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THE BRADFIELD GRAPEVINE



February
2020



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A very belated Happy New Year to everyone! Let us hope it will be a calm and peaceful one.

It is amazing to see the snow drops out in bloom and even the occasional aconite! What a strange winter it has been so far – not many frosts but a great deal of rain and thankfully no snow **as yet!**

In this edition you will be able to catch up with what happened in the village over the festive season. It was so good to see the great generosity of our community exemplified by the contributions from the church and the Great Christmas Quiz to those in much greater need than most of us.

The Kit Café continues to provide a warm and welcoming place to meet together and this month it once more has a special theme – read all about it further on!

This month will see the return of the annual Village Quiz, which is always so well attended. Please book your place as soon as possible. Glyn tells us about the departure of the last of the heifers from the village but live stock still hold sway at Homefied.

If you are thinking about reading this with a cup of tea or coffee, what about first baking Aunt Gill’s cake (a Kit Café delight) or a Whole Orange Spice Cake (a WI favourite), to enjoy at the same time!

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Cockfield Benefice Services – February 2020

Sunday 2nd February Presentation of Christ in the Temple/Candlemas	9.30am Communion	Bradfield St George
	11am Communion	Bradfield St Clare
	6pm Six2seven - with the Global Hope Jordan Team talking about the plight of refugees in the area	Felsham Village Hall
Sunday 9th February 3rd before Lent	9.30am Communion BCP	Gedding
	11am Communion	Cockfield
	4pm Evening Prayer	Bradfield St Clare
Sunday 16th February 2nd before Lent	8am Communion BCP	Cockfield
	9.30am Family Service	Felsham
Sunday 23rd February Sunday next before Lent	9.30am Morning Prayer CW	Gedding
	9.30am Worshipping Together	Bradfield St George
	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.

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Wednesday 26 th February	Blue bins

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Advertisements for the March 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 February. 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



**Special
Occasion
Or
Going on
Holiday?**



You may find it helpful to have these dates in mind!

ENGLAND AND WALES HOLIDAYS DATES 2020 & 2021

2020

10th April	Friday	Good Friday
13 th April	Monday	Easter Monday
8 th May	Friday	Early May bank holiday (VE day)
25 th May	Monday	Spring bank holiday
31 st August	Monday	Summer bank holiday
25 th December	Friday	Christmas Day
28 th December	Monday	Boxing Day (* substitute day)

2021

1 st January	Friday	New Year's Day
2 nd April	Friday	Good Friday
5 th April	Monday	Easter Monday
3 rd May	Monday	Early May bank holiday
31 st May	Monday	Spring bank holiday
30 th August	Monday	Summer bank holiday
27 th December	Monday	Christmas Day (*substitute day)
28 th December	Tuesday	Boxing Day (*substitute day)

*** Substitute Days:**

If a bank holiday is on a weekend, a 'substitute' weekday becomes a bank holiday, normally the following Monday

Our village has a warm and generous heart. From the Carol Service the church collection of £250 was sent to the Bury Drop In Centre. "This substantial gift will help some of the more vulnerable people in our town who find themselves homeless or in fragile accommodation." – the complete thank you letter from the Centre is in the church porch. We also took several carrier bags of food to the Gateway Food Bank after the Carol Service. Contributions are needed throughout the year, so please leave items in the porch or bring them to any church service. We will then take them to the collection centre in Bury St Edmunds.

The church looked lovely for our Christmas services. A huge thank you to Ernie Warren for the beautiful redecoration, to Jeanette Roe for her skilful needlework in repairing the heavy door curtain and Margaret Lovick for helping with seasonal decorating. I wonder whether you saw the lovely manger scene in the porch - thank you to Glyn and Debbie for this.

We begin this month with an 11am Communion on 2nd February; do come along if you can. You know that St Clare Church is available to anyone at any time – just contact me. However during the Summer months we try to leave the church open during daylight hours every weekend. If you are new to the village and are happy to join others in an 'unlocking' rota please let me know. The more people who help out the easier it is to maintain this commitment.

*"I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me a drink,
I was a stranger and you welcomed me"*

Matthew 25:35

Margaret Newlands (Church Warden)



Aunty Gill's Cake

Ingredients

10oz self-raising flour
Pinch salt
8oz dried fruit (I use sultanas, but the Christmas version included some cranberries)
Few cherries, halved
6oz butter
4oz granulated sugar
2 tablespoons golden syrup
4 eggs
Extra granulated sugar for sprinkling

Greased/lined Swiss roll tin (I use either 9"x13" or 15"x10" depending on how many pieces are going to be needed!)
Heat oven to Gas mark 3/ 160°C/140°C Fan

Method

- Melt syrup, butter and sugar together
- Mix into dry ingredients
- Add eggs one at a time
- Spread into tin
- Bake for approx. 20 minutes (or as Aunty Gill says, 'until it's done')
- Sprinkle with sugar when it comes out of the oven

- Sue Leal



Can anyone help?

