

Useful Local Contacts

| | | |
|--|---|----------------|
| Anglian Water Emergencies | | 03457 145145 |
| Borough Council: | | |
| - St Edmundsbury Offices | | 01284763233 |
| Local Member Sara.Mildmay-White | Sara.Mildmay-White@stedsb.gov.uk | 01359 270580 |
| Bradfield St Clare Book Club | Mrs Val Nunn | 388830 |
| Bradfield Grapevine Magazine: | | |
| - Editors | Mr Peter Newlands | 388637 |
| - and | Mrs Margaret Lovick | 386662 |
| Bury Stray Cat Fund | | 388455 |
| Charity for the Relief in Sickness: | | |
| - Secretary | Mrs Vicky Spall | 386357 |
| County Council: | | |
| - Suffolk County Council Switchboard | | 01473 583000 - |
| Local Member Karen Soons | karen.soons@suffolk.gov.uk | 07864 601887 |
| Dentist (Emergency) – by appointment, Saturday and Sunday afternoons | | 0300 130 3065 |
| Doctor – for Suffolk Doctors on Call out of hours service ring own doctors’ surgery or | | |
| -NHS Choices | | 111 |
| Electricity | UK Power Networks Supply Faults | 0800 783 8838 |
| Footpath Warden | Mrs Fenella Fraser | 388310 |
| Gospel Hall | Mr Keith Arknett | 01359 240910 |
| Mobile Library | Mr Carl Bell | 07721 879855 |
| Member of Parliament | Mrs Jo Churchill | 752311 |
| | www.jochurchill.mp@parliament.uk | |
| Neighbourhood Watch Contact | Mrs Dianne Bullard | 386598 |
| Parish Council Clerk | Mrs Nicola Smith | 07817170906 |
| Parish Council Website: | http://bradfieldstclare.onesuffolk.net | |
| Police | 101 (non-urgent), 999 or 01473 613500 | |
| | Twitter Name : @stedspolice | |
| Post Office | Bury Delivery Office | 358201 |
| Schools and Colleges: | | |
| Cockfield Primary School | | 828287 |
| Thurston Community College | | 01359 230885 |
| West Suffolk College | | 701301 |
| St Clare Church | | |
| - Rector – Rev. Sharon Potter | | 828599 |
| - Church Warden Mrs Margaret Newlands | | 388637 |
| St Edmunds R C Church | Fr Mark Hackeson | 754358 |
| Suffolk Wildlife Trust | Bradfield Woods | 01449 737996 |
| Village Hall – Bookings | Mrs Val Nunn | 388830 |
| - Secretary | Mrs Isobel Payne | 386169 |
| West Suffolk Hospital | | 713000 |
| Women’s Institute Secretary | Mrs Enid Hunt | 386565 |

THE BRADFIELD GRAPEVINE



MAY 2019



170

What an amazing Easter weekend we had! Wonderful warm sunshine, beautifully colourful Spring flowers and so busy in the village! As well as the Easter Service in St Clare Church, Saturday saw many people enjoying hot cross buns together at a well attended Kit Café and then of course the fantastic Tea and Tulips at The Lodge on the Easter Bank Holiday Monday! On occasions like this the village simply comes alive.

In this edition you will be reminded just how fortunate we are to live in such a lovely part of the world. Twelve-year-old Ishaq, who has fairly recently moved into Maynards House, writes with enthusiasm about his new life in the village. Thanks Ishaq – you may recognise something else of yours in this magazine!

The Tea and Tulips event had so many people baking cakes as well as potting up plants for sale and donating raffle prizes, let alone all the work that went into organising and moving things about in the village! On the subject of cakes, Bobby Rush shares with us her recipe for the very tasty spiced banana loaf she made for the event.

Glyn describes the most recent goings on with his cattle at Homefield. As usual it is a great read and leaves you with a smile on your face! Ishaq and Bobby have contributed something new this month – don’t forget it is **YOUR** magazine and we would be delighted if there is anything you would like to share with the rest of the village – within reason!!!

