

THE BRADFIELD GRAPEVINE



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'Bradefelde/fella: Count of Mortaine; Abbot of St Edmunds' before and after 1066 and Roric and Falk from him. Church, 80 goats.'

So reads the Bradfield entry of the census in 1066 from the Domesday Book. Of course, in 1066 Bradfield comprised of three villages, Combust, St George and St Clare. It will be interesting to see how 2021 Census will reflect on Bradfield St Clare. Count of Mortaine was the second largest landowner after Royalty at the time. Who knew? Hope we all remembered to complete the 2021 Census.

Clocks sprang forward at midnight on 27th March – all those lovely extra daylight hours. Hopefully, accompanied by some good weather so we can get out in the garden and, come April 12th, meet with friends and family in our gardens (even if numbers are still limited). Keith's report will again provide the facts – at the time of writing footpaths are still quite claggy and damp, so it will be interesting to see how much rain we have had. A bonus of the lockdown has been to see the number of people walking around the village, it has been a joy just to see other humans! There seems to be an incredible amount of wildlife showing itself, perhaps they have enjoyed the quieter life too! Val's April observations reflect on the ever changing sounds of nature that surround us and how lucky we are to live where we can hear them.

As Easter approaches, Pat has provided a lovely recipe for Easter biscuits for us all to enjoy ...it has been tested ...and comes with a 'highly recommended'. 😊 A very Happy Easter to you all.

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Letter from the Rectory

Dear Friends

It is over a year since the country first went into lockdown and we are once again in the month where we enjoy that great feast of Easter. Last year we were unable to be present in our church buildings and we had to do something that went against many of our instincts – we had to lock them up!

I am very pleased to announce that we will be holding an Easter Sunday service on 4th April in Cockfield Church, and welcome you to join with us to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It won't be long before we can open up Bradfield St Clare church for regular worship once again, and our hope is that we can hold a service of celebration in July (date to be confirmed) following the lifting of Covid restrictions. The service will be followed by a family picnic. It will be a service where the village can come together to reflect on what has happened during the pandemic, to celebrate the release from restrictions on our everyday lives, and to look forward to the future. My hope is that the community spirit that has been a part of the pandemic will continue to grow and bring more people together.

Before all that I would like to thank Lorraine Morley, who has produced a rota for Church opening and flower arranging at Bradfield St Clare. I am very pleased to announce that the Church will be open at weekends from April 17th/18th through to October 23rd/24th.

I am very grateful to those who have volunteered to arrange flowers or unlock the church, or both! There are some new names on the rota this year and it's great to see so many people from the village being prepared to do these tasks, as well as the offer of baking for refreshments after services. If anyone else would like to offer help with flower arranging, refreshments or church opening, please do get in contact with Lorraine Morley on 01284 386270.

It is also very good to see the new life that has been breathed into our PCC (or Parochial Church Council if you want the full name!). The PCC members are now Keith Payne (treasurer), Isobel Payne (secretary), Michael Morley, Lorraine Morley (Electoral Roll Officer), Val Nunn and John Kirk. We also have others who have expressed interest in the PCC, and we hope to enable their membership later in the year. As Rector I am truly grateful for the time and willingness of those who serve on

the PCC. They share the responsibility with me of both the church building and the wider work of mission and ministry in the village and across the wider benefice.

Lastly, a big thank you from me to those from the PCC who delivered the Mothering Sunday plants in March, they were a ray of sunshine! (I know I am not a Mother, but the Church celebrates all who are in caring roles on the day).

Happy Easter to you all.

The Lord is risen: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Yours in Christ

Sharon

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Cockfield Benefice Services – April 2021

please see website for up-to-date information

All services are conducted in line with the coronavirus guidance issued by the Church of England, for more information visit

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance>

All 10am services will be made available on the benefice facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/cockfieldbenefice> Services marked * are also available on Zoom, link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7957788617>

2nd April – Good Friday 2pm Reflections on Good Friday*
4th April - Easter Day
10am Communion - Cockfield
11th April – Easter 2 10am Morning Prayer – Cockfield
18th April – Easter 3
10am Communion - Cockfield
25th April – Easter 4 10am Worshipping Together - Bradfield St George

Please note these services may be subject to change – for up-to-date service times see the benefice website at www.cockfieldbenefice.co

There *WILL* be a garden!



We would like to say how touched we were by the wonderfully kind messages we received from so many people in the village and beyond. We will use the generous gifts to create a new garden with trees and plants that will remind us of our very happy time in St Clare – we already miss it very much!

Peter and Margaret Newlands



The Library Van IS BACK ON Wednesday 5 MAY

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APRIL BIN COLLECTIONS

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Hi Everyone,

We are Tom and Ali and we have just moved into Dairy Farm House. We are really excited to start a new chapter in our lives together in Bradfield St Clare and are keen to get stuck into village life!

Tom is an Agronomist and also the son of Lorraine and Mike Morley of Bishops Farm and is looking forward to being closer to the family farm and

all that this entails. Ali is a Primary School Teacher in a small village primary school not too far away.

We are really keen to be involved in village life and look forward to restrictions easing so we can meet everybody properly and become part of the community. Please do keep us updated with any upcoming events or community projects so we can offer a helping hand.

