

THE BRADFIELD GRAPEVINE



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At the time of writing we should all have been enjoying some new found freedom but yet again we are being urged to be cautious. Sadly this means the cancellation of the Village Picnic, but hopefully that can soon be re-arranged. We have our first 'report' from our Churchwardens, thank you to those who have taken up new responsibilities, as one of two public buildings in the village, its good to see people still prepared to support its place in our community. The speed on our roads is often commented on and the Parish Council are looking for support to get a Speed Watch Scheme going – details of how you can help are detailed in the magazine. What a mixed bag the weather has been, now that the summer solstice has passed here's hoping that we have some sunshine on the horizon, lets see what Keith has to say on that! Again, the village has demonstrated it's generosity and Val's delighted to report her Christian Aid Collection total. The council have published their annual dates list for bin collections – apologies to Brown bin users who may have been misled, all should be well now 😊

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LETTER FROM THE RECTORY

Dear Friends,

As I write this we are facing another period of uncertainty around the 'roadmap' to coming out of lockdown. Who knows, by the time that you read this, we might be facing some further restrictions, or even a delay to all restrictions being lifted.

However, I am looking on the positive side and hoping that we will be able to shake hands once again or embrace those we have been separated from for so long.

One of those events is the annual Summer Lunch in aid of St Peter's in Cockfield on 17 July. We are hoping to hold this at the Old Rectory, and am grateful to Jennie and David Marshall for lending us their garden this year. I am looking forward to meeting many of you there.

I am also looking forward to the ordinations at St Edmundsbury Cathedral, when Helen Grover will be made deacon on Saturday 3 July. Helen is coming to the benefice to spend three years with us as a curate. We also pray for Mark Hinde, who will also be made deacon that day. Mark lives in Stanningfield parish, and Mark will also be curate with us from July. Our own Rev Richard Stainer will be ordained priest on Sunday 4 July. Your prayers for all who are being ordained at Petertide this year are much appreciated!

We will be opening all our churches across the benefice for services in June, and am looking forward to the services starting again at St Clare Church.

With every good wish in the best month of the year – when the roses bloom and the days are long!

Yours in Christ,

Sharon

Revd Canon Sharon Potter, Rector of the Cockfield Benefice,
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Cockfield Benefice Services – July 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>

A service will be available each Sunday morning by 10am on our benefice facebook page at www.facebook.com/cockfield

Sunday 4 th July Trinity 5	10am Communion – Bradfield St George 10am Morning Prayer (Patronal) – Cockfield* 6pm Evening Prayer – Bradfield St Clare
Wednesday 7 th July	Wednesday Worship available on Facebook
Sunday 11 th July Trinity 6	10am Communion – Rev Richard presiding at Bradfield St Clare
Sunday 18 th July Trinity 7	10am Communion – Cockfield 10am Family@Felsham
Sunday 25 th July Trinity 8/Mary Magdalene	10am Communion BCP – Gedding 10am Worshipping Together – Bradfield St George (& online) 3pm Patronal Service followed by tea at Lt Whelnetham 6pm Evening Celtic Communion - Felsham

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

The prayer group meets every Wednesday at 2pm via zoom with the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86736217904?pwd=Y2VGK0UvQlpkZHFzTFE4NkE4bHFxQT09> (Meeting ID: 867 3621 7904, Passcode: 456146 if needed).

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

Important Information from The Parish Council

The Parish Council are looking into whether it would be possible to have a **Speed Watch Scheme** (SWS) in the Village.

To operate a SWS we require a group of volunteers. Appropriate training would be given by the Police, and the Parish Council would provide the equipment including high visibility jackets. The Police will also advise where in the parish the Scheme can be operated.

The SWS could only work if there were sufficient number of volunteers. **Are you interested?**

If you would like to consider being a volunteer or would like more information, please contact our Parish Clerk, Nicola, by email on bradfieldstclarepc@gmail.com, or by telephone on 07817 170906.

