

THE BRADFIELD GRAPEVINE



JULY 2017



150

As you have no doubt noticed this is the 150th edition of The Bradfield Grapevine! So much credit must go to Margaret Lovick and John Parsons for their determination and hard work in ensuring the village has its own magazine that is always free to everyone who lives here. To celebrate the event, there are some extracts from the first, fiftieth and hundredth editions in the pages that follow. Although we are now nearly 14 years on from the first copy and much in the village is different, it is also amazing how much remains the same, as you will read!

Recognising the amazing things people in the village do, the adventure Gerry Bullard is undertaking is reported in the magazine with details about how you can follow his journey every day!

As Keith reports and as we have all been more than aware, it has been very hot. Fortunately 11 year old Hollie Foster tells us how to make fantastic Fruitlicious Pops – I suppose we could call them 'Hollie's Lollies!'

This month, the WI tell us about the really fascinating time they had when they visited Bradfield Woods for their recent meeting. We sometimes almost seem to take for granted the wonderful amenity we have on our doorstep, with so much history and concern for our wildlife and environment. As always, the events for the month at Bradfield Woods are identified in this edition.

As you will see, Glyn has invited Josie to explain to us just what it is like to be a resident on his farm particularly in this very hot weather!

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News from St Clare Church



I must begin with a thank you to so many people who contributed or helped with our very successful table top and plant sale. The final figure we raised was £562 – far more than we had expected! In addition our village raised £124.35 from the house to house collection for Christian Aid. The total for the benefice was £2093.32; both sums were greater than last year. Thanks are due to Debbie Thomas for giving up so much time to help make this possible.

In July we have three services at ST Clare. We begin with a 6pm Evening Prayer on 2nd July, followed by a Communion Service at 11am on 16th July. The third service on 30th July is also a Communion Service but this time at 8am. If you have time it would be lovely to see you at any of these services. Remember Revd, Sharon also leads a very short service every Thursday at 5pm and of course the church is open for anyone each weekend. Although usually locked during the week, I am very happy to open up if anyone wishes for a private time of peace.

At our recent PCC meeting we confirmed some of our ideas for events during each month until the end of 2017. St Clare Patronal Service, with refreshments, will be held on 6th August and this year will be a Communion Service. The Bike and Stride event to raise funds for Suffolk Historic Churches will take place on 9th September. This year our Harvest Supper is on 22nd September. We are organising a Quiz Night on 20th October followed on 17th November with a visit by an auctioneer from Lacy Scott and Knight. On 17th December at 3.30pm, the church will hold its Christmas Carol Service. More details about each of these events will be available later, but please keep a note of these dates in your diary!

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

- Margaret Newlands (Church Warden)



**Gerry Bullard on his journey
around Britain aboard
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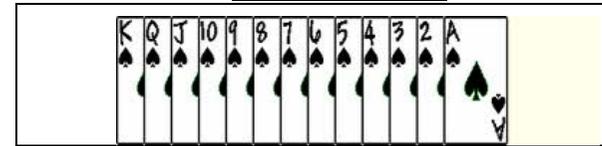
Did you know we had our own local intrepid traveller?

Gerry has embarked on a truly amazing adventure, journeying around Britain in his yacht. With the support of his chosen crew he has already sailed past Stranraer and, when this was written, heading off to Carrickfergus in Northern Ireland. You can follow his daily adventures by logging on to his blog shown above. His projected itinery for July is:-

*Tuesday 4th July - Aberystwyth
Wednesday 5th July - Dale
Thursday 6th July - Milford Haven
Saturday 8th July - Padstow
Monday 10th July - Scilly Isles (tbc)
Thursday 13th July - Newlyn
Friday 14th July - Falmouth
Saturday 15th July - Fowey
Sunday 16th July - Plymouth
Monday 17th July - Salcombe
Wednesday 19th July - Dartmouth
Sunday 23rd July - Brixham
Monday 24th July - Yarmouth, IoW
Tuesday 25th July - Portsmouth
Wednesday 26th July - Brighton
Thursday 27th July - Eastbourne
Friday 28th July - Dover
Saturday 29th July - Ramsgate
Sunday 30th July - Levington*

All our best wishes Gerry – enjoy the adventure!

June Whist Drive



At the June Whist Drive Vera scored 184 to win the ladies' prize, followed by Val N on 164. Isobel took home a wooden spoon with a score of 143. Steve and John K tied for the men's prize with 165 followed closely by Keith on 163. John P was awarded wooden spoon having scored 146.

