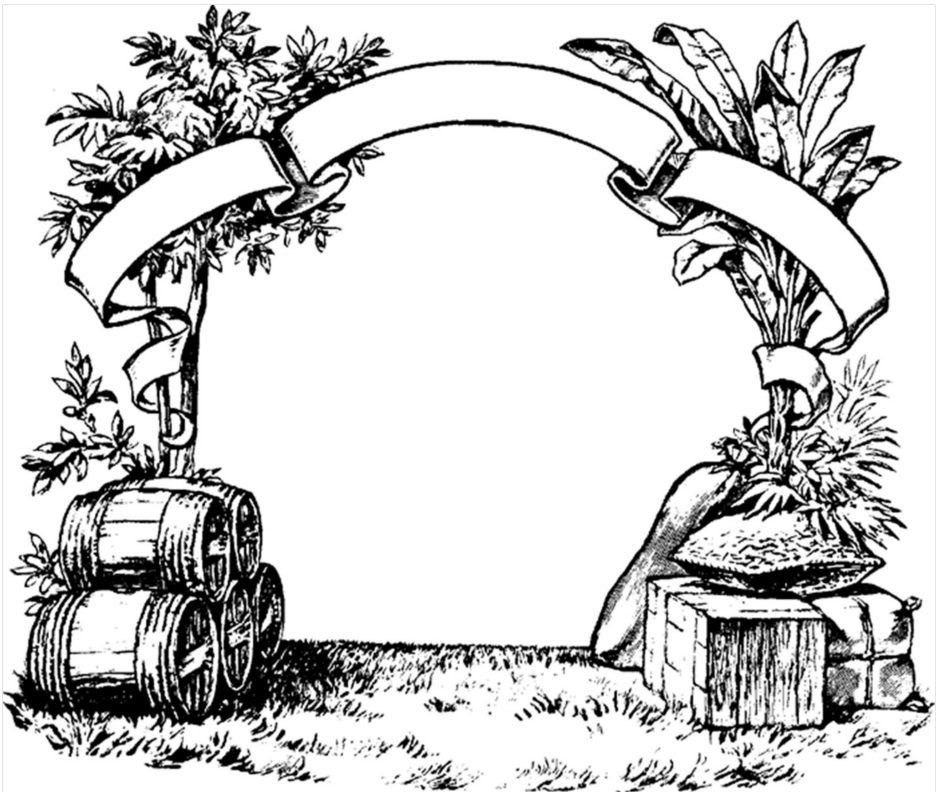


CRATFIELD NEWS

Sep 2021



From 0 to 90

How good it was to see so many people, I'm not sure how many, but it looked to be about 50ish, meeting together again at the Village Hall Pop-up Pub and barbecue night on Saturday July 31st. From baby Arthur, not yet a year old, to a 90 year old lady of the village, all were enjoying the event, some semblance of normality creeping back into Cratfield life at last. Even the heavy shower did not dampen the spirits of those who were there. To the Village Hall Committee and all who helped make the evening the success it was we offer thanks. As we know it takes a lot of hard work to set up, serve and clear away, and all with a smile!

Pam and Steve, who are fairly new to the village and whose first Pop-up night it was, were most impressed by the ambience of the evening; we who have been here some while longer know that that is how Cratfield is, a community that comes together.
Thank you to all.

Sue

Belated Thanks

(The August magazine had already gone to press when this event took place)

Very many thanks to John Horsman who, on Saturday July 24th, led a walk around Linstead farm. Twenty people spent an interesting morning learning how John is managing his farm these days.

Nothing now is grown for human consumption, what is planted is for the benefit of conservation and wildlife, birds, butterflies, bees and a myriad other insects benefit from this form of cultivation and the land is returning to its previous fertility. No more ploughing takes place which means that naturally plant roots and creatures like worms improve the soil structure, organic matter content gradually improves year on year and, the carbon from the soil is *not* released into the atmosphere as carbon dioxide, CO² is one of the major factors in the increase of global warming.

We were blessed with most clement weather which added immensely to the pleasure of the walk.

To complete the experience John led us to The Low House, which some years ago he had saved from closure, and most generously provided us with liquid refreshment and some entertaining tales of his past life!

