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THE BRADFIELD GRAPEVINE



MAY 2020

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For those of you who normally receive a copy of The Bradfield Grapevine through your letterbox, this month is very different!

Following advice, we have made the decision not to deliver the magazine by hand and so this electronic copy has been sent to you by email.

Unfortunately not everyone in the village has an email account and indeed we do not have everyone’s email address – but we have done what we can. If you know anyone who has an account who has not received a copy, please encourage them to forward their address to me. Also, where possible could you share the contents with anyone you know who does not have an email account.

In this month’s edition Debbie Lamond has sent us a copy of a poem written over 150 years ago, which touches on our present plight and Pat Hipwell shares some thoughtful and amusing sayings you will enjoy. These are scattered through the pages and are in italics. I am sure the village’s many dog owners will appreciate the cartoon!

Although unfortunately it is not possible for the Kit Café to meet, Margaret Fayers has maintained its tradition of challenging you to participate in a quiz. On the theme of the Café, Val Nunn invites you to pretend you are there and make yourself one of her tasty ginger muffins!

The Parish Council reports on how it is managing the current situation with a mention of the current planning application in the village.

Mike describes what he is doing to attempt to cope with the very unseasonable weather and John Kirk thanks all our local farmers for their efforts at this time. It is important to remember all those who are giving so much, from those working in the NHS and our supermarkets and food shops to the unsung heroes such as those who continue to collect the refuse and the many drivers who deliver the things we need - many of whom are paid very little. The village appears to be obeying the lockdown requirements – except for Mrs Puddle Duck and her brood! – Take care and keep safe.

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Cockfield Benefice Rota of Services – MAY 2020

We would normally publish our rota of services in the benefice for May but as we are currently unable to access our church buildings we sadly cannot do so. However, we are broadcasting a service **every Sunday at 10am** via the Cockfield Benefice facebook page @cockfieldbenefice which you can access through the following link (you do not have to be a member of facebook to access it), just copy the link into your browser and you should be able to watch it.

<https://www.facebook.com/cockfieldbenefice/live/>

We were due to hold a special service to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE day on Sunday 10th May. It is anticipated that we will still be live streaming services at that point, but we would like to ask if any readers of the Grapevine would be willing to share positive stories about VE day with us. If so, please send them to William Cardale, one of our Benefice Readers. He can be contacted via email william@cardale.co, or telephone 01284 386327.

Thank you!

Yours in Christ,

Revd Sharon

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www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/findmynearest

St Clare Church



*'God is our refuge and strength,
and ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging'*

Psalm 46 vv1-3

Revd. Sharon writes for us this month;

Dear Friends,

It seems like a long time since we started lockdown and we have had to find other ways to meet together as Church. It's been a bit of a learning curve but I have learnt how to broadcast services live on Facebook, and started with my first one on Palm Sunday. I was very encouraged by the reception that it had, with a request to sing hymns! So I did so on Easter Sunday. I have to admit that it was a surreal experience, standing in my dining room singing to my mobile phone, but I know from the comments that I received afterwards that it was very much appreciated. We were able to come together as a community, to share in the celebration of Jesus' resurrection from the dead, sharing in the joy of that Easter morning when Mary discovered that Jesus was alive!

Reading the reports in the news, on websites, and hearing about what is happening across the world has shown us, once again, that the human spirit is amazing. We have seen 99 year olds raising millions of pounds for the NHS. We have seen neighbours making sure that people do not go without food. We have spoken to friends and relatives more often. We have seen incredible bravery, acts of selflessness and pure kindness in many, many people across the breadth and depth of our society. For me, in all of this, we have encountered the living God, through his Son Jesus Christ, and his Holy Spirit. At times like this we often turn to the Psalms in our bible, as they cover a whole multitude of human emotions, and from which we can draw strength.

Yours in Christ,
Revd. Sharon

Bradfield Weather



"In the Spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours"
- Mark Twain.

I wrote last month that I hoped that we had left winter behind us. The last few days of March have brought, and I mean weatherwise, just about everything, frost, wind, hail, a flurry of snow but no really measurable rainfall. The total for the month was 16.5mm much below than our average of 36.6mm.

April has continued to be very dry, together with plenty of sunshine, including a period with temperatures well above average for the time of year reaching the mid-twenties centigrade. This has brought wonderful blossom, butterflies and bees to cheer us up in our isolation. As so often seems to happen here, forecast rain doesn't arrive and during the Easter weekend we had black skies, a mini tornado but no rain. There has been a splash on a couple of occasions but not enough to register on the gauge, so to date I have only recorded 2mm, with our average for April at 37.9mm

- Keith Payne 21st April 2020



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We are of course all aware of the valiant and unselfish efforts being made by our front line Local Heroes but I would also like to propose, as I am sure so would the villagers and parishioners of Bradfield St. Clare, a vote of thanks and gratitude to our local Farmers, who are having to carry on without any significant help in these very trying and worrying times to ensure that there is food on our tables come next harvest. It must be a very daunting task consisting of incredibly long days and short nights.

