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THE BRADFIELD GRAPEVINE



July 2018

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We have had some amazingly sunny weather of late and that seems to have been of great benefit to the roses. Haven't they been fantastic – such wonderful perfume wherever you turn. This was very much in evidence for those villagers who were able to enjoy a really fabulous day out on the Village Outing; calling in at St George's English Whisky Distillery and then onto all those roses at Peter Beales.

I am sure we have all shared Mike's despair over the pigeons! It is quite thought provoking that he is already discussing harvest and we look forward to seeing his new machinery in action.

On the issue of planting and harvesting, Dan tells us about what he discovered in Sweden how they deal with their timber plantations. Quite staggering to learn that they still plant their replacement trees by hand. Congratulations are due to Dan for his award as Suffolk Apprentice of the Year. Some of you may have heard him on Radio Suffolk.

Pat shares with us the moving experience she and Peter had when on holiday and whilst visiting Salisbury Cathedral. Here they experienced an installation by a French artist, Michael Pendry, called 'Les Colombes' (the doves). Those white paper doves in their hundreds obviously convey a truly moving message. Perhaps we can take inspiration from that for something we could do in the village.

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Cockfield Benefice Services – July 2018

Sunday 1 st July 5 th Sunday after Trinity	8am Communion BCP	Cockfield
	9.30am Benefice Family Service	Felsham
Sunday 8 th July 6 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Communion BCP	Gedding
	11am Communion	Cockfield
	6pm Evening Prayer	Bradfield St Clare
Saturday 14 th July	 3-5pm	Felsham Village Hall
Sunday 15 th July 7 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Morning Prayer BCP	Gedding
	11am Communion	Bradfield St Clare
	Evening Prayer	Bradfield St George
Sunday 22 nd July 8 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Communion	Bradfield St George
	11am Communion (Patronal)	Cockfield
	6pm Six2seven	Felsham
Sunday 29 th July 9 th Sunday after Trinity Mary Magdalene	10am Benefice Communion	Bradfield St George
	3pm Lt Whelnetham Festival – featuring ‘Two Women’ written by Richard Stainer	Lt Whelnetham

Daily Prayer				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
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22 August - Woodland day camp

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Adult courses

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with tutor Will Wall.
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of willow as well as associated wildlife and
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small woven item to take home.

News from St Clare Church



Our Open Garden at Bishops Farm was a great success due to the hard work and hospitality of Mike and Lorraine in their lovely garden setting. Following the sale of the plants that remained at the end of the day, a fantastic sum of £800 was raised for church funds.

I would like to thank Debbie, Margaret, Mike and Lorraine for helping with the annual village collection for Christian Aid. This year a total of £129.50 was collected and the Benefice amount reached £2119. Beryl Mead is our local organiser and her dedication to the work of Christian Aid will be celebrated with the presentation of a Diamond Award by Bishop Mike at the Family Service in Felsham Church on 7th October. Everyone is welcome to attend and celebrate with Beryl.

St Clare Church celebrates with its Patronal Service on 12th August at 11am. Please come along – it would be good to make a loud noise as we sing!

Looking forward to the Autumn, book a place in your diary for 23rd September for the Harvest Supper and 11am on 30th September for the Harvest Thanksgiving Service.

These two occasions are opportunities for us all to come together as a village community in giving thanks for our good fortune to live where we do! More details to follow.

- Margaret Newlands (Church Warden)

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- Pat Hipwell

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Bradfield Weather



"It was June, and the world smelled of roses. The sunshine was like powdered gold over the grassy hillside."

Maud Hart Lovelace 1892 – 1980

As promised, the late May bank holiday, like the early one, turned out to be dry and warm. With a few showers towards the end of the month, total rainfall for May was 35.5mm compared with our average of 53.1mm.

This is being written a day or two earlier in the month than usual but to date June has been warm and dry, largely sunny with some cloudy days and rainfall amounting to no more than 1.5mm. June is on average one of our wetter months at 53.7mm.

Keith Payne 20th June 2018

"Bradfield Nights"

Next Bradfield Night:

Bradfield St George Village Hall

Friday 6th July, 7 - 11pm

BBQ and cheap bar - all welcome

More information?

