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- and	Mrs Margaret Lovick	386662
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- Secretary	Mrs Vicky Spall	386357
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# THE BRADFIELD GRAPEVINE



**March  
2019**



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Well fancy that! St David’s Day and daffodils actually in bloom – not always the case in Suffolk! But what a crazily warm February we have had, as Keith reminds us in his weather report. He even mentions his lawnmower. With that in mind and the full on gardening season about to begin, all those garden waste bins for recycling will start to be filled, so there is this month a reminder of what can and what cannot go in the brown bins. When you have a break from gardening and pop in for a cup of tea, why not enjoy a tasty shorbread finger made from Margaret Fayers’ recipe you can find elsewhere in this edition!

The established village events continue to be planned for this month, with a Whist Drive and the increasingly popular Kit Café. Also the Book Club remains active, with Val Nunn generously taking on the role of co-ordinator after Pat Brender moved out of the village. There are some vacancies if you would like to join the group. The Village Quiz will take place this month in aid of Village Hall funds. It is always a popular event, so get your tickets early. That most successful village event, Tea and Tulips will be reappearing on the calendar in April and early notice is given in this month’s Grapevine. All of these events are for our village but you will notice that the flyer included in this magazine is for activities in our sister village of Bradfield St George. They are being promoted to help them raise the funds for their church.

A brief summary of the recent Parish Council meeting shows the progress being made in some long standing village issues.

As usual, it is lovely to read about Glyn and his cows – always some new adventures and memories of past times!

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Dairy Farmhouse  
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## Cockfield Benefice Services – March 2019

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March Sunday next before Lent	9.30am Communion	Bradfield St George
	11am Communion	Bradfield St Clare
	6pm Six2seven – with Michael Green of the Church Missionary Society on his work in Ipswich	Felsham Village Hall
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent	9.30am Communion BCP	Gedding
	11am Communion	Cockfield
	4pm Evening Prayer	Bradfield St Clare
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	 3-5pm	Felsham Village Hall
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	8am Communion BCP	Cockfield
	9.30am Benefice Family Service	Fesham
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	9.30am Morning Prayer	Bradfield St George
	9.30am Morning Prayer BCP	Gedding
	11am Communion	Cockfield
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March Mothering Sunday	8am Communion BCP	Bradfield St Clare
	10am Mothering Sunday Service	Cockfield

Daily Service of Celtic Prayer – all are welcome!				
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)



## REMINDER – with Spring around the corner and gardening under way

### *What can I put in my garden waste bin?*

- dead plants and flowers
- grass, leaves and weeds
- hedge clippings
- prunings and twigs
- sawdust
- small branches (not more than 6cm thick)
- vegetable waste from the garden (not kitchen waste)

Don't forget that you can also take your garden waste to Suffolk County Council's [Household waste recycling centres](#) for recycling, free of charge.

### *What can't I put in my garden waste bin?*

- bagged waste
- cardboard, newspaper, shredded paper
- invasive weeds such as Japanese Knotweed
- kitchen waste, food and plate scrapings - [Information on recycling your food waste](#)
- soil, stones or rubble
- pet/animal waste and bedding
- plastic flower pots, trays or bags
- tea bags and coffee grounds
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### Bin collections in March 2019

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Blue and Brown bins
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Black bins
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Blue and Brown bins
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Black Bins

### APRIL 2019 ADVERTISEMENTS

**Advertisements for the April 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 Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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**

## News from St Clare Church



You may have seen the church lit up at night during the last days of February. We were celebrating the new external lighting from the churchyard. Thank you to Clive and Sue Leal for providing us with this wonderful new way to illuminate our church during the dark days of winter. We also need to thank Ernie Warren for once again organising the required maintenance of St Clare Church and also installing a grab rail at the entrance to the Silence Chamber in the tower.

