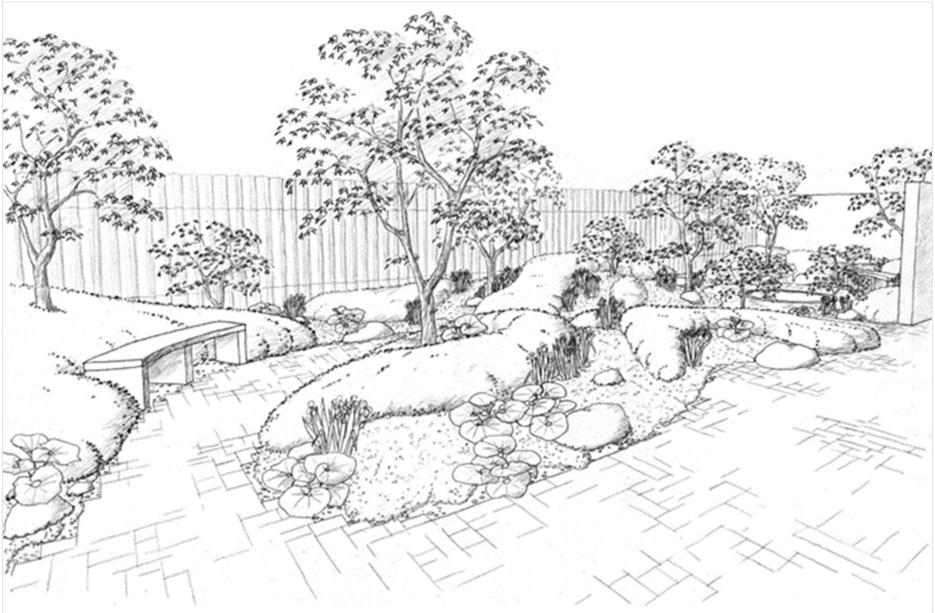


CRATFIELD NEWS

June 2023



Take a look at pages 2, 3 and 8 for garden happenings in Cratfield this month

CHURCH FARMHOUSE OPEN GARDEN

We are holding an 'Open Garden' event at our house on Saturday 10th June with all proceeds going to St. Mary's Church Funds. The garden will be open from 11.00am until 5.00pm with tea and home-made cakes and scones available from 2.30pm until 4.00pm. There will also be a plant stall and a crochet stall. Do please come, relax, enjoy....and bring plenty of cash!

Admission – adults £3.00, under 18's £2.00 and children under 5 free.

Caroline and Paul Marfleet

ACOUSTIC NIGHT

The **Acoustic Night** on April 22nd was another musical success! We had a good turnout with around 30 people. Natalie, with Paul accompanying her on guitar, started the evening with some 'nostalgic' folk songs from the 70's and 80's followed by Richard Bowler from Laxfield singing some 'newer' songs – lovely strong voice! Then Tori Ramsay with her own compositions – she will go far! She has a really fine voice and subtle interesting songs. Claudia Myatt and Malcolm gave us harp and mandolin music on the second half and the evening ended with some rousing blues numbers from Loose Change. I think the surprise of the evening came from Lily who seemed so quiet – until she started playing electric Rock and Blues solos! Wow! Fast, furious and outstanding!
Keep an eye out for the Autumn Acoustic Night when I hope to have another Suffolk Duo as our main guests plus local support.

Paul Marfleet

FOOTPATHS

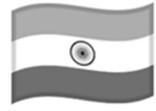
The parish map of Cratfield has recently been updated. The new working copies of the definitive map are available on the County Council's website.
The link for Cratfield is as follows: [cratfield-definitive-map \(suffolk.gov.uk\)](http://cratfield-definitive-map(suffolk.gov.uk))

HELP WANTED

Concerts at Cratfield will be taking place during the summer months. There are 6 concerts in all and the teas we serve to concert goers are a huge source of revenue for St. Mary's which helps enable our church to continue to survive as a place of worship and also a village amenity. Your help would be invaluable, if you could make a cake or help to serve teas on one or more of the Sundays of the concerts; July 2nd, 16th, 30th, August 13th, 27th, September 10th.
For more details please contact: Andy on 01986 798 523



Cream Teas



@ Bell Corner

Manse Lane, Cratfield,

Donations For

The Banyan Tree,

Kerala

Reg charity no 1078353



Sunday 18th June

3-6pm

In the Village Hall if wet

AN IMAGE OF INDIA Part 2

Namascaram

Today the school is closed; all the staff and us have been invited to the marriage of Ancy Joy, the daughter of Leela Joy, one of the school caretakers. The ceremony will be in her village Charapanipuram about 8 km distant, we don't know it, Mr Madhu will get us there!

An Indian marriage ceremony, regardless of religious denomination is the joining together of two families. The bride and groom, although the centre of attention for the day, are the chosen representatives of those two families. It is the families that matter - after all, on the day of the marriage the bride will leave her's and become part of her husband's family; immediately after the marriage celebration her expected allegiance will be to her mother-in-law. Marriages are also community events, anyone and everyone can go, no one is ever turned away. There will be a large number of invited guests – in this case, although it is a village wedding, there are 800! – but there will always be many others besides.

