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THE BRADFIELD GRAPEVINE



JUNE 2020

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“June is Bustin’ Out All Over……” * - what a pity we still can’t bust out! With the Summer just starting it is very sad that so many village events will not be able to take place. Lorraine and Mike had hoped to open their garden for the village to share and enjoy each others’ company but that must be on hold. There is even no certainty that the traditional village Harvest Supper can take place. Ah well, at least the roses are wonderful, bird song is loud and melodic (apart for the pigeons!) and the countryside around us is beautiful. We are so very fortunate to live where we do. In this month’s edition, Val shares with us a challenging bird quiz – I have not managed to answer many questions yet! Keith has forwarded a typically amusing poem by Pam Ayres on the Coronavirus. You may well be familiar with some of her feelings!

Isn’t it lovely to see cows once again giving something to challenge Glyn and provide amusement for us – and he told us not so long ago that he was done with all of that!

The Parish Council reports on what they have been working on at present – all through Zoom online conferencing. There is a lot of zooming going on in the village, with the Benefice also meeting this way and tales of family and friends Zoom sessions. Will life ever be the same again? However, there is no substitute for face-to-face interaction and time will come when we can enjoy meeting with people properly again.

On a sad note we record the passing of Peggy Hunt who lived all her life in and around the village. She will be missed by many.

* Lyrics from a song in the Musical Carousel by Rogers and Hammerstein – shows how old I am!!!!

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Cockfield Benefice – June 2020

Dear Friends,

One of the things that I have missed during these past couple of months has been visiting DIY stores. I'm not a great shopper but I do love a bit of DIY. What I miss most of all is the company of other people, those that I worship, work and socialise with, as well as my family. For those of us who live alone, this has been the hardest part of lockdown.

But as we prepare to open our schools to pupils, and then our churches (I can feel the levels of anxiety rising in the community). Of course we are wary, of course we are not sure whether this is the right time, but we will have to trust our government and its advisors, and of course follow the guidance that we are given.

At the heart of this period for me has been prayer. Prayer has sustained me - and many other Christians across the world. Prayer on my own in the Rectory. Prayer with others via video conferencing. Prayer at set times in the day as well as prayer at moments of distress or pain. As well as thankfulness prayers for all that I am lucky to have in this most beautiful part of the world. I believe that God is in the midst of all the suffering and loneliness that coronavirus has brought about, and can sustain us throughout this whole experience and beyond.

Stay safe, and know that you are loved by God.

In the name of Christ,

- Revd Sharon

Revd Sharon Potter, Rector of the Cockfield Benefice,
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Services in the Cockfield Benefice - June 2020 All being livestreamed via the benefice facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/cockfieldbenefice/live/		
7th June - Trinity Sunday	10am Morning worship	Revd Sharon
14th June - Trinity 1	10am Worshipping Together	William Cardale
21st June - Trinity 2	10am Family Service	Richard Stainer
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St Clare Church



Our group of churches (the Benefice) had a ZOOM meeting on 4th May and everyone shared their concerns about the fragile state of church finances with the loss of Summer fundraising and the possibility of no 'Ride and Stride' in early September. With advice on-going, it is too early to make any decisions about celebrating harvest this year.

There was a possibility that one of our churches in the Benefice being opened for a service in early July but at the time of writing there are no plans to change the existing situation. Revd. Sharon Potter will continue to conduct a weekly service at 10am every Sunday streamed on the Benefice Facebook site. www.cockfieldbenefice.com

If there are more details about a possible service, these will be available next month or on the weekly Pew Sheet from Sharon. If you do not receive a copy online please get in touch with me:- pjmrn@aol.com
There is also a weekly Coffee Morning from 10am to 12noon on ZOOM. Download the ZOOM app from <https://zoom.us> and let Sharon know you would like an invitation.

