

CRATFIELD NEWS

August 2019



Our sincere sympathy and condolences go to Clive, Helen and David Mobbs and Bryan and Sara Leveratt on the very sad loss of Alison who passed away on Tuesday 2nd July aged 55.

A celebration of Alison's life was held at St. Mary's, Cratfield on Friday 12th July. The church was packed with family, friends and neighbours from around the village which showed the love and respect Alison generated throughout her life.

Tributes were read by Bryan, her father, and Sue Cooper, her cousin, who also spoke on behalf of Alison's sister Sara. Friends Helen and Ann spoke about what Alison's friendship had meant to them over the years and a very special, personal tribute by Clive explained how Alison had become his 'friend in the hotel trade' and the honour he felt having been her husband. Hymns, music and readings with great meaning had been chosen by Alison and the family.

We heard much of her young life, as a caring sister and protector to Sara and as a fun-loving, sporty youngster at her boarding school in Swaffham and later at Thomas Mills in Framlingham. Her career in the world of catering culminated in the tea-shop she owned and ran so successfully in Framlingham for over 24 years. Clive often wondered whether it was not just a tea-shop but more an out-reach for social services, for, as well as providing tea and cake, Alison was always there to help with peoples' problems.

It was obvious from those who contributed that Alison had so many excellent qualities which touched the hearts of all who met her. In her later years of ill health she was more concerned for others than herself: A tribute was read from Kim Irwin, a fellow patient in hospital who had only knew Alison for ten days, but who was inspired by her caring outlook and selflessness.

If you only got to know Alison recently through village events such as the pop-up pub you will still be aware of her friendly, generous and out-going personality.

Alison is sadly missed, but will live on in the collective memory of the village.

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Also to Bryan a very warm welcome to the village, he has moved into 1 Box Bush Cottages.

4 The Street, Open Gardens for St. Elizabeth Hospice, 15th June

I would like to thank friends and acquaintances who came to our garden/allotment and also to those who couldn't make it but sent donations. Together we raised £195, which was good despite a disappointing turnout locally.

Perhaps more of you would like to join us and open your garden for the hospice or another charity next year.

Gary and Bev

Here are some photographic tips for August. The competition is getting closer

Weekend events can be great places to take photos – sports, races, gymkhanas, galas, classic car rallies etc. can give excellent action and candid shots. But always be wary of confidentiality: usually you are OK taking photos on public property – but be wary of personal privacy and you are advised to obtain permission if photographing children (from parent or legal guardian). If the photos are for commercial purposes special permission is required. I would never put photos of children onto social media without explicit permission.

If you are on private property (including shopping centres, parks, churches, historic buildings...) you may need permission or be banned from taking pictures.

When attending an event have the camera ready. If there are action events have a shutter speed at c 1/1000 second and an aperture setting for a reasonable depth of field (e.g. f8) and ISO on auto.

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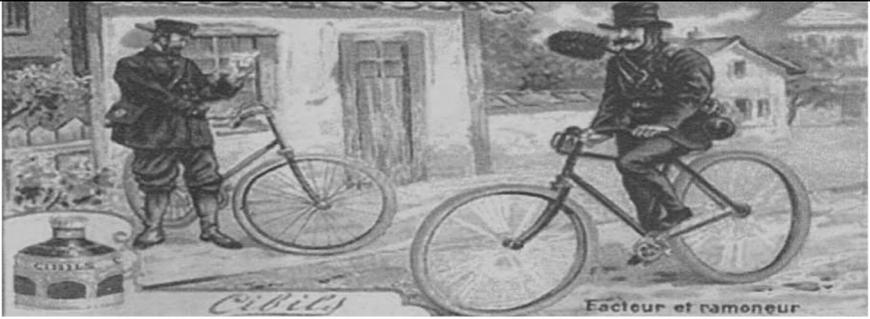
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Laxfield Produce, Craft and Flea Market
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and outside on Church Plain

July's Market started quietly but it was good to see the regulars soon appear, supplemented by many fresh faces, including visitors from America! The Scrumptious Sisters were pleased to see their regulars for the lovely bakes, and those who travel up early in the morning from Kent, eager to bag some of the cheese-scone wedges, made fresh that morning (although they suspect the couple also visit friends in the village...)

Lots of stalls (usually over 35) again this month - the bread is proving a sell-out, it's collected freshly-baked in the morning from Suffolk's Penny Bun Bakery. Others include crafts, home-wears, gifts, cards, charity stalls, vintage, collectibles, garden plants and iron and wood-works, and a 'yard sale' stall.

