

CRATFIELD NEWS

July 2024



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JULY ANNIVERSARIES

1 st July 1937	999 emergency service introduced
1 st July 1837	Registration of births, marriages and deaths begins in Britain
1 st July 1997	British rule ended in Hong Kong after 99 years.
1 st July 1690	The Battle of the Boyne - Northern Ireland
2 nd July 1928	Equal voting rights are granted for women in Britain.
3 rd July 1938	The 'Mallard' broke the speed record for steam engines, 126mph.
12 th July	Battle of the Boyne – Northern Ireland commemorated
13 th July 1985	Live Aid concert, organised by Bob Geldof, raised money for people starving in Africa.
13 th July	National Day in Northern Ireland
15 th July	St. Swithin's Day. If it rains on St. Swithin's Day there'll be 40 more days wet weather.
21 st July 1837	Euston Railway Station, the first in London, is opened.
21 st July 1969	Apollo 11 landed on the Moon. Neil Armstrong was the first man on the moon.
25 th July	St. James' Day, patron saint of pilgrims. Children used to make little grottoes from scallop shells (the emblem of St. James) or oyster shells.
25 th July	Whitstable Oyster Festival.
25 th July	St. Christopher's Day. Patron Saint of Travelers
28 th July 1586	The first potatoes arrived from Columbia.
28 th July 1901	First fingerprints used for identification.

July is the seventh month of the year according to the Gregorian calendar. It was the fifth month in the earlier calendar of the ancient Romans. The Romans called the month Quintilius, which means fifth. A Roman Senate renamed the month to Julius (July) in honour of Julius Caesar, who was born on 12th July

*"If the first of July be rainy weather,
'Twill rain more or less for four weeks together."*

July is the month when circular flattened patches begin to appear in fields of standing corn. This phenomenon dates from the early 1970s. Although there are isolated earlier examples.

All Aboard the Skylark!

Shortly after returning to Portsmouth from Gibraltar, we held a Families Day at sea south of the Isle of Wight. These are always popular events although they need a lot of organisation and a lot of attention to detail, especially with regard to “elf ‘n safety.”

We embarked about 700 excited passengers ranging from babes in arms to quite elderly folk – well as aged as I am now! Then we sailed from Portsmouth Harbour at about 1030, looking rather more like a pirate ship than the usual smart vessel with smartly dressed sailors lining the decks. and exchanging waves with holiday makers on the beach watching us go. So that we could demonstrate some more realistic tactical operations, we had been given an escort and, by a happy chance it was my former command, HMS Nottingham. I knew that the current Captain would be eager to show how much more efficient and smart Nottingham was than she had been when I was her Captain, so I looked forward to some smart responses to any orders I gave her, and perhaps some friendly banter between the ships. At the same time we needed to keep a careful eye in particular on the young children on board and make quite sure that they were safe. In fact, I was soon more worried about the ship’s safety as large numbers of children scurried around the bridge and into the flying control area to watch our aircraft perform.

A stream of young children, and a few Mums too, wanted to steer the ship so they were each given short spells on the helm under careful supervision, especially when we called Nottingham alongside us for a demonstration of a transfer of fuel under way at sea as we headed into the English Channel, looking for a quiet area to allow everyone to enjoy a special lunch. Every now and then Candy came up to the bridge (10 decks above the Wardroom where she was lunching with the other officers and their families) to see what was going on and looked decidedly puzzled to see the Captain walking, apparently nonchalantly (but actually a bit apprehensively) round the bridge whilst some young child sat in his chair, giving orders which were carefully vetted by the Officer of the Watch. In fact, I wasn’t just walking around. I was trying to keep an eye on the “organised chaos” on the upper deck, and make sure that everything was well ordered and safe without being over-restrictive. She told me afterwards that she found it “fascinating” seeing me in action on my bridge, although she never really explained exactly what she meant!

The highlight of the afternoon was, of course, an aerobatic display by one of our Sea Harrier jets, showing how extraordinarily acrobatic these vertical take-off aircraft could be, moving effortless from 500 knots to

hovering and vice versa, and moving sideways, up and down and much more besides. For those who had never seen it before and were used to watching aircraft at an airport, it was a revelation. As was traditional with the now vanished Sea Harriers, the display finished with the aircraft hovering off the port side of the ship as we steamed along, moving sideways to match the pace of the ship and acknowledging the generous applause of the spectators by dipping its nose a few times in a very passable imitation of taking a bow.

