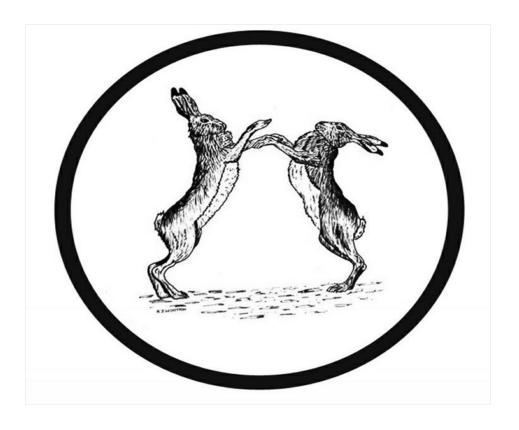
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March 2024



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SUPERSTITION

Driving along the lovely country lanes through Heveningham the other day I was admiring snowdrops and the promise of Spring, a beautiful, warmish, sunny day. Suddenly a bird dropping appeared on the car windscreen, albeit a small bird this token, I mused, may bring me some luck.

I thought of my Irish Grandma, "That's good luck now, doon't yer be wipin' that away."

Just glad the bird was not as large as a cow I thought, smiling to myself. Upon my return home to Cratfield there was an envelope on my door mat containing a £10 note from our 100 club. Well I never! See, do not knock these age old superstitions.

I have searched the meaning:-

SUPERSTITION - OXFORD DICTIONARY

Credulity regarding the supernatural, irrational fear of the unknown or mysterious, misdirected

Harmless and rather nice I feel.

At this juncture may I thank all those who collect monies for the 100 club and deliver the prizes, all those that help with this little money earner for the Village Hall. It has been running for many years now, I feel Lotty Barbour started it. Well done Lotty.

Not forgetting the magazine each month without fail, compiled and delivered, again a huge thank you to all.

Chrissie Kitchen

February Quiz at the Village Hall

A very big thank you to everyone who came to test their wits at the quiz held in aid of The Banyan Tree: https://thebanyantree.org.uk/index.php/cdsa/ Your support was very much appreciated and £100 was raised during an enjoyable evening.

Special thanks to the quiz master, Ian, and of course Margaret, who was behind the scenes organising and promoting the event. Thanks too for the luxury raffle prizes, donated by one of our supporters. All very much appreciated.

Peter & Sue

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SUNDAY 12TH MARCH



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Fire Down Below!

At Christmas 1984, Nottingham and Battleaxe were given a ten-day break in Colombo, capital of Sri Lanka.

Colombo harbour is an uncomfortable place for berthing, having a considerable swell inside the harbour, testing our wires and ropes and needing careful watching. However, Sri Lanka is a truly beautiful place with delightful people, wonderful beaches provided you used sun cream lavishly and a lovely hilly interior filled with tea plantations, attractive scenery, elephants and fascinating towns like Kandy, Nuwara Eliya and Galle.

Christmas itself was lovely, although I still remember the huge explosion of firecrackers precisely at midnight on Christmas Eve. Given that Sri Lanka was at the time fighting Tamil separatists in the north, it felt briefly as though the war had come to Colombo. It happened again on New Year's Eve.

After Christmas we were asked to shift berth across the harbour to allow a large merchantman in. This we did, slightly blearily, under our own power, namely four gas turbine engines, two of them Olympus turbines, marinised¹ versions of the engines which powered the Concorde supersonic airliner.² We were under way in the harbour when suddenly there was a bang, alarming sparks from the funnel and one of our engines stopped. Having checked that we didn't have a fire (always very frightening in a ship), I said to myself "Keep calm and carry on"! Once we had safely moored in our new berth, the Engineer Officer came to tell me that one of our Olympus turbines had lost a blade which had ripped through the engine, stripping other blades from the turbine, and writing the engine off. This wasn't operationally terminal – we still had three engines – but it significantly restricted us since it left us with reduced power and manoeuvring ability.

It happened that we were to visit Karachi about a month later, so I signalled home to ask for a new engine to be air-freighted to us for installation there. The ship had been designed to allow the removal of a large deck plate so that an engine could be lifted in or out – assuming there was a big enough dockyard crane to handle approximately 3.5 tons of turbine. A few days before we arrived in Karachi for a five-day visit, I received a signal from the RAF, advising me of a Hercules flight which was bringing our engine out. It was to take a week including "Rest and Recreation" stops in such unlikely places as Vienna and Istanbul and would arrive in Karachi the day after we were due to sail for a further Gulf patrol.

