

# CRATFIELD NEWS

September 2022



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## **A PERSONAL THANK YOU FROM LOIS HUNT**

A huge thank you to everyone for helping to make the Country Fair such a success. Obviously the weather was brilliant which helps a lot, but your kindness and generosity with your time is what actually makes it work so well and brings the whole thing to life.

We don't have final figures yet, which would take into account all the expenses, but we are certain that we have taken well over £200,000 over the weekend. Once again, thank you for your help.

Where the raised money goes....

Many of you know that the Country Fair, Fireworks and Christmas Fair net proceeds go to the Heveningham Hall Country Fair Trust, a registered charity (number 1095403). Since its launch the Trust has raised over £800,00 for the local community, such as village and school projects, church repairs and individual cases of need. Some of those that have benefited are East Anglian Air Ambulance, The Pear Tree Fund and Halesworth Carers Dementia Fund.

Volunteers are always needed and the more we have the less work for everyone. Julie Collett is our volunteer co-ordinator and also wishes to pass on her thanks, so to become involved or to find out more please contact her on [juliecollett38@gmail.com](mailto:juliecollett38@gmail.com)

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**Lots of events coming up during the latter part of this year so please take time to look through the magazine in order not to miss out!**

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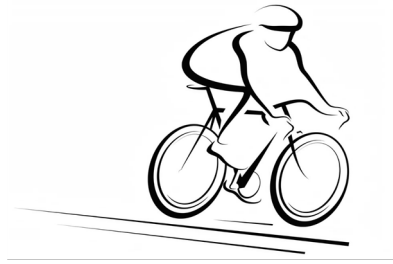
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## Stargazing

In those far off, pre-GPS days, the RN had two principle navigational methods. In sight of land, we used visual fixing. That is, we took precise compass bearings of land objects shown on the chart – perhaps lighthouses, churches, the edges of cliffs etc - and plotted them on the chart. At night, and in fog, we would use the slightly less accurate radar ranges and occasionally depth soundings. This might take 3 or 4 minutes to complete but could be accurate within yards and the Officer of the Watch or Navigator would do this every 15 or 20 minutes. Importantly the fix showed only where you had been at a certain time, but not where you were now, and especially not where you would be in, say, 30 minutes. If you were going at speed this could be very important; at 25 knots you cover 2.5 miles every 6 minutes so it was vital, having taken a fix, to predict ahead for 30 mins or more,<sup>1</sup> allowing for the ship's speed and any tide, current or windage. These were called dead reckoning positions and no fix was complete without them. When navigating in crowded, narrow or shoal waters it was critically important, so being on the bridge on watch for four hours was no sinecure and could be very tiring since you were also responsible for every other aspect of the ship and crew's safety during your watch.

In mid-ocean things were different. The seascape is featureless; there is nothing to take a bearing or a range of; simply sea all round you away to the horizon, with very few or no other ships in sight. So we had to use the sun by day, and the moon, planets and stars by night. This was an art developed in the ancient world, known to the Greeks and Arabs, and used by the Chinese and Portuguese 500 years ago. With skill you could get a position within a mile or so, safe enough in mid-ocean, provided the heavenly bodies were not obscured by cloud and you had a clear sharp horizon, usually at dusk and dawn.

Astro navigation is fundamentally trigonometry. It assumes that all heavenly bodies lie on a huge spherical dome, surrounding and equidistant from the earth - a big assumption and not mathematically true!<sup>2</sup> You then measure, very accurately with a sextant (needing a very steady hand in rough weather), the exact angular height above the horizon of the stars you had identified from a "Star Globe".<sup>3</sup> You know where the star is, and so can find the exact position of the point directly beneath it on the earth's surface. Thus, you had created a triangle and could calculate how far you were from the star's "ground zero". By doing this with several stars you could draw an arc round each ground zero and where they all intersected... eureka! There were you. This might take some time, but with practice a skilled navigator could get a very accurate position, at the cost of a lot of very early morning and late evening sextant work!<sup>4</sup>

There was one serious problem. If cloud or fog hid the stars or horizon, you couldn't fix the ship. In HMS Naiad we sailed from Port Elizabeth non-stop to Freetown, Sierra Leone, via a mid-ocean rendezvous with a tanker – never an easy thing – in all, an 11-day voyage. I was the navigator and had to make a difficult “landfall” on a small buoy at the end of a shallow spit of sand, stretching forty miles into the ocean from Freetown. The buoy was only visible from about 6 miles. If I got it wrong and we were on the wrong side of the buoy, we would run aground. As luck would have it, we had full cloud most of the trip and I achieved almost no star or sun sights, and so had to generate dead reckoning positions, taking account of our manoeuvring and of the various ocean currents. No-one was more relieved than I when we sighted the buoy, just ahead on our starboard bow, at about 2 am the night before our planned arrival at Freetown.