*Margaret Lovick
Linden House
Bradfield St Clare
Tel: 01284 386662*

*Peter Newlands
Dairy Farmhouse
Bradfield St Clare
Tel: 01284 388637
pjrmrn@aol.com*

Cockfield Benefice Services – May 2019

| | | |
|----------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| Sunday 5 May Easter 3 | 9.30am Communion | Bradfield St George |
| | 11am Communion | Bradfield St Clare |
| | 6pm Six2seven – with Archdeacon Sally Gaze talking about Rural Mission | Felsham |
| Sunday 12 May Easter 4 | 9.30am Communion BCP | Gedding |
| | 11am Communion | Cockfield |
| | 6pm Evening Prayer | Bradfield St Clare |
| Saturday 18 May |  3-5pm | Felsham Village Hall |
| Sunday 19 May Easter 5 | 8am Said Communion BCP | Cockfield |
| | 9.30am Family Service | Felsham |
| Sunday 25 May Easter 6 | 9.30am Worshipping Together* | Bradfield St George |
| | 9.30am Morning Prayer BCP | Gedding |
| | 11am Communion | Cockfield |
| Thursday 30 May Ascension Day | 11am Communion | Felsham |

A service of Celtic Morning Prayer is held every Tuesday at Cockfield at 9am

A service of Celtic Evening Prayer is held every Thursday at Bradfield St Clare at 5pm

All are welcome – these services are approximately 15 minutes in duration.

*Worshipping together is a new service which begins at Bradfield St George - a more 'informal' type service. We welcome anyone who is seeking to find out more about God, and the Church to come and join us.

Please note these services may be subject to change – for up-to-date service times see the benefice website at www.cockfieldbenefice.com



CARGATE
engineering

Septic Tank Emptying and Servicing

- Septic Tank and Cesspool Emptying • Tank and Drain Cleaning Service available • Reliable and Competitive • 24/7 Emergency Response
- Treatment Plant Service available • New Tanks installed
- Vehicles Covering East Anglia

Cargate Engineering Ltd.
Felsham Road, Bradfield St George,
Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP30 0AG

E-mail: n.milsom@cargate-engineering.co.uk
www.cargateengineering.co.uk

 

01284 386538 (Head office)

Always to hand when you need us!

Bin collections in May 2019

Thursday 3rd May

Friday 10th May

Thursday 16th May

Thursday 23rd May

Friday 31st May

Blue and Brown bins

Black bins

Blue and Brown bins

Black Bins

Blue and Brown Bins

You can always check your bin collection day by going to:

<http://maps.westsuffolk.gov.uk>

June 2019 ADVERTISEMENTS

Advertisements for the June 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 Friday 17th May. 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**



Whist Drive

Bradfield St Clare Village Hall

Friday 3rd May

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



News from St Clare Church



It is my pleasure to begin by thanking everyone who contributed in any way to the success of our Easter Services and the fantastic Tea and Tulips event at The Lodge on Easter Monday. The church was decorated with lovely Spring flowers and a large collection of paper Easter eggs. Thank you to everyone who took part in the decorated Easter egg competition – well done! Many people admired them on Easter Sunday at the 11.00am service led by Archdeacon David. A very special thank you also to Debbie Thomas for organising the chocolate egg hunt – well done to those who found them in the churchyard before they melted!

The Tea and Tulip event was a resounding success. Around 200 visitors attended and most had to queue for their cream tea! Well done to all the helpers – no time for a break from car parking, selling plants, cakes and raffle tickets or serving cream teas, clearing tables and constantly washing up. Enormous thanks are also due to everyone who helped in setting up the event by transporting goods and furniture and erecting the marquees and then taking them all down again at the end! Alice, Christian and their sons worked tirelessly during the afternoon and for many weeks prior to the event to ensure the gardens looked breathtaking. Thank you for hosting this very happy occasion for us all.