Bradfield St Clare Parish Council

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Regards Cive Lael

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Month	Date
July	28th
August	25th
September	22nd
October	20th
November	17th
December	15th

Churchwarden's report



What a super picture of young Margot Duchesne doing her 'church opening' duties. It is a good reminder that our lovely little church is for everyone in the village. Even if you feel that you don't want to attend a service, you can drop into the church on any weekend, Saturday or Sunday, to enjoy a few minutes peace and quiet and look at the beautiful flower arrangements. Or take a stroll in our beautiful churchyard, which is such a haven for wildflowers and insects. Our grateful thanks to all our talented flower arrangers and to Chris Lovick for keeping the churchyard in such good order. As many of you will know, when Margaret Newlands moved away from the village, we were left without a churchwarden and it was proposed that our PCC would be united with the PCC of Cockfield. After consultation with the village I am pleased to say that as people have volunteered to help with running the church, the proposal was withdrawn and Val and I have just been sworn in as the new Churchwardens for Bradfield St Clare. Lorraine Morley is doing a splendid job of organising the flower rota and church opening and her husband Mike is now looking after the fabric of the building. Betty and Angie have continued throughout to keep the church immaculately clean and Keith makes sure that our finances are in order. We are hoping also to have some new PCC members soon. We have two new churchwardens, myself and Val

Nunn. We are very new to the role, so forgive us if we make mistakes as we learn what is expected of us. Memo to self: light the candles! We are delighted to return to live services and have had two services so far. No singing yet but hopefully it won't be long!

If you feel you can help in any way, however small, please contact Lorraine, Val, or me.

Isobel Payne.

Photo by kind permission of Alex and Frankie Duchesne,

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK.

Many thanks to all who donated and returned envelopes to Margaret and Val for the recent Christian Aid appeal. We managed to raise £107 in Bradfield St Clare. Your contributions will help to provide homes that can withstand hurricanes for the people of Haiti. So well done and thank you all very much.

Plant stall-linden House

I am delighted to tell you that another £50 has been raised for the Church from the sale of plants etc from outside the house.

I would also like to sincerely thank everyone who has been so kind to both Michael and myself since my operation. The support of kind friends has kept us going and we are both incredibly grateful.

Margaret and Michael Lovick

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SUNDAY 11TH JULY 2021

Due to the extended Covid 19 restrictions we have sadly had to postpone our village picnic planned for Sunday, 11th July. We hope to rearrange another date before the end of the summer so watch this space.

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July

If April, May and June are a treat for the eyes, so July is delight for the sense of smell. As I write this we have had some welcome rain after much hot, dry weather and the scent of damp barley on ear is one of my favourite perfumes ... you can keep your Channel No 5! Many of our wildflowers that appear in July are also beautifully perfumed.

Honeysuckle should now be in full bloom amongst our hedgerows, and you will often smell it before you see it, especially if you walk out in the early evening. A fact I discovered about honeysuckle is that it is collected by the Hazel Dormouse to line its nest. What clever little creatures to make a nest with such sweet-smelling sheets! Also blooming right now are Wild Roses. They are also known as Dog Roses as they appear around the start of Dog Days. They offer a delicate fragrance but sadly do not last very long so enjoy them while you can. By the time you read this the Meadowsweet should be blooming on the roadside verges. There are normally several patches of Meadowsweet along the verges and ditches at Pitchers Green. Well worth a sniff if you happen to be passing.

Dog Days begin on 3rd July and last through to 11th August. The ancient Romans named these as the hottest and most humid days of summer. The Dog Star, Sirius, rises and sets with the sun. It is part of the constellation Canis Major (*large dog*). The ancients felt that the combination of the sun during the day and the star at night was responsible for the extreme heat during mid-summer.

In celebration of Dog Days here is a piece written by the novelist **John Galsworthy** about man's, and woman's, best friend:

"If I were condemned to spend 24 hours alone with a single creature, I would choose to spend them with my dog. There is a quiet comfort in the companionship of a dog with its ever-ready touching humility, which human companionship, save of the nearest, does not bring".

Val Nunn

BRADFIELD ST CLARE WEATHER



Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is hardly a waste of time.

John Lubbock

My finishing words last month, written on 21st may were “gale force winds promised but no real warmth”. The winds duly arrived and indeed some real warmth in the last couple of days in May – summer has arrived! Total rainfall for the month was 62.5mm, above our May average of 51.8mm.