So again, a big vote of thanks and gratitude to these unsung local heroes in all the parishes across Great Britain.

- John Kirk (Chairman Parish Council)

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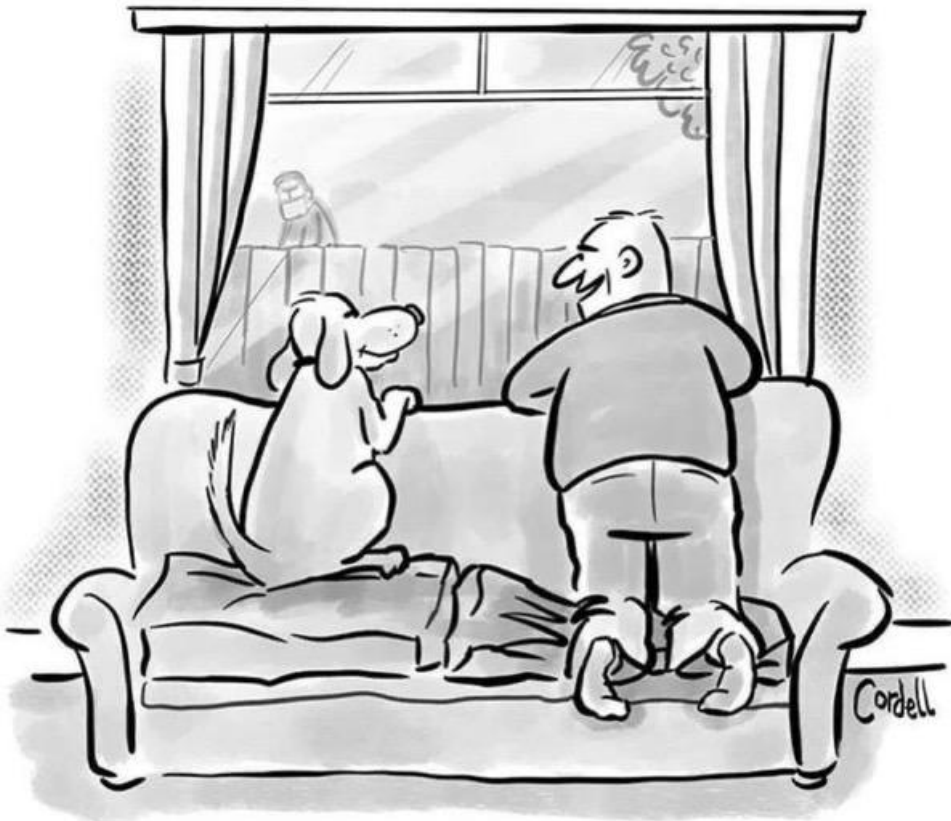


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Bradfield Woods



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Ginger Muffins

Ingredients:

- 150g butter
- 1 tablespoon golden syrup
- 1 to 2 tablespoons milk
- 3 eggs, lightly beaten
- 150g self raising flour
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger (heaped)
- 1 teaspoon mixed spice
- 150g brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons crystallised ginger, finely chopped

Method:

1. Preheat the oven to 180C/Gas 4. Grease a 12 hole muffin tin and line with muffin cases
2. In a saucepan over a medium heat, melt the butter and golden syrup together. Remove from the heat, allow to cool for 10 minutes and then add the milk and eggs. Whisk until creamy
3. Meanwhile, into a large mixing bowl, sift in the flour and add the spices, sugar and crystallised ginger. Combine the wet and dry ingredients together and mix well. Divide the mixture between the muffin cases taking care not to overfill and allowing room for the muffin to rise
4. Bake in the oven for 25 to 30 minutes until a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean. Cool for 30 minutes before serving.

They freeze really well and handy to keep in the freezer so you can get a few out when guests turn up unexpectedly!

- Val Nunn

LAST MONTH'S CROSSWORD

How did you do?

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Chinese Proverb

*"If you want to be happy for a short time get drunk
If you want to be happy for a long time fall in love
If you want to be happy for ever take up gardening"*



"By the community for the community"

- Val, Debbie and Margaret

A Sunny Quiz from the Kit Café

Hope to see you all soon – Take care

1. Sunlight is a major source of which vitamin?
2. What is a Sundog?
3. In which year was British Summer Time introduced?
4. Which American State is officially known as the Sunshine State?
5. In 1884 Lever Brothers introduced which laundry product?
6. The film, Sunshine on Leith, features the songs of which Scottish musicians?
7. In England, where does the sun rise first?
8. Which Greek flew too close to the sun, with fatal consequences?
9. "Bring me Sunshine" is the theme tune of which much-loved comedy duo?
10. What is the average distance of the earth from the sun?
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ANSWERS NEXT MONTH!

- Margaret Fayers

And People Stayed Home

And people stayed home
and read books and listened
and rested and exercised
and made art and played
and learned new ways of being
and stopped
and listened deeper
someone meditated
someone prayed
someone danced
someone met their shadow
and people began to think differently
and people healed
and in the absence of people who lived in ignorant ways,
dangerous, meaningless and heartless,
even the earth began to heal
and when the danger ended
and people found each other
grieved for the dead people
and they made new choices
and dreamed of new visions
and created new ways of life
and healed the earth completely
just as they were healed themselves.