It's good to welcome newby Hazel with sausage rolls, meat pies and quiches, ideal for quick lunches or picnics. Cheryl has more bakes inside the church too – a must-try are her home-made fruit pies. Local free-range pork, lamb, and Cratfield beef, along with organic vegetables and fruit. Delicious preserves are on offer for those summer cream teas.

As usual refreshments and seating will be in the Church and the Royal Oak. Last month music was lovely calming harp music by local musician, Julie Theaker, this month it'll be totally different with lively music from new guests, the Beccles Ukelele Band.

This community Market is so popular there's a waiting list for indoor stall space, but please contact Catherine Cawood on 01986 798852 re-availability. Buskers are very welcome, and can book a month via Catherine.

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A FUNNY THING HAPPENED TO US ON THE WAY HOME

(Make sure your dog is chipped)

We were driving back into Cratfield after a rare excursion to the cinema followed by a meal and were looking forward to a cuppa. It was just after 9.00pm and suddenly we were confronted by a small, black spaniel running headlong towards us. On opening the passenger door a very stressed and dishevelled dog jumped in, obviously seeking sanctuary. It had a collar but no name tag and there were no obvious homes in the vicinity. We therefore had no choice but to carry on home with the dog, realising that our/its options were limited at this time of night.



On getting home we made it comfortable in our outbuilding and rang a few friends in the hope that they might recognise where it was from. There was then a 'Eureka' moment when we remembered we had our own microchip reader. After digging it out, and thinking there was no way it would have a chip, we scanned it. Lo and behold it was chipped. After a quick call to

Petlog with the number they were able to confirm the description of the dog and even gave us its name. Armed with our details they went away to contact the registered owner and within minutes a grateful chap was on the phone and subsequently collected his dog, who had been on the run for around four hours.

The lesson here was that micro-chipping paid off big time, but we wondered how many people know that chipping of all dogs over 8 weeks old is a legal requirement, as is keeping the owners details up to date.

With few exceptions it is still a legal requirement for dogs to wear a collar and tag with owner details when in a public place.

In this instance we were fortunate enough to have our own scanner, but a vet would also be able to assist to reunite dog and owner. For those that know us in the village, we would be more than happy to scan a dog if you find yourself in a similar position to us.



Dan and Linzi

P.S. The film in question was 'Yesterday' which we thoroughly enjoyed.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the village I would like pass on thanks to Mr Hadingham who has left us such a wonderful display of wild flowers both by the village hall and on the stewardship land behind Rookery Farm, they have been so much admired and a

VILLAGE HALL NEWS AUGUST

Friday 2nd August – Pop-Up Bar with BBQ

Many thanks to Dan and Linzi Elford along with Caroline Wisby-Brown and Nigel Cousins who ran the bar last month and to Dennis Rockall who sets everything up! Also Robert King who assisted with the parking and Tim and Sue Ackerley who cleared up and left no trace of the pop-up bar for the next hall users – your help is very much appreciated!

First orders at 6.00pm with last orders at 9.45pm – please note the bar closes at 10.00pm and the hall closes at 10.30pm.

For August we are running our own BBQ offering burgers and sausages (along with vegetarian and gluten-free options) – so make a date in your diary to get there early, hopefully the weather will be as fantastic as the July pop-up enabling us all to sit outside!

If you fancy trying your hand behind the bar (there are two 'shifts', 6-8 and 8 till close). Paul Marfleet arranges the rotas and can be contacted on – marfleets@doctors.org.uk

Tuesday 13th August – Rural Coffee Caravan 10.00am – 12 noon

The Rural Coffee Caravan is a travelling tea/coffee and cake shop 'on wheels' – and is free! It is visiting the Village Hall on Tuesday 13th August and is a great source of local information along with a chance to chat to neighbours and others in the community over a cup of tea/coffee and delicious cake. More information can be found on

www.ruralcoffeecaravan.org.uk or you can call to find out more on 01379 855 338.

if you would like to come along but do not have transport or do not want to turn up alone there are a number of people offering to give lifts-

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Susannah Ellis 01986 798981 (please allow it to ring for a long time)

Saturday 1st September – Horticultural Show

If you need another schedule or have any queries please do contact Carolyn White on 799187. There are plenty of classes for fruit and vegetable or flower growers of any ability and children can enter any class free of charge this year.

Don't forget the fiercely competitive 'Men Only' classes of Loaf of Bread and Apple Pie!