May will be a quieter month! The church is open at the weekends and we would love to see you at any of the services listed on the schedule. If you need any further information you can contact Revd. Sharon at the Cockfield Rectory (01284 828599) or myself (01284 388637)

- Margaret Newlands (Church Warden)



Spiced Banana Cake

200g bananas (the riper they are, the sweeter the cake will be)

270g muscovado or light brown sugar

2 eggs

280g plain flour

1 teaspoon baking powder and bicarbonate of soda

1 teaspoon ground ginger and ground cinnamon

½ teaspoon ground mixed spice

140g butter - melted

Grease and line a loaf tin 23cm x 13 cm (mine is about 4½” x 7½” and about 2½” deep).

Beat eggs and sugar until well mixed.

Mash the bananas and beat into the mixture.

Sieve the dry ingredients and mix into the banana mixture until well incorporated.

Pour in the butter and beat the mixture until all the ingredients are mixed well.

Pour the mixture into the tin and level the top.

Bake about 1 hour Gas 3/170°C/325°F or until knife/skewer comes out clean.

This cake freezes really well.

- Bobby Rush

Bradfield Woods

May Activities



PLEASE BOOK FOR ACTIVITIES

For more information and to book your place on event go to:

www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org

or 'phone 01473 890089

Mondays 10.00am to 11.30am

WILD TOTS

For families with children under 5
£5/child a session or £4 block booking

Friday 10th May 10am to 3.30pm

Adult Course

The Wonder of Willow

Learn about the practical and medical uses of willow as well as associated wildlife and folklore. Make dye, cordage and woven bird feeder to take home

£40 + £5 materials

Fri 17th May 9.30am to 3.30pm

Adult Course

Woodland ID & games for Forest School Leaders and outdoor practitioners

Identify trees, woodland plants and invertebrates, with games and activities to help you (and the children) learn and remember - £50

Friday 24th May – 10.00am to 2.30pm

Wild and Well for Adults

Spend the morning in the woods practicing mindfulness and nature connection techniques, cook lunch over the fire, spend the afternoon whittling and crafting - £15

Tues 28th May - 10.30am to 12.30pm

Nature spotters walk for families

£4/child, £2/adult

Sat 8th & Sun 9th June 10am to 4pm

Green wood gallery

Display of work by the green wood workers of Bradfield woods

Demonstrations, have a go sessions and items for sale. Refreshments available

- Donations

TOMLINSON GROUND CARE

Sales • Service • Parts • Repairs
1 Brettenham Road
Buxhall, Stowmarket, IP14 3DL
www.tomlinsongroundcare.co.uk

01449 736060

Opening Times

Mon– Fri 7.30 am to 5.00 pm
Saturday 7.30 am to 12.30 pm

Visit our **LARGE SHOWROOMS**



This advert is too small to be able to show you all we have to offer, please visit our website or come and have a cup of tea/coffee and discuss your requirements.

Main Al-Ko and John Deere Dealers

PARKERHOME

PROPERTY REFURBISHMENT AND RENOVATION

Local, family-run business with 30 years experience

- Electrician 24hour call out
- Part P Certified
- Testing & Inspection
- Lighting for Home & Garden
- Re-Wires/Consumer Units
- Domestic Alarm Systems
- Home Refurbishment & Modernisation
- Home Extensions
- Fitted Kitchens & Bathrooms
- Garage Conversions
- All staff CRB checked

01284 386899

www.philhome.co.uk

“Lovely guys who were very professional and knowledgeable. Would have no problem recommending you to our friends and neighbours”



HOME & GARDEN HELP



Reliable lady, DBS checked
Available to do all the jobs you don't have time to do

GRASS CUTTING
GARDENING
HOUSEWORK
DOG WALKING
£12.50 per hour

House Sitting £30 per night

CONTACT JUSTINE – 07594617087



A Talk by Roger Harvey
on preparations for
The Chelsea Flower Show

FRIDAY 10th MAY - 7pm for 7.30pm
Bradfield St George Village Hall IP30 0AS
Talk and Supper £17-50 – Bar

For more details or tickets contact;
Lynn Cardale – licardale@hotmail.com - 01284 386327 or
Christine Stainer – christinestainer@gmail.com - 01284 388175

Special dietary requirements? Just let us know in advance please

Fund Raising for Bradfield St George Church Tower Project

Moving to Bradfield St Clare

Moving from a massive crowded city like London to a calm, quiet village like Bradfield St Clare has made a massive difference in my every day life.