By the end of the afternoon, we had a lot of happy but rather tired children of all ages who had been running up and down ladders between our fourteen decks and trying their hand at all sorts of things, as well as watching us maneuvering with HMS Nottingham whom I thought was almost as smart as she used to be! When we eventually got back into harbour around 6 pm, we all felt that it had been a fun and very worthwhile day sharing our ship with our families, who so often have to hold the fort at home whilst we swan around the world, and I was glad that we had done it – even though I reckon I autographed about 400 assorted bits and pieces – and not only for children! It is sometimes hard to remember what sailors' families have to put up with, and very nice to thank them in this way. I hope it continues in these much busier times.

Jeremy Blackham

2024 MOBILE LIBRARY DATES

TUESDAYS

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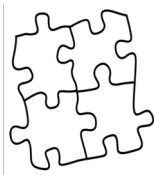
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An Easy quiz for July – all answers start with J

1. Stuff you don't need or want.
2. A short coat.
3. Specialist terminology associated with a particular field.
4. A wine bottle with four times the capacity of an ordinary bottle.
5. Something someone says to cause amusement, especially a story with a funny punchline.
6. Feeling tired and slightly confused after a long plane journey.
7. Personal ornaments such as necklace, rings or bracelets.
8. A newspaper or magazine that deals with a particular subject or professional activity.
9. A fruit flavoured desert made with gelatin.
10. Hard-wearing casual trousers made of denim.
11. The control column of an aircraft.
12. A puzzle consisting of a picture printed on cardboard and cut into pieces.
13. A tropical American tree with blue trumpet shaped flowers.
14. A knitted garment with long sleeves.
15. A large celebration or party, typically a lavish and boisterous one.
16. A dish of rice cooked with ham, sausage, chicken, shrimps or oysters and seasoned with herbs.
17. One that brings bad luck.
18. Any of numerous shrubs or trees of the cypress family with leaves resembling needles or scales and female cones usually resembling berries.
19. A common black and grey bird.
20. A modern martial art discipline with ancient roots.

Answers on page 11



RAGU ALLA BOLOGNESE

The most famous spaghetti sauce which, when cooked authentically, is a far cry from the usual mince cooked with a can of tomatoes. Serve it with any pasta or use in lasagne or cannelloni.

INGREDIENTS

2 tbsps olive oil	300ml (½ pint) beef stock
25g (1oz) butter	4-6 tbsps tomato purée
250g (8oz) minced beef	1 bay leaf
125g (4oz) chicken livers (chopped)	grated nutmeg, salt and pepper
125g (4oz) unsmoked bacon, de-rinded and chopped finely	to taste
1 onion, chopped	TO SERVE
2 cloves garlic, crushed	350g (12oz) dried spaghetti or tagliatelle
1 carrot, chopped	a little olive oil
1 celery stick, chopped	50g (2oz) Parmesan cheese
150ml (¼ pint) dry white wine	grated

Heat the oil and butter in a pan, add the minced beef, chicken livers and bacon and fry until browned, stirring occasionally.

Add the onion, garlic, carrot and celery and fry for about 3 minutes until softened.

Pour in the wine and cool for 3 – 5 minutes, until reduced by about half.

Stir in the stock, tomato purée, bay leaf and plenty of nutmeg, salt and pepper. Bring to the boil, cover and simmer for 25 – 30 minutes.

Meanwhile cook the pasta. Drain and toss in a little olive oil and add a little grated nutmeg and pepper.

Serve the sauce mixed in with the pasta and more cheese sprinkled on top.

Serves 4

Preparation time 25 minute

Cooking time 25 – 30 minutes

Freezing recommended for the sauce only.

