

Useful Local Contacts

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- St Edmundsbury Offices		763233
- Local Member	Mrs Sarah Mildmay-White	01359 270580
Bradfield Grapevine Magazine:		
- Editors	Mr Peter Newlands	388637
- and	Mrs Margaret Lovick	386662
Bury Stray Cat Fund		388455
Charity for the Relief in Sickness:		
- Secretary	Mrs Vicky Spall	386357
County Council:		
- Suffolk County Council Switchboard		01473 583000
- Local Member	Mr Terry Clements	01284 761018
Dentist (Emergency) – by appointment, Saturday and Sunday afternoons	0300 130 3065	
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Community First Responder – Group Co-ordinator – Debbie Lamond	07810 353426	
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Footpath Warden	Mrs Fenella Fraser	388310
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Library (Mobile Van Driver – Steve Adams)		07837 581371
Village Book Club Co-ordinator	Mrs Pat Brender	386597
Member of Parliament	Mrs Jo Churchill	752311
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St Clare Church – Rector	Rev Sharon Potter	828599
- Church Warden	Mrs Margaret Newlands	388637
St Edmunds R C Church	Fr Mark Hackeson	754358
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Village Hall – Bookings	Mrs Val Nunn	388830
- Secretary	Mrs Isobel Payne	386169
Village Recorder	Mrs Val Nunn	388830
West Suffolk Hospital		713000
Women’s Institute Secretary	Mrs Enid Hunt	386565

THE BRADFIELD GRAPEVINE



February 2017

No 145

It is difficult to believe that we are already into the second month of 2017. However, Christmas does seem a long time ago! Keith confirms in his weather report just how dry December was, with rainfall much below the average for the month and of course, it was a remarkably warm Christmas – much colder now!

The two Village Advent events were very successful and Lorraine would like you to let her know if you have any good ideas for this year. She also describes a couple of events that are in the process of being planned, including a village outing – please see details and respond if you are interested.

Mike keeps us informed about activities on the farm and also describes how uncertain the future looks at the moment following the vote last year. Let us all hope there are solutions that keep farming a viable occupation. Printed in this copy is a letter to the village from Marcus and Emma Craggs describing their plans for St Clare Hall, including the arrival of sheep on the farm. They are also appreciative of the contacts they have made with people in the village.

A very welcome new edition this month is the inclusion of a recipe from Samantha Hardingham. We hope this will become a regular feature and if you have a recipe you would like to share, please do so!

John Kirk shares with us, in the form of a poem, his deep feelings for his cat and the unconditional devotion loving pets give to their owners. Many of us will connect with his sentiments.

On a less happy note, there is a reminder from Val Nunn for us all to remain vigilant over the activities of those who would cheat us by their deceitful scams. Aside from that, let us hope that the year will settle down after its rather turbulent beginning.

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Cockfield Benefice Services – February 2017

Sunday 5 th February 4 th before Lent	9.30am Morning Prayer BCP	Gedding
	11am Communion	Cockfield
	4pm Evening Prayer	Bradfield St Clare
Sunday 12 th February 3 rd before Lent	8am Communion	Cockfield
	9.30am Benefice Family Service	Felsham
Sunday 19 th February 2 nd before Lent	9.30am Communion	Bradfield St George
	11am Communion	Cockfield
	6pm Six2seven	Felsham
Sunday 26 th February Sunday next before Lent	9.30am Communion	Gedding
	11am Communion	Bradfield St Clare
	4pm Evening Prayer	Bradfield St George

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

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Bin collections in February 2017

Thursday 2 nd February	Black bins
Thursday 9 th February	Blue & Brown bins
Thursday 16 th February	Black bins
Thursday 23 rd February	Blue & Brown bins
Thursday 2 nd March	Black bins

The Library Van



The Library Van calls every 4 weeks on Wednesdays
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Bradfield St Clare Women's Institute



We began 2017 with our meeting on 11th January, when Anna Street told us about the Marathon Des Sable – 150mile very demanding foot race across the desert of North Africa. This is an annual event and can be found on the Marathon Des Sables website. We were exhausted just listening to her 5-day adventure!

Our next meeting will be on 8th February when Sarah Doig will talk on 'The A-Z of Curious Suffolk'.

