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West Suffolk College		701301
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- Church Warden Mrs Margaret Newlands		388637
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Village Hall – Bookings	Mrs Val Nunn	388830
- Secretary	Mrs Isobel Payne	386169
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West Suffolk Hospital		713000
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THE BRADFIELD GRAPEVINE



JUNE 2019



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As we move into June, all of our village organisations will have held their Annual General Meetings and some of our neighbours will have been appointed or re-elected into their roles and responsibilities. A thriving village relies heavily on those who offer their services and we are so fortunate to have people prepared to give so much of their time and effort on our behalf. Of course new volunteers are always welcome with open arms – so there we are, why not join them! Mike tells us about the actions he is taking to bring this year’s crops to a healthy harvest as the summer progresses. Of course Keith’s weather report directly links to this activity.

The Kit Café continues to be very well supported and as it is June, tennis just has to be the theme of the next opening! The Kit Café meets in the Village Hall and if you have recently visited you will see how beautifully it has been re-decorated. There is a reminder in this edition of the fact that this amazing facility is available for you to hire at any time at very reasonable costs. You can also hire the tables and chairs to use at an event at your place.

Another reminder relates to changes we need to make in what we can put in our waste bins for collection on Thursdays.

Since it is now a time of the year when we are often entertaining families and friends, you will be delighted to have a fantastic recipe, from Lucy Barton of Lodge Farm, for a delicious cake – a favourite with her family!

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Cockfield Benefice Services – June 2019

Sunday 2 nd June Easter 7	9.30am Communion	Bradfield St George
	11am Communion	Bradfield St Clare
	6pm Six2seven – Songs of Praise	Felsham
Sunday 9 th June Pentecost	9.30am Communion BCP	Gedding
	11am Communion	Cockfield
Sunday 16 th June Trinity	8am Said Communion BCP	Cockfield
	9.30am Family Service	Felsham
Sunday 23 rd June First Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Worshipping Together*	Bradfield St George
	9.30am Morning Prayer BCP	Gedding
	11am Communion	Cockfield
Saturday 29 th June	 3-5pm	Felsham Village Hall
Sunday 30 th June St Peter & Paul	10am Benefice Communion (Patronal)	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 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



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Thursday 20 th June	Black Bins
Thursday 27 th June	Blue and Brown Bins

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News from St Clare Church



“Great Chesterford Beavers stopped for an apple in the churchyard – lovely place. Thank you.”

- From the Visitors Book

I hope you can find time to either walk through or sit for a while in the churchyard. We are lucky to have Chris Lovick regularly mowing the grass and due to his care we have a beautiful crop of wild flowers always on display. Birdsong and insect activity adds to the ambience and although rarely seen we have a very active churchyard cat who helps to keep unwelcome visitors under control!

The PCC plan to fill the gaps in the perimeter hedging during late Autumn or early Winter. The porch and the church interior will also receive some attention during the next few months.

The next church festival is Whitsun or Pentecost. On Ascension Day (30th May) we will have a communion service at 7.0pm. Then on each of the following days until 8th June, there will be evening prayer at 6.0pm. On 9th June we are all encouraged to attend and evening prayer service at the Cathedral. A special prayer booklet has been produced for this period of time and copies (£1.75 each) can be purchased from Revd. Sharon.

Please remember St Clare is now open each weekend but if you wish to use the church at any other time, please contact me. I can either give you the key or unlock it for you.

The Food Bank box is still in the church, close to the door and clearly labelled. All contributions are taken to the Gateway Food Bank in Bury St Edmunds each month.

On behalf of all the members of the PCC may I thank you for your continuing support for our much loved Parish Church.

- Margaret Newlands (Church Warden)



Carrot Cake With Cream Cheese Icing

Cream Cheese Icing Ingredients

450g cream cheese, softened
50g butter, softened
250g icing sugar (sieved)
5ml pure vanilla extract

Directions

In a medium bowl, cream together the cream cheese and butter until creamy (don't over mix as it will break down the cream cheese). Mix in the vanilla extract and then gradually stir in the sieved icing sugar. Store in the fridge until ready for use.

