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THE BRADFIELD GRAPEVINE



February
2019



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The New Year heralds new beginnings. With the weather having been so mild for December and January, everywhere you look you can see new shoots appearing and already aconites and snowdrops are in bloom. There are also signs of daffodils and even tulips emerging from their slumbers. Mike describes the first stages of the move into the fresh farming year and already plans are being made for village events in 2019. The Christmas events around Bishops Farm were a great success and enjoyed by so many people. Unfortunately the usual annual Village Quiz has had to be moved from its usual February date to 22nd March. More details will appear in the next edition.

On the theme of new beginnings, we welcome into our community five families who have recently moved into the village. We wish them well in their new homes and hope to see them at some of the activities organised in the village. One of our new neighbours, Francesca Duchesne has very kindly contributed a yummy recipe to this edition of The Bradfield Grapevine. You are certain to enjoy baking it and eating it even more so! If you have a recipe you would like to share, please do!

The Kit Café goes from strength to strength and you will find details of the plans for this year on another page. Do remember this is a **free** café for EVERYONE in the village – do go along and enjoy a chat and something to eat and drink with other members of the village.

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Cockfield Benefice Services – February 2019

Sunday 3 rd February 5 th Sunday before Lent/Candlemas	9.30am Communion	Bradfield St George
	11am Communion	Bradfield St Clare
	6pm Six2seven	Felsham Village Hall
Sunday 10 th February 4 th Sunday before Lent	9.30am Communion BCP	Gedding
	11am Communion	Cockfield
	4pm Evening Prayer	Bradfield St Clare
Sunday 17 th February 3 rd Sunday before Lent	8am Said Communion BCP	Cockfield
	9.30am Benefice Family Service	Fesham
Sunday 24 th February	9.30am Morning Prayer	Bradfield St George
	9.30am Morning Prayer BCP	Gedding
	11am Communion	Cockfield

Daily Prayer – all are welcome to come and say prayers in each of our benefice churches through the week				
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

February Activities



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Wed 20 Feb
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£7

Introduction to pole lathe turning for teens

Fri 22 Feb
Prepare and turn wood on a pole lathe to make small items
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10.30am-2.30pm
£10

Wild and Well

Fri 8 Feb
Spend a morning in the woods practicing mindfulness and nature connection techniques, cook lunch over the fire, spend the afternoon whittling and crafting.
10am – 2.30pm
£15

Spoon Carving

Tues 26 Feb
Learn the art of spoon carving. Learn about native trees and their wood, and hand carve your own spoons and spatulas. With local craftswoman Fay Jones
10am-3pm
£50

Celebrating Birch

Sun 17 Feb
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Advertisements for the February 2019 issue of The Bradfield Grapevine should be sent to either of the two Editors, whose names and addresses appear on the front page, by Monday 21st January. 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**

News from St Clare Church



What a fantastic Christmas at St Clare Church. Thank you to those who decorated to make sure we had a lovely environment for our services. The highlight was the Carol Service with a congregation of 75 people – a really joyous occasion. The generous donations by the congregation enabled us to send £200 to Crisis at Christmas in order to help those in much greater need than ourselves. Thank you to those who came, those who provided refreshments, all the readers, Val Nunn for playing the music and Rory Ward-Thomas for his solo. It was a wonderful way to begin our Christmas celebrations.

The empty Food Bank boxes in the Church and outside St Clare cottage were overflowing! The support of the village is much appreciated for this important initiative and the contents were delivered to Gatehouse Food Bank in Bury St Edmunds. Our Carol Communion service at the end of December was also very well attended but no more carols for a while!

February is a quiet month as we settle into our new pattern of services – details are on the schedule published elsewhere in The Grapevine. There will be a communion service at 11am on the first Sunday in the month, followed by Evening Prayer on the second Sunday. As always, Revd. Sharon Potter will be in the church each Thursday at 5pm for a very short service (about 10min) – if a few more attend I might even turn the heating on!

It will soon be time to work out the church opening and altar flower rota. Three families who contributed have now moved out of the village, so PLEASE if you have time to help out, contact me. You don't have to provide the altar flowers, just locking and unlocking the church on the weekend would really help.

Belated good wishes for a happy and peaceful New Year to you all.

- Margaret Newlands (Church Warden)



With Thanks From Everyone

The editors and readers of The Bradfield Grapevine would like to offer their thanks and appreciation for the wonderful service provided by David and Dyane Wood. They made their house to house delivery of the magazine every month without fail. They will be much missed.

Gerry and Dianne Bullard have very generously offered to take on this role. This is greatly appreciated – thank you so much!