Thank you from all of us, John

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1	£15.00	Richard Turberville	July '20	1	Sara Saunders	Jan '21
2	£10.00	Mary Powell	July '20	2	Nick Eade	Jan '21
3	£5.00	Sara Vass	July '20	3	Colin Baines	Jan '21
1	£15.00	Sue Ackerley	Aug '20	1	Nigel Cousins	Feb '21
2	£10.00	Sheila Hookins	Aug '20	2	Candy Blackham	Feb '21
3	£5.00	Carolyn White	Aug '20	3	Mary Cousin	Feb '21
1	£15.00	Chrissie Kitchen	Sept '20	1	Carolyn White	Mar '21
2	£10.00	Gary Thomas	Sept '20	2	Jean Peacock	Mar '21
3	£5.00	Helen Torrance	Sept '20	3	Lesley King	Mar '21
1	£15.00	Rebecca Sannick	Oct '20	1	Emma Loades	April '21
2	£10.00	Graham Nixey	Oct '20	2	Wendy Thomas	April '21
3	£5.00	Brian Leveratt	Oct '20	3	Jeremy Blackham	April '21
1	£15.00	Molly Matthews	Nov '20	1	Mick Hargood	May '21
2	£10.00	Robert Sannick	Nov '20	2	Simon Woolward	May '21
3	£5.00	Sandra Chivers	Nov '20	3	Carolyn White	May '21
1	£15.00	Paul Taylor	Dec '20	1	Shirley Symonds	June '21
2	£10.00	Dennis Rockall	Dec '20	2	Caroline Marfleet	June '21
3	£5.00	Sharon Keans-Soper	Dec '20	3	Mark Aryaenia	June '21

The Poo Fairy is on Furlough

Having just done the dog-poo hopscotch for the third evening running along the path behind the village hall, I have to speak out. I have no idea whose dog(s) are garnishing that particular footpath or even if it's down to a visitor to Cratfield who will never get to read this, but I want to make a heartfelt plea that all of us dog owners continue to pick up after our pets. The path behind the hall, and the grassy area around the hall are used by children, on foot and on bikes. Do we honestly want children to run through dog mess?

I've picked up leavings from around the village hall over the last few months too and it is a lot worse than picking up after your own dogs... What I find weird is that the village hall has a bright red dog bin in a visible place, so leaving mess on the ground seems inexplicable. The great majority of dog owners in the village take their responsibilities seriously, but somebody, somewhere, still believes in the poo fairy.

Natalie Lloyd-Evans

Cratfield Quiz Food and Drink Sue A

1. What is the British name for the eggplant?
 2. From which flower is saffron obtained?
 3. What did little Jack Horner find in his Christmas pie?
 4. Pectin is used in making what sweet item?
 5. The red wine Barolo is from which country?
 6. Which cocktail is made from gin, Cointreau and lemon juice?
 7. Anjou and Bartlett are types of which fruit?
 8. How have tempura vegetables been cooked?
 9. A Pina Colada cocktail is made with coconut milk, pineapple juice and which other ingredient?
 10. Gruyere cheese originates from which country?
 11. What do the letters IPA mean?
 12. Where is the Green King brewery?
 13. A Vera Lynn is Cockney rhyming slang for what drink?
 14. What is the hottest pepper?
 15. A Jeroboam is equal to how many standard Champagne bottles?
 16. Blenheim, Perfection, Katy and Castlebrite are all types of which fruit?
 17. Aloo Gobi is a popular Indian dish but which vegetables are used?
 18. Assam and Butter tea come from which country?
 19. Goulash originates from which country?
 20. In Cornwall is it cream or jam first on a scone?
 21. (Answers on page 13)
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How Children perceive their grandparents

My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?"

I mentally polished my halo and said, "No, how are we alike?"

"You're both really old," he replied.

When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure."

"Look in your pants, Grandpa," he advised. "Mine say I'm 4 to 6."

A six year old was asked where his grandma lived. "Oh," he said, "she lives at the airport, and when we want her, we just go and get her. Then, when we're done with her, we take her back to the airport."

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VILLAGE HALL UPDATE – SEPTEMBER

The Cratfield Arms / Pop Up Pub – Saturday 28th August at 5PM

HUGE thank you's to everyone involved in last month's Pop Up Pub – from the bar staff, BBQ chefs, organisers, drink runners, car parkers, table & chair setter outers, food shoppers, bar setter uppers and clearer awayers (and anyone else we may have forgotten!) – we could not put on such an event without all your help and support. It was our first event since the pandemic and was so, so lovely to see our wonderful community together again and using the village hall and outside space.