Our next Whist Drive in the Village Hall is on Friday 7th July – please come!

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Ice pop moulds (Any size!)

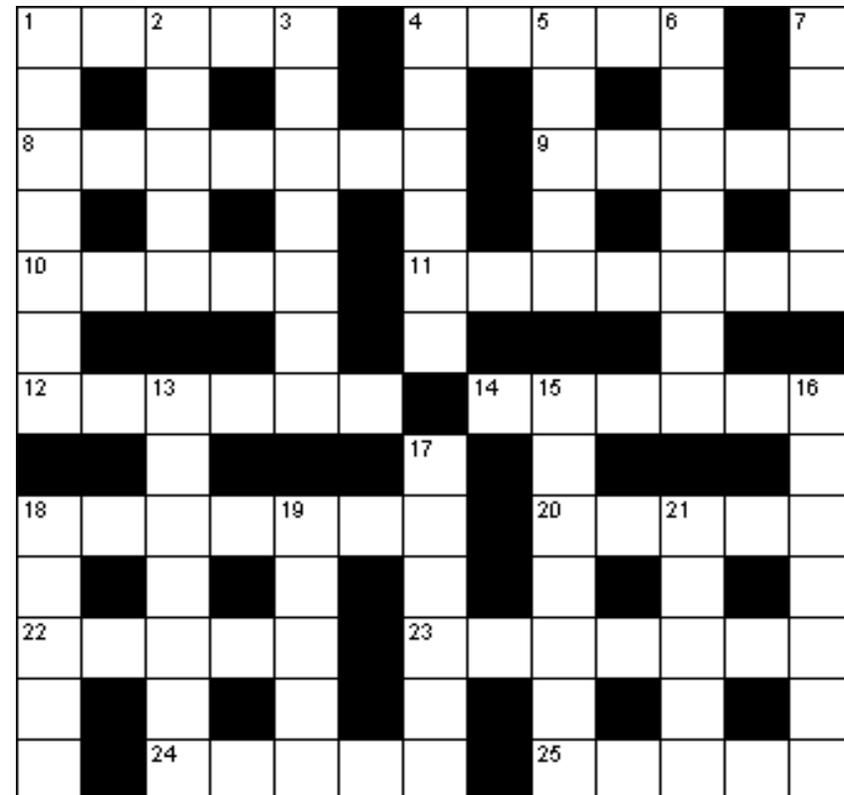
Any diet lemonade (Or other drink like juice.)

- 1. First you choose your fruit to place in the moulds!**
- 2. Make sure you cut your fruit in to small pieces!**
- 3. Next you place your choices of fruit in each of the moulds!**
- 4. Then get your diet lemonade or other beverage and pour in the moulds. Make sure you don't fill it to the brim, pour it just under!**
- 5. Place the ice pops in the freezer and leave over night!**

Now you will have delicious, fabulous fruitlicious Ice pop!!!!



Hollie Foster age 11 (Bridge House)



Down

1. Chivalrous (7)
2. Guides (5)
3. Distinguish (7)
4. Writing implement (6)
5. Carapace (5)
6. Lured (7)
7. Intended (5)
13. Curt (7)
15. Ludicrous (7)
16. Interminable (7)
17. Sheep known for its high quality fleece (6)
18. Greek letter (5)
19. Paragon (5)
21. Male monarchs (5)

Across

1. Extremely cold (5)
4. Out of fashion (5)
8. Communication channel (7)
9. Crowd scene actor (5)
10. Part of a church (5)
11. Unlawful (7)
12. Natural abilities or qualities (6)
14. Conundrum (6)
18. Malleable (7)
20. Irritated (5)
22. Spear (5)
23. Acute (7)
24. Stringed instrument (5)
25. Overheads (5)



Bradfield Woods

Thurs 6 July

Woodland wellbeing walk
6.30pm – 8pm - Free, please book

Mon 10 July

Wild Tots
For families with children under 5 years
10 – 11.30am
£4 per child, please book

Tues 25 July

Time traveller
Meet our ancient ancestors with Will Lord
10.30am – 12.30pm £4 children, £2 adults, please book

Wed 26 July

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for 8 – 14 year olds 10.30am-2.30pm
£7 per person, please book

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AUGUST ADVERTISEMENTS

Advertisements for the August 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 14th July. The cost is £4 per insertion for small ads, £36 per year for half page boxes

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The One Hundred and Fiftieth Edition!

