Crane's Cottage

Sue

Cratfield Nativity Trail

As I sit in front of a roaring fire, although the scenery has been dismantled, the costumes packed away, the carols sung, the sausages eaten and the bonfire burnt out... the memories linger on. Of course a special thank you to Symone and the children. Even Ebenezer Scrooge would have shed a tear. Thank you to the background boys who made, painted, shifted and marshalled us safely. A special thank you to Robert Sannick who engineered the wonderful wise men's heads.

Thank you to the costumiers, the sausage cookers, marshmallow toasters and mulled wine steepers; to the village hall committee for their support and to everyone who lit the way for the trail, whether you helped, supported or just came along, you ALL make us the village that we are. That's where the real treasure is, it's community. It has been said. "the air was zinging with God's presence." I hope you felt it.

Margaret Thompson

Further to this I must add the whole concept was Margaret's idea, without her there would never have been a Nativity Trail. But, as she has already mentioned, there were so many others involved, all of whom were inspired by Margaret to do their bit, or, as in the case of the children, to play their part. The children were;

Naimh Sparrow, Evan Sparrow, Evie Malin, Zach Malin, Bethany Eagling, Nathan Eagling, Amelia Glennon, Ethan Glennon, Jessica Clarke, Jai Williams, Maisy Woolward,

all of whom spent many hours rehearsing their positions, lines and carols and how well they did. I'm sure all mums, dads and other relatives were very proud of them.

I have truly only heard, from those who were there, superlatives to describe the event and the spirit of the evening.

Finally to those who prayed for fine weather, your prayers were answered, thank you.

Sue Eade

All Play and No Work Makes Jack a Dull Boy

I may have given the impression that naval life was all rather like “The Navy Lark” in those distant days. But there were many real operational tasks too, keeping us on our toes whilst we constantly trained for the worst case – hot war. I learned this early, whilst deployed in the West Indies as an 18 year-old Cadet in HMS Wizard, part of the now defunct Dartmouth Training Squadron. We woke in Barbados after a particularly good run ashore to learn that we would be sailing unexpectedly at 8 am for Georgetown, capital of British Guiana.¹ When we arrived 30 hours later, the town was literally on fire, and anti-government rioters were everywhere. We spent the afternoon fighting fires and towing away floating objects on fire, which were threatening the ships moored in the river. We stood guard overnight at government offices, 18 year-olds with loaded rifles and instructions when to shoot. We were rather apprehensive; this was something we’d had little training for. It lasted a few days until order was restored - without any shooting. Literally a baptism of fire.

Six months later in the Far East, HMS Cavalier was patrolling the east coast of Borneo where there had been many attacks on coastal villages, robbing and killing local people – the pirates of the Sulu Sea were then a real threat. As a Midshipman, I was sent in command of a couple of boats, with a small group of Royal Marines, to small riverside kampongs² to provide reassuring presence for a night or two, before moving on to the next. Soon afterwards, in December 1962, we were the first ship sent to Brunei when the Indonesian confrontation broke out, ordered to secure the port of Labuan for what became a three-year jungle war. We embarked 200 Gurkhas and their vehicles for a high-speed dash across the South China Sea in foul weather (in which the Gurkhas suffered terribly, not being seagoers). Mooring at a rickety jetty, we had to unship ship’s bulkhead doors³ to provide a “bridge” for the vehicles to drive ashore and take control of the port.

Five months later, returning home across the Pacific via the Panama Canal, we were ordered to stand off Port au Prince, capital of Haiti, where the government of the notorious “Papa Doc Duvalier” was suppressing demonstrations violently, with instructions to evacuate British citizens who wished to leave. This time, I found myself on a jetty in the tense atmosphere of a ramshackle city ruthlessly policed by the notorious “Tonton Macoute”, assisting a small evacuation operation. We withdrew after a couple of days, unscathed but with relief.

These small operations, managing violence, evacuating expatriates, bringing relief after natural disasters like hurricanes, earthquakes, volcanic explosions were regular features of the Navy’s worldwide operations in the 1960’s. Ships’ crews received regular training in internal security and disaster relief.