The ECI (Evangelical Church of India) Uzhamalakeel church is very full when we arrive, but we are pushed in and two places are made for us at the back

Kerala is unique in Indian states in that it is 20 / 30 % Christian in many areas - in some parts of the north of the state it is 50% Christian - compared with 2.3% nationally. There are number of reasons for this including the arrival of St Thomas the 'doubting' disciple in AD 47, the early colonisation by the Portuguese and the Dutch and later by the British. The Roman Catholic and Syrian Christian churches are the most prevalent throughout the state but in Southern Kerala there are many Protestant churches. ECI is one of these. Philip Matthew, is himself a practising Syrian Christian convert, as were his parents, although the family were born caste Hindu and will remain so, as will Philip. This situation is by no means unusual in modern day Indian society.

All the windows and doors of the building are open so that the throngs gathered outside can see and hear something of the ceremony, which is in full flow when we squeeze in, as it has been for thirty minutes before our arrival. There is a small group of musicians around a keyboard player and a choir of four girls. A group of four pastors to officiate, each of whom make lengthy prayers and homilies as well as conducting the bride and groom through the order and business of the service. All is in Malayalam but we have been noticed and at one point we are addressed in English as unexpected but welcome visitors! We know from experience that when the bride and groom begin to play the game of trying to avoid being garlanded by their partner with a huge flower mar lee (garland) things are reaching a conclusion; but not before the principal pastor gives a very lengthy 'message' to the now newly married couple. Lengthy enough for several older men of the congregation to exit through the doors or full-length open windows.

Everyone now walks the several hundred yards to the Giri Golkulam the village hall, a fine elevated building with open verandas affording lovely views over the surrounding landscape. Here we have the official photographs and the opportunity for those gathered to contribute toward the considerable expenses which both families may have shared for the marriage celebration. The gifts are received by Leela Joy the bride's mother, who moves among the crowd with a large 'Mary Poppins' type bag into which people drop an envelope or similar with their gift of money.

Somewhat embarrassed we become part of the official wedding photographs but more than this we have to be photographed in dozens of other family and friend's groups, whilst trying to take some of our own photos to record the day and this part of our experiences.

But soon we are off again, beneath into the dining hall and kitchens, via a row of taps and basins for everyone to wash hands before eating. There is bench seating at lines of long tables laid with banana leaves; we are in the first batch of about 150 to be served. Food is ladled from bucket to banana leaf by teams of men, in no time at all we have several different portions of rice, vegetables, fruits, breads and spicy sauces for our main course followed by payasam, a lovely fruity, sweet, rice pudding then tea or water.

Everyone eats quickly as they know that there are several sittings waiting to follow. As we finish, we fold our banana leaf with the food remains, it is gathered up and will be used to feed animals or go to silage— no washing up or waste! Wash hands again and away; the bride and groom are nowhere to be seen, they are gone – marriage ceremonies are family and community events!

.....to continue

Porgamo

Peter Baker, Sue Seabon

Many people have asked me over the years (well, no one actually has but I know you all wonder...) about the origin and purpose of the black line on pages like this.

In terms that we can all understand, the purpose of the line is to segregate articles, lists or other content of different subjects by different authors.

In terms of origin, well, this is much simpler. The initial idea was to use a white line in recognition of my day job in local Highways, as such I personally commissioned (at great expense to myself) the painting of a single perfectly straight white line 10 miles long. I was then able to borrow some time with Google's earth imaging satellites (perfect Suffolk work that) to zoom in and image the stretch of road in question. Once I had this image I was able to extract the white line from the road using advanced AI technology, ScatGP.

As I am sure you can imagine there was an issue with this line, I have printed an image of it below to illustrate:

Using old photograph development techniques that I learned at school I was able to produce a negative with inverted colours of the road/line image and finally arrived at the black line we all know and love!

Also you may have noticed, that like many other mainline international news corporations, The Cratfield News has adapted the black line itself in line with LGBTQ+ Pride Month, National Disability Employment Awareness Month and Remembrance Day to name but a few to reflect the colours and cultures we celebrate. The affect may be lost on my black and white printer, and some would say a pointless waste of time and energy, but I feel that it is important to reflect all members of our communities and show love and acceptance however we may.

MICHAEL OLIVER

FENCING AND GATES

ALL ASPECTS SUPPLIED ERECTED REPAIRED

ADAPTABLE to your individual requirements

GARDEN FEATURES CONSTRUCTED AND INSTALLED

Arches pergolas trellis paving paths footbridges raised beds log stores

GRAVEL DRIVEWAYS CONSTRUCTED AND REFURBISHED

Including drainage and all types of edging

MINI DIGGER TO: CLEAN SMALL DITCHES TRENCHES DRAINAGE
HOLES AUGERED CONCRETE BREAKING AREAS LEVELLED AND CLEARED

PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE

FREE WRITTEN ESTIMATES AND SENSIBLE ADVICE

HOME: 01986 798129 MOBILE: 07946 714291

EMAIL:michael700oliver@btinternet.com

Linstead Farm & Garden

For all your gardening equipment and machinery needs

Lawn mowers, ride-ons, chainsaws, hedge trimmers etc

STIHL VIKING MOUNTFIELD COUNTAX STIGA

Sales and service, spares and repairs. Contact Bob or Simon on 01986
785272 or email linsteadfarm@btconnect.com



Cratfield Parish Council

Please help keep your village clean & tidy

Cratfield Parish Council has litter picking equipment which can be borrowed anytime.

