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Bradfield Grapevine Magazine:		
- Editors	Mr Peter Newlands	388637
- and	Mrs Margaret Lovick	386662
Bury Stray Cat Fund		388455
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- Secretary	Mrs Vicky Spall	386357
County Council:		
- Suffolk County Council Switchboard		01473 583000 -
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- Secretary	Mrs Isobel Payne	386169
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West Suffolk Hospital		713000
Women’s Institute Secretary	Mrs Enid Hunt	386565

# THE BRADFIELD GRAPEVINE



**September  
2019**



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As I write this Mike is combining in the field outside our house. It cannot have been an easy season for our farmers, so much hard work to bring in the harvest. It is therefore important we mark this time in an appropriate way and in our village’s tradition we have a Harvest Service at St Clare Church on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September followed by the Harvest Supper in the Village Hall. There are more details elsewhere in this edition. In addition to these events, there are many other things planned for the month. The Kit Café will host the annual Macmillan Coffee Morning on 21<sup>st</sup> of the month and again there is further information on another page. Thinking about the Kit Café reminds us just how enjoyable the 1<sup>st</sup> birthday party was last month. This has been a truly positive new feature in our community – well done to all those who set it up and those who now make sure it runs so successfully.

Also this month there is the Suffolk Historic Churches Ride and Stride challenge. If you want to join in please let Pat Hipwell know. No doubt you remember reading last month about the exciting work Peter Johnson is carrying out in the reconstruction of a WW2 Hurricane fighter plane. He has suggested the possibility of a village outing to see it in all its glory! Again, in this edition you will read more about this exciting possibility.

Glyn amuses us with tales of his new born lamb at Homefield and that leads me so easily on to a wonderful addition to our community. Welcome Margot, the newly born daughter of Alex and Frankie Duchesne – another young person joins our village!

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

**Peter Newlands  
Dairy Farmhouse  
Bradfield St Clare  
Tel: 01284 388637  
[pjrmrn@aol.com](mailto:pjrmrn@aol.com)**

## Cockfield Benefice Services – September 2019

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 11 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	9.30am Communion	Bradfield St George
	11am Communion	Bradfield St Clare
	6pm Six2seven	Felsham
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> September 12 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	9.30am Communion BCP	Gedding
	11am Communion	Cockfield
	6pm Evening Prayer	Bradfield St Clare
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	8am Said Communion BCP	Cockfield
	9.30am Family Service	Felsham
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	3-5pm 	Felsham Village Hall
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	9.30am Worshipping Together	Bradfield St George
	9.30am Morning Prayer BCP	Gedding
	11am Communion	Cockfield
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	6pm Harvest Thanksgiving	Bradfield St Clare
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30am Harvest Communion	Felsham
	11am Harvest Thanksgiving	Cockfield
	11am Harvest Thanksgiving	Lt Whelnetham

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.

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## 01284 386538 (Head office)

### Bin collections September 2019

Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Black bins
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Blue and brown bins
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Black bins
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Blue and brown bins

**Latest West Suffolk re-cycling guide is at:-**

**[www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/bins/upload/guide-to-recycling-2019-v2.pdf](http://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/bins/upload/guide-to-recycling-2019-v2.pdf)**

### **Dates for your Diary**



- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September– Book Club – Village Hall – 7.00pm
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Whist Drive – 7.30pm – Village Hall
- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September – Kit Café (Macmillan Coffee Morning) – 11am to 1pm – Village Hall
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Harvest Service – St Clare Church – 6pm
- Followed by Village Harvest Supper – Village Hall – 7.30pm

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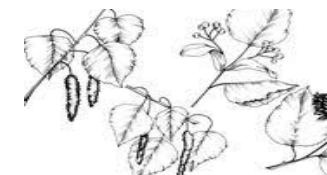
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## News from St Clare Church



September is here! This means early Autumn events such as the Harvest Festival, the Village Harvest Supper, the Suffolk Historic Churches ‘Ride and Stride’ with flowers in colours of the season helping to decorate our church.

The annual ‘Ride and Stride’ is on 14<sup>th</sup> September and half of the sponsorship from those who ride for our church comes back to us. We already have some volunteers and if you would like to take part please contact Pat Hipwell (01284 386636).

