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THE BRADFIELD GRAPEVINE



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How much has changed within one month! When I wrote the editorial for the last edition I didn't have the slightest idea that this one would be full of so many sad cancellations or postponements. These activities have become very important parts of our village life! We are certainly living through an unprecedented time and must make sure we follow the advice we are given and stay safe. It has however once again illustrated what a caring community we live in. There have been so many wonderful and kind offers of help for those who must stay at home. The thought of not being able to leave the village and enter the 'world outside' is daunting! Watching TV soon loses its appeal – hundreds of channels yes, but most of the programmes we have seen 5 or 6 times in the past! Not much truly new. NO LIVE SPORT! We are not permitted to 'Escape to the Chateau' or find "A Place in the Sun" and there are no longer any secret lives at the zoo! (How many times have you watched those programmes!!!) However it does give us the opportunity to complete those domestic chores we have been skilfully avoiding for some time, read that book we have been meaning to, or simply get out into the garden and enjoy creating a lovely environment – there will be some truly beautiful village gardens this year.

Val shares a typically amusing poem by Spike Milligan, encouraging us to do something to lighten our spirits and Glyn reminds everyone it is now early Spring and new life is emerging.

Take care and keep safe

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Cockfield Benefice – April 2020

Dear Friends,

The C word has displaced all other news at the moment - by that I mean the Coronavirus of course. As I write this it is difficult to envisage a time in the future when the crisis has passed, and life is back to what we would consider to be normal! The virus has realised our worst fears - as yet there is not a vaccine, and we cannot stop it from spreading. Despite all our technology and our sophistication it crosses all barriers, and has brought nations to a complete standstill. In the Church you are probably aware by now that we have had to cancel all our public services - and for the next few weeks we are going to have to lock our churches and not have any prayers or services there at all. I will be worshipping at home, so if you would like to join me on a Sunday you can through using the pew sheet that I will email out to those who would like it. For those not on email it will be delivered if at all possible.

I know that our villages have all responded magnificently to the crisis in offering support and help to those who are vulnerable or housebound. It is going to be tough, but I'm sure we will find ways to continue to do so without going against the call of our government to stay at home. I am very happy to take calls or emails if a person is in need - my details are below.

As we approach Easter, a time when we remember what Jesus went through to give us life in all its fullness, my hope is people will develop a spiritual thirst as they seek to make sense of what is currently happening. I pray that we can prevent further suffering and death through following all that we are being asked to do.

I hope that despite all that is happening that you will enjoy the Easter break, and that you will stay safe and virus free.

Yours in Christ,

Revd Sharon

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*** Bin collections will be one day later during the week beginning 13th April*

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Whist Drive

Bradfield St Clare Village Hall

**With great regret we have
decided to cancel our
forthcoming Whist Drive**

**We will let you know when we
can resume our enjoyable
monthly village event**

**Thank you so much for all your
support**



St Clare Church



'Don't pull up the drawbridge...'

As you know, all church services and related activities have been suspended for the foreseeable future and now it has been decided church buildings will remain closed at all times until further notice. Our APCM is postponed. For the next few months all PCC members and myself remain in office. Restrictions on weddings, funerals and baptisms seem to be widely understood but if necessary please contact Sharon or myself for clarification. Remember you can contact Sharon for any reason by e-mail or telephone.

For the time being we will not operate the usual Summer rota for flowers to decorate the church or for its opening. Although we have no services, I will place flowers on the altar at Easter, the time of rebirth and hope.

The church Food Bank box will now be available every day in the porch, so please add an extra item to your shopping list if you can and place it in the box. We will arrange to take the contents to the Bury St Edmunds Gatehouse Food Bank.