Your help & support would be greatly appreciated!

If you would like to litter pick please contact:

Cllr Dan Elford Tel: 01986 798649 - Village collection

Cllr Richard Chivers Tel: 07900 187350 - Silverleys Green collection



SHAUN CHAMBERS
-TRADITIONAL WINDOW CLEANER-
EST. 2001

CALL
07947 860628
FOR A QUOTE

J. FELTON 
CHIMNEY SWEEP

- CLEAN & FRIENDLY SERVICE
- FULLY INSURED
- SMOKE TESTS
- INSURANCE CERTIFICATES
- CCTV INSPECTIONS
- COMPETITIVE RATES

PLEASE CALL 01986 799175

ICS

REGISTERED MEMBER OF THE INSTITUTE OF CHIMNEY SWEEPS

THE FIRS SUFFOLK

We wanted to let you all in on some exciting new developments over at The Firs Suffolk. Many of you know about and have spent time with us over at our Countryside Retreat, in this special corner of Suffolk. But, for those who don't know, we, Alison and Amy, bought The Firs in September 2017, having fallen in love with the entire place, the woods, the water, the house, but all importantly, the potential we saw in the once busy and active farm, which had fallen on quieter, less productive times. Planning permission was granted in September of the following year and we began work in January 2019, paring back the old interiors, stripping away the floors and rotten, damaged remnants of its previous life, salvaging everything we could, with the plan to reuse absolutely everything, where possible.

The Butterchurn, The Cowshed and The Stables, named to maintain the legacy of the farming life that had gone before, launched in September 2020. Concrete was replaced with lovely open lawns. The moat was drained, cleared and the once dead, stagnant water now teemed with frogs, damsels and dragon flies. Overcrowded trees were given more space and a new orchard was planted to replace those we removed. The Old Press, a nod to past businesses, along with our 2 luxury lodges, The Apple Bobber by the moat and The Bushel, nestled in the woods, launched in 2021.

Five star reviews, returning guests and our love for the life we have built here, now with Arthur, has encouraged us to press on.

We have now linked up with local professionals to offer holistic spa treatments (massages, facials), yoga classes and art workshops.

These latest additions, including our spa, are to be offered to our guests and locals alike.

To launch this, we will be hosting a summer open evening and we would like to invite you, those who have supported us along this wonderful journey to date and those of you who haven't visited The Firs yet, to join us in a glass of bubbles; to wander around the lawns, lodges, woods and water and to meet, chat and see for yourselves what we are doing here in our beautiful corner of Suffolk.

Wednesday June 14th
6.00pm to 8.00pm
COME AND JOIN US FOR A DRINK

Going to War

Towards the end of my stint in DN Plans, life took a rather more serious turn. In April 1982 Argentina invaded the Falkland Islands and the tempo of life in the MoD changed dramatically. Some people were sent off to join ships being brought forward from the then Reserve Fleet, to provide Naval Liaison Officers in commandeered merchant ships or to fill other vital new posts. My own request to use my fairly recent knowledge of the Falklands and my Spanish language in a front-line job was denied. Normal business had to continue alongside the war and moreover the organisation of help and support to the Task Force, and keeping next of kin in UK informed were also important. Instead, I was sent to man the MoD's war headquarters, then situated without much protection, on the 5th floor of the building – a new underground war headquarters, being built deep underneath Whitehall, was not yet ready.¹

We quickly established a routine for the naval operations centre – by far the busiest throughout the war, which was mainly maritime in nature. I was initially one of three Commanders heading a watch in Navy Ops, working under a standing committee of all the appropriate skills, chaired by a Captain reporting to the Chiefs of Staff. We set up 12 hour watches, changing at 8am and 8pm. Each watch was extremely busy, gathering information, keeping communications with the Task Force as it headed south, getting the decisions of the standing committee of Chiefs of Staff (COS) to the people who would execute them, monitoring events, liaising with the other services, keeping a “war diary,” and writing a full up to date brief for the next watch and for the COS. In off-watch time, I had to sleep, catch up on my “day job,” and anything else I needed to do. We quickly lost track of days of the week!²

It was a rather surreal experience. For 12 hours at a stretch we were buried in the detail of the war as it developed in a small and very intense world of our own, absorbing all our attention. From time to time there would be dramatic, sad, or even good news from the South Atlantic. Then, having been relieved at the end of our watch, we would step outside onto the streets of London in spring and early summer weather, where people were going about their normal daily professional and social lives. It was always a shock, and it was hard to know which “world” was the real one. I imagine this was familiar to many people during WW2.

