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# THE BRADFIELD GRAPEVINE



**June 2018**

**No 160**

We hope you have enjoyed the warm weather over the Bank Holiday weekend. What a contrast to the dismal, wet conditions of not so long ago. Even the ducks with their broods of ducklings appear to be enjoying it, but of course the drier conditions mean that those surprise little lakes (rain filled potholes!) are now dry again.

The weather was also kind for the Open Garden Day at Bishops Farm. This was a relaxed and very enjoyable occasion and has added much needed funds for our local church. Thanks to Lorraine and Mike and thanks also to Mike and other local farmers for the invaluable work they have done in cutting the verges and allowing us to see past the cowparsley. On the subject of grass cutting, a very special mention needs to be made of the amazing job being done by Douglas (now 92) in making sure the grass near the village hall is properly looked after. Maybe he would welcome some support in this work. Another invaluable volunteer is Steven Wood, who shares with us his experiences working in this capacity at St Edmundsbury Cathedral - thank you Steven!

This has been a time of repair and reconstruction in the village. Of particular note is the wonderful job that has been done in restoring the memorial at the village sign. More of that further in this edition. The leaking village hall roof is also now repaired and this valuable and much loved amenity is back in pristine order.

Glyn and Debbie are now in the bungalow but as you will read, those four legged friends are still keeping Glyn fully focused on their personal needs! Finally, I am sure you will have much sympathy for the sentiments in Val's amusing poem – what talent we have in the village!

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## Cockfield Benefice Services – June 2018

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity	8am Communion BCP	Cockfield
	9.30am Benefice Family Service	Felsham
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	 <b>3-5pm</b>	Felsham <b>Church</b> (not Church Hall)
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Communion BCP	Gedding
	11am Communion	Cockfield
	6pm Evening Prayer	Bradfield St Clare
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> June 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Morning Prayer BCP	Gedding
	11am Communion	Bradfield St Clare
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Communion	Bradfield St George
	11am Communion (Patronal)	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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This course has been part funded by Tesco  
bag money.

## News from St Clare Church



Did you see the 'Oak Monster' in the churchyard? The tree fell during the evening of 30<sup>th</sup> April and I am very grateful to the villager who alerted me to this event. Thankfully no one was hurt and it missed the church and the gravestones nearby. We are indebted to Mike, Dan and David who are sorting it out for us.



I hope you enjoyed the delightfully relaxing Open Garden event at Bishops Farm on 23<sup>rd</sup> May. It was very well attended by villagers and those who live nearby. Mike and Lorraine's superb organisation ensured everything ran smoothly and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. At the time of writing approximately of £780 has been made for church funds. The remaining plants are now for sale outside Mike and Margaret Lovick's house – do stop to buy something!

In June we have two services as detailed in the schedule; join us if you can. Many thanks to everyone who helped to deliver the Christian Aid envelopes. The amount collected will be announced next month.

Recent events remind us what a kind and caring village we live in. So with the school holidays approaching can I ask you to consider leaving something for the Food Bank? Non-school days are always very hard to manage for families who are experiencing difficulties. If you can't drop off contributions at the church you can give them either to Pat Hipwell or myself. Finally, don't forget the books on sale in church - 50p each and great holiday reading for all!

**- Margaret Newlands (Church Warden)**

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Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June

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### JULY ADVERTISEMENTS

**Advertisements for the July 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 15<sup>th</sup> June. The cost is £4 per insertion for small ads, £36 per year for half page boxes or £20 for 6 months.**

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## Bradfield St Clare Women's Institute



We had no speaker at our May meeting, as it was the AGM. First we had our normal business to address; then the AGM reports from our Secretary Enid Hunt and Treasurer Sarah Fletcher. Our finances are in good health and our new President Linda Dixie gave her report – all's well! All the officers agreed to remain in post. We then had a report on the Federation Annual meeting held at the Apex recently. The whole day was very well run. We had the usual reports from various committees. We also had an address by our new County Chairwoman, Julia Higgins. The highlights of the day were the two invited speakers. Julie Summers, (author of the ITV serial "Jam and Jerusalem" about the wartime WI) gave a fascinating talk about evacuees, land girls etc. Lady Carnarvon, the owner of Highclere Castle (Downton Abbey to you and me!) shared stories and the history of previous members of the family and of course, 6years of Downton Abbey. Lastly we considered the resolution concerning the importance of mental health. This will be voted on at the AGM of all WIs at Cardiff in June. Our delegate is Sue Cole from Cockfield WI. The meeting ended with the usual delicious refreshments – worth coming for those alone! - Pat Hipwell

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## Bradfield Weather



*'Among the changing months, May stands confessed the sweetest,  
And in fairest colours dressed.'*

**- James Thomson**

I reported last month that April had started with a real splash. After occasional showers and some sunny, warm days the month finished with 16mm of rain on the final day, to make 68.5mm in total, well above the average of 37.7mm.