Barbara will chair the meeting, with Jean (S) and Rosie providing the refreshment. Pat (A) will provide the draw prize.

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

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News from St Clare Church



The Christmas period, with all its activities, has now eased into the New Year and at St Clare a more sedate pace of service pattern and activities. We hope you enjoyed the Plough Sunday service and also plan to attend one of the two services at St Clare in February.

The first Sunday service will be an Evening Prayer on 5th February at 4pm and the second service will be a Communion at 11am on 26th February. If you cannot make either of these services, can I remind you that each Thursday at 5pm Revd. Sharon will be in church to lead a short said service – this lasts about 15 minutes and everyone is welcome to attend.

Following on from our productive Autumn churchyard clear up, we plan to meet towards the end of February to complete the hedge cutting and clearing the boundary ditches. If you can spare any time on a Saturday please get in touch with me – 01284 388637. At present the proposed date is 25th February.

With Easter and Spring in mind we will soon be producing the rota for opening the church through British Summer Time weekends and the flower rota. If you would like to join in please contact me. If you can offer to bring flowers for the Altar before April begins, again please get in touch.

A belated Happy New Year to you from everyone on St Clare PCC. Remember, St Clare Church is there for you and needs people to make it come alive and survive in an uncertain world!

- Margaret Newlands (Church Warden)

OTHER CHURCH SERVICES

Roman Catholic Church

St Edmund King & Martyr
Westgate Street, Bury St Edmunds

Mass every Sunday at 8.30am, 10am and 6pm.

Gospel Hall

The Gospel Hall, Bradfield St George

Every Sunday at 10.30am:	Sunday Breaking of Bread.
Every Sunday at 2.30pm:	Sunday School and Bible Class
Every Sunday at 6.30pm:	Gospel Meeting – all welcome.
Every Wednesday at 6.45pm	Young People's Club

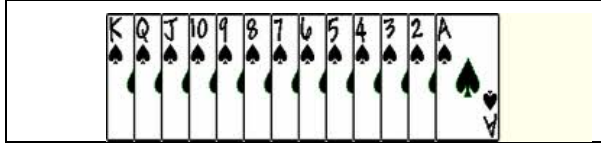


For Sale

A selection of Royal Worcester china, glass vases and other items in aid of St Clare Church funds

Contact Margaret Lovick 01284 388662

January Whist Drive



At our first Whist Drive of 2017, Ros won the ladies' prize with a score of 182, followed by Val Nunn on 178 and ahead of Justine on 170. Margaret was awarded a wooden spoon, scoring 137. Brian and John Kirk tied scoring highest for the men with 160 ahead of Steve and Joyce (playing as a man!), both on 157. Ray won a wooden spoon with 150. Our next Whist Drive in the Village Hall is on Friday 3rd February – please come!

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Bradfield Weather



'Anyone who thinks gardening begins in the Spring and ends in the Fall is missing the best part of the whole year; the gardening begins in January with the dream.'

- Josephine Nuese

After the last report in mid- November, with just one further day's rainfall, it was dry and cold with frosty nights. Total rainfall for the month was 75.5mm against an average of 62.1mm.

The first week of December continued cold and frosty after which it turned milder with temperatures above the seasonal norm and remained so through Christmas, but the cold and frost returned immediately afterwards. There was only sporadic rainfall with a total of 24.5mm compared with a December average of 53.4mm.

For 2016 the total was 614mm. or 24.2inches, about 6% higher than 2015 but close to our annual average, since our records were started in 1993, of 612.9mm.

2017 has started very cold with our first covering of snow but with some lovely sunny days and little rainfall to date of 26mm.

- Keith Payne 22nd January 2017

Dates for your Diary



- Friday 3rd February– Whist Drive at 7.30pm - Village Hall.
- Sunday 5th & 19th February– Bingo Nights 8pm - Village Hall
- Tuesday 21st February– Book Club - 7pm - Village Hall
- Friday 24th February – Village Quiz Night – 7pm – Village Hall



Whist Drive

Bradfield St Clare Village Hall

at 7.30 pm on

Friday 3rd February

(...and on the first Friday of every month)

**Entry £2.00 including refreshments,
tea or coffee.**

If preferred, bring your own drinks.