June started with three days of unbroken sunshine and then three days of sunshine and showers. This was followed by many days of real warmth reaching the high teens centigrade by mid-month but then a real change again the following day with temperatures down to the mid-teens centigrade with rain some of it very heavy.

Today, as I write, it is the summer solstice but the weather anything but the height of summer, cold and wet. I said earlier summer had arrived – let’s hope that it has not now departed and there are better days to return. Rainfall to date is 40mm against our June average of 56.1mm.

Keith Payne 21st June 2021

News from Homefield

It all started May 1st; it was a very frosty morning at about 4.30am. For some unknown reason I woke up and decided to go for a stroll round the field. First thing I saw was Lucy (the sheep, just to clarify!) with one tiny lamb which had just been born. Lucy was coated in frost and the lamb was steaming and shivering at the same time, already trying to stand up and look for Mum's teat. After taking in the scene, and in true British style, I decided to have a cup of tea, back to the bungalow, tea made, walk back with said tea, to find a second lamb born.

Quite a magical moment on a cold frosty morning, the sight of two new lives and a very proud Mum. I've been privileged to witness this so many times, but it is still special.

Ten days later it was Treacle's turn, slightly different approach, but similar result. The previous afternoon she had been wandering around the paddock restlessly, pawing at the ground trying to make a "nest". Given her 'attitude' problem at times I decided to put her into a hurdle pen with the tin shelter so if help was needed I wouldn't have to chase her around the field. At six the next morning two lambs were born, no help needed, Mum and lambs all fit and well.

On 24th May Lola lambed, again twins and again no help needed. All in all, a very good result, three ewes produced six lambs, three ram lambs and three ewe lambs, trebled our flock in three weeks, is three the magic number!!

Mid-May also saw the hatch of seven chicks to a broody hen who sat for 21 days solid. I was lifting her off every three or four days to eat, drink etc and within two minutes she would be back on the nest, thankfully she was very friendly and didn't object too much. All that changed when the chicks hatched – she's in charge now and don't you forget it!

It's funny watching the young animals as they grow, their different reactions to Mum's calls and their reaction. At first doing everything they should to keep safe, running to Mum when the magpie is about, don't go near the cats, don't touch the electric fence, don't eat that etc. Then it's alright to stand up to the cockerel (Dad) in the next pen, escape is an option, jumping on Mum's back is allowed, seeing how

many of the 'Gang of Six' can get on the roof of the field shelter at the same time – brilliant.

There is a word for putting human emotions or feelings onto animals, at the moment I can't remember it and probably couldn't spell it anyway! (hopefully an editor will help (**Editors:** Anthropomorphic – good quiz knowledge!).

Next, we moved onto shearing the sheep, first borrow a pair of electric clippers, pick one of the hottest days, select a sheet and proceed. Lucy was first in line, complete with photo of how she would like to look on completion. Everything went perfectly until the clippers broke down, thankfully only two more swipes with the hand shears needed to remove the Mohican style along her back.

Clippers fixed, start on Treacle ...again clippers failed so it was a scissor and shear clip. I couldn't leave Lola without a trim, so she too was done with scissors and hand shears. Not sure they were overly impressed with their new hairdo's! Thankfully, the clippers are now fully repaired, and all the sheep have had a second tidy up. (Thank you to all family and friends who reminded me about the Specsavers advert, most amusing).

The silage/haylage crop is now all baled, wrapped and stacked. Without any cows this year there were more areas cropped and a much better yield than last year. Weather conditions were perfect, plenty of sunshine and a nice drying breeze, as I write this six days later we are due an inch of rain and thunderstorms.

The allotment needs a gentle soaking again, I find it hard to adjust to the extremes of the weather. We have a week of very hot temperatures and then we will have rain, from cracks in the soil to a mud bath. The flowers in the garden look beautiful in the sun and the strawberries taste even better when warm and along comes a heavy rain and ruins it. Thank goodness we can't control the weather -what else would I moan about!

Actually, I would ask the two crows (I only suspect it's them so far) who are taking the broad bean pods off the plant, opening them up and eating the young, succulent, tasty beans inside to STOP!! NOW! Those are for our supper not yours! -GLYN

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