May has been largely warm and sunny, with the trees seemingly acquiring their leaves overnight and with all the blossom and Spring flowers being magnificent. Of the 20mm of rain to date, 19mm fell on one day. The early May Bank Holiday weekend was very hot and sunny and with a promise of the late Bank Holiday being dry and sunny, we are unlikely to reach anywhere near our monthly rainfall average of 53.1mm.

**- Keith (23<sup>rd</sup> May)**



## Volunteering at St Edmundsbury Cathedral

Volunteering at the Cathedral was an experience. Talking to people visiting from all over the world. There was one couple doing a tour of all the Cathedrals in the country.

The Christmas period was magical with the lights lighting the place up with the organ playing and singing carols. The Christmas Fair Weekend was very busy with well over a thousand people visiting, looking around and for a shopper's carol concert it was packed! During this period I heard the rehearsals for Handel's Messiah, which was special - I even got to talk to the music director.

After the New Year it was very quiet, with not much going on. In the Spring things got going again. In March they had the screening of the first Harry Potter film and then there was a Science Festival that was very busy.

**- Steven Wood**

## **OTHER CHURCH SERVICES**

### Roman Catholic Church

*St Edmund King & Martyr*

*Westgate Street, Bury St Edmunds - 01284 754358*

### 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

## **WHIST DRIVE**



**May**

We were a bit thin on the ground this month, mainly due to holidays.

Fourteen players took part, which gave us three tables of four and one lady and one gentleman on the 'flirt' table.

Margaret Lovick won the ladies prize on 168, Val Offord came second with 164 and Ros took third prize on 162. Isobel was awarded the wooden spoon with 143.

Steve won for the men with a very impressive 183! Jus (valiantly playing as a man once again) took second place with 165 and third was Jim on 161.

Brian was awarded the wooden spoon with 144.

So apart from Steve it is interesting that the points for both ladies and gents were very similar.

There were some very nice draw prizes so thanks to all who donated. We raised £34 for village hall funds.

**Next whist drive will be on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June - New players welcome.**

**- Val Nunn**



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### Dates for your Diary



- Friday 1st June – Whist Drive – 7.30pm – Village Hall
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Book Club - 7pm - Village Hall
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June - Village Outing

### The Library Van



**NEXT VISIT: 9.40 – 9.55 am 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

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**Fund raising for St George's Church**



## **OPEN GARDEN**

***HUGE thanks to everyone!  
What a lovely day***

Approximately £780 was raised for  
St Clare Church

***- Lorraine & Mike***

## **"Bradfield Nights"**

**Next Bradfield Night:**

**BBQ and cheap bar  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

7 -11pm in Bradfield **St George** Village Hall

All welcome, there are children's toys in the cupboards so bring the children along too. We are family friendly.

All ages usually attend, not just oldies! If it rains we just cook indoors!

Contact Lynn Cardale on 01284 386 327  
for further details or just turn up!



## **Whist Drive**

**Bradfield St Clare Village Hall**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

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

**If preferred, bring your own drinks.**

**Cash Prizes & Draw**

***Raffle Prizes Welcomed!***

**Come along and bring your friends**

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## **STREET LAMPS SHAPED LIKE FLOWERS**

Remember not so long ago  
Before we all believed  
Technology would improve our lives  
Oh how we were deceived!

When children picked wild flowers  
That they placed in old glass jars  
And paddled barefoot in the streams  
And wondered at the stars  
The gentle buzz of honey bees  
The scent of new cut hay  
The quiet bliss of Sundays  
When the shops were closed all day.

***Now street lamps shaped like flowers  
Flood the earth with light  
So no one ever sees the stars  
However clear the night***

Now folk walk round with coffee cups  
And stare at mobile screens  
Their eyes are blank, their faces bland  
Like robots dressed in jeans  
And no one talks to anyone  
We all send texts instead  
And all the shops are closing  
As it's cheaper on the net.

