

CRATFIELD NEWS

April 2022



WELCOME

A very warm welcome to Peter and Helen who will soon be moving into the Old School. I'm sure they will enjoy living here as they have already attended one of our functions and are looking forward to all we have to offer.

UKRAINE

The generosity of our village, when sending essentials to the Polish border, was nothing short of amazing. Your compassion was overwhelming. Two 4x4s left our village absolutely full. A couple of days later 30 lorries left the Polish White Eagle Club at Balham heading for Poland. As soon as the request goes out we will collect again, but for now... THANK YOU

For those of us that sat together in a silent village... our unified presence was very powerful... THANK YOU

NATIVITY TRAIL

Anyone wanting a copy please drop off a USB stick (with your name on it) in Linzi Elford's post box and she will copy the film for you.

HEVENINGHAM HALL COUNTRY FAIR RETURNS FOR 2022

I am very pleased to announce that the Fair will be held this year on the weekend of 2/3 July. You can expect all the usual attractions and more details will be placed in the next issue. In the meantime, why not look at our website for more information countryfair.co.uk

As it has been 3 years since the last Fair, some people may have moved away and of course there will also be new people in the area. The Country Fair can only operate with the valuable support given to us by our amazing volunteers and so I would be very grateful if you wish to volunteer this year, that you contact Julie Collett as soon as possible so she can assess the number of volunteers available. The duties are not onerous and cover a variety of areas from car parking, patrolling the site and assisting the public, helping in the tea tent and more. You can volunteer your time from as little as 2 hours up to the whole weekend, the choice is yours. To volunteer or just to find out what's involved, email juliecollett38@gmail.com

Heveningham Hall Country Fair Trust is a registered charity (Charity number:1095403) and all proceeds are available to local charities. So far the Trust has raised over £800k which has benefited the local community.

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Cratfield Parish Council

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Cratfield Parish Council is planning a gift for all Cratfield's children aged between 0-16 years old, but we need to know who they are!

Please could you email the Sally the Clerk on cratfieldpc@gmail.com or message/call on 07774 734411 and give your name, address, email or telephone number, child/children's name and age ASAP! Please also let us know if you are interested in purchasing a jubilee mug at cost price too.



If you went on the March dog walk around the village, or even if you didn't, give a little thought to this! And then give a little, or more, money. (Sue E)

"This April is my 60th and I am walking the Camino de Santiago from St. Jean Pied de Port to Santiago de Compostela, which is 500 miles, for my birthday treat (!) and to raise money for 2 charities equally.

I am self-funding the walk so all funds raised will go to these charities:-
www.youngminds.org.uk
www.singinside.org

I plan to complete the walk in 6 weeks, but have dodgy knees, so fingers crossed....

If you would like to donate please go to:-
[justgiving.com](https://www.justgiving.com) and search for Mandi Pope and it will come up under crowdfunders/support 2 charities by walking the Caminoway.

Many thanks for your support."

**Mandi
(The Manse, Cratfield)**



AN HISTORICAL NOTE CRATFIELD (2)

Sadly the Cratfield Parish Accounts from 1490 to 1642* do not tell us how many inns – or pop up pubs - were open in the village (or “town”, as Cratfield is referred to in the Accounts) in the early seventeenth century. But consumption of alcohol was indisputably a feature of village/town life. Indeed William Holland, the Accounts’ editor and rector of Huntingfield-with-Cookley from 1848 to 1891 (whose wife, by the way, redecorated the roof of Huntingfield church as we see it today – but that’s another story), notes for the year **1607**:

*“In this year it was enacted that every person which** is drunk should forfeit five shillings for every offence, to be paid to the Churchwardens of the Parish”*

Which is something to be borne in mind on the first Friday of the month.

Certainly previous inhabitants of the village knew how to entertain the higher echelons of society. An extract from the Accounts the following year notes -

“1608 [6 James 1.]

*Itm paid for 5 pints of claret wine and half a pound of sugar at such time as my Lords** coming was expected to our Town ... 2s. 1d*

Itm paid for beer at my Lords coming ... 2d

Itm paid bread and beer when Mr Cooke preached here the 11...

Item paid the 27...

