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# THE BRADFIELD GRAPEVINE



October  
2019



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Well it really is now the time of ‘mist and mellow fruitfulness’. I know that many in the village have been out picking blackberries and foraging for mushrooms! The mind wanders to thoughts of steak and mushroom pies followed by a large helping of blackberry and apple tart. What lovely time of the year!

Many of you will have taken part and enjoyed the village Harvest celebrations, in particular the Harvest Festival Church Service and the Village Harvest Supper that followed. These are the events that keep our modern day world in touch with our heritage and they remain so important in the life of the village.

Mike describes the culmination of much of his work throughout the year that has brought forth this year’s harvest, despite the vagaries of our climate. Keith’s piece each month has helped us to understand just how strange the weather has been

Once again the village demonstrated its generosity and compassion by the amazing result of the Macmillan Coffee Morning hosted by the Kit Café! So many people worked hard to make this so successful. You will notice elsewhere in this edition, details of two forthcoming village events – read on!

Finally, our thoughts are with Michael Tricker’s family and friends – a true man of the village.

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## Cockfield Benefice Services – October 2019

Sunday 6th October 16 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	9.30am Communion	Bradfield St George
	11am Communion	Bradfield St Clare
	6pm Six2seven	Felsham
Sunday 13th October 17 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	9.30am Communion BCP	Gedding
	11am Communion	Cockfield
	3pm Evening Prayer with Baptism	Bradfield St Clare
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 18 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	8am Said Communion BCP	Cockfield
	9.30am Family Service	Felsham
	3pm Service of Holy Baptism	Cockfield
Sunday 27th October Last after Trinity	9.30am Worshipping Together	Bradfield St George
	9.30am Morning Prayer BCP	Gedding
	11am Communion	Cockfield

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.

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)

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### **October Dates for your Diary**



- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Whist drive – 7.30pm – Village Hall
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Church Quiz – 7.30pm – Village Hall
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Kit Café – 11am to 1pm – Village Hall

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## News from St Clare Church



I would like to begin by thanking the many people who sponsored our bike riders and the wonderful cyclists who took part in the Annual Suffolk Historic Churches Ride and Stride event. Particular gratitude to Ian Dowling (from Cockfield), Sue and Clive Leal and members of the Hardingham family. Thank you so much for giving up your day to help our church. The team who sat in the church porch to sign in the riders were also much appreciated – less cold this year !!

By the time you read this we will have celebrated Harvest with our church service and the village harvest supper – hopefully enjoyed by all who came. During October there is a change to the time of our regular Evening Prayer because this month we are delighted to include the baptism of Margot on 13<sup>th</sup> October. The service will be conducted earlier than usual at 3.00pm and everyone is welcome to witness this special celebration.

Later, on 25<sup>th</sup> October there will be our Annual Church Quiz, again led by Clive and Sue Leal. Please book the date and come but we need to know numbers by 20<sup>th</sup> October - eight places have already been booked! Entry is £6 per person and this will include some light refreshments and a prize for the winning team. We also plan to hold a raffle and prizes are most welcome!

In addition the PCC are delighted to announce a talk by Gerry Bullard. This will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> November, with entry at £8 to include a glass of wine and some savoury nibbles. We look forward to hearing about his journey around our beautiful shores. Again this event is in aid of St Clare Church fabric fund.

At the end of October we will no longer be opening the church during the weekends, however if you would like to visit at any time please get in touch. Thank you to all those who have contributed to opening the church this year and in many cases placing flowers on the altar.

November begins with All Saints Day (1<sup>st</sup> November) followed by All Souls Day (2<sup>nd</sup> November). Both will be celebrated on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 2.00pm with a special service open to everyone in the village and the benefice – please come! If you need further information please contact me (01284 388637).

**- Margaret Newlands (Church Warden)**



## ***Macmillan Coffee Morning***

Well what can we say?

**FAB – U – LOUS!**

After last year's amazing £630 raised, I just couldn't believe we would even manage half – "Oh ye of little faith". We actually raised over £650! Quite amazing with nearly 60 people attending a really super morning, so thank you to all who came, spent their pennies or supported us in any way. This wonderful cause provides such help, physically and emotionally to people undergoing treatment and continuous support.

We are back to normal next month and the café will be open from 11.00am to 1.00pm on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October. It's your café run for the community and absolutely free! If you have never been before you don't know what you are missing!

**And then there were three!**

**P.S.** Just a personal note from me. I am afraid this will be my last report for the Kit Café. We started this venture very tentatively not knowing it would grow from strength to strength and become such a popular well established part of the community. Regretfully I am going to step down from helping to run it and will hang up my very stylish apron. I have loved my time with three amazing people who have become such good friends. I'll continue to do everything I can to support and promote the Kit Café – long may it continue!

