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THE BRADFIELD GRAPEVINE



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October 2020

With just a few recent early mornings demonstrating that we really are entering the ‘season of mists and mellow fruitfulness’. Pat provides us with a recipe that is so appropriate for this time of the year and provides a link to Debbie’s recipe for September. Both have a strong French connection – first a brûlée and now a ratatouille! France has just seen the conclusion of that classic cycle race – the Tour de France and in our village cycling has been a major activity. The Suffolk Churches’ Ride and Stride event was a great success and the Macmillan Coffee Morning was supported by an exciting initiative to bring all those regular passing cyclists into the fold. You will learn more about these fantastic achievements elsewhere in this edition. September also saw the first church service for so many months at St Clare Church. It was a celebration of the Harvest and a tribute to the work of those who provide our daily food. This has been a very hard year for them, as Mike knows only too well. The church looked beautiful and was a clear reflection of the way it is loved by those who clean, decorate and care for it so well.

All of these events are examples of how our village works – people doing things for each other and being so generous in their thoughts and deeds. The way the Food Bank box keeps filling up is just another example of this. Despite all the present tribulations, village life goes on.

Keep safe.

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Cockfield Benefice – October 2020

Dear Friends,

October is one of those months when the Church's calendar goes quiet. We're not celebrating any festivals and we continue in what we call 'ordinary time'. However, there are other initiatives going on, one of which I would like to highlight this month.

As you have probably been aware there has been a lot in the news lately about 'Black lives matter', quite rightly following the death of George Floyd in the USA. This was followed by the focus on slavery - and the toppling of the statue of Edward Colston in Bristol which led to the questioning of some of the other monuments we have in Britain erected in the memory of people involved in slavery in the past.

Whether that is right or wrong is not for me to make a comment on, but what I do know is that slavery continues to exist across the world today. It exists here in this country too. It's known as 'Modern Day Slavery', it is the severe exploitation of other people for personal or commercial gain. Modern slavery is all around us, but often just out of sight. People can become entrapped making our clothes, serving our food, picking our crops, working in factories, or working in houses as cooks, cleaners or nannies. From the outside, it can look like a normal job. But people are being controlled – they can face violence or threats, be forced into inescapable debt, or have had their passport taken away and are being threatened with deportation. Many have fallen into this oppressive trap simply because they were trying to escape poverty or insecurity, improve their lives and support their families. Now, they can't leave.

- 1 in 4 of them are children.
- Almost three quarters (71%) are women and girls.
- Over 10,000 were identified as potential victims by the authorities in the UK in 2019.

As you can see, it is a massive problem. In the Anglican Church we are calling the week of 12th-18th October 'Freedom Week', and then 18th October is 'Anti-slavery' day. In the benefice we will be praying and supporting those who fight against modern day slavery. I hope that you will join us in doing this. Let's work together to stamp out Modern Day Slavery!

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**Payment to Bradfield St Clare Village Hall Account
Contact: Peter Newlands or Margaret Lovick**

St Clare Church



What a wonderful September we have had in St Clare Church. We celebrated Harvest as our first service since early March with a very good congregation and raised £180 from the retiring collection. No standing, no singing (except for Sharon) and all masked up. Hands had to be sanitised and no coffee or chatting at the end of the service then an orderly exit to avoid contact - but it was still enjoyed by us all.

Margaret Lovick and Jeanette Roe beautifully decorated the church and Betty and Angela Tricker had given the interior a thorough cleaning after months of lockdown. It looked fabulous, as did the churchyard, which was once again expertly mowed by Chris Lovick and family. Thank you all so much.

Members of the congregation generously added contributions to the food bank box it is now full and the contents delivered to the Gateway Food Bank in Bury St Edmunds. The empty box will then be returned to the porch once more.

The annual Suffolk Historic Churches' Ride and Stride took place after some months of uncertainty. Keith Payne organised our participation this year and has elsewhere in this edition recorded our gratitude for those who took part for St Clare Church.

I must mention some specific fundraising by nine-year-old Jack Barton and his dad, who during the year rode to many local villages and through sponsorship, raised £60 for our church. Thank you Jack, brilliant! The contribution was a fantastic and a most welcome surprise. You and Holly Hardingham, who rode with her dad on the Ride and Stride, are our stars of the future – anyone else want to join them?

On 18th October there will be an Evening Communion Service at 6pm in the church. Anyone wishing to attend the Evening Communion on 18th October please contact Revd. Sharon or myself as we need to set out the church seating. Hope to see you there.

We may have some outdoor Carol Singing in December – more details next month.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support for our lovely village church.

- Margaret Newlands (Churchwarden)

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Bradfield Weather



'It's the first day of autumn! A time of hot chocolatey mornings, and toasty marshmallow evenings, and best of all, leaping into leaves.'