Thank you to whoever left books and sewing patterns in the porch for people to keep themselves busy! Many thanks also to Mike and Margaret Lovick for selling plants outside their house to raise funds for the church. If you have any spare plants you are willing to donate please leave them with Margaret at Linden House.
- Margaret Newlands (Church Warden)

Peggy Hunt

It is with deep sadness we report the passing of Peg, our deepest condolences to Jill and all the family.

Peg was born at Smallbridge Farm, one of eight children. Her family ran the Gospel Hall and were a great part of village life. Until the last few years Peg could always be seen helping out everybody in the village – washing, shopping and caring.

She loved her grandchildren and great grandchildren; always ready to tell of their many little ways. Her last years were spent quietly at home with Jill. Never one to complain or moan- an inspiration to us all.

- Margaret Lovick

Bradfield Weather



**'Among the changing months, May stands confest,
The sweetest, and in fairest colours dressed' - James Thomson**

The last couple of days of April finally brought some much needed rain to cheer the lives of the village gardeners and no doubt those at Bishops Farm. We finished the month with just 17mm against our average of 37.9mm.

Alas, the cheer didn't last for very long as there has been virtually nothing since. The fine and largely warm weather we have had to date in May is good for our daily exercise but we do now desperately need some relief for the really parched ground. There have still been some frosty nights around to worry gardeners with their newly stocked gardens following the reopening of garden centres. If we did get some of this much needed rain, I would happily cut the grass to take advantage of petrol for the mower at below £1 a litre! To date I have just 1mm of rain recorded - possibly rather over enthusiastically - in the early days of May with, an average for the month of 51.7mm.

- Keith Payne 21st May 2020

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Thank You So Much Everyone

We would like to thank all those in the village who have been so kind and supportive at this very difficult time for us. We really appreciate your kind thoughts, generous help and for simply being there for us.

- Pat and Peter Hipwell

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Bradfield Woods



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

Please check our website regularly for up to date news when events will be resumed

If you are thinking about visiting one of our Reserves to get some fresh air you must visit our website first to see if it is still open!

www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org



The Library Van

The Service is Suspended until further notice

If you have a book that is overdue, don't worry you won't be charged – just keep hold of it until we open again!

In the meantime the library has become a virtual library

If you go online to www.suffolklibraries.co.uk there are free e-books and e-audios plus films and documentaries which can be streamed by 'phone, tablet or PC

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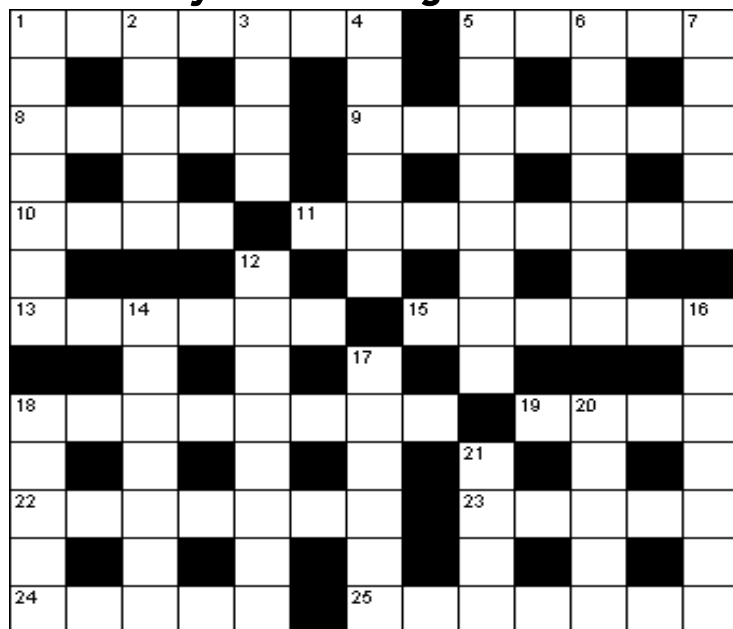
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Across