Today these skills have lapsed, overtaken by satnav and GPS. Less fun, but more straightforward and pinpoint accurate; until, that is, the GPS satellite fails, is jammed or even attacked by a hostile power.<sup>5</sup> So training in these ancient skills is creeping back again.

## Jeremy Blackham

1. Depending on how far away the next course alteration or navigation danger was.
2. But close enough for government work, as we used to say, and we had tables of calculations to help with all these approximations.
3. Rather like an old fashioned Orrery, but of the whole sky, not just the solar system.
4. As I mentioned in my August tale, this is a very ancient skill indeed. If you want to know more, ask me!
5. Jamming or cyber-attack is disappointingly easy. Car drivers beware!



## Cratfield Quiz Prime Ministers

1. Who was Prime Minister at the start of WW2?
2. What was the first name of Asquith?
3. Who established the Metropolitan Police Force in London in 1829?
4. Who was Prime Minister at the time of the Profumo scandal?
5. Who was known as the 'Iron Lady'?
6. How many children has Boris Johnson got?
7. Who was Prime Minister from 2010-2016?
8. Which Prime Minister had a wife called Cherie?
9. Who has been the longest serving Prime Minister?
10. Only 1 Prime Minister has been assassinated, can you name him?
11. The film 'Darkest Hour' is about which Prime Minister?
12. Who died on an ocean cruise in 1937?
13. During whose term of office was the school leaving age raised to 14?
14. Who had the shortest period in office?
15. A hinged bag is named after which Prime Minister?
16. Who led the conservative party from 1965 -1975?
17. Who resigned just 5 days after his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday?
18. Who died in 1881 and served as Prime Minister twice?
19. Who succeeded Margaret Thatcher in 1990?
20. Which Prime Minister created the NHS?

Answers on page 22

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“Sometimes you find yourself in the middle of nowhere, and sometimes in the middle of nowhere you find yourself.”

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## **VILLAGE HALL UPDATE – SEPTEMBER**

### **Are you on the list?!**

A massive thank you to Caroline Wisbey-Brown for organising the Pop-Up Pub rota – we would be truly lost (well, closed!) without all her hard work in rallying the troops to help staff the bar. The Pop-Up Pub was set up by request from the majority of the village following the closure of ‘The Poacher’ pub. If you are on the list and receive the e-mail please do put yourself down for a shift – the rota is sent around with several months in advance needing to be filled so if you are unable to do the next month, please fill in a space for the month after (or the one after that!) If you are not sure if you are on the list to receive the rota please contact Caroline. We are getting to a point where we sometimes struggle to fill the shifts – if this continues, we will have to look at cutting back on the opening hours or alternate every other month... which would be a terrible shame. Caroline’s e mail address is [caroline@wisbey-brown.co.uk](mailto:caroline@wisbey-brown.co.uk) – if you would like to see the Pop-Up pub continue to be part of village life please do offer to help, it is also great fun and a way to meet people and is a lovely part of our rural community.

### **100 Club – you have to be in it to win it!**

Have you returned your entry form from last months magazine? If not please get it to Helen at Yew Trees on Bell Green as soon as possible (3rd house on the left along Bell Green after the turning to Manse Lane on your left) before the 15<sup>th</sup> September to be in the next years draw. Please note the July and August winners for 2022 will be published in the October magazine.

Sincere apologies to anyone who was upset, as the copy regarding the 100 Club was slightly incorrect in last month’s magazine. I did ask around for information as it goes back to before we/I lived here so I only wrote what I was informed of when I asked for background information from numerous people who had lived here longer. I do not make copy up for fun! Some correct background information on the 100 Club...It was initially started by Lotty Barbour and the draw was always at ‘The Poacher’ pub. When Lotty stood down Chrissie Kitchen took it over with the draw continuing to be drawn at ‘The Poacher’ pub. When Chrissie stood down, Heather Hargood took it over for the last 12 years with the draw done by NOVA and Cratfield Village Hall Committee Members.