Occasionally there were more serious operations, even in remote places like the Persian Gulf⁴. In mid-December 1970, an operation was mounted on the Musandam peninsular, a barren, beautiful area of mountains, deep fjords

and primitive villages at the entrance to the Gulf, then accessible only by boat. A rebellious group, determined to undermine the feudal rule of the Sheikhs of the small Trucial Oman States⁵ was holed up in a “Beau Geste” style fort at Bukha on a spur in the Musandam. Our squadron was to seal off the area by sea whilst Special Forces went in and arrested them, probably after a fire fight.

As it happened, I was due to be relieved in command of Beachampton at exactly that time and had to return to Bahrain where I had booked the only trooping flight which could get me home for Christmas where I thought something special might be waiting⁶. So, it turned out that, after my successor had embarked (a saga in itself), I was landed with my trunk in Ras al Khaimah, which like other Gulf states then had no port or airport. How was I to get to Bahrain for my flight two days later? This is probably the best story of all my experiences in Beachampton and was a real initiative test. Sadly, it is too long to tell here. But I did make the flight home, although I was back in the Gulf a decade later.

So you see, it wasn't all just Navy Lark.

Jeremy Blackham

1. Then a British Colony, but now the independent nation of Guyana.
2. Malayan villages often on the coast or beside jungle rivers.
3. Heavy watertight doors between different sections of the ship.
4. Unlikely in those days, although there were always “wars and rumours of wars” as St. Matthew’s Gospel (24:6) has it. Meanwhile Oman and Aden provided the Army and RAF with plenty of real fighting as our control of the Middle East gradually declined into complete withdrawal. Today there is plenty of scope for conflict there.
5. Today United Arab Emirates
6. It was!

Beachampton is the third ship outboard



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



Cratfield Parish Council

Please help clean & tidy up your village

Cratfield Parish Council has now purchased litter picking equipment which can be borrowed anytime.

Your support would be greatly appreciated!

If you would like to litter pick please contact:

Cllr Gloria Steward Tel: 07791 515 016 - collect in village

Cllr Richard Chivers Tel: 07900 187 350 – collect from Silverleys Green



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.

Next Year's Words...

2021 finished with a vividly beautiful event – the Cratfield Nativity Trail.

It was a massive and positive statement of the power of community –the product of the hard work of many people working together. It was magical, moving, and emotional. The Big Head Magi almost stole the show. The transformation of The Cratfield Poacher, with its beautifully lit Christmas windows, into Bethlehem, was a triumph. The efforts of the children, the detailed sets and costumes – the lovely music - all were inspired. The final crib scene outside St Mary Church was a timeless wonder which would have impressed and moved villagers down the ages from the day the church was first built. All associated with it are to be thanked for making a success so great that it transcended the sum of its parts and became a truly moving experience for the large crowd who witnessed it.

Afterwards we sang carols around a bonfire - a glittering red tower of sparks leaping up into the night sky near the end of the Old Year like a cleansing tongue of flame. It felt like we were saying farewell to one year and anticipating the year to come.

I'll end with a thought for the New Year from TS Eliot's **Little Gidding**:

*'Last season's fruit is eaten
And the full-fed beast shall kick the empty pail.
For last year's words belong to last year's language
And next year's words await another voice.'*

Nigel Cousins

1. Which planet is known as the red planet?
2. Purple rain was a song by which artist?
3. In the Mr Men books what colour is Mr Greedy?
4. Green Street is a road in east London which was associated with which football team?
5. The Blue John Cavern is in which British national park?
6. What is the colour of the letters O and E in the logo of the search engine Google?
7. What colours would you mix to make purple?
8. What term is given to the fear of colours?
9. Which 2 colours feature in the title of an American series set in a women's prison?
10. The first ever Green party MP was elected in which city at the 2010 British general election?
11. In the Wars of the Roses, which house did a white rose represent?
12. What was the nickname of the landscape architect Lancelot Brown?
13. Which town in Australia was the site of one of the earliest gold strikes and has a beer named after it?
14. What are the New Zealand men's national rugby union team known as?
15. What is the chemical symbol for silver?
16. What are the colours in a rainbow?
17. What flag is red with 1 gold star on it?
18. What should you 'tie around an ole oak tree' according to the group Dawn in 1973?
19. What is another name for the card game twenty-one or pon-toon?
20. In what 1987 film did Jennifer Grey play the character Frances Baby Houseman?

