

THE BRADFIELD GRAPEVINE



JUNE 2017



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Well what a strange pattern of weather we have experienced lately! Mike in his report on events at Bishops Farm, clearly shows us just how much the peculiar fluctuations of temperature and rainfall has an effect on the germination and emergence of his crops. It also reminds us of just how difficult life must be for those attempting to produce the food to feed those who live in climates that are so hot and arid.

The Barn Dance and Hog Roast at Bishops Farm was a fantastic success. Villagers who attended had a very enjoyable evening and helped to raise a wonderful contribution to the funds of the Animal Health Trust. This month, Dyane Woods shares with us a recipe for her Orange and Almond Pudding cake. It sounds simply delicious! Do you have a recipe you are willing to share – if so please let us know.

You may already know there is a vacancy for someone to fill as a Councillor in our village Parish Council. Details are posted on the village noticeboard.

The Village Hall Committee meets for its AGM this month and the committee would very much welcome villagers to come forward to help in the work of the committee in looking after and developing our wonderful community facility.

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Bradfield St Clare Women's Institute



Our next meeting is on 14th June at 7.30pm. There will be a 'Talk and Walk' through Bradfield Woods organised by the Suffolk Wildlife Trust. The competition will be for a wooden ornament.

Linda Dixy will be the chair

Pat Amond and Linda Cooper will provide refreshments

Margaret Newlands 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**

BRADFIELD ST CLARE PARISH COUNCIL Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Councillor on our Parish Council

Do you want to join us?

Have you ideas to help us in the management of our village?

Do you want to have your say?

Interested?

Look at the official notice on the village noticeboard or contact Nicola Smith (Parish Clerk) – 07817170906

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| 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 |

News from St Clare Church



St Clare has just the one service in June. This is an Evening Prayer at 6pm on 4th June.

Hopefully you already know about the Table Top/Jumble/Plant Sale in the Village Hall on Saturday 3rd June between 11am and 2.30pm. Entry for adults is £2 to include coffee and biscuits. Please come along and bring your friends. Items for sale would be very welcome and if required can be collected. Contact me on 01284 388637.

If you enjoy singing, come along to The Big Day Out at Cockfield Green on Sunday 18th June - 11.30am to 3.30pm. Entry is free and there will be many family activities including golf swings, goal scoring, children's games and face painting. You could also make your own air rocket! There will be BBQ food and snacks to buy and soft drinks will be available. A local Rock Choir will perform at the event, which is sponsored by the Cockfield Benefice and Cockfield Congregational Church.

Thank you to everyone who is opening the church each weekend during the Summer months. It has been pleasing to see a number of visitors enjoying a quiet stroll through the churchyard after visiting the church.

- Margaret Newlands (Church Warden)

Bradfield Woods

Friday 2nd June

Trees and Whittling

for 10 -16 year olds 10am – 1pm,
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Sat 10th and Sun 11th June

Bowl carving

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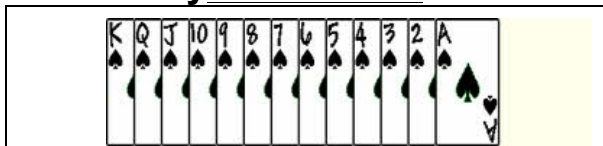


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May Whist Drive



At the May Whist Drive Joy and Val shared the ladies' prize with a score of 167, followed by Sylvia on 162, Pat took home a wooden spoon with a score of 144. Brian had the highest for the men with 164 followed closely by Ian on 162 and Jim 160. Ray and Steve were each awarded wooden spoons with a scores of 132.

Our next Whist Drive in the Village Hall is on Friday 2nd June – please come!

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Bradfield Weather



***“The Cuckoo comes in April,
He sings his song in May.
In the month of June, he changes tune,
And in July he flies away.”***

- Traditional

We had just a little more rain at the end of April to make a total of only 11mm for the month against an average of 38.9mm. Records show only 11 months with less rain in almost 25 years we have been recording. There were also some further frosty nights.

May started in the same vein with barely any recordable rain until the 17th when 23mm arrived in the gauge, the highest daily amount for several months. With further heavy rain continuing there has now been 59mm in the month against our average of 56.5mm for May. We now have some happy farmers and gardeners.

This is being written on the 19th, a little earlier than usual due to an impending visit to the Rhineland before the need to get a visa!
Has anyone heard the cuckoo yet?