***While street lamps shaped like flowers  
Flood the earth with light  
And tired, exhausted songbirds sing  
Confused throughout the night.***

When we've covered earth in concrete  
And all the birds have fled  
When the oceans bob with plastic  
And all the fish are dead  
When we've found some distant planet  
Where conditions are just right  
Would the last to board the spaceship  
Please turn out the light?

***Then those street lamps shaped like flowers  
Will bow their heads in shame  
For no one ever listened  
And no one took the blame***

- Val Nunn



## ***The Village Sign and Memorial***

Have you seen our recreated sign  
and memorial? It now looks a  
hundred times better than before!  
Thanks must go to Gerry and Dianne  
Bullard for organising and paying for  
the work to be done, to Jim and Val  
Nunn for supplying the granite and  
Tony Gillam for his efforts in making  
sure the job was so well created!

***A real village effort.***

- Margaret Lovick

## ***Village Hall Committee AGM - 22<sup>nd</sup> May***

At the recent AGM of the Village Hall Committee the following  
appointments were made:

Margaret Lovick – Chair

John Kirk – Vice Chair

Isobel Payne – Secretary

Jim Nunn – Treasurer

Val Nunn – Bookings Secretary

The Committee was pleased to record that work has now been  
successfully completed on the repairs to the Village Hall roof.  
Payment for this work was aided by a grant of £750 from our County  
Councillor Karen Soons and one of £800 from our Borough Councillor  
Sarah Mildmay-White.



***Karen Soons presents  
a cheque for £750 to  
Margaret Lovick  
on the occasion of the  
Paris Council AGM  
on 8<sup>th</sup> May***

## Latest News from Pitchers Green Farm and the Bungalow!



All the cattle are now out on grass and this week has seen them start to look better. When they first go out they have their winter coats, then they look like the moths have been at work - really scrubby - then the bloom that comes with the new grass growth and warmer temperatures; this is when I own up to them being my cattle. With the weather being so changeable it seems to have taken a long time this year - 30C one day, 8C the next. Days of rain and frost etc. It does however give me something to moan about!

I am now back to milking 1 cow, Kirsty (if you are reading this Kirsty please take note). Nicola who calved in March (her calf died) was milking very well, so rather than waste the milk I bought two baby calves with the idea that I could put the calves to suckle her in the field with her doing all the work, a fool proof plan. She was having none of it and after 4 days of haltering her, putting her behind gates, extra feeding and some very special "chats", I had to admit defeat. There was no way she was going to let the calves suckle so it was back to milking her with the machine and pouring the milk into buckets for the calves. She then developed a "pea" in her teat or I believe it is called Lacteal Calculi, which is formed from calcium phosphate from the milk deposited around a piece of shed epithelial tissue - a "pea" is a lot simpler! As you put the milking machine onto the cow, in this teat the "pea" is drawn down and stops the milk from coming out, acting like a bung. Sometimes you can hand milk with two fingers holding the "pea" up and out of the way, the other hand milking, but this didn't stop mastitis setting in, so after 3 treatments she was sold. Now Kirsty is being milked for the two calves and house milk which is fine, however as the weather has warmed and the grass has grown, Kirsty has ideas well above her station. One morning she came into the parlour to be milked entered the stall and decided to reverse out quickly knocking the gate over onto the

milking machine breaking one of its wheels and causing much chaos. We have daily trials now she is in a 4 acre field with the gate in one corner and if she doesn't want to come in to be milked we can cover every blade of grass in the field. I do tell her she won't win in the end but she just smiles knowingly.

Finally a big thank you to everybody for the cards and well wishes now we have finally moved. There is still a lot of unpacking sorting to be done but we've found the kettle, tea bags and milk (thank you Kirsty). Also thank you to the village litter pick team for their hard work in cleaning the verges and ditches which fell off the front of the pallet on the must have tractor!



*When we move  
EVERYTHING  
Comes with us!*

- Glyn

### **Contributions to The Bradfield Grapevine**

One of the great pleasures for the Editors of The Bradfield Grapevine is receiving contributions from villagers. Often these come in voluntarily - without any arm twisting!

***Please keep them coming!***

Recipes, poems, short stories and accounts of exciting things you have been engaged in are welcome and always much appreciated by fellow villagers.

Just let Peter Newlands or Margret Lovick know if you would like to contribute.

You can submit by email to: [pjmrn@aol.com](mailto:pjmrn@aol.com)

