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# THE BRADFIELD GRAPEVINE



**March 2018**

**No 157**

In this month’s edition, Keith confirms just how wet this winter has been! Sometimes it has almost felt as though we should all be taking up boating – certainly to navigate the potholes! Thank goodness our local farmers have done so much to look after the verges and hedges in the village. However, as you no doubt have seen, those passing through seem to want to use us as a place to deposit their litter. The matter was raised at the last Parish Council meeting. You will notice on another page, a village litter pick is being organised for 7<sup>th</sup> April – your help would be much appreciated.

Mention of farmers links well with Mike’s article this month where he quite clearly describes and provides evidence of why this is a particularly stressful time for those in the industry.

On a brighter note you will learn a little more of the various exciting events being planned for the village. Hopefully you will be able to join in one or more of these.

Thanks to Val Offord who is sharing with us a family favourite recipe – it is just the sort of ‘naughty but nice’ treat we need on damp, cold days! Pat Brender amuses us with her poem based on what surely is a shared experience! We have also been able to include some useful information from the Suffolk Trading Standards about changes to the law. We need to make sure we are aware of these to avoid being over charged.

Well Easter is fast approaching with preparations for services at the church and the joyous appearance of early Spring flowers!

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## Cockfield Benefice Services – March 2018

Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	2pm Women's World Day of Prayer Service	Cockfield
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	8am Communion BCP	Cockfield
	9.30am Benefice Family Service	Felsham
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent/Mothering Sunday	9.30am Communion BCP	Gedding
	11am Mothering Sunday Service	Cockfield
	4pm Evening Prayer	Bradfield St Clare
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent/Passion Sunday	9.30am Morning Prayer	Gedding
	11am Communion	Bradfield St Clare
	4pm Evening Prayer	Bradfield St George
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday	10am Procession and Communion	Bradfield St George
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	7pm Compline & talk	Bradfield St Clare
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	7pm Compline & talk	Bradfield St Clare
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	7pm Compline & talk	Bradfield St Clare
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	7pm Maundy Thursday Communion	Bradfield St Clare
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March Good Friday	10am Good Friday Communion	Felsham
	2pm At the foot of the cross-prayers and meditations	Bradfield St George

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

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### **Wednesday 4th April**

- Spring Wild Chef  
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10.30am - 2.30pm

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## News from St Clare Church



March is here with the prospect of Easter and the appearance of cheerful Spring flowers – both bring joy to us all. We plan to begin opening the church at weekends during Easter Saturday and Sunday. If you have volunteered to help, a rota will be delivered to you soon. I can still include new names! Altar flowers will also re-appear on Easter Sunday. It would be lovely to have the church looking bright and cheerful for the Easter weekend. If you have any flowers to spare, leave them in the porch and if you have time, please come along to help.

Each year a different church in the Lavenham Deanery hosts the Women's World Day of Prayer. This year the service will be held at 2pm on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at Cockfield church. Everyone is welcome to attend – including men. Mothering Sunday is on 14<sup>th</sup> March and St Clare has a 4pm service to celebrate. James Ashdown will conduct the service and has asked for poems, short stories or memories linked to mothers and grandmothers. He would like to include them in the service. In Holy Week, during the days leading up to Good Friday, there will be a Compline Service in St Clare each evening beginning at 7pm.

By now you will be aware that St Clare Church is organising an evening with an auctioneer on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Entry is £7 and this includes light refreshments during the interval between the auctioneer's talk and a general valuation of selected small items. Proceeds will go to church funds.

On behalf of St Clare PCC I wish you all a happy and peaceful Easter.

***(WANTED: Spare books to sell for church funds!  
Please put in the church or hand in to me or any other member of the PCC – Many thanks!)***

- Margaret Newlands (Church Warden)

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Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Blue & Brown bins
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> 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



On a very wet, very windy and cold evening a much depleted group of members met – but a warm welcome awaited us all as usual as we caught up on news and gossip! We listened to our excellent speaker Judith Shallows who had been High Sheriff of Suffolk for a year in 2016. It was fascinating listening to the history of the ancient office dating back to Saxon times. Like all slightly archaic posts it has had to evolve and adapt to move with the times to stay relevant. What a fabulous year of events; formal, civic and many more involving community and charity work. Did you know there are over 200 very small charities in Suffolk? – Thank you Judith! Rosie and Jean provided delicious refreshments.