### **Pop Up Pub – Friday 2nd<sup>th</sup> September 6pm – 10pm**

Huge thanks to all the volunteers who enable this to happen. ‘Cratfield Kitchen’ are taking a break for September but will be back in October. For September, Margaret Thompson and Paul & Caroline Marfleet will be supplying the evening’s food with all profits going to St. Mary’s church. The menu is beef lasagne (made from Cratfield Beef!) vegetable Lasagne – both serviced with salad and either garlic bread or French bread and toffee pudding with warm toffee sauce or fruit crumble and cream. Yum! Doors



open at 6pm. Many thanks also to Alison & Jon at Halesworth Stationers for donating 2 calculators for behind the bar (sometimes you do just run out of fingers when trying to add up all the drinks!) Don't forget as a Cratfield resident you get a 10% discount when shopping at Halesworth Stationers, so pay them a visit for all your stationary – and lovely service with a smile!

**Cratfield Talk – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September ‘Wild about Cratfield!’ – 7pm for 7.30pm**

**Please note tickets are selling very fast – with a month still to go (at point of writing!) over half the tickets have already sold – so book yours ASAP to ensure you do not miss out.**

To book your place (£6 per head) please email Paul Marfleet - [marfleets@doctors.org.uk](mailto:marfleets@doctors.org.uk) or leave a message on 01986 799048. We are limited to 50 people and money will be taken on the door. The talk will be presented by Paul Taylor and accompanied with some absolutely stunning photos and amazing video footage, the bar will be open too and snacks served. Future talks include 'The Restoration of Lincoln Castle' and 'Behind the scenes at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show' so keep your eyes peeled for these dates as they are announced.

**Photographic Competition – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

Entries have already started coming in! If you have mislaid your entry form from last month there are spares at the back of the church and at the 'Pop-Up' Pub evenings. Keep an eye on the village Facebook page for hints and tips on the categories. The three categories are – **Cratfield Flower Power** / **Suffolk Textures** / **Suffolk Perspective**

Don't forget – the competition is for everyone. You do not need a professional camera or training, and most winning photos over the years have been taken on phones or tablets. Children can enter for free also!

**Acoustic Night – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November / Doors open 7.15**

The next Acoustic night will be on Saturday 19th November when the guests will be Paul Gillings and Danny R. Paul and Danny were due to perform at the March Acoustic but, alas, Covid struck so they had to withdraw. Again, not to be missed - Paul is one of the finest harmonica players you will ever hear. Small door charge and **BAR OPEN TOO!**

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**Recap:** I was dropped off at Fair Isle airstrip (about half way down the island) by my slightly crazy friend, the Cessna-flying ferry captain – who, it turned out, was actually still learning to fly! I explored the top half of the island which is mostly given up to the huge variety of birdlife, before riding my bike southwards, towards civilisation – all 48 of them!

I wanted to buy a Fair Isle pullover, so I parked my bike outside a private house which was the pullover ‘showroom’! The kettle was on and I was handed a plate with a large piece of cake on it as soon as I went through the door. Even though my arrival was entirely unannounced, I was greeted with the phrase “We’ve been expecting you...!” In fact, I was met with those words so many times on Fair Isle, it felt like I was in a James Bond film! Clearly, news of my arrival had spread around the island from the moment I had landed, and the islanders that I met wanted me to know it! They all had a mischievous twinkle in their eyes as if to say, “We know exactly what you’re up to, young man!”

With cake and tea in hand, I was shown to the display area (ie the front room!). I was expecting to see an array of pullovers which might cause Joseph to stop in his tracks and question his choice of dreamcoat, but oh dear! I was met with a rather bland display of beiges, greys and light blues that distinctly underwhelmed me – and the prices made me gasp. Consuming the tea and cake made me feel terrible about not buying anything, but sorry, no deal! The lady didn’t seem too upset about it, and, as soon as I left, she was probably phoning up the museum to tell them that I was on my way!

At the museum reception desk, a lady was knitting. She barely looked up as she said, “Hmm. You’re later than I thought!” I then noticed the hint of a smile, satisfied that she had spooked me with her extra sensory perception. In reality, she had probably just put the phone down from pullover-woman!

It was a beautifully presented museum with plenty of shipwreck stories to entertain me: in fact, the waters around Fair Isle sound positively treacherous, with many fleeing Spanish Armada vessels wrecked on its shores.

My final stop was the island’s General Stores and Post Office: behind the counter was a silent, yet foreboding man, with a big black beard and big hair. I wondered if his distant heritage was Spanish, but then I asked myself: wasn’t this the very same man to whom I paid my Fair Isle landing

fee at the airstrip? (Many people on low-populated islands do have multiple jobs...)