Church decoration for the harvest events will take place on 26<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00pm. Please leave flowers, vegetable or greenery and if you have time to assist that would be very helpful! NO experience or special talents are needed, just turn up! Contact me if you would like further details (01284 388637)

Our Harvest Festival and the Village Harvest Supper will be on 27<sup>th</sup> September. The service is in St Clare Church at 6.00pm and the Supper in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Both occasions are for everyone in the village. The cost of the Supper is £9 per adult and under 16s £5. Please contact either Pat or myself by 20<sup>th</sup> September to ensure we have places for everyone and enough food, especially as it is a hot meal! During the evening we plan to hold a raffle – prizes are very welcome! All proceeds go towards the St Clare Church fabric fund but the collection from the Harvest Festival will be given to a charity which supports farmers in need.

***Don't forget to bring items for the Gatehouse Food Bank in Bury St Edmunds to the Harvest Festival***

I would be very pleased to answer questions you have about any of these events – please ‘phone me!

- Margaret Newlands (Church Warden)



**PLEASE COME**

*It will be FUN!*

*Friday 27th September*

*7.30pm in the Village Hall*

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In the Village!***

£9 per adult and £5 for under 16s

*Bring your own drinks and glasses  
- water will be available!*

**Book your place by Friday 20th September**

**Contact: Margaret Newlands (01284 388637)  
or Pat Hipwell (01284 386636)**

*Before the Harvest Supper*

*In St Clare Church at 6pm*

***The Harvest Festival Service***

***Please come to both if you can!***

## *Bradfield Woods*

### *September Activities*



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and to book your place  
on event go to:**

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or 'phone 01473 890089

### **Herbal medicine in Autumn at Bradfield Woods**

**Saturday 7 September 2019 10am-  
4pm**

Explore the uses of Autumnal plants  
for herbal medicine.

Adults + Beginners £30 + £7.50  
materials per person

### **Wild tots at Bradfield Woods Autumn 2019**

**Mondays 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>  
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## Bradfield St Clare Parish Council

8<sup>th</sup> August 2019-08-16

The Chairman welcomed Council members and one member of the public.

### **Proposed Speed Limit:**

The current update is that the decision report is with Mark Stevens and Councillor Mary Evans for signing off. The Highways team will then prepare plans and send them to Operations and once this is through their checks, they will order the works to be carried out. The estimated time for the signs to be in place is towards the end of this year.

### **Broadband:**

Following the site meetings, OpenReach is now working towards a solution for those at the junction of Bury Road and Bradfield St George Road who do not have access to Superfast Broadband.

### **Overgrown Trees:**

The Parish Council continues to attempt to find out if Suffolk Highways Department or Anglia Water owns the land which houses the water pumping station. Concern has been expressed about the proximity of the branches to the nearby houses.

### **Car Parks:**

People who use the car parks will be asked their views about parking enforcement. An online version of the questionnaire can be found at:

[www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/WestSuffolkParking](http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/WestSuffolkParking)

West Suffolk Council has been under pressure to introduce 'pay on exit' car parking. A trial will be conducted at the St Andrews Street car park.

### **Bus Services:**

Suffolk County Council is proposing cuts to rural bus services.

### **Council Tax Refund Scam:**

The Council will NEVER ask for bank details to pay a refund – be aware of the scam that is targeting residents.

### **Footpath Issues:**

A local resident has reported the almost impossible and dangerous state of the footpath parallel to St Clare Hall.

There is a padlocked gate across the Elm Green path that goes through from Elm Green Road to the Felsham to Cockfield Road.

The Rights of Way Officer at Suffolk County Council will be contacted about both these issues.

- Your Parish Councillors

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### ***FREE COMMUNITY CAFÉ***

Over 40 people came to our wonderful 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday party on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August. Fantastic! Such a joyous occasion - lovely Sun, Sea and Sandwiches and also a beautiful birthday cake cut appropriately by the youngest and oldest inhabitants of the village. Bunting, balloons etc., what more could you ask for? Oh yes, wonderfully supportive people! Over the last year we have celebrated events such as the end of WW1, Christmas, Valentines Day, Easter, Soup and Ploughmans, Wimbledon, Doughnuts – here's to next year!