WELCOME

To our new neighbours

Bishops Farm Bungalow:

Jamie and Ryan

Lodge Farm:

Will, Lucy and the family

Maltings Cottage:

Brian and Karen

Bush Green Farm:

Samantha and the family

Oak Apples:

Alex and Francesca

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Recently several people in the village have reported that there is a substantial increase in the amount of dog fouling around the village. Clearly this is not pleasant and can be a health risk. There are indeed regulations concerning the issue. It would be very helpful if those walking their dogs could take '*it*' home!!!

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Bradfield Weather



'It is the life of the crystal, the architect of the flake, the fire of the frost, the soul of the sunbeam. This crisp winter air is full of it. '

- John Burroughs 1837-1921

The final days of November brought a further 12mm of rain, to make 66mm for the month against our average of 61.1mm.

In early December there were a few wet days and it turned significantly colder in mid-month. There was rain just before Christmas but alas, no snow and the month finished with 56mm of rain compared with our average of 53.4mm.

The end of 2018 completed 26 years of weather records for the village. 2018 produced 557.5mm (22inches) of rain compared with an average for the 26 years of 609.9mm. The year was the driest since 2013.

To date this winter we have had a couple of short, cold spells, but in the New Year temperatures have been above the norm for the time of year until this week. The cold weather arrived with a brief flurry of snow and now this morning a temperature of -6C. It has been relatively dry with only 9mm of rain, with an average for January of 50.9mm.

- Keith Payne 20th January 2019

Bradfield St George Village Hall

Bradfield Night

Friday 1st February 7 - 11 pm

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Quiz Night

16th February

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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

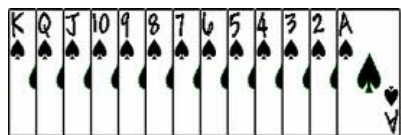


The Library Van

NEXT VISITS: 9.40 – 9.55 am on 13th February

To contact the mobile library van on: 07721 879855

WHIST DRIVE



January
2019

17 people turned out on a cold January night, eight men and nine ladies which made up four tables of four with one lady 'flirt'.

It was a very close match but the winner for the ladies was Vera with 167, and Sylvia and Margaret drew with 162. They shared the proceeds of the second and third prize added together. Joyce was awarded the wooden spoon on 144.

For the men the match was closer still with Jim winning first prize with 163 just one point ahead of John, Ian M and Ian E who all scored 162 - again sharing the proceeds of second and third prize split three ways. Bit of a headache for Jim who had to raid his pockets to come up with enough change. Brian was awarded the wooden spoon with 142.

It was a really lovely evening with lots of interesting hands of cards hence the close scores. The draw raised £41 for village hall funds - thank you to all who donated prizes.

- Val Nunn



'Jam and Jerusalem' – do we always talk about jam? Not often but we usually begin the evening with Jerusalem (words provided)! The group meets on the second Wednesday of each month in the Bradfield St Clare Village Hall at 7.30pm for about two hours.

In February our speaker will be Robert Smith who will talk about 'Portugal – The Douro Valley to Lisbon'. Later in the year we will hear about the Jubilee Sailing Trust, being a Lady Toastmaster and other things of interest.

At present there are 18 members in our WI but the majority do not live in our village! Why not join us to change the balance! If you are interested in coming along to see what happens please let Enid Hunt (our secretary) know

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1 egg
1/2 tsp vanilla essence
190g plain flour
1/2 tsp salt
1/4 tsp ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp bicarbonate of soda
100g dried cranberries
60g white chocolate chips

1. Preheat the oven to 170 C and line two baking sheets with baking parchment
2. Cream together the butter and both types of sugar, using an electric mixer, then break in the egg, add the vanilla essence and mix well together.
3. Sift together the flour, salt, cinnamon and bicarbonate of soda, then add to the creamed mixture in two batches, mixing well until a dough forms. Then stir in the cranberries and chocolate chips.
4. Break of pieces of the dough about two tablespoons in size, roll them into balls and place on the baking sheet, allowing five or six cookies per tray. Spacing them about 7cm apart to allow for them to spread!
5. Bake for 15-20 minutes or until the cookies are light golden on top. Leave on the sheets for about 10 minutes to cool and set before transferring to a wire rack.

You can bake these to your preference, slightly chewy or crispier!
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- Francesca Duchesne

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When: 3rd Saturday of the month
11am – 1pm

We hope to see you there!

*Grateful thanks to Parker Homes for their sponsorship and to
St. Edmundsbury Borough Council for their Locality Grant,*

January 19th Kit Café

*This month saw a very full café with everyone enjoying coffee,
bacon butties and the fun quiz. Val Nunn provided a prize for the
winners of the quiz.*

Q16: A place for gossip as well as a much loved village magazine.....