Contact Lynn Cardale 01284 386327

Village Friends over 60s group:

Felsham Village Hall

Thursday 19th July 12.30pm

Summer fish and chip lunch (booking essential)

More information?

Contact Lynn Cardale 01284 386327

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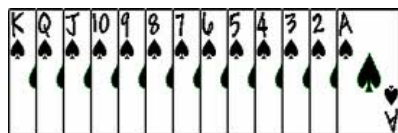
Roman Catholic Church

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Gospel Hall

The Gospel Hall, Bradfield St George
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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



JUNE

Seventeen players turned out on a beautiful summer's evening for our June Whist Drive. The scores were very close this month as you can see. Winner for the ladies was Joyce on 174. Ros came second with 162 and third was Margaret with 157. Vera was awarded the wooden spoon on 144.

For the men Ray took the first prize on 173, Steve came second with 168 and both Brian and Jim shared the third prize with 161 each. Val (playing as a man) took the wooden spoon on 146.

£37 was raised from the draw for village hall funds.

Next whist drive will be on Friday 6th July - New players welcome.

- Val Nunn

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Back aboard I go - but where off to this time?

If you cast your minds back to November last year I wrote about my time taking part in the 2nd Argo Olympics - well just a little update on that. I had news over the last two weeks that it will be held in Portugal but unfortunately, due to the time it is being held, which is in the middle of harvest, I will be unable to go. I wish the college all the best with it!

So, in May I was over in Sweden for a week. Now this was a project that the college has through the EU, which is called "The one hectare of wheat project". This follows a crop of winter wheat in Czech Republic, Sweden, Denmark and the UK and following them through the year of the plant and seeing the advantages and disadvantages in growing it over three countries which have very different climates and different ways of growing it. Each county has it turn to host their event over 3 years and Sweden was the last one of them all.

I was fortunate to go to Demark back in May 2017 and Easton and Otley college had their time to host it in October last year. Sweden was the one I was looking for from day one as Sweden has always been on my list to visit. Now everyone would have thought it would have been cold with it being in Sweden and you would always think it being cold and snowy. Well, it was the compete opposite. It turned out to be 25-30 degrees all week, I was most happy as I did pack some shorts and it would give me some time to tan up before harvest.

So, over the course of the week we were doing a little tour around the region in Sweden we were in. One of the main things that they love over there is wood! We didn't know that most of Sweden is wood which was ranging from spruce, pine and some oak. Now the oak is only just ready to cut and a lot of that was planted 50-100 years ago.

This was something I have never ever seen been harvested and didn't really know what to expect and what the equipment they were running and had which was off the scale. Everything was run so efficiently and nothing went to waste. Something I wondered was how would they plant the new ones and **still in this time now they plant by hand!!!** And we are not talking about small areas.

We also went to a Mill making flour from wheat, millet and rye all of which stayed in Sweden. This was running 24/7 all the time. It has been a family run business for over 700 years! This is also the oldest family run place in Sweden! On the last two days we went to a big dairy farm which was running 700 head of Friesian Holstein being milked three times a day and still by hand! This farm was looking to the future all the time and always changing! And the last day we went into the city of Gothenburg which was just lovely and what a day to top the week off.

Would I like to go back to Sweden? Most definitely! Over the last 2 years being a part of the project I have met many new people in Demark and Sweden and with the power of social media we have all been keeping in contact and I'm planning to see them in time to come! These trips have been trips of a lifetime for sure! But it might not be the end of them all ,even though I would be done with my course at the start on 2019! We will just have to see. You would have seen in the May edition Mike touched on me winning the Suffolk Agriculture Apprentice of The Year 2018. Well I'm now officially crowned with my award at the Suffolk Show in May and now I'm an Easton and Otley Ambassador. You might even have heard me on Suffolk radio that day! But what a day it was! Its been a lot of hard work but the biggest thank you I have to give is to everyone at Bishop Farm and with all their support and the opportunities I have had with them and Easton and Otley College. My saying is "You don't need a farming background to work on one" which is something I'm trying to get out there and trying to inspire the next generation of farmers!

- Dan Godowin

Arable Farming at Bishops Farm



From deluge to drought!