Services from the Cathedral are being streamed daily – see the website for details. Many are enjoying this regular contact. In these difficult times, Justin Welby asks us not to only look after ourselves by pulling up the drawbridge. He suggests we have the choice of focusing on fear or reminding ourselves that life carries on and remember to reach out to someone who is isolated or vulnerable. So far in our village there is much evidence of many doing exactly this. We can listen to God's voice, be positive and take comfort in His

'Still small voice of calm'

Margaret Newlands (Church Warden)

(Several people in the village have contacted us to say they are willing to help out by collecting and delivering groceries etc. If you need help please contact us – 01284 388637)

Bradfield Weather



“Come with me into the woods where Spring is advancing, as it does, no matter what, not being singular or particular, but one of the forever gifts, and certainly visible. “
– Mary Oliver (Dog Songs)

I write this on the day of the Spring Equinox so hopefully we have left winter behind us. Certainly not a severe winter by any measure with just one brief covering of snow, not too much frost and probably best remembered for all the wind, much of it very strong. There are many signs of spring, trees are budding, the daffodils have been in flower for some time, tulips are starting to appear and magnolias are approaching full bloom. It's good to have something of cheer in these uncertain times, for as David Hockney said the other day, 'One thing they can't cancel is Spring.'

On a more mundane note, the end of February brought the above mentioned snow together with some further heavy falls of rain to bring a total of 68mm against our 27 year average of 43.2mm for the month.

March has to date brought something of everything, sun, rain, mild frost and yet more wind. Rainfall has been light so far, amounting to only 15.5mm, with this month's average at 36.6mm.

- Keith Payne 21st March 2020



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So, if you feel a smile begin,
don't leave it undetected.
Let's start an epidemic quick,
and get the world infected!

(Spike Milligan)

Annual Village Hall Quiz Night



The Village Hall Quiz Night was a great success due to the huge effort of Isobel Payne, who not only collated the quiz but also compered the whole evening, supported by Keith.

We had eight tables and a raffle. It was a good village evening and many thanks to all who contributed or helped in any way to make £270 for village hall funds.

- Margaret Lovick

May 2020 Advertisements

Advertisements for the May issue of The Bradfield Grapevine should be sent to either of the two Editors, whose names and addresses appear on the front page by Monday 20th April. The cost is £4 per insertion for small ads, £36 per year for half page boxes or £20 for 6 months.

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The April meeting and further scheduled meetings have been cancelled until the present National emergency is over

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"By the community for the community"

- Val, Debbie and Margaret

It is with regret that we have decided to cancel opening the Kit Cafe on Saturdays due to the corona virus pandemic.

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- Val Nunn

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WHIST DRIVE



March 2020

Seventeen players turned out for our March Whist Drive, 10 gents and 7 ladies. This meant one man had to sit out on the flirt table when they arrived there earning 7 points for that round. Also one gentleman had to take the part of a lady player and Steve kindly agreed. He was a good sport even when we called him 'Stephanie all night'.

For the ladies Vera took first prize with 170, followed by Sylvia on 167 and Joy with 165. Well done on a closely fought ladies match. Gina was awarded the booby prize on 145.

For the men Ian was way out in front with an amazing score of 183! That's the highest score for a long time and will take some beating. Second was a tie between Jim and Derek so they shared the proceeds of second and third prize. Brian was awarded the booby prize with a score of 142.

£46 was raised from the draw for village hall funds. Thanks to all who donated prizes and bought tickets.

Sadly our monthly Whist Drives are cancelled until further notice

- Val Nunn

Bradfield Woods

As a result of the current National emergency all our events planned for April have been postponed.