1. Fate (7)
5. Animal with two feet (5)
8. Musical instrument (5)
9. Aerial (7)
10. Professional cook (4)
11. Delight (8)
13. Mass leaving (6)
15. Transparent gem (^)
18. Entertainer (*)
19. Cab (4)
22. Planet nearest the sun (7)
23. Similar (5)
24. Fishing basket (5)
25. Ruminant

Down

1. Fiasco (7)
2. Meaning (5)
3. Metallic element (4)
4. Annually (6)
5. Treachery (8)
6. Flightless bird (7)
7. Curtain (5)
12. On time (8)
14. See (7)
16. Spear with three prongs (7)
17. Attorney (6)
18. Ape (5)
20. Nimble (5)
21. Young whale (4)

July 2020 Advertisements

Advertisements for the July issue of *The Bradfield Grapevine* should be sent to either of the two Editors, whose names appear on the front page by Monday 22nd June. 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



"By the community for the community"

- Val, Debbie and Margaret

Answers to last month's Sunny Quiz

1. Sunlight is a major source of which vitamin?
A. Vitamin D
2. What is a Sundog?
A. **Very bright spot to one or both sides of the sun. A mock sun**
3. In which year was British Summer Time introduced?
A. **1916**
4. Which American State is officially known as the Sunshine State?
A. **Florida**
5. In 1884 Lever Brothers introduced which laundry product?
A. **Sunlight Soap**
6. The film, *Sunshine on Leith*, features the songs of which Scottish musicians?
A. **The Proclaimers**
7. In England, where does the sun rise first?
A. **Ness Point, Lowestoft; the most Easterly point**
8. Which Greek flew too close to the sun, with fatal consequences?
A. **Icarus**
9. "Bring me Sunshine" is the theme tune of which much-loved comedy duo?
A. **Morecambe and Wise**
10. What is the average distance of the earth from the sun?
a. 150,000,000m - b. 70,000,000m - c. 93,000,000m
A. **c. 93,000,000m**

Hope to see you all soon – Take care

- Margaret Fayers

PAM AYRES ON THE CORONA VIRUS

I'm normally a social girl
I love to meet my mates ...
But lately with the virus here
We can't go out the gates.
You see, we are the 'oldies' now
We need to stay inside
If they haven't seen us for a while
They'll think we've upped and died.
They'll never know the things we did
Before we got this old
There wasn't any Facebook
So not everything was told.
We may seem sweet old ladies
Who would never be uncouth
But we grew up in the 60s -
If you only knew the truth!
There was sex and drugs and rock 'n roll
The pill and miniskirts
We smoked, we drank, we partied
And were quite outrageous flirts.
Then we settled down, got married
And turned into someone's mum,
Somebody's wife, then nana,
Who on earth did we become?
We didn't mind the change of pace
Because our lives were full
But to bury us before we're dead
Is like a red rag to a bull!
So here you find me stuck inside
For 4 weeks, maybe more
I finally found myself again
Then I had to close the door!
It didn't really bother me
I'd while away the hour
I'd bake for all the family
But I've got no flaming flour!
Now Netflix is just wonderful
I like a gutsy thriller
I'm swooning over Idris
Or some random sexy killer.
At least I've got a stash of booze
For when I'm being idle
There's wine and whiskey, even gin
If I'm feeling suicidal!
So let's all drink to lockdown
To recovery and health
And hope this awful virus
Doesn't decimate our wealth.
We'll all get through the crisis
And be back to join our mates
Just hoping I'm not far too wide

TO FIT THROUGH THE FLAMING GATES!

Bradfield St Clare Parish Council

The Parish Council met using the ZOOM technology on two occasions during recent weeks.

First meeting:

A Planning meeting was held on 21st April at 7.30pm. All the Parish Councillors and three members of the public took part in the discussion of two planning matters relating to Pitchers Green Farm.

DC/20/0506/FUL and DC/20/0507?LB

After the meeting the Clerk to the Parish Council submitted a response to the Planning Officer.

Second meeting:

The Annual Parish Council Meeting was held on 12th May at 7pm.