We are trying to 'green' up our reception area at school

Do you have any houseplants that have outgrown your house, or some that you would be willing to donate or let me have cuttings from?

All contributions would be well nurtured and gratefully received.

Please contact Debbie Thomas 01284 386302.



The Library Van

NEXT VISITS: 9.40 – 9.55 am on Wednesday 12th February

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

February Dates for your Diary



- Friday 7th Feb – Whist Drive – 7.30pm – Village Hall
- Saturday 15th Feb – Kit Café – 11am to 1.00pm – Village Hall
- Tue 18th Feb – Book Club – 7pm – Village Hall
- Friday 28th Feb – Village Quiz – 7pm – Village Hall

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"By the community for the community"

There was a very good turnout for our January opening. We counted around 40 friends and neighbours, both past and present. It was heartening to see everyone enjoying meeting up over cups of tea, coffee and a selection of some very tasty cakes and pastries. Well done to everyone who took part in the January quiz and to Margaret who always comes up with some interesting and entertaining questions. Two papers were returned with all correct answers so the winner was drawn out. Congratulations to Clive and Sue who took this month's prize.

Saturday, 15th February is the date for the next opening and, as it is the month where we celebrate St Valentine and Shrove Tuesday, we will be serving both sweet and savoury pancakes and waffles. We will decorate the hall with a few hearts and flowers for good measure. We would especially love to welcome anyone new to the village so please come. You can be sure of a warm welcome. We look forward to meeting up with everyone again on the 15th between 11am and 1pm.



- Val, Debbie and Margaret

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WHIST DRIVES



**December 2019
&
January 2020**

16 people came to our December (Christmas) Whist Drive and enjoyed sausage rolls, mince pies, chocolate log, cheese scones and everyone's favourite - Margaret's famous egg sandwiches!

Jim took first prize with 173, followed by Jus (playing as a man) on 163 and Brian came third with 161. The booby prize was awarded to Derek with 142. For the ladies Joy came first on 168 and this has never happened before ... four ladies scored 162 and shared the proceeds of second and third prize. They were Vera, Siobhan, Margaret and Val N. Ros took the booby prize on 140.

The draw raised £37 for village hall funds so thanks to all who donated prizes and bought tickets.

19 people attended for the first Friday night's Whist Drive of 2020. Therefore we had to make use of the 'dummy' once again to make up five tables of four.

For the ladies Vera came first with 166 followed by Val O on 163 and Jus took third place with 159. We welcomed a new player Carolyn who took the wooden spoon on 145 despite playing very well on this her first whist drive.

For the men Keith won first prize with 173 points some way ahead of Jim on 162 and closely followed by Ian with 161. John took wooden spoon on 143.

£47 from the draw was raised for village hall funds. Thanks to all who donated prizes and bought tickets.

- Val Nunn



Whist Drive

Bradfield St Clare Village Hall

7th February

7.30pm

Entry £2.00 including refreshments,
tea or coffee.

If preferred, bring your own drinks.

Cash Prizes & Draw

Raffle Prizes Welcomed!

In aid of Village Hall funds



Bradfield Weather



“One kind word can warm three winter months”

- Japanese Proverb

November finished with some very wet days, to give 81.5mm for the month – rather above our average of 61.3mm.

December started reasonably dry with cold nights and frosty, misty mornings, before turning warmer and wetter at the end of the first week. There were several days of heavy rain before Christmas, giving a total for the month of 82mm, against an average of 56.7mm.

For the year overall, 2019 started with a very dry few months, followed by a very wet June, and finished with the last quarter being extremely damp and very windy at times. The rainfall total for the year was 612.5mm or 24.1 inches. This was the highest rainfall since 2016, but very close to our 27year average of 610mm.

2020 has started as last year finished – wet and windy. To date in January there has been 37mm of rain, against the 27year average of 49.8mm. As I write, though, we have a welcome return of bright, sunny days with dry, frosty nights.

- Keith Payne 20th January 2020

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The Great Big Christmas Quiz



Thank you very much to all who entered our GBCQ, thereby raising a lovely £334.00 which was shared between "Crisis at Christmas " and the "Ipswich Winter Night Shelter".

We hope you enjoyed playing!

Congratulations to the joint winners:

The Cardale family from Bradfield St George
&

Mr and Mrs R Salt from Buckinghamshire

Both families achieving an amazing 179 points out of 194 available. Unfortunately the answers are too many to print out here, but hopefully we will have a copy for you to check in Cockfield Post Office, and one in Felsham Post Office.

Thank you again for your support

Pat Hipwell Margaret Fayers
386636 386437

Thank You

Pat would like to say a huge thank you to everyone in Bradfield St Clare and beyond for all the wonderful support, sympathy and love shown by so many of you while Peter has been in hospital for the last 5 weeks. **Amazing** – especially my rota of 'chauffeurs', at least 7 or 8 of you who got me to the hospital any time and at such short notice – they know who they are!

