

# CRATFIELD NEWS

July 2019



**National Garden Scheme (NGS) Appleacre Open Garden.**  
**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2019.**

A record breaking year for us when we had over 300 visitors, all enjoying the garden, the teas and the cakes. Success was largely due to the wonderful support we had from our helpers and those who baked. Particular thanks must go to Margaret Thompson and Maureen Amsden who again managed the teas magnificently, working non stop all day to raise a fantastic £752.60. To Ian Thompson and Robert King who helped with the setting up to good effect. And to Peter Baker, Sue Seabon and Jon Amsden who manned the gate. We should also like to thank our daughters, Phoebe, Chloe, and Camilla and our son in law Anthony, all who worked hard and tirelessly behind the scenes. Not to mention Toby, Daisy, Ollie and Amber our grandchildren who did their bit.

Receipts from the teas, the gate and the plants were all up and we have been able to send a cheque for £2,200.47 to the NGS who will distribute it to the excellent charities they help fund. Thank you everyone for your participation.

Poo and Tim Shaw.

**THANK YOU**

A huge vote of thanks goes to the 25, yes 25, volunteers who turned up on a wet and miserable Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup> to clear the churchyard. It only took these generous spirited folk just over three hours, including naafi break, to clear the whole site, so you can imagine how hard everyone worked. The miserable weather invoked a certain kind of war-time spirit and most, if not all, enjoyed the morning and the more than satisfactory result

For this reason I feel everyone deserves a full name mention, (alphabetical order, no favouritism!). I'm dispensing with titles, as I think there is only one, and letters after names, as I don't know them!

Tim Ackerley, Mark Askew, Jeremy Blackham, Mike Bullock, Nick & Sue Eade, Andy Edmonds, Dan & Linzi Elford, Susannah Ellis, Charles Glennon, Gary Kimpton, Bruce Lawrence, Caroline & Paul Marfleet, Chris Mobbs, Geoff Moore, Graham Nixey, Mary Powell, Tim Shaw, David Steward, Gary Thomas, Hugh Vass, Alison & Mike Woods.

Not, of course, forgetting Dennis Rockall, who was unable to be there on the day, but regularly mows the grass around the church.

Well done all. Hopefully we will be able to muster again in the autumn.

Sue E.

**A very warm welcome to Lynn Beeson and Ralph (the dog) who have moved into Ferrer House, Bell Green, we hope they'll be very happy here in Cratfield.**

### **AUGUST week's hire available FIELD COTTAGE, MANSE LANE**

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### **PHOTO TIPS FOR JULY**

Photo composition is critical for good photographs. Vast amounts can/have been written about it – but here are a few tips to help.

Keep the image simple. Too much 'stuff' just makes it cluttered and confuses the eye.

Try not to overlap key objects in the image – try to get separation

Be clear – what is the **key** subject that you are photographing? Is it still the key subject in the photograph once you have taken it?

The 'rule' of thirds can be a good guide (especially for landscapes); put the horizon  $\frac{1}{3}$  down from the top or up from the bottom of the picture, put the key subject  $\frac{1}{3}$  in from the left or right edge.

A photo is a 2D representation of a 3D world. Use features in the scene you are capturing to draw the eye into the picture.

If it is a moving object (car, bird, person, dog etc.) position it off centre to leave an impression of space into which the object can move.

### **A CRATFIELD MISCELLANY**

When you buy your copy of Chrissie's book 'A Cratfield Miscellany' and I hope you all will, **don't forget to go to the launch on Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup>, in our church from 10.00am – 4.00pm**, there is a correction to the piece written by Ted Greenard:-

p10 should read, "A Beaufort (BRITISH) shot down a German plane, five or seven killed. They were buried in Linstead Churchyard and dug up after the war and taken back to Germany."

**Laxfield and District Horticultural Show**

**2pm Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

**Laxfield Village Hall**

**Did you know that if you live within 20 miles of Laxfield All Saints Church, you can enter the Laxfield and District Horticultural Show?**

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Ted and Lil (aka local boys Stephen Bayfield and Peter Holloway) will bring Dennis Macey with them for a further mix of music and comedy.