This strange contradiction was really brought home to me on the afternoon 4 May 1982. We received a message from the South

Atlantic, telling us that HMS Sheffield had been attacked and then abandoned after being hit and taking many casualties, including well over 20 dead. It was some time before we discovered that the damage was done by an Exocet missile (which some of our ships also carried) and not, as we initially assumed, by a submarine launched torpedo. This was of considerable importance tactically for the whole campaign, although it made little difference to Sheffield.

By chance, one of my team was a young, very able, civil servant who later became a friend. I had not known until then that her husband was serving in HMS Sheffield and that this was the first news she had received from or about him since the naval task force had left Ascension Island. It was upsetting for us all. She insisted on continuing her watch, although I urged her to stand down and go home. It was not until the next day that we learned that her husband was safe, if cold and wet after some time in a very wintry sea. Leaving the MoD to go home that night was a very different and sobering experience as I walked past people, some slightly less than sober, tipping out of pubs and restaurants with their partners. I wondered if they really understood what was going on. But my watch and I returned to the MoD for our next turn in a rather different frame of mind. Suddenly, the war was very real, and we knew that we had to focus our minds very clearly on our tasks.

I am glad to say that my friend's husband returned safely to UK about four weeks later.

1. I am sure that readers will be relieved that underground headquarters became

fully operational not long after the Falklands War, and I had occasion to work

there during the two Iraq wars in 1991 and 2003.

2. After about three weeks, we increased to four full watches, which allowed for

more time to do the day job, time for those who lived outside London to go home for a night and even an occasional day off. It continued for about three

months before we could relax it further.

Jeremy Blackham

GOT A DRIP?

Need a plumber?

40 years experience.

Water filters and softeners

Heating and plumbing

NO JOB TOO SMALL

Locally based

Call Derek 07971 007846

email:

Dcknight67@yahoo.co.uk

CHARLES GLENNON

AERIAL & SATELLITE
INSTALLATION & REPAIRS

AUDIO • VISUAL • CCTV • WIFI

01728 603376

07786 363 832

2023 Mobile Library Dates

Tuesdays

Silverleys Green 14.15 – 14.35 and The Poacher 14.45 – 14.55

21st March, 18th April, 16th May, 13th June, 11th July, 8th August, 5th September, 3rd October, 31st October, 28th November **No service in December**

Four Star Rated

Whipple Tree Cottage

Bell Green, Cratfield

This carefully restored timbered former stable and hayloft includes 1 x double, 1 x twin bedroom (1 cot on request). 1 single bed downstairs.

Wet room, dining room/lounge and large kitchen. All level ground floor for easy wheelchair access. Pretty cottage garden, summerhouse plus off road parking for two cars. Wi-Fi available.

For bookings apply to:

Chris Kitchen tel. no. 01986 798 764, email: chrissie.kitchen@yahoo.com or write to Bell Green Cottage, Cratfield, Halesworth, Suffolk, IP19 0BI

VILLAGE HALL UPDATE – JUNE

ONE MAN WENT TO MOW..

Huge thanks to Chris Mobbs (and Judith for lending him to us!) as he has volunteered to cover the cutting of the village hall grass following the theft of the church mower - using his own mower, time and petrol. We are eternally grateful – likewise to Dan when he is able to resume with the replacement through the church when it is arranged.

OH WHAT A NIGHT!

Many thanks to everyone who braved the torrential downpours on Friday 5th May to come to the ‘Coronation Pop Up’ – and a huge shout out to our helpers, without whom, there would be no regular event. The set-up team of Natalie, Derek, Dan & Linzi, Elliott and Maisie, the first bar shifters of Andy, Andrew and Caroline along with the second shift behind the bar of Jon, Alison & Clive. Special mention to Derek & Sarah for sourcing and arranging the ‘Majesty’ Coronation Ale from the Mighty Oak Brewery in Maldon. We have never EVER sold out of a whole barrel in under 2 hours, it certainly was thirsty work celebrating that Coronation!

On another note... a lot of people I work with ask why exactly I (like most on the committee) do so much for the village hall? This can be summed up by a post someone put on the Cratfield Village facebook page following the May Pop Up Pub - “wish we could have made it along on the night, what a kind, caring and friendly community Cratfield is”

ONE FOR MY BABY AND ONE MORE FOR THE ROAD...

NEXT POP UP PUB – FRIDAY 2 JUNE from 6pm

Doors open at 6pm, with food by Natalie’s Café – keep an eye of the Cratfield Village facebook page for the menu the week before. Bar takes cash and card and on this occasion the kitchen as Natalie’s Café will also take card payments and cash

Future pop up pub dates for your diary...

Friday 7th July – Oli’s Mexican Night – put the date in your diary now!

Friday 4th August – Andy & Richard’s BIG BBQ - back by popular demand!

