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THE BRADFELD GRAPEVINE



February 2018



No 156

Although we are now one month into 2018 we wish every one a happy, peaceful and productive New Year.

You will notice from this edition of The Bradfield Grapevine there are a lot of village activities already being planned – even into the summer months! At least that gives us all something to look forward to in these cold, damp days.

Milo Ward-Thomas shares with us an evocative poem he wrote a few years ago. It captures the wonder yet threatening aspects of this time of the year.

It is amazing the talents we have in the village! Nick Rush describes the thrills and perils of hang-gliding – wow what bravery! I only wish I had the courage to enjoy such a wonderful experience.

It is good to learn from Glyn that, like elephants, cows obviously never forget – at least they don’t change the habits of a lifetime!

The Village Christmas card delivery service was a great success and David and Dyane are planning to repeat it this year. We are also grateful to them, with the assistance of Pat Brender, for delivering this magazine to everyone in the village each month.

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Cockfield Benefice Services – February 2018

Saturday 2 nd February	 From 3pm til 5pm	Felsham Village Hall
Sunday 4 th February 2 nd Sunday before Lent	8am Communion BCP	Cockfield
	9.30am Benefice Family Service	Felsham
Sunday 11 th February Sunday next before Lent	9.30am Communion BCP	Gedding
	11am Morning Prayer	Cockfield
	4pm Evening Prayer	Bradfield St Clare
Wednesday 14 th February – Ash Wednesday	10am Communion with Ashing	Bradfield St George
Sunday 18 th February 1 st Sunday of Lent	9.30am Morning Prayer	Gedding
	11am Communion	Bradfield St Clare
	4pm Evening Prayer	Bradfield St George
Sunday 25 th February 2 nd Sunday of Lent	9.30am Communion	Bradfield St George
	11am Communion	Cockfield
	6pm Six2seven	Felsham

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

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Tuesday 13 February - Nest box
building
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Wednesday 14 February - Winter
warmers for 8- 14 year olds
10.30am – 2.30pm. £7 per child.
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Saturday 17 February - Adult course:
Spoon carving
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Thursdays from 22 February - Go
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professional hurdle maker David
Downie. We will be making panels for
sides of the craft area in Bradfield
Woods.

News from St Clare Church



It was wonderful to see St Clare Church so well used throughout December and again in January for a lovely Plough Sunday Service. Many thanks to Mike for the loan of his ancient plough adding context to the service. Following this we had an excellent congregation for the first Communion Service of the year on 21st January. Mid-February marks the start of Lent when the church takes on a more sober appearance and so no altar flowers will be evident. However, contributions of flowers for 31st March (Easter Saturday) will be welcome. Some bunches of daffodils, if you have any to spare, will make the church look very festive and ready for Easter Sunday on 1st April. We are always in need of more helpers to decorate the church – no experience or talents are needed! Just turn up on 31st March at 10am – you will be very welcome!

Soon I will be distributing the 2018 church opening and flower rota. Hopefully all those involved in the past will be able to help again. It would be useful to have more people to join us – just let me know which weekend dates you cannot make.

Notelets, marmalade and chutney are still available to buy from the church. If the church is shut then please contact Pat Hipwell or myself if you want to buy some.

In the Grapevine you will read about a fun and informative evening we are planning in mid-March. Start looking for your treasures now! More details are to follow or you can contact any member of the PCC. On behalf of St Clare Church PCC may I wish you a belated Happy New Year and also thank you for your continuing support. St Clare is a small but thriving church relying heavily on the efforts of a hard working group of villagers who willingly clean, fund raise and generally maintain this treasured community asset. The membership of our PCC is as follows:

Pat Hipwell (Elder), Margaret Newlands (Church Warden and Secretary), Keith Payne (Treasurer), John Kirk, Mike and Lorraine Morley, David Wood.

- Margaret Newlands (Church Warden)

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Friday 22nd February

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An Auctioneer's Lot

Friday 16th March

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After refreshments, he will choose some small items bought along by members of the audience and provide a general valuation.

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Very Successful Village Christmas Card Delivery Service!

