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THE BRADFIELD GRAPEVINE



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2016



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So as you will know, much of the harvest is in. Mike writes in this edition of the work done and the issues created by the strange pattern of weather we have experienced this year. We also learn elsewhere of how we have a newly skilled Combine Harvester operator!

You will be aware of the new approach to celebrating harvest by the Benefice with invitations to you to create and display a scarecrow and offer to loan photographs of harvests in the past, old farm machinery and equipment. Please help if you can.

Of course this time of the year we have our local Harvest Supper – an enjoyable whole village event providing an opportunity for so many friends and neighbours to relax together in our Village Hall.

Details of how to book your place can be found elsewhere - do come if you can.

The annual Suffolk Historic Churches Trust bike ride takes place this month. Pat Hipwell would welcome offers from villagers to ride.

The Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning will be held as usual at Linden House. This is always well supported and helps provide funding for the work of this amazing organisation.

Can you believe it – the Village Book Club celebrates its first year and Pat Brender tells us a little about what has happened. New members are always welcome.

The generosity of our village showed in the support given to the Tea Party in aid of the Bury Stray Cat Fund – Isobel sends her thanks!

Please complete and return the enclosed broadband survey!

And, last but not least – congratulations Jack on your 90th birthday. There must be so many interesting tales you have to tell of life in the village!

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Cockfield Benefice Services – September 2016

Sunday 4 th September 15 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Communion BCP 11am Communion 6pm 'Exploring Healing'	Gedding Cockfield Bradfield St Clare
Sunday 11 th September 16 th Sunday after Trinity	8.30am Communion 9.30am Family Service 11.30 Morning Praise 6pm Evening Prayer	Felsham Felsham Cockfield Show, Clipt Bushes, Cockfield Bradfield St George
Sunday 18 th September 17 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30 Communion 6pm Six2seven	Bradfield St Clare Felsham
Sunday 25 th September 18 th Sunday after Trinity 'Harvest Weekend'	8.30am Communion 6pm Harvest Festival Evensong with St Edmundsbury Cathedral Choir	Bradfield St Clare Cockfield

Daily Prayer				
Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9am Cockfield	12 noon Felsham	6pm Bradfield St Clare	12 noon Gedding	6pm Bradfield St George

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Bradfield St Clare Women's Institute



At our meeting on 10th August, Mr C Wilkinson told us about The Jubilee Sailing Trust, a voluntary organisation dedicated to providing exciting opportunities for those with a wide range of disabilities. At our next meeting on 14th September Mrs R Jacob will share her 'Experiences of a Corset Consultant'!

Pat Amond will be in the Chair.

Pat Brender and Enid Hunt will provide refreshments

Jean Johnson will organise the Draw Prize

The competition is for an "Autumnal Display"

New members are always welcome and we are pleased to see invited visitors.

Secretary Enid Hunt – 01284 386565

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OTHER CHURCH SERVICES

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Mass every Sunday at 8.30am, 10am and 6pm.

Gospel Hall

The Gospel Hall, Bradfield St George

Every Sunday at 10.30am:	Sunday Breaking of Bread.
Every Sunday at 2.30pm:	Sunday School and Bible Class
Every Sunday at 6.30pm:	Gospel Meeting – all welcome.
Every Wednesday at 6.45pm	Young People's Club

News from St Clare Church



September promises to be a very busy month in St Clare Church. We begin with the final 'Exploring Healing' service at 6pm on 4th September followed by a 9.30 Communion on 18th September. This will be Revd. Carl's final service in this benefice, so do come along and stay for coffee and light refreshments following the service. Our next service is at 8.30am on 25th September then, later in the day, at 6pm the benefice Harvest Service with the St Edmundsbury Cathedral Choir will be held at St Peter Church Cockfield.

Our village Harvest Celebrations begin on Friday 16th September with the Village Harvest Supper at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The price of the supper is £9 per adult and £5 for all under 16 years of age. As usual please bring your own liquid refreshments and glasses! To reserve your place please contact Margaret Newlands (388637) or Margaret Lovick (386662) before 10th September. There will also be a raffle – any donation of prizes would be most welcome! Although the supper contributes to church funds, it is open to everyone in the village and is always a great time to catch up with friends, meet new faces and share some gossip! Please come.