ONCE, TWICE, THREE TIMES A LADY

After 7 years Jo Nunn has stepped down as our booking secretary and we are very VERY sorry to see her go. She has dealt with all enquiries with a smile and laugh at all times, dealing with all enquiries, phone calls and e-mails and letting people in and out of the hall and all the associated paperwork – all done alongside a full-time job and raising a family. I am sure you will all agree she has done a fantastic job and we are sorry to see her step down from this role.

NOTHING BUT A HOUND DOG

Cratfield Dog Show – September – DATE TBC

Keep any eye out in the magazine and on the village Facebook page for the date – we will let you know as soon as it is confirmed.

(Sorry – cannot find a song title that works for Indoor Bowls!)

Indoor Bowls – every other Tuesday from 7pm - 13th & 27th June / 25th July (not July 11th)

Do come along and have a go – no experience required – all good fun! Tea & Coffee available and there is a suggested donation of £2 to play. Any queries please contact Nigel 07445351861 or Elliott 07963676207. Come and have a go!

PIPES OF PEACE

For a long time now we have had a ‘not very pleasant’ situation with the plumbing at the village hall, after much investigation by Derek Knight (Got a drip? Need a plumber? See his advert elsewhere in the magazine – highly recommended!) the situation turned out to be when the toilets were installed many, many years ago. One of the waste pipes was installed with an upwards slant instead of downwards fall..... After much investigating, removal of floors and boxed in pipework, cutting away flooring etc the situation has been rectified. A massive thank you to Derek Knight for all the time, knowledge and expertise to sort this unpleasant situation out.

GIRLS ON FILM

Photographic Competition 2023 - Saturday 14th October

Entry forms will be coming out in the August magazine, remember this is a fun event for everyone to take part – you do not need a professional camera to take part, and it is only £1 to enter – and children can enter for free! The categories are - My Cratfield / Suffolk Patterns / Abandoned Suffolk - All topics are open to your interpretation! Keep an eye on the village Facebook page for hints and tips

CLUB TROPICANA 100 CLUB

The 100 Club winners for May 2023 are: 1st prize (£15) goes to Paul Marfleet, number 76; 2nd prize (£10) goes to Graham Nixey, number 55; and 3rd prize (£5) goes to Simon Woodward, number 77. The draw was taken by Erica Rae. Congratulations to all the winners!

Committee Meetings for 2023 – 7pm

Thursday 17th Aug / Thursday 9th Nov (and AGM)

Village Hall for hire! Don't forget our hall is available for hire for a very reasonable price! For any future booking enquiries please contact us on cratfieldvillagehall@gmail.com or Robert King on 01986 798975

D. M. BULLOCK
GENERAL BUILDER

All building work undertaken



Extensions

New Build Renovations

Patios Brickwork

Plastering

Carpentry

Ceramic Tiling

Mobile: 07766 063601

R. Gritton

**Professional
Decorators**

**High Quality, reliable
service for all your
interior and exterior
requirements**

**Telephone: 01379
586768**

Cratfield Beef



Quality Home Produced Beef

A large selection of fresh & frozen beef
readily available

Come and visit the Cratfield beef stand
at Halesworth produce market every
second Saturday of each month

A full price list is available on request.

Further details from Lotty 01986

798099

orders@cratfieldbeef.co.uk



- MOT
- Servicing
- Repairs
- Diagnostics
- All makes welcome
- Land Rover Specialists

**All mechanical work guaranteed for 12
months or 12,000 miles**

**Hillcrest Garage, Cratfield Road
Huntingfield Tel: 01986 798668**

Cratfield Quiz – Biscuits, Cakes and Desserts.

1. Which dessert is named after a Russian ballerina?
2. Tiramisu originates from which country?
3. Which dessert was served at the annual cricket match against Harrow?
4. What is the name of a dessert made of sliced white bread, fruit and fruit juice?
5. What jam is used in a Battenberg cake?
6. Peach Melba was invented to honour who?
7. Can you name a biscuit which consists of currants squashed between 2 thin oblongs of biscuit dough?
8. Which fruit is used in a Black Forest gateau?
9. When would you eat a Simnel cake?
10. What pastry is used for eclairs?
11. Which store has a range of sweets and cakes called Percy Pig?
12. Traditionally how many tiers should a wedding cake have?
13. Who makes "Exceedingly good cakes"?
14. Neapolitan ice cream contains which 3 flavours?
15. Sweetheart in Cockney rhyming slang refers to which dessert?
16. How is fruit cooked if it is served in a "compote"?
17. What is the English translation of the name of the dessert panna cotta?
18. An upside -down cake usually features which tropical fruit?
19. What brand name powdered dessert is whisked with milk to create a mousse?
20. In 1839 two Scottish doctors created which type of biscuit that would be helpful for people with digestive problems?

Answers on page 18.