A Taste of
CHRISTMAS 2018



A Taste of Christmas 2018 has indeed been and gone!

Many compliments were made, both by people in our Village and those passing through, regarding the Village Christmas Tree and decorations. After 3 years opposite the Village Hall we chose to give the donated tree more space - it worked very well.

The 'Carols' evening, Thursday 20th December was a great success, lots of chat, meeting new friends, good food, good drink and good company.

Our plan to donate the tree to Banham Zoo, Norfolk was thwarted due to them receiving too many. Our second choice was St. Nicholas Hospice - again thwarted due to missing the deadline. This being the Thursday BEFORE Twelfth Night - Hey Ho!!!

***And so another New Year begins.
Best wishes to one and all***

- Lorraine Morley

OTHER CHURCH SERVICES

Roman Catholic Church

*St Edmund King & Martyr
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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

Arable Farming at Bishops Farm



Happy New Year to everyone!

As we start a new year with very little rainfall to date, the legacy of last year's hot summer still affects farming and the countryside. None of our field drains are running and there is very little water in the ponds and ditches. Unless we have significant rainfall over the rest of the winter, another hot summer could be disastrous.

The clay soil of Bradfield St Clare needs to become saturated during the winter to hold enough moisture to sustain plant growth during a hot summer. The clay acts like a sponge. When it is full of water it expands and the excess water leaves the field via the drains and into the ditches. This is known as field capacity and we are a long way off that yet.

The autumn sown wheat and barley crop are very advanced in growth for the time of year as up until this week, temperatures have been mild – 10 to 11C, so plants have continued growing. Cold spells are advantageous in two ways to farming. Frosts of -4C kill some pests, green fly, aphids and also kill some fungal diseases such as mildew. The other benefit of a sharp frost is that it fragments the ploughed soil, breaking the clay lumps so in the spring it is easier to produce a fine seedbed for sowing barley and sugar beet.

As the crops have grown well over the winter, one of the first jobs for the spring is applying nitrogen fertilizer. The crops will have used most of the residual nitrogen in the soil left over by last year's crop. Soil nitrogen is also boosted in the autumn on fields where we applied sewerage sludge and where this year's wheat crop follows last year's peas and beans as in this case nitrogen in the soil is fixed by the legume root nodules. When wheat and barley has depleted the residual nitrogen in the soil the leaves begin to yellow and the potential yield of the crop will be reduced. It is important to apply fertilizer as soon as possible.

We have two Spring crops to plant this year. A malting variety of barley called Lorette and sugar beet. We aim to plant barley around

15th March if the weather and conditions allow and sugar beet a week later.

The uncertain political climate still affects farming with the dreadful ongoing Brexit negotiations. A no deal ending would be disastrous with possible immediate loss of subsidies, tariffs on exports and imports of chemicals and fertilizers.

As many of you know, in November we sadly lost our employee Dan. After four years of training and working with me on the farm, he has gone to work on a large farm at Feltwell on the edge of the Fens. We wish him every success in the future. I will continue to farm on my own most of the year with help at busy times from our son Tom and maybe even get Lorraine on a tractor! Also a big thank you to people in the village who have offered their help. I will call upon you if and when I need help – many thanks one and all.

Problems with Sheepgate Lane are still ongoing. Recently quad bikes were spotted using it at 8.30 at night. No damage was done but the lane is a restricted byway NOT for use by motor vehicles. The Police have been informed and CCTV will be installed to catch further misuse that may occur. If anyone sees the lane being abused please let me know or any member of the Parish Council. Let us enjoy this lovely green lane for walking and riding and hopefully catch the offenders.

I have applied for new hedging to plant beside the new ditch that was dug in the autumn and some to plant on the south side of Sheepgate Lane where the lane crosses the open field. There is a shortage of young hedging this year due to the hot summer last year, so we are unsure if the planting will be done this spring or in 2020.

Looking forward to some decent rain and then a warm and sunny March and April. I am sure everything will sort itself out, maybe even the political issues.

- Mike Morley

Dates for your Diary



- Friday 1st February – Whist Drive – 7.30pm – Village Hall
- Saturday 16th February – Kit Café - 10.00am to 1.00pm – Village Hall
- Tuesday 19th February – Book Club – 7.00pm – Village Hall
- **Early Warning! Village Quiz – 22nd March – details to follow**



Whist Drive

Bradfield St Clare Village Hall

Friday 1st February

7.30pm

Entry £2.00 including refreshments,
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