The Christmas card collection and delivery service for Bradfield St Clare was extremely successful. We delivered 104 cards to 36 different houses.

We are very grateful to have the grand total of £60 in donations, which has now been sent to the Regional Office of Barnardo's.

We greatly enjoyed being temporary posties and look forward to providing the same service next year. It has been suggested that our collection on 10th December was a little early so we will arrange a slightly later date next Christmas.

Our thanks to everyone who took part,

- David and Dyane Wood

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A TASTE of CHRISTMAS 2017



Well it's a hat trick - yes 2017 hailed our 3rd, 'for the Village, by the Village' Advent events. Each year has been slightly different culminating in two exciting light shows provided by Malcom and thoroughly enjoyed by an appreciative audience.

Carols were accompanied by members of The Deneside Ramblers (remember last years Barn Dance Band). Big thanks to them AND the Three Kings - you know who you are!

As with any Bradfield St. Clare gathering, there was food and drink aplenty creating a fun atmosphere leading to Christmas. Hope you all saw the lovely Noticeboard display, tree and crib - all safely cleared away as we begin 2018.

Many thanks to everyone involved in providing and supporting a great couple of evenings. Even the weather was on our side!

- Lorraine and Mike Morley

MARCH ADVERTISEMENTS

Advertisements for the March 2018 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 16th February. The cost is £4 per insertion for small ads, £36 per year for half page boxes or £20 for 6 months.

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

Bradfield Weather



'Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is a time for home.'
- Edith Sitwell

The latter part of November produced a little more rain bringing the total for the month to just 24mm against our average of 62.6mm. After a really dry two months, December did its best to restore the balance with some very heavy downpours and a significant covering of snow early in the month but alas no white Christmas. Total precipitation was 82.5mm compared to our average of 52.5mm. The end of 2017 completes 25 years of recording in the village since John Parsons started at the beginning of 1993. Total for the year was 591mm or 23.7 inches, a little below the 25-year average of 612.9mm

2018 has started generally cold with two periods of gale force winds resulting in a loss of power in the village for 9 hours on the 18th. To date there has been 35.5mm of rain with a January average of 56.5mm.

- Keith Payne 19th January 2018

Dates for your Diary



- Friday 2nd February – Whist Drive – 7.30pm – Village Hall
- Sundays 4th & 18th February – Bingo Nights 8pm - Village Hall
- Tuesday 13th February – Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm – Village Hall
- Tuesday 20th February – Book Club - 7pm - Village Hall
- Friday 23rd February – Annual Village Hall Quiz Night 7pm – Village Hall

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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

Latest News from Pitchers Green Farm



The milking portion of the cows is now settled in with the robot milker. There were one or two minor problems. Pru apparently remembered her show jumping heritage, Rescoo continued her mechanical training when stripping down tractors (should not have parked the tractor in the same yard as her – but thankfully the manual was locked away). Sylvia took time to realise she could walk into the robot straight on; at home she would walk all around the collecting yard before 'crabbing' into the parlour. Nadine is still the 'ghost' cow; she was the cow you knew had been milked but strayed in the background and just got on with the job. Now the computer records all. There was also an incident of a gate being 'opened' and the whole herd wandering around the yard. As yet no one has stepped forward and owned up - it is very nice to see and hear that the cows have retained their characters – even nicer when I'm not rounding them up!

It must have been a big stress for the cows with all the changes; new home feeding and milking routines etc. etc. so one or two small problems have to be expected.

At home Kirsty and Precious are still producing plenty of milk. They too have a new milking regime with the purchase of a single cow milking machine. It is electric so if you can find a plug socket you can milk a cow! This took a few days to get them used to different noises and direction of the actual clusters but with a little food they soon learnt.

We still have 28 youngstock including in-calf heifers, bulling heifers, beef bulls and baby calves, so there are still some animals to feed, water and straw up. It was quite nice over Christmas and New Year not having to worry as much about ordering feed to cover the holiday period (when the mill shuts), making sure all the hay silage and straw is in the correct place. Will the stand-by generator work? Have I got Debbie's Christmas present (is that what she has always wanted?). I have missed the involvement with the cows, not so much the milking routine but the contact on a 'personal' basis – also my lack of 2½ hour excuse. There is an awful lot of washing up to be done over the holiday period with all these big events.