Our next meeting is on 14<sup>th</sup> March with “Spot the Tune’ led by Sallie Walrond. The competition is for an Easter Bonnet.

You don't know what you're missing unless you come and join us very intelligent, friendly and supportive group of ladies! It's not all 'Jam and Jerusalem'! To join *Please contact Secretary Enid Hunt – 01284 386565*

- Pat Hipwell

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## Bradfield Weather



*'In the Spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours.'*

- Mark Twain.

The latter part of January continued generally wet, cold and windy and further rain made for a total of 67mm for the month, against an average of 52.4mm

The feeling now is that we have seen enough of a fairly miserable Winter. Although spared any real quantity of snow, we have seen plenty of frost, wind, rain and snow but at least the snowdrops, aconites and even the first daffodils should mean that the worst is over and Spring is on its way. February has brought snow, frost, high winds and even a little sunshine and to date there has been 43mm of rain compared to our average for the month of 43.78mm.

- Keith Payne 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018



### BRADFIELD ST CLARE VILLAGE LITTER PICK

WHEN: **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

WHERE: **Group A – meeting by the Village Hall**  
**Group B – meeting in Church Lane**  
*Choose which group suits you best!*

TIME: **Starting at 10am.**  
*Any time that you can volunteer would be helpful. We anticipate that the litter pick will have concluded by noon.*

If you would like to volunteer a few hours of your time to support this event, please just turn up on the day. You will find at least one of your Parish Councillors at each of the meeting places.

***Pickers and bags will be provided.***  
***Please bring suitable gloves.***

For further information contact the Parish Clerk, Nicola Smith:

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## **OTHER CHURCH SERVICES**

### Roman Catholic Church

*St Edmund King & Martyr*  
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Mass every Sunday at 8.30am, 10am and 6pm.

### Gospel Hall

**Easter Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Easter service 3.00pm**

*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

## **Bradfield St Clare Parish Council - 13<sup>th</sup> February**

The Parish Council was pleased to welcome to the meeting, Councillor Karen Soons, Councillor Sarah Milday-White and PC Mark Ellis who is the Safer Neighbourhood Team Officer.

- PCSO Mark Ellis reported that to date in 2018 there had been no reported crimes in Bradfield St Clare
- Councillor Karen Soons has been in contact with Jane Storey (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Highways) in connection with the need to agree the start and finish points for the speed limit on Bury Road and Felsham Road and for a clear indication of the costs of implementing the speed limits
- The blocked drains near the Water Tower and the Anglia Water pumping shed were once again discussed – these have been reported many times with no action taken
- The two lighting units at the junction of Bury Road and Felsham Road have once again been reported under report number WEB036291
- West Suffolk has introduced new national planning fee regulations; raising application fees by 20% from 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Money raised will be reinvested in Planning Services improvements
- Following a recent inspection by the Care Quality Commission (CQC), West Suffolk Hospital has been rated 'Outstanding'
- Church Lane has an increasing number of deep potholes. The clerk will check to see if the lane is an adopted highway. Concern was also expressed over the serious degrading of the verge at the entrance to the lane. Many of the other village verges continue to be eroded. A recent chimney fire has raised the issue of the difficulties caused by cars parked on the road in the village when safe access through the village is required, particularly by emergency vehicles
- Some fly tipping has occurred on Bury Road. A litter pick in the village was proposed – a date will be agreed and advertised. A copy of the full minutes can be read on the Parish Council website: [www.bradfieldstclare.onesuffolk.net](http://www.bradfieldstclare.onesuffolk.net)

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

**- Your Parish Councillors**

## **CHOCOLATE CRUNCH**



### **Ingredients:**

5oz Self Raising Flour  
5oz Plain Flour  
5oz Sugar  
5oz Margarine  
1 Egg  
1/2oz Cocoa  
Vanilla Essence

### **Method:**

1. Melt the fat in a saucepan and add vanilla essence
2. Mix the sugar, cocoa and flour. Add the melted fat and beat in the egg
3. Press into a greased tin about 1/2in thick
4. Brush top with water and sprinkle with sugar
5. Bake in a slow oven for about 30 minutes
6. Serve with custard, sauce or cream

**- Val Offord**

## The Thief



Dear Thieve, I have a problem  
Which it's very clear to thee,  
The 'eth' key on my keyboard it's thtuck -  
It it's no uthe to me!

