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January 2018

HAPPY NEW YEARS CRATFIELD



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Thought for the day!

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A little quiz to stimulate the brain cells after the New Year revelries and to while away half an hour or so of dreary winter weather.

The theme is musical shows. The clues are mainly cryptic with three anagrams. The number of words in the title of the show is given in brackets.

- Mr. Twist or Mr. Hardy (1)
- Bare cat moves around (1)
- The night train? (2)
- Elvis with me (4)
- Illness at the weekend? (3)
- A heptad of couples. (5)
- Young chaps from a Channel Island (2)
- The Windy City (1)
- Yul Brynner wouldn't have needed it! (1)
- What you may hear coming from the orchestra pit (4)
- Mo rips nappy to make this musical (2)
- Sanguinary siblings (2)
- What an Earl may call his blonde? (3)
- A tale of the East? On the contrary! (3)
- This musical is confused if I catch soup (2)
- Decorate your transport! (3)
- Nigel Kennedy the thatcher? (4)
- sounds like the Flying Squad (2)
- Men on board are used to play this (1)
- Still not too happy after Hugo (2)

Answers on page 9

How is the Feather War-Cast

In the South it will be a dowdy clay
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with whales to the Guest.
In the East the roaring pain
will give way to some psalmy bun.

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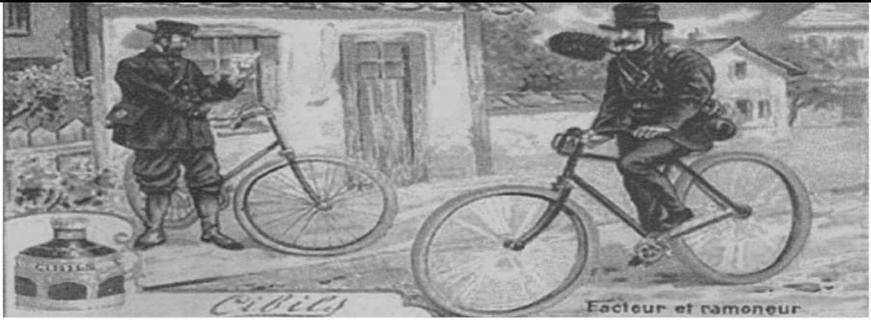
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Answers to musical quiz

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|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Oliver | 2. Cabaret (anag.) |
| 3. Starlight Express | 4. The King and I |
| 5. Saturday Night Fever | 6. Seven Brides for Seven Brothers |
| 7. Jersey Boys | 8. Chicago |
| 9. Hairspray | 10. The Sound of Music |
| 11. Mary Poppins (anag.) | 12. Blood Brothers |
| 13. My Fair Lady | 14. West Side Story |
| 15. South Pacific (anag.) | 16. Paint Your Wagon |
| 17. Fiddler on the Roof | 18. Sweeney Todd |
| 19. Chess | 20. Les Miserables |

The Meeting Place

It was the arrival of the Kings that caught us unawares;
we'd look in on the woman in the barn, curiosity you could call it,
something to do on a cold winter's night;
we'd wish her well – that was the best we could do, she was in pain,
and the next thing we knew she was lying on the straw
- the little there was of it – and there was a baby in her arms.

It was, as I say, the kings that caught us unawares...
Women have babies every other day, not that we are there -
let's call it a common occurrence though, giving birth. But kings
appearing in a stable with a - 'Is this the place?' and kneeling,
each with his gift held out towards the child!
They didn't even notice us. Their robes trailed on the floor,
rich, lined robes that money couldn't buy.
What must this child be to bring kings from distant lands
with costly incense and gold?
What could a tiny baby make of that?

And what were we to make of it, was it angels falling through the air,
entwined and falling as if from the rafters
to where the gaze of the kings met the child's
- assuming the child could see?
What would the mother do with the gifts? What would become of the
child?
And we'll never admit there are angels
or that somewhere between one man's eyes and another's
is the holy place, a space where a king could be at one
with a naked child, at one with an astonished soldier.

