

THE BRADFIELD GRAPEVINE



July 2022 No: 205

July seems to have appeared very quickly! The Platinum celebrations seem a long time ago. It wouldn't have been a proper British affair if the weather had been perfect, but meeting in Mike and Lorraine's Barn served us well. Music from the different era's was played and speeches made. It was lovely, as Gerry tells us more later on. It's slightly ironic, as you will read in Keith's weather report that rainfall is very much down for the month. It just happened to fall when we wanted to party! Farmers and gardeners alike could do with a steady gentle rain, preferably between the hours of 10pm and 6am ;)!

KiT Cafe is back and was well attended. Clive and Sue have highlighted the Food Bank this month, please support this if you feel able to.

This month's Parish Council report is information from Nicola Smith, Parish Clerk. It highlights the need to be aware of scammers and how to report suspicious activity. It's not lost in our thoughts that during difficult times there is so much generosity around and yet we still have to be mindful that there are still people prepared to operate such scams.

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Message from the Rectory

Dear Friends,

Hopefully you will have recovered from the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. I thought they were magnificent. Although the weather was a bit damp, the enthusiasm was not. It was great to see so many people and to catch up with a few.

Some of our Ukrainian guests enjoyed the celebrations too, and it is lovely to have them in our midst. Of course we would prefer for there not to be a war in their home country, and we continue to pray that the hostilities will cease and peace will be restored. In the meantime it is good to build relationships with our guests – and to enjoy their baking!

It is so good that we can welcome people from other countries into our community, and I am very pleased to say that we are soon to have a Sudanese family living in the village of Felsham. The Rattlesden Benefice has been part of a government programme to resettle those who have had to flee their homes, and the benefice has purchased a house in Felsham for such a family. I'm sure they will find a warm welcome when they arrive at the end of July.

On a personal note, some of you may already know that I am going to take a sabbatical from July-September. I begin on 4 July (what a great day to start!) and will be back to work on 4 October. The Church of England in Suffolk gives its clergy the opportunity to take a period of study leave every 10 years, and I have just completed 10 years in the benefice.

I will be mostly in the Rectory – but not receiving visitors, phone calls or emails! I have a very good team who will be looking after the parishes whilst I'm on leave, and I look forward to returning in the Autumn feeling refreshed and renewed. Rev Richard Stainer will be the first point of contact and his details are on the Cockfield Benefice Service and Events Page. Yours in Christ

Sharon

Cockfield Benefice Services & Events – July 2022

Sunday 3 July Trinity 3	11am Holy Communion CW at St Peter's Cockfield – Rev Helen Grover's first communion as president
Sunday 10 July Trinity 4	8am Communion BCP – Cockfield
	10am Holy Baptism – Gt Whelnetham
	10am Morning Prayer CW – Gedding
	10am Communion CW – Bradfield St Clare
	6pm Praise and Worship – Gt Whelnetham
Sunday 17 July Trinity 5	9.30am Communion CW – Stanningfield
	10am Communion CW – Cockfield
	10am Family Service – Felsham
	6pm Evening Prayer CW – Bradfield St Clare
Sunday 24 July Trinity 6	9.30am Communion CW – Gt Whelnetham
	10am Worshipping Together – Bradfield St George
	10am Communion BCP – Gedding
Sunday 31 July St Mary Magdalene	10am Benefice Communion – Lt Whelnetham

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

A service of Celtic Morning Prayer is held every Tuesday at Cockfield at 9am

A prayer group meets via zoom every Wednesday at 2pm via zoom.

For more details contact Rev Richard Stainer at richard.stainer14@gmail.com

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Churchwarden's report June 2022

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride

A brief note to advise that this year's ride will take place on Saturday 10th September 2022.

More details next month.

BUNTING!

Perhaps you've forgotten or are not even aware that we have miles of colourful bunting made many years ago by all the people in the village. It will brighten any event, birthdays, Barbeques, garden parties etc. It can be hired very cheaply - all proceeds going to the Church and Village Hall. It will be seen in all its glory at the Platinum Jubilee Street Party on 5th June. Also available small, matching tablecloths (card table size).

GATEHOUSE FOOD BANK

Firstly, may we give grateful thanks to all the generous people of the Bradfield St Clare area who have contributed to the food bank collection, which is continuing.