Now it's down to clearing sheds and yards, trying to decide whether to keep a piece of wood with 14 rusty, bent nails in it is more viable than one with 15 rusty bent nails. If I run faster, will that water bucket with the hole in it (it's been hanging up in the shed for years hoping it would heal itself) still be O.K. for small amounts of water?

- Glyn



Dates for your diary

Wednesday 23rd May

- Open Garden at Bishops Farm. Fundraising event for St Clare Church - details to follow

Tuesday 19th June

- 4th Annual Village trip - details to follow

- Lorraine and Mike

Bradfield St Clare Women's Institute



Our first meeting of the New Year, on 10th January, was very well attended and we were treated to a fascinating talk, slide show and demonstration on willow weaving by Deb Hart. She also showed us many examples of weaving in other medium from around the world – rush, bamboo etc. She finished by weaving a garden 'obelisk' which she kindly donated to be auctioned - £15 made to swell the WI coffers! At our next meeting on 14th February, Judith Shallows will describe "My Year as High Sheriff". Barbara will chair the meeting and Jean (S) and Rosie will provide the refreshments. Pat Amond will produce a prize for the draw and the competition will be for a "Silver Antique Item".

- Pat Hipwell

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

Winter



Diamond shards fall from God's kingdom
To create a floating feather blanket around the world.

A paradigm of silk, woven with pure beauty, seamlessly perfect,
Stretching out across all visible surfaces.

Life created by others, with a body of sparkling crystal,
A heart of ice yet always happy and content.

The gloom on the horizon is a reminder that the bright sun and
blazing landscape is
Soon to be covered in turmoil.

The breath of ice, not yet fully formed, stretches across the
landscape
As the season throws its brittle cloak across the planet.

Stalactites' freezing twin, glistening prettily high above, yet a single
tremor
Could mean the end of anything beneath.

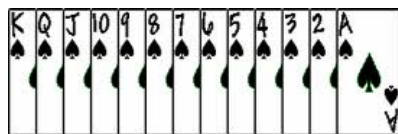
The vice of cold shatters the sun's warmth,
Turning the planet barren drained of all life.

Sly, intelligent and always watching.

Winter

- Milo Ward-Thomas Year 6 (19/01/2013)

WHIST DRIVE



**Christmas
&
New Year**

Eighteen people took part in our December Whist drive with a Christmas theme. This meant we had a 'flirt' table with one gentleman and one lady being awarded seven points when they moved round the fifth table. We had a lovely evening and some fantastic draw prizes as well as the cash prizes for the winners. £44 was raised for village hall funds.

The ladies highest score was a tie between Margaret and Joy on 170, so they shared the proceeds of both first and second place. A welcome new player from Cockfield, Gina, played some excellent whist and won third place on 164. Joyce took this month's wooden spoon on 146.

The men's winner on 172 was John Kirk. Brian came second with 168, closely followed by Jim coming in third on 165. Ray won the wooden spoon with 145.

We were very pleased to have 20 players for the first whist drive of 2018. This enabled us to have 5 tables of four players and no need to use the dummy or 'flirt' table. Sylvia won the ladies prize on 175 and Derek the gentleman's prize with 166. The draw raised an impressive £50 for village hall funds.

***Next whist drive will be on Friday 2nd February.
New players very welcome.***

- Val Nunn

Bradfield St Clare Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting is on 13th February and all members of the public are welcome to attend. The meeting starts at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Notelets For Sale!

These are still available to purchase at St Clare Church every Saturday and Sunday when the church is open. They will also be available from any member of the PCC.

- Pat Hipwell (on behalf of the PCC)



Advice on how to shop online safely

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Bank transfers

65% of Action Fraud reports during the 2016 Christmas period were linked to online auction sites. Don't pay for goods or services by bank transfer unless you know and trust the person. Payments via bank transfer offer you no protection if you become a victim of fraud.

