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THE BRADFIELD GRAPEVINE



August 2020

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As we move into August, the time so many people look forward to with their summer holidays to enjoy, at least things have eased a little. However this will not be the usual holiday period – so many things remain severely limited by this pandemic. Even the annual Macmillan Coffee Mornings have had to be adjusted. However, the Kit Café has come up with an exciting and novel way for the village to continue to support this wonderful charity – read on to learn more about this!

As Keith notes in his weather report, July has been very disappointing and will have provided great challenges for our local farmers. It certainly has been very wet! However not everything is a gloomy as the skies have recently been. Glyn recounts what has been happening at Homefield in his characteristic way, leaving us envious of his polytunnel successes and amused by the antics of the sheep!

Live sport has returned, even if in the most unusually of environments, you can go to the pub and – perhaps best of all – get your hair cut! If you wanted to you could even sport a new tattoo!

Keep safe.

Margaret Lovick
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Peter Newlands
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Cockfield Benefice – July 2020

Dear Friends,

It has been lovely to be back in Church worshipping with others since the beginning of July, and we started with a lovely service of Morning Prayer on 5th July at Cockfield Church and our Archdeacon preached. His was a message of both challenge and hope. Challenging us to be a prophetic voice in the midst of the all that is going on in our society, asking us to think about what it means to be a Christian in the midst of so much that is difficult today. Not only do we have the Coronavirus to fear, but the ramifications of all that has been put in place (quite rightly) to combat the spread of the disease. We are now facing a severe recession, and this is bound to affect many of us.

As Christians, it is difficult sometimes to live up to what Jesus asks of us. We are, of course, all human, and we often fail to be as loving to each other as we could be, but we know that God forgives us. And God gives us the strength and the will to be the people that we should be, coming to the aid of those who are poorer and weaker than ourselves.

I know that many people in the community in Bradfield St Clare, whether they follow Christ or not, have helped their neighbour, along with many other communities in our country. It has been a joy to see that happen - and I know that God has been with us all as we have settled into a new way of living amidst the pandemic. My Christian faith has given me the strength and the resolve to continue to minister through this crisis, and I celebrate the ways in which we are still 'doing' Church. For the Church is not just a building. The Church is the people that join together in a community that worships, learns and has fun together, whether that be physically or online. So thank you if you have been watching our services, and I look forward to meeting up with you in the fullness of time.

In the meantime, may God be with you and your families as you plan for the Autumn. With every blessing,

Revd Sharon Potter, Rector of the Cockfield Benefice,

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Services in the Cockfield Benefice - August 2020

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

All at St Peter's Church, Cockfield until further notice

2nd August - Trinity 8	10am Morning Prayer
9th August - Trinity 9	10am Morning Prayer
16th August - Trinity 10	10am Family Service
23rd August - Trinity 11	10am Worshipping Together
30th August - Trinity 12	10am Communion

St Clare Church



St Clare has been open each weekend for private prayer during July and will continue to be available for you during August. A service for everyone is held in Cockfield at 10am each Sunday – you need to let Sharon or one of the churchwardens know before you go because they need to arrange seating, observing the required 'social distancing'. At the moment no mask is required inside the building because no singing or close interaction is allowed in the service but that may well change!

The Suffolk Historic Churches Bike Ride will take place on 10th September. Sponsor forms for those taking part can be obtained from Normal Kelly, the local organiser or myself. More details will be available next month – please consider taking part!

I am delighted to tell you that we hope to have an Evening Prayer Harvest Service in St Clare Church on 20th September at 6pm. Take care and continue to keep safe.

- Margaret Newlands (Churchwarden)

The Stall

WOW!!

We made another £100 for the church – thanks to Jeanette for her support.

Best Wishes - Margret and Mike

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Bradfield St Clare Parish Council

Zoom Meeting 21st July – 7pm

Ahead of the meeting the Clerk ensured all present had received the necessary paperwork relating to income and expenditure for 2020 and 2021. All items were approved.

- Aspects of Governance and Accountability for 2019/2020 had been received prior to the meeting and were approved as ready for auditing
- In the centre of the village other trees adjacent to the one which is causing concern, will be examined by a local tree surgeon in the Autumn and possible treatment will be discussed
- Concern was expressed over perceived speeding in the 30mph and 40mph village areas. The Parish Council will consider pursuing some 'speed watch' training.
- Further discussion relating to the re-consultation of a planning proposal for Pitchers Green Farm was deferred until 11th August at the next Parish Council Zoom meeting.

- Your Parish Councillors

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Bradfield Weather



'If you count the sunny and the cloudy days of the whole year, you will find that the sunshine, predominates.'

- Ovid 43BC – 18AD

Although the last few days of June were forecast to be very hot, dry and sunny, they did not turn out to be quite like that as there was, in fact, a few more millimetres of rain and we recorded a total of 69mm for the month, above our average of 53.6mm.

The real summer seems to have deserted us in July. Whilst there have been some hot sunny days, there have also been some wet ones and over the past week or so many overcast gloomy ones, feeling rather like November with a better temperature! Rainfall to date is 32mm against our July average of 52.9mm.