Due to very generous grants and sponsorship we have been able to provide all the above free. But now the tables are turning! We are hosting the Macmillan Coffee Morning on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September and we are asking for your help and support. Entrance fee will be £3 with children free; coffee and biscuits included. There will be stalls and games of all sorts!

***Many thanks to those who started this venture –:  
Dyane Wood. Pat Hipwell and Val Nunn  
We are very grateful for the continued sponsorship of  
Parker Homes***



## **Whist Drive**

**Bradfield St Clare Village Hall**  
**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September**  
**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**

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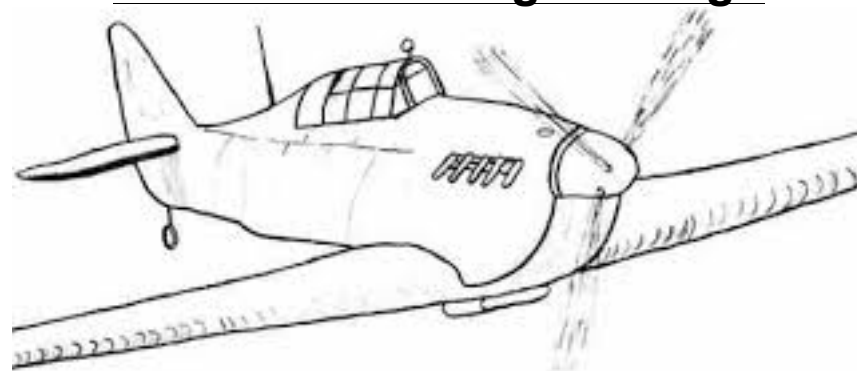
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*Contact Pat Hipwell (386636)*

## How about a Village Outing?



You may remember in the August edition of The Bradfield Grapevine, Peter Johnson wrote about the fascinating project he is involved with in rebuilding and converting to a two seat a WW2 Hawker Hurricane fighter aircraft. This work is being carried out by a specialist restoration company based at Elmsett Airfield, near Hadleigh.

Peter has said that he would be very happy to arrange for an organised group from the village to visit the factory and view the work that has been done. It is hoped that it will be finished some time in October, so that would be an appropriate time to go. Depending on the degree of interest, we could either drive our own cars in a convoy or hire a mini bus.

**If you would be interested in this venture please let me know by 20<sup>th</sup> September.**

Peter Newlands – 01284 388637 or [pjrmrn@aol.com](mailto:pjrmrn@aol.com)

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**Payment to Bradfield St Clare Village Hall Account  
Contact: Peter Newlands or Margaret Lovick**

**Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride** 

**Saturday, September 14th 2019**  
**9.00am - 5.00pm**

Local Organiser from whom sponsorship forms are available:

Anna Hillier  
 01284 386636

Visit [www.suffolkchurches.co.uk](http://www.suffolkchurches.co.uk) for more information.  
 You can also find us on Facebook and Twitter.  
 Sponsorship money raised will be divided between Suffolk Historic Churches Trust



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Val Nunn – 01284 388830

## Bradfield Weather



**'August rain: the best of summer gone, and the new fall not yet born. The odd uneven time.'**  
- Sylvia Plath

As suggested in the last report the latter days of July were very warm, including the highest temperature ever recorded in the country of 38.7C, not too far away in Cambridge on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup>. As so often happens the heat brought several thunderstorms, only one of which produced any significant amount of rain. Total fall for the month was 34mm against our average of 53.6mm.

August has so far been **rather** unsettled with yellow weather warnings for wind and rain which did not actually come to much. There have been a couple of days of material rainfall which contribute to the to date figure of 25.5 mm against our average of 64.3mm for August, this being our wettest month of the year on average.

- Keith Payne 19<sup>th</sup> August 2019



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One of the first actions of the new West Suffolk Council was to set up a rural taskforce with the aim of helping to ensure the unique factors affecting our rural communities are taken into account in our decision making.

The first step is to make sure we find out what those factors are from people living and working in our rural areas. Please can you take a few minutes to fill in the survey and tell us what you see as opportunities and issues in your area.

The survey is online at [www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/rural](http://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/rural) or available in hard copy at council offices on request from [policy@westsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:policy@westsuffolk.gov.uk) or 01284 757633.

Thank you.