This year plans are underway for another Tea and Tulips fundraising event at Lodge Farm on Bury Road. We hope to hold it on Easter Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Offers of help and contributions for the plant stall and the raffle would be very welcome! More details are to follow. Lent begins on 6<sup>th</sup> March, so no flowers in the church from this date until the Easter Sunday celebrations on 21<sup>st</sup> April. Church decorating will take place the day before. However it is a joy to see the daffodils in Church Lane once more appearing. They were planted a few years ago by a small number of parishioners – thank you to them. The 2019 rota for altar flowers and weekend church opening will be circulated very soon. If you planned to offer your help it is still not too late!

You will see from the Church Service Rota for the Benefice, there will be three services in March – it would be lovely to welcome you to one of them

**- Margaret Newlands (Church Warden)**

# Annual Village Hall Quiz Night



**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**  
**Bradfield St Clare Village Hall**  
**7:00pm**

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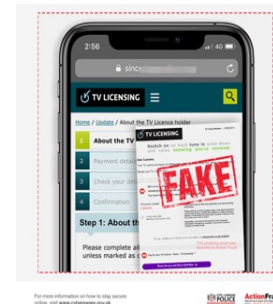
**'There is always in February some one day, at least, when one smells the yet distant, but surely coming summer.'**  
*Gertrude Jekyll*

I ended last month's report talking of the arrival of a cold spell, which culminated with a couple of centimetres of snow lasting no more than two days, before turning to rain and higher temperatures. January produced only 21mm.of precipitation against an average of 50.9mm, the driest January since 2006.

There has been the odd wet day or so in February to date, with 26mm of rain with our average at 43.75mm. The main feature however, has been the very mild temperatures into double figures, with 14C forecast for the end of this week. Snowdrops, crocuses and daffodils are well in evidence which gives the feeling that Spring might well be on the way. I even brought the mower out yesterday for its first venture of 2019 - I don't remember doing that in February before.

- Keith Payne 20th February 2019

## Fake TV Licensing emails



Action Fraud has received more than 5,00 reports about fake emails and texts purporting to be from TV Licensing. The messages contain links to genuine-looking websites that are designed to steal personal and financial information.

**Always question unsolicited requests for your personal or financial information in case it's a scam. Never automatically click on a link in an unexpected email or text.**

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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](mailto:pjmrn@aol.com)



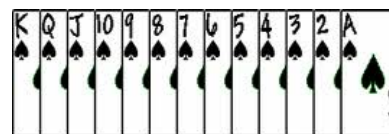
### **The Library Van**

**NEXT VISITS: 9.40 – 9.55 am on 13<sup>th</sup> March**

**To contact Carl Bell on the mobile library van on: 07721 879855**

### **WHIST DRIVE**

**February 2019**



Seventeen players took part in the February Whist Drive - eight men and nine ladies. It was lovely to see Kylie again who we have missed the past few months. It was great also to see Debbie, who came along as a new player, and quickly picked up the game. A very enjoyable evening was had by all. Thanks to everyone who provided draw prizes and bought raffle tickets thus raising £45 for village hall funds.

Winning lady was Joy with 173 points. Jus and Ros tied for second place on 166 so shared the proceeds of second and third prize. Wooden spoon was awarded to Margaret with a score of 135.

For the men Derek came first on 173, Jim was second with 165 and Ray third on 159. Gerry was awarded the wooden spoon with a score of 148.

**- Val Nunn**



Members who attended our meeting on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February swapped a cold, dark evening for the delights of sunny Portugal. Our speaker, Robert Smith whisked us away to explore the beautiful River Douro using his coloured slides – magnificent scenery, wonderful architecture and fascinating history – a feast for the eyes!

We have recently welcomed three new members – why not join us as well? Our next meeting in the Village Hall will be on 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm when Anne Datson will be telling us “The Story of Gilbert and Sullivan”

Please let Enid Hunt (our secretary) know if you would like to try us out!

