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THE BRADFIELD GRAPEVINE



Christmas & New Year 2020/21

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What a very difficult year it is been but as we draw towards its conclusion there are a few things beginning to emerge which must give us all a more optimistic feeling. We know there will be a short period over Christmas where there will be a little more opportunity to meet up with our families and we now have confirmation that St Clare Church will have the chance to celebrate with some carols and a limited service.

Isobel Payne and Dianne Bullard have provided recipies for you to enjoy making and consuming over the festive season and Margaret Fayres presents you with one of her amusing challanges to keep you busy and test out family members.

Glyn Thomas keeps us up to date with the goings on at Homefield – those animals always seem to get the better of him (or so he says!). PLEASE READ CAREFULLY the bin collection dates for the period over Christmas and the New Year. They are rather confusing with changes to almost evey day of the week requiring a bin to go out during different weeks!

As you think about preparing for Christmas you might like to take up Lorraine Morley's suggestion to help the village look festive and welcoming to all of us who live here and those who pass by.

Have a joyful Christmas and let us look forward to a happier New Year.

Margaret Lovick Tel: 01284 386662



Peter Newlands Tel: 01284 388637 pjrmrn@aol.com

Dear Friends

At the time of writing this article Advent is two weeks away but I am now planning the final details of our Christmas services. Planning has been made a little difficult this year due to the pandemic, and although there is light at the end of tunnel with the good news of the vaccine, the times ahead remain uncertain. Our hope is that we will be able to gather together to celebrate the season as we normally do - albeit in a slightly different way this year.

What we are unable to do at the moment is to sing together. I know that folk have missed congregational singing more than anything else at our services. There's something about singing familiar hymns and songs that brings people together. Singing together allows us to express our feelings and emotions in a way that nothing else does. You only have to visit a football match or a pop concert as well as a Church service to know this. The physical, spiritual and emotional effects of singing are well documented. I could blind you with the science, but basically singing makes us feel good, and is good for us! I'm afraid we still can't have congregational singing in Church until the danger of Covid-19 has passed, but that does not mean that singing will stop in our Churches altogether. This year a small group of singers will be singing the familiar carols that we know and love at our Christmas services. You will see from the rota that I have named these services: 'Celebrating Christmas Carols'. I do hope that you will be able to join us at a service to hear the carols, to hear the familiar story of the birth of Jesus, and to pray together for the life of our nation and our community.

I know that for many Christmas will not be the same, but I also know that our Lord will be with us, sharing our joys and our sorrows.

So may I take this opportunity to wish all readers of the Bradfield St Clare Grapevine a blessed and peaceful Christmas.

Yours in Christ, Sharon

Reverend Canon Sharon Potter, Rector of the Cockfield Benefice, revsharon@gmail.com, 01284 828599 or 07825 086063

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The Gospel Hall, Bradfield St George Chrístmas Servíces For up to date ínformatíon please contact: Mr Keith Arknett 01359 240910

St Clare Church



In keeping with current requirements St Clare Church hope to hold a Christmas Carol Celebration at 7pm on 23rd December. There will be no communal singing instead we will listen to a small group of volunteer singers and there will be possibly three or four readings. Seating must be restricted and socially distanced. Masks will have to be worn and no food shared. Everyone will be encouraged to leave the church promptly once the service is finished. If you wish to attend you must let me know very soon – I do not want to turn people away from our church! If you want to join the small group of singers (about six people) also let me know very soon. I would be glad to hear from you if you can provide some greenery for decorating the church a few days before the service.

A box for the Gatehouse Food Bank is back outside in the porch and I hope those attending the Carol Celebration will bring something for the box – ideas appear elsewhere in the magazine.

Details of proposed services in December and January '21 are in The Grapevine and on line also details of Facebook services.

On behalf of St Clare PCC thank you for your support during these difficult times. May you and those you cherish have a warm and safe Christmas Season and a peaceful New Year.

Silent night, holy night All is calm, all is bright 'Round yon virgin Mother and Child Holy infant so tender and mild Sleep in heavenly peace Sleep in heavenly peace

- Margaret Newlands (Churchwarden)

STILTON BISCUITS





Makes about 36 small biscuits – totally addictive!

125g plain flour 1 tsp soft brown sugar 100g cold unsalted butter, cubed 25g grated Parmesan 100g Stilton, crumbled * Pinch cayenne/chili pepper Pinch of salt Beaten egg and poppy seeds or sesame seeds for rolling – optional

Put the flour, cayenne, salt and sugar in a food processor and whizz together. Add the butter and the cheeses and whizz until the mixture forms a dough around the blade.

Tip onto a lightly floured work surface and form the dough into a log about $4 \text{ cm}/1 \frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter.

Wrap in clingfilm and chill for at least 2 hours.

Slice the log into circles about $\frac{1}{2}$ cm in diameter and lay on lined trays. Bake until light golden – about 15minutes – on Gas 5, 375F, 190C

If preferred, you can brush the logs with beaten egg and roll in sesame or poppy seeds before slicing.

