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THE BRADFIELD GRAPEVINE



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November 2020

As we are washed into November, Mike Morley describes this month how he has had to cope with our changing climate. It has been such a testing time for us all. Emma Baird provides us with just the recipe to help us feel that little bit better in these darker and colder evenings. Of course many things will be very different this year from what is our usual expectations. No large gatherings for Bonfire Night and a very different way to remember those who lost their lives in various conflicts over the years. The British Legion maintains its Poppy Appeal and Pat Hipwell has once more knitted poppies for people to buy in support of the Legion’s work. You will find how you can contribute elsewhere in this edition. There will be Services of Remembrance in the Benefice and names of those who lost their lives in WW1 and WW2 from Bradfield St Clare will be read out at Cockfield Church. It is sad to record the recent death of Val Offord, another much respected and committed member of our village community. Others have written about her vitally important contributions to the village. In this edition there is a crossword to help you pass the time on these longer, darker evenings and to lift our spirits a little, Lorraine Morley has a Christmas time suggestion for us all. Yes I know there is still someway to go but just look at what is already in the supermarkets and advertised on television!

Keep safe.

Margaret Lovick
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Cockfield Benefice – November 2020

Dear Friends

The clocks have turned back an hour and the temperature is dropping along with the leaves from the trees. The colours of autumn are turning to winter and we begin to feel as if we need to hibernate. It's not easy at the moment to find much joy in the world, just turning on the radio or TV fills a lot of us with dread and sadness at the moment.

In the Church we are entering the Season of Remembrance. Remembering those who have gone before us at the beginning of November at All Souls and All Saints tide. Remembering those who bravely faced conflict during the World Wars on Remembrance Sunday. Remembering Christ the King at the end of November before we move into Advent and the expectations of Christmas.

Although Covid-19 is with us we can still remember and we will be holding our annual service of Remembrance at St Peter's in Cockfield on Sunday 8th November at 10am. It will be a different service in that we shall have to sit socially distanced and wear masks, and we cannot sing the familiar hymns. But that will not prevent us from giving thanks for the peace that we enjoy in our country, and praying for those places in our world that are still in the midst of conflict. We can remember those from this village along with those from Cockfield who gave their lives so that others may live. We can observe the two minute silence in reverence as we think of all those across the world who have lost their lives in conflict. And we can ask God to help our leaders to make wise decisions that will lead to peace and harmony for all.

I hope that you will come and join us for this service, which will also be livestreamed to our facebook page at:

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

Prayer is such a comfort at the moment, and I praise God every day that we have prayer to help us through these times of uncertainty. I pray that you will find a way to help you through these times too, but if you are struggling, don't hesitate to come and have a chat!

Yours in Christ, Sharon

So stay safe, and welcome back to your local Church building.

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Advertisements for the Christmas issue of The Bradfield Grapevine should be sent to either of the two Editors, whose names appear on the front page by Friday 20th November. 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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St Clare Church



*Picture of St Clare Church
taken in 2010
by Pauline Downing
(who used to live in our village)*

Sadly during October we lost a much loved and valued member of our village. Val Offord was a regular member of our congregation who cared deeply about St Clare Church. Initially with Daphne Barker and more recently with Betty Tricker, she cleaned the church with great pride and dedication. We all will sorely miss Val.

The Gatehouse Food bank in Bury St Edmunds was delighted when we delivered the latest box of food from the church. '... the level of generosity shown by numerous schools, churches groups and individuals in this area is extraordinary' reports Amanda Bloomfield, the Chief Executive of Gatehouse. Hopefully we can return with more contributions before Christmas, remembering many people will have little to provide food for their families let alone any extras at this time. In addition to food, other items can be donated to the centre in Dettingen Way, Bury St Edmunds.

On 15th November we have another Evening Communion Service this time at 4.00pm and on 8th November the Benefice will hold three Remembrance Services, all beginning at 10.45am. Once more the names of all those from the village who died during the conflicts in WW1 and WW2 will be read out at the service in Cockfield Church. Early in November the external lighting, provided by Clive and Sue Leal, will be shining on the church during evenings and continue to do so until the end of February. It is always such a comforting and reassuring sight. The church will however not be open at weekends from the end of October but if you wish to spend some time in the peace and serenity of St Clare Church, please contact me. I will open it up at any time (01284 388637). This historic building is a very special church available for everyone to use and enjoy.

- Margaret Newlands (Churchwarden)

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VAL OFFORD

It was with deep regret we learned that Val had passed away. She moved to Bradfield St Clare many years ago and she became a willing helper in all village activities; always with a happy smile. With Betty she cleaned the church, which she loved and was a valued member. Her great joy was her family. She spent many hours telling us of their achievements of which she was justly proud. Our deepest sympathy goes to Maxine, Stephen and family.