For example, simply driving to school in Bury St Edmunds is different to driving to school in London. First of all, the view of plain, open fields is beautiful, you can see for miles around you with nothing in your way but trees and plants. Secondly, the animals you can see around you are also interesting: pheasants, deer, partridges, and rabbits. The greenery is just as pleasant.

Another big difference is the air; in London, there are so many cars, chimneys, factories etc. around, the air is full of fumes and pollution. And a massive city like London has plenty of people that the polluted air could affect. However, in Bury St Edmunds, there aren't as many factories and fumes around, which means that the air pollution is much less.

Bury St Edmunds is also much tidier than London. Because in London, there is so much litter and rubbish. And all of that litter can be bad for the wildlife as well as the appearance of the area. It is certainly not eco-friendly.

I also feel much safer in Bury St Edmunds than in London. Due to the fact that, in London, there is so much crime happening around you, and in Bury, there aren't many people who would try to hurt you.

Those are some of the reasons why I feel happier in Bury St Edmunds than in London. I look forward to spending the next few years of my life growing up in and learning more about this interesting town.

- Ishaq Thompson (12 years old)

REMINDER!

If you are planning a party, a Fete, a BBQ or any other outside event this Summer we have the means to make it more colourful! We have metres and metres of pretty bunting – as seen at the recent ~Tea and Tulips – and an attractive set of a dozen table clothes (card table size) for hire at reasonable rates. Money raised is shared between the Village Hall & Church.

CONTACT PAT HIPWELL (386636)



I think our WI must have a jinx on it! For the second month running our speaker called off for legitimate reasons at the last moment and poor Catherine, our programme planner had to find a substitute at very short notice - well done Catherine. We listened for over an hour to a talk on the Rubik's cube. A rather reduced number of members had an enjoyable evening!

Five of us enjoyed a wonderful day at the annual West Suffolk WI conference at the Apex. There were two fabulous speakers. Mark Horton, an archaeologist from Coast to Coast and Time Team, gave fascinating insights into the coast of East Anglia. In the afternoon, Mark Evans, a vet who does a lot of work on Channel 4 – up there with David Attenborough - gave an informed and very funny talk.

Our next meeting will be our AGM on 8th May. Let's hope the Chairperson doesn't fail to turn up – it's me!

- Pat Hipwell

Contact a WI member or Enid Hunt if you would like to join us **01284 386565**
richardenid088@btinternet.com

YOUR RELIABLE LOCAL ELECTRICIAN



Lee Jardine
Electrical Services



- All Domestic Electrical Work
- Rewires/New Installations
- New/replacement lights and sockets
- Electric Showers/Hobs and Ovens
- 24 Hour Emergency Call Out
- Landlords Compliance Certificates

Tel: 01284 361 986

Mob: 07444 272 472

Email: lee.jardine@outlook.com

M.BAIRD DIGGERHIRE & GARDEN SERVICES



- Mini Digger Hire + Operator
- Garden Clearance Services
- Patio and Driveway Laying
- Strimming Grass/Hedge Cutting
- Turf Laying/seeding
- Fencing and Treework

ALL GROUND AND GARDEN MAINTENANCE UNDERTAKEN

Visit :-

www.mbairdlandscapes.co.uk

CALL MARK on 01284386865 or 07725625760

Bradfield Weather



**'A gush of bird song, a patter of dew, a cloud and a rainbow's warning.
Suddenly sunshine and perfect blue – an April day in the morning.'**