LAXFIELD PRE-SCHOOL

Framlingham Road, Laxfield. IP13 8HD

Sessions available 8.00am - 5.00pm

(Funding available subject to criteria)

Open all year round (Closed 2wks at

Christmas) : **6mths - 5yrs**

Holiday Club available T & C's

Call Lizzie on; 01986 798091 or email

At: office.laxfieldpreschool@gmail.com



**T.W. Tree and Gardening
Services**

All aspects of tree
surgery

Hedges trimmed, rough
areas strimmed, garden
rubbish cleared

Tel: 01986 798928

Mob: 07787 753525

**BOOTY BUILDERS
LAXFIELD**

**For all types of
building work**

Contact Terry

01986 798753

Or 07889 116448

D.C. PATRICK

26 Market Place, Halesworth

YOUR LOCAL NEWSAGENT

NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES

DELIVERED TO YOUR HOME 7 DAYS

A WEEK

TELEPHONE 01986 875229

Pete's

Computer

Services

Reliable, helpful and local!

Assistance, maintenance and repairs.

PCs, laptops, tablets and phones.

NO FIX NO FEE.

Tel: 01986 888505

T. L. PLANT HIRE

*If you are in a hole...
...we'll dig you out*

**07881
642232**

**MINI & MICRO DIGGERS
DUMPERS • BREAKERS • MIXERS
TELEPORTERS • SMALL PLANT
SCARIFIERS • TURF CUTTERS
WACKERS • ROTAVATORS
STRIMMERS • TOOL HIRE**

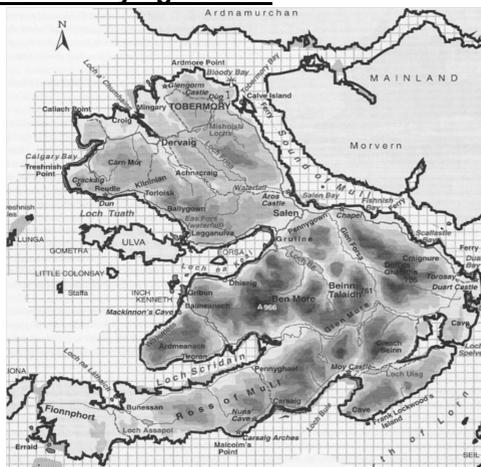
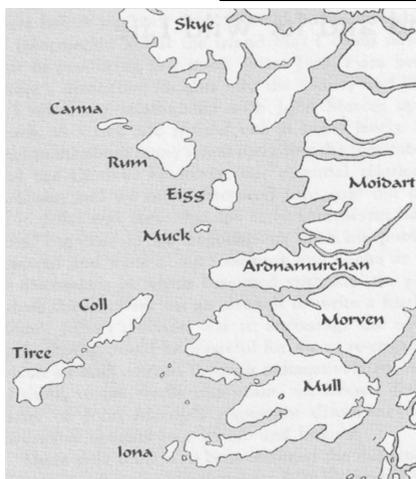
tom@tlplanthire.co.uk

*Diggers can be provided
with operator, if required.*

Bridge House, Denmark Hill, Palgrave, Diss IP22 1AB



Exploring the Scottish Islands – with a collapsible bike! Mull (Pop: 2,900) – and outlying islands



This map shows Mull in relation to the Small Isles (which previous articles have focused on) and, above them, the better-known Isle of Skye. As you can see, Mull is at the bottom of the map and it's closer to the mainland; it also doesn't have that 'small island' feel, being 25 miles north to south and 26 miles east to west: it's an island to explore by car over several days. Consequently, it *feels* more like the mainland though there are still spectacular views and wildlife. In fact, Mull has it all: wild and lush, streams and waterfalls, high cliffs, caves,

meadows, mountains and woodland (40,000 acres). You might even see the rare White-Tailed Sea Eagle: extinct in the 1900s, reintroduced in the 70s.

The remains of 35 forts are evidence of previous, ancient battles, and the ferry from Oban passes Duart Castle (the Macleans' seat since 1250) which sits on the far eastern edge of the island. Tobermory in the north is pretty with its brightly painted shops facing the harbour – where sits the wreck of a Spanish galleon, in flight from the Armada defeat in 1588. She took on provisions, but when Donald Maclean went on board to ask for payment, he was locked up and the Spaniards prepared to sail. Maclean escaped, and started a fire which blew up the ship – which was carrying 30m ducats - and there have been many attempts since at finding the treasure! Glengorm Castle is situated at the top of Mull, so named because the new owner arrived and found an attractive haze in the air (Glengorm means 'the blue glen'): he hadn't realised that the haze was smoke from the burning of crofts that were being 'cleared'. In the N.W., there is a stunning beach by the hamlet of Calgary – and in 1883, Col. MacLeod of the Canadian Mounted Police enjoyed a holiday there so much, that he gave the Canadian city the same name! In 1821, the island was almost over-populated at 10,000, but now, the island is littered with abandoned villages (a common sight in the islands). The S.W. part of the island leads to Fionnphort and onto **Iona (1½ x 3 miles, Pop: 170)**: sadly, this was a rather scruffy part of the island when I visited, as daytrippers and tour coaches to Iona vied for space and struggled to get past each other. Iona has its wonderful abbey, but seems spoilt by the numerous visitors. For that real 'small island' feel, go to **Ulva (7½ x 2½ miles, Pop: 6)** – which lies off Mull's west coast. There are no roads, shops, accommodation or camping, so go prepared to walk or cycle – but it does have wonderful flora and fauna. Despite its current humble status, notable people were born there, including General Lachlan MacQuarie who became the longest serving Governor of New South Wales (1809-21) and is referred by some as "the Father of Australia". David Livingstone's ancestors came from there too. But, like many islands, it was once booming (Pop in 1837: 604), and then suffered terribly through the clearances (where sheep were deemed more profitable than people) and the potato famine. A ruthless new owner deported 2/3rds of the population in 4 years – by setting fire to their thatched roofs without warning: by 1881, the population had plummeted to 51. **Gometra (1½ sq miles, Pop: 2)** is linked to Ulva by a bridge. It is occupied by Roc Sandford, a millionaire who lives in a derelict house off-grid, with no hot water or central heating – but he also appears in London to support environmental causes. *You can listen to him talk (rather nervously, it seems) about his off-grid existence on Gometra on YouTube.*