Councillors Soons and Mildmay-White joined Bradfield St Clare Parish Councillors in discussion.

John Kirk was re-elected as Chairman and Margaret Newlands as Vice-chairman. Alex Duchesne was co-opted on to the Council and joins the other two councillors, Malcolm Hignett and Paul Foster.

Reports from village organisations and Borough and County Councillors had been submitted earlier by email.

It was reported that it is now possible to book a slot at the household recycling centre and the collection of household garden rubbish bins (brown) should resume in early June.

The village Hall Committee has received a grant to offset loss of hiring revenue. They will not require a grant towards the cost of producing The Bradfield Grapevine this year or the hire of the hall by the Parish Council.

The precept for this year is set at £2439

Approval was given for payment to be made for village grass cutting.

The time allocated for the Parish Clerk was raised from 1.5 hours per week to 2 hours to help to cover the time taken to carry out the necessary volume of work for the Parish Council.

A tree on the land opposite the Village Hall will receive attention under Councillor Soons' Locality Budget. Concern was expressed over the long-term maintenance of the trees in the same area since one in particular appears to be diseased.

The Council will meet again on 14th July and 11th August at 7pm.

For further details please look on the Parish website:

www.bradfieldstclare.onesuffolk.net

or speak to any of your councillors.

- Your Parish Councillors

Our Dogs Helping the Hospice Movement

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- | | |
|---|----------|
| 1. Found on a chess board | 4 |
| 2. Invoice for an item of cutlery | 9..... |
| 3. When a cat gets up | 9..... |
| 4. Could mean a death sentence | 8..... |
| 5. Small move left of right | 6,4..... |
| 6. Brightly coloured tool | 6,6..... |
| 7. Eating action | 7..... |
| 8. Black and white dog shows pleasure | 4,7..... |
| 9. Call 15 21 26 05 12 | 4,5..... |
| 10. Royal angler | 10..... |
| 11. Shell seizer | 13..... |
| 12. Difficult to undo | 4..... |
| 13. Crimson bird with surprisingly no strings | 3,4..... |
| 14. Watch out, low flying mollusc | 8..... |
| 15. Greedy person | 6..... |
| 16. Shave William | 9..... |
| 17. Hidden gunman does this | 5..... |
| 18. Extra fowl | 7..... |
| 19. A bit of fun in the air | 7..... |
| 20. Street decorations for bookworms | 4,7..... |
| 21. Angry Clinton or Gates | 9..... |
| 22. Egg-born cashew | 8..... |
| 23. Timber rooster | 8..... |
| 24. Act of theft | 5..... |
| 25. Polish part of car | 7..... |
| 26. The smile you get from fermented pears | 9..... |
| 27. Wizard flier | 6..... |
| 28. A pastime | 5..... |
| 29. Blustery evening | 11..... |
| 30. What you might get if you annoy a dog | 7..... |



After seeing how well Captain Tom and others have raised staggering amounts for NHS charities, and reading in the EADT that Hospices were on the point of even considering closure because donations were not being received due to their shops being closed I wondered if there was a way that perhaps I could encourage people to part with a little money for the Hospice movement. Most of us have not been able to go to the pub or a restaurant recently and so may have a few quid to spare. At the same time as reading the paper I noted, that because the London Marathon was not taking place the organizers had suggested a 2.6 challenge. I then took our dog Luca for a walk and realized that our dogs are the least affected by the coronavirus, and as a result of lockdown are probably having more walks than usual. They would almost certainly be the last to suffer if food became short. I then had the idea that our dogs could encourage some fundraising by a “Crowdfunder” initiative based on our dogs and the 2.6 challenge. I therefore suggested that if we take our dogs for 2.6mile walk we could then contribute £6 or any other sum towards the Hospice movement because their nurses are as much on the frontline as NHS nurses yet Hospices receive little funds from the NHS. I set up a “Crowdfunder” page which can be accessed at <https://crowdfunder.co.uk/our-dogs-helping-the-hospice-movement>.