Winnie the Pooh, Pooh's Grand Adventure

Having had thunderstorms earlier in August, the final 3 or 4 days of the month produced over 40mm of rain, to make a total of 115mm for the month, compared to an average of 62.9mm. This represents our highest monthly total since August 2010.

In recent months the weather seems to have been either feast or famine and in September so far we have had only one day with any recorded rain.

Although the mornings in particular have had a distinct feel of autumn about them, we have seen plenty of sunshine and even a couple of days in the high 20s again. Rainfall to date is just 3mm against an average of 47mm.

The autumn equinox is tomorrow, 22nd September and the forecasters say it will also be a change to much cooler weather, but we can hope for an Indian summer later

- Keith Payne 21.09.20



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In, I am told, ideal weather for cycling we had six riders taking part and hopefully enjoying their day. These included Holly Hardingham, who is now rapidly becoming a veteran in the event at the tender age of 11! Again, I am told, some third of the churches this year were manned to greet riders/striders on arrival.

A fine collection of classic cars was also somehow involved in the event.

Sponsor money is yet to be collected but the indications are that we should collect a total of £800 + of which £400+ will come to our church. This is an absolutely splendid effort and on behalf of the PCC my thanks to all the riders who took part and to those of you who so generously sponsored them.

Keith Payne 20th September 2020



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1 It sounds a little bit like little Edward is busy with his flock!

Answer: Ed Sheeran

2 No shine for this East Cheam resident.

Answer: Matt Hancock

3 Bill's friend tends the fire.

Answer: Ben Stokes

4 Roundabout's snail takes the tiller.

Answer: Brian Cox

5 Extremely quick suit maker.

Answer: Taylor Swift

6 Plain girl prefers old British cars.

Answer: Jane Austin

7 Wrong deal to keep up with.

Answer: Aled Jones

8 Desert rat allied with college professor.

Answer: Monty Don

9 Is this Suffolk town suffering from alopecia?

Answer: Clare Balding

10 Goliath meets his nemesis on a Welsh coastal beauty spot.

Answer: David Gower

How did you get on?

- Margaret Fayers



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Big thank you to everyone in Bradfield St Clare who held an event or donated money for this year's World's Biggest Coffee Morning on behalf of Macmillan.

A special acknowledgement to Clive and Sue Leal for their innovative idea. Having noticed that Sunday was a busy day for cyclist passing by their house they decided to host a cycle-by event. The event quickly went 'viral' and soon, true to Bradfield St Clare tradition, cakes and offers of help appeared from every direction. Special thanks must also go to Paul Foster for nominating us to Waitrose for a community donation. Waitrose kindly supplied us with goodies that cyclists could easily take with them on their journey. Even the weather was on our side and we could not have wished for a more beautiful warm sunny Sunday in September. The event strictly adhered to current government/Macmillan Covid 19 guidelines. Over 60 cyclists stopped by and made many generous donations totalling over £500! Nothing was wasted as spare tray bakes, cakes, buns, biscuits and flapjacks were taken to Thurston Community College by Debbie where students and staff dug deep to make further donations.

Another idea supported was Colin's Conundrum – guessing the number of sprinkles on the cake. This has raised £143 so far! Result to be revealed shortly.

So far, as a community, with individual donations and events within the village we have easily topped our ambitious target of £700! Well done Bradfield St Clare and all our loyal friends and supporters. Donations can still be made either in person to Margaret Fayers, Val Nunn or Lorraine Morley or via our personal Kit Café account with Macmillan

<https://thyg.uk/BUU004252725>.

We have been contacted directly by representatives of Macmillan who are thrilled by the collective effort of Bradfield St Clare and will be featuring us in their promotional media. Fame at last for our village ... we may be small in number but big in community spirit.

In next month's Grapevine the total raised by our village will be revealed.

BIG THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN EVERYBODY



Ratatouille

8 tablespoons olive oil
 2 spanish onions - sliced
 2 green peppers - diced
 2 aubergines – diced
 2 courgettes cut into 1/2” slices
 4-6 ripe tomatoes
 (peeled, seeded and chopped)

Salt and freshly ground pepper
 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
 Pinch of marjoram or oregano
 Pinch of basil
 1 large clove of garlic - crushed

Heat oil in a large heatproof casserole – add onions and cook until translucent. Add green peppers, aubergine and five minutes later add the courgettes and tomatoes. Simmer gently for 30 minutes – it should be simmered not fried. Add salt and pepper, parsley, herbs and garlic and then cook uncovered for 10-15 minutes.

Serve hot or cold as a starter or as a vegetable accompaniment.

- Pat Hipwell



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I would like you to know that we plan to meet next in January 2021 and will, prior to that, be monitoring the situation regarding COVID19 and the requirements of government relating to it so that we may constructively consider and plan how we might reopen our hall as soon as possible that year.