Cash Prizes & Draw

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or 'phone 01473 890089

Bradfield Woods

Sat 12 Feb - Spoon carving for adults
Learn about native trees and their wood for green woodworking, and hand carve your own spoons.
10am - 3.30pm £50 per person,
please book

Tues 14 Feb - Bird box building for families
Build a bird box, make a feeder and follow our trail around the wood.
For families with children over 3 years
10.30am – 12.30pm £6 per box,
please book

Tues 14 Feb - Young wardens
Practical conservation work for 10–15 year olds
2 - 4.30pm £4,
please book

Wed 15 Feb - Winter Warmers for 8 –14 year olds
Den building and fire making
10.30am– 2.30pm £7 per person,
please book

Tues 21 Feb—Volunteer information day
Come and meet staff and volunteers. Find out about volunteering opportunities at Bradfield Woods
10am - 12noon and 4 - 5pm

Monday 27 Feb - Wild Tots
Woodland activities for families with under 5's
10 -11.30am £4 per child,
please book

Annual Village Hall Quiz Night



**Friday 24th February
Bradfield St Clare Village Hall
7:00pm**

£6 per head

**Including
Light Refreshments
Prize Draw**

**Contact Isobel on 01284 386169
Or Margaret on 01284 386662**

A Taste of Christmas 2016



Happy New Year to ALL in the Village of
Bradfield St.Clare - where oh where has the
Festive Season gone - blink and we've
missed it!!!!

A message from

"For the Village by the Village".

What a great success the two events proved
again this Christmas, from decorating the
Village tree and the Village notice board to
our own 'resident' Santa Claus seeing us
through to the revealing of the traditional
crib while joyously singing Carols,
accompanied by Revd. Sharon on her
guitar.

All this of course was accompanied by
scrummy seasonal food and drink.

As with any great production there are
thanks to be made, firstly to Richard at
Stanningfield for his kind donation of a
fabulous tree, and the small group of
Villagers who gave their time, ideas and
support (they ALL know who they are). A
great addition this year was the nightly
lighting of the tree - very pretty.

It would be great to have 'feed back' and
ideas for Advent 2017 - already one or two
suggestions received.....

- Lorraine Morley 01284 386270



My Cat

She's a lovely old girl, my cat, as soft as your pocket
And daft as your hat;
She's not a hunter; I've often pondered that;
She'll sit and watch the birds that fly;
She'll not kill them or even try.

She'll watch them while they're at play and sit with you
In the garden all day;
And then after a hard day spent outside, in the evening
It's on my lap she'll reside;
A kinder soul you could not find;
Yes they have souls as well as mankind.

- John Kirk

MARCH ADVERTISEMENTS

Advertisements for the March 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 17th February.

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*



Breakfast Banana Loaf

You will need:

2 eggs,
4oz of ground almonds,
2oz of butter,
1tsp on baking powder,
1tsp of ground mixed spice
2 ripe bananas

Mix all the ingredients together with a hand whisk and put into a tin lined with baking parchment and bake until golden brown and a skewer comes out clean in about 35 mins.

It is delicious with no added sugar for breakfast and snacks. Use like a brioche. You can add cream cheese as topping, butter and it's even good with marmite!

The recipe is from my own Love Natural Eating group on Facebook where I post new recipes (that I've made up) every week

- Samantha Hardingham



Beware - Broadband Scam!

Just to warn you that we received a very convincing scam call from someone claiming to be calling from BT regarding a problem with slow Internet speed. As our connection had been particularly slow for a couple of days I almost fell for it. I was told to turn off the router and then switch it on again after 10 minutes after which he would 'phone again and get me to check my speed with my iPad or laptop.

I did turn the router off but then rang BT to check and the call was indeed a scam. BT checked my speed and confirmed FROM THEIR END that the speed was low and they said they would rectify it within 2 hours!

- Val Nunn

HOME HELP REQUIRED

We are looking for an enthusiastic, fun and flexible person to help with the day-to-day running of a busy house in a local village. This would include housework and childcare for three children aged 4, 2 & newly born.

We foresee the hours being:

Monday to Friday: [8.00am -10.00am](#) & [3.00pm -7.30pm](#)

Some regular additional hours will also be required.
Must be able to drive.