Kathleen O'Meara's poem,

'And People Stayed Home,' written in 1869.

- **Debbie Lamond**

*"The way I see it is, if you want the rainbow
Sometimes you've got to put up with the rain"*

Bradfield St Clare Parish Council

The Parish Council is regularly updating its website with information from both West Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council in relation to information they are being provide with concerning Covid-19.

The website is: www.bradfieldstclare.onesuffolk.net

Due to the social distancing requirements, self-isolating and no more than 2 people gathering, the Parish Council has stopped all face-to-face meetings until further notice. However we are using electronic ways to communicate and are still working on behalf of the village.

We hope to use video conferencing technology to hold the Annual General Meeting on 12th May. At present our attention has been addressing a response to the re-submitted planning application for Pitchers Green Farm, which can be found on The West Suffolk website as DC/20/0506/FUL and DC/20/0507/LB. Comments need to be registered online by the 30th April.

For your information:

A service called **Home But Not Alone** has been set up. You can use it to;

- (a) sign up as a volunteer, or
- (b) use it if you genuinely have no one to get shopping, medication etc. and are having to self isolate

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The telephone number is 0800 876 6926

West Suffolk Hospital has now set up a dedicated telephone number **01284 712555** to use if you have someone who is a patient – this is instead of telephoning individual wards. It is open from 8am to 8pm 7 days a week.

- **Your Parish Councillors**

*"Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass
It's about learning to dance in the rain"*

ARABLE FARMING AT BISHOPS FARM



How things have changed dramatically since I was scribbling my last ramblings in the Grapevine. Back in late February, no Coronavirus or lockdown and continuous rainfall. Now sadly battling with Coronavirus and ever rising number of deaths associated with it and no rain for over a month, severely affecting farming. I wish I could write optimistically but at present that is very difficult.

In early March I completed our hedge planting for this year, not ideal planting conditions, so wet. Digging 1400 holes, some of them filling with water from the surrounding soil, seem unbelievable now. A big thank you to helpers John Kirk, David Rowe, Val Nunn and not least Lorraine. Poor Lorraine determined to help, joined me one day after losing a welly boot in deep mud down Sheepgate Lane, then slipping over in a puddle, gave up frustrated with a cold. Thank you for all your help. Anyway how things have changed, Mitch has just gone to water the new hedges with a 1000 litre container of water on the JCB to trickle generously around the plants to hopefully keep them alive.

As for farming in these challenging times, the weather has made cultivation extremely difficult. After the wettest winter on record, going into a dry, cold Spring with no rain meant the fields' wet and soggy soil dried rapidly to form a 75mm crust resembling bricks or concrete. With no significant frosts this winter to fragment the clay soil, all the breaking down of the soil to try and achieve a fine seedbed to plant into had to be achieved mechanically. This was done by rolling the ploughed land, sometimes twice, to crack the hard crust before power harrowing and rolling again before combination drilling (planting) and finally rolling again. Every operation loses moisture from the surface of the field, so by the time you achieve a fine seedbed little moisture is left to germinate the seed.

We are desperate for rain, only a small percentage of the spring barley has germinated and emerged. The rest of the seed is lying in baked dry soil and it will germinate when it eventually rains. Sugar beet again are all planted but once more will not germinate until we get 10-12mm of rain. A big thank you to Mitch for helping with all the extra cultivation work, his building work being affected by the Covid-19 restrictions has meant he was able to help me out. The winter crops are also beginning to suffer from the dry weather. As I mentioned in my last report, they are shallow rooted this year due to the soils being waterlogged during the winter. As the surface dries out it puts the crop under stress. When the plants become stressed, the instinct is to flower and seed as soon as possible. In normal weather healthy wheat and barley plants can support five or six stems (tillers) that produce ears and grains. On a drought stressed plant side tillers will die so the plant can maintain one or two stems to harvest; so a significant reduction in yield will result.

Thankfully with the help of John and David, we applied the first application of nitrogen fertilizer to the winter wheat and barley before the rain ceased and the response of the crops to the nutrient was very noticeable. I still have fertilizer to apply to all the crops this week but it will do little to help growth unless we get a good rain. Has lockdown or restrictions affected me? Not really, a farmer's life is ideal for self isolation; just myself on a tractor should keep me away from the virus.. My daily exercise walking our three dogs around the farm and back down the road is great. A noticeable reduction in cars using our road but what an increase in cyclists! Walkers, cyclists and riders enjoy your daily exercise. We are so lucky living in this beautiful countryside with all that Spring has to offer. Please keep to the marked footpaths and bridleways.

Things will respond, the rain will come and there will be a harvest, probably not the best but it will happen. Covid-19 will end and some normality will return to our lives but maybe this will give us time reflect on what our main priorities should be. Is it really having a big stock of toilet rolls?

- Mike Morley