- Keith Payne 19th May 2017

Dates for your Diary



- Friday 2nd June – Whist Drive at 7.30pm - Village Hall.
- Saturday 3rd June – Church Coffee Morning/Jumble Sale – Village Hall
- Sunday 11th & 25th June – Bingo Nights 8pm - Village Hall
- Tuesday 13th June – Annual Village Hall Committee Meeting – 7pm Village Hall
- Tuesday 20th June – Book Club - 7pm - Village Hall

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Orange and Almond Pudding Cake

Ingredients:

2 large or 3 medium oranges
6 eggs
250g caster sugar
250g ground almonds
1 tsp baking powder
Knob of butter
Flour and icing sugar for dusting

Method:

Wash whole unpeeled oranges and place in lidded pan with just enough water to cover, boil for 2 hours.
When cool enough to handle, cut them open and remove pips.
Tear the oranges into food processor and blitz to a puree (this can be done 24 hours in advance)

Heat oven to 180C/Fan 160C/Gas mark 5
Lavishly smear a 23cm spring form cake tin, or one with removable base, with the butter.
Dust with flour and shake out excess.

Using a hand-held electric whisk or processor with a whisk attachment, whisk the eggs with the sugar until pale and fluffy.
Stir in cooled orange puree, ground almonds and baking powder to make a thick batter.

Place prepared tin on a baking sheet and pour in mixture.
Bake 45-60 minutes, checking after 45 minutes, until the cake is risen and firm as opposed to wet.
Cool in the tin before turning out, reversing the cake so the bottom becomes the top.

Dust with icing sugar and serve.

It is also good topped with blueberries or raspberries served with cream or crème fraiche.

- Dyane Wood

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In aid of the amazing ANIMAL HEALTH TRUST

A Huge THANK YOU to everyone who contributed in any way to achieve a great evening of food, music, dancing and lots of 'smiley' faces. The event was 'sold out' two weeks ahead of date with 150 tickets bought. There was even a 'reserve' list! Apologies to those who were unable to join us.

The weather, although chilly as the evening wore on, kept dry for us, even during 'set up' and clearing away again.

We can thank Nomsa (our beautiful black Labrador) for inspiring this event, due to her cancer diagnosis at Christmas - that was a bleak time. However now she is back to being a proper dog again, maintained with oral chemotherapy. The care received by Animal Health Trust has been 'second to none', hence our fund raising efforts.

Cheers to you all and cheers to Animal Health Trust!

- Lorraine Morley



Coffee Morning
Table Top/Jumble
& Plant Sale



Don't Forget to Come!

Saturday 3rd June

11am to 2.30pm

Bradfield St Clare Village Hall

In aid of St Clare Church Funds

Entry £2

(Including coffee and biscuits)

Notes from your Parish Council

Annual Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting
- 9th May 2017

- Cllr Robert Walton was re-elected as Chairman and John Kirk elected as Vice-chairman
- Cllr Brian Deacon has resigned from the Parish Council due to ill health. He was thanked for his efforts on behalf of the village. An Official Notice of the vacancy thus created is posted on the Village Noticeboard if you are interested in joining the Parish Council
- No response has been received from Network Rail in relation to the concerns over the state of the railway bridge at Arch Hill. It was suggested that Suffolk County Council Highways Department should be informed
- Cllr Soons agreed to pursue the issues of potholes and blocked village drains
- Suffolk County Council has informed the Parish Council that a recent speed survey has taken place on Bury Road. The clerk will ask for clarification about the findings
- Better Broadband Suffolk have indicated improvement work within the village should now be carried out between September and December 2017
- Motorbikes have been using the restricted Sheepgate Lane. Please report any sightings
- Complaints have been received about a vehicle parked on Village Hall land by the Water Treatment Plant
- A member of the PCC has carried out repairs to the single gate leading into the churchyard. This has been repeatedly vandalised
- Concern was expressed about dog fouling along village footpaths
- The Parish Council recorded its thanks to all the parishioners and local farmers who continue to cut verges in the village. This helps to improve visibility and road safety. The Highways Department schedule for cutting verges is inappropriate for the growing season
- Applications were approved for a ménage at Clare Hall Farm and the demolition of the Orchard Cottage bungalow to be replaced by a new dwelling and annexe
- Those responsible for the burglary committed in the village last December have been arrested

Next meeting – 8th August 7pm Bradfield St Clare Village Hall

- Your Parish Councillors

Arable Farming at Bishops Farm



Drought for two months and then a 57mm two day deluge of rain saves crops! After writing two months ago about the effect of the weather on farming it has been highlighted over the past two months. A week ago crops were looking very stressed, suffering from drought with harvest prospects poor.