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**- Pat Hipwell**

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**FINGERS**

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### **Ingredients:**

9ozs plain flour  
Pinch of salt  
2 ozs caster sugar  
6ozs COLD good, salted butter

### **Method:**

Mix flour, salt and sugar.  
Cut cold butter into small cubes then quickly rub into the flour, as lightly as possible.  
Draw mixture together into a ball and knead until smooth.  
Roll out to about 1/2 inch  
Cut into fingers, prick through with a fork, and place on a greased baking sheet  
Bake at 160C, 325F, Gas Mark3 for 20-25 minutes until light golden colour

**- Margaret Fayers**

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## Bradfield Woods

## March Activities



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### Go Wild!

Thursdays starting 14<sup>th</sup> March

Forest School activities for children  
aged 6-11 years

4- 5.30pm £4 per child

### Woven hazel hurdle course

Sat 30 March

Learn how to cleave hazel and make  
a woven panel to take home.

For adults

£60 + £10 materials



## Bradfield St George Village Hall

### **Bradfield Night**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 7 - 11 pm

Bar and hot food

All welcome

### **Quiz Night**

16<sup>th</sup> March

Teams of 4, £1 per head

7 for 7.30pm start

All welcome, just turn up

## **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

## **Dates for your Diary**



- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Whist Drive – 7.30pm – Village Hall
- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Kit Café - 11.00am to 1.00pm – Village Hall
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Book Club – 7.00pm – Village Hall
- Village Quiz – 22<sup>nd</sup> March – 7.00pm Village Hall



## Tea and Tulips

2019



St Clare PCC invites you to The Lodge in Bradfield St Clare to once more enjoy seeing the tulips whilst sipping a cup of tea. We plan to hold this event on Easter Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

***More details to follow***

**There will also be a plant stall and a raffle**

All proceeds are in aid of St Clare Church funds



**Bradfield St Clare  
Book Club  
VACANCIES**



At present we have eight members in our active book club. We meet from 7.00pm to 8.00pm in the Village Hall, on the third Tuesday each month, to share our views on a book that has been selected after discussion. The Suffolk Library Service loans the books to us.

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Congratulations to the Parish Council for its perseverance and dogged persistence over very many years so that AT LAST we will have speed limits on much of our village roads!

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**- Pat Hipwell**



# Whist Drive

**Bradfield St Clare Village Hall**

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

**7.30pm**

**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**

*In aid of Village Hall funds*





## **SUFFOLK LOCAL HISTORY COUNCIL RECORDERS' SCHEME**

Val Nunn has recently submitted her report on life in our village in 2018 to the Suffolk Local History Council. She has now completed her stint as the Recorder for our village. Many thanks Val! It means that in years to come people will be able to discover what was happening in our village in a way that we enjoy discovering what life was like in the past.

***There is now a vacant role as Village Recorder for Bradfield St Clare***

### ***ARE YOU INTERESTED?***

As a Recorder, you will receive the two SLHC newsletters each year. You will also be invited to attend an annual Recorders Conference where there will be talks and displays on relevant subjects and where you have the chance to meet other Recorders. This usually takes place towards the end of April. It is not a requirement for Recorders to become full members of SLHC. Details of the scheme and how to apply are available on the SLHC website: [www.slhc.org.uk](http://www.slhc.org.uk)

***Val would be very happy to talk to anyone about the role and let you have copies of previous reports - 01284 388830***

All the councillors attended the meeting and were joined by three members of the public.