Every month this year, without fail, we have taken a contribution to the centre in Bury St Edmunds.

Please may we now appeal to you for more. The cost of living is rocketing and the most vulnerable are finding life increasingly difficult. IF YOU ARE ABLE, please help us to help the needy. A regular donation, either in the box in the church porch or the one at the front door of The Maltings on Bury Road, will make all the difference. We do of course appreciate that some people contribute at supermarket collection points.

Every little helps

Thank you in anticipation,

Sue and Clive Leal.

Parish Council News

Information on how to sign up to get the latest SCAM information and much more from the local Safer Neighbourhood Watch team.

Bradfield St Clare enjoys a very low crime rate and a very pro-active Neighbourhood Watch network. Timely receipt of notifications concerning crime alerts, suspicious activity, missing persons and other important notices are available by signing up to the <https://nextdoor.co.uk/> social media site. Also, our local area monthly crime statistics, Parish annual Neighbourhood Watch reports, and other very useful information can be found on our dedicated local area page on the Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association website at <https://suffolknwa.co.uk/bseb.html> to receive weekly email bulletins on the latest SCAMs, product recalls and much more sign up with Suffolk Trading Standards at <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/community-and-safety/suffolk-trading-standards/> and select 'Become a Trappings Standards Champion'.

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Forward suspicious emails to report@phishing.gov.uk

Forward suspicious texts to 7726

You can dial 159 for priority connection to your banks fraud department

Regards

Nicola

Plant and Produce Stall - Linden House

The stall has been generously supported both by donations to sell and people to buy. If you are passing stop and have a look - the recent donation of gooseberries from the Thompson's was gratefully received.

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Bradfield St Clare Village Hall Jubilee Committee

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 1950's STREET PARTY



The June 5 Street Party was a great success despite the weather that turned it into a barn party! Special mention must be made of Mike and Lorraine Morley's generosity in allowing Bishops Farm to be used for the event. Without a barn the event might have been a wash out! Many thanks to all those who donated money, food, gifts and essential items and to those who helped in arranging and clearing up after the event. Gorgeous party food was seen to be provided including Margarat Lovick's sausage rolls and Val Nunn's cheese scones that have become legend in the village especially at Kit café events. The loyal toast was provided by Keith Payne following an appreciation by Margaret Lovick of the Queen's loyal service to the Country. The Platinum Jubilee lasts for the whole year and includes confirmed tree planting. The village hall subcommittee will consider other ways to contribute to the celebrations including distributing memorabilia as has been done on previous anniversaries, and a permanent memorial to the Platinum Jubilee incorporating plaques that reflect the tree planting and Queen Elizabeth's reign. The number, and form and cost of these items is dependent on the grant we receive from the local authority and will be decided upon when the promised grant is in the village hall bank account. More news next month. - Gerry Bullard



BRADFIELD WEATHER

All in all, it was a never-to-be-forgotten summer.... One of those summers which, in a fortunate combination of delightful weather, delightful friends and delightful doing, come as near to perfection as anything can come in this world.

L M Montgomery

There was, in fact, little more rain over the last 12 days of May beyond that reported last month, to bring us to 27mm in total against our average of 50.4mm

June started in glorious fashion, with the first day of the Jubilee Bank Holiday really warm and sunny, but alas it was not to last, with 18mm of rain overnight before the village street party, which had to be held indoors - warm in spirit but not in temperature!

It is, as I write this, the Summer Solstice, so by the time you read it (assuming one or two of you do) some clever soul may well have asked if you have noticed the nights drawing in!

Last Friday at 32C was the warmest day of the year so far and today is another very warm, sunny day with more to come. After a promised thunderstorm over the weekend produced lightning but minimal rain and the current dry weather expected to continue, the farmers and gardeners are back where they were a month ago, with very dry ground.

Total rainfall to date for June is 31mm against our average of 53.8mm.

Keith Payne

What's that parked in the farmyard?

Rather eagerly, the combine harvester has been parked in the yard for a few days this month! In the same fashion as cutting grass to make hay, farmers have for years carried out these kinds of actions purposefully to tempt the weather gods into giving us some rain! Unfortunately, it has remained dry since parking the combine in the yard, but at least harvest preparations have begun.