Winter Barley looked very good in the Spring, wet weather in February delayed applying nitrogen fertilizer until March. The nitrogen uptake into the plant was reduced by the continuing dry weather. Fertilizer granules need rain to dissolve the fertilizer into the soil so the plant can absorb it via its roots into the plant. This did not happen resulting in die back of tillers (side shoots), which will reduce the yield of the crop at harvest. All fertilizer and fungicide spray have been applied and the crop is in full ear (heads showing), so we need a balance of sun and rain during flowering and to fill the grain.

Winter Wheat is looking good. Being later in its growth cycle it was less affected by the dry weather. Wheat suffers from numerous fungal diseases that are reduced by dry weather so we have less spraying to do on this crop. A fungus called Septoria is present in our KWS Lili variety on the lower leaves and is spread by rain splashing onto newly emerging leaves. The other variety we grow, KWS Siskin has no disease at all totally due to inbred disease resistance of the crop and the dry weather. One more application of fertilizer to go on the wheat; nitrogen to increase the protein in the grain for milling where the requirement is between 12-13% protein.

Spring crops suffered with the dry weather. After planting the soil dried out quickly resulting in poor germination and emergence due to the searching East winds.

Sugar Beet Only 20-25% of the crop germinated and emerged then the weekend rain of 6mm brought up another 30%; the remainder laying dry in the soil until the welcome rain of last weekend. Now thankfully the remainder are appearing; two small leaves pushing out of the ground! However, the weeds have continued to grow but because half of the sugar beet plants are very small, what herbicide can be applied without

damaging the small sugar beet. We have just started tractor hoeing the crop, which should kill some of the weeds between the rows of beet. Spring Beans These germinated and emerged well as bean seed is planted deeper – 75mm. However, the field between the Old Rectory and the railway bridge has been plagued by rooks eating the germinated bean seed, an acre of the field has very few bean plants. I will re sow this area now the soil is moist. The cold weather has meant we have very little leaf damage from insect pest - pea and bean weevil – so have not had to spray an insecticide on the crop yet.

Spring Barley germinated and emerged slowly and sporadically due to the dry weather. Spring barley is very susceptible to extremes in weather and shows signs of stress very quickly. Dry conditions cause it to go a light yellow; growth of the plant slows down and can stop. Its leaves are also prone to disease. Black spots appeared on the leaves, a disease called Ramularia, which weakens the leaf allowing secondary infection of mildew. Lack of rain, nitrogen uptake and cold resulted in a very sick crop. Two sprays of magnesium and manganese foliar feed improved the leaf colour and a further spray of fungicide to kill the leaf diseases resulted in the crop improving. When plants are under stress the response is to flower and seed before the plant dies, so our yield of barley will probably be reduced. Thankfully the rain came and crops will continue to improve as we move towards harvest. How quickly the year passes! Thank the Lord for a lovely rain.

- Mike Morley



*Annual General Meeting
Bradfield St Clare Village Hall Committee
Tuesday 13th June 7pm*

We are holding our Annual General Meeting in the Village Hall and would like to invite ALL members of the village to come along, listen to what is planned for the future and in particular offer their own suggestions and ideas.

As a small village we are so fortunate to have such a wonderful community facility but we do need help and support in making it work effectively for everyone. Volunteers offering to help out or to sit on the committee would be welcomed with open arms!

Cockfield Benefice Services – June 2017

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| Sunday 4 th June Pentecost | 9.30am Communion BCP | Gedding |
| | 11am Communion | Cockfield |
| | 6pm Evening Prayer | Bradfield St Clare |
| Sunday 11 th June Trinity Sunday | 8am Communion | Cockfield |
| | 9.30am Benefice Family Service | Felsham |
| Sunday 18 th June First Sunday after Trinity | 8am Communion | Bradfield St George |
| | 11am Service of Praise on the Green before the Big Day Out | Great Green, Cockfield |
| Sunday 25 th June Second Sunday after Trinity | 11am Patronal Communion | Felsham |
| | 6pm Evening Prayer | Bradfield St George |

| Daily Prayer | | | | |
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| Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| 9am Cockfield | 5pm Felsham | 5pm 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

Useful Local Contacts

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| Borough Council: | |
| - 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 Karen Soons karen.soons@suffolk.gov.uk | 07864 601887 |
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| Neighbourhood Watch Contact Mrs Dianne Bullard | 386598 |
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| - Church Warden Mrs Margaret Newlands | 388637 |
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