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# THE BRADFIELD GRAPEVINE



## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR 2016 – 2017 (Edition 144)

It seems difficult to believe that Christmas and the New Year are fast approaching – how quickly the year has flown by! In this double edition you are reminded of the forthcoming village celebrations to mark this time of the year. No doubt you will have already received a flyer through your letterbox outlining what has been planned. Please do come along. Last year it was great fun with so many sharing some festive cheer.

In this edition we have two poems, both so appropriate for Christmas time Val describes for us her thoughts as she watches the robin adjusting to the changing seasons and the struggle to survive the winter months.

Another villager, who wishes to remain anonymous, shares a poem she wrote some while ago when she was a young girl. It paints a simple picture of the Christmas story in the way children do best.

It is encouraging to learn that the village has again made a significant contribution to Samaritan’s Purse annual Christmas Box appeal. In informing us about this generosity, Pat reminds us that there is no 2017 Village Calendar and invites someone to accept the challenge for 2018! Glyn describes how the changing seasons alter the routine for his herd and as he says, yet more swings and roundabouts! Some of the cows appear to be adopting teenage tendencies – yes, many of you will recognise the behaviour! Did you know that the Grapevine has worldwide readership – we have a lovely letter from Kentucky!

Debbie Lamond provides an explanation of the work of Community First Responders. This is such a vital organisation in communities like ours. Finally, a warm welcome to two families who have recently joined our village. Mr and Mrs Craggs who have moved into St Clare Hall and Mr and Mrs Rowe, now in residence in Church Farm. Welcome to our village! *Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year!*

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Bradfield St Clare  
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Dairy Farmhouse  
Bradfield St Clare  
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pjrmrn@aol.

## A Taste of Christmas 2016

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December



(Near the Village Noticeboard)

### *A WINTER SCENE*

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&

Decorate the Noticeboard

An 'Alternative'  
Father Christmas Arrives!

6.30pm - 7.30pm

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Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December

(Near the Village Noticeboard)

*Our Nativity  
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Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Blue & Brown bins
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Black bins
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Blue & Brown bins
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Black bins
<b>(Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December)</b>	<b>Blue &amp; Brown bins</b>
<b>(Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January)</b>	<b>Black bins</b>
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Blue & Brown bins
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Black bins
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Blue & Brown bins

### The Library Van



The Library Van calls every 4 weeks on Wednesdays  
at the Village Hall.

**NEXT VISITS: 9.40 – 9.55 am 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec & 18<sup>th</sup> Jan**

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## Robin



Brave little bird  
In a bright red vest  
Why do you sing  
When the earth is at rest?  
All the other birds cease  
As the shadows grow long  
But still you continue  
Your melancholy song.

Wise little bird  
In the holly tree  
I wish you could speak  
As you stare at me  
Do you carry the pain  
Of the sadness you see?  
Is that why you sing  
In a minor key?

Dear little bird  
Do not worry or mope  
For those long summer days  
Filled with promise and hope  
Spring will soon come  
In a glorious rush  
And your song will be joyous  
Like blackbird and thrush.

- Val Nunn

## News from St Clare Church

Thank you to the working party, which turned out recently on a chilly but sunny Saturday morning - working hard to clear part of the churchyard. It now looks much bigger! The youngest member of the group was thrilled to uncover a fallen headstone and has now decided he may become an archaeologist. We plan to complete the task in the Spring.

Thank you to Clive and Sue Leal and everyone who helped to organise the Autumn Quiz Night, raising nearly £300 for church funds in such a fun way.

December with Advent brings lights! Once more we plan to floodlight the church during the festive season. We hope you will have pleasure in seeing our village church highlighted in this way.

We celebrate together on 11<sup>th</sup> December with a Carol Communion at 11am. Please come to choose your favourite carol to share with others. The collection will be donated to charity and we also hope you will bring some items for the Food Bank in Bury St Edmunds. If you have some spare holly to decorate the church for the service, please let me know. Offers of help would be very welcomed!