Answers on page 21.

SPELL CHECK

Eye halve a spelling chequer
It came with my pea sea.
It plainly marques four my revue
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.

Eye strike a quay and type a word
And weight four it two say
Weather eye am wrong oar write
It shows me strait a weigh.

As soon as a mist ache is maid
It nose bee fore two long
And eye can put the error rite
Its rare lea ever wrong.

Eye have run this poem threw it
Eye am shore your pleased two no
Its letter perfect awl the weigh
My chequer tolled me sew.

ANON

THE GIFT OF LIFE

Life is a gift, but it is only on loan,
Don't waste it on nonentities or your mobile phone.
You're only here once, enjoy all that's in store,
For no one has ever been given an encore.
Life is a gift, so give all you can,
The same for a woman as it is for a man;
You will only reap from whatever you sow,
And unless you give you never will grow.
Life is a gift you must never forget,
It is your privilege to be here, there should be no regret.
Always give of your best, so when all's said and done,
At the end of the road it was a gift and you won.

GOT A DRIP?

Need a plumber?

40 years experience.

Water filters and softeners

Heating and plumbing

NO JOB TOO SMALL

Locally based

Call Derek 07971 007846

email:

Dcknight67@yahoo.co.uk

CHARLES GLENNON

AERIAL & SATELLITE
INSTALLATION & REPAIRS

AUDIO • VISUAL • CCTV • WIFI

01728 603376

07786 363 832

Cratfield Allotment to Rent

CPC has an allotment available from the 1st October for Cratfield residents.

For further details contact the Parish Clerk: **Tel: 07774 734411** or **Email:**

cratfieldpc@gmail.com

Four Star Rated

Whipple Tree Cottage

Bell Green, Cratfield

This carefully restored timbered former stable and hayloft includes 1 x double, 1 x twin bedroom (1 cot on request). 1 single bed downstairs.

Wet room, dining room/lounge and large kitchen. All level ground floor for easy wheelchair access. Pretty cottage garden, summerhouse plus off road parking for two cars. Wi-Fi available.

For bookings apply to:

Chris Kitchen tel. no. 01986 798 764, email: chrissie.kitchen@yahoo.com or write to Bell Green Cottage, Cratfield, Halesworth, Suffolk, IP19 0BI

VILLAGE HALL UPDATE – JANUARY 2022

Did you know...?

The Village Hall is available to hire?!? So if you are thinking about having a party but don't have quite enough room at home (or, like me, are worried about someone spilling Mateus-Rose on your shagpile) why not hire the Village Hall? It has a fully kitted out kitchen with a huge amount of worktop space and every conceivable appliance (including TWO hostess trolleys) plenty of tables, seating, serving dishes, table cloths, crockery and cutlery and so forth. More details can be found by searching online for 'Suffolk Village Halls / Cratfield'. All enquiries and bookings can be made to Jo Nunn on 01986 799181.

Committee Update

At the recent AGM Richard Turberville stepped down after 7 years (most latterly as vice chair) – he was thanked for all his input and hard work over this time. Fear not – he will still wield his spatula in the kitchen as and when required! The committee also welcomed two new members – Jo Cerullo and Derek Knight.

To mow no more

Many thanks to Dennis Rockall for many years of service wielding the ride on lawnmower around the village hall – he has passed on the baton (or should that read 'the keys'?!) to Dan Elford, to who we are eternally grateful to for his time.

Pop Up Pub first Friday of each month / 6 – 10pm with food by Cratfield Kitchen

Friday 7th Jan / 4th February / 4th March

Do keep an eye on the village Facebook page for the menu from Cratfield Kitchen – this will be posted the week before the Pop Up Pub to entice you. Go on – why stay at home and cook on the first Friday of each month – come along and let someone else do the cooking (and the washing up!) Huge thanks to all the volunteers behind the scenes along with those behind the bar – we could not do it without you. The card machine has been a huge success – so if you don't have any cash don't worry – we are happy to relieve you of plastic money too!