I was, shall we say, rather unimpressed by this response to serious operational need, and sent a further signal expressing my feelings as tactfully as I could. I don't know exactly what was said to whom, and by whom, in the Fleet Headquarters at Northwood, but a day or so later I received a rather curt signal from RAF Transport Command telling me that

the engine would be on the dockside awaiting our arrival in Karachi! And so it was, or almost. It was actually in the Customs shed awaiting clearance, which was achieved after I called on the Admiral in charge at Karachi and invited him to lunch – although these two things might have been quite unrelated!

The next few days were a revelation. There was indeed a suitable dockside crane and a very small team of experienced Royal Navy engineers had accompanied the engine. They quickly organised and trained our own engineers into two teams who worked round the clock during our time in Karachi. I watched in amazement as the old engine was completely disconnected and lifted out, and the new was one dropped in and connected up. Incredibly, by the end of Day 4, we were ready for live trials and on Day 5, we started up the new engine, and ran it ahead and astern at various speeds, whilst still moored to the quayside, and suddenly all was well – as good as new – and we were able to sail on time the next day, fully operational again.

This was a striking example of the complex logistic support needed to project naval power around the world, something I was to relearn some seven years later whilst commanding HMS Ark Royal. I cannot help wondering if we are still able to do this sort of thing at the drop of a hat today.

Jeremy Blackham

- 1. "Marinised" mainly to reduce the corrosive effects of sea water on the precisely machined turbines.
- 2. The other two were Tyne gas turbines. Approximately twice as powerful, and twice as heavy as the Olympus. Together, all four engines gave us well over 30 knots with a hugely impressive acceleration rate from a standing start.

Answers to Winter Quick Crossword by Liebre February edition p10

Across

- 1. Hoarfrost 8.North 9. Ideally 10. Windscreen 12. Equate 14. Starch 15. Overwinter 19. Rehired 20. E. Coli 21. Chapstick **Down**
- 1. Harangue 2. Ashes 3. Friar 4. Overeat 5. Tale 6. Snow Leopard 7. Hypothermia 11. Fretwork 13. Taverna 16. Risks 17. Iceni 18. Chic

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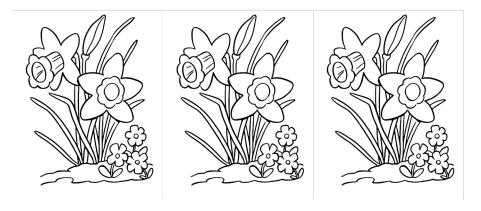


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March Quiz

- 1. After which god is March named?
- 2.March comes in likes a lion and goes out like a?
- 3. What is the birthstone for March?
- 4. Julius Caesar was assassinated in on the 'ldes of March', which date in the month was this?
- 5. There are two zodiac signs in March, what are they?
- 6. On which date in March is St. Patrick's Day?
- 7. On March 10th 1876 Alexander Graham Bell made the first ever phone call to whom?
- 8. Which famous fizzy drink was developed in March 1886?
- 9. What is the birth flower of March?
- 10. Monopoly was invented in which March, 1925, 1933 or 1942?
- 11. On March 12th 1912 the Girl Scout Movement was founded in the USA. Who was the founder?
- 12. Twitter was founded on March 21st in which year?
- 13. What did John F. Kennedy found on March 1st 1961?
- 14. Who wrote the 'Wedding March'?
- 15. On March 16th 1960 Alfred Hitchcock's classic suspense movie was premiered, what was the name of the film?
- 16. In which year at the 'March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom' did Martin Luther King make his famous 'I have a dream' speech?
- 17. Who wrote and sang 'The March of the Black Queen'?
- 18. Who had 10,000 men and 'marched them up to the top of the hill and marched them down again'?
- 19. Harold Wilson was born on March 11th of which year?
- 20. The 4th Premier of the Soviet Union died on March 5th 1953. Who was he?

Answers on Page 19





An Easter Recipe Spiced Lamb and Filo Pie

Ingredients - serves 4

1 pack filo pastry sheets
2tbsp olive oil
2red onions- chopped
2 tsp ground cinnamon
salt and black pepper
500g lamb steaks – cut into medium sized dice
1 lemon – juice and rind
150g dried apricots – roughly chopped
150ml Greek style natural yoghurt
50g pine-nuts
Handful of fresh mint – chopped
Handful of fresh parsley – chopped
50g butter