In the May issue I wrote about how we had been battling with the unseasonal wet, cold, Spring weather and commented on how nature always compensates - weather cycles and predictions - maybe a period of dry weather or even drought! As Keith reports, May and early June have certainly been very dry. Great for farmers who make hay and silage. Luckily the heavy boulder clay soils of Bradfield retain moisture to keep the crops alive. We are rapidly approaching harvest with our Winter Barley crops ripening quickly; the ears turn over and go that seasonal golden yellow colour. Depending on the weather we will start harvesting mid July – about a month away.

Wheat crops are still very green and flowering at present with all the spraying completed and fertilizer applied. We just need some rain to ensure the grain swells and fills before it ripens. Wheat harvest is usually mid August.

The sugar beet has continued to grow at an unbelievable rate with the crop covering all the ground, weed free and looking very healthy. The crop will receive two fungicide sprays, one at the end of July followed by another at the end of August. This is to protect the crop from mildew and rust that attack the sugar beet at the end of the Summer.

Spring Barley is now showing ears emerging. The crop suffered with the wet Spring, with the headlands (outside of the field) being flooded, very little seed germinated so we had to replant 5 acres, which is now catching up with the main crop.

The late planted crop of peas in the tower field emerged spardodically but are now growing quite well. Pigeons, pigeons, and more pigeons descended on the field as the crops emerged. We have had to resort to using gas powered bird scarers to keep them away. Apologies for any inconvenience this has caused, but without the bangs we would have lost the crop. Pea and bean weevil have also been eating the crop, which we have sprayed, and insecticide used to control as well as manganese and magnesium trace elements.

The Winter Beans crop has finished flowering and the pods set and swelling. The fields have recently been sprayed with an insecticide for bruchid beetle. This is a bug that bores holes into the developing bean seed within the pod. As the crop ripens the plants will turn black and hopefully will be harvested by late August.

We all attended the Suffolk Show at the end of May to see Dan presented with his Suffolk Apprentice of the Year Award. He also featured on Radio Suffolk's afternoon show being interviewed by Lesley Dolphin live from the show. A special day for Dan, who is also an ambassador for Easton and Otley College. This involved a film crew coming to the farm to film Dan at work for a potential video for the apprentice scheme the college offers young people.

Last week we said goodbye to our old combine harvester as it left the farm on a lorry starting its long journey to County Kildare in the Irish Republic. Our replacement machine is coming from Manns of Saxham. It is a Claas Tucano, a larger machine more capable of harvesting the heavier crops being grown on the farm.

Although we need rain at present, we would like settled weather at the end of July for harvesting. We will have to accept what we get and work around it as usual. Cheers for now!

- Mike

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

'LES COLOMBES'

On our recent holiday in Dorset we visited Salisbury Cathedral. On walking from the Park & Ride up the main street we gradually became aware of white paper birds appearing in shop, office and café windows etc. Thinking it was some sort of craft festival – the penny finally dropped – on entering the Cathedral at the west end you are suddenly confronted by an enormous flock of white paper doves flying above your head, hundreds, maybe thousands the whole length of the nave aisle. They were absolutely amazing. I have not been so profoundly moved both emotionally and spiritually for a very long time. So simple but conveying a sound and strong profound message.

It is an installation by a French artist, Michael Pendry, called 'Les Colombes' (the doves). It has visited Munich, Jerusalem, Berlin, San Francisco and London (St Martin's in the Field). Wherever it goes it increases. Visitors are encouraged to make one (I did there and then and it will be added to the flock). Churches, clubs, schools, youth clubs and people of all faiths and denominations are encouraged to take the idea and spread it. So, I brought the idea back to St Clare and our Cockfield Benefice. I'm not suggesting we create a massive flock, but how about a few suspended from the organ loft doorway or perched on pew ends, window ledges or gathering in porches?

There will soon be leaflets about the project at the back of each church in the benefice, with paper and instructions on how to make the doves (simple origami). Not expensive – just folded paper, but what a message! Of peace, hope and new beginnings (to coincide with the anniversary of the end of World War I). Could we extend it to Messy Church, Village Friends, and Cockfield Primary School - who knows?

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

- Pat Hipwell

The Village Outing

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