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THE BRADFIELD GRAPEVINE



August 2018

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In the village over the last few weeks there has been one major topic of conversation and Keith confirms just how long it has been since we had any significant rain. Strange how excited we can get when an online weather forecast tells us there is a 40% chance of a shower – only to remind ourselves that means a 60% chance there won't be one!

For those of us who have not lived in the village for most of our lives, Glyn shares with us some memories of his life at Pitchers Farm and how different things were then. Mentioning the dairy farm reminds us all of the cows Glyn so lovingly cared for. Some of them simply refuse to go away, as you will read in a couple of articles later on! Interestingly he mentions the similarity of the sweltering summer 42 years ago! It is also pleasing to learn that the milking parlour will begin a new life!

The Whist Drive, Book Club and WI continue to remain positive features of village life and new members are always welcome. A new exciting venture is to be launched this month – “Kit Café”. More details are in this edition. It seems to be something that will be very much worth supporting.

If you are going away on holiday or staying home trying to keep cool, have a peaceful and relaxing time.

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Cockfield Benefice Services – August 2018

Sunday 5 th August 10 th Sunday after Trinity	8am Communion BCP	Cockfield
	9.30am Benefice Family Service	Felsham
Sunday 12 th August 11 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Communion BCP	Gedding
	11am Patronal Communion	Bradfield St Clare
Sunday 19 th August 12 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Patronal Morning Prayer BCP	Gedding
	11am Communion	Bradfield St Clare
	Evening Prayer	Bradfield St George
Sunday 26 th August 13 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Communion	Bradfield St George
	11am Communion	Cockfield
	6pm Six2seven – Gerry Blake will be talking about his recent trip to South Sudan with Flame International	Felsham

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

Bradfield Woods

August Activities



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MON 6 August 10am – 12noon

Wild tots and family - Mad about
minibeasts

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TUES 7 August 10.30 – 12.30pm

The Lost Words for families

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WED 8 August 10.30am – 2.30pm

Wolf Brother for 8- 14 year olds

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FRI 10 August 10am – 3.30pm

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13, 14 and 15 August 9am- 3.30pm

Wild in the woods holiday club

Forest fun with campfire lunch

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MON 20 August 2- 5pm

Whittling and woodworking for 13-16
year olds

Learn to make small items

£10.

TUES 21 August 10.30 – 12.30pm

Wild in the woods – a photographic
adventure for families

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WED 22 August 10.30am – 2.30pm

Woodland day camp for 8- 14 year olds

£7 per child. Please book

News from St Clare Church



How parched the churchyard is looking at the moment and even inside the church it seems quite warm! Sitting close to the books in the porch is a wide brimmed hat. It was found in Church Lane a few weeks ago – I'm sure the owner must be missing it, so hopefully it will be reclaimed soon.

The sale of books continues to do well and at 50p each they are clearly all bargains! Inside the church Pat has left some of her origami doves and a box with instructions for anyone to take home.

On 12th August we celebrate the life of St Clare with a 11am Communion Service led by James Ashdown and Revd. Lucyane Ashdown. Following the service we invite you to enjoy a glass of wine with some 'nibbles' – please come!

A further Communion Service, led by Revd. Sharon will be celebrated on 19th August. Hopefully your August plans will include coming to one of these services.

We will hold our Village Harvest Supper on Friday 21st September and our Harvest Festival on Sunday 30th September at 11am. Then in October, please book the 26th for our annual Autumn Quiz led by Clive and Sue Leal.

The church continues to be unlocked each weekend - please feel free to visit any time. If you do, remember to close the door when you leave – we don't want anymore birds trapped inside the church!

Have a relaxed and peaceful summer break.