The uncooked dough will keep for at least a week in the fridge – just slice some off and bake them when you want them.

• If you don't have stilton, you can use another well-flavoured blue cheese

Cockfield Benefice Services – January 2021 Please see website for up-to-date information

All 10am services will be made available on the benefice facebook page https://www.facebook.com/cockfieldbenefice

3rd January - Epiphany Sunday	8am Communion BCP - Gedding
	10am Morning Prayer - Cockfield/online
10th January - Baptism of Christ	10am Family@Felsham - Felsham/online
	4pm Communion - Bradfield St Clare
17th January - Epiphany 2	10am Communion - Cockfield
24th January - Epiphany 3	10am Worshipping Together - Bradfield St George
31st January - Presentation of Christ in the Temple	10am Benefice Communion - Felsham

A service of Celtic Morning Prayer is held every Tuesday at Cockfield at 9am Please note these services may be subject to change – for up-to-date service times see the benefice website at <u>www.cockfieldbenefice.com</u>

February 2021 Advertisements and Entries

Advertisements for the February issue of The Bradfield Grapevine should be sent to either of the two Editors, whose names appear on the front page by Wednesday 20th January. 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

Cockfield Benefice Services – December 2020
Please see website for updated information should the
lockdown continue past 2nd December

All morning services will be made available on the benefice facebook page		
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https://www.facebook.com/cockfieldbenefice/posts		
For services with * please contact Rev Sharon or the relevant Churchwarden		
if you wish to attend the service for social distancing purposes.		
6th December - 2nd Sunday	10am Morning Prayer, Cockfield	
in Advent		
13th December - 3rd Sunday	10am Communion, Cockfield	
in Advent		
Tuesday 15th December	7pm Celebrating Christmas Carols,	
	Cockfield*	
Wednesday 16th December	7pm Celebrating Christmas Carols, Bradfield	
	St George*	
20th December - 4th Sunday	10am Family@Church	
in Advent	4pm Celebrating Christmas Carols, Gedding*	
Monday 21st December	7pm Celebrating Christmas Carols, Lt	
	Whelnetham*	
Tuesday 22nd December	7pm Celebrating Christmas Carols,	
	Felsham*	
Wednesday 23rd December	7pm Celebrating Christmas Carols, Bradfield	
	St Clare*	
Thursday 24th December	3pm Christingle Crib Service, Cockfield	
Christmas Eve	9pm Holy Communion, Felsham	
	11.30pm Midnight Communion, Cockfield	
Friday 25th December	10am Christmas Day Communion -	
Christmas Day	Bradfield St George*	
	10am Christmas Day Communion (BCP) -	
	Gedding	
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FOOD BANK

Can you provide some Christmas Cheer?

To help those who need our support during the Festive Season it would be wonderful if you could add any of these items in particular to your Food Bank box, located in the porch of St Clare Church:-

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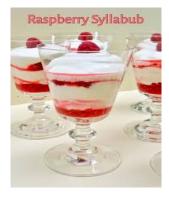
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A Letter to the Village

Almost a year ago to the day my husband Peter was admitted to hospital for nearly 7 weeks over Christams. Many of you instantly provided a taxi service for me to visit him without the hassle of having to park and drive home alone in the dark. This was the beginning of a wonderful support system which has kept me going throughout this strange year. It has been my'Annus Horibilus' for six months caring and nursing Peter and this last 3 to 4 months I can honestly say the worst of my 88 year life!

But on 21^{st} April we were happily able to celebrate our 65^{th} Wedding Anniversary, the last 30 years of which spent in our dear cottage in the village, were without doubt the happiest years of our lives. We enjoyed everything about village life and joined in everything with gusto. When Peter died my immediate reaction was that I would have to move into 'sheltered accommodation' - whetever that is. However, thanks to the extrodinary help, support, love and kindness I've received from so many of you in the village and wider community, I seem to be managing reasonably well, so you are stuck with me for a while longer! I can never adequately express my profound gratitude to you all, amazing. I try to be reasonably independent but when I do call for help nothing is ever any trouble - as for all the small acts of kindness, from vegetables and meals, books and 'phone calls etc., I say a very heartfelt thank you. What a strange, stressful, abnormal year we've all experienced but perhaps Christmas, although different, can be a time of celebrations and who knows what 2021 will bring? I would like to wish you all a happy and peacful Christmas and New Year and again thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Pat Hípwell



Syllabub with Raspberries

INGREDIENTS:

Quarter pint of dry white wine or cider 2 tablespoons lemon juice 2 level teaspoons finely grated lemon rind 3oz caster sugar Half pint double cream 8oz raspberries

METHOD:

Put the wine, lemon juice, lemon rind and sugar into bowl and leave to stand at least 2 hours.

Add cream and whip until mixture stands in soft peaks.

Divide raspberries between 8 glasses (drain juice if using frozen fruit) and spoon syllabub mixture on top.

Leave to stand in a cool place for an hour or so.