Cake Ingredients

275g plain flour
1 teaspoon salt
3 teaspoons cinnamon
1 teaspoon baking powder
2 teaspoons bicarbonate of soda
4 eggs
400g soft golden caster sugar
350ml vegetable oil
375g grated carrots
125g chopped walnuts
125g sultanas

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 160C /Gas 3.
2. Lightly grease a 20cm cake tin.
3. In a large bowl, combine flour, salt, cinnamon, baking powder and bicarbonate of soda.
4. In a large mixing bowl cream together eggs and sugar. Add oil.
5. Slowly add pre mixed dry ingredients and blend together well.
6. Add carrots, walnuts and sultanas.
7. Pour into cake tin and bake for approximately 50 minutes. Check after the first 40 minutes to see if a skewer inserted into the centre of the cake comes out clean. If not, continue to cook, checking every 10 minutes.
8. Cool cake.
9. Once cake has fully cooled either top with the cream cheese icing, or cut cake in half and ice between the layers.
10. Enjoy!

- Lucy Barton

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Free Community Café
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Approximately 30 people enjoyed meeting up with friends and neighbours for another successful opening of the Kit Cafe in May. Once again there were some delicious cakes, pastries, biscuits and sandwiches as well as the addition of some favourite confectionery like Kit Kat, Trackers and Cadbury Snack. It was lovely to see everyone and hopefully we will welcome even more visitors next month. The quiz was won today by the Thomas family – well done!

The theme for the next opening on Saturday 15th June is Wimbledon ... "Anyone For Tennis"?

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

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July 2019 ADVERTISEMENTS

Advertisements for the July 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 Wednesday 19th June. 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

Notes from your Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting took place on 14th May.

- All the Parish Councillors were present and a representative of Suffolk Police and Andy Tucker also attended the meeting from Neighbourhood Watch. There were no members of the public present.
- Reports were presented from the County and Borough Councillors. These can be read on the village website :- www.bradfieldstclare.onesuffolk.net
- Reports were received from the Village Hall Committee and St Clare Church PCC
- The chairman and vice-chairman were re-elected for the forthcoming year
- Approval was given for expenditure to cover grass cutting in the village
- The ownership of some mature trees close to the village noticeboard was discussed. Councillor Soons will investigate
- Legal notices from Suffolk County Council with regard to the proposed speed limits are now on display around the village
- Discussion took place about the possibility of a village event to recognise Earth Day on 22nd April 2020
- Two planning applications had been received just prior to the meeting. A planning meeting to discuss these will be held on 13th June at 7.30pm

Your Parish Councillors are:-

John Kirk - Chairman
Margaret Newlands - Vice-Chairman
Glyn Thomas
Paul Foster
Malcolm Hignett
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Bradfield Woods

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Thursdays - Go Wild!

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£4 per child

Sat 15 June - Adult course

3 legged stool making 9.30am-4.30pm
With David Wheeler
£70 including materials

Sun 23 June - Adult workshop

Sketchbook stroll
Have a go at capturing summer colour in watercolours with Art Branches
10.30am-12.30pm £15 including materials

Sun 23 June - Adult workshop

Singing with the sun
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Every Sunday at 2.30pm:

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Every Sunday at 6.30pm:

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Every Wednesday at 6.45pm Young People's Club

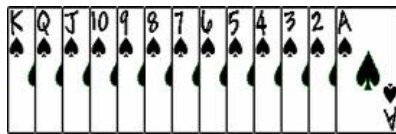


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WHIST DRIVE



May 2019

Fourteen attended our May Whist Drive, eight gentlemen and six ladies. So Steve agreed to become 'Stephanie' for the night and play as a lady. This gave three tables and one flirt table with one gentleman and one lady being awarded seven points when they landed on this table and sitting out for one game.

For the ladies Val Nunn took first place on 177 points, Steve (Stephanie) took second prize with 169 and Vera came third on 160. Val Offord took the wooden spoon this month with 130. For the gents Brian came first with 169, Ian second on 165 and Derek third with 157 points. Peter was awarded the wooden spoon on 144. £34 was raised by the draw for village hall funds. Many thanks to all who donated prizes.

- Val Nunn

Bradfield Weather



'Honey sweet May, when the birds come back, and the flowers come out, and the air is full of the sunrise scents and songs of the dawning year.'