Method

- 1. Preheat the oven to 190°C (170°C Fan) 375°F/Gas 5
- 2. Heat the oil in a frying pan and gently sauté the onion together with the spices for 5-7 minutes until the onion is beginning to become tender. Add the diced lamb and continue cooking, stirring all the while until the meat is browned on all sides.
- 3. Stir in the lemon and juice and rind, the apricots, pine-nuts, lastly the yoghurt. Mix well, remove from heat and place in the base of a shallow, oven proof dish and allow to cool.
- 4. To form the lid of the pie, melt the butter and add a some of the chopped herbs. Open out the filo pastry and cut the stack of sheets in half across its length to give two stacks of rectangular sheets. Lightly brush one piece of filo with the herb butter and scrunch it lightly then place on top of the filling. Repeat with the remaining pastry and butter until all the filling is covered.
- 5. Bake in the preheated oven for 20-25 mins until the pastry is golden brown. Just before removing from the oven, brush again with remaining butter and scatter with remaining chopped herbs, return to oven for 2-3 minutes to just set the herbs. Serve with vegetables of your choice.

Item of interest

The Parish Clerk recently received this message from a Jim Pritchard.

The oak tree adjacent to Meadowcroft (opposite Church Farm), Heveningham Road on the corner of the farm field. This was grown from an acorn that was picked up by my family from the six oaks that were felled in the great hurricane of 1987 in Sevenoaks, Kent when we inspected the fallen oaks. It was pot planted and eventually replanted by the farmer (sadly deceased) and myself, Jim Pritchard as a sapling about 10 feet tall. It was planted about a year before the farmer died. I see now, from Google View that it has grown to a splendid tree. I was delighted to see that it has prospered in the area picked out by the farmer.

The Shadow of the Cross

At the drowsy dusk when the shadows creep From the golden west, where the sunbeams sleep, An angel mused: "Is there good or ill In the mad world's heart, since on Calvary's hill 'Round the cross a mid-day twilight fell That darkened earth and o'ershadowed hell?" Through the streets of a city the angel sped; Like an open scroll men's hearts he read. In a monarch's ear his courtiers lied And humble faces hid hearts of pride. Men's hate waxed hot, and their hearts grew cold, As they haggled and fought for the lust of gold. Despairing, he cried, "After all these years Is there naught but hatred and strife and tears?" He found two waifs in an attic bare: - A single crust was their meagre fare -One strove to quiet the other's cries. And the love-light dawned in her famished eyes As she kissed the child with a motherly air: "I don't need mine, you can have my share." Then the angel knew that the earthly cross And the sorrow and shame were not wholly loss. At dawn, when hushed was earth's busy hum And men looked not for their Christ to come, From the attic poor to the palace grand, The King and the beggar went hand in hand.

John McCrae (1872 - 1928)

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VILLAGE HALL UPDATE - MARCH

!!! SOS FOR THE POP UP PUB!!!

For the last few Pop Up Pubs we have struggled to fill the rota — which means we will have to look at either reducing the number of these (currently only once a month) or shortening the hours it is open. The committee put in a huge amount of hours behind the scenes to enable this to happen and, like the majority of the village who come along to enjoy the evening, all have work and family commitments to juggle also.

The Pop Up Pub has become a staple of Cratfield life and is often packed. We usually empty the barrel and Cratfield Kitchen sell out of food so there is a need and want for it within the community – but only if we can have some more support to help behind the bar to keep it going.

If you receive the rota e-mail once a month, please do volunteer for a shift. If you would like to go on the rota please e-mail us on - caroline@wisbey-brown.co.uk

It is very friendly and easy to do – the majority of us behind the bar had never worked behind a bar before and we all took to it like a duck to water. There is a 'team leader' for each shift who is trained in everything and plenty of help and support – plus you get a free drink too to keep you going!

POP UP PUB - FRIDAY 1st MARCH / 5th APRIL - DOORS OPEN 6PM

Doors open 6pm, with food by Cratfield Kitchen – keep an eye on the village Facebook page for the menu – usually announced the Monday before.

PIE & PUD - SAT 16TH MARCH 6.30 FOR 7PM - PLEASE BOOK BY MONDAY 4TH MARCH LATEST

We have already sold nearly three quarters of the places for our everpopular Pie & Pud Night.

Booking is essential as places are limited – e mail

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One Pudding per person -

Sticky Toffee Sponge or Apple Crumble (with lashings and lashings of Custard)

CRATFIELD VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB - MARCH

1st prize (£15) number 9, Jo Nunn / 2nd prize (£10) number 1, Chrissie Kitchen; and 3rd prize (£5) number 94, Dennis Rockall.Draw by D Britton.

Congratulations to all the winners!