Itm paid to John Keable for carrying of a tierce of wine from Harlston to Huntingfield Hall ... 2s, 8d.”

Of course it *is* possible that *all* villagers benefited from these purchases – the Accounts do not say – but on balance, the present pop up bar’s buy-your-own-cheaper-than-a-pub system has its advantages.

Helen

Notes:

* see Cratfield Magazine March 2022

** spellings and grammar copied from the Transcript of the Accounts as published in 1895

*** a tierce of wine is 42 gallons or a third of a pipe. A pipe (or butt) of wine is 126 gallons.

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How It All Began

On 17 September 2021, 150 of the 1961 naval officer entry (including wives and widows) met to celebrate their 60th anniversary of joining the RN, as we had every five years since our 25th. Many had succeeded not just in the Navy but elsewhere. Unusually, we boast a Lord, a Knight of the Garter, a Knight of the Thistle, a Dean of Christchurch, a Chief Scout, a Judge and a Knight of the Bath.

Exactly 60 years earlier, at the height of the Cold War which was to dominate our first 30 years' service, just a month after the Berlin Wall went up, a train pulled into Kingswear Station¹ on the River Dart. Out of it, and into the passenger ferry to Dartmouth, tumbled about 140 eighteen-year-old new Naval Cadets. At Dartmouth station we were greeted by a group of uniformed Midshipmen. They were two years into Naval training and seemed like tin-gods to us, although in due course, when we became Midshipmen, we learned that Midshipmen were traditionally "the lowest form of naval life." What did that make Cadets?

We fell in and marched untidily up the steep hill to Britannia Royal Naval College, greatly amusing a holiday crowd gathered on the quayside, to the huge parade ground proudly overlooking the Dart estuary and the open sea which was our future. We were divided into five Divisions², and found the dormitories we were to sleep in – about thirty to each - and were confronted with a mountainous pile of our naval "kit". In those days, unlike now, we were issued with every single item of clothing you could imagine, including a trilby hat and a gas mask! We could have joined Dartmouth in our birthday suits. Thereafter we were required to update it at our own expense. We had two days to mark every item of kit (we learned a lot about sewing and darning) and to explore the college before starting in earnest. We quickly learned that between the hours of 6 am and 7 pm Cadets were expected to "double" (run) everywhere we went. We were never as fit, before or since.

Training was tough that first term. It centred around professional classroom learning, daily parade ground training and practical seamanship and boatwork on the river. The day started at 6 am, with either a long run down to the river for early morning boatwork, or other training before breakfast, followed by a full day of formal instruction and river work - we had to obtain certificates of competence at "driving" six different types of power and sailing boats within our first term. There was expedition training on Dartmoor, sometimes in atrocious weather, and weekends away in seagoing yachts. And we were regularly barked at by Chief Petty Officer Gunnery Instructors, the RN's drill sergeants.

Relaxation included sport of all sorts, sailing, further study and occasional local pub visits. We were constantly pushed to be aware of our surroundings, the state of the weather or the tides, and many other things; we might be stopped anytime by almost any staff officer or Midshipman and quizzed on these things, with sanctions if we failed. And it worked - we quickly became very aware of the world around us, and of things which might go wrong and developed a good sense of self-preservation through

teamwork. A very senior admiral who had been a PoW in WW2 once remarked, when asked how he coped in Japanese camps “Well, it wasn’t as bad as Dartmouth”!³ We learned exactly what he meant.

It sounds old-fashioned and it wouldn’t happen today; whether that’s good or bad is debatable. We were, after all, joining a fighting service. It was done strictly but with kindness and encouragement, and plenty of praise when earned. We were even paid; £7 a fortnight. Those of us with boarding school experience found it familiar, if tougher; those without it found life hard. But it prepared us for shipboard life when we joined the Fleet. For half of us that happened in Term 2⁴ when we joined the frigates of the Dartmouth Training Squadron for three months in the West Indies, living in a sailors’ messdeck (in hammocks), working in all departments of the ship as junior sailors and being treated as such. But we were at sea in the real navy. After Term 1, it was much more fun than I may have suggested. Above all, we made lifelong close friends. We passed out of BRNC as Midshipman in July 1962⁵, inspected by HM The Queen.