Samuel Scoville Jr. Wild Folk

The pattern over the past week or two has been of below seasonal normal temperatures, but still not very much rain. A little more in the latter days of April, to give just 11.5mm for the month against an average of 38.9mm, compared to 68.5mm in 2018.

There has been, in early May, one day of significant rainfall (13.5mm) to cheer gardeners and farmers and since then more bits and pieces here and there, to total 29.5mm to date with the monthly average at 52.3mm. In the past day or so daily temperatures have been improving and with another Bank Holiday due this weekend sunny days with 20C temperatures should be quite acceptable to all but the aforementioned gardeners and farmers.

- Keith Payne – 22nd May 2019

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All looking good so far!

As always I link my ramblings with Keith's observations of the weather. After a particularly dry April it was welcome to have 20-25mm of rain in early May from showers, albeit with some hail and one wet day of steady rain. Then further rain earlier this week. Thinking of weather one wonders how true two old country sayings are; "Don't cast a clout till May is out". That means cold weather continues through May and don't put your winter clothes away. Very true this month with several night frosts. The second saying, "Oak before ash only be a splash. Ash before oak bound to be a soak." Well, oak has come before the ash and with the press predicting a BBQ summer; we will wait to see what happens. How quickly the year is going, despite the cold nights the crops are growing well. Winter barley is in full ear, all fertilizer and sprays applied and will be ready for harvest in about eight weeks time in mid July. The barley is disease free, healthy – just needs sun and rain to fill the grain. Wheat also looks very good. Wheat has a lot more fungicide and fertilizer applied than barley. At present I am spraying T2 fungicide, which is designed to keep the top two leaves of the plant disease free. The top leaf known as the flag leaf and leaf two are responsible for filling the grain. Ears will start to appear on the wheat about 5th June. No matter what weather we have, ears appear around the same date each year, the development being governed by day length. After then a further spray is applied to keep the developing grain free from Fusarium Mycotoxin fungus. Harvest for wheat is usually mid August. The sugar beet crop has been slow to get established this year due to cold nights. Now it is growing well. With April being so dry only about 70% of the seed germinated, the remainder came up in early May. These later plants will catch up and make sizable roots. Another old saying is "A good crop of sugar beet should touch in the row by the Suffolk Show and across the row by the longest day." I think they will be a bit behind that this year.

The other problem this year has been the removal of chemical seed treatment; neonicotinoids being banned by the EU has meant there is no control of soil borne pests from attacking the germinating seed. These pests are wireworm, eelworm and millipedes. We have had a problem down Sheepgate Lane that had grass on last year. Wireworms have eaten a lot of the seedlings on about an acre of the field. Another pest that eats holes in the leaves of young plants is pygmy mangold beetle. The sugar beet do recover from this damage. However our biggest problem is early invasion of green aphid that was controlled by seed treatment. The green aphid transmits a disease called virus yellow causing yellowing of the leaves by destroying the chlorophyll (the green pigment) in the leaf so that the plant cannot produce the sugar to be stored in the root. We will now have to spray the crop two, maybe three times more to control the aphids. At present we are spraying sugar beet to control broadleaved weeds, then another application to kill blackgrass and then a further spray of trace elements and bio stimulants. After all of that I will tractor hoe the crop to kill any weeds that have survived the chemicals. The winter beans are in full flower with the first pods already formed. Beans are an easier crop to grow, only requiring two fungicide sprays – one at early flowering done in early May and the second three weeks later. The diseases controlled are chocolate spot and marsh spot. Let us hope the weather continues to provide sun and rain in June. Although everything looks well at present, a prolonged period of temperatures in 80C plus could be disastrous as we do not have reserves of water in the ground after such a dry winter and spring. However, we are always blessed with a seedtime and harvest.

- Mike Morley

Bradfield St Clare Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee AGM was a lively affair. The small but willing committee was returned en block. The have had a good year with the roof being made watertight and the whole hall redecorated. We were helped to do this with a grant from Councillor Mrs Mildmay White, for which we are grateful. The accounts are healthy and exciting things are planned for this year!

- Margaret Lovick (Chairman of the Village Hall Committee)