Another chance to choose and sing carols will be when the village joins together on 21<sup>st</sup> December, with Revd. Sharon and her guitar leading us all. Please wrap up warmly, bring a torch and be prepared to sing whilst enjoying some refreshments.

The year 2017 begins with a service of Evening Prayer on New Years Day and then on 22<sup>nd</sup> January we invite you to celebrate Plough Sunday at 11.00am.

On behalf of the PCC members may I wish you peace and happiness this Christmas time.

*"All glory be to God on high,  
And to the earth be peace:  
Goodwill henceforth from Heaven to men  
Begin and never cease."*

- Margaret Newlands (Church Warden)



## Bradfield St Clare Women's Institute



Our Social Evening on 9<sup>th</sup> November was great fun and enjoyed by everyone! Our next meeting is on 14<sup>th</sup> December as we celebrate Christmas by having Christmas Lunch together.

We begin 2017 with our meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> January, when Anna Street will tell us about the Marathon Des Sable – 150mile foot race across desert.

New members are always welcome and we are pleased to see invited visitors. Please contact **Secretary Enid Hunt – 01284 386565**

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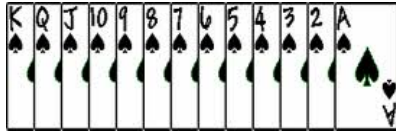
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## **November Whist Drive**



At our November Whist Drive, Daphnie won the ladies' prize with a score of 170, followed by Val Nunn on 164 and just ahead of Ros on 161. Val Offord took home a wooden spoon, scoring 144. Keith had the highest score of 166 for the men ahead of Trevor, Steve and Jiim, all on 162. Ray was awarded a wooden spoon with 139. Our next Whist Drives in the Village Hall are on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm – please come!

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## **Notes from The Parish Council** **Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

- Havebury Housing Association have confirmed no one applied to rent their property, 6 Bradfield St George Road after the last tenant left. They plan to use the proceeds of the sale to invest in new affordable housing.
- Concern was raised over the growing number of pot holes on village roads and the ongoing issue of a blocked drain in Felsham Road
- Councillors have agreed to a site meeting with a representative of Suffolk County Council concerning the speed of traffic along Bury Road. No date has yet been fixed.
- Views were expressed over the messages, in the leaflet recently distributed in the village, detailing the approach to recycling.
- The Clerk has been in touch with Mr Chown of Suffolk Better Broadband. He has indicated that currently the village is due to have work carried out to improve broadband in 2017 but could not be more specific about the proposals.
- The new owners of St Clare Hall have politely requested that walkers remain on the marked footpaths and keep dogs on leads as they have a number of mares with foals on their land at present.

Date of next meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017

**The Chairman and Councillors wish all in the village**

**A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS!**



## Bradfield Weather



*"The leaves as they spark into wild colour just before they die are the world's oldest performance art, and everything we see is celebrating one last violently hued hurrah before the black and white silence of winter."*

Shauna Niequist: Bittersweet

In the final part of October, following last month's report there was no further rain so we were left with just 30mm against our October average of 59.7mm. The temperatures remained above the seasonal norm.

November brought a change with much colder temperatures, some frosts at night and periodic rainfall until the last two days which has brought 33mm bringing us to a total to date of 66.5mm already above our monthly average of 62.1mm and still raining as I type. The period also witnessed a super moon, which when visible from the cloud cover appeared to this untrained eye little different from any other moon!