- Margaret Lovick

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On Monday 19th October 2020 our JCB had a window shattered while stationary in the gateway to Tower Field (entrance nearest to the Village Hall). Very obviously it was from either an air rifle or catapult – excellent aim I might add! – Photo evidence available.

Apart from the inconvenience there is the small matter of expense to be considered plus the danger element should our grandson have been inside or one of our beloved dogs! A similar incident happened two years ago with a moving tractor.

Farming always throws up challenges but curved balls are totally unnecessary.

If anyone has any knowledge of this incident please contact Bishops Farm – 01284 386270. ***The police have been informed.***

- Mike Morley





MUSTARD CHICKEN

A few sprigs of fresh Rosemary
4 x 180g chicken fillet
4 teaspoons Colman's mustard powder
3 baby leeks or 1 large leek
4 cloves of garlic
White wine
75ml single cream
1-heaped teaspoon wholegrain mustard

Pop the chicken into a bag, pick and finely chop a few leaves from the rosemary sprigs and sprinkle them into the bag along with 1 teaspoon of mustard powder, seasoning and a little olive oil, rub over the chicken. Put the chicken into a medium hot frying pan skin side down, press down on the chicken to help it cook, it should take around 18 minutes.

Trim the leeks and halve lengthways, wash them then finely slice and add to one side of the pan, crush 4 cloves of garlic onto the chicken, flip the chicken skin side up, stir in the leeks and add a good swig of wine, simmer for a few minutes. Check the chicken is cooked then add 75ml single cream, cover with foil and simmer for a few more minutes. Remove the chicken from the pan onto a board and slice into even slices. Stir 1 heaped teaspoon of wholegrain mustard into the sauce, spoon the sauce into a dish and put the sliced chicken on the top and serve.

Dauphinoise potatoes accompany this dish really well.

- **Emma Baird**

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With just 3mm of rain prior to the Autumn equinox on 22nd September, the forecasters change arrived and the rest of the month was wet and windy and the month finished at 42mm compared to our average of 47mm. I don't think anyone could argue if I said that October started on the damp side, with some 40mm of rain in the first week and it has continued on and off since. Having just returned from two nights on the North Norfolk coast, our only full day there was not improved by continuous rain, heavy at times, from daybreak until nightfall and beyond. To date I have registered 80.5mm against an average for October of 57.9mm

Keith Payne 23rd October 2020



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1st November - All Saints Day	10am Morning Prayer, Cockfield
8th November - Remembrance Sunday	10.45am Remembrance service, Cockfield 10.45am Remembrance service, Bradfield St George 10.45am Remembrance Service, Felsham
15th November - 2nd Sunday before Advent	10am Family@Church, Cockfield 4pm Communion, Bradfield St Clare
22nd November - Christ the King	10am Worshipping Together, Cockfield
29th November - Advent Sunday	10am Communion, Cockfield

Morning Prayer based on Celtic Prayer is said every Tuesday morning at 9am at St Peter's, Cockfield

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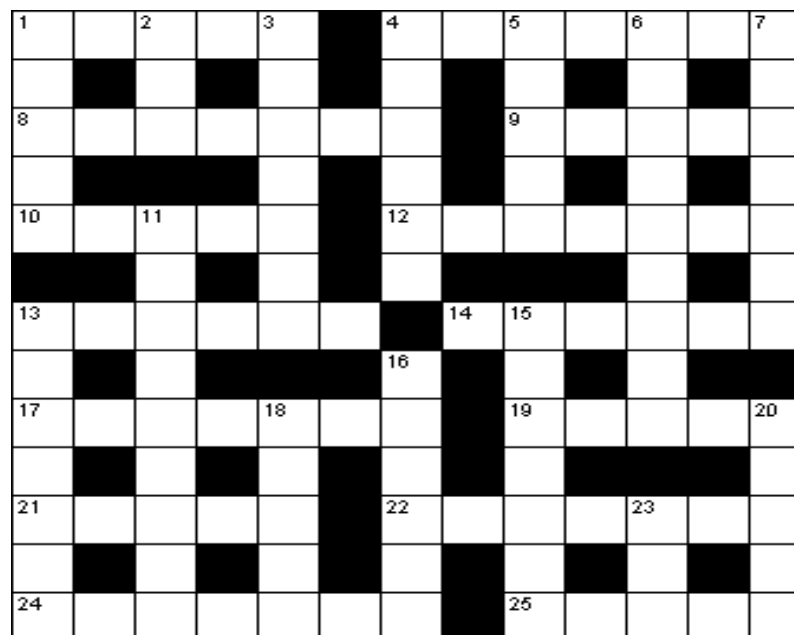
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13. Alter or regulate (6)
14. Refuge (6)
17. Repossess (7)
19. Travel lodge (5)
21. Mound of stones used as a marker (5)
22. Sincere (7)
24. Latticework (7)
25. Herd or flock of animals (5)

Down

1. Subject (5)
2. Frozen water (3)
3. Dog houses (7)
4. Smooth fabric (6)
5. Letting contract (5)
6. Flat (9)
7. Senior (7)
11. Target (9)
13. Fruit (7)
15. Stuck (7)
16. Hot fragments from a fire (6)
18. Declare invalid (5)
20. Supple (5)
23. Self (3)

Arable Farming at Bishops Farm



“Still battling with the elements!”