## **From the East Anglian Air Ambulance regarding funds raised at the inaugural talk at the Village Hall**

Dear Natalie,

Thank you so much for organising your fantastic event at Cratfield Village Hall. I hope everyone had a great time! It gives me great pleasure, on behalf of everyone at East Anglian Air Ambulance, to thank you for raising the amazing sum of £45.00. Please pass on my sincerest thanks to everyone who contributed to this amazing total.

*Your donation helps people like Charlotte. On 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2017 Charlotte Salmons suffered cardiac arrest. Charlotte's husband James instantly reacted to help his wife, calling 999, and beginning immediate CPR. First responders quickly arrived on the scene and Charlotte received two shocks from a defibrillator to get her heart back into a rhythm. The EEAST team then arrived, followed by the EAAA crew. The EAAA team assessed and monitored Charlotte's heart via ECG (electrocardiogram) and cardiac ultrasound, gained 1V (intravenous) access to administer medication and intubated her to take control of her breathing. Charlotte was then taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital with the EAAA crew by her side. She remained in hospital for two weeks, but despite suffering an arrest at such a young age Charlotte made a great recovery and was soon picking up life as a busy mum once again.*

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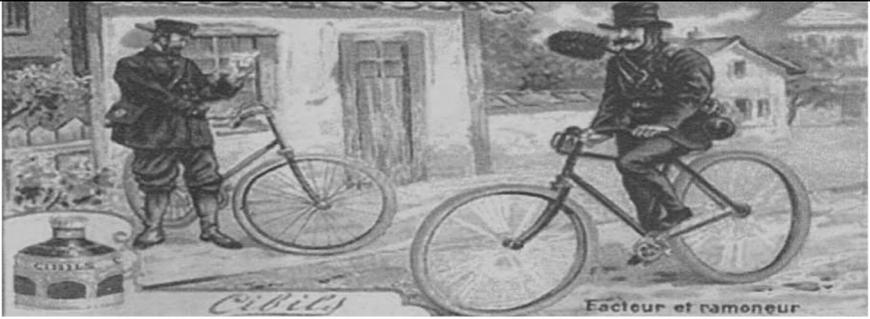
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***Laxfield Produce, Craft and Flea Market  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 9.30am -12.00midday***

***inside All Saint's Church and in the Royal Oak,  
and outside on Church Plain***

Back to normal this month with stalls inside the Church, outside on Church Plain and in the Royal Oak. There's always a good ambience at Market mornings, and visitors and stallholders alike soak up the very sociable atmosphere.

Over 35 stalls are planning to attend this month so lots of items on offer including plants for the garden, metal obelisks and garden ornaments, plus beautiful flowers in bunches too. As usual there will be several excellent quality local food stalls including free-range pork, Belted Galloway grass-fed beef, delicious lamb, organic vegetables, breads, cakes and pastries, with vegan, gluten free and vegetarian options. Also cosmetics, including organic and vegan, Pyro Jack name tags, an eclectic mix of kitchenware and sundries, turned wood, planted containers, embroidery, charity animal cards, vintage and collectibles and of course Joy's Junk, where you never know what bargain you'll find. These are just some of the many and varied stalls on offer for July.

The entertainment is very local too, with the welcome return of Julie and Paul Theaker, who will be performing in the Church.

*Cake of the Month on the Scrumptious Sisters' stall –  
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This community Market is so popular there's always 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 to show off their talents, so if you know any singers, dancers or musicians, do let Catherine know.

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## **VILLAGE HALL NEWS JULY**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Pop-Up Bar with food by 'The Wrap Man'  
Many thanks to Liz and Alex along with Tim and Lottie who manned/womanned the bar last month and anyone else 'behind the scenes' – your help is much appreciated!

Huge thanks also to Dennis Rockall who regularly sets up the bar and also wields the lawn-mower throughout the year around the village hall.

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

In August we are running our own barbecue (and will endeavour not to run out!) so make a date in your diary to get there early.