- Keith Payne 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016

## Dates for your Diary



- Friday 2nd Dec & 6th Jan – Whist Drive at 7.30pm - Village Hall.
- Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec – 'Winter Scene' 6.30-7.30pm – Village Noticeboard
- Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec & 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan – Bingo Nights 8pm - Village Hall
- Wednesday 21st Dec – Nativity & Carol Singing 6.30-7.30pm near the Village Noticeboard
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec & 17<sup>th</sup> Jan – Book Club - 7pm - Village Hall



## Whist Drive

**Bradfield St Clare Village Ha  
at 7.30 pm on**

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### OTHER CHURCH SERVICES Roman Catholic Church

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Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December - Morning Mass – 10.00am

**Christmas Masses:**

24<sup>th</sup> December - Children's Mass – 6.00pm – St Edmund King & Martyr

24<sup>th</sup> December – Midnight Mass – 11.30pm – St Edmunds King & Martyr

24<sup>th</sup> December – Midnight mass – 7.00pm – Our Lady Immaculate & St Joseph Lawshall

25<sup>th</sup> December – Mass – 8.30am & 10.30am – St Edmund King & Martyr

25<sup>th</sup> December – Mass – 10.30am - Our Lady Immaculate & St Joseph Lawshall

### Gospel Hall

The Gospel Hall, Bradfield St George

**Christmas Services:**

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Carol Service – 3.30pm

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Carols by Candlelight – 4.00pm

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Breaking of Bread (Communion) – 10,30am



## Bradfield Woods

### Monday 12 Dec - Wild Tots

Woodland activities for families with under 5's

10am-12noon - £4 per child, please book

### Wed 21 Dec - Natural decorations for families

Making decorations from natural materials.

For families with children over 3 years  
10.30am-12.30pm - £4 children,  
£2 adults, please book

### Wed 21 Dec - Solstice lantern walk for families

Make a lantern then follow the trail through the woods  
Finish with a hot chocolate by the fire  
3.30-5pm - £4 children, £2 adults,  
please book

### Thurs 22 Dec - Young wardens

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10.30am-1pm - £4, please book

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### FEBRUARY ADVERTISEMENTS

Advertisements for the February issue of The Bradfield Grapevine should be sent to either of the two Editors, whose names and addresses appear on the front page, by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January.

The cost is £1 per insertion for small ads, £36 per year for half page boxes

Payment to Bradfield St Clare Village Hall  
Contact: Peter Newlands or Margaret Lovick



## Baby Jesus

Three wise men saw a star above  
 To them it was very strange  
 It guided them to the one they love  
 In a stable covered with hay

Gold, frankincense and myrrh they brought  
 For the little Jesus Christ  
 Although the wind and cold they fought  
 They were calm at the splendid sight

- *Anonymous* - (written some time ago as a young girl)



## Christmas Boxes & Calendars!



### No connection I know – but here goes!

A heartfelt thank you to all of you who contributed so generously to the 17 boxes we managed to make up and send to Samaritan's Purse annual Christmas Box appeal. It can be quite expensive to do a whole shoe box, so for many years now we have asked you to donate what you can and of course, being Bradfield St Clare, you have been so very generous – really bulging boxes! I've been asked several times where this year's calendars are – where indeed? They don't just appear as if by magic! I did ask earlier this year for suggestions and for someone to take on the job. It is not at all arduous but someone has to do it. So come on out there, who would enjoy doing this for 2018! There was one suggestion of 'photos of 'Creatures Great and Small''. I'm looking at the last two pictures for this year and they are simply stunning, so come on, let's do it!

- Pat Hipwell

## Cockfield Benefice Services – January 2017



Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> January 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas	9.30am Morning Prayer BCP	Gedding
	11am Communion	Cockfield
	4pm Evening Prayer	Bradfield St Clare
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> January Epiphany	8am Communion	Cockfield
	9.30am Benefice Family Service	Felsham
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany	9.30am Communion	Bradfield St George
	11am Communion	Cockfield
	6pm Six2seven	Felsham
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January Plough Sunday	9.30am Communion	Gedding
	11am Plough Sunday service	Bradfield St Clare
	4pm Evening Prayer	Bradfield St George
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> January 4 <sup>th</sup> of Epiphany	10am Benefice Communion	Cockfield

### Daily Prayer

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9am Cockfield	5pm Felsham	9am Bradfield St Clare	5pm Gedding	5pm Bradfield St George

Please note these services may be subject to change – for up-to-date service times see the benefice website at [www.cockfieldbenefice.com](http://www.cockfieldbenefice.com)



## Cockfield Benefice Services – December 2016



### Working in your Community

Who and what are Community First Responders?