Mission happily accomplished!

Jeremy Blackham

1. In 1961, trains still ran from Paddington to Kingswear, opposite Dartmouth. Following closure in the late 1960s it became a private steam railway. It featured in the film *The French Lieutenant's Woman* as Exeter Station.
2. A little like Houses in a large school, or department in a ship.
3. Admiral Sir Frank Twiss, by then Black Rod in the Houses of Parliament. His Dartmouth time in the 1930s would have been even tougher.
4. The other half went to sea with the DTS in Term 3
5. Two thirds of us returned to BRNC as Acting Sub-Lieutenants in September 1963 for a year of academic study. The rest went to engineering training.

Each of the clues refers to a London train station.

1. Yellow bird docks here.
2. Michael, Gabriel or Raphael.
3. Raised patella.
4. Monarch of the Eastenders pub.
5. Was the Lloyds tv ad filmed on this street?
6. David from 'The Office' is angry.
7. Beehive cockney hairdo.
8. Line up to see the flowers.
9. Napoleon's defeat.
10. Egg shaped.
11. Violinist's tool.
12. Miner's green space.
13. Trapped river.
14. Charred tree.
15. Rabbits might live here.
16. A bank of earth to stop flooding.
17. Plain church.
18. Reach yard 1760.
19. Between a marquess and a viscount.
20. Do the Robinson family reside here?

Answers on p21

EASTER HOT CHOCOLATE

Use up leftover chocolate (as if!) from Easter eggs to make an indulgent hot chocolate. Top with squirty cream and marshmallows for a truly decadent drink.

INGREDIENTS

200ml milk
½ tbsp cocoa powder
100g hollow chocolate egg (milk or dark), broken into small pieces
2tbsp whipped or squirty cream
25g mini chocolate eggs, sugar coated chocolate buttons, or more chocolate broken into small pieces
1 tbsp mini marshmallows

METHOD

Pour boiling water from the kettle into a heatproof mug to warm it up. Heat the milk and cocoa in a small pan, or in blasts in the microwave, until steaming. Discard the hot water in the mug and tip in the chocolate egg pieces. Pour over the hot cocoa milk. Stir for 30 seconds or until the chocolate has melted. Top with cream, sprinkle over the mini eggs or broken egg pieces and marshmallows to serve

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VILLAGE HALL UPDATE – APRIL

Pop Up Pub first Friday of each month / 6 – 10pm with food by Cratfield Kitchen

1st April / 6th May / 3rd June

Many thanks to all the helpers / bar staff & organisers – we really could not keep this event going without you! If you have ever fancied yourself as a Bet Lynch (minus the leopard print coat) or Peggy Mitchell (minus shouting ‘gerrouta my pub’) and would like to help out behind the bar then please do e mail Caroline on caroline@wisbey-brown.co.uk

Do keep an eye on the village Facebook page for the menu from Cratfield Kitchen – this will be posted the week before the Pop Up Pub to entice you. Go on – why stay at home and cook on the first Friday of each month – come along and let someone else do the cooking (and the washing up!) The bar now takes cash and card payments – but please note Cratfield Kitchen only takes cash payments.

STOP PRESS !!! CRATFIELD PLATINUM JUBILEE ! ! ! STOP PRESS !!!

Some readers may now have worked out that the June ‘Pop Up Pub’ happens to fall on the Bank Holiday Friday of the Platinum Jubilee Weekend.... Details are being firmed up – but we are delighted to confirm there will be an afternoon tea on the grass outside the village hall – with plenty of tea, cakes and sandwiches (inside if wet!) and games for all the family. This will then run through into the Pop Up Pub (bar might just open early...) and BBQ – we are also in discussion for fresh pizzas to be available too – watch this space. We are hoping to plant a tree to mark the Platinum Jubilee – and are also firming up booking some live music for the evening – so put FRIDAY 3RD JUNE in your diary for an afternoon of fun, relaxing – and plenty of food and drink (and maybe a spot of dancing too!)

Backroads of Northern Spain - Saturday April 30th 2022 7 for 7.30 / £6 per head

Candy and Jeremy Blackham will give the next ‘Cratfield Talk’ and the subject will be ‘Backroads of Northern Spain’. Sneak previews reveal a wealth of stunning images with fascinating tales to accompany them! There will be a charge of £6 per person to attend, but this will also cover a ‘Spanish-inspired tasting platter’. Bar will be open.