I've thubthtituted with 'T' 'H',  
But the Bothth ith getting mad,  
And the Departmental Thectretary thayth,  
It maketh my thpelling look bad!

Tho do you think you can fix it?  
I am thure that you can.  
You can uthually fix our problemth -  
You're a very utheful man!

But wait a bit - if I tip the whole thing upthidedown,  
And give it a thmall tap.  
Surprise, surprise I've mended it!  
'Cos the staple I lost yesterday  
Has just landed on my lap!

**- Pat Brender**

## WHIST DRIVE



**February**

We had a good turn out again of 20 people for the February Whist Drive, so we were able to make 5 complete tables of four players. However there were more ladies than gentlemen so Joyce, Jus and Val N played as men on the night. There were some very interesting games and one 13-0 defeat (Joyce partnering Vera) - a very rare occurrence! Well played to them and commiserations to their unlucky opponents.

The winning lady was Vera with an impressive 173, second place went to Sylvia on 167 closely followed by Val Offord on 166. The Wooden spoon was awarded to Gina with 143.

First place for the men went to Jus (let's hear it for the girls) on 164, second place Ian who just missed out with 163 then Val Nunn with 162. So a very close men's competition. Ray took the wooden spoon with 147.

Thanks to everyone who came and made it such a lovely enjoyable evening. The draw raised £41 for village hall funds.

***Next whist drive will be on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.  
New players very welcome.***

**- Val Nunn**

## Dates for your Diary



- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Whist Drive – 7.30pm – Village Hall
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March – An Auctioneer's Lot - 7.30pm – Village Hall
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Book Club - 7pm - Village Hall





## From the Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter



### A message from Suffolk Trading Standards

#### **PAYMENT SURCHARGE BAN**

From 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018, businesses are no longer allowed to charge consumers for paying by debit card, credit card or electronic payment services (e.g. PayPal, mobile 'phone apps)

The ban on surcharges does not apply to commercial debit or credit cards. Companies can continue to set a minimum spend limit before a card is allowed to be used to complete a transaction, and many more may start to introduce this.

The law only applies to consumers and so businesses CAN still be charged fees using a business credit or debit card, but as is the case currently, this should only be the amount it costs to process the transaction.

If a company tries to charge you a fee simply because you are choosing to pay by card, you can refuse, and should report it to Trading Standards via 0345 040506

#### **APRIL ADVERTISEMENTS**

**Advertisements for the April 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 March. 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**



## Some key dates for your diary

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June

### **OPEN GARDEN**

Date: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - 11am to 8pm  
Place: Bishops Farm  
Entry: £5 to include tea/coffee with cake/cookie (top ups - donation)  
After 5pm – wine and nibbles for a donation!  
PLANT STALL and JAM JAR TOMBOLA

Please join us for a relaxing ramble around the garden and raise a glass maybe!

### ***Fundraising for St Clare Church***

*(If anyone could offer some plants and/or any shaped, style of jar WITH lids, even better FILLED with whatever you can put in them please. These can be dropped off any time at Bishops Farm – Thank you)*

### **VILLAGE TRIP**

Date: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June - 9.45am to 4.30pm (approx)  
Visiting: St, George Distillery (The English Whisky Company) at Roundham Norfolk. Tour with lunch (1 or 2 courses pre-booked)  
Then: Afternoon at Peter Beales Rose Garden, Attleborough, Norfolk  
Transport: Together by way of a mini-bus departing the village at 9.45am returning at latest 4.30pm

*(Please contact Lorraine or Mike 01284 386270 – answerphone at all times – to show interest and for further details and costs)*

**In order to make a booking we MUST know numbers by  
MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

This will be our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Village Trip – firstly the Sugar Beet Factory, then Adnams Brewery, followed last year by the Beth Chatto Gardens. Each time we were looking for 23 adults, so first come first served so to speak!