I found myself almost hiding from him, using gaps between the tins to spy on him. He was vast, brooding and seemed like a human volcano; as if the smallest thing would cause him to erupt. I eventually broke cover from behind the baked beans and plucked up the courage to ask for some postcards: I then wrote down some brief messages in the shop (the recipients would be receiving a card with the rather special 'Fair Isle' postmark stamped upon them). The Spanish conquistador behind the counter seemed very reluctant to enter into conversation, but occasionally a grunt made its way through his voluminous beard, which was well capable of supporting a family of Fair Isle wrens (an island subspecies). I then noticed a row of Fair Isle videos behind him and excitedly asked, "Ooh! Could I have one of those please?" The beard finally erupted: "What do you want one of those for?" Shell-shocked, I apologetically replied, "Umm. For a souvenir?" "Well", he said, "You're making a film of your own, aren't you?"

And there it was: that Fair Isle "We know what you're doing!" sense of humour. Behind the beard and hair, there was a twinkle in his eye: he had been toying with me all along! As a final flourish of Derren Brown-like showmanship, he added, "Oh, you know your friend who dropped you off at the airstrip this morning? He's coming back an hour early, so I should get going if I were you!"

Fair Isle was very special indeed: the hair-raising flight, the jewel-like white cottages, the fantastic scenery, the isolation and the treacherous coastline. But it was the only island I visited where there seemed to be a common thread running through everyone I met. It spoke to me: "You're welcome here. We all know what you're doing. And we're going to have some good-natured fun here, at your expense!"  
I loved every minute of it!

Andrew Weight

## 2022 Mobile Library Dates

Tuesdays

**6<sup>th</sup> September, 4<sup>th</sup> October, 29<sup>th</sup> November**

Silverleys Green 14.15 – 14.35

The Poacher 14.45 – 14.55

# Cratfield Parish Council

## Meeting Dates 2022

- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.30pm
  - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7.30pm
  - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7.30pm
  - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 7.30pm
  - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7.30pm
  - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7.30pm
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***While we are waiting for a new Priest in Charge for the Four Rivers Benefice, the other clergy are writing the messages for the monthly magazines; our message for September is from Revd Chrissie Smart.***

In dwelling upon what to write for the September magazines, I began to think about the harvest and all that has been going on around us – the fire in Brundish and Worlingworth and elsewhere and the threat to crops due to the hot weather. Most of the Harvest Festivals for the Benefice are either in September or early October when much seems to be gathered in so should we be thinking of having earlier services next year? Certainly Lammas occurred after the first wheat had been cut.

And then I started to think about the Bible passages of turning swords into plowshares (Isaiah). In looking this up, I remembered also the verse turning plowshares into swords (Joel) and wondered about the seeming conflict. Perhaps folk believed that the only way to keep peace was by the sword and to defeat the enemy and keep them in their place, more swords would need to be made from the plowshares. Of course, my prayer is for Russia, Ukraine and other war torn countries to find peace with one another and I ask that you join in with me in this.

Now there is the potential for new growth in the Four Rivers Benefice. Like me, I am certain that folk are looking forward to when the vacancy is filled. What might potential applicants see when looking at our parishes? How do we work together as a team? What is growing, where is there new growth, what may need nurturing and how we might sustain one another through the difficult days of winter with the hike in prices that may prevent many of us from turning on our heating or our lights?

So much to ponder.

Let us join together in thanking the good Lord for what we do have and looking forward to how we may be, in that well known saying, Stronger Together!

Answers tp PM Quiz

1 Neville Chamberlain 2. Herbert Henry 3 Sir Robert Peel  
4 Harold Macmillan 5 Margaret Thatcher 6 Seven 7 David Cameron 8 Tony Blair 9 Sir Robert Walpole 10 Spencer Perceval 11 Winston Churchill 12 Ramsay MacDonald 13 David Lloyd George 14 George Canning 15 William Ewart Gladstone 16 Edward Heath 17 Harold Wilson 18 Benjamin Disraeli 19 John Major 20 Clement Attlee

## ST. MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES SEPTEMBER 2022

<b>Sunday 11th</b>	<b>Sunday 18th</b>	<b>Sunday 25th</b>
6.00pm Evening Prayer	9.00am Village Worship	9.00am Holy Communion
<b>Sidesperson</b> C. Marfleet	<b>Sidesperson</b> M. Thompson	<b>Sidesperson</b> D. Peacock
<b>Reader</b> P. BAker	<b>Reader</b> D. Peacock	<b>Reader</b> M. Powell
<b>Readings</b> Exodus 32:7-14 1 Tim 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10	<b>Readings</b> Amos 8:4-7 1 Tim 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13	<b>Readings</b> Amos 6:1a, 4-7 1 Tim 6: 6-19 Luke 16:19-end

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**Date for your diary Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

**Bring and Share Harvest Lunch**

**St. Mary's Church**

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