To book your place please email Paul Marfleet
marfleets@doctors.org.uk text him on 07891 940479, or leave a message on 01986 799048. Money will be taken on the door – please do book early as numbers limited to 50.

Dog Show – Sunday 8th May

The much missed Dog Show is back! With four pedigree classes then 16 fun classes – with a trophy for each winner and perpetual trophy for best in show (Pedigree) and best in show (fun) The fun classes include - best veteran, waggiest tail, best rescue, best sausage catcher and children's class – to name but a few. There will be refreshments, BBQ, fantastic cakes and a raffle – a truly great day out watching all the fun! Watch out for posters and further information on the Cratfield Village facebook page.

Photographic Competition – Saturday 15th October 2022

Don't forget – this is another fun event, and you do not need to be a professional photographer or have a fancy camera to take part. Many winning photos over the years have been taken on phones and tablets! It is only £1 to enter a photo – and children can enter for free. Go on – have a go over the coming months, you have nothing to loose – and if your photo is selected by the judge then it goes into the Cratfield Calendar for the next year!

The classes are – Cratfield Flower Power, Suffolk Textures and Suffolk Perspective. Entry forms coming out later in the year.

100 CLUB –

100 Club winners numbers drawn by NOVA Ladies Group.

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Food For Thought

Most days the first thing I think of when I wake up is what food I am going to make in the evening. When I go to bed, especially when I have cooked and the food was good, I mull over the preparation and consumption of supper – it's a version of counting sheep that enables me to savour a delicious night's sleep. I realise that not everyone shares my tastes when it comes to a focus on food. There are plenty who see food as a fuel which enables them to concentrate on activities much more exalted than filling their bellies. I respect these people: maybe, because I am conscious that my thoughts are too often centred on the arts and pleasures of the table, I admire them. More spiritually inclined people, I seem to notice, are thinner than more earthy characters like myself. People moved more by ideas than appetites are skinnier I feel – fanatics tend to be less fleshy than the rest of us. Don Quixote definitely no fanatic but certainly 'ideas driven' is always portrayed as a lean old man whereas Sancho Panza, his down to earth squire tends towards fat – that 'Panza' is Spanish for belly is no coincidence. My prejudices sometimes stray towards the direction of Shakespeare's Julius Caesar who says:

*'Let me have men about me that are fat;
Sleek-headed men and such as sleep o' nights:
Yond Cassius has a lean and hungry look;
He thinks too much: such men are dangerous.'*

Although I am not, as Anne is only too willing to attest, immune to the solitary gastronomic pleasures of raids on fridge, biscuit tin, and bread bin, I feel nothing is better than a meal shared with others. It makes the necessity for nourishment into a shared social occasion. I only wish more people would sit down at table and share food with others – maybe there would be a bit more peace and understanding in the world.

A few years back I became gravely ill and was not able to eat for well over six months. Eating caused excruciating pain - my weight more than halved to seven stone. Yet despite this my interest in food continued, escalating into an obsession. When I lay sleepless at night, I would run through every single meal Mum cooked for us when we were children trying desperately to recapture the pleasures of the table that I had lost. I pored over recipes online and in books – ogling the pleasures that I had been robbed of – feeling a bit like a eunuch in a Harem. I wasn't yearning for fine dining – not peacocks tongues in aspic – it was often homelier pleasures. I developed an obsession with Clark's Pies. Clark's Pies, which are unique and made according to a secret recipe, were first made in Cardiff, in 1909 they crossed the Severn Estuary and established an enclave in Bristol which is my home-town. A brown, fragrant, liquidy filling is encased in a firm crisp tasty exoskeleton of pastry – they make excellent eating consumed hot and on the hoof on cold winter's days. They have quite a big website, the contents of which I more or less learnt by heart.

Needless to say, after having been sustained through a nasty illness by thoughts of food, I made a full recovery. I then more than made up for all the food I missed.

Nigel Cousins

Those were the days!