**- Look forward to hearing from you**

**- Lorraine & Mike**

## Arable Farming at Bishops Farm



### ***Where do we go from here?***

Happy New Year everyone! As we start a new calendar year and the Brexit clock is ticking away, there is uncertainty in the agricultural industry. At the risk of boring you all silly, I will try to explain why we all feel so nervous about the whole process and the eventual outcome.

Since joining the Common Market in the 1970s, farming has been a relatively secure industry with free trade between ourselves and the rest of the European Union. With the Common Agricultural Policy there has been a sense of protection to our industry by quotas for some products; sugar beet, milk and potatoes and contract litres for milk. Also we have had subsidies for arable production to encourage growing more wheat, barley, sugar beet etc. In years when World Commodity prices have been low, the subsidy has supported the industry and helped farmers maintain a sustainable income.

More recently there have been environmental subsidies to encourage farmers to take poorer land out of food production and to plant these areas with wild flower/grass mixtures to encourage birds and insects to form new habitats.

At present all the support mentioned above will eventually go after Brexit. Our current Minister of Agriculture, Mr Gove, has said he will provide some environmental subsidies but has given no indication of any production subsidies, quotas or guaranteed prices for our products. Where do we go? What do we grow?

As a country we are not self sufficient in agricultural products. We import large quantities of most commodities from Europe. Most of the milk consumed in the UK is imported from France, Germany and Holland. During the 1980s the EU offered inefficient dairy farmers a financial grant to give up milk production (£500/cow). Many large UK farms sold their dairy herds. Strutt and Parker Farms had herds of 200 plus cows at Great Livermere and Thorpe Moreaux. These dairy herds all went. Before joining the Common Market all the farms in

Bradfield St Clare were mixed farms all having animals and all having herds of dairy cows. Now we are losing our last Jersey herd. It is a sad situation.

The once mixed countryside has change; grassland ploughed up to grow wheat, feed wheat for animal feed – millions of tonnes to feed pigs and poultry. Much of this has been exported to Europe while we as a nation are not self sufficient in milling wheat for making bread and biscuits; we import most of this.

Then comes the question of import/export tariffs after Brexit and what rate of tariff will be applied (7-12% has been mentioned). This would be an extra cost of production if exporting our products to Europe. Also most of our fertilizers and chemicals are produced in Europe and we assume would have import taxes applied to them. Who knows?

I am not saying we all return to mixed farming but I do feel we should produce what can be consumed within our own country and we should try to become more self sufficient in our own food production.

Enough of my ramblings and politics! On the farm we are preparing for Spring. Hopefully, as the fields begin to dry, the first applications of nitrogen fertilizer can be applied onto the overwintered crops of wheat and barley. Then as soil temperatures rise the crops will have sufficient nutrition to grow rapidly. This job needs to be done in the next 10 days, weather permitting!

Spring barley planting usually happens around 15<sup>th</sup> March and sugar beet planting between 20<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> March. It all depends on the weather; sunshine and drying wind are required.

The last of the 2017 wheat has just been sold. Milling wheat has gone for export on a boat out of Ipswich. We have planted another new hedge from the Rectory to Arch Hill doing our bit for the environment. Hopefully it will grow as successfully as last year's did. Another large 'hill' has appeared at Bishops Farm as a 400 tonne stockpile of Anglian Water sewage sludge has been delivered. This will be spread after harvest without too much pong – let's hope!

As we wait for the dry weather, machinery maintenance continues so when conditions improve all our equipment will be ready to use.

As the first crocus and daffodil flowers appear, the warmer days of Spring are not far away.

- Mike Morley



## Whist Drive

**Bradfield St Clare Village Hall**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

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## An Auctioneer's Lot



**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

**7.30pm**

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