Before serving decorate each with a twist of lemon or brandy snap.



- Dianne Bullard



Grace Louisa Partridge

12th June 1927 – 4th November 2020

Some of you will have met my Mum over the last few years. I am sorry to inform you of her passing at the fine old age of 93.

Although she lived in Thurston, she was always interested to hear of the goings on in our village and spoke of how kind and welcoming everyone was.

Many thanks for the expressions of love and support which I have received in the last few weeks.



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Chrístmas 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 T'aste 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 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



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'Fallen leaves lying on the grass in the November sun bring more happiness than the daffodils.' - Cyril Connolly

The final week of October brought further rain to record 99.5mm for the month, well above our average of 57.9mm, but lower than October last year, when we had 111.5mm.There has been little of cheer during November with the arrival of a second lockdown and no help from the weather which is best described as typically autumnal. A few bright sunny patches, but also many misty mornings, the first frosts this year and, more high winds and certainly more rain. To date there has been 41.5mm compared to an average of 62.1mm.

- Keith Payne 23rd November 2020



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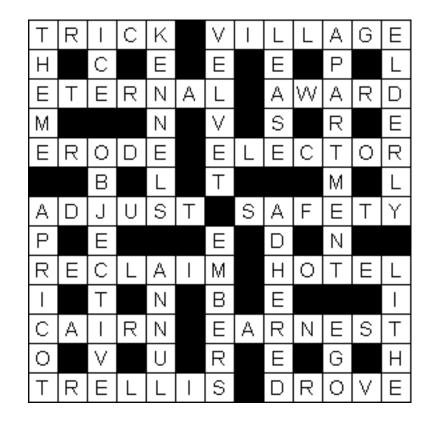
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News from Homefield



My writing this month could contain more than a little deja-vous and again concerns my animals. We still have two cows remaining on the front field, a Guensey called Pumpkin due to calve in late October and a Jersey named Barbie due in January. At the end of September we celebrated our Wedding Anniversary with a booked trip to Anglesey Abbey and duly set off for our day out. Driving past the front field I slowed down to check the cows and lo and behold Pumpkin had calved, a fully dry and healthy heifer. After checking they were both OK we continued on our way. This sort of thing used to happen quite a lot with the whole herd of 40 cows but for some reason I thought with only 2 cows it would be different. Several years ago we had booked an evening meal at a local pub and driving past the night pasture I glanced over the gate at the cows who had broken the electric fence and were happily munching tomorrow night's feed. "Sorry we're half an hour late but the cows broke out", the mud on the trousers and shoes giving credence to the excuse. However we had a lovely day at Angelsey Abbey and both cows and calf have returned to Jason at Suffolk Cheeses. Debbie did receive from Jason a picture of a cow just about to calve to help me plan further events. I'm now looking for a book for Jason entitled 'The Importance of Good Record Keeping with Dairy Cows'.

Now for sheep news. I had a problem with fly strike in early October and poor Lola suffered the worst. Flies lay their eggs in the wool on the sheep. The eggs hatch and the maggots, in search of food, burrow deep into the wool and onwards into the skin if not found early enough. Thankfully she recovered with treatment and apart from the 'reverse motion' hairstyle, is doing fine. Next came the foot trimming exercise. The hoves, like finger nails are constantly growing and if left too long can trap mud under the 'nail' causing further problems. I set up a pen of hurdles with a feed trough at the opposite end to the entrance, really sneaky I know! Into the trough I put some chopped apples and stood back as all three sheep went in and started eating. Moving with my renowned stealth but not fast enough, I went to shut the gate and Treacle was out again in a flash. Three times this happened and I was getting just a little frustrated. Then, remembering 'One Man and his Dog' I had an idea. Sadly I didn't have a dog but by hiding the entrance gate and tying a 30ft length of rope to the latch end of the gate a trap was set. More apples were chopped and in came the three sheep; me standing 30ft away holding the rope the gate slammed shut , three sheep were caught and I received 10 out Of 10 for the 'pen'. Feeling very smug with myself I trimmed their feet in about 10 minutes – not bad if you don't count the 2hour preparation time!

In the allotment there is now a lot more bare soil than there was. We're harvesting swedes, turnip, beetroot, carrots, cabbage and just started on the parsnips. The parsnips last year were very short and stumpy. This year's first one went down 18" and a good size, shame I broke the fork handle getting it out. Garlic and onions have been set and the broad beans are about 4" out of the ground so maybe need a bit of straw soon to protect them from the frost. In the polytunnel the squashes are hardening off ready for Winter soups and the mice are looking for a Winter home. I experimented with some by storing a dozen globes in woodshavings in a plastic box. Unfortunately the mice had found this ticked off a lot of their wish list in the home hunting quest.

COWS	Vs GLYN - SCORE DRAW
SHEEP	Vs GLYN - I WIN (AFTER EXTRA TIME)
MICE	Vs GLYN - I LOSE

Have a lovely Christmas (whatever it holds) and here is hoping for a better New Year.

- Debbie and Glyn