The combine is routinely inspected ahead of harvest, this year by Mike, Ashleigh and Finlay so that's 3 generations casting their eyes over the machine and all its wearing parts for signs of wear and tear, leaks or faults that need repairing ahead of harvest.

At the rate in which the winter barley crop is ripening in the 24–34-degree temperatures we are currently experiencing, the start of harvest will only be a few weeks away. On my travels this week, the winter barley crop on the sandy-land farms is even further forward so do expect to start seeing combines rolling elsewhere in the county in the very near future.

At Bishops Farm our soils have a higher percentage clay content and so our crops ripen slower due to the soil's ability to hold onto moisture longer in times of drought stress. With our manure input from the cattle and the grazing of cover crops I've previously written about; we aim to increase our soil organic fraction to further hold moisture in the soil for longer as we attempt to combat the impacts of climate change and less frequent rain events.

The sheds have also now been cleaned out and emptied of all old crop ahead of harvest. (Slightly earlier this year than normal to accommodate for the jubilee celebrations that were very much enjoyed by all who attended). Another very British way of encouraging the rain gods to chuck it down is throwing a Jubilee party, as the night before we did get our last good soaking of around 20mm at Bishops Farm!

The grass and herbal leys really benefited from this rain event providing fresh grazing for the cattle and 1st cut silage to be taken shortly after from the westerwold ryegrass over at Dairy Farm. We have cut and wrapped around 80 round bales of haylage so far this spring which is a good start to our feedstock for next winter when the cows return to the comfort of their sheds. We contract another local farmer to carry out the grass work for us, who already has the right kit for this work.

Diggers on the farm

Some of the eager eyed among you will have seen various diggers being manoeuvred around the farm over the last few weeks. These are on the farm to undertake the early archaeological digs along the proposed route of a new Anglia water Pipeline that will dissect the farm in two. The pipeline is part of a very large project connecting the Northern water boards with the Anglian Water network. The route extends from north of Lincoln to Colchester and will bring water to supply the ever-increasing demand we are seeing here in the East. The majority of our water here in the East is bored out of the aquifers and pumped up into holding towers like the one you see in the middle of Bradfield St Clare. Relying on Gravity then this water feeds all our houses. In the North, where it rains more frequently and the land is more undulating, water is stored in vast quantities in reservoirs and so accessing this water storage is vital for the increasing number of residences and facilities being built throughout East Anglia. As farmers, we will see some disruption to our growing crops, land parcels and farmed environment, but we have to accept that our land not only is a resource to provide food, but also assists with infrastructure projects too. We are very much land managers as well as farmers and the pipeline coming through the farm is vital for the future of so many people here in the East.

Tom

Dairy Farm House



Saturday 16 July 11am-1pm.

Why not make a date in your diary?

Please come and join all our neighbours for coffee, tea and cake and enjoy a natter. Last month 28 people caught up and enjoyed the morning.

This cafe is FREE and OPEN to EVERYONE.

If you are new to the village please pop along for a warm welcome and meet your neighbours.

Future gatherings will take place on the 3rd Saturday of each month at the same time

Any offers of donations of cakes or savouries would be most welcome, if you could let Val Nunn know what you would like to bring beforehand that would be helpful.

Village Hall Whist Drive

There was no Whist Drive in June. **NEXT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY- FRIDAY 1 JULY.** Entry is £2 per player and all entry money is paid out in prizes. Money raised from the draw helps with the upkeep of our village hall so donations of draw prizes would be very welcome. If you can play whist we would love you to join us or if you would like to support the village hall by donating a draw prize or buying draw tickets the village hall committee would be very grateful. For further information ring Val Nunn on 01284 388830.

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Bradfield St Clare Book Club/Village Hall Bookings	Mrs Val Nunn - 01284 388830
Bradfield Grapevine Magazine	Mrs Debbie Thomas - 01284 386302 stclaregrapevine@gmail.com Mrs Margaret Lovick - 01284 386662
Bury Stray Cat Fund	01284 388455
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Neighbourhood Watch Contact	Mrs Dianne Bullard - 01284 386598
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Parish Council Website	http://bradfieldstclare.one Suffolk.net
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