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CRATFIELD NEWS

APRIL 2017

Spring Community Walk

April 9th 3.00pm

meet at the church
followed by tea & hot cross buns



HELLO AND WELCOME

A very warm welcome to Barbara, Keith and Chips who have recently moved into Poachers Close. We hope they will be happy here in Cratfield and that it doesn't rain too much for them on this side of the country!

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHWAYS

Jones Lane footpath which runs from Swan Green and joins up with Tongs Lane has recently been very effectively cleared by the council, for which Tony Underwood and probably the few people he meets on his walks are most grateful.

FASTER BROADBAND HAS COME TO CRATFIELD

FramBroadband, a private local supplier, can now connect Cratfield homes to their network, offering improved speeds and better reliability.

The village is hosting a Q & A evening with FramBroadband, so please come along with your questions.

- * Is it for me?
- *How much does it cost?
- *Is government help available?
- * How 'fast' is 'fast'?

All welcome, **April 6th, 7.00 to 8.30pm** at the Village Hall, Manse Lane. .Wine, soft drinks, nibbles available (donation asked)

Any other queries please call Natalie Lloyd-Evans on 798790, though please note, I'm not personally connected to FramBroadband and can't help with any technical stuff.

WANTED

Bric-a brac and vintage items, or anything saleable and pretty, for our stall at Cratfield Dog Show, in aid of a local canine charity Meadowgreen Dog Rescue. Items can be brought to Field Cottage, Manse Lane.

Natalie Lloyd-Evans (798790) and Juliette Weaver

ST. MARY'S CHURCH - APRIL SERVICES

EASTER SUNDAY 16TH	SUNDAY 23RD	SUNDAY 30TH
9.30am Holy Communion DB	8,00am Holy Com- munion DB	10.30am St Nicholas Bed- field Benefice Commu- ion
Reader D. Peacock	Reader P. Baker	
Sidesperson A. Edmonds	Sidesperson D. Peacock	
Acts 10:34-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-8	Acts 2:14a,22-32 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31	Acts 2:14a,36-41 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35

If you cannot fulfill these requirements please contact Margaret Thompson

News from St. Mary's

9th April Spring Community Walk

Starting at the church 15.00hrs. This time we will try and find a route which offers people the chance to stay on the level or go cross country. There will be a scavengers hunt for the children and of course, more importantly, tea and hot cross buns back at the church about 15.45hrs. Everyone welcome.

11th April Seder Supper 7.00pm

So are you thinking of going to the Passover Seder in Cratfield this year?

Wonderful! Here are some things to know before you go.

What's a Seder?

The Seder is a festive holiday meal, it actually means 'order'. It is called this because the meal is done in a certain order which takes us from slavery to freedom. The Haggadah – which means 'the telling'- is the book used at the Passover Seder. The Haggadah explains the foods on the seder plate, recounts the highlights of the Exodus, and includes prayers, questions and vignettes.

How serious is this?

Seders are meant to be low-key and fun. Questions are welcome and a light-hearted spirit is in order. After all, we are celebrating that we are not slaves any more. At the seder we can rejoice, take our time, and ponder the questions of freedom and service to God. Many people recline at the seder to celebrate being free.

Why is the Exodus from Egypt so important for the Jews?

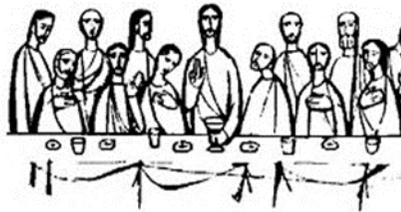
Because of the Exodus, the idea of enslavement formed a permanent impression on the Jewish collective consciousness. This, coupled with admonitions in the Bible to take care of the less fortunate, has led them to be a people perennially concerned with world's injustices and disenfranchisement.

The Exodus is the archetypal story of God as the Deliverer and Redeemer. Here you learn that injustices can be fought and that you can draw strength from God.

With this expulsion from Egypt the Jews became a people (no longer just a family group) on a symbolic as well as a physical journey. At the seder we start our journey to Sinai where we will receive the Ten Commandments. We leave Egypt to serve God and to head towards the Promised Land.

But I am a Christian, why do I want to celebrate a Jewish Feast?

On the night that he was betrayed Jesus sat at supper with friends. That supper was the Passover or Seder Feast. It is the same supper that Jesus and his disciples enjoyed that we will enjoy too. It is a good meal consisting of roast lamb, rice, flat-bread and a fruit based dessert called Harosheth.



The feast will take place in the church on April 11th at 7.00pm. Tickets are £5.00 each, book early to avoid disappointment.

Book with David Burrell on 01986 798136

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Please come along and support us.