INDOOR BOWLS - ALTERNATE TUESDAYS

The dates for 2024 are - Mar 5 & 19/ Apr 2 & 16 & 30 / May28 / June 11 & 25 / Jul 23 / Aug 6 & 20 / Sept 3 & 17 / Oct 1 & 15 & 29 / Nov26 / Dec 10. 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.

CRATFIELD DOG SHOW - SUNDAY 12TH MAY

The schedule is now on the Village Facebook Page and on the Village Hall Notice Board. Please also see the advert elsewhere in the magazine for more information. Pedigree class judging startS at 10.30am and the fun classes start around 1pm – with 16 fun classes to pick from. Even if you do not have a dog – come along for the entertainment – 'Best Sausage Catcher' is always a good one!

TABLE TOP & CAR BOOT SALE - SATURDAY 22ND JUNE

We are looking at holding a 'Table Top & Car Boot Sale on Saturday 22nd June (with Richard's big Breakfast bap's again) Places will be limited to 10 tables inside and 10 car pitches outside and are £10 each. Register your interest / reserve a place now via craffieldvillagehall@gmail.com

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CRATFIELD PHOTOGRAPHIC - FRIDAY 11TH - SUNDAY 13th OCTOBER

The categories for 2024 are.... Cratfield Hobbies - Suffolk Street Scenes - All Suffolk Creatures Great & Small. Remember – anyone can have a go – and it is only £1 to enter! Look around you everyday for what you could enter into any of the categories. Entry forms will be coming out in the Summer – but it is never too early to start taking those photos!

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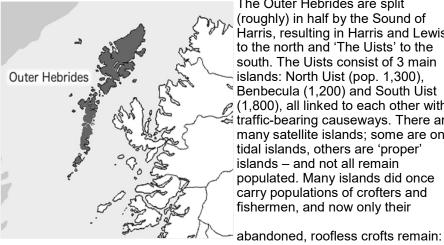
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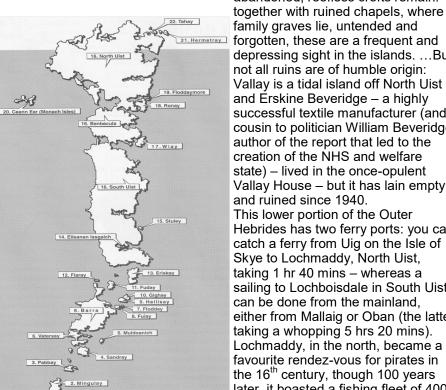
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Exploring the Scottish Islands – with a collapsible bike! The Uists, Outer Hebrides: North Uist, Benbecula & South Uist - Part 1



The Outer Hebrides are split (roughly) in half by the Sound of Harris, resulting in Harris and Lewis to the north and 'The Uists' to the south. The Uists consist of 3 main islands: North Uist (pop. 1,300), Benbecula (1,200) and South Uist (1,800), all linked to each other with traffic-bearing causeways. There are many satellite islands; some are only tidal islands, others are 'proper' islands - and not all remain populated. Many islands did once carry populations of crofters and fishermen, and now only their



forgotten, these are a frequent and depressing sight in the islands. ...But not all ruins are of humble origin: Vallay is a tidal island off North Uist and Erskine Beveridge – a highly successful textile manufacturer (and cousin to politician William Beveridge, author of the report that led to the creation of the NHS and welfare state) - lived in the once-opulent Vallay House – but it has lain empty This lower portion of the Outer Hebrides has two ferry ports: you can catch a ferry from Uig on the Isle of Skye to Lochmaddy, North Uist, taking 1 hr 40 mins – whereas a sailing to Lochboisdale in South Uist can be done from the mainland, either from Mallaig or Oban (the latter taking a whopping 5 hrs 20 mins). Lochmaddy, in the north, became a favourite rendez-vous for pirates in the 16th century, though 100 years later, it boasted a fishing fleet of 400

vessels. Both Lochmaddy and Lochboisdale benefitted from the herring

industry, until the world wars caused the industry to decline, the fishermen's unique knowledge of the sea becoming a requirement of the Royal Naval Reserve.

There are so many lochans (small lochs) in North Uist (all teeming with trout and salmon) that it appears semi-submerged: in fact, half the total area is under water. As one drives around, it can be hard to tell whether you're on a main island, a nearby tidal island or crossing one of the causeways, because wherever you look, you're surrounded by rocks and water. Carrying on to South Uist, the landscape takes on an ethereal, though perhaps rather barren, beauty: with not a tree to be seen, but



seemingly endless water around you – the surface of the lochans broken by white and yellow water-lilies – and with the haze of a summer sunset descending upon the distant, dotted crofts – you're in a different world, from a different time. (It's easy to be romantic on a balmy summer's day: in the winter, the weather and the sea can be quite literally life-threatening: tragedies can and do happen...)