On a brighter note, the time the hall has been closed has not been wasted as we have underway a project to relay and level the path leading to it, repair the boundary fence and install pathway lighting all to improve safety when entering and leaving. Quotes have been obtained and it is hoped that work will commence in the next few weeks and will be complete prior to reopening.

The committee thanks you all for your continued support.

- John Kirk - Chairman

MACMILLAN CANCER CARE APPEAL FEEDING CYCLISTS AT THE MALTINGS



As has been reported elsewhere in this edition of The Grapevine, between 50 and 60 cyclists were temporary guests in our front garden on Sunday 20th September. Each was offered tea or coffee and a piece of cake in return for a donation to the Macmillan Appeal. The day was a great success and would not have been possible without the kind of help for which our village is famous.

Cakes were baked and given by Lorraine Morley, Isobel Payne, Margaret Lovick, Karen Brignell, Debbie Thomas, Val Nunn and of course Sue.

Help on the day was kindly provided by Isobel, Debbie, Val and Lorraine working in shifts.

Further help was given by Bishops Farm in the form of some traffic cones which were used to persuade passing cars to slow, at least a little. Many thanks must also go to next-door neighbour Anne Deacon who helped in the retrieval of cones and road signs at the end of the day.

Thanks also to Paul Foster of Bridge House who arranged for £50 worth of goods to be donated by Waitrose. These ranged through coffee, milk, chocolate biscuits, sweeteners, squash and bottled water. The residue of these goods was taken to the Food Bank in Bury St Edmunds on Monday 21st September.

Finally, thanks to the publicity given by cycle clubs and to the cyclists themselves for their generosity - including one young lady who celebrated her 18th birthday with a chocolate cake and candles! Over £500 was raised.

- Clive and Sue Leal

News From Homefield



Last month's big news was the arrival of a baby calf to one of the on-loan cows. A few days before the birth I started looking closer at one of the cows, Tangerine a six year old Jersey cow whose udder appeared to be filling out. So I checked the calving due dates for the cows. The idea was to return the cows a couple of weeks before calving to get them re-settled into work mode and as her due date was 16th December, was it me overreacting? However, over the next few days she blossomed until 6.00am one morning I found her lying under an oak tree starting to calve, which was where she stayed for 3 hours getting up, lying down, straining etc. So now I started to think is the calf coming the right way, does she need help? As she really doesn't know me and vice versa I move her to a pen in another field (one step forward, three steps back – she didn't want to leave her selected spot). Once in the pen and after examination the calf was delivered, a full term Hereford cross heifer who within half an hour was up and suckling. It seems Tangerine must have held to a previous service to a certain Hereford bull names Yoda. Tangerine and calf have returned to Suffolk Cheeses along with a Guernsey cow Morello, who is due to calve at the end of September. Apparently the whole episode made me very happy and I didn't stop telling everybody about it with my usual embellishments, 3.00am on Sunday morning, wind howling, rain lashing down, minus 10C with chill factor, even carrying the calf on my own shoulders for half a mile to shelter, etc., etc., etc., but yes it was very special!

The allotment still keeps giving up its bounty (poetic stuff!); the potatoes have all been lifted and bagged into hessian sacks in the container, apart from the spiked ones – they came out clean and should store well. Carrots are doing well, nice size but some have split and appear to be starting a fresh carrot inside so double the meal. Spring onions have at last grown but just as the lettuce are going

over, so a bit of a lop-sided salad. However the tomatoes have gone mad to level it up a bit. Debbie has been busy drying and souping the tomatoes and a new venture this year, pickling gherkins. We didn't really appreciate that six plants could produce so many gherkins, but on one occasion I picked 47 of them, so glass jars became a priority. Dwarf beans are now finished with some being frozen down, but runner beans wouldn't even fill a bag to freeze. The cabbages are now hearting up and seem to be relatively free from holes. I put this down to the fact that they are netted but also to another new idea I've had and that is missing out on the weeding so the vermin can't see the cabbages and the taller weeds hold the net up to stop the pigeons sitting on the net and eating through the top "Top Tip"!

When I read back over my writings (well Debbie does check spelling and "Didn't you do punctuation at school?") there is a lot of good things to report on far outweighing the bad bits and I'm sure it's not just my selective memory. Time now for breakfast, I'm going to see if tomatoes really go with Shredded Wheat (3 of course) or will the milk curdle?

- Glyn

Services in the Cockfield Benefice - October 2020

All morning services will be livestreamed on the benefice facebook page via:-

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11th October - Trinity 18	10am Communion - St Peter's Cockfield
18th October - Trinity 19	10am Thanksgiving and Gift Day service - St Peter's Cockfield 6pm Communion - Bradfield St Clare
25th October - Trinity 20	10am Worshipping Together - St Peter's Cockfield