The next Pop Up Pub is Saturday 28th August – again with a BBQ and we will have expanded our bar offering again – to include Gin & Tonic's (or maybe just Gin and hold the tonic?!) and a further range of soft drinks and we will have A LOT more cider in stock – we promise!

The BBQ will offer Cratfield Beef Burgers and Lane Farm (Brundish) sausages (with the popular vegan/vegetarian options as before) – along with rolls (gluten free available), salads, coleslaw and so forth. (We have also worked out a slightly better system and will get cooking sooner so we will avoid any queues ☐)

Please remember to bring a mask if you would not mind wearing one inside while at the bar, and plenty of cash till we get our card machine up and running. We are afraid we are unable to offer a 'tab' due to different shifts behind the bar and not everyone knowing who everyone is while at the bar. We also held a planning meeting recently to review the set up and break down of the Pop Up Pub – there are some new procedures and systems in place to help spread the workload and make these events more streamlined.

Caroline Wisbey-Brown very kindly co-ordinates the rota's for the helpers – so if you are happy to do a stint behind the bar, wash the table cloths/towels etc then please do make contact with her via e mail caroline@wisbey-brown.co.uk – and she will put you on the round robin e mail.

More Pop Up Pub dates – 6pm open

Friday 10th September

Friday 1st October

We also really look forward to welcoming back 'Cratfield Kitchen' from the September 'Pop Ups' onwards who will be offering their usual fantastic range of starters, main courses and puddings.

Photographic Competition – Saturday 16th October 7 – 9pm

Hopefully everyone has received their yellow entry form in last month's magazine – if not, there are spare forms in the submission box at Salisbury House – Manse Lane, also at the back of the Church and at the Pop Up Pub.

Photos are already being submitted – and it's not too late to enter as the cut-off date is Friday 1st October – so you have plenty of time, but don't

leave it till the last minute!

Full details are also on the village facebook page (just search Cratfield Village) but to recap – Anyone can enter (and Children are free) – just write your name/category/photo title and place with a completed form and your entry fee into the box at the side porch at Salisbury House, Manse Lane.

Photos can be either 6” x 8” or 8” x 12” and can be portrait or landscape – the categories are Suffolk Transport, Black & White Cratfield, Suffolk Skylines and fun category - Suffolk Seaside. All topics are open to your interpretation!

Pie & Pud evening – Saturday 13th November

Bookings area already coming in thick and fast for this popular evening due to the large portions and good quality of pies and puddings – so please book now to avoid disappointment – bookings can be made via phone to Rebecca Sannick on 01986 799006 (Please note the amount per head for the evening has not been finalised as yet, but will be in the same region as previous years - £12.50 TBC) The full menu with options for pies and puddings will be in next month’s magazine.

Christmas Fair - Sunday 5th December

Are you a local crafter or maker? We still have some spaces available at the Village Hall Christmas Fair – please contact us via cratfieldvillagehall@gmail.com to enquire/book a table space.

Next Committee Meeting – Thursday 16th September

Open forum 7.15pm / Committee Meeting from 7.30pm

100 CLUB – have you returned your form?!

100 Club numbers drawn by members of the Cratfield Village Hall Committee.

July - 1st Jo Nunn No: 9 - £1500 /2nd Carole Loades No: 17 -£10.00 /

3rd Heather Hargood No: 7 - £5.00.

August - 1st Sue Eade No: 11 - £15.00 / 2nd Jill Horsman No: 51 - £10.00 /

3rd Richard Chivers No: 43 - £5.00.

Congratulations to all the winners!

(Please see the full list of 100 Club winners for 2020-2021 on page 4)

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

Cratfield Village Hall re-cladding project

Any users of the hall or anyone who has walked past in the past few years will have realised the outside cladding is beginning to fail in a number of places. Both the internal and external fabric of the hall has been extremely well looked after to date – with many thanks to previous committees and everyone involved in fundraising and maintenance. However, time has taken its toll – especially with some earlier parts of the hall which date from the 1920's.