The Bird Man of Pitchers Green



Hang glider (*noun*)

‘An unpowered flying apparatus for a single person, consisting of a frame with a fabric aerofoil stretched over it. The operator is suspended from a harness below and controls flight by body movement.’

A hang glider is roughly an aluminium tube frame with a sail strung over it, held together by nuts, bolts, pins and wires. It resembles a huge kite, and like one, as you point it into wind or run forward in lower wind speed, the air gets diverted under the leading edge of the wing, creating higher pressure under, and lower pressure above the wing, resulting in ‘lift’.

My first attempt at this sport was during 1986 when I headed to the Isle of Wight school. In five days, it rained on three; too windy on one, and the only passable day we spent moving around to try for a safe wind speed and direction.

Next move was to join the Suffolk Coastal Floaters club, who flew from Corton, Cromer, and Sheringham cliffs. Sites for beginners in Suffolk don’t really exist, but I needed to get my first qualification to fly with the club, as they were not a school. The answer was to fly from a flat field! Enter ‘Lejair’, run by Tony and Rona Webb. They had a winch, which was an engine and gearbox mounted on a static trailer, with wire on a drum, which then connects the hang glider and I to it.

The winch works as it sounds, the trailer stays on the spot, with the winchman controlling the engine, which pulls in the wire through its automatic gearbox. Pulling in wire at a certain torque is like running into wind with a kite on a line. Depending on wind speed and length of field, the usual gain from height of pull is around 400-700 feet. The wires are attached to the pilot’s chest harness- this is where the I release the wires from when I reach the top of the tow line. I had one towing incident when my release would not work, so I was still attached to the winch. I quickly realised that 500+ feet of wire dragging through hedges and power lines beneath me would not be beneficial to my health. I flew side to side over our field, neatly laying the line down in a textbook manner.

I gained my P1 (tow) rating, so purchased a Clubman CFX (medium size) hang glider, harness complete with emergency parachute, and a vario/altimeter.

While flying from the winch one day, I was due to fly after a forty-something woman. Although she had more experience than I, she was only towed up to 35-40 feet high, when she veered sideways and, while trying to get from holding the hang glider uprights to a ‘prone’ (laying face down) position, flew into a dead tree. Everything dropped the last 20 feet to the ground. She never flew again after having had an operation on her throat. ***Anyone interested in learning?***

December 1988 saw me meet up with Tony and Rona in Lanzarote, where they were trialling running ‘hill flying’ lessons. It does not need a winch, but hills instead. I was the least experienced of eight of us. Time there was limited by wind speed, direction and rain, but I did get some air time flying from nice round-topped hills that didn’t give too much turbulence to the air. Smooth air is good!

Ridge soaring was a new experience I had whilst away, whereby hitting a certain ‘band’ on the hill gives you enough lift to gain height, the aim being to keep up in the air then eventually land back where you took off from. Another form of lift is from thermals, bubbles of warm air, and as we all know, warm air rises. Find one of these with your vario and it’s possible to gain hundreds (and more) of feet in height. I had an afternoon following a pro in the air. A word of warning: don’t go heading for huge, dark, mushroom-shaped clouds. (Cumulus nimbus) are dangerous, and can suck up a hang-glider against the pilot’s wishes. Small cumulous clouds are good, and can source thermals.

On a bad day, two of us took off from a hill, found no ridge lift, and so landed in a field we picked out. I came in to land in a nil-wind situation, usually landing into wind so not to have such a great ground speed. The field was strewn with boulders, the size of chubby sheep. I tumbled my glider, bending the ‘A frame’ underneath (this is the bit you hold to control the glider), and giving myself a stress fracture in my foot. ***I think you like the sound of this sport, don’t you?***

To finish the holiday, we landed on a quiet beach, shouting to sunbathers ‘Mind ya heeds!’; my flying partner was Scottish. After landing, a small gathering of pink, white, and bronzed flesh around us prompted me to “let slip” we were the “British Olympic team” training there. I can only hope that maybe one day they might make an over 50s Olympic team.

After that, work, family, health, wealth, and laziness, postponed my next flight, to the first week in August 2017. What happened next? Did I win an Olympic medal?

- Nick Rus