Harriet Prescott Spofford

As a report, which has traditionally featured rainfall, there is very little to say this month. There was no further rain in March following the report on the 23rd, leaving the month with 42.5mm against an average of 36.4mm. Dry weather has returned in April with just 4mm to date, with our average at 38.9mm. A new rain gauge bought some two weeks ago yet to be dampened! Already talk of drying rivers and lowering levels of reservoirs. No doubt farmer Mike will have something to say on the subject in his next offering. As I write this on Easter Saturday the main thought is the glorious sunshine for the holiday weekend. I have been to the North Yorkshire moors for a few days where, from thick coats on Monday, it was down to short sleeve shirts when leaving yesterday. Dry and warm - somewhat unusual for a Bank Holiday!

- Keith Payne 20th April 2019

ORGANISE YOUR INVOICING

- ✓ Free To Use. Register Today.
- ✓ Print Invoices
- ✓ Track Payments
- ✓ Contact Management
- ✓ For Self-Employed and Small Businesses

brightinvoicing

Making Invoicing Easy



Visit www.brightinvoicing.com

tldesignworks

Start your website today

Small Business/Personal/Club/Association
hosting - design - backup

01983 613237

www.tldesignworks.co.uk

hello@tldesignworks.co.uk

The CleanPlumber

experience the difference



Installations, Service & Repairs Domestic & Commercial...

- Gas, Oil and LPG Boilers
- Central Heating
- Power Flushing of Radiators
- Gas Safe and Oftec registered
- Showers & Bathrooms
- Property Maintenance

A leaking tap to a brand new system – we can help you

Call us now on

01284 765453

www.thecleanplumber.co.uk

www.thecleanplumber.co.uk

"HAVE A FAMILY HOLIDAY ON THE BEAUTIFUL"



ISLE OF WIGHT

**SELF CATERING 5 BEDROOMED HOUSE – SLEEPS 9
IN QUIET RESIDENTIAL ROAD IN FAMILY FRIENDLY RYDE
ONLY 5 MINUTES WALK TO SUPERB BEACHES
THE HOUSE IS VERY WELL FURNISHED AND EQUIPPED
HAS A LARGE GARDEN WITH TWO OUTDOOR EATING AREAS
A GAS BARBEQUE IS SUPPLIED
BICYCLES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE GARDEN SHED
OFF-ROAD PARKING**

VISIT

www.myiowholiday.co.uk

DKC PLUMBING

Oil Boiler Specialist

- Oil Fired Boilers Servicing
- Boiler Breakdowns
- Boiler Installations and Repairs
- Oil Tank Installations
- Radiator Power Flush
- General Plumbing
- Heating Systems
- Domestic and Commercial
- 24 hour call out
- Fully Insured
- OFTEC REGISTERED

Call: 07740 272791



A Brief Note from Lorraine

As the saying goes 'due to circumstances beyond our control', after 4 very enjoyable outings, I am not planning a Village Trip this year, but if anyone else would like to organise something we will try to support it.

- Lorraine Morley



The Library Van

NEXT VISITS: 9.40 – 9.55 am on 8th May

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

WHIST DRIVE

April 2019



Sixteen people came to the April Whist Drive making up four tables of four players. The winning lady was Justine with an impressive 173. In second place was Vera on 168 and third prize went to Val Offord with 162. Wooden spoon this month went to Margaret.

For the men John came first with 159 just one point ahead of Steve and Ian who both scored 158, sharing the proceeds of second and third place prize. Wooden spoon was awarded to David.

£56 was raised from the draw. Many thanks to those who donated prizes and bought tickets.

Bradfield St George Village Hall

Bradfield Night

Friday 3rd May 7 - 11 pm
Bar and hot food
All welcome

Bradfield Breakfast

Sunday 12th May 8 – 11 am

Eat what you like, pay what you like!