**West Suffolk**  
Council



It was a case of déjà vu! We've had the speaker Colin Wilkinson before but never mind, it is such a wonderful idea. The Jubilee Sailing Trust was set up to give disabled people of any age, gender or severity of disability, the chance to sail a three-masted schooner. The first to be adapted was the Lord Nelson (formerly the Charlotte Rose of TV fame) but due to public demand a brand new ship was commissioned and built entirely of wood. It cost £14,000,000 to build with no government grant and is named The Tenacious. They sail all over the world with 6 paid crew, 50% disabled paired with 50% 'buddies'. There is no age bar; the oldest having been 87 and the youngest 14. They enter the Tall Ships Race every year and sail all the year round. Places are not free but heavily subsidised. These experiences have changed lives – wonderful and inspiring! More information can be found on:

[www.jst.org.uk](http://www.jst.org.uk) or by telephoning 0238 044 9108

Kim Ford chaired the meeting and Kathy Baines won the competition.

Our next meeting will be at 7.30pm in the Village Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> Sept.

Rosalind Hamill will talk to us about being a 'Lady Toastmaster'.

The competition will be a "Pair of Cufflinks"!

Do JOIN US – we are a very friendly group!  
If you would like to come along, please contact Enid Hunt:-

**01284 386565** [richardenid088@btinternet.com](mailto:richardenid088@btinternet.com)

## News from Homefield



Just over 6 weeks ago but too late to be included in the July Grapevine, we managed to double our sheep flock. I was woken by Ben dog, who needed to go out at about 5.00am and Lucy was as quiet as usual with no signs of lambing. However, when I went out at 6.00am there was this little black 'sack' of lamb already trying to stand up to find her mum's teat for milk. It's Lucy's first lamb and she'd obviously been attending to the pre-natal classes knowing exactly how to lead Lola to the teat and licking her dry at the same time. It doesn't matter how many times I see a birth it is still magical.

Jump forward 6 weeks and Lola has now changed form a lamb in a sack to a little barrel of legs and is causing more than a little trouble. Most evenings we let the chickens out of their run and they wander across the field foraging, returning to their house when it gets dark. Lucy and Lola have a fenced off area of the field, fenced with 3 strands of electric wire connected to a fully charged fencer battery. The little Lola who at first respected the fence has now learnt if she runs fast at the lower wire she can 'pop' out without getting a shock. She then heads straight for the chickens to play with them. We end up with Lucy going up and down the electric fence because her baby has left her. Lola is bouncing around chasing the chickens back into their run. She then runs back up to see her mum, the chickens pop out of their hut with an 'all clear' at which point Lola returns! It's a very good game and very amusing unless you are a chicken, so she is now fenced in with an electric net fence and I have hidden my ladders – hopefully she will soon learn. Please don't answer any adverts from somebody needing a second hand trampoline.

By the time you read this 2 more heifers will have moved to Suffolk Cheeses. Belinda and Button are both due to calve in the first week of September so will go off soon to learn the system before calving. In the 'allotment' we have now lifted the Charlotte, Pentland Javelin and Maris Peer potatoes, all having been sown to see what will grow not adhering to any plans. Yields have been average but flavour brilliant and so far no slugs. Courgettes, carrots and lettuce have done well but dwarf and runner beans, spring onions and beetroot have been poor. It might be due to my lack of plan, poor weather

conditions, bird damage etc., etc., but it is still fun and can be very rewarding. I now play darts blindfolded, if I'm as good at spiking potatoes under the ground when lifting them, I could soon make myself a new career at the OCHE!

- Glyn

### WHIST DRIVE



August 2019

Fourteen people attended the August Whist Drive, making three tables with two sitting out.

Gina came first for the women with a score of 170, followed by Val on 166 and Sylvia on 159. I took home the women's wooden spoon!

For the men, Ian came first with 165 with Ray and Derek tied on 163. Justine (playing as a man!) was awarded with the wooden spoon by scoring 149.

£33 was raised for the village hall funds at this very happy evening with much laughter and enjoyed by all!

- Margaret Lovick

### Our Wonderful News!

*Alex and Frankie are so pleased to announce the safe arrival of their very special daughter Margot Evelyn Jane Pops Duchesne on the 20th July weighing 7lb11. We look forward to making lots of happy memories as a family at Oak Apples.*

- Alex and Frankie Duchesne