Huge thanks go to our current Chair Natalie Lloyd-Evans for completing all the forms to enable us to previously apply (and receive) a 'Retail, Hospitality & Leisure Grant' (made available to all village halls from local government) which will help enable us to re-clad the outside of the village hall.

A lot of research was carried out and a number of people consulted with regards to not only the type of cladding but also the type of business to carry out the work. The overwhelming advice received from professionals was to find a specialist who deals in both restoring and building timber framed buildings. Due to not knowing what will be uncovered when we remove the existing cladding, their knowledge and expertise will prove valuable with any remedial work required behind the cladding – for example, with regards to replacing any structural timbers or if any can be treated if suffering from pest/moisture damage and so forth.

Enquiries were then made to a large number of companies all across East Anglia and a number of site visits carried out and estimates duly received. All these quotes with the pro's and con's of each company and cladding type were then arranged into a presentation given to the Village Hall at their recent committee meeting.

The type of cladding was narrowed down to two options – timber (the most economically priced but requiring ongoing upkeep and maintenance in terms of staining /painting) and an advanced material fibre cement plank – which is an engineered cellulose and cement composite and offers the ultimate in levels of fire protection along with moisture, rot and pest resistance (more expensive than timber – but requiring little or no upkeep and carrying the longest guarantee). This engineered plank also undergoes manufacturing techniques that give it the appearance of timber (complete with grooves and knots) – so to all intents and purposes there will be no visual difference. The planks are available in a range of colour options – and the universal decision was to go with matt black.

With regards to which company we proceed with to carry out the works – again the universal decision was to proceed with a local company – Roger Gladwells – just down the road in Dennington. They are a second generation family business, known for not only designing and building beautiful gardens, but they have an excellent reputation for specialising in the restoration and building of timber framed buildings from cart lodges to stables, farm buildings and outhouses. They also have a wealth of well recognised industry standard training certificates and are fully insured. Tristan Gladwell came out to the Village Hall one evening to answer a range of questions the committee had – and based on an updated quote (due to COVID and BREXIT affecting raw material and freight costs) the decision was made to proceed with them to carry out the works. He was able to also advise a % contingency we should keep aside and also advise a cost to replace/update/install any insulation that may be required, which everyone found beneficial and useful. The project should start in September and we fully intend to keep a photographic record as the works proceed. The Village Hall will also receive new guttering and downpipes and a number of small amendments to the external façade.

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Cratfield Sounds

'What are you going to write about this month?'

Awkward silence as nothing comes to mind.

Anne murmurs, 'What about Cratfield sounds?'

I open up my inner ear and begin to think. The first Cratfield sound I recall is the liquid '*twit twoo*' of the tawny owls at night. A noise I never heard living in the city – at first it seemed like something from the soundtrack of a suspense movie. Then there is the screech of barn owls - It never seems quite right to me that those pale and graceful creatures should make such an uncouth din. Then the hoarse bark of the muntjac.

Once or twice, we have heard the busy sounds of what we thought might be hedgehoggy grunting, snuffling, and rustling from the long grass in the ditch. We have at least one - we stumbled across it hibernating in a pile of leaves; and we have seen tiny black or brown cigars of what we take to be hedgehog poo.

From neighbouring fields come the unexpected sounds of alpacas with their '*hum, scree – haw,*' mingling with the whinnies of horses, the gobbles of turkeys and the crowing of a cock. Our stretch of road echoes to the clip clop of hooves, often accompanied by the chatter of their riders. When a group of walkers pass their feet make no noise and the chatter lasts longer as the walkers are slower. If its a bunch of cyclists the sounds of talking approach fast, peak briefly and then quickly fade into the distance.

The Cratfield air is alive with birdsong. Cheeps and chirps from the sparrows. Flutey baritone notes from the blackbirds. The wood pigeons growl to the rhythm of a slowly iterated '*I don't want to go. I don't want to go.*' This contrasts with the sounds of their elegant cousins the collar doves with their '*Koo – KOO - kuk. Koo – KOO - kuk.*' Some birds make a sound that is liquid and songful, some terse and urgent. Sometimes a squabble in the bushes generates the cartoonish noises of an avian kerfuffle.

In summer, the bees buzz and the wasps make a similar but more ominous sound. I only wish you could hear the horseflies better – at least you'd get some warning before they strike.