Quiz answers

1. junk 2. jacket 3. Jargon 4. Jeroboam 5. Joke 6. Jetlagged 7. Jewellery 8. Journal 9. Jelly
10. Jeans 11. Joystick 12. Jigsaw 13. Jacaranda 14. Jumper 15. Jamboree 16. Jambalaya
17. Jinx 18. Juniper 19. Jackdaw 20. Ju-jitsu

CUNNING FOLK

(Other names for cunning folk: *Wise Women/Men, White Witch, Charmer, Hedge Witch, Soothsayer*)

Cunning folk of some description could be found in every medieval village, they could be male or female, young or old, rich or poor. For their services, cunning folk often charged a small fee or an exchange of goods from the poor, and a much higher price from the gentry.

Black magic was thought to come from the devil, whereas white magic practised by cunning folk was initially regarded by the Church as a “gift from the angels” and, as such was beneficial. Cunning folk were called upon to heal sickness in both humans and animals, to find and punish thieves, help crops to grow, look into the future, cast horoscopes, tell fortunes and to help people find love.

Cunning folk were the contemporary experts on preventative measures against black witchcraft and could offer a lot more help in this area than any physician or holy man. They not only offered protective charms and potions but could also identify and disarm the black witch by using counter- spells.

Bellarmines, or witch bottles, were sometimes used. A bellarmine is a brown ceramic jug usually depicting a face on the side. It was used by witches for capturing spirits, hexing people or to remove curses or hexes. Particularly used by the English west country witches these bottles can last for centuries and are still being discovered in old country houses. In 1644, the Reverend William Briery lodged in a Suffolk village, his landlady had been ill for quite a while when a cunning man came knocking. Her concerned husband, who was worried that his ill wife had been cursed, was advised by the cunning man to:

“Take a Bottle, and put his Wife’s Urine into it together with Pins and Needles and Nails, and Cork them up, and set the Bottle to the Fire, but be sure the Cork be fast in it, that it not fly out.”

Regrettably the cork did fly out and the counter magic was unsuccessful so, when the cunning man returned, he told the husband to “....bury it in the Earth, and that will do the feat.” After this, the wife soon recovered to full health.

Cunning folk rarely wrote notes about their activities, although luckily some still survive, having been passed down orally.

For example, a cure for thrush was recorded by John Aubrey in his book ‘Miscellanies’ upon various subjects.

“Take a living frog, and hold it in a cloth, that it does not go down into the child’s mouth; and put the head into the child’s mouth till it is dead; and then take another frog and do the same.”

And for toothache:

“Take a new nail, and make the gum bleed with it, and then drive it into an oak,”

Belief in the supernatural power began to decline in the seventeenth century. And sadly, the services of cunning folk were no longer needed.

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POP UP PUB – FRIDAY 5th JULY – CREOLE NIGHT!

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August – Village Hall BBQ / September– Oli’s Mexican Night

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CRATFIELD VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

1st prize (£15) number 45 - Linzi Elford, 2nd prize (£10) number 26 - Pam Goodey and 3rd prize (£5) number 83 - Caroline Wisbey-Brown. Draw by D Britton. Congratulations to the winners!

Remember, to win a 100 Club prize for the year July 2024-June 2025 you need to return your form to Helen at Yew Trees, Bell Green, as soon as possible. Helen has spare forms if you have mislaid yours. Only £12 for the year and an excellent way to support the village!

CRATFIELD PHOTOGRAPHIC – PREVIEW FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER

CLASSIC CARS, BREAKFAST & COFFEE - SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER 10am – 1pm

The 3 categories are -

Cratfield Hobbies – what is your hobby? Your beautiful garden or reading a book, model making, painting, crafting, cooking or baking, cars or motorbikes, bike or horse riding or singing in a group? Whatever you do to relax – consider how you could capture it in one

single photograph.

Suffolk Street Scenes – look all around you next time you are out and about – a bustling city or town centre or a quiet road through a sleepy village with old houses full of character and interest on each side. Consider what time of day – ‘rush hour’ or at night time, remember – photos can be black and white, portrait or landscape so you can really ‘go to town’ with this category!

All Suffolk Creatures Great & Small – any Suffolk creatures count! Do you see a horse or other animals regularly on your way to and from work, any household pets or wildlife you see out and about.

Entry forms coming out in the August magazine. Photos must be printed and either 6” x 8” or 8” x 12”. Colour or black & white, portrait or landscape. £1 per photo to enter. You do not need to be a professional to enter – over the years many winning photos have been taken on phones and tablets.