– Keith Payne 23rd July



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The Suffolk Wildlife Trust offices and public toilets remain closed

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The Library Van

The mobile library service is running its normal timetable. You won't be able to reserve titles, but a small selection will be available on the mobile. You will be able to return titles on the mobile. *All overdue charges on loans made after 1 February remain suspended until 31 August. The date will continue to be reviewed*

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Lorraine Morley

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KIT CAFÉ

**Macmillan
Coffee
Morning**



We have all been missing our monthly Kit Café get 'togethers' in the village hall. This month Kit Cafe was hoping to host a socially distanced picnic in the garden of Bishops Farm and raise money for Macmillan. Sadly the current guidance has prevented this. Bradfield St Clare will not be beaten however. This charity is very close to our hearts and for many years we have enjoyed meeting up and raising money for this cause. Donations are needed more than ever during these difficult times.

We are therefore asking you to host your own mini-coffee morning and invite a few friends, family or neighbours to join you and raise some money for Macmillan. Of course it doesn't have to be a coffee morning and you can be as imaginative as you like. Your event can be held at any time between now and 25th September.

Please let Val, Lorraine or Margaret know about your event and we will add it to our Coffee Morning calendar. We have set up an account using the Macmillan website (link below) to see how much Bradfield St Clare can raise. If you prefer you could let us know about your event using the RSVP part of the link. We can supply you with a small amount of Macmillan goodies e.g. bunting, tablecloths, stickers etc. should you wish to use them.

Let's see what our generous village can raise. In the words of Macmillan "Nothing can rally the nation like Macmillan's Coffee Morning!" If you are unable to host or attend an event you can still donate via <https://thyg.uk/BUU004252725>. Alternatively you can hand any money raised to one of the following:

Val Nunn: 07483245825

Margaret Fayers: 07903477926

Lorraine Morley: 07742151667

PLEASE TAKE PART – EVERY LITTLE HELPS

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News From Homefield



It has taken a long time to start writing this month, what has happened? Was it this month or the end of last month? Am I repeating myself or is it all 'fake news'? To help I looked back at last year's Grapevine for July. This contained the silage harvest. Last year all looked well until the 'baling day' when it poured with rain all day and a lot of those silage bales are still on the field edge, as everybody seemed to make plenty so the demand was very low. This year's grass crop looked terrible, all the grasses running to seed and no rain to swell the sward. There was no quantity of rain forecast and after last year's experience I plumped for a 'bird in the hand is worth two in the bush' attitude. The contractors came in and cut the grass the next day then rolled it up and baled all in glorious sunshine. Totting up came in with just under half the number of bales compared to last year off the same acreage. The quality is better and maybe with a good rain we can get a second cut – apologies to the arable farmers who probably don't need the rain at the moment but I am trying to get it personalised over grass fields only!

My four cows are still munching around on their 'no milk holiday' and they do enjoy a chat with passers by. It provides me with a bovine 'fix' but does make me remember there used to be 45-50 cows out in that same field - how times have changed.

The three sheep remain quite cool literally, they have a tin shelter, which gives them a little shade during the sunny days but due to the pecking order they don't all fit in comfortably so I moved the electric fence to the field headland so they had trees for shade. Next day I was expecting a box of Roses chocolates on the doorstep to say thank you but no, they still prefer their tin shed or better still lying flat out in the middle of the field panting away in the midday sun. When

you walk out to the middle of the field (maybe to see how hot it is – as you do) there is a cooling breeze going straight over them and they are very comfortable – thank you! I was going to write now about how much we can learn from animals but have just looked up to see three sheep lying in the shade of the trees around the paddock, so please disregard the above writings, I think I've been 'played' but will look on the doorstep tomorrow morning.

The allotment is beginning to yield now and I've lifted the first early potatoes for use now. The variety Rocket was low yielding this year compared to the last but Sharpes Express was better. I was a bit disappointed with the yields but it was a very cloddy seedbed and it is not that many weeks ago that the frost blackened every leaf and stem and you think how can they recover from that? Beetroot, dwarf beans (SQUEAKY BEANS) and carrots are going well with the odd cucumber and courgette thrown in. The cabbage white butterflies have even allowed me half a cabbage, if I don't mind peeling off the outer holey leaves. The soft fruit also did well in the hot dry conditions over the last month. Strawberries, blackcurrants, raspberries and gooseberries, all in their first year, did very well. Reading back over the last bit I started to think, yes I am a 'gardener', and then I thought about the pak-choi seedlings bought a few months ago. I put 3 into a pot of compost for Kate and the same for Megan in compost in my allotment. Several weeks passed and both girls posted pictures of their pak-choi meals. My seedlings did nothing for weeks then ran straight up to seed and died – so my gardening badge will have to wait a while; still waiting for the Roses as well.

- Glyn

September 2020 Advertisements and Entries

Advertisements for the September issue of The Bradfield Grapevine should be sent to either of the two Editors, whose names appear on the front page by Friday 21st August. 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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