Staging of the exhibits will be between 10 and 12 on the day and the hall will then be closed for judging till 2.30pm. Then open for all for viewing and Pimms, prize-giving and raffle at 4.00pm – exhibits can be taken home from 5.00pm.

If you have any unwanted presents that you would be happy to donate to

the Village Hall Raffle please do let Carolyn White know on the above number.

Wednesday 4th September – Cratfield Gardening Society

From Caroline Marfleet – The next meeting will be at Church Farm House on September 4th when we will discuss pruning techniques and hopefully have a practice on some shrubs. Over the summer, we agreed that we would collect seeds from our gardens and share them at the next meeting.

Any queries, please contact Caroline Marfleet by email on marfleets@doctors.org.uk or phone 01986 799048/07969603509

Wednesday 12th October – Cratfield Photography Competition

We hope everyone is busily snapping away – don't forget, along with the technical monthly tips given elsewhere in the magazine you do not have to own a flashy camera to enter – any photo snapped while out and about on your phone can be entered. It really is a fun event in which to take part – some of the winners over the past years have taken their entries on their phone cameras.

As a reminder the three categories are – Suffolk Seasons, My Suffolk Weekend, Secret Cratfield and the new fun category – Cratfield Pets. You can enter as many times in any or all categories as you want. The photos must be 12" x 8" or 8" x 6" – and can be either portrait or landscape, matt or gloss finish, colour or black and white – the entry form will be coming out shortly in the Village Magazine. (It may already be in this one!)

100Club draw held at Nova

1st Candy Blackham No.104 £15.00

2nd Sandra Taylor No.35 £10.00

3rd Gary Thomas No. 33 £5.00

Congratulations to all the winners.

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For anyone interested, a correction of the reference to the 'pyramidal orchids' on Chippenhall Green, Fressingfield made in the 'Cratfield Miscellany'. 'Our' orchids are in fact, Green Winged and the common is said to be the best site in the country for this variety. Whether or not this is true we have no means of telling. This year's showing was, I believe, less spectacular than usual, but to compensate for this Bee Orchids have been seen and roughly forty Pyramidal Orchids counted on the ditch banks beside the road leading from Chippenhall Green to the B1116. Maybe these latter kinds have benefited from the drier winter, while Green Winged prefer damper conditions.

My interest in wild flowers began at an early age thanks to our teacher at Cratfield Village School, Mrs Jolley, who, while quite formidable and terrifying to a nervous child, was committed to ensuring that we country children knew about the plants and wildlife around us. I imagine very few of her pupils, at least of my age, left school without being able to identify most wild flowers. I'm not completely sure that this interest was beneficial to the plants however, since when an unusual flower was found we picked it and it was borne in triumph to school to be identified and pressed. Hardly environmentally friendly!

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Ain't it 'ot?

Whilst sitting and sweating in my Swedish Sauna of a house and trying to think of something witty to fill a little space with I can't help but think of how extremely warm it has become.

I have tried to think of other things, but as the useless sweat rolls down my back and makes a soggy mess of my pants (that will require peeling off like a wet suit later) and pools in my trainers (causing squeaks and smells no man, woman or child needs to experience but that my dog seems to find irresistible) my mind seems to wander back to how oppressively, overwhelmingly, unarguably hot it is (I think my socks have started to dissolve, urgh).

I spend my days driving in a mobile green house (or "works van") in full, thick hi-vis trousers (pollen beetles love my trousers, the little b*%£&*ds) and black polo shirt, accented with a full length hi-vis vest (which they also love) when I have to leave the vehicle adding to my distress (and general slick, sogginess), I relish getting back to my , hopefully (fruitless hope, I have to add) cool house, shorts and lighter t-shirt. I can't cope, at least when it's too cold you can always put another jumper or coat on, when it gets too hot that's it, you can only take off so many clothes before you get arrested (I understand...). Now, I'm not one to complain, but it really is rather quite warm, don't you think?

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Crepuscular Cratfield

Ancient photographs of a youthful Queen and Prince Philip look out over Cratfield Village Hall like formally dressed travellers in time – silent witnesses to the effects of the passing years. If they could speak – what could they say about all they have seen there? That's what I was thinking on July pop up pub night as I did my stint as the slowest barman in Suffolk. My philosophical turn of mind is my excuse for getting confused about people's orders. How Cratfield must have changed! How my own life had changed too leading up to this moment on a July evening.



If you look West from the Village Hall across the wide flat landscape at dusk, at the crepuscular hour, you can see the most marvellous sunsets. That evening the sun turned from gold to orange – the slowly darkening sky went from its original bright air blue to bands of colour - grey, purple, pink – like an enormous Neapolitan ice cream melting into the dusk. There have been evenings when the big western sky hangs like a limitlessly large canvas painted by Turner. I have seen skies washed with polished copper and setting suns made of pure fire.