CLASSIC CARS, BREAKFAST & COFFEE - SATURDAY 12th OCTOBER 10am – 1pm

As the photographic competition takes a huge amount of work to put on, we are responding to feedback it would be nicer for the exhibition to be up for a little while longer – with another type of event so people can come back with other family or friends. Therefore, on the Saturday after the Friday preview evening, we will be arranging a collection of classic cars – and providing breakfast rolls and tea / fresh coffee. If you have a classic car you would like to bring along, please do let us know on cratfieldvillagehall@gmail.com – places are limited!

INDOOR BOWLS – ALTERNATE TUESDAYS

The dates for 2024 are - July 23 / Aug 6 & 20 / Sept 3 & 17 / Oct 1 & 15 & 29 / Nov 26 / Dec 10. Do come along and have a go – no experience required – all good fun! Tea & Coffee available and there is a suggested donation of £2 to play. Any queries please contact Nigel 07445351861 or Elliott 07963676207.

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Thursday 8th August / Thursday 21st November (and AGM)

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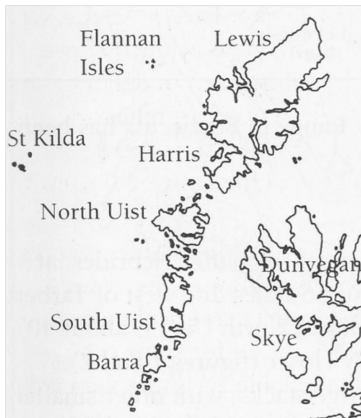
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Exploring the Scottish Islands – with a collapsible bike! Barra (about 6 x 5 miles – Pop. 965) – Part 1



Arriving at Castlebay in Barra is an event – and the clue is in the name, because there’s a castle in the bay! Kisimul Castle sits on its own tiny island and the ferry has to carefully carry out a 180° ‘pirouette’ in close proximity to the castle, before reversing into the terminal. As the Outer Hebrides are treeless (mostly due to Viking deforestation), when you land on Barra – after a somewhat featureless drive through the Uists – you are struck by the lushness of vegetation. There are 2 wooded areas, vast areas of primroses and orchids, coastal wildflowers (‘machair’) and 3 different heathers; it is, by comparison to what has gone before, *bursting* with greenness and interest.



When I visited the island, it was owned by Ian MacNeil, an American law teacher in Chicago – though his retirement plans included returning to his ancestral home. Following centuries of Norse domination, this has been a MacNeil stronghold since 1427; though some say that MacNeil ownership goes back further, to 1030. Fortunes have waxed and waned: in 1838, General Roderick MacNeil was in debt, and he sold the island to the unscrupulous Colonel Gordon Cluny, who had already wreaked havoc upon the populations of the Uists and Eriskay, which he also owned. Sure

enough, policemen were brought in to clear the island of crofters, confiscate all that they owned and sent them, penniless, to the New World. When Cluny died in 1858, the island changed hands again, to a similarly heartless regime – but in 1937, it was bought back by a MacNeil. There are now so many MacNeils on Barra, everyone is referred to by Christian name only: the surname is a given!

Barra is mostly catholic and there is a very visible, white marble statue of the Madonna and Child on one of the highest hills. The views from here are spectacular, and the statue looks out towards the other islands that stretch out to the south: my immediate thoughts were, “How on earth did they get this statue *up here*?!” The nearest island to the south, **Vatersay** (Pop: 90, 3 x 3 miles (indented)) is, in fact, the last inhabited southern island in the Outer Hebridean chain: the other islands further south are sad affairs, with ruins of villages, chapels and schoolhouses the only reminders that these were once thriving communities. Vatersay’s economy is based on sheep, cattle farming

and fishing. To send cattle to market, they were swum across the Sound of Vatersay to meet the ferry... until a prize bull drowned in 1986. The resulting publicity at last persuaded the authorities to build a long-awaited causeway, linking the islands, in 1990. Vatersay came across to me as a rather featureless island, but in such places you sometimes run into something totally unexpected which leaves a lasting impression: on one of the beaches, there is a simple memorial which pays respect to a terrible sea tragedy. In 1853, the *Annie Jane* ran aground and capsized: 450 emigrants bound for the New World (most of them likely evicted by Cluny) perished and their bodies were washed ashore.