Cratfield Parish Council

Please help clean & tidy up your village

Cratfield Parish Council is organising a village spring clean on the weekend of **22 & 23rd April 2017**

Litter picking equipment will be available at the village hall at 10.00am

*Your support would be greatly appreciated!
For further details please contact a Councillor*

Fressingfield and District Royal British Legion

Recently two Royal British Legion members visited 'Halsey House' in Cromer, Norfolk, the Royal British Legion Retirement Home which is supported by our local branch.

It was well worth the visit. This lovely building and its interior are of top quality in every respect; light, soft easy-chairs, sun lounge, sensory room, quiet room, library, bar, cinema, terraced gardens. Simply lovely, in fact faultless. The home is for retired ex-service personnel and their dependants.

Each year our local branch holds a summer fête and a Christmas draw to raise funds for welfare, donations are made from these events to Halsey House.

During our visit we were shown how this money has been used – a pool table, equipment for the sensory room and now sail-blinds for the glass domed area which links the two main parts of the building.

So if anyone would like to lend a hand or would like to contribute in any way, yes please! Staging the Summer Fête is hard work, erecting and dismantling the marquees alone takes a couple of hours.

Royal British Legion Summer Fête Saturday June 6th Fennings Farm, Pixie Green, Fressingfield.

For further information contact Chrissie Kitchen:- 798764,
e-mail chrissiekitchen@yahoo.com

Your contribution would indeed be valued

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CRATFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING DATES 2107

Tuesday 9th May 2107 APM & AGM – 7.15pm

Tuesday 11th July 2017 – 7.15pm

Agendas (3 days before the meeting) can be found on the noticeboard & website:

www.cratfield.onesuffolk.net

Planning meetings are arranged as and when required.

All parishioners welcome !

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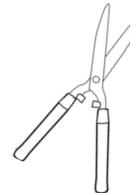
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Cratfield crop circles.....



Well, not exactly circular but mysterious marks appearing on the road and verge with an "O" in the marking.

This one is next to the BT pole at the top of the hill past the church, so not to be confused with the big coil of cable (which is also circular) next to the pole at the bottom of the hill, still not installed after 7 months...

So what does the O/R mean ??? Can it be shorthand for Openreach ??? Does it mean they have found yet another cable fault (this pole is where the cable gets buried underground so easily damaged) ??? Does it mean they are going to install a "cabinet" (highly unlikely as the survey they did in 2013 when we paid for it through our taxes had chosen a completely different location, but who knows) ??? Or has someone in the village just bought a can of paint off eBay and decided to get everyone's hopes up that the 7 month old fault is finally about to be fixed ???

Rod Sugden.

2017 MOBILE LIBRARY DATES

Silverleys Green 14.15-14.35
The Poacher 14.45-15.00

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28th March, 25th April, 23rd May, 20th June, 18th July, 15th August, 12th September, 10th October, 7th November, 5th December

COUNTRY LIFE

In response to last month's article regarding the destruction of the hedges near Four Winds Cottage, I don't usually comment on other people's opinions or misconceptions of how things are done or should be done in the countryside.....

But, firstly, the hedges that were referred to in last month's magazine have not been destroyed, but coppiced, coppicing has been practised for hundreds of years mainly for the production of firewood.

However, in this case, it has been done to thicken up a spindly top heavy hedge, which will make it more manageable in time, thus giving a better environment for wildlife and nesting birds.

I must say there are more trees and hedges in and around Cratfield now than 30 years ago, which is, in my opinion, a very good thing.

But don't forget the countryside is a working environment, not just a retirement home for people with nothing better to do than complain about things that don't affect them.

If countryside practices are so upsetting, maybe it's better to buy a house built on a brownfield site in a town, not a house built on a green site in the countryside.

Whilst I am having a rant I will move on to the footpaths in and around the village. Having lived in Cratfield for over 40 years I can only say that they are the most disgusting I have ever seen them. They have gone from footpaths to dog toilets, especially the one that starts near the Old School leading to the footbridge.

It seems that some people can't fulfil all responsibilities that come with dog ownership! Oh yes, then there are the ones that can manage to pick up the mess, put it in a plastic bag, only to deposit in the nearest hedge. The solution to the problem is to take it home with you and put it in the bin. For those that don't want to do that, or can't be bothered then just get rid of the dog, simple, yes!

I must say it's not just down to dog owners that live in the village (although I have seen a couple of repeat offenders) holiday-makers and dog walkers from surrounding areas that think Cratfield is, or was, a lovely place to go for a walk are also to blame.....

Perhaps the Parish Council might like to put up some notices where the footpaths commence to advise people and let them know there are imposed fines for dog littering as well as it being a health hazard.

T. BROWN

Ref. No: DC/17/0415/ROC. Status: Awaiting decision

The following planning application comments were agreed unanimously for the Clerk to submit: Cllrs agreed the complex should stay as holiday lets, because holiday lets create local employment and supports the local economy.

b) Decisions

None

c) To approve the Planning Procedure Policy

Cllrs discussed and agreed the Planning Procedure Policy.