Christopher Pilling

Put your guts into 2018

Jini Fiennes lived in our house (Linstead Farm Cottage) for a short while. She was an only child who had a troubled and lonely upbringing. Perhaps it was to compensate for this that she wanted a large and loving family of her own. She raised seven children and they thrived despite serious money issues and frequent home moves. Her children grew up to be creative and independent. Some are well known – like Ralph, Joseph and Martha.

Her children thought very highly of her. They say she was inspirational and passionate as a mother. One of them remembered her saying that whenever you do something you should 'put your guts into it.'

All I know of Jini is from what she wrote. Only two of her books are generally obtainable now: **Blood Ties** and **On Pilgrimage**. I read those last year when we first moved in.

Jini certainly 'put her guts' into **Blood Ties**, her last novel, considered her best. There is a lot of her in this book which is a moving account of the triumph of human love and family ties over massive difficulties.

In the late eighties when she was in remission from cancer after painful surgery she went on pilgrimage to sacred places in Europe, ending up in Santiago de Compostella. She had long before relinquished a formal faith but was intensely interested in spiritual experiences both shared and individual and so went off around Europe in search of them. It is an unusual book shot through with humour and is an insightful account of a spiritual quest. She certainly 'put her guts into it'.

In it she writes:

'There is a hidden current within every individual. It seeks and stirs, hides and yearns. It may recede, but it never escapes. In moments of crisis, it is often full of voice. Make a Pilgrimage ...Just go!'

On Pilgrimage was partly written in Cratfield. It was through the Cratfield connection that she came to be living in my present house. I believe she was here for a just a year in 1992. She died from a return of the cancer so painfully treated a few years before, aged just 55 in 1993.

To think that someone who could write with genuine passion about the great possibilities of human experience lived here in in our house, if only for a short while, was Inspiration enough to make me change my mind about New Year Resolutions.

I used to feel New Year Resolutions were like unwanted Christmas puppies and kittens cast aside after a day or two. Every New Year seems to generate another sad crop of abandoned fad diets, forgotten exercise regimes and broken promises to kick bad habits. It is why I never made any.

But 2018, I hope, is going to be different. I am living in a house where Jini once lived. There are new projects aplenty on the horizon and this year I have made a Resolution that, whatever I do, I shall try to take her advice and 'put my guts into it'.

Nigel Cousins

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Thanks to everyone who came to the pop-up pub in December, and to those who helped to clear up afterwards. The hall was full and we sold all the beer! The pop-up is taking a break in January. We'll see you again on the first Friday of February, 2018, Friday 2nd.

Our first Village Hall Christmas Fair saw a variety of stalls and a good turnout. The food hatch was particularly busy, and Father Christmas almost ran out of presents. Every child in Cratfield has apparently been very good. Thanks to all who supported the event. We'll let you know how much was raised for our good causes in the next issue. We've had suggestions for things to include next year and we hope the Fair becomes a calendar fixture.

Speaking of calendars, there are a few of the Cratfield photo competition calendars left, so if you haven't bought yours yet please call Rebecca Sannick. Her phone number is on the back of the magazine.

2017 was a busy and productive year at the Village Hall. We now have one of the largest committees the hall has seen for some time, which is great news and means we can offer more events. Thank you everyone for joining in, turning out in iffy weather, helping clear up or simply coming along and having a good time. Keep your eyes on the magazine for upcoming events, and let us have your comments and ideas.

100 Club Draw
1st Rebecca Hargood No. 15 £15.00
2nd Chrissie Kitchen No. 1 £10.00
3rd Richard Chivers No. 43
Congratulations to the winners

If you've ever wondered who draws the names out of the hat, it is the ladies of Nova, a social group which meets regularly and consists of residents of Cratfield and other villages. Nova evolved from the local WI.

From all of us on the committee, a very happy and fulfilling New Year to you all.

Natalie Lloyd Evans

Cratfield Parish Council

The full Draft Minutes can be found on CPC's website: www.cratfield.onesuffolk.net

Summary of the November 2017 Meeting

Present: Lotty Barbour (Chair), Richard Chivers (Vice Chair), Peter Baker, Chris Mobbs, Michael Oliver, Robert Sannick, Gloria Steward

Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer: Sally Chapman

Parishioners Matters of Concern

Not present

County & District Councillor Reports

Not present, no report sent.