During the week on the 24th and 25th September, the church will be open for an exhibition of old photographs of the village and farming implements from the past. We also hope to have a wonderful floral display and welcome your help in making this happen. We plan to make two life size scarecrows to erect near the church. Ideas to help with this project are still needed – please John Kirk (388422) or myself if you can help in any way. As you will see from the flyer accompanying this edition of The Bradfield Grapevine, all the parishes in the benefice are taking part in a scarecrow competition and all villagers are invited to take part. The entry form is on the flyer. Have a go!

An army of weird and amusing scarecrows throughout the village would be fun! Display your scarecrow outside your house if you like before bringing it to church at the right time.

Early Warning!

Autumn Quiz 22nd October - more details next month

- Margaret Newlands (Church Warden)

WHIST DRIVE



At our August Whist Drive, Joy won the ladies' prize again with a score of 172, followed by Lizzy on 166 and just ahead of Val on 165. Daphne took home a wooden spoon, scoring 138. Brian had the highest score for the men with 174, just one more than John on 173. Ray was awarded a wooden spoon with 131.

Our next Whist Drive in the Village Hall is on Friday 2nd September at 7.30pm – please come!

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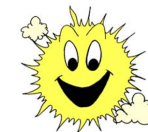
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Bradfield Weather



“The farmer will never be happy again; He carries his heart in his boots,

For either the rain is destroying his grain, Or the drought is destroying his roots.

- A.P. Herbert 1922

(With apologies to Mr Morley)

Summer continued during the latter part of July but with just a couple of days of showers we finished with a total of 24.5mm of rain for the month, well below our average of 55.8mm. Looking at our records this is amongst the drier of months since we started recording in 1993. The warm sunny weather has continued on through August and again with only the odd few showers we have recorded to date just 13.5mm against an average of 64.9mm. As I write the weekend has been cloudy, very windy with some rain although not as much as forecast but hopefully this is only a brief change and summer will return next week.

- Keith Payne 21st August 2016

Dates for your Diary



- Friday 2nd September – Whist Drive at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.
- Sunday 4th and 18th September – Bingo Nights 8pm Village Hall
- Suffolk Historic Cycle Ride – 10th September – 9.00am to 5.00pm
- Harvest Supper – 16th September – Village Hall – 7.30pm
- Sunday 25th September – Harvest Festival Evensong
St Peter's Church Cockfield with St Edmundsbury Cathedral
Choir – 6.00pm
- Tuesday 20th September – Book Club - 7pm Village Hall
- ***Early Warning: MACMILLAN COFFE MORNING – 1st October***

HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY

Jack Bumpstead!

*Congratulations on your 90th birthday on
13th August 2016*

Sending you our very best wishes

Pauline and Dave X

WANTED

*Can we borrow your
Corn dollies?*

**We would love to have them for our harvest display in the
church on
23rd, 24th and 25th of September**

Please contact Pat Hipwell on: 386636

OCTOBER ADVERTISEMENTS

Advertisements for the October issue of The Bradfield Grapevine should be sent to either of the two Editors, whose names and addresses appear on the front page, by Friday 16th September.

The cost is £1 per insertion for small ads, £36 per year for half page boxes.

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

*“...I’ve got a brand new
Combine Harvester ...”
(but Mike doesn’t !!!)*

When we had the good fortune to lease Bishops Farm Bungalow we hoped that village life would give the opportunity to feel part of a friendly and strong community, and a sense of connection with the beautiful countryside and landscape. These hopes have been realised, in bucket loads, so thank you for your very warm welcome.

What I hadn’t envisaged was excitement, thrills, fear and the realisation of a childhood dream (too unrealistic to be an ambition).

My school classroom overlooked farmland and I have to admit that I spent most of my maths lessons gazing out of the window watching farmers at their work (yes I failed GCSE maths). The combine harvester was my favourite – the slow, precise passage through the fields, the miracle of the process from tall cereal crop to gold grain. I so wanted to do that.