Summer evenings in Cratfield somehow make me recall the summer evenings we loved as children, playing out as long as we possibly could until the darkening blue night enfolded our friends faces, our footballs and even our hands and feet and we knew, despite our youthful reluctance, it was time to return to the warmth and light of home.



Later, after helping clear up the Hall we walked home in the vanishing light, looking up at the sharp scimitar of the crescent moon with its accompanying stars twinkling into existence a bit like our solar garden lights which come on when night has properly fallen. It is the time when you can see ghostly barn owls, glimpse the bats' cartoonish jerky flights and hear the bubbling hoots of the tawny owls.

I like the word 'crepuscule' for the twilight time, and its associated adjective 'crepuscular' –it is so suggestive of pinky blue evening light. I have come to appreciate the softening light that dusk brings. Soft light, as all older people know, can be kinder and more forgiving.

In Cratfield, the weather at the end of the day, when light fades, often seems to me to become milder. The harsh wind seems to drop. A cold

day can unaccountably seem to have warmed up. A day of heat becomes relaxed and balmy. In winter on the most depressing grey day the twilight can come as a relief too, ushering in a quiet dark evening spent in front of the fire reading a book or bingeing on a box set.

The crepuscule, when shadows lengthen, the light softens, and the world prepares to embrace the darkness sometimes seems like the best of times to me. The dullest, most ordinary of days can finish with a flare of beauty as the sun goes down.

The evening can surprise us with its variety of light and colours. In the countryside you can enjoy a natural nightfall much less conditioned by human activity than in an urban area, it takes longer and is subtler and there are so many more things to notice. And the more you live here the more you notice. At times it can all seem so much more lovely and more engrossing than anything I have known before.

Our Cratfield evenings are just fine.

Nigel Cousins

Recital in St. Lawrence's, Brundish 7pm to 8pm, Saturday 14th September 2019

Yalda Davis – Cello Claire Baughan -Clarinet Christopher Moore – Piano

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Dear friends,

When attending a Holy Communion service, you will mostly see the priest wearing a distinctive garment unlike anything in modern-day fashion. Typically, it has some sort of embellishment or symbol on it, and comes in several different colours.

What is it and why do priests still wear them?

Since ancient times, whenever priests celebrated Holy Communion they would put on a large poncho-like garment called a *casula* (chasuble) that covered their ordinary clothing. This vestment developed from the ordinary Roman attire of a farmer, who wore the large poncho to protect him from the elements. It eventually became associated with Christians in the 3rd century.

As the fashion trends shifted the chasuble ceased to be an ordinary garment but was still used by priests. By the 8th century the chasuble was reserved for clergy members and began to be ornamented in a way that reflected its sacred function.

At first the chasuble was large and bulky, and required the help of other attendants at the liturgy to gather the many folds to better facilitate the movements of the priest. Over time it was cut down in shape, most extreme in the case of the “fiddleback” style chasuble during the last few centuries.

The symbolism of the chasuble can be found expressed in the traditional prayer that a priest prays before putting it on.

O Lord, who has said, “My yoke is sweet and my burden light,” grant that I may so carry it as to merit Thy grace.

The chasuble is seen as the “yoke of Christ” and reminds priests that they are “another Christ” in the celebration of Holy Communion and to “put on the new man, who according to God is created in justice and holiness of truth” (Ephesians 4:24). Additionally, the chasuble symbolizes the “seamless garment” worn by Christ when he was led to his crucifixion. This further accentuates the connection between the priest, the Eucharist, and the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. A common ornamentation of the chasuble is a large cross on the back or front of the vestment to further cement the symbolism. The colour of this vestment is coordinated with the symbolic colour of the liturgical season or feast.

Although ornate and sometimes very grand looking, the chasuble is seen as a dressing down of the priest. A humbling. Very far away from “dressing up!”

For these reasons, the Church holds on to this ancient garment, reminding the priest (and the people) that the Eucharist is not an ordinary event, but one that is sacred and like nothing else on the face of the earth.

I write this as one or two people in our congregations have asked about the wearing of the chasuble at our Holy Communion services. I hope the above information is of some help.

**David Mulrenan,
Assistant Curate.**

St. Mary's Church Services – August 2019

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Reader Don Peacock	Reader Peter Baker	Reader Elizabeth Cook
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NOTES

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Look forward to hearing from you!

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