Next month: Islay

Andrew Weight

Quiz Answers

1. Pavlova 2. Italy 3. Eton Mess 4. Summer Pudding 5. Apricot 6. Dame Nellie Melba 7. Garibaldi 8. Cherries 9. Easter 10. Choux 11. M&S 12. Three 13. Mr Kipling 14. Strawberry, chocolate and vanilla 15. Treacle tart 16. With syrup 17. Cooked cream 18. Pineapple 19. Angel Delight 20. Digestives

Cratfield Parish Council
Meeting Dates 2023
Cratfield Village Hall

Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 7.30pm
Tuesday 14th March 2023 at 7.30pm
Tuesday 9th May 2023 at 7.30pm
Tuesday 11th July 2023 at 7.30pm
Tuesday 12th September 2023 at 7.30pm
Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 7.30pm

~ Planning meetings are arranged when required ~
All Parishioners Welcome!

The agenda is displayed 3 days before the meeting on the noticeboards & website. If you would like to add anything to the agenda please contact the Clerk 7 days before the meeting.

website: www.cratfield.onesuffolk.net
Email: cratfieldpc@gmail.com or Tel: 07774 734411

**Tank
Change**
Limited

Does your Oil Tank need replacing?
We are your local oil tank installer established since 1989 with over 16,000 installations to date

- New oil tank installations, relocations and servicing
- Emergency pump out service available for leaking oil tanks
- Kingspan Titan polyethylene tanks and steel tanks held in stock
- OFTEC registered
- Kingspan Titan Accredited
- Fully insured
- Parish magazine discount
- Free surveys

Tel. 01449 781210
Email: enquiries@tankchange.co.uk
www.tankchange.co.uk



PAINTING AND DECORATING INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR

**FOR A CONSCIENTIOUS, RELIABLE
SERVICE**

23 YEARS EXPERIENCE

PAUL GODDARD

Tel: 01986 784594

paul@pablo101.plus.com

ACORN FOOT HEALTH

Roger C. Griffiths, BSc (Econ), Dip Soc Sci,
PGCE, MCFHP, MAFHP

FOOT HEALTH CONSULTANT

HOME VISITS, CARE HOMES & PRIVATE CLINIC

Verruca treatments, ingrown toenails, calluses,
fungal Infection, corns, nail cutting, bunions
and Foot Care for diabetics.

Foot health checks and all nail conditions.

For an appointment

Tel. 01379 384873 Mob. 07724 073328

Email: griffithstwo@aol.com

Some evening appointments available

MAN & MACHINE



LOCAL PLANT & DRIVER HIRE – REASONABLE RATES.

SITE WORKS, DRIVES, AGRICULTURAL, DITCHING, DRAINAGE, HARDCORE
SUPPLIED AND REMOVED, INCLUDING CONCRETE CRUSH.

FOR SALE SAWN TIMBER OF DIFFERENT SIZES & TELEGRAPH.

ALL JOBS UNDERTAKEN. TRACTOR, TRAILER, SITE WASTE REMOVED.

CALL DAVID ABELL FOR QUOTATION: 07966 725001

LOWER HALL FARM, MARY'S LANE, LINSTAD MAGNA, IP19 0QN



GUEST CHEFS TAKE OVER THE TIPI



Join us for these exciting *Pop Up Suppers* with our talented local guest chefs, Nathan Jones and Lily Benbow

13th May with Journal Dining's Nathan Rackham



10th June Middle Eastern Feast by Noble Prawn's Lily Benbow with wine pairings from Framlingham Wine Shop



15th July Indian Feast by Noble Prawn's Lily Benbow with wine pairings from Framlingham Wine Shop



For more information or to buy tickets visit our website

www.fireandfeastsuffolk.co.uk

email: judith@fireandfeastsuffolk.co.uk Phone/text 0777 5706002

Summer Suppers and
Café start 27th May
Bookings open for
suppers

FRESSINGFIELD STORES

YOUR FRESH AND LOCAL VILLAGE STORE

NEW
'INDEPENDENT'
RANGE OF
OWN BRAND
SPECIAL
VALUE
GOODS



- ★ 3 Weekly Special Offers
- ★ Off-Licence, Dry Cleaning, Gas & Coal
- ★ Open 7 Days a Week until 8pm (Sunday 6pm)

01379 588188

Mace

St Francis of Assisi said “If you have men (people) who will exclude any of God’s creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men.” St Francis was speaking to a world which was exceptionally tough on both human beings and animals of course, and so his words are even more remarkable for his time.