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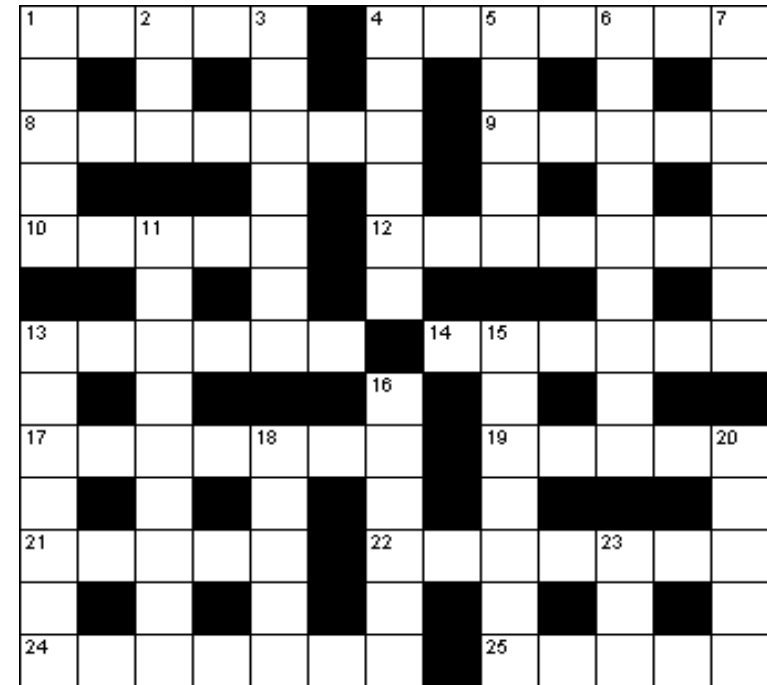
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17. Repossess (7)
19. Travel lodge (5)
21. Mound of stones used as a marker (5)
22. Sincere (7)
24. Latticework (7)
25. Herd or flock of animals (5)

News from Homefield



It's a job to know where to start with this month's ramblings. Yet again the weather is the ruler. My idea two months ago of cultivating the manure I'd spread on the allotment finally arrived at the end of February. There was a little morning frost after a dry day, so the cultivator was hooked onto the tractor and off we go! Most of it went well, then the tractor driver decided to pull through the wet corner (it looked dry on top). Down we go, leaving two wheel marks 10" deep an 10ft long leading to the gateway, where the grass on the meadow helped me out. Even after forking the trenches out by hand you can still see where the tractor went in. That same tractor driver is now saying "It's for the trench celery."

In mid-March I did get the hand rotavator through the whole allotment and have managed to get a bit of tilth and drill parsnips, swedes, beetroot, carrots and onions. The broad beans planted in November look OK, about a foot tall but coming into flower. The second planting in January under plastic failed miserably, except for three plants, which grew outside the tunnel and look very well for it. I have planted the first of the early potatoes into trenches, covered with waste grass silage and then earthed over. We tried this several years ago to stop the slugs getting into the potatoes and it has worked well. However we have had exceptional conditions so far this year so we will have to see what comes or who wins – as ever Mother Nature will always win but a score draw now and again would be nice.

We had a mouse in the polytunnel about three weeks ago which caused me great stress. Two days after planting up about 50 sweet pea pods, holes started to appear in the compost and after ruling out Jenny Wren who lives in the polytunnel, the mousetraps were dug out. Four traps were set (a bit overkill really) with cheese – all so finely set

that an ant would set them off. Five days later and a pack of cheese gone, I moved onto sunflower seeds and the next morning there was a mouse in the trap. This was a good result as the next bait tray was chocolate, which is rather revered in this house and only used as a last resort. I've now got to work out how many peas are left in the pots and whether to start again.

I've had to foot trim all the sheep flock (3) again this week; the weather wet and muddy, taking its toll. Their feet become soft and the mud gets between the cleft of the hooves. This warms up and can cause infection if not removed. Lucy and Lola will both eat out of your hand so are relatively easy to catch but Treacle is still a bit wary and needs a good hurdle outlay to catch her or maybe she's heard the mouse's tale and is waiting for the chocolate treat!

Debbie and I have just got back from an early evening walk and it is lovely to see the hedges just bursting, bulbs sprouting, birds pairing and nesting; all ready for Spring. With all the troubles in the world at the moment it is heartening to see that some things carry on as normal.

- Glyn

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