In the September issue of the Grapevine I was hoping for good weather to return to complete harvest and it did briefly happen, allowing us to harvest Spring Barley on 22nd & 23rd of August before yet another storm stopped us on the Rectory field, getting soaked recovering the header from the combine to journey back to the farm on the road. The 70 tonnes we did harvest was of good quality and fit for malting. Constant rain for a week meant the barley still in the field began to grow in the ear. Once this happens it cannot be used for malt as the process of germination has started with the starches in the grain being converted into sugars required to make the beer.

We finished harvesting barley on 23rd September with the last lorry load going to Ipswich dock for export as animal feed. The yield of barley was 30% down on our five year average at about 2.5 tonnes/acre but better than I expected in May.

Finally the beans were combined on 14th & 15th September; dry at 14.5% and yielded 1.6 tonnes/acre, good for the year although many had brucid beetle holes in them. The price was good and they have gone for protein animal feed.

I think this has been one of the most frustrating harvests on record, starting on 22nd July and finishing on 15th September. I was quite pleased to put the combine to bed for another year! Unusually we start planting next year's crops at the end of September, so very little time to prepare fields for the next crop. I decided not to plough the field the beans were on, so flat lifted, disced and rolled it ready to plant wheat. Also I had another 45 acres of cover crop to plant for the sheep; fodder radish mixed with vetch. Again I flat lifted, disced and rolled the spring barley stubble before drilling and rolling again.

The weather changes virtually the same day as it changed last September following the same pattern as last year raining nearly every day. With the prepared fields becoming a soggy mess the end of September passed without a seed being sown. Eventually on 19th October I managed to plant 25 acres of winter barley and 20 acres of wheat before yet another 15mm of rain fell. It was worth working until 12.45 am in the morning to achieve this. Our contractor Clem Warner lifted sugar beet on 7th October, with two harvesters starting at 11am and working until 10.30pm. We lifted over 1000 tonnes. I was packing the loads up as enormous heaps 5 metres high on the concrete pad at Bishops Farm to enable the harvesting to continue. At 10.30pm we ran out of space to store the harvested crop and you guessed it

rain started yet again! 35 acres were lifted and delivered to the factory by 13th October. The yield was slightly below average at 70 tonnes/hectare (30 tonnes/acre) but sugar content of 16.5% low due to lack of sunshine and constant rain diluting the sugar in the growing roots. I still have about 5 acres of sugar beet to lift – no idea when this will happen.

200 sheep arrive at Dairy Farm this week and are munching their way through 14 acres of fodder radish behind The Maltings. That will take them about 2 – 3 weeks. The field will then be ploughed for next year's sugar beet crop to be planted in March.

At present I am still hoping to plant 28 acres of winter beans and a further 80 acres of winter wheat, if the land is ever dry enough to plant. If not we will have to think what different crops to plant in the Spring.

Is our climate changing, is this Global Warming or Global Drowning? At present all I can do is plough fields, if they are dry then I will plant them. If not they will be Spring planted. The winter barley and wheat I have planted needs pre-emergent herbicide to be applied against blackgrass and broad-leaved weeds. Hopefully there will be a weather window in the next week when the soil is dry enough for the tractor to travel and light winds to allow spraying to be carried out.

It is all very frustrating as I battle the elements. One thing in life I have learnt is only worry about things you can change and don't worry about things you can't. The weather falls into the latter!

As the year is heading towards the end, with it's recent weather, Covid19 and Brexit/no deal on trade, let us wish for a better 2021 – Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all. – **Mike Morley**

Christmas 2020



Well, what a year so far – difficult in so many ways for so many people. For years we as a village came together to celebrate

‘A Taste of Christmas’

Just a thought for this year as social distancing is likely to be with us, how about

‘The Light of Christmas’?

Yes, let us do our bit to brighten the lives as people visit and pass through and as many of us as possible have at least one Christmas light on display either in a window or the garden. Something to bring a smile to our faces (masked or unmasked)! In the meantime Keep Safe and well. Happy Festive Season to one and all.

- **Mike and Lorraine Morley**