An extract taken from:- "Early Rise to a Suffolk morning" Hugh Barrett 1933

"Mind you the Home Farm milking standards were probably lower than they should be and I think the sanitary inspectors (or whatever the officials were called in those days) has made a few suggestions for improving the buildings. Had they seen the actual milking operations they may have made a few more – or dropped dead with shock.

Even I was a bit startled to find that chaps drafted in from the fields – say from sugar-beeting – would settle down against a cow, take a teat in one hand and squeeze a thick squirt of milk into their palm and then do the same with the other, wiping the mixture of mud and milk on their coat tails. This served two uses; it cleaned those parts of the hands which closed on the teats and lubricated the palm to make the operation easier, in any case it is horribly uncomfortable to milk with gritty hands and thus the quick way of avoiding it. By the end of milking the chaps got up from their stools with their hands showing a wide, moist, pink band across the palm and fingers between the darker accumulation of dirt from a day's work in the fields.

This wet hand milking was actually stopped during my time on the estate, but the whole manner of goings on in that department has left me with a permanently cavalier attitude to honest dirt in honest food. Perhaps it doesn't matter much long as it's eaten fresh."

Chrissie Kitchen



2022 Mobile Library Dates Tuesdays

19th April , 17th May , 14th June , 12th July, 9th August 6th September, 4th October,
29th November

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Cratfield Parish Council

Meeting Dates 2022

- Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 7.30pm
 - Tuesday 8th March 2022 at 7.30pm
 - Tuesday 10th May 2022 at 7.30pm
 - Tuesday 12th July 2022 at 7.30pm
 - Tuesday 13th September 2022 at 7.30pm
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2. Angel
3. Upney
4. Victoria
5. Blackhorse Road
6. Brent Cross
7. High Barnet
8. Kew Gardens
9. Waterloo
10. Oval
11. Bow Road
12. Colliers wood
13. Snaresbrook
14. Burnt Oak
15. Warren Street
16. Embankment
17. Whitechapel
18. Mile End
19. Earl's Court
20. Swiss Cottage

EASTER JOKES!!

What day does an Easter egg hate most?

Fry-days.

What do you get if you pour hot water down a rabbit hole?

A hot cross bunny.

What do you call a mischievous egg?

A practical yolk-er.

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What do you call a rabbit with fleas?

Bugs Bunny.

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Dear Friends,

I can't believe this is my last letter to you all!

This month we celebrate the most important feast of the church's year – Easter - that great outpouring of God's love for all of us and for ever. As John Wayne would say 'those are mighty big claims you are making pilgrim'. Yes they are but God is a mighty great God.

Easter is the culmination of the life of Jesus and the promise that we are forgiven and loved by God. When Jesus died, he was a man without sin, there was nothing, apart from jumped up charges (often the way evil works), to stand against him. Because he was without sin he was able to take our sins and offer himself as a fitting sacrifice for ever. We who are sinful, and that is all of us, are forgiven and God is ready to welcome us home with open arms. All we need to do is accept it. You don't even have to go to church but if you really believe God loves you so much then it would not hurt to go and see him once or twice a year.

The churches of this benefice face a bit of a trying time ahead. It is important that you keep together, support one another and care for one another. Easter teaches us the importance of taking on responsibility and not hiding away in your own little fiefdoms. The church is a community, it is built on love and communion with God.

When Napoleon was at the height of his power he was asked what was the happiest day of his life? Expecting to hear the emperor cite one of his many victories in battle they were surprised when he said, 'Ah, the happiest day of my life was when I received my first communion. I was near to God then.'

Remember you are a people of God and the best way to reflect this is to live in communion with one another.

You will always be in our prayers

David

St. Mary's Church Services April 2022

Palm Sunday 10th	Maundy Thursday 14th	Easter Sunday 17th
6.00pm Evening Prayers	7.00pm Agapé Service	9.00am Holy Communion
Sidesperson M. Thompson		Sidesperson D. Peacock
Reader M. Powell		Reader P. Baker
Readings Isaiah 50: 4-9a Phil 2: 5-11 Luke 19: 28-40		Readings Isaiah 65: 17-end Acts 10: 34-43 Luke 24: 1-12

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at Laxfield

11.00am Sunday 24th April

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