- Margaret Newlands (Church Warden)

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Thursday 23 rd August	Blue & brown bins
FRIDAY 31st AUGUST	Black bins

SEPTEMBER ADVERTISEMENTS

Advertisements for the September 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 17th August. 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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Dates for your Diary



- Friday 3rd August – Whist Drive – 7.30pm – Village Hall
- Wednesday 8th August – WI – 7.30pm – Village Hall
- “East Coast Truckers Charity”
- Tuesday 14th August – Parish Council Meeting – 7.30pm
– Village Hall
- Saturday 18th August – Kit Café – Grand Launch
– 10am to 1.00pm - Village Hall
- Tuesday 21st August – Book Club – 7.00pm – Village Hall

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Bradfield Weather



'I'm glad it's finally hot enough to complain about how hot it is!'
- Anonymous

In June there was no more rain after the last report, leaving us only with 1.5mm against an average of 53.7mm. In the 25 years that the village has been recording its weather, there have been only two drier months, April 1996 with 1.0mm and April 2007 with no rain at all.

What else can one say about the weather other than very hot and very dry! No significant rain for 9 weeks now and whilst there has been talk of showers and even heavy thunderstorms, there has been no sign of them arriving. We have the prospect of July being totally rain free. Should I start measuring hours of sunshine!

- Keith Payne 22nd July 2018

"Bradfield Nights"

Early Notice of the next Bradfield Night:

Village Hall Beer and Band Festival

Bradfield St George Village Hall

Saturday 8th September 2pm – late

Hog Roast and BBQ

Maypole Pork from Bradfield St George for hog and sausages!

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Bradfield St Clare Parish Council

The next Parish Council Meeting

14th August 7:30pm

In the Village Hall

The Library Van



NEXT VISITS: 9.40 – 9.55 am 1st & 29th August 2018

To contact the mobile library van driver Steve ring him on: 07837 58137

Bradfield St Clare Women's Institute Summer Outing



An informative and amusing talk by Jason Salisbury about the setting up and development of Suffolk Farmhouse Cheeses inspired us to make Whitegate Dairy Farm the destination of our annual summer outing. Eleven of us travelled to Needham Market by car share. On our arrival coffee was served in one of the barns and as we listened to Jason's welcome chat, we were entertained by a very bold chicken who deftly avoided every attempt of Eric the sheepdog to round her up! The milking herd of 30 are mostly Jersey and Guernsey with a few Ayrshire. The cows are all named alphabetically with their offspring named with the same first letter. Those of us from St Clare were pleased to see Glynn and Debbie's cows from Pitchers Green Farm looking so happy and settled, especially Tinkerbelle known as the 'flying cow' after jumping a hedge in an escape bid; Jason reported she is still 'adventurous'! I think we also met her daughter Tequilla.

The overwhelming ethos of the farm is the happiness and welfare of the animals which Jason and Katherine believe results in high quality milk and products. This is demonstrated in the care and surroundings of the cows. They are free to roam the barn, with a constant supply of food, and the yard where there is a self activated scratching brush which always seems to have a queue!

The instillation of a robotic 24 hour milking machine means that the cows decide when and how often they want to be milked. We were able to watch as the machine identified the cow via a tag, and guided by lasers, carried out the entire milking process including washing and drying of cow and equipment. The tag also relayed when the cow ate, slept and was active, acting as an alert to any problems.

The milk was measured, analysed and pumped directly into the pasteurising unit. The time from cow to bottle is 20 hours.

After saying hello to the calves in the nursery pens, we made our way to the shop where Katherine, Jason's wife sells the Suffolk Farmhouse cheeses she makes on the site. Having sampled the goods I think most of us took some home, including some very, very ripe brie – delicious!

A refreshment stop at the Swan in Needham Market rounded off a fun and informative day.

- Dyane Wood



KIT CAFÉ



What? Let us explain: ***“Keep In Touch”*** - Simple!

The idea is to transform our village hall into a café for 3 hours one day a month - serving tea, coffee, fruit squash and some homemade refreshments - who can resist? A chance to have a good natter; especially important for some of us getting on in years, to renew friendships and make new ones.

For those new to the village who may not have even met their immediate neighbours, let alone the rest of the village please come – you will receive a very warm welcome!