Margaret Lovick and John Parsons explain how The Bradfield Grapevine began:

*“Apart from one ill-fated and brief effort to set up a village magazine in Bradfield St Clare (noted by Terence Smith in his fascinating book *The Church across the Fields*) the village never had its own separate newsletter or magazine and had always relied on the church to include notes about future events in the parish magazine. However, as the Benefice grew with the addition of more parishes, the churches for their own notes needed more and more space and so it was decided to exclude events and information not relating to church affairs. Bradfield St Clare was no longer on the map! Terence notes that the PCC minutes of a meeting on 7th March 1991 included the following “ Parish Links to be reorganised with just church information – no more darts and football”. At the same time, the fairly recently extended and improved village hall was organising more fund raising events and hosting an increasing number of functions. The Village Hall Committee members therefore found themselves increasingly trotting round the village delivering little bits of paper, many of which probably never found their way past the dog guarding the letterbox! It was therefore decided to make a fresh attempt to produce a truly village monthly publication including news and events from the whole community. Masterminded by Margaret Lovick as the Chairman of the Committee and put together by John Parsons as its Secretary. The first issue of *The Bradfield Grapevine* was produced in 2003 on printing paper provided by Margaret’s son. With the support of its advertisers and contributors it has survived its first 150 issues. Let us just hope that it continues its vital work well into the future.”*

So what has changed in our Village?

Well clearly many things! Old residents have left and new ones replaced them. The committees of various organisations have new members. A few new houses have been built and older ones renovated. New activities have been organised and some previous events no longer take place. However, there remains a nucleus of villagers who have always been there supporting and loving the village they know so well. The extracts from the 1st, 50th and 100th edition also disclose how much remains the same!

The Very First Grapevine – November 2003

In John’s and Margaret’s first editorial they write about the village; *“We may be small and rural but we are certainly not backward and there is a quite remarkable level of activity if you know where to look.”* – It remains the same today!

It this edition there are entries about the Parish Council, the weather, WI, church and chapel services and of course the refuse bins! All regular features to this day.

What were people campaigning about? I quote:

“Did you know that there is a campaign to have Broadband available from the Sicklesmere exchange? The trigger level is set at 150 people registering an interest before BT will consider it.....”

We still await fibre network connection!

The Bradfield Grapevine June 2008 – No 50

The editorial celebrates the 50th edition of the now enlarged Grapevine. Mention is made of the many village activities including the Woodland Walk in Bradfield Woods – an activity repeated by our WI last month! The list of Useful Contacts is now a regular item.

In the report of the Annual Parish Council Meeting, the following is recorded;

“,,, discussed footpath grass cutting, flooding on the road, the vexed issue of a speed limit or weight restrictions through the village...”

Sometimes nothing seems to change!

The Bradfield Grapevine December 2012 & January 2013 – No 100

In this 100th edition Margaret and John remind everyone that since the first copy in 2003, the Grapevine has been published 11 times a year and at no cost to villagers thanks to support from advertisers and grants – something we have managed to maintain. Villagers were invited to attend a Village Quiz Night and of course this has now become a feature in the village diary. St Clare Church has a regular article describing events at the church and forthcoming activities.

In this edition, the Parish Council report;

“The potholes at Pitchers Green had not been repaired and this will be followed up.”

Ahhhhh!

It is so pleasing to record the 150th edition of The Bradfield Grapevine, which is still delivered to every household in the village without cost. We hope you find it useful and worth reading. BUT DO REMEMBER it is your magazine and we welcome YOUR input and ideas for improvement. Yes, it is obvious that some things seem never to change but we do need to keep moving onwards!



Bradfield St Clare Women's Institute



Wednesday 14th June

On a beautiful summers evening in June, the Bradfield St Clare WI moved camp from the Village Hall to the delightful Bradfield Woods Visitor Centre. Made from green oak, the centre nestles perfectly in Bradfield Woods, our home for the evening. Neil our host, took us for a leisurely walk around the woods telling us all about the conservation work that goes on. The Dormouse is adored and extremely well looked after here, archways are made from branches to allow the Dormouse to move about the woods without having to risk scurrying over the footpaths; the Hazel which has been coppiced here since 1252 is undertaken on a 18-25 year rotation to ensure the best yield of Hazelnuts for them to feast on; as well as the highly scented Honeysuckle that they use for bedding. The hazel and oak, which is still used to make lathes for lath & plaster, have been used for the construction of many houses in the area over the last 700 years.

