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THE BRADFIELD GRAPEVINE



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Now I know as a country we have an obsession with the weather and yes I do *quite often* open my editorial with some reference to the climate BUT it really does need saying, “It has been VERY WET”!

It is remarkable that Mike has managed to achieve any kind of harvest this year and with the Covid-19 restrictions only slowly easing, things have been far from easy for so many. But at least there will be a Harvest Service (under limited restrictions) – see more further on.

Of course the conditions have been more advantageous for some plants and the rhubarb keeps coming! Certainly Glyn has provided Debbie with a plentiful supply and she shares with us a delicious recipe for adding a new way of dealing with this staple ingredient.

Don’t forget we are approaching the time for the annual Macmillan Coffee Morning. There is a reminder here for you to make your personal contribution to the village’s donation to this so supportive and important charity. Thinking about supporting charity events, the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride event takes place this month. Keith tells you in this edition how you can contribute either by taking part or sponsoring a rider or strider!

To keep us cheerful, Margret Fayers has set us the task of solving one of her usual amusing challenges – have a go – answers next month!

This month The Bradfield Grapevine returns to its traditional paper copy delivered to your house. Thanks to Gerry and Dianne for recommencing their delivery service.

Keep safe.

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Cockfield Benefice – September 2020

Dear Friends,

A new term, a new school/university, the sense of new beginnings as we look towards Autumn. I have always loved September, and the way in which it heralds a change in the seasons. The weather, the fruits and the landscape bring with them such an assault on the senses.

However, this year of course will be very different as we continue to live in a new way, with ever changing and challenging horizons. Our young people have suffered under the Covid-19 restrictions, particularly in relation to their examination results which for many has meant a change in their plans, and their hopes and dreams. As I listened to some of them on the radio recently, saying how their lives had been shattered, it reminded me of the fact that many young people are still engaged in slave labour across the world. This was also true of our own country in the past, and Anthony Ashley Cooper, otherwise known as Lord Shaftesbury, fought endlessly, both in Parliament and outside it, to protect the poor, and especially the children, many of whom slaved in factories, worked down the mines or clambered up chimneys to clean them. The statue of Eros in Piccadilly Circus is a memorial to him, but a far greater memorial are the various Acts of Parliament which protect children. Much has been achieved in recent times to go even further than Lord Shaftesbury to ensure that children are safe in every aspect of their lives.

I know how difficult it is for parents and carers of young people to balance the needs of their children to become independent against the fear of them having bad experiences out in the world.

I pray for every family that has teenagers who are about to start a new course or apprenticeship, or work experience, or even a job. And for those where none of the above apply. Let us all pray for our teenagers, and for their growing-into-adulthood years. May they be blessed with fun and happiness as well as hard work!

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October 2020 Advertisements and Entries

Advertisements for the October issue of The Bradfield Grapevine should be sent to either of the two Editors, whose names appear on the front page by Friday 18th September. 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
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St Clare Church



It is a pleasure to write about two church events in September. On 12th September the annual Ride and Stride will take place. Elsewhere Keith Payne tells you more about how you can get involved by riding your bike, walking or just by sponsoring someone else! St Clare is very grateful to all who take part as we gain half of any sponsorship money; the remainder goes to the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust.

We are planning to hold an Evening Harvest Service on Sunday 20th September at 6pm. Sadly there will not be enough room for the congregation we normally have due to the Covid-19 restrictions. If you plan to come you MUST inform either Sharon or myself so that you can book a place. All church services require careful social distancing and evidence of 'track and trace'. Congregations need to wear a face mask, hand sanitize and follow the IN and OUT signs in church. Unfortunately no one will be able to attend without informing one of us beforehand.

Services at 10am each Sunday are continuing at Cockfield Church but Sharon needs to know if you are going. These services are also available online through:

www.facebook.com/cockfieldbenefice/live

Thank you to all those who have opened and closed the church each weekend for Private Prayer. I am hopeful that some suitable floral decoration can be placed in the church for the Harvest Service.

Also thanks to all those who continue to add food to the Food Bank box in the porch. Gateway Food Bank in Bury St Edmunds has welcomed it. Things have been difficult for so many people in recent months. Remember the church is here for you – contact me if you wish to seek some peaceful, private prayer any time.