Summer also brings the sounds of machinery, grass cutting and hedge trimmers and the extremely loud but necessary noise of the fields next to us down being mowed. Its funny how everybody else's garden machinery makes so much more noise than one's own.

At harvest time, as I write, there is the urgent sound of juggernaut combine harvesters and other Brobdingnagian machinery armed with blades like giant Swiss Army knives as they cannon down country lanes. These streak hugely by with rapid urgency twenty-four hours a day. They are the size of houses, looming larger than anything you meet driving down a city street, and careen urgently by at any time of day. At night they pass our house on the quiet road outside with all the unstoppable éclat of those huge American locomotives in movies set in the mid-west. When you're sleepy the darkness magnifies the idea of them into the monstrous Iron Horses of nightmares.

The finest sound of all is of an evening breeze in a season when the rank of six towering poplars at the field's edge near us are freighted with leaves. Their gentle susurrations sound like waves brushing the shore.

Nigel Cousins

Answers

1. Aubergine 2. Crocus Sativus 3. Plum 4. Jam 5. Italy 6. White Lady
7. Pear 8. Deep fried 9. Rum 10. Switzerland 11. India Pale ale 12. Bury St
Edmunds 13. Gin 14. Carolina Reaper 15. 4 16. Apricot 17. Potatoes &
cauliflower 18. India 19. Hungary 20. Jam

A little book of East Anglian Humour (1950ish)

Schoolmaster (to boy who jumps to the other side of the desk when books are being inspected)

"Why do you jump like that?"

Pupil "You frit me, sir."

Master "Frit! You don't say that to your English master do you?"

Pupil "Naow" He don't frit me."

Dickleburgh

My father was the rector of a country parish in Suffolk. One day he went to see an old woman who had not been well.

When he asked her how she was, she replied,

"I don't feel like myself at all, rector. I feel all over nohow and there agin directly."

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By Lead Line to Dukhan – Old Ways are Best

At one point during my command of HMS Beachampton we were sent to visit a then tiny oil town on the west of the Qatar peninsula. This was Dukhan, the headquarters of the Qatar Petroleum Company (QPC). Dukhan stands on a small shallow bay almost directly opposite Umm Said, which I have written about previously¹. It had no harbour nor even a jetty, so we had to anchor offshore. And thereby hangs a tale.

Between Qatar and the island of Bahrain the waters are very difficult - shallow, full of sand banks and coral reefs with no buoyage at all. Ships simply didn't go there and to complicate matters, there was in 1969 no chart at all, let alone an Admiralty Chart. All I had was a photostat of a map produced by QPC which showed some of the scarce land features – the odd mosque or building - though not necessarily accurately plotted on what was effectively a long beach all the way down the west coast of Qatar.

Undaunted and perhaps youthfully impetuous, I decided to fall back on good old-fashioned methods, which Nelson would have recognised. We posted a lookout as high on the mast as we could get him – the higher you are, the better you can see coral reefs in clear water. Then I tasked a small party, consisting of Smudge, the Buffer and, inevitably, Moscrop whom you have already met, in our motor-boat, armed with a traditional hand lead line marked with depths, to sound the waters ahead of us. Finally, we ran our echo sounder and proceeded very slowly. Once or twice we had to stop and feel our way forward; once, alarmingly, we found less than a fathom² under us, but after a long day we crept into Dukhan Bay in one piece and anchored. We lay there for four happy days, spent with the local community, mainly made up of British and Australian employees of QPC, who saw few outsiders and were delighted to see fresh faces.

The Qatar peninsula is almost entirely undulating sand desert, then with few roads and even fewer settlements outside the capital, Doha. Here on the edge of the desert, we camped and barbecued, played cricket on a matting wicket laid on a bed of compressed sand mixed with oil, and went on “rabbit runs” to the ancient suq³ at Doha (now sadly lost to “modernisation”). Sailing races against the local population were the

¹Cratfield Magazine, October 2020 pp 4-5.

²For those who are unsure, a fathom is 6 feet.

³A suq or souk is a traditional Arab bazaar, a rabbit warren of small alleys and tiny shops, with the aroma of coffee and spices hanging over it, selling goods of all sorts, and containing some wonderful treasures at very reasonable prices depending on how good you are at haggling. But no-one is better than at this than Eastern shop owners!

greatest fun. I capsized during one, throwing both myself and my crew, a young lady, into the sea and demonstrating that naval officers are unsafe in sailing boats. We enjoyed a lovely dance given in our honour. When we departed to resume our normal patrols, we were waved off with mutual sadness and the people there asked for future naval visits.