Vallay House, one-time home of textile mogul Erskine Beveridge

Next month: Another Uist drive!
Andrew Weight

Answers to March Quiz

1. Mars, Roman god of war 2. Lamb 3. Aquamarine 4. 15th 5. Pisces and Aries 6. 17th 7. His assistant Mr Watson 8. Coca Cola 9. Daffodil 10. 1933 11. Juliette Gordon Low 12. 2006 13. The Peace Corps (a volunteer organisation sending Americans to developing countries to help with health care, education and other human needs) 14. Mendelssohn 15. Psycho 16. 1963 17. Freddie Mercury 18. The Grand Old Duke of York 19. 1916 20. Joseph Stalin

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

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- 15th: Woodfire Cooking II The Ember Edition
- 17th: Woodfire Cooking Beginners Workshop

April:

- 21st: Spoon Carving & Supper The Woodland Haberdasher
- May: 18th: Foray & Fire Cooking with Vivia (Sciapod Foray)
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Letter from the Vicar

March is the season when spring is almost sprung and we are seeing signs of new life emerging all around us. However, it is also a month when we can still have some unpleasant weather surprises if we are tempted to put new plants out too early. We have to temper our excitement at the improving weather with a little caution.

Similarly, as Christians, we are going through Lent; there are exciting signs of life but we still have the sting in the tail of Good Friday, the uncertainty of Holy Saturday, before the glory of Easter Day when Jesus rose again. We are definitely progressing towards our goal, but we need to take our time reflecting on what Jesus is trying to teach us in this journey, taking time to reflect on the terrible sacrifice he made in order that we could have eternal life. It is very tempting to rush over the bits we don't like with the suffering and death, in order to get to the celebration, but we short change ourselves if we do.

If something is too easy, it has no real worth. The things we actually really value in life, an education, a career, a good relationship for instance, or a good and holy Easter, involve work, effort and maybe some sacrifice on our part. We can't just rush in, or we end up with something shoddy that cannot withstand the pressure of real life.

Let's spend some time dwelling in the preparatory times of life, laying the foundations for a solid and prosperous future. A preparation that will sustain us, even when we inevitably go through future difficult times. That is real life rather than a child's fairy story.

I pray that God will bless you in these liminal times of preparation, and grant you a rich harvest for your patient investment of time and effort.

God bless you Rev'd Enid

Easter services

Maundy Thursday 28th Bedfield 6.30pm CS, Cratfield 7.00pm CM, Laxfield 7.00pm EP

Good Friday 29th Bedfield 10.30am Easter Garden CS, Laxfield 10.30am Easter Garden EP. Monk Soham 9.00am Sung Litany RWilby 10.30am Good Friday CM, Worlingworth 11.00am At the Foot of the Cross BS

March Church Services

Sunday 3rd	Sunday 10th	Palm Sunday 24th	Easter Sunday 31st
Exodus 20:1-17	Numbers 21:4-9	Psalm 118:1-2,19-	Acts 10:34-43
1 Cor 1:18-25	Ephesians 2:1-10	29	1 Cor 15:1-11
John 2:13-22	John 3:14-21	Mark 11;1-11	John 20:1-18
9.00am	6.00pm	9.00am	9.00am
Village Worship	Evening Prayer	Holy Communion	Family Comm
SP	EP	EP	CM
Reader TBA	Reader TBA	Reader TBA	Reader TBA
Sidesperson TBA	Sidesperson TBA	Sidesperson TBA	Sidesperson TBA

March	3rd	10th	17th	24th	31st
Bedfield		10.30am Holy Com- munion CS		10.30am Family Service EP	1100am Family Com- munion CS
Brundish	9.30am Holy Communion CS			9.00am Family Holy Communion RA	9.30am Family Com- munion CS
Laxfield	10.30am Celtic Ser- vice LE	10.30am Morning Praise CM	10.30am Holy Commun- ion EP	10.30am Fourth Sunday FS team	10.30am Family Com- munion EP
Monk Soham		11.00am Morning Prayer RA	11.00am Holy Communion RA		11.00am Family Communion RA
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Wilby	10.30am Village Wor- ship EP	10.30am Holy Com- munion EP	10.30am Village Worship SP	10.30am Morning Pray- er CM	10.30am Family Com- munion CM
Worling- worth	11.00am Morning Prayer BS	11.00am Let's Cele- brate BS	11.00am Holy Commun- ion CM	11.00am Morning Pray- er RA	11.00am Family Com- munion RO

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