You will probably see us cycling or running around the village of an evening or weekend so give us a wave and help us start putting names to faces.

Hopefully we will get to meet people soon.

Tom and Ali

BRADFIELD ST CLARE WEATHER



"The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month." — Henry Van Dyke, "Fisherman's Luck"

I finished last month's report with a promise of 16C to come at the end of February. This duly arrived with the final few days of the month being very frosty to start, before turning into unbroken sunshine and high temperatures for the time of year. Rainfall recorded was 38mm against our average of 45.7mm.

Regrettably the sun deserted us - how much better one feels when the sun shines in these stay at home times. March has been very unsettled with several days of very high winds, the odd day of sunshine and some very heavy showers with hail included. On one day, in the high winds, the showers came almost horizontally and I wondered how much actually got caught in the gauge? This shows to date 32mm, compared to our average of 37.2mm.

March 20th is the Spring equinox, clocks go forward next weekend, snowdrops and daffodils everywhere – Spring has arrived astronomically – let's hope someone tells the weather gods.

Keith Payne 20th March 2021

Linden House Plant Stall

Margaret is delighted to report that the plant stall has raised £100 for St Clare Church. She is always grateful to receive any surplus plants that you may have to sell on to support our village Church.

Gatehouse Foodbank

Just a reminder that there is a box in the church porch for your donations. When we visited the Foodbank the other day, we were amazed how many people there were collecting much-needed food.

Gatehouse are pleased to accept canned and packaged foods (with a good use by date), both savoury and sweet.

They also accept toiletries.

If you would prefer, there is also a collection box outside *The Maltings, Bury Road (behind the planters!)*

Thank you
Sue and Clive Leal

Quiz....who do you recognise in this photo? What was the event?



APRIL

“April weather, rain and sunshine both together”

“When April blows his horn ‘Tis good for both hay and corn”

I love this quote by Mark Twain ... “The first of April is the day we remember what we are the other 364 days of the year”

I love the spring and as I write this (21st March) the first signs are beginning to appear. There are sweet violets (white and purple) growing around the moat, primroses in the churchyard and I have seen the first cowslip on the footpath beside St Clare Hall. When we married 44 years ago and moved into our new home in Bradfield St Clare I couldn't believe how lucky we were and I still feel the same all these years later. At that time on warm nights in May, with our bedroom window open, we would fall asleep to the sound of the nightingales singing in Hedge Wood, only to be rudely awaked at first light by the cuckoo. He would keep on all day, every day until the middle of June when he suddenly went cuck cuck cuck followed by a cough and a splutter as if he could no longer remember the words. Sadly there have been no nightingales in Hedge Wood for many years and if I am lucky enough to hear the cuckoo he is some way off. Although the cuckoo is a parasitic bird, cruelly invading the nest of unsuspecting birds such as dunnock or robin, I can't help admiring how clever they are. How can a young cuckoo, raised by foster parents, know that they have throw out all the other eggs in their nest and to migrate to Africa in July? One of the mysteries of nature I guess. It's not all bad news however as the green woodpecker who was once rarely seen is now a common sight with his beautiful bright red head, dipping his beak into our lawn for ants. Also the spotted woodpecker can be heard in early spring hammering his beak on old tree trunks to let everyone know he's there. One of the marvels over recent years here has been the sight of buzzards circling ever higher. On many occasions I have witnessed them being driven away by two or three crows when they fly too close to their territories. So, although nothing much seems to have changed in Bradfield St Clare, in fact the wildlife tells a different story. I do hope that one day we shall once again hear nightingales and cuckoos in Bradfield St Clare. Until then I shall enjoy listening to the mewing of the buzzards and the mocking laughter of the green woodpecker as he dips and dives. This rhyme by an unknown author tells us all we need to know about the cuckoo.

“The Cuckoo comes in April

He sings his song in May

In June he changes tune

In July he flies away.”

Val Nunn

Easter Biscuits

This recipe comes from the 'Good Housekeeping Picture Cookery Book. My edition is 1953 and was given to me by my godmother when I got engaged that year. A very long time ago! There are some very interesting old adverts - Electrolux Fridge, Foster Clarke jellies and a G.E.C. cooker for £35!

-Pat Hipwell

3oz butter

3oz caster sugar

1 egg yolk

1/2oz chopped mixed peel (optional)

1oz currants

¼ tsp mixed spice (I think I add more)

6oz flour

Pinch of salt

(I usually make double quantity)

- Cream butter and sugar together, beat in egg yolk*
- Add peel, fruit and flour and mix to a stiff dough (adding a little milk if necessary).*
- Roll out on a floured board - prick all over with a fork and cut into rounds with a cutter.*
- Bake on a lightly greased tray (or non stick baking sheet) in a moderate oven (160 degrees/fan oven) for approximately 20 minutes, until they are lightly coloured.*
- Dust with caster sugar.*

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Dr David Bamber

We are sad to report that David passed away on Saturday 21st March. David, who lived at Oakapples until recently, was a loyal friend and supporter to the village of St Clare. Along with Penny, his wife, they were very generous, giving their time and support to many village events. Our thoughts and prayers are with Penny.

IT'S YOUR MAGAZINE – PLEASE HAVE A THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN IT – OR EVEN SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE...IT'S THE PERSONAL TOUCH THAT MAKES IT INTERESTING!!

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