- It is expected that UKPN will disconnect the old lighting unit and the junction of Bury road and Bradfield St George Road and connect the new unit on the same day
- The Parish Council will raise a formal complaint with Suffolk county Council Highways Department in relation to the remaining blocked drainpipe on Bradfield St George Road
- The parishioners who attended the meeting expressed their disappointment at the exclusion of the five dwellings on Bury Road from the proposed 40mph speed limit. Following a site visit with a Highways officer, the Parish Council had requested an extension of the speed limit coming from the direction of Cockfield to commence before the houses at the corner of Bush Green Lane. This request was refused but an extension of the 30mph speed limit on Bradfield St George Road was agreed from this junction to the properties just beyond the water tower.
- Signs at the entrance of Sheepgate Lane have at some time been moved and a footpath sign broken. The Council has received a letter with information that once again Sheepgate Lane had been used for inappropriate purposes – possibly by quad bikes. P.C. Fox will be in touch with the Public Footpaths Officer to discuss a way forward to improve the situation whilst acknowledging that the lane is a public right of way
- Local crime figures were shared. Our village has a very low recorded figure
- Changes to SCC School Travel Policy were discussed. Parents and Carers now need to opt into the service for their children
- All unregistered footpaths and bridleways need to be registered by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026. The Clerk will obtain footpath maps for our location. The footpath warden has been informed
- A planning application to remove and reinstate some internal aspects of Bush Green Farm were discussed
- Parish elections will take place in May 2019

More detailed minutes of this meeting can be found on the parish website: [bradfieldstclare.onesuffolk.net](http://bradfieldstclare.onesuffolk.net)

**- Your Parish Councillor**



**Free Community Café**  
(Contributions welcome!)

A place to meet up with friends  
& make new ones

Where: Bradfield St Clare Village Hall  
IP30 0EL

When: Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March  
11am – 1pm

***Soup and a Ploughman's Lunch***

We hope to see you there!

More details form Val Nunn, Pat Hipwell, Margaret Fayers or Debbie Lammond

The café opened its doors on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February to celebrate Valentines Day! There were hearts and roses in abundance. The decorations, cards, biscuits and cakes and even the quiz, were all themed. The refreshments included some 'Easy Peasy chocolate and cranberry cookies made from the recipe featured in last month's Grapevine – delicious! Many thanks Francesca for your recipe.

The café seems to be going from strength to strength with 42 people enjoying meeting up with others including those who once lived in the village and others from around and about. Kylie and Tony from Cockfield won the Valentine Quiz and although the Café is free we had donations of nearly £45 – thank you so much – it helps us to provide exciting refreshments

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

**News from Home Field**



It was our first Christmas in the bungalow this year, which was a bit different apart from the usual bounty of family and food (thank you Debbie!) My routine was getting up, down to the farm, milk Kirsty (still here), feed the silage, the walk back to the bungalow. No problem there but what do you do then? It's such a long time before you are allowed to open presents. Thankfully the weather was kind but no white Christmas for the after dinner pictures. We had a few frosts and a little snow, which didn't hold the dread they used to, with only two troughs to thaw and so long as the tractor will start to pull the silage out it's a doddle! I hope I haven't tempted fate as I do have a memory of driving our old Nuffield tractor and trailer from the farm across the fields up to the Mouse House corner to pick up one tonne of chicken feed from a delivery lorry who couldn't get any closer to the farm because the wind had blown all the snow off the field into the road and blocked his way. We don't seem to get the hardness of the weather we used to but with all the tales we still have to take what we are given.

I had my Farm Assurance visit in mid-February for the Red Tractor stickers, which accompany all the cattle leaving the farm. The last audit was before the cows moved out so when the assessor rang up to make an appointment he went through his check list and said, "I see you were milking 35-40 cows on my last visit. How many are you milking now?" "Just one for my cornflakes" I replied "as I don't sell milk anymore and don't have the same number of animals." – I thought the audit would be a lot simpler and quicker but there were still a lot of questions to be answered and points to clarify. The Red Tractor Farm Assurance is a good scheme to ensure a consistent level of standards and conditions across the country, which helps to enhance the confidence of the end purchaser. However we spent half an hour looking at the cattle, conditions etc., then over one hour filling in computer forms all totally necessary but not my 'cup of tea'!

Three in-calf heifers have gone to Suffolk Cheeses to begin their working lives. All three are due to calve in March, namely Amanda, Britney and Beyonce – the last two must have been named during my "Down with the Kids" period. Nowadays it's not so much getting "Down with the Kids" as getting up again afterwards!

- Glyn