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> December Second Sunday in Advent	9.30am Communion	Bradfield St George
	11am Communion	Cockfield
	4.30pm Christingle	Felsham
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> December Third Sunday in Advent	8.30am Communion	Felsham
	9.30am Family Service	Felsham
	11am Communion	Bradfield St Clare
	4.30pm Carol Service	Gedding
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> December Fourth Sunday in Advent	11am Carol Communion	Cockfield
	4.30pm Carol Service	Bradfield St George
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Carols by Candlelight	Lt Whelmetham
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Carols on the Green	Cockfield
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Carol Singing (near the Village Noticeboard)	Bradfield St Clare
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Carol Service	Felsham
Christmas Eve	3pm Crib Service	Cockfield
	11pm Communion	Cockfield
	11pm Communion	Felsham
Christmas Day	10am Communion	Bradfield St George
	10am Communion BCP	Gedding

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*Breathing difficulties*

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*Unconscious patients*

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**Want to join the team?** If you feel you could become a community first responder or a supporter, and would like more information, please contact:-

Debbie Lamond - Group Co-ordinator on **07810 353426**.

**We are a registered charity and donations are welcomed.** Charity Number: 10479

## News from Pitchers Green



Cows 38  
Cows in milk 31  
Young stock 22

Calvings:-

Kitty 16/09 Jersey Bull called Alistair  
Penny 1/10 Angus X Jersey Heifer called Anastasia  
Renee 6/10 Jersey Bull called Adrian  
Suki 10/10 Jersey Heifer called Angela  
Rowena 17/10 Jersey Bull called Aiden  
Nicola 8/11 Jersey Bull called Alan  
Milk Yield 800-900 litres collected every other day  
Milk Price – 21p/litre (October); 25p/litre (November)

The cows are now in for the winter and on winter rations. When they first came in I thought that big bale hay and concentrates would be enough but there is something lacking so I've started the clamp silage along with the hay – the next few days will see if things improve. The silage has been analysed by my feed supplier and as it does every year it is average, it looks at protein, energy, fibre etc., etc., etc. (all of which can be supplied) yet every year the cows seem to enjoy it and milk well on it without any deficiencies.

As you see the milk price has improved slightly – we have had a base rate increase of around 2.5p/litre, this coupled with the higher butterfat and protein in the milk has helped. The butterfat and protein usually rise in the winter months with the increased fibre in the ration. The only downside to this tale is an increase in the cost of the cow nuts (concentrates). They have increased by £23/tonne which is apparently due to the exchange rate, increasing prices of wheat and soya bean meal and the vitamins and minerals in the concentrates. We have 6 tonne of concentrates a month so that is about 600-700 litres of milk that needs to be produced extra to pay for the increase in feed price – if my maths is correct! Once a month we have the cows yield recorded and a sample of their milk is sent

for analysis (butterfat, protein, lactose, cell count). This helps decide how to get the most financially out of the individual cows. The annual average for the herd currently stands at 5782 litres per cow at 5.18% butterfat and 3.65% protein. The yield is up from last year but the butterfat and protein are both down slightly – more swings and roundabouts to play on!

Finally – just what is the problem between Naamah and Rose? Rose has taken to waiting for Naamah to come out of the parlour and then smacking her in the ribs as she walks past – obviously words have been had – who did hide the TV remote and where?!!



**- Happy Christmas to one and all – Glyn**

### A Letter to the Grapevine

Hello Bradfield Grapevine,

My name is Janet Ballinger Aunt to Debbie Thomas. Debbie emails us The Grapevine as each issue is available. We so very much look forward to reading all the village news. Of special interest to us is all the antics that to go on at Pitchers Green. The read is very entertaining and a highlight of our month. Looking forward to the next issue. Thanks to Deb.

*Janet & Larry Ballinger*

Mentor, Kentucky, USA