Main Meeting

To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th September 2017

The minutes of the meeting were confirmed as a true and accurate.

Matters Arising

The Chair read through the minutes and noted all actions had been completed or were in hand.

Finance

To receive the Financial Reports and Approve Cheques

The Finance and Budget Reports were agreed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

Income			
14/09/2017	Scoones Partnership - land rent		£ 545.62
29/09/2017	2nd Precept instalment		£ 1,600.00
09/10/2017	Allotment Rents		£ 97.50
03/11/2017	Norse - Litter Pick		£ 20.00
03/11/2017	HHCFT - Grant table tennis table		£ 1,436.66
		Total	£ 3,699.78
Expenditure			
14/11/2017	CAS - Website Hosting		£ 60.00
14/11/2017	Clerk's Oct/Nov Salary & Expenses		£ 366.64
14/11/2017	David Bracy - Play Equipment Report		£ 90.00
		Total	£ 516.64

Barclays Simple Servicing Authority update

The Clerk informed after telephoning Barclays, this is now being actioned.

Heveningham Hall Country Fair Trust Grant

The Chair was pleased to inform a grant of £1436.66 had been received. Various bases were discussed and Clerk to contact the Play Equipment Inspector for advice.

Defibrillator Package Upgrade

The Clerk had received a pro-forma invoice and the Clerk will pursue a grant.

To agree the Budget and Precept for 2018/19

Cllrs discussed and agreed the Budget and Precept for 2018/19 and resolved to move £2,000 from the general reserve to a Play Area Equipment Reserve.

To Appoint a new Internal Auditor

The Clerk informed Cllrs of the new audit arrangements for 2017/18 and recommended the Internal Auditor Trevor Brown from Woodbridge.

Planning Applications and Decisions Update

Cllrs noted the following:

Applications

To demolish existing garage and build a two storey extension with garage and master bedroom above, connected to the existing house via a link. Also to build a single storey

rear extension to sun room. Poachers Farm Bell Green Cratfield Suffolk IP19 0DN
Ref. No: DC/17/4074/FUL | Received: Mon 25 Sep 2017 | Status: Awaiting decision

Proposed Diversion of Public Footpath No. 36 (part)

Silverleys Green | Status: Awaiting decision

Decisions

Erection of Carport/Garage

Meadow Croft Heveningham Road Cratfield Suffolk IP19 0BY

Ref. No: DC/17/3200/FUL | Received: Tue 25 Jul 2017 | Status: Permitted

Conversion of existing outbuildings to residential annex

Rookery Farm Swan Green Lane Cratfield Suffolk

Ref. No: DC/17/2814/FUL | Received: Thu 29 Jun 2017 | Status: Refused

Single storey rear extension to sun room and first floor extension over garage to create master bedroom accessed via link.

Poachers Farm Bell Green Cratfield Suffolk IP19 0DN

Ref. No: DC/17/2164/FUL | Received: Mon 22 May 2017 | Status: Withdrawn

Village Matters

a) Play Area

i. Play Area Report

The play equipment is regularly checked and no issues. The weeds have been sprayed by Chair and more bark put down by Cllr's Baker and Sannick. Hedge to be cut back in the spring. The Clerk advised the PC should have a disclaimer noticeboard at the Play Area and will produce a draft.

ii. Annual Play Equipment Report

Cllrs discussed - no major issues

b) Village Maintenance

Village Sign rails need painting. Chair to speak to landowner.

c) Village Matters

The Neighbourhood Watch volunteer has now moved and Mr Nick Eade has volunteered to take over the post.

d) To consider a maintenance plan for Millennium Meadow

c/f. Cllrs discussed forming a winter work party to tidy the Millennium Meadow and to ask for volunteers from the village.

Correspondence (*emails circulated as received*)

The Clerk circulated:

- SALC Annual report
- The Local Councillor Magazine

Any Other Business

Cllrs informed of broken signposts, a sunken sewer and an overgrown hedge for the Clerk to report.