We duly wrote up the navigational details of our passage to Dukhan and our anchorage and lodged them at our Bahrain HQ. There was an unfortunate sequel. After I had left the Gulf, our sister ship, HMS Puncheston, visited Dukhan and using our records arrived safely.

Now, during our visit there had been no tidal current, and there had been a permanently gentle south westerly breeze, so we lay safely to the wind in the same direction throughout our visit. During Puncheston's visit, however, a strong shamal blew up. A shamal is a very strong north-westerly gale coming straight down the Gulf from Mesopotamia. It usually blows for two or three days at a time. and can create very unpleasant short, but very rough and uncomfortable seas and, since it comes from Iraq, is full of sand which limits visibility.

Consequently, for the last part of her visit, Puncheston lay in a different direction from that which we had. Unfortunately, there was a small sand shoal in the bay upon which she grounded by the stern and damaged a propellor, necessitating a docking and a Board of Enquiry for the unlucky Captain (who was normally a submariner, used to rather different problems⁴). I heard about it much later and felt rather guilty that we had not carried out a wider, if amateur and inaccurate, survey of the bay but I was young and inexperienced, it hadn't seemed necessary, and we had no surveying equipment apart from a sextant.

Napoleon used to say that the most important quality his commanders needed was luck. I understood that thereafter!

Jeremy Blackham

⁴Diesel-electric submarines, unlike nuclear subs are designed to "sit" on the bottom - but only on purpose!

2021 Mobile Library Dates

Nothing here as yet.

But watch this space!

Cratfield Parish Council

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Tuesday 9th November 2021 at 7.30pm

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Dear Friends,

'Creation' is somewhat of a loaded term these days thanks to famous atheist writers such as Richard Dawkins. They often paint the idea that Christians believe that God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh, precisely and literally as it is written in the first chapter of the book of Genesis in the Bible, a view of creation which is called Creationism. Actually, the reverse is true – Creationism is a minority and unorthodox view amongst Christians. The point of the various creation stories in the Bible (there are at least three different ones) is not to give a scientific account of how the universe came to be but rather to explore the relationship between God and humankind. In Church, we use the term 'Creation' to refer to everything that exists because, fundamentally, Christians believe that everything we have, including our very life and being, is a gift from God – it is not about the mechanics, but the relationship. Remembering that everything we have is a gift helps us to appreciate even more everything we do have and be even more thankful for it. It also makes us better realise our responsibility to look after the gift of Creation, which does not belong to us but is a gift we hold for a little while before we pass it on to others to care for.

The Bible shows us that God wants to share the gift of life, the gifts of Creation, with us; God wants us to understand that gift and to care for it; God wants a relationship with us and for us to have a proper relationship with God and all that is around us.

What the Christian faith teaches us is that it is not Creation vs Big Bang in a pseudo-Science vs. Religion debate, nor Creation vs humanity, as if the world around us needs to be tamed, subdued, controlled and exploited, but Creation and relationship. It is about our relationship with God, our relationship with each other, our relationship with the wider world and environment around us.

This September we will be celebrating our Harvest Festival in Worlingworth on 12th at 6pm, and at Tannington 2.30pm and on September 26th at 6pm in Wilby. In October we will celebrate harvest 3rd Oct 10.30 in Bedfield, 6pm in Brundish and on 10th 6pm in Cratfield, we will be thinking about Creation as a gift and our role and our place within it. Come and find out more.

David

St. Mary's Church Services September 2021

Sunday 19th	Sunday 26th
9.00am Village Worship	9.00am Holy Communion
Sidesperson A. Edmunds	Sidesperson D. Peacock
Reader P. Baker	Reader M. Powell
Jer 11:18-20 James 3:13, 4:3,7-8a Mark 9:30-37	Num 11:4-6 James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50

We are attempting to have our services outside, but please be assured we will be socially distanced inside the church. Mask wearing is now optional.

Dates for your diary

Harvest Festival and Thanksgiving Service 10th October

Christmas Carols around the Bonfire 12th December

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