Images of India – Saturday 26th February 7 for 7.30 / £6 per head

With 25 years plus of visiting India, Peter Baker & Sue Seabon have an amazing collection of photographs and tales of their many travels across India. Come along and challenge your preconceptions of what is a really incredible country and hear some of their adventures along the way. The £6 entry covers a platter of Indian snacks, pickles, poppadums and chapattis and part of the door charge will also go to Peter & Sue's charity the banyan Tree (<https://thebanyantree.org.uk>) The bar will be open with specially sourced beers alongside wine and soft drinks **Places are limited**

at only 50 – so book quickly to avoid disappointment! Please note you will need to book places via Natalie on natalie.l.evans@gmail.com or 07900 908488. **After you have booked**, payment can be made either on the night at the door by cash or card – or cash in an envelope with your name on through the letterbox of Field Cottage, Manse Lane beforehand. Bar opens at 7 with the talk starting promptly at 7.30 – SEE YOU THERE!

Photographic Competition – October 2022

Even in the depths of winter you can take advantage of the categories; Cratfield Flower Power – Look around you for festive inspiration, such as Christmas flowers in a church or a bright red poinsettia setting off a cold grey day.

Suffolk Textures – Think about the harsh frosts in the garden or all the combinations of the textures of wood in the woodstore.

Suffolk Perspective – See how the winter strips back the hedgerows to give you longer uninterrupted views you can't see in the spring and summer across the fields. Also - with the sun low on the horizon you can take some amazing shots of the countryside.

100 CLUB –

Club winners numbers drawn by NOVA Ladies Group - 1st Tracey Aryaenia No: 69 £15.00 / 2nd Carolyn White No: 32 £10.00 / 3rd Pam Gooday No: 26 £5.00. Congratulations to all the winners.

And finally....

Thank you! Yes – thanks to everyone who attended Village hall events in 2021 – we look forward to putting on more throughout 2022. Thanks also to the cooks, pot washers, errand runners, odd job women and men, shoppers, committee members, bar staff organisers, form filler inners, setter uppers (and clearer awayers,) table cloth launderers, table mover abouters, chair setter outers, vacuum cleanerers, BBQers, administrators, and anyone else who has done a voluntary role to help these events happen for the community. Thank you!

Normally (when I can find the space!) I try and write something funny and at this time of year it is normally a comment about this “non-time” between Christmas and the New Year where it is difficult to keep track of the days and no-one seems to know what is going on and what we have planned. This year is no different except that it feels absolutely normal after the last two years and things will feel odd when I can work out what day of the week it is and what I am supposed to be doing on a day-to-day basis! So when we all finally emerge, heavier then when we went in, oddly pale of chops and blowhole (if you have been wearing your face-coverings correctly!) and, with a touch of social anxiety from this ruddy pandemic and life returns to whatever passes for normal, that will feel very odd indeed!

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**

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



- 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**

PAINTING AND DECORATING INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR

FOR A CONSCIENTIOUS, RELIABLE
SERVICE

23 YEARS EXPERIENCE

PAUL GODDARD

Tel: 01986 784594

paul@pablo101.plus.com



-Celebration cakes

-Treat boxes

-Cupcakes

Based in Cratfield

cantleybakes@gmail.com

 @cantley_bakes

 @CantleyBakes

Pete's

Reliable, helpful and local!

Assistance maintenance and repairs.

PCs, laptops, tablets and phones.

NO FIX NO FEE.

Computer

Services

Tel: 01986 888505

pete@petescomputerservices.co.uk



Laxfield Pre-School

Framlingham Road, Laxfield. IP13 8HD
Sessions available 8.30am -3.30pm
term time only for Babies/Children
aged 6mths - 5yrs.
(Funding available subject to criteria).
Please call Lizzie on 01986 798091 or
email
at: office.laxfieldpreschool@gmail.com