Items for next Agenda

To consider a maintenance plan for Millennium Meadow.

To confirm the next meeting date and time:

9th January 2018 at 7.15pm

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Autumn Term Report 2017 – All Saints Primary School

It has been an excellent start to the year with all the pupils working hard and making good progress. They have settled in well to their new classes (which feel like old classes now). Our year 4 and 5 residential visit to Horstead was a great success with the pupils particularly enjoying the canoeing and the fake rock climbing which included a descent by zip wire. Other educational visits this term included the Time and Tide museum, the Dinosaur Park and Easton Farm Park. We also had a theatre company come into the school and teach us about water conservation in a show entitled *Super Splash Heroes*.

Our Harvest Festival was very well attended, with generous donations to Foodbank from our parents and carers. This generosity showed itself again on 'Children in Need' day, but this time in the form of delicious cakes, which the school council sold to raise money.

In addition to 'Children in Need', the pupils also raised money by being sponsored to wear 'Purple for Polio', which is a charity promoted by the Round Table. If you are walking up to our front door during the spring, you might be lucky enough to see the beautiful display of purple crocuses, which have been planted to remind us of this charity.

Then the lead up to Christmas arrived and the hall was transformed into an auditorium for our Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 production of *Born in a Barn*. The pupils went 'on tour' to sing at the Coffee Stop and to perform the play at Hartismere House, before wowing their parents and carers at the school. Our Christmas choir was led by Mrs Uff, who performed at Stradbroke High School, the Over 60's lunch and at the Christingle held in the church. The Christingle is always a magical event, with the lit candles in their oranges held carefully by the pupils. The Co-Op kindly donated many of the oranges, with parents and carers supplying the remainder as well as donating to the Children's Society by putting change into cardboard 'candles'.

Our Friends of All Saints organised a fabulous Christmas Fair which raised more than £1000. Father Christmas paid us a visit and there were games galore along with so many lovely things to buy and eat!

This year we were glad to take part in the village Posada, where figures of Mary, Joseph and the donkey travel around the village, 'staying' at people's homes. The Posada travelled around each of the classes and went home with pupils who wanted to 'host' them.

Our term ended with a whole school visit to Norwich Theatre Royal to see *Sleeping Beauty*. For many of the children (and staff) the highlight of the show were the tap dancing skeletons. The plan to move from Suffolk County Council control to being part of the All Saints Multi Academy Trust is progressing, with a likely switch over date of February 1st. We look forward to working with our partner schools – Stradbroke Primary (our federated partner), Fressingfield Primary, St Peter and St Paul Primary (Eye) and Wortham Primary.

All that remains to be said is that we wish you a Happy New Year.

Lucy Hammond (Mrs)
Head of School

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INGREDIENTS

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2 onions. 1 roughly chopped and 1 finely sliced

2 bay leaves

2 celery sticks chopped

2 litres chicken or vegetable stock

2 tbsp vegetable oil

220g smoked bacon rashers or smoked streaky bacon, diced

100g flaked almonds

3 tbsp olive oil

250ml coconut milk

thyme leaves to serve

METHOD

1. Preheat the oven to 200°C/ gas 6
2. Put the sweet potato chunks, roughly chopped onion, bay leaves, celery and stock in a large saucepan. Season well then bring to the boil over a high heat. Reduce the heat, cover and leave to simmer for 20-25 minutes, or until the sweet potato is soft and falling apart.
3. Meanwhile, heat the vegetable oil in a frying pan over medium heat. Add the finely sliced onion and bacon and cook for about 15 minutes until golden, stirring frequently.
4. Put the flaked almonds in a roasting tin and bake for 8-10 minutes, until dark golden, shaking the tin halfway through.
5. Remove from the oven, tip the almonds into a blender with the olive oil, and blitz until they reach the consistency of chunky peanut butter. Season well.
6. Remove the bay leaves from the soup, then blend the soup in batches in a blender, until it is completely smooth. Whisk in the milk, then set aside.
7. Add most of the bacon and onion to the soup, reserving some to serve, and bring back to a gentle simmer. Mix well, taste and add a little sea salt, if needed, and a good dose of black pepper.
8. To serve, ladle the soup into bowls. Finish with a good dollop of the almond butter and garnish with thyme leaves and the reserved bacon and onion mixture.