Back on Barra, I visited the remarkable Kisimul Castle (*more next month*): suffice to say that I toured the castle, sharing the short boat trip to it with a young family. When we got back to our cars, there was much excitement which caused us to drive like rally drivers to the North East of the island: an aeroplane was due to land at the airport. Why the excitement? Well, the airport is unique, believed to be the only one in the world where scheduled flights use a **tidal beach** as the runway. A member of staff has been quoted as saying, "This is the only runway that's washed twice a day!" It was an incredible sight and when I edited my film, I felt compelled to set 'James Bond' music in the background, as a plane with 'dodgey criminals' landed on the sand! Sir Compton Mackenzie, the author, had his home in this part of Barra and he is buried here in sight of Eriskay: the setting for his novel *Whisky Galore*. (The 1949 *Ealing Comedy* was actually filmed on Barra, with many islanders taking part.)

Holiday tip? Spend a week on Barra with friendly people where you don't have to worry about learning anyone's surname!



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Next month: MacNeil Clan Chiefs and Kisimul Castle
Andrew Weight

Cratfield Parish Council

Meeting Dates 2024

All meetings are held in The Village Hall, Manse Lane Cratfield, IP19 0DJ

- Tuesday 12th March 2024 at 7.30 pm
- Tuesday 14th May 2024 at 7.30 pm
– Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Parish Council Meeting
- Tuesday 9th July 2024 at 7.30 pm
- Tuesday 10th September 2024 at 7.30 pm
- Tuesday 12th November 2024 at 7.30 pm

*The agenda is displayed three days before the meeting in the village noticeboards and on CPC's website: www.cratfield.onesuffolk.net
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Dear Friends

At last the weather seems to be improving (rain is great but you can have too much of it!). All around us now, we can see the signs of God's bounty and beauty in the fields and in our gardens. We have also been lucky to be able to share in the beauty of other people's hard work, in the Open Gardens events in our different communities. Indeed, we are blessed to live in such a fruitful and beautiful part of the world.

I think that when we see the beauty of the world around us, God is reminding us of what he wants all of our lives and all of the world to be. Good things are for sharing, and in doing so they become even better. That may seem a bit surprising for some people, but it really is true. Blessings grow the more we share them with our neighbours both near and far.

Acts of compassion are like the seeds of a beautiful plant. A singular loving act can result in seed being spread far and wide. Similarly, the discordance of unkind acts (the pernicious weeds if you like) can have far reaching effects upon our friends and neighbours.

We are not powerless, as people so often assume, to make our world a better place. Most of us are not world leaders, but we can be world influencers if we want to be. Every time we commit a kind act, or say a loving word, we are influencing the people around us, making the world a more beautiful place to live in. This is how God acts in us; each of us contributing our small part until it builds up into the vast beautiful canvas of our world. If you want to be a world influencer, start today and just be kind, it's that simple. Perhaps then, we will begin to see the national and international news begin to change, as grass roots kindness and love spreads around the globe.

God bless you and grant you a peaceful and beautiful summer.

Rev'd Enid

July Cratfield Church Services

Sunday 14th	Sunday 28th
Amos 7:7-15 Ephes 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29	2 Kings 4:42-end Ephes 3:14-end John 6:1-21
9.00am Village Worship EP	9.00am Holy Communion CS

July	7th	14th	21st	28th
Bedfield	10.30am Holy Communion CS		10.30am Family Service EP	
Brundish		9.00am Morning Praise CS		9.00am Holy Communion EP
Laxfield	10.30am Celtic Service LE/EP	10.30am Morning Praise CS	10.30am Holy Communion CS	10.30am Fourth Sunday FS team EP
Monk Soham		11.00am Morning Prayer RA	11.00am Holy Communion RA	
Tanning- ton				
Wilby	10.30am Village Worship SP	10.30am Holy Communion EP	10.30am Village Worship SP	10.30am Morning Prayer CS
Worling- worth	11.00am Morning Prayer BS	11.00am Let's Celebrate BS	11.00am Holy Communion RO	11.00am Morning Prayer RA

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