**- Pat Hipwell**



## **Whist Drive**

**Bradfield St Clare Village Hall**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

**7.30pm**

**Entry £2.00 including refreshments,  
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## Bradfield Weather



*'Fall has always been my favourite season. The time when everything bursts with it's last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale'.*

- Lauren De Stephano, Wither

The main feature of the last part of August was another period of very hot weather, which covered another Bank Holiday. I can't recall we have had a wet holiday weekend in 2019. Only a splash more rain completed a total of 27.5mm for the month against an average of 64.3mm.

In the first week of September the temperature dropped significantly with a little rain but has subsequently become much warmer again with temperatures above the normal for the time of year. There has however been a distinct lack of rain with a total to date of just 8.5mm with our average at 47.5mm. Potential heavy rain at the past weekend in fact barely registered in the gauge. Today is the Autumn Equinox and the official start of Autumn with an immediate forecast of more unsettled weather.

- Keith Payne 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019

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### **Gospel Hall**

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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



### **The Library Van**

**NEXT VISITS: 9.40 – 9.55 am on 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

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

## **Michael Tricker**

It is with deepest sympathy we report the passing of Michael Tricker, a great family man and good neighbour who lived in the village for over 50 years.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Betty, Angela and Kevin at this sad time

- Margaret Lovick

## *Bradfield Woods*

## *October Activities*



### **PLEASE BOOK FOR ACTIVITIES**

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and to book your place  
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10am – 11.30am, £5

**SAT 5 Oct** - Steam bending for beginners course

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**Thurs 17 Oct** - Wild and well for adults  
A morning of mindfulness and nature connection, cook lunch over fire, with an afternoon whittling or crafting.

10am-2.30pm, £15

**Mon 21 – Fri 25 Oct** – Deer sculpture trail – CANCELLED

**Mon 21 Oct** - Wild Tots and family autumn adventure

Dens, fire and autumn art  
10am-11.30am, £4 child, £2 adult

**Mon 21 Oct** – Wild in the woods for teens with additional needs  
1.30-3.30pm, £5

**Tues 22 Oct** - Dinky deer for families  
10.30am-12.30pm, £4 child, £2 adult

**Tues 22 Oct** - Family course: spoon carving with Fay Jones  
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### How to give a CAT a pill:

1. Pick cat up and cradle it in the crook of your left arm as if holding a baby. Position right forefinger and thumb on either side of the cat's mouth and gently apply pressure to cheeks while holding pill in right hand. As cat opens mouth pop pill in to mouth. Allow cat to close mouth and swallow.
2. Retrieve pill from floor and cat from behind sofa. Cradle cat in left arm and repeat process.
3. Retrieve cat from bedroom and throw soggy pill away.
4. Take new pill from foil wrap, cradle cat in left arm holding rear paws tightly with left hand. Force jaws open and push pill to back of mouth with right forefinger. Hold mouth shut for a count of ten.
5. Retrieve pill from goldfish bowl and cat from top of wardrobe. Call spouse to help.
6. Kneel on floor with cat wedged firmly between knees, hold front and rear paws. Ignore low growls emitted by cat. Get spouse to hold lead firmly with one hand while forcing wooden ruler into mouth. Drop pill down ruler and rub cat's throat vigorously.
7. Retrieve cat from curtain rod, get another pill from foil wrap. Make note to buy new ruler and repair curtains. Carefully sweep shattered figurines and vases from hearth and set to one side for gluing later.
8. Wrap cat in large towel and get spouse to lie on cat with head just visible from below armpit. Put pill in end of drinking straw, force mouth open with pencil and blow down the drinking straw.
9. Check label to make sure pill not harmful to humans, drink a beer to take away the taste. Apply plaster to spouse's forearm and remove blood from carpet with cold water and soap.
10. Retrieve cat from neighbour's shed. Get another pill. Open another beer. Place cat in cupboard and close door onto neck to leave head showing. Force mouth open with dessert spoon. Flick pill down throat with elastic band.
11. Fetch screwdriver from garage and put cupboard door back on hinges. Drink beer. Fetch bottle of Scotch. Pour shot, drink. Apply whiskey compress to check to disinfect. Toss back another shot. Throw T-shirt away and fetch new one from bedroom.
12. Call fire brigade to retrieve cat from tree across the road. Apologise to neighbour who crashed into fence while swerving to avoid cat. Take last pill from foil wrap.
13. Tie front paws to rear paws with twine and bind tightly to leg of dining room table. Find heavy duty pruning gloves from shed. Push pill into mouth followed by large piece of fillet steak. Be rough about it. Hold head vertically and pour 2 pints of water down throat to wash pill down.
14. Consume remainder of Scotch. Get spouse to drive you to casualty, sit quietly while doctor stiches fingers and forearm and removes pill from your right eye. Call furniture shop on way home to order new table.
15. Arrange for RSPCA to collect cat from hell and ring local pet shop to see if they have any hamsters.

### How to give a DOG a pill:

1. Wrap it in bacon!  
- Submitted by Lorraine Morley

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#### Quiz Night

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### Quiz Night



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**theWI**  
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At our last meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> September, several members were present to hear Rosalind Hamill explain the many roles of being a 'Lady Toastmaster'.