And so I find myself with a blank page upon which to write.

I think I can write about something topical. How about Christmas?

Obviously as you read this Christmas has passed and we are preparing for the new Year. I will be driving around in my new Lamborghini . Father Christmas having been very generous as I have been such a good boy this year (or at least managed to hide all my naughtiness!) the wife will be claiming her winning lottery ticket from her stocking and the children will be dancing gaily about the place having discovered the cure for world hunger thus bringing about world peace. As apposed to their normal behaviour of arguing over the last chocolate and throwing a screaming paddy because they have been forced to clean up their own mess. “But Daddy, it’s Christmas!”

I will be spending this time reflecting on the Village Carol Singing. Thinking that to me this is the real start of Christmas. This is the time when I really start to feel the Christmas spirit kick in and get excited for the big day. This lovely evening of charming voices and dulcet tones wafting beatifically (?) through the village raising the spirits of even the most Scrooge-like Yule-tide hater. This special time spent with my family, our friends and neighbours. Thinking the thousands of pounds raised(?) for charity, with a warm heart for the generosity of our friends and neighbours and the old £1 coin I put in.

I will also be reflecting on the big day itself. Spent with my wife’s family, we hire a hall and plan a huge Christmas Feast, all together around the one table 4,000 screaming kids (it feels that way!) running around playing with their new toys and thinking “This is what it is all about!” The next day was spent with more family and more food and again this is what it is all about. Spending this time with the people we love most, making memories and tightening the bonds that tie us all together in peace and love.

So as you read this I am recovering, slowly, and wondering how in the world I am going to manage to do it all again next year!

Wishing you a Great Christmas and a productive and positive New Year

Pete

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January 2018

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year!

Looking ahead, 2018 has two prominent dates, the 5th July and 11th November. On the 11th November which coincidentally is a Sunday it is not only Remembrance Day, but we will mark exactly 100 years since the end of the first world war. I have heard some say that following that major anniversary we should no longer mark the occasion; it is important to note that nowadays we don't just remember the fallen from the first world war, but those who have suffered in all conflicts no matter how recent. It is not celebrating or glorifying in war, far from it, it is a sign of hope. A time when politicians stand together, united and differences put to one side, a time when religious leaders of all faiths stand together. It is vital for our future vision of the world in which we live, for as George Santayana said: "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it". Wouldn't it be wonderful to think that perhaps one day the world would celebrate 100 years of global peace?

It was on 5th July 1948 That Nye Bevan launched the National Health Service at The Park Hospital Manchester (now Trafford General) and brought free healthcare into every home in the United Kingdom. Of course the NHS isn't free, its paid for through taxes and national insurance. And of course, some use it more than others, there are many people whose survival and quality of life would not have been possible without the NHS and the NHS can only survive if we pay for it, even though it may mean that many will pay more into it than they will ever get out. In the sermon on the mount, Jesus gave us a vision of a world of equality and justice, where everything will be levelled and put right. The NHS is a move towards that vision of equality, where those who can pay do, so that those who cannot, don't have to. I hear more and more often in the media that the NHS is under threat; it would be one of the greatest tragedies in modern times if it were to fail, so please do support it in any way you can.

With my prayers and best wishes,

Ron

ST. MARY'S CHURCH - JANUARY SERVICES

SUNDAY 14TH	SUNDAY 21ST	SUNDAY 28TH
6.30pm Evensong DB	9.30am Village Worship Lay Elder	8.00am Holy Communion DB
Reader Liz Dix	Reader A. Edmonds	Reader P. Baker
Sidesperson A. Edmonds	Sidesperson C. Mobbs	Sidesperson D. Peacock
1 Samuel 3: 1-10 Rev 5: 1-10 John 1: 3-end	Genesis 14: 17-20 Rev 19: 6-20 John 2: 1-11	Deut 18: 15-20 Rev 12: 1-2a Mark 1: 21- 28

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