Please contact Vicky on: [07968 081 785](#)

A Message from St Clare Hall

"Marcus and Emma Craggs at St Clare Hall wanted to thank everyone for their support and patience over recent weeks with all the lorries and activity; we apologise for any disruption or noise but thank you for your understanding. We are nearly there! Building works will soon decrease.

Over the coming days we will have sheep on some of the pastures which will mean that there will be some electric fencing (it will be clearly signed); it is important therefore, for the wellbeing of dogs and the sheep, that those who use the footpaths and the bridle path ensure that their dogs remain on the paths and/or keep them on leads at all times. In the event that you are concerned with anything connected to the sheep, we will be erecting notices at various locations with information about how to make contact with us.

We have met several people from the village already and everyone has been so kind and welcoming and helpful. We are so grateful. And we look forward to meeting more friends and neighbours in the coming months.

*Kind Regards
Marcus Craggs"*

Future Village Events for 2017

APRIL

Trip to Beth Chatto Gardens – near Colchester

Midweek visit including lunch.

Either car share or by mini bus/small coach.

Interested?

Please contact Lorraine Morley by Tuesday 14th February on:

01284 386270 or logmorley@yahoo.co.uk

MAY

Saturday 20th May.

Barn Dance with Hog Roast at Bishops Farm
In aid of the Animal Health Trust

Arable Farming at Bishops Farm



Winter on the arable farm is our quiet season; too wet and cold to do land work. All winter planted crops of barley and wheat are looking well and reasonably healthy. We have been waiting for weeks for one warm/mild dry day, with no wind to spray two small areas for black grass control in barley but to date the crop has not been dry enough to spray. We continue to load grain into lorries to leave the farm. All the spring barley has now gone. This year it went to Boortmalt in Bury St Edmunds for malting as the nitrogen level in the barley was slightly too high for Adnams. I have secured a contract with Adnams for next year's crop. Wheat continues to go to Ipswich to be loaded onto ships for export to Europe for biscuit production. The beans have also gone to Ipswich and were shipped to Egypt. We still have two loads of wheat in store and wait for another ship to come into Ipswich.

As our grain stores become empty and we have more space, fertilizer has been delivered for use in the Spring. Hopefully, when the weather improves in February, we will start spreading some of this.

In December we hired a 360 degree digger and Dan continued to clear our land drainage pipes to allow water to drain off the fields. Apologies for sticky footpaths; we tried not to put too much muck on the paths! The grass is beginning to recover and in a few weeks all the paths will be fine. It's a job that only requires doing every 10 – 15 years - so please all you walkers forgive us!

On wet cold days there is plenty of machinery maintenance to carry out in the workshop. All cultivation machines that move the soil wear out metal parts. Some parts have to be replaced with new. Other particularly worn parts have lines of hardfacing welded onto them. This is a line of very hard molten metal that is burnt onto the part and reduces the soil wear of the original metal. Tractors also have to be serviced and oils and filters replaced. The combine also will be checked, oils and filters changed and wearing parts replaced.

Farmers not only work on the land, we are also custodians of the countryside and the environment. Many of you will have noticed green field corner areas appeared on a strip next to Sheepgate Lane of an unusual crop. These are Countryside Stewardship areas sown with plants to encourage insects and birds. This is a national scheme administered by Natural England to provide areas of feed for overwintering birds and flowers in the summer for pollinating insects. We also intend to plant a new hedge from the bungalow to the old Rectory.

As we start another year there is considerable uncertainty in agriculture due to Brexit. Will there be any replacement subsidy from the UK government to replace the basic farm payments from Europe? Will there be tariffs to export our wheat into Europe? What effect will all of this have on the pound exchange rate? All of this will affect UK agriculture as we ask ourselves are we growing the right crops, will there be a market for our produce and will there be a profit after all the work involved? Let's hope so!

Looking forward to warm, sunny days of Spring, lengthening days and spring flowers.

- Mike Morley



How to keep your birds safe from Avian Influenza (bird flu)

The period for protecting your birds has been extended to

28th February 2017

A notice from The Department for Environment and Rural Affairs giving advice on keeping your birds safe is displayed on the Village Noticeboard