I emailed all of my regular Contacts asking them if they would consider making a donation and then asking them to pass on the email to all of their email Contacts so that the fund raising could be on the broadest possible basis. People have been very generous so far as no one has contributed £6 but always more! For those of you who have already contributed I would thank you and hope you can pass on the request to your friends and ask them to look at the web address above where I hope the picture of Luca will convince them that they should make a donation however small. There is no excuse if you do not have a dog because you can pretend that you have one with a virtual dog walk.

Thank You - Gerry Bullard

News From Homefield



It is not that many months ago that the last of in-calf heifers left Pitchers Green Farm and I was quoted as saying “never again” and wouldn’t you know it, we have 4 cows on the Front Field. The cows are from Suffolk Cheeses where my cows and heifers went to start their new lives. As a result of Coronavirus, with shops and restaurants and other eateries closing, the demand for milk, cheese etc. stopped overnight leaving them with a glut of milk costing more to produce per litre than they were getting paid on the wholesale market. As a result they made the decision to dry off some cows early rather than milk them. With several cows hanging around eating grass and providing no milk, I offered to take some of the long term dry cows for the summer, which was agreed. It was arranged for 6 cows to arrive on Saturday 9th May and I had hoped all fences, gates etc. were ready. The first 3 cows arrived, were let into the field and we stood exchanging passports (cattle) at which point some people walking down the road (thank you to them whoever they were) shouted that one of the cows had jumped the hedge and ditch and was heading towards Bradfield St George, taking in several sites of interest. She was penned at Maypole Green Farm, reloaded and taken to Creting St Mary. Apparently she is normally very quiet, so something had spooked her and she just ran and ran. A big thank you to all the people who helped with her safe capture – they are too numerous to thank individually. The second load of cows, minus one cow with a bad foot arrived and were released and behaved themselves. So we ended up with 4 cows, namely Tangerine and Barbie (ex Pitchers Green Farm) both Jerseys, Morrello and Pumpkin, both Guernseys – all hopefully ‘quiet’.

I recently borrowed a set of sheep shearing clippers ready to shear our flock of three sheep. After watching for a frost free night following the clipping (I’m going soft!) the time arrived. Starting with Lucy, who I

had clipped before with scissors, was reasonably easy. Lola next with very tight wool was and a degree in ‘escapology’ was more difficult. She knows how to wriggle out of every hold. Finally Treacle, who with all her wool looks twice the size of the other two, was relatively quiet and once the wool was off was brought back to her normal size. I did read up on the art of shearing before the event and the book stated 22 pictorial steps for speedy and safe shearing, all of which went out of the window when Lucy started turning the pages over when I wasn’t looking. As for rolling the fleece afterwards into a neat roll, forget it! The bits were put into a bag to be disposed of. However all three sheep look very smart and aren’t suffering from the cooler night of late.

The allotment is I’m sure nearly ready to burst forth with a nice warm rain. The earlier seeds have germinated well but haven’t got the root development to stand the dry conditions. I’ve got several plants to go out of the polytunnel, squashes, tomato, cucumber etc. but after last few nights of frosts they are staying put for a while. “Cast not a shout ‘till May be out.” The potatoes caught the frost badly despite being earthed up when the forecast came.

Debbie and I have been walking several footpaths lately including an awful lot that I’ve never walked before. The footpaths and general views across the fields are quite stunning in places but Debbie must be so bored with “I remember carting 1500 little bales of straw back un ’86 off this field , that gateway onto the road is terrible – you are halfway across the road before you can turn with the tractor and trailer...” Around three-quarters of the surrounding fields I’ve baled or carted straw from and each has a memory good or bad, but I’ve never walked the footpaths, apparently we’ve got to start walking further a field (sorry about the pun

- Glyn

Thank You!

Mike and Margaret were deeply touched and very grateful to the village for turning out for their wedding anniversary.

Thank you for decorations, flowers and cakes and the singing. It made our day!

Love to your all.

- Mike and Margaret Lovick