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](mailto:Marfleets@doctors.org.uk)

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 & vegetable or flower growers of any ability and children can enter any class free of charge this year.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Cratfield Gardening Society  
From Caroline Marfleet – Members of Cratfield Gardening Society met at Church Farm House on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June for a walk around the garden and a discussion about propagating and techniques used. We then took cuttings from three different Pelargoniums and are now hoping they will all take root! The next meeting will be at Church Farm House on September 4<sup>th</sup> 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 –

marfleets@doctors.org.uk or phone 01986  
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Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Cratfield Photography Competition  
The three categories this year 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 either 12" x 8" or 8" x 6" and can be  
either portrait or landscape. Matt or gloss finish, colour or black  
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1<sup>st</sup> Mary Cousin No. 39 £15.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> Carole Loades No. 17  
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winners.

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## Suffolk Pride

As part of a very hot and very busy weekend I had the opportunity to visit the Suffolk Pride event. I was a little unsure whether or not I would be able to go. I had a busy morning and evening commitments and I just wasn't sure I would have the time. Well, I'm glad I made the effort.

What a wonderful, open and friendly atmosphere! The police and fire service (vehicles decked out in rainbow livery, of course!) made a great show, the officers on duty with rainbow stickers and badges part of the spirit of the event.

The colourful costumes, weird and wonderful outfits, folks like me in boring shorts and t-shirts. People free to express themselves and who they are, openly in an environment of acceptance and joy. It was amazing to see the diversity of life in Suffolk in these modern days and the acceptance from all for all at this event.

How wonderful for my children to see the community into which they are growing and to which I hope they will contribute constructively, in such a positive way. It gives me hope for the future in these times of uncertainty, that ultimately people want to get on and are willing to accept each other for who they are.

I was proud of Suffolk that day and apart from the hideously over priced ice-cream, had a great time joining the celebration of individuality and unity in our society. Now, if only we could all agree on Brexit...

Pete

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## John Clare Day

When I was a teenager in 1970, I saw a BBC drama documentary about the poet John Clare. It starred the excellent Freddie Jones at his quirky best – gurning, sensitive, his bright eyes rolling up to heaven. It was a poignant piece. Clare was born into grinding poverty in Helpston, Northamptonshire. Despite his background he was consumed with the fire of poetic inspiration. He wandered the fields and poems poured out of him. This, however, was little obvious use to someone who had been born into the labouring classes. He was shown reciting his inspired poetry to his parents in front of the fire after an exhausting day working in the fields. They responded with blank incomprehension

The film showed him eventually being taken up by the London literary scene and treated as a bit of a freak – a peasant who wrote poetry. But the fame and money did Clare no good. He turned to drink and eventually went mad, having to be confined to an asylum in Epping Forest. He was well treated there but was driven to escape and travel alone and on foot all the way back to his beloved home in Helpston, a journey of a hundred miles. When confined in the asylum in Epping he wrote the moving sonnet **I am...** a powerful evocation of his lonely and alienated state. It had great appeal for a misunderstood teenager I felt I was.

'I am – yet what I am, none cares or knows;  
My friends forsake me like a memory lost: -  
I am the self-consumer of my woes;'

Freddie Jones's performance sent me straight to the school library. I found a dusty old copy of John Clare's poems that had been there since the fifties and never been borrowed. It had clearly been fated for me to read. I borrowed it, devoured it, loved it. I have it still – with its fading green cover and tooled gold lettering.

I mentioned John Clare to my Mother. To my surprise she had heard of him. She had been made to memorise one of his poems as a child. She began

'Little trotty wagtail he went in the rain  
And tittering tottering sideways her near got straight  
again  
He stooped to get a worm and look'd up to catch a fly  
And then he flew away e're his feathers they were dry'



My Mother recited in the sing song voice of the nine-year-old she had been when she first learnt it, miming the actions that she had learnt to accompany it so long before. It's a beautiful and accurate evocation of the way wagtail moves. Sharp as any piece of documentary film.

John Clare did much more than describe nature. He was an instinctive

environmentalist way before the term was coined. He identified himself completely with his native soil in Helpston. When modern agricultural methods laid waste to the countryside, he loved he expressed his grief in poetry.

'The Cowboy with his Green is gone  
And every Bush and tree  
Dire nakedness o'er all prevails...'