Today we more completely understand the link between people being cruel to animals and then cruel to humans. Today, St Francis probably would have extended that warning to involve the whole of creation. When we are unkind towards the planet, destroying or polluting our natural resources, then we are actually harming both humans, plant life and the other sentient beings that we share this world with. Each little piece of the world, from the smallest insect to the largest being, suffers a knock on effect when part of God’s creation is harmed or destroyed. If we poison our plants we poison our pollinators, and if we poison our pollinators both people and animals may starve.

God made us stewards of this world and the dictionary defines the word steward as meaning – a person whose job it is to organise a particular event, or to provide services to particular people, or to take care of a particular place.

That greatly extends what most people think of as being a steward. Not only should we passively be doing no harm, but we should be actively planning to care for our surroundings; taking action to ensure the well being of both people, other creatures and the beautiful plant life God gives us. Each one of us is being called into action, not just passive condemnation of destructive practices.

Individually, we might not be able to take on saving our worlds rain forests (although we can certainly petition our political representatives) but we can treat our own little piece of the planet well, not using harmful pesticides or herbicides, for instance. We can recycle and reuse and try to cut down on our use of plastics. Every small action has a knock on consequence for good or bad. God gave us a perfect and balanced creation and commanded us to be good stewards. Make no mistake it was a command, not a polite suggestion! As people who love God, let us respond lovingly into God’s creation caring for everything and every being both great and small.

God bless you.
Revd Enid

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES JUNE 2023

Sunday 11th	Sunday 18th	Sunday 25th
6.00pm Evening Prayer EP	9.00am Village Worship C.M.	9.00am Holy Communion EP
Sidesperson TBA	Sidesperson TBA	Sidesperson TBA
Reader TBA	Reader TBA	Reader TBA
Readings Genesis 12:1-9 Romans 4:13-end Matt 9:9-13, 18-26	Readings Genesis 18:1-15 Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35,10:8 (9:23)	Readings Genesis 21:8-21 Romans 6:1b-11 Matthew 10:24-49

Benefice Services for June 2023

June 2023	4th	11th	18th	25th
Bedfield	At Worlingworth	10.30am Holy Communion with Family Service CS		11.00am Morning Praise CS
Brundish	6.00pm Village Worship CS	6.00pm Village Worship CM		6.00m Holy Communion RO
Laxfield	10.30am Celtic Morning Service LE	10.30am Holy Communion EP	10.30am Holy Communion CS	10.30am Fourth Sunday Worship FS Team
Monk Soham	11.00am Family Service CS	11.00am BCP Morning Prayer CM	11am Holy Communion RA	11.00am Morning Prayer Patronal RA
Tannington	11.00am Holy Communion EP			
Wilby	10.30am Village Worship SP	10.30am Holy Communion RA	10.30am Village Worship SP	10.30am Morning Prayer EP
Worlingworth		11.00am Let's Celebrate LE BS/VS	11.00am Holy Communion EP	11.00am BSP Morning Prayer LE BS/VS

Zoom Services - Celtic Prayer 7.00pm Wednesdays, 9.00am Fridays
To join us email Chrissie Smart – rev.chrissiesmart@gmail.com
and you will be sent details

DIRECTORY:

Local Officers:

Church:

Priest in Charge of the Four Rivers Benefice
Rev. Enid Pow revenid4rivers@gmail.com 01986 743093
The Vicarage, 15 Noyes Avenue Laxfield IP13 8EB
Assistant Curate Rev. Clive Mobbs 07340 838639

Parish Council:

Chairperson Lotty Barbour 01986 798099
Parish Clerk Sally Chapman 07774 734411
Parish Council Website www.cratfield.onesuffolk.net
Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator Nick Eade 01986 798725

Village Hall:

Chairperson Natalie Lloyd-Evans 01986 798790
Vice Chair Andy Barringer 01986 798346
Bookings Robert King 01986 798975

Laxfield All Saints C of E Primary School

Head of School Mrs Minns 01986 798344

Nova Ladies Luncheon Group Heather Hargood 01986 798180

Doctors' Surgery

Fressingfield -1379 586227
Stradbroke 01379 384220

Cratfield News

Editor Sue Eade 01986 798725
suecratmag@aol.com
Treasurer Graham Nixey 07748 907099
Production Manager Peter Sparrow 01986 888505
peter-sparrow@outlook.com

All information must arrive at the latest by 20th of the month
Advertising rates per annum: Full page £60, Half page £30, Quarter £20
Please contact Sue, Graham or Peter for more information.