May we continue to give thanks for all we have and stay safe.

- Margaret Newlands (Churchwarden)

Wanted

A Minutes Secretary for St Clare PCC

- You don't need to become a member of the PCC
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Please get in touch with me for more information

Margaret Newlands – 01284 388637



Rhubarb Brûlée Tart

Shortcrust Pastry:

6oz plain flour
3oz margarine (I use ½ marg. and ½ lard)

Rhubarb – 4 sticks
Sprinkle of sugar

Brûlée:

300ml carton of double cream
Vanilla pod
3 egg yolks plus one whole egg
2 tablespoons of caster sugar

1. Make pastry – line a glass pie dish blind bake - 10 to 15min.
2. Cut rhubarb into 2-3inch pieces –place on baking tray – sprinkle with sugar and roast for 10min until soft but still holds its shape. Leave to cool
3. Heat cream in heavy based saucepan with vanilla until bubbles begin to form. Beat egg yolks and whole egg together – keep stirring as you add the cream – mix to combine then strain through sieve into a jug
4. Place rhubarb into a flan case – cover with custard mixture – bake for 35-45min. (150C/130C fan oven/ gas mark2) It should still be a bit wobbly when you take it out. Leave to cool completely THEN chill for at least 30min.
5. When ready to serve – sprinkle with light brown sugar and flash under a hot grill until sugar bubbles

PS: I found the custard mixture very generous so baked in separate ramekin dishes in a bain marie (until firm but still with a wobble!)

- Debbie

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Bradfield Weather



**'August rain: the best of summer gone, and the new fall not yet born.
The odd uneven time.'**
- Sylvia Plath

The gloom of July from last month's report continued with significant rain during the last weekend to give a total of 46.5mm for the month compared to our average of 52.9mm.

Summer did return in the last day or so of July and carried on into August when we have had almost a week of 30C+ temperatures to make it the hottest year since 1976. With the ground desperately needing rain it finally arrived on the 14th with the predicted thunderstorms reaching us in the following few days. When driving home from Bury at the end of last week, on reaching the village it was obvious that there had been some really heavy rain only to find when we reached Bush Cottage there had been very little to illustrate just how localised the rain can be. To date we have recorded 47mm against an average of 62.9mm. Our averages show that August has been the month of the most rain for the past two years!

- Keith Payne 19.08.20

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Last year we had five riders and with the current greater interest in cycling, we hope we may be able to attract a few more. As the name implies you can in fact walk instead of cycle. With no services at our church since early March, no cash has been raised through collections and we have not been able to hold any fund raising events so the church has suffered financially this year.

If anyone is interested please get in touch and I will be happy to give more details and provide sponsorship forms. If you are not able to join in, please sponsor one of our riders, again details from me if required.



- Keith Payne 01284 386169

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- 3 Bill's friend tends the fire.
- 4 Roundabout's snail takes the tiller.
- 5 Extremely quick suit maker.
- 6 Plain girl prefers old British cars.
- 7 Wrong deal to keep up with.
- 8 Desert rat allied with college professor.
- 9 Is this Suffolk town suffering from alopecia?
- 10 Goliath meets his nemesis on a Welsh coastal beauty spot.

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Answers next month

- Margaret Fayers

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The Bradfield St Clare Parish Council meeting on 11th August was held by video conference.

All members of the Parish Council and one member of the public were present.

- Councillor Soons agreed on this occasion to fund some maintenance work on the overgrown trees on Bradfield St George Road
- Contact with the local police has been made to enquire whether a Speed Watch can be set up in a 40mph area
- Councillor Foster will provide 'pot hole' photographs to be forwarded to Suffolk Highways
- Re-consultation in respect of the proposals for Pitchers Green Farm. Parish Councillors considered the additional documents submitted by the Applicant together with the responses by villagers. They unanimously agreed to object to this re-consultation. Details can be found on the village website
- A complaint has been made to Anglia Water about persistent odours from the water treatment plant

Date of next meeting – 10th November 2020



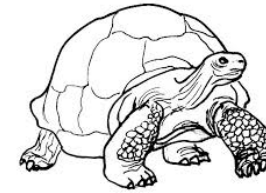
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6th Sept - Trinity 13	10am Morning Prayer - Cockfield Church
13th Sept - Trinity 14	10am Communion - Cockfield Church
20th Sept - Trinity 15	10am Family@Church - Cockfield Church 6pm Harvest Service - Bradfield St Clare (not online)
27th Sept - Trinity 16	Worshipping Together - with a harvest theme and the opening of the new kitchen & toilet at Bradfield St George Church

Arable Farming at Bishops Farm



“Another year, Another Harvest!”