Also the flowers (we look like a sub-branch of 'Interflora'!) and the wonderful offerings of food. But just your thoughts and prayers we can't thank you enough. Peter is now home! Very frail and weak but improving daily with wonderful care and attention but we are 'confined to barracks' – in his case one room – so please do visit him (us) – short visits, cup of coffee, tea or glass of wine. He would so like to see you for a change from me all the time! Life is going to change considerably for us but hopefully will get a little more normal with time. See you soon
- Pat and Peter Hipwell

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Ingredients:

- 1 small orange, thin skinned (avoid Jaffa oranges)
- 275g self-raising flour
- 3 level teaspoons baking powder
- 275g caster sugar
- 225g butter, softened
- 4 eggs
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon mixed spice

For the orange filling:

- 50g butter, softened
- 175g icing sugar, sifted, plus extra for dusting
- 2 level teaspoons orange pulp reserved from the cake

Method:

1. Preheat oven to 180, fan 160, gas mark 4
2. Grease and base line 2 deep 20cm tins with greaseproof paper
3. Place the orange in a small saucepan, cover with boiling water and simmer until soft (about 20 minutes). Set aside to cool
4. When the orange is soft and cold, cut in half and remove any pips. Process the whole orange including skin until medium chunky
5. Reserve 2 level tablespoons of the orange pulp for icing and leave the rest in the processor
6. Add the remaining cake ingredients and blend until smooth. **Avoid over mixing**
7. Divide the mixture evenly between the 2 tins and cook for 25-30 minutes
8. Leave to cool in the tins for a few minutes, then turn out, peel off the paper and finish cooling on a wire rack
9. To make the orange filling, cream the butter, add the sieved icing sugar and reserved orange pulp. Sandwich the cakes together with the icing and sieve icing sugar over the top of the cake.

Tips:

- Thin skinned oranges are usually smaller - avoid using Jaffa oranges as they have thick pith
- Best eaten freshly made, but can be stored in an airtight container for 2-3 days. Can be frozen for up to 2 months. Thaw for 2-3 hours at room temperature

- Kathryn Bryan-smith (Bradfield St Clare WI)

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At our January meeting members were pleased to welcome Margaret Blanchard, a leading conservationist for the Giant Leatherbacked Turtles. She has visited the nesting sites in Tobago on frequent occasions and urged us to support initiatives designed to protect this highly endangered species.

'Living on a Narrow Boat' is the focus for our next meeting on 12th February. Jean Stabler will take the chair and Kathy and Linda will provide refreshments.

Visitors are welcome – please get in touch with Enid Hunt for further information:

Secretary Enid Hunt – 01284 386565

Bradfield Woods February



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Tues 18 Feb

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10am - 12noon

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Wed 19 Feb

Wild in the woods holiday club

9am- 3pm

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9am- 3pm £15

News from Homefield



The last three heifers have now gone to Suffolk Cheeses. Bundle, who was due in mid-December, Blossom who was due in mid-January and Belle who, if you remember was proving difficult to get in calf. She was served twice more before being moved but still wouldn't hold – so her last, last chance will be meeting a Hereford bull called Yoda at Suffolk Cheeses. Hopefully she will hold and in 9 months time start a belated milk production, at which time she will be 3 years old (usually aim to calve at 2 years old) which is a long time to rear, feed and house without an income. She may yet become a record breaker – we will wait and see!

In this season of Oscars it was nice to see Adele and Rescoo making cameo appearances on the telly with the story of Jason and Katherine Salisbury moving to the island of Sark. Their brief is to set up a dairy on the island using Guernsey cows from the island of Guernsey and supply milk, cheese etc. which has to be imported at the moment. As 'my cows' are pedigree Jerseys they will be staying put at Creting St Mary so they can put their passports away for now! However, if their screen debuts are well received the sky is the limit (in the very small print I'm still their sole agent).

In other news, Lola the sheep has finally called a truce and stayed in. It must be nearly two months now and I'm feeling quite confident. Not sure I can call myself a shepherd yet but I'm working on it. We have another ewe called Treacle, which has made the flock up to three. She has had a few foot problems lately, probably from the wet mild weather, so I had to turn her up onto her backside (polite version) and trim her feet which had become overgrown – all unladylike. I'm sure when I was first taught to trim sheep's toes, sheep were smaller and definitely lighter. She is now walking well.

The allotment is looking very wet as I write this. I had hoped for a few frosts or dry days to pull the cultivator through to break up the muck applied earlier but it is only suitable for a boat at the moment. We are still harvesting leeks, turnips and parsnips and the potatoes are keeping well.

Finally at the end of November we had to have Ben our dog put to sleep. He had come to us as a stray after being found wandering around a reservoir near Halstead in Essex. After numerous attempts to trace his owner (no collar, no chip) he arrived at Pitchers Green Farm 15 years ago. As some of you will know he soon became part of the family with his love of life and work (he had another definition of 'work' when somebody would play football with him!). He only really let me down once, telling me that he never left the farmyard on his own. The footprints in the snow told another story. He is sadly missed.

- Glyn

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