Paul's fish supplies

Mobile fishmonger

Door to Door sales

07881 686282

Email : pmg@griffleet7177.plus.com

LOCAL SPRING HONEY FOR SALE



1lb JARS £5.50

½lb JARS £3.30

OR 1 ½oz JAR ONLY £1.00

PLEASE CALL ON 07900 187350

RICHARD AT SILVERLEYS GREEN

IF YOU ARE SELF ISOLATING, WE
ARE HAPPY TO MAKE LOCAL
DELIVERIES FOR YOU TO ENJOY
THIS DELICIOUS HONEY



BOOTY BUILDERS

LAXFIELD

**For all types of
building work**

Contact Terry

01986 798753

Or 07889 116448

**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



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.C. PATRICK

26 Market Plkace, Halesworth

YOUR LOCAL NEWSAGENT

NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES

DELIVERED TO YOUR HOME 7 DAYS

A WEEK

TELEPHONE 01986 875229

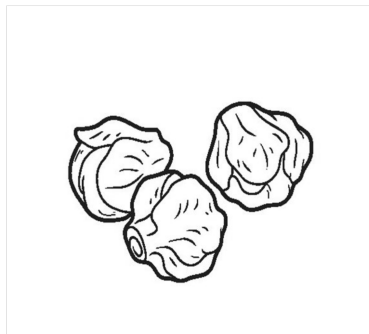
Cheesy Sprout Pasta Bake

Serves 4

(If you don't really like sprouts, but felt you had to get some in for Christmas and there are still some lying around, why not try this rather bizarre recipe. It's not bad!)

Ingredients

200g Brussels Sprouts (halved)
1 tbsp olive oil
1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
350g penne pasta
2 tbsp butter
1 garlic clove (crushed)
3 tbsp plain flour
500ml milk
2 tsp wholegrain mustard
200g mature cheddar (grated)
green salad leaves to serve (optional)



Method

Step 1

Heat the oven to 200°C/180°/gas 6. Toss the sprouts in the oil and vinegar, then tip into the roasting tin. Bake for 10-15 minutes, tossing again halfway through.

Step 2

Meanwhile, cook the pasta until it has a slight bite (around two minutes less than the pack instructions) then drain and set aside.

Step 3

Heat the butter in a pan. Add the garlic and flour and cook for 1-2 minutes. Gradually add the milk and stir until the mixture is smooth, then simmer for 5 minutes until thick.

Step 4

Remove from the heat and add the mustard and most of the cheese, reserving one handful for the topping. Season well and stir. Add the pasta, then tip the mixture into a large baking dish. Top with the roasted sprouts and reserved cheese and bake for 20 minutes until the cheese topping is golden and bubbling. Serve with green salad, if you like.

Something for the kids

Why do bananas put on sun-cream when they go to the beach?
Because they might peel.

How do you know there's an elephant under the bed?
Your head hits the ceiling

What do you call an alligator in a vest?
An investigator!

Why did the man run round the bed?
Because he was trying to catch up on his sleep!

Two hedgehogs are in the middle of the road and they're by a zebra crossing. One says, "Don't cross here," The other one says, "Why not?" The first one says, "Look what happened to the zebra."

What's orange and sounds like a parrot?
A carrot!

What do you get for someone who has everything?
A burglar alarm!

Did you pick your nose?
No I was born with it!

How does a dog stop a video?
He presses the paw button!

A little competition:-

How many words of three letters or more can you make from the word

Cratfield

No proper names. Email your answers or drop a list in my box at Crane's Cottage.
A small prize for the one with the most words.

2022 Mobile Library Dates

Tuesdays

25th January, 22nd February, 22nd March, 19th April, 17th May, 14th June, 12th July, 9th August, 6th September, 4th October, 29th November

Silverleys Green 14.15 – 14.35

The Poacher 14.45 – 14.55

Cratfield Parish Council Meeting Dates 2022

- Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 7.30pm
 - Tuesday 8th March 2022 at 7.30pm
 - Tuesday 10th May 2022 at 7.30pm
 - Tuesday 12th July 2022 at 7.30pm
 - Tuesday 13th September 2022 at 7.30pm
 - Tuesday 8th November 2022 at 7.30pm
- Agendas (3 days before the meeting)
are on the noticeboards & website:

www.cratfield.onesuffolk.net

**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

www.tankchange.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

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

Some evening appointments available

MAN & MACHINE



LOCAL PLANT & DRIVER HIRE – REASONABLE RATES.

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

FOR SALE SAWN TIMBER OF DIFFERENT SIZES & TELEGRAPH.

