

THE BRADFIELD GRAPEVINE



June 2022 No: 204

June contains the summer solstice in the Northern Hemisphere, the day with the most daylight hours.

The highlight of this month is probably the long bank holiday weekend for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We are looking forward to all getting together to celebrate The Queen's amazing achievement! Whatever you are doing we hope the sun shines brightly and a good time is had by all.

Remember too, that our beautiful church is open on weekends throughout the summer. We have a lovely picture of the Duchesne girls taking their turn at 'opening the church'. Thank you to all who do this - it's lovely to be able to say that our Church is OPEN.

Another date for our diaries is the next KIT Cafe on Saturday 25 June, a chance to meet up for a chat and coffee and cake - what's not to like. If an evening get together is more your thing - you can always pop along to the whist drive on the first Friday of every month.

We hear that the Ladies Cycle ride is expected through the County later in the year - that's funny, a lot of the potholes on the top road have been filled.

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Message from the Rectory

Dear Friends,

One of the first things I did when I arrived in the benefice was to take part in the celebrations of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. This meant spending my day moving around the benefice, partaking of a glass of bubbly and eating cake – a great way to get to know people! Here we are again, looking forward to a long weekend when we will be marking our sovereign's Platinum Jubilee celebrations and I will be visiting several of the celebrations in the benefice to eat cake and drink fizz (wishful thinking!). I hope to meet many of you on Sunday 5th at our 10am Service of Thanksgiving for Her Majesty at St Peter's Church in Cockfield.

It is well known that our Queen is a faithful Christian. Her faith has sustained her through many years of service; and she has declared that it is 'the anchor of my life'. In 2016 she said 'Billions of people now follow Christ's teaching and find in him the guiding light for their lives. I am one of them because Christ's example helps me see the value of doing small things with great love, whoever does them and whatever they themselves believe.'

I became a committed Christian after I read the Gospel of St Luke. Gospel means 'Good News', and as I read the story of Jesus I knew that I had found a purpose for my life. But I also knew that I would need help, and so I began to attend my local Church where I found support and encouragement in my Christian journey. The early Christians were called followers of 'the Way'. They faced many challenges, as they posed a threat to the authorities through their philosophy and teaching. You can read the story of the first followers of Jesus in the book of Acts in the Bible. It's a fascinating story of how Christianity spread following Jesus' death and resurrection and has been an inspiration to many Christians over the centuries.

I pray that Queen Elizabeth II will continue to inspire others to follow Jesus, and to join many other Christians in doing what Jesus commanded us to do, to love one another as He has loved us. Happy Platinum Jubilee!

Yours in Christ **Sharon**

Revd Canon Sharon Potter

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Cockfield Benefice Services & Events – June 2022

<p>Sunday 5 June Pentecost Sunday</p>	<p>9.30am Morning Prayer – Stanningfield 10am Communion – Bradfield St George 10am Morning Prayer – Cockfield 6pm Celtic-style communion – Felsham</p>
<p>Saturday 11 June</p> 	<p>Messy Church welcomes all families to come and join us for crafts, story, song and a delicious tea. Starts at 3pm and finishes around 5pm, at Cockfield Village Hall. For more details contact Rev Sharon at revsharon2@gmail.com</p>
<p>Sunday 12 June Trinity Sunday</p>	<p>8am Communion BCP – Cockfield 10am Morning Prayer CW – Gedding 10am Communion – Bradfield St Clare 6pm Healing Eucharist – Gt Whelnetham</p>
<p>Sunday 19 June 1st Sunday after Trinity</p>	<p>9.30am Communion – Stanningfield 10am Communion – Cockfield 10am Family@Church – Felsham 4pm Evening Prayer – Bradfield St Clare</p>
<p>Sunday 26 June Second Sunday after Trinity</p>	<p>9.30am Communion – Gt Whelnetham 10am Worshipping Together – Bradfield St George 10am Communion BCP – Gedding 3pm Holy Baptism – Bradfield St Clare</p>

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.

A service of Evening Prayer via zoom is held every Friday at 7pm.

For more details contact Rev Canon Sharon Potter at

revsharon2@gmail.com or phone 01284 828599 or 07825-086063



Churchwarden's report June 2022

The shortest of churchwarden's reports this month. Just to say that, at long last, work has begun on the repairs to the roof and the porch. Scaffolding is in place, front and back, and there are various pieces of builders' material around. Please be extra careful if you are walking in the churchyard. The church is now open every weekend from about 9am to 6pm and our talented flower arrangers are creating their usual beautiful displays. Why not drop in and enjoy the flowers and the peace and quiet for a few minutes.

Isobel Payne - Churchwarden

I would like to say THANK YOU to all the kind people who send me cards and messages of good wishes on my 90th birthday - really heart warming.

Pat H

Christian Aid Week **Christian Aid Week**

Most houses in Bradfield St Clare should have received a Christian Aid envelope through their letterboxes. Thank you to those who have already made a donation. Now, for the first time in a generation, global poverty is rising. Covid, conflict and the climate crises are pushing more of our global neighbours into a struggle for survival. With your donations Christian Aid hope to enable people to live fuller lives, free from poverty and hunger.

If you would like to donate please return your donation in the envelope to either Val Nunn (The Groveberries - telephone 01284 388830) or Margaret Lovick (Linden House - telephone 01284 386662). Thank you.

HELP WANTED PLEASE!

Please would anyone be interested in giving me very occasional help with serving teas for groups of visitors to our garden at The Lodge which we open by appointment for the National Garden Scheme?

Nothing too onerous and groups usually on a week day (only one so far this year I need help with please in July!)