Having watched Mike, our landlord extraordinaire, harvesting over our garden hedge. I told him how envious I was. His immediate response was “Well come and have a go”. Within hours I was in the fields and sitting in the driving seat of a tractor and trailer! Excitement and fear vied for my immediate attention, but with Mike’s calm, reassuring instructions excitement won the day. It was brilliant. After a few turns around the field Dan, Mike’s incredibly knowledgeable assistant took me to the grain store to unload the trailer – he taught me so much about the process of barley from sowing to Adnams beer.

Back at the field Mike was waiting in the combine harvester – he expected me to drive it! With shaking legs I climbed aboard and – I actually did it! Apart from panic as we neared the end of a row and when the rabbits ran out (they all escaped – some just bolted but one or two lay low in the straw in the next row and reminded me of a child who covers his eyes so you can’t see him!). It was brilliant, amazing and wonderful. I had a permanent grin on my face for days afterwards and still smile when I think of it.

Thank you so much Mike and Dan for an unforgettable experience – and I apologise for my ‘wavy’ lines – but I might get better with practice! Also thank you everyone, including the rare bread basset who just made me smile, the hero medal winner and the spaniel who nearly out bounced Bruno, for the very warm welcome.

- Dyane, David and the bonkers Bruno and matronly Millie

Notes from the Parish Council

At the meeting of the Parish Council on 9th August, the chairman welcomed all councillors and four members of the public.

- The minutes of the previous meetings were approved and signed as a true record
- Pot holes: The number and state of so many pot holes on our roads was discussed with particular attention being given to the worrying collapse of the road opposite the Mouse House. The clerk will once more contact Guy Smith with a list of the pot holes and their dimensions and include data concerning the series of pot hole close to Four Seasons on Bury Road
- Speed limit on Bury Road: Once again the new criteria from SCC Highways Department was considered. The clerk will contact SCC on our behalf
- The Operational Hub for waste disposal at Hollow Road has been approved by SCC
- Devolution: Suffolk has agreed to go to the next stage of consultation with the public. Some Councils in Norfolk have voted not to support devolution but both Suffolk and Norfolk County Councils have voted to support the proposal despite the main sticking point being the position of an elected Mayor
Cllr Clements' report detailed the results of a Suffolk wide resident poll on devolution, which showed that 3 out of 5 people support the proposal. The poll surveyed 1820 people by telephone across the county between 20th and 30th May 2016. The poll was conducted by MORI on behalf of SCC. More information can be obtained from members of the council
- Greener Business Grants: The Borough Council will match fund businesses up to £1000 towards the cost of electric vehicles or charging points
- Broadband: Broadband speed and reliability was discussed with several members of the public making informed contributions. A survey of all broadband users in the village will be conducted and the results conveyed to Community Broadband, BT OpenReach and Jo Churchill MP to attempt to improve speed and connectivity throughout the village.
This survey is included in this issue of The Bradfield Grapevine – please take a few minutes to complete your copy
- Our local farmers were thanked for their endeavours to keep our village roads safer by cutting hedges and verges. It was noted that many of the verges have been eroded, particularly those at a lower level, further endangering the lives of walkers as they have nowhere to move off the road when avoiding oncoming traffic
- The Parish Council thanked Peter Sturgeon for his offer to become Webmaster for the new Parish Council website. He will receive no payment for this role but it was agreed to cover the £60 cost for the required training.

The date of the next meeting: Tuesday 8th November 7.30pm

- Your Parish Councillors



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Book Club



Update!!!

Well, "stone the crows", at our September gathering, we will have reached the first anniversary of the Bradfield St Clare Book Club. Twelve months during which our nine original members are all still enthusiastically involved and I am delighted to say that we will shortly welcome our tenth member. During this first year, we have digested and discussed twelve books, at times in a somewhat lively and robust atmosphere.

Over a cup of tea and biscuits, club members are also free to exchange and talk about their personal books. The monthly meeting is relaxed, social and amusing.

I would like to thank those who have taken part in making the Book Club so enjoyable.

Everyone is invited to attend!

*If you have any questions please contact:
Pat Brender (Co-ordinator) on: 01284 386597*

THANK YOU!

I would like to say a big "Thank You" to all the friends and neighbours old and new, who helped make the tea party in aid of the Bury Stray Cat Fund such a big success. We were able to give the Fund a cheque for

£230

A particular "Thank You" to Margaret Lovick for the enormous amount of help and support she provided. I couldn't have managed without her.