We were sad to hear of the problems that the Woods face, with Ash die back which will destroy the 700 year old Ash Tree, the management of the deer and all the work that goes into conservation and the sustainability of the woods. We finished our evening with our usual business and thanking Jean Stabler for all her hard work as our Chair for many years. We enjoyed the refreshments provided by Pat and Linda and couldn't help going home thinking how lucky we all are to have such an enchanted wood on our doorstep. Sadly we did not hear the Nightingale, but I am sure we will be back.

If you are looking for Soil Improver, Pea Sticks, Bean Poles, these can all be purchased from Bradfield Woods, as well as bags of logs for the fire, when the time comes. All proceeds go to the Suffolk Wildlife Trust, which manages Bradfield Woods.

- Debbie Lamond

Bradfield Weather



***'Soon will the high Midsummer pomps come on, soon will the musk carnations break and swell,
Soon shall we have gold-dusted snapdragon, Sweet –William with his homely cottage-smell,
And stocks in fragrant blow.'* **Matthew Arnold 1822-1888****

As I write this the subject of rainfall seems far away, but reverting to the latter part of May there was a little more rain to bring us to a total of 69mm for the month, against an average of 56.5mm. The early days of June brought some showers, to record 28mm to date, with an average of 53mm for the month. Currently the weather is all about an extended period of very warm sunshine with the hottest June day since 1976. Our raspberries are even suffering from white drupelet syndrome – otherwise known as sunburn After a short respite from dry conditions over a 2 to 3 week period in late May/ early June our farms and gardens again desperately need rain, although there is no suggestion yet of any restriction on the use of water.

- Keith Payne 23rd June 2017

Dates for your Diary



- Friday 7th July – Whist Drive at 7.30pm - Village Hall.
- Sunday 9th & 23rd July – Bingo Nights 8pm - Village Hall
- Tuesday 18th July – Book Club - 7pm - Village Hall



News from Pitchers Green Farm

26 Cows in milk
7 Cows dry
23 Youngstock

Milk Yield April: 900litres EOD@ 30ppi
May: 950litres EOD @28.5 ppl

Calvings:

Nadine 1/5/17 – Jersey Bull called Bob
Lilac 14/5/17 – Jersey heifer called Belinda
Kirsty 17/5/17 – Angus Bull called Bing

I've often moaned (but nobody has heard me!) about the male to female ratio of calves born throughout the year; this year to date its 6 males to 5 females which is what you would expect. Looking back to 2016 we had 16 males and 11 females; 2015, 17 males and 8 females; 2014, 14 males and 10 females; 2013, 16 males and 8 females. Obviously we are working a four year cycle and I hadn't noticed!

Seven younger calves were put out to grass over the road, again apart from the odd heavy shower, perfect conditions for them. In the year now we just have four weaned (not getting any milk) calves and the three new calves mentioned above. All the yards and boxes have been cleaned out, some seventy-five (yes, sadly, I do count them all) loads of "manure

Silage has been made in round bales this year and we still have 50-60 tonnes of clamp silage from last year. Grass yield was down, with the dry sunny weather the grasses had run to seed without too much bulk in the bottom, but it is all home now and safely in the yard.

With the temperatures at the moment around 30-32 degrees I have often been asked how the cows like the heat so I, in turn asked the cow who has the most life experience...

Introducing Josie...

My name is Josie and I will be 10 years old in November. I have two maternal half sisters, Kylie and Pru, two daughters, Laura and Suki, two granddaughters, Petal and Angela. I also have three nieces Rachel, Sylvia and Tinkerbell. (Those of you with good memories will spot the troublemakers here – you can pick your friends but not your family). Drawing on all this experience I would say we are not too concerned about the heat, we drink more water, about 20-25 gallons a day and do seek out the shade around midday; the flies can be a pain but with our insect repellent "Spot-On" they can be tolerated. The heat does make us a little irritable at times but that is short lived; you have to remember the frozen water troughs, snow and ice etc....I know which I prefer.

The real reason this question was passed to me was the person in the wellies, shorts and straw hat, with the beer in one hand and ice lolly in the other is fast asleep in the deckchair on the lawn. He's the one who can't stand the heat!! – Josie

- Glyn



Thank You!

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