From ***The Lamentations of Round-Oak Waters***

Nowadays John Clare is no longer a forgotten poet. He is felt to be up there in the front rank with his contemporaries Keats, Shelley and Byron. What sets him apart from them is the accuracy of detail in his descriptions of nature that could only come from someone born a countryman

John Clare's birthday was July 13<sup>th</sup> an anniversary celebrated each year by the John Clare society in Helpston near Peterborough. John Clare day. It is a day that all who love poetry and the English countryside should celebrate. Here's an extract from ***Summer Images***. It could be a summer's day in Cratfield

'Rich music breathes in summers every sound  
And in her harmony of varied greens  
Woods meadows hedgerows cornfields all around  
Much beauty intervenes  
Filling with harmony the ear and eye  
While o'er the mingling scenes  
Far spreads the laughing sky'



**Nigel Cousins**

## **The Rectory, Noyes Avenue, Laxfield**

Dear Friends,

There has been much talk in the news about gay marriage and indeed the very essence of what being gay is. To be homosexual means one has an attraction to members of the same sex, it is as much a part of their own personality as it is for heterosexuals to be attracted to the opposite sex. People do not decide to be gay they are born that way and cannot be cured of it. It is implanted within them in just the same way as attraction to the opposite sex is for heterosexuals.

The teaching of the Bible has obviously been very influential in the formation of the Christian tradition. Both the Old and New Testaments took a firm stand against it, stating that the physical expression of homosexual sexuality was against the will of God.

Many site the story of Sodom and Gomorrah. This story has had a far reaching effect on attitudes and is the source of the word 'sodomy'. The cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed by God with fire and brimstone as a punishment for their wickedness in general, but specifically because the men of the town demanded sexual favours from Lot's two male guests. Lot was rightly horrified by this demand but his alternative solution seems to be of highly questionable morality. He says to the men of Sodom, 'Look I have two daughters, both virgins, let me bring them out to you.... but do not touch these men because they have come under the shelter of my roof.'

It is abhorrent to think that those men should be treated thus but perfectly acceptable to allow two virgin girls to be gang raped! We cannot take one part of the story and ignore rest. This shows the primitive nature of the story and cannot provide us with adequate moral guidance.

If this is so then perhaps we need to reassess our attitude to the problem.

As to Gay marriage in Church. At the moment marriage is defined as a matter of doctrine and in accordance with the teaching of Christ, that marriage is a union of one man with one woman. Until this doctrine is changed then marriage within the Church of England for same sex couples is not possible.

Gay couples share deep and loving relationships every bit as real as the love between a man and woman. When Benjamin Britten was dying a nurse was brought into his house to care for him. She would check on her charge at various intervals day and night. On the day Britten died she went into his room and found him cradled in the arms of Peter Pears. Pears had been with Britten all night and he died in Peter's arms. Their love was profound and deep and as far as they were concerned perfectly natural. I cannot help but wonder if God blessed or abhorred their union.

David

## St. Mary's Church Services – July 2019

| Sunday<br>14th                                    | Sunday<br>21st                                     | Sunday<br>28th                                    |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 6.30pm<br>Evensong<br>DB                          | 9.30am<br>Village Worship<br>Lay Elder             | 8.00am<br>Holy Communion<br>DB                    |
| Sidesperson<br>Andy Edmonds                       | Sidesperson<br>Andy Edmonds                        | Sidesperson<br>Don Peacock                        |
| Reader<br>Don Peacock                             | Reader<br>Peter Baker                              | Reader<br>Elizabeth Cook                          |
| Amos 7:7-17<br>Colossians 1:1-14<br>Luke 10:25-37 | Amos 8:1-12<br>Colossians 1:15-28<br>Luke 10:38-42 | Hosea 1:2-10<br>Colossians 2:6-15<br>Luke 11:1-13 |

### NOTES

Thank you to all who helped in the church yard clearance

Date for your diary

### HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September. 7.00pm

### News from the Benefice

#### **First Communion at Brundish**

David Mulrennan celebrates his first Holy Communion as an ordained priest at St. Lawrence's, Brundish at 11.00am on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July. The Chantry Singers will be there and it is hoped as many people as possible will be able to come and enjoy this special occasion.

**Tannington Tea Party** 2.00pm Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July in St. Ethelbert's Churchyard.

Come and enjoy a cream tea or cake at Tannington.

**Fête on the Green** 12 noon to 4.00pm Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August on Brundish Village Green

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