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

CALL DAVID ABELL FOR QUOTATION: 07966 725001

LOWER HALL FARM, MARY'S LANE, LINSTAD MAGNA, IP19 0QN

Answers to Colour Quiz

1. Mars 2. Prince 3. Pink 4. West Ham United 5. Peak District
6. Red 7. Blue and Red 8. Chromophobia 9. Orange (is the new)
Black 10. Brighton 11. House of York 12. Capability Brown
13. Castlemaine 14. All Blacks 15. Ag 16. Red orange yellow
green blue indigo and violet 17. Vietnam 18. Yellow ribbon
19. Blackjack 20. Dirty Dancing

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

Answers to Carol Quiz

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| 1. Good king Wenceslas | 2. While Shepherds |
| 3. While Shepherds Watched | 4. The Holy and the Ivy |
| 5. We Three Kings | 6. Ding Dong Merrily on High |
| 7. O Little Town of Bethlehem | 8. 12 Days of Christmas |
| 9. See Amid the Winter's Snow | 10. White Christmas |
| 11. Away in a Manger | 12. I saw Mummy Kissing Santa
Claus |

The Rectory, Noyes Avenue Laxfield

Dear Friends,

January can seem so dull and lacking in the colour of Christmas. But even though the celebration of Christmas, presents and parties have finished the joyful message goes on. Christina Rossetti writes a wonderful poem that was turned into a Carol, In the bleak midwinter.

Rossetti begins with the birth, the Incarnate One, the Light of the World, who brought warmth into the most forlorn and dreary of sinful situations.

In the second verse she makes the point that the eternal One whom "heaven could not hold" nor "earth sustain" appeared during the "bleak winter" of human existence where "a stable place sufficed." We have all learned the meaning of bleakness these past few months but is this going to overwhelm us?

The third and fourth verses are centred on love and remind us of the intimate union of Mary and her child. Where the heavenly glory of gathered "Angels and archangels" and "cherubim and seraphim" trumpet the news abroad Mary his mother "worshiped the beloved with a kiss."

The final verse provides a social commentary when Rossetti wrote these words women were largely excluded from the professions and from higher education." Like the shepherds, she was not employed; like the wise men, Rossetti held no degree. But her contribution is not invalidated by that and gives a special sharpness and poignancy to the last verse for those who wish to find it."

She invites us to offer our own gift to the Christ Child just as the shepherds and wise men did. Rather than the present of a lamb or expensive gifts, we offer the most important gift -- our hearts.

The point is Christ is not just for Christmas, if we give Christ our hearts he is there for ever.

Happy new year, David

St. Mary's Church Services January 2022

Sunday 9th	Sunday 16th	Sunday 23rd
6.00pm Evensong	9.00am Village Worship	9.00am Holy Communion
Sidesperson C. Marfleet	Sidesperson C. Marfleet	Sidesperson M. Thompson
Reader M. Powell	Reader P. Baker	Reader P. Baker
Readings Isaiah 43:1-7 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17,21-22	Readings Isaiah 62:1-5 1 Corinth 12:1-11 John 2:1-11	Readings Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6 1 Corinth 12:12- 31a Luke 4:14-21

Due to current restrictions masks must again be worn in church

There will be a Candlemas Benefice Service at Brundish Church 10.30am January 30th

Watch this space – as soon as restrictions allow us we well be showing the video and photographs from the Nativity Trail

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		
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	www.cratfield.onesuffolk.net	
Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator - Nick Eade		01986 798725
Village Hall:		
Chair Person - Natalie Lloyd-Evans		01986 798790
Vice Chair - Richard Turberville		01986 798346
Bookings - Jo Nunn		01986 799181
Laxfield School Head of School- Mrs Minns		01986 798344
Nova Group - Heather Hargood		01986 798180
Magazine Editors:		
Sue Eade, Cranes Cottage, Cratfield, IP19 0BN		01986 798725
suecratmag@aol.com		
Treasurer - Graham Nixey		07748 907099
Production Manager -		
Peter Sparrow, 2 The Street, Cratfield, IP19 0BS		01986 888505
peter-sparrow@outlook.com		

All information must arrive by 20th of the month.

Advertising rates p/a: Full page £60; half page £30; quarter £20.

Please contact Sue, Graham or Peter for more information