The NGS is a wonderful organisation and has donated over £63 million to a number of the UK's best loved nursing, health and gardening charities since its inception in 1927.

Please give me a call if you might be interested (I promise not to force you!) Alice Ward-Thomas 07768347595

Village Hall Whist Drive

Numbers were slightly down for our May whist drive mainly due to holidays. However the thirteen players who came thoroughly enjoyed themselves and there were some very good games. The winning lady, once again, was Shirley on 141 points. Very well done Shirley! The winning gentleman was Derek who scored an impressive 142 points.

Whist Drives are held on the first Friday of every month. However, there will be no whist drive in June as we will be celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Therefore the next whist drive will be on **Friday, 1 July at 7.30 pm** in the Village Hall.

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.

Parish Council News

The Parish Council have been advised by the Safer Neighbourhood Watch Area Coordinator of attempted break-ins to garages and outbuildings in nearby villages. As such, we would remind residents to ensure that their garages and outbuildings are safely secured.

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 - there may be something to take your fancy

All proceeds from this support St Clare Church.
£90 raised this month
Thank you

FESTIVAL OF SUFFOLK TORCH RELAY

A symbolic torch will tour the county of Suffolk from Friday 13 May 22 to Wednesday 1 Jun 22 in order to herald the start of the Festival of Suffolk and the celebrations to mark HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

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Contact Pat Hipwell 01284 386636

Bradfield St Clare Village Hall Committee

The Queens's Platinum Jubilee

1950's STREET PARTY

at Bishops Farm, Pitchers Green, Bradfield St Clare

SUNDAY 5th JUNE 2pm-5pm

It's so very nearly time to PARTY!!

By now you ALL have your places booked at this Celebratory
Street Party Picnic.

Brief reminder - bring your own picnic, drinks, cutlery and
crockery

Remember to bring tickets to ensure entry to the event AND
entry to draw.

There will be beer and Buck's Fizz for Toast (please bring
appropriate glasses - there will be a few available here)

Strawberries and cream provided. the

Parking will be sign posted and is at Haglesdon House (near the
event).

People with mobility limitations can be dropped in Bishops Farm
entrance prior to parking

Thank you to those who have made generous donations.

CHEERS to a fabulous day - let's hope the sun shines brightly

*NB: As there will be livestock grazing at the venue, the Jubilee
Committee respectfully asks that people do not bring their dogs to this
event.*



BRADFIELD WEATHER

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Oh! Fragrant is the breath of May in tranquil garden closes, and soft, yet regal is her sway among the springtime roses.

William Hamilton Hayne

The latter part of April continued to be dry, with no further rain beyond that noted last month, leaving it at 10mm for the month against our average of 36mm. There have in fact been a number of Aprils over the years with single figure rainfall.

It was after a break of four weeks that the rain finally came in the early days of May and what a change that made. With it being warm as well, leaves and blossom appeared and verges quickly sprouted seemingly overnight. At the time of starting this, we had had just 12.5mm plus the odd unmeasurable shower, not nearly enough for farmers and gardeners, but whilst a threatened thunderstorm promised overnight did not come to close there was 7mm of rain. An unsettled, but still warm period is now forecast and if the rain, as yesterday, could come during the night maybe we can all be happy! Rainfall to the 19th of May is now 19.5mm compared to our average of 50.4mm.

Keith Payne 19th May 2022

News from Homefield

Lambing started at Homefield on April 8th, with my usual spot on prediction (well, a week early actually!). The first ewe to lamb was Egg, her twin sister is called Chicken as we're not sure who was born first, she lambed on her own and had one male and one female, both healthy and looking for the teat within minutes. Next, was Lola who had one ewe and one ram lamb followed closely by Lucy with two ram lambs. Yet again it amazes me how these little lambs know where life giving colostrum is to be found, the word instinct doesn't seem to cover the whole process. Then there is the ewe with its maternal instinct, gentle bleats and nudges getting the lambs circulation going and encouraging them to get mobile. All was going so well, apart from the ram to ewe ratio, I won't be doubling the flock this year. Then we came to Treacle's birthdate and after a very difficult labour, well into the night she delivered two of the tiniest lambs I have ever seen, alive and suckling. Sadly, the middle lamb born was very large and was stillborn.

Early next morning, everything appeared normal, Treacle chewing and the lambs feeding. Sadly when we checked after breakfast (a gap of approximately half an hour) Treacle had died. We fed the two tiny lambs with special formula and bottles but we lost them a few hours later. I appreciate that there are two sides to keeping livestock but it doesn't stop you questioning yourself after an event like this. We have also had a case of blowfly strike, where the fly lays its eggs in the wool of the sheep (perfect warm and damp conditions) which hatch out as maggots and start burrowing into the skin. She, No 7, as she is known (we are very good with our names or very random) has been clipped and treated but it will take a while to recover. This will explain the bald rear end of one of our sheep.

We have a small sheep arc that I made initially for Lucy years ago and all the lambs love running up and over it, often pausing for a look around on the top 'I'm the King of the Castle' style. The other evening there were three lambs on top of the arc whilst Lucy was inside scratching her head on the tin, this in turn moved the arc across the field - our evenings entertainment!

Today we have had a good half day of rain (hence being early writing my piece - brownie points from the editor!) which should help the allotment where everything seems to have stood still in the dry conditions. Why is it you never hear anyone say "I'm well pleased with the weeds this year, must be doing something right" - GLYN



Saturday 25 June 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.

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.

June was most likely named for the Roman goddess Juno, patroness of marriage and the well-being of women. Another interpretation says that the name came from the Latin juvenis, "young people," who were celebrated at this time.

Bradfield Woods



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July	27th	November	16th
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September	21st		

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