Any profit will go towards subsidising others who cannot afford to pay. Please call to book a place if possible

- Lyn Cardale 01284 386327

Quiz Night

18th May 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 3rd May – Whist Drive – 7.30pm – Village Hall
- Tuesday 14th May – AGM Parish Council – 7.00pm – Village Hall
- Saturday 18th May – Kit Café – 11am to 1pm – Village Hall
- Tuesday 21st May – AGM – Village Hall Committee – 7.00pm



The best way to care

Healthy Pet Club

Comprehensive care for your pets

- Friendly local practice
- Convenient late night and weekend appointments
- 24 hour emergency service
- Free nurse clinics
- Puppy parties (socialisation for your puppy)
- Free parking
- Free advice to help you choose your perfect pet

Meet our friendly staff at your local Eastgate or visit online at:

www.eastgatevets.co.uk
www.facebook.com/eastgatevets

Cotton Lane Clinic
Cotton Lane
IP33 1XW

01284
753961

A Message from Jim and Val Nunn

Jim and Val Nunn would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes, cards and offers of help whilst Jim has been ill. He is home now and recovering well before the next operation to replace the hip. We can honestly say it would have been almost impossible to have him home without the support and help of so many friends and neighbours. We always knew we were fortunate to live in such a beautiful village and now we feel doubly blessed that in times of need nowhere could have a more kind, caring and supportive community than Bradfield St Clare.

- Jim and Val

News from Homefield



The big decision regarding Kirsty my 'final' milk cow (never say never again) has been made. She has been sold along with a heifer Annie, who I could not get into calf. Twice she was inseminated and lost her calf at 4 months (9 months is the normal gestation), so there comes a time when you have to cut your losses. The day Kirsty left was the first day in 11 years I had not milked a cow so there was a big void in the day without this routine. However the biggest problem has been buying milk. "A dairy farmer buying milk!" has been heard jokingly several times and then there is the problem of which milk to buy – full fat, semi-skimmed, skimmed, etc., etc. I honestly didn't realise there were so many varieties to choose from, so Debbie and I are currently taste testing to see which milk can fill the gap and so far none have come close, so maybe 'final' is too soon!

Six beef cattle have also been sold as store cattle. They will be fattened on summer grass then sold for slaughter in the autumn. There were two Jersey steers, Alan and Brian and four Aberdeen Angus X Jersey – 3 steers Bing, Brooza and Barry and Beauty an Angus heifer. As their new owner only had a small horsebox and the animals were quite big, it was decided to make two trips. I brought the six into the old courtyards and then sorted three into a smaller pen with a gated race to guide them into the horsebox. The pen is next to the big barn, which has an old front door (complete with letterbox) that leads into the barn up a 2ft high straight step. It used to be used for carrying bags of feed through to fill the feed hoppers in the milking parlour. I know this door was shut fast when I put the three steers into the holding pen but somehow they opened the door and stepped up into the barn and had a lovely time roaring around the empty barn with me chasing after them trying to persuade them to go back through this small doorway and down a 2ft drop. When the game had finished I looked into the heritage of these steers and wouldn't you know it? Brian is the son of Pru who has appeared in the Grapevine before for many misdemeanours, as has Tinkerbelle (the Morley garden incident) – all the same family! – read more in The Bradfield Grapevine issue

122 – Christmas/New Year 2014/15. I think I know who opened that door!

At Homefield I have ploughed up a small allotment to try to be more self-sufficient (nothing to do with Brexit). I say a small area but it's not until you plant the first two packets of broad beans that you appreciate how many more packets are needed to fill the area and also more area for weeds to grow but the veg should taste good – just got to sort the milk situation now.

- Glyn



Free Community Café (Contributions welcome!)

In spite of the fact that many of our usual 'customers' were otherwise engaged; away for Easter, shopping or helping prepare for Tea and Tulips, we still had 38 people all happily munching their way through hot cross buns, Easter biscuits and drinking copious cups of tea or coffee.



We also provided the wherewithal for children to make Easter cards and were rewarded with one made for us at the Kit Café – so very kind thank you!

We go from strength to strength and our next opening will be on:

Saturday 18th May
11.00am to 1.00pm
Please join us

More details from:

Val Nunn, Pat Hipwell, Margaret Fayers or Debbie Lammond