Appoint a Representative to the Town Estates Charity Trust

C/F to the next meeting – Clerk to request some information from the TECT Chair.

Defibrillator Relocation

Cllr Sannick confirmed the defibrillator was now located at the Village Hall. He had also discovered some of the defibrillator operators had left the village. Cllrs agreed to advertise for more operators and to arrange some training.

Village Update

a) Play Area

- **New Goal Posts:** Cllr Oliver will fit ASAP.

- **Play Area Maintenance Report & Actions:** The bark has been received and will be put down in due course. The latest report to be completed.

- **SCDC Outdoor Playing Space Funding Scheme Grant:** The Clerk informed she had applied for a grant to replace some play equipment.

b) Village Maintenance

- **Millennium Meadow Tree Plaque - Queen's 90th Birthday:** The plaque had been received for the new tree.

- **Allotment Tenancy Agreement:** The updated allotment tenancy agreement was approved unanimously by all Councillors'.

Any Other Business

- **Litter Pick:** Cllrs agreed on a Litter Pick to be held on the weekend of 22/23rd April 2017 at 10.00am. Clerk to put a notice in Cratfield News and order the equipment.

- Cllrs discussed a dog which had been found chasing sheep and roaming the village and the increased dog fouling in the village. Clerk to send a statement to Cratfield News.

- The Chair informed that Mr & Mrs Eade will be putting welcome packs together for new villagers.

- Broadband satellite poles have now been erected on Cratfield's Church and Church Farm grain store by Fram Broadband, which should improve the service in the village. A presentation by Fram Broadband is going to be held in the village hall, date to be confirmed.

Next meeting date/time:

- 9th May 2017 – AGM & Annual Parish Meeting – *all parishioners welcome!*

Village Hall Update

Thank you to everyone who attended our Italian Night in March. Upwards of fifty people sat down to mozzarella salad and lasagne, preceded by a tasting of Italian wines, cheese, oils and charcuterie kindly supplied by Paul Marfleet. If anybody is inspired to order any of those products, the supplier is Fattoria La Vialla. Find online at www.lavialla.it.

The following week saw the inaugural meeting of Cratfield's brand new pop-up pub. Steve from the Huntingfield Arms was our publican for the night, serving us from his portable bar. Too many people to count came for a Friday night drink, but we know there were more than seventy. We're repeating the event on the **first Friday of April** and as before, everyone is welcome. Look out for notices in the village. It's a great way to meet new neighbours and enjoy a chat with old friends. Apologies to the young member of our community who hoped that a pub was literally going to pop up from the ground, like a giant inflatable. That would have been a sight to behold but is sadly beyond the committee's budget.

On April 6th, the hall is hosting an open evening with Fram Broadband, who I'm sure most of us know by now, is able to offer private broadband services, thanks to a wizzardy-gizmo thing on the church tower. More details elsewhere in the magazine, but it kicks off at 7pm and it's your chance to ask Ollie Stockman of Fram Broadband any technical questions you may have.

May 7th brings the annual (and now quite famous!) dog show. Dogs of all ages, shapes and sizes attend this relaxed and sociable event. You might also like to consider sponsoring a class. Anybody may sponsor and your name, or the name of your business, loved one or four-legged friend, appears in the programme. Sponsoring a class costs £15. Please contact Rebecca Sannick for dog show information. Her number is on the back page directory. This year, the dog show is fund-raising for **Halesworth Community Nursing Care Fund and Macmillan Nurses.**

I, and Juliette Weaver, will be running a stall at the dog-show, selling bric-a-brac and vintage stuff, in aid of the Beccles charity, Meadowgreen Dog Rescue and are looking for donated items.

The hall's brand new noticeboard and the new A frame that is advertising upcoming events have both been bought with funds given by the Heveningham Hall trust. The Village Hall committee is grateful to Heveningham for this grant of money. The committee would also like to express thanks to Mr Rick Hadingham who owns the land on which our dog show takes place, and who allows us access. Without his kindness, our show would be a far smaller event.

Natalie Lloyd-
Evans, 01986 798790

The date for this year's **Cratfield Horticultural Show is Saturday, 5th August.** We are deliberately trying different times of the summer to vary the garden entries – both produce and flowers. This year's schedule is included in this month's magazine to give you an idea of what you could be growing, baking or making. The last two shows have been successful. Please help to make this one the best yet. Please contact **Carolyn** on 799187 if you have any questions.

100 CLUB

March Draw held at Nova

1st Jean Peacock No. 5 £15.00
2nd Julie Pasque No. 61 £10.00
3rd Sheila Hookins No.50 £5.00
Congratulations to the winners

Through the 100 Club we have purchased for the village hall a dishwasher, replacement taps and new water heater for the ladies loo, a tree seat and two picnic benches. If you have a suggestion for further purchases which would benefit the village, please let me know by the end of June 2017. Heather, Vine Cottage, Bell Green