Well what a year it has been, with the wettest Autumn and Winter for years and then a dry April; drought in May and a scorching hot July. Not forgetting Covid-19 and its effects on us all. Sometimes it seems as though everything is against you when you are trying to farm, battling the elements – but as I have said before “there’s always a seed time and a harvest.”

With the extremes of weather we have experienced this year we were not expecting a brilliant harvest but so far yields have been variable, some fields better than expected and some poor. Not a disaster. Anyway we got started on the Tower Field, which was our earliest planted crop of winter barley, variety K.W.S Orwell. The yield was very good with large bold grain producing 58 tonnes off 14 acres, approximately 3.9 tonnes/acre, a very pleasing start.

Our next field was later planted, after the rains had started last Autumn and was still quite green, needing another week to ripen. We combined it on 29th July. Although the headlands of the field were poor it still averaged a yield of 3.1 tonnes/acre.

Usually there is a gap between harvesting winter barley and winter wheat but not this year, with temperatures around 30C the wheat had ripened rapidly. On 30th July we started combining wheat on Church Field, at 11% moisture, good sized grain yielding 3.7 tonnes/acre.

With the moisture content of the grain so low, cracking the grain was a big problem with the grain so dry, hard and brittle. The variety of the wheat was K.W.S Zyatt and this is the third year I have grown it. Every year it has performed well yielding around 4 tonnes/acre. It is prone to the disease called Septoria, however with a dry April and May we were not troubled by that this year.

The other variety I have grown this year is K.W.S Extase, a new variety that is exceptionally resilient to disease. However it did not perform very well, only yielding 3 tonnes/acre compared with the 3.7 tonnes/acre of Zyatt.

All the wheat was harvested by 4th August. I think that must be a record for the earliest harvest ever! However the spring barley is still way off being ripe, with large areas of secondary growth it will possibly be the end of August before it is fit to harvest and then to be followed by the spring beans.

This gap in harvesting has given me a chance to start Autumn cultivations. This year we are planting more cover crops. These are used to put green cover on the fields between this year’s harvest and planting or ploughing for next year’s crop. The cover crop captures carbon using carbon dioxide during its fast growth and the roots break up the soil. Sheep will graze most of these fields, so the land will also benefit from the sheep manure.

As I am doing the majority of this work myself, I have had a drawbar made to fit the flatlifter, which allows me to pull the discs and roll all behind one tractor – so I am doing three operations at once saving time and diesel. The fields are then planted and rolled. This has worked so well and I have planted the Tower Field with a very fast growing cover of buckwheat, linseed and mustard, which will be disced in prior to planting a crop of wheat in October.

I have planted 41 acres of fodder radish for the sheep to eat. The recent storms have arrived just on cue, seeds have germinated and the young plants are rapidly emerging.

While all this has been happening, the last of the baled straw has been leaving the farm and deliveries of Anglia Water sludge has been arriving onto the farm. This will be spread onto the stubble and then either ploughed or disced in to reduce the smell.

Hopefully Summer weather will return at the end of the month to allow us to complete harvest, plant more cover crops of vetch and fodder radish before getting land prepared for planting next year’s wheat and barley. All that needs planting beginning the last week of September. Again I must say a big thank you to all my helpers, Tom and Mitch, John Kirk and David Rowe and Rodney, one of our shooters. All helped me to cart the grain back to the barns and keep the combine going. Thank you to you all!

I am pleased to hear even with Covid-19 restrictions, Revd. Sharon is planning a Harvest Service at St Clare Church on 20th September. I look forward to this to give thanks for our harvest, our health and the wonderful environment we are lucky to have and live in.

- Mike

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