See you all next year!

- Isobel Payne





Arable Farming at Bishops Farm

After a break from writing in July, thanks to Tom, I am back once more again to report on farm life and the 2016 harvest. With a particularly wet May and June, we took 18 days holiday to Canada and the Rock Mountains. A superb trip, good weather, wonderful scenery and visiting Lorraine's and my relatives en route.

Well harvest always starts the last week of July whatever the weather has done during the year. I was horrified as we flew back into Norwich airport to see combines below trundling across fields on 18th July. The rush began that very evening, sorting out problems that had occurred while we had been away, including Dan being taken ill.

Next morning it was all go to prepare the combine for harvest, get tractors ready and that evening to start harvesting the winter barley. All a bit of a shock after a relaxing time in Canada!

Anyway, Dan recovered and came back to work. Also Jacob Walton had asked if he could help with harvest this year during his school holidays.

After tuition in tractor driving, he started driving beside the combine to unload the grain on the move. Well done, Jacob!

The winter barley crop had been very thick all year and promised to be an excellent crop. However all the rain in May and June and lack of sunshine reduced the grain fill resulting in thin grain. Although the yield seemed good it was bulky having little weight. A big heap in the barn, but it proved difficult to get 29 tonne on the Openfield lorry, with the driver shunting back and forth to level the heaped load. We have to sell winter barley as soon as it is harvested by 23rd July.

As usual there is a two to three week break in harvesting before we start spring barley and wheat. During this time we take the opportunity to cultivate the winter barley stubbles to produce stale seedbeds. This involves flat lifting and compacting soil to a depth of 15in, then power harrowing the surface to produce a fine seedbed to encourage volunteer cereals and blackgrass to grow. Then roll the field to retain moisture. This has proved very successful with 10mm of rain over 31st July and 1st August. The Church Field is now green and will shortly be sprayed with Roundup to kill off all the weeds before ploughing again for next year's wheat crop.

Harvesting resumed on 8th August on spring barley for malting (beer). Again yield was down compared to last year due to the wet weather but at least the quality seems good and prices have increased to compensate for lower yields. The weather remained dry and sunny and grain moistures

still low at 12%-13% well below the 14% minimum required by the grain trade. All the spring barley finished on 12th August.

In to the wheat crop, again low moisture, dry and sunny so excellent harvesting conditions. As wheat is protected by husk, the moisture does not rise quickly in the evening, so this means harvesting can continue well into the night. Hence you probably heard combines and tractors roaring around well after midnight! We usually continue until the grain moisture rises to 14% before we stop harvesting – 12.45am being the latest we went to this year. All the wheat was finished on 17th August.

Although yields have been lower this year it has been one of the least challenging harvests due to the best weather I can remember for a long time. All the straw baled and most of it cleared we now start more stubble cultivations, also applying potash and phosphate fertilizer and ploughing and rolling to prepare for planting next year's crop. The cycle of life begins again on the farm.

Weather controls everything on the farm, too much rain and not enough sunshine has reduced our yields this year but we have still had useful crops. We must think of the not so fortunate farmers in parts of the world affected by droughts and floods where total crop loss has occurred with resulting suffering of the people.

Our harvest is not over yet; we have spring beans to combine in late September and the sugar beet to harvest at the end of October.

We look forward to Harvest Festival, scarecrows in the fields and an exhibition of harvest in days gone by and of course, our Harvest Supper!

- Mike Morley



Village Scarecrow Competition!

This year Bradfield St. Clare PCC will be putting on a display in our Church to portray the history through to modern day of the harvest in our village.

We intend to display old farming implements and photographs showing the harvest as it was in the past and as it is today. There will also be floral arrangements and a display of produce for donation to the Foodbank by the Church following the event.

We also hope to have two scarecrows dressed in the apparel as worn by the old farm workers, positioned on the edge of the Footpath..

We have some farming implements already but if anyone has any that relate to the harvest and are prepared to loan them this would be very much appreciated. However, what we really need are more photographs to put on display. They will of course be looked after and returned to you afterwards. Please identify them as belonging to you if you have any that you are prepared to loan.

**Please contact any of the people below if you feel you can help
John Kirk – 01284 388422 or Margaret Newlands – 01284 388637**