Grand Launch

The first KIT Café will be on:

Saturday 18th August between 10 am – 1 pm

We know it's the holiday season but those of you not in an exotic location do please come along and give it a go! Visitors ... bring them. The more the merrier. Old and young there will be something for everyone.

For this first opening only there will be a craft table for anyone who would like to make one of our Peace Doves (no pressure) and if you fancy having a go there will be someone to show you how it's done. If not just pop in, relax and enjoy the food and company.

If the café proves to be popular we may vary the days and times of future openings so please feel free to give us your thoughts.

Hope to see you on **Saturday, 18th August**

For more info contact:

Pat Hipwell (386636)

Dyane Wood (388657)

Val Nunn (388830)

News from Home Field



I'm going to continue my reminiscing this month (I'm getting older every day). The Thomas family moved to Suffolk from Stratford-On-Avon in 1969. We used to live at the Maltings on the Felsham Road. Dad milked the cows at Pitchers Green Farm for Colonel Armitage and we had 8 acres of land at the Maltings as part of his wage. We grew wheat, barley, sugar beet, had 200 laying hens, 4 cows and their progeny, a suckler cow and a few calves. About 2 acres of the land was down to market gardening where we grew everything from cabbages to strawberries, cut flowers to new potatoes – all sold with the eggs on a stall at the side of the road.

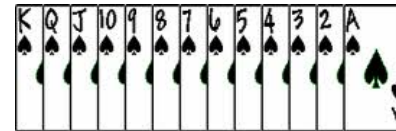
Then Colonel and Mrs Armitage decided to retire and had a house built over the road from the farm – Pitchers Green Cottage. They offered mum and dad the tenancy of the farm, which they accepted and we had all our animals moved to Pitchers Green. There are an awful lot of tales to be told of that move which I will save for another time. The start date for the tenancy was 1st May 1976, the year of the drought. We had soaring temperatures, no rain, no grass. If it hadn't been for several local farmers with offers and deliveries of straw, hay, pea straw etc. to feed the cows – often with deferred payments or more usually "See how you get on", our dream would have fallen at the first hurdle. However, as they say, the rest is history.

Fast forward 42 years and again we have soaring temperatures, no rain, no grass (in one respect thankfully not that many mouths to feed) but the tenancy of the farm has ended. Coincidence or what? Kirsty my one milking cow has decided to drastically cut her milk yield and the two calves I got to drink the excess have now returned to Suffolk Farmhouse Cheese. I thought the drop in yield was solely due to the grass drying up but after checking she has now been milking for 15 months so she has a little excuse. If her yield continues to drop then the big decision will have to be made which will be very hard – which hat do I wear for that one??

The actual milking parlour is now being dismantled, ready to be transported to the Museum of East Anglian Life at Stowmarket.

Here it will be put back together as a working parlour to form part of an exhibition on a food themed working farm. That will be one more strange visit for me – first the cows, now the parlour. Dismantling the parlour was quite an eye opener as scratched under the feed cover were the words RECCOO WAS HERE – remember her?
- Glyn

WHIST DRIVE



JULY

We weren't expecting many people last night as Brazil were playing Belgium in the World Cup but amazingly 18 turned out. It was lovely to see John Parsons again and catch up on all his news and also to see Pat from Felsham and Gina once more. This gave us four tables of four players with one 'flirt' table of one gentleman and one lady player. Yet again there were more ladies than men so Jus and Val played as men.

For the ladies Ros and Pat won on 170 points so they halved the proceeds of first and second place. Joy took the third place prize on 164. The wooden spoon was won by Margaret on 146.

Jim took first place for the men on 171, very closely followed by Jus (playing as a man) on 170. Brian came third with 163 points and John K took the wooden spoon on 144.

£38 was raised for the village hall by the draw. There were some lovely items in the draw this month so a big thank you to all those who donated a prize.

- Val Nunn

OTHER CHURCH SERVICES Roman Catholic Church

St Edmund King & Martyr

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Gospel Hall

The Gospel Hall, Bradfield St George

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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