Our next meeting is on the 9<sup>th</sup> October, when we look forward to hearing a 'Tale of Tapestry' led by June Shepherd.

Rosie will be in the chair with the refreshments provided by Kathryn and Linda. Linda will also contribute a draw prize.

Do JOIN US – we are a very friendly group!

If you would like to come along, please contact Enid Hunt:-

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## **Samaritans Purse SHOE BOXES**

I know Christmas is still a long way off but it is about this time of the year that we think about making up the shoe boxes. Up until now I've been the collecting point as it were and done the boxes with your help. However I would really like to give up the overall responsibility for this and hand over to someone else. I am more than willing to help this year and assist in the organisation. It is great fun, so please someone volunteer and we will do it together!. Individual people do their own boxes which is fine. We usually manage between 12 to 16 boxes from the village. Please contact me on 01284 386636

- Pat Hipwell

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## **Thank You So Much!**

What a generous act of kindness has been made by Mr and Mrs Cole!

In a bid to make Church Lane safer they have removed part of their hedge. They were assisted by Mike Morley and David Roe.

Thank you all

- Margaret Lovick

## Arable Farming at Bishops Farm



**“All is safely gathered in.”**

- and we are already preparing to plot next year's crops.

Firstly I must apologise for not writing in the August issue of The Bradfield Grapevine. Anyway I am back with a resume of what's been going on at the farm. When I wrote in the June issue we were looking forward to harvest. Luckily we had 100mm of rain in June that meant all the developing grains filled to maximum providing us with a really good harvest.

Winer barley was harvested the last week in July and yielded just under 4 tonnes/acre; good bold quality grain. This was a feed variety for animal feed. We sold this as soon as it was harvested and it went to Ipswich Dock for export to Spain and Portugal where the barley harvest was very poor this year. On 5<sup>th</sup> August we started harvesting the Zyatt winter wheat, a superb crop again yielding 4 tonnes/acre and good quality with protein and Hagberg (rising quality) suitable for bread production. Hopefully this will be sold for December movement.

Next the beans were harvested on 11<sup>th</sup> August, earlier than usual. The hot weather in early July killed off the green leaves and ripened the beans prematurely. The crop still yielded 2 tonnes/acre but the beans were stained and contained some Bruchid beetle, so only good for animal feed this year. The price however was very good at £200/tonne, so a good result. The rest of the wheat Siskin was harvested the last week of August, again yielding 4 tonnes/acre. This is a low grade milling variety suitable for biscuit manufacture.

This year I sold two consignments of wheat on the futures market well before harvest. It's a bit like big time gambling but it has paid off this year as the difference in price has dropped by £20-£30/tonne from when I sold it. The spring barley also yielded very well at 3.3 tonnes/acre. However the nitrogen content was a bit high this year at 1.7%. I have still to sell this for malting. Although we put very little nitrogen on the crop it was not taken into the plant until the rains in June, meaning the nitrogen then went into the grain rather than growing the plant.

We must be thankful for such a good harvest. Prices have dropped for wheat by £35-£40/tonne from last year's high but there is so much more wheat on the market not only in this country but also across the world. The price of grain is governed by the Chicago Commodity Market and greatly

influenced by the USA Department of Agriculture yield predictions for maize and wheat. World climate change also affects the market. The major producers are USA, Russia, Canada, Argentina and Australia. A deficit in any of these countries influences world market prices. Currency exchange rates and global politics also reflect on world grain prices.

Since harvest there has been very little rain but we have continued to prepare land for Autumn planting of next year's crop. Flat lifting the tramlines to remove wheeling compaction from last year's spraying the fertilizer applications. Hedge cutting, ploughing and rolling fields for next year's winter barley and wheat crops. Then these fields have been disced and rolled again to break the dry, hard soil. Luckily 12mm of rain over the last two days has helped soften the ground and I will start planting winter barley this weekend and wheat next week.

A big thank you to John Kirk for helping me with rolling and preparing the fields this Autumn. Also thanks to David Rowe for helping remove the hedge at the bottom of Church Lane. Thank you to James Cole for allowing us to do that - it certainly has improved the visibility exiting Church Lane.

I hope you all enjoyed our Harvest Celebrations – we have so much to be thankful for again this year.

**- Mike Morley**

### WHIST DRIVE



**September  
2019**

Sixteen players turned out for our September whist drive, nine ladies and seven men. The match was very close for the ladies with Anne and Sylvia coming joint first on 167 points. They shared the proceeds of first and second prize combined. Gina took third prize with 163 and Ros took the wooden spoon this month on 142. In the men's game Steve came first on 176, followed by Ian with 170 and Val N (playing as a man) came third on 157. The wooden spoon was awarded to John with 144 points.

It was a lovely evening and thanks to everyone who supported the draw which raised £40 for village hall funds.