THE BRADFIELD GRAPEVINE



March 2022 No: 201

Challenges all round! No matter how clever we think we are, and how much control we have over things, the weather always seems to have the last word!! Thankfully, after the loss of internet access due to a fallen tree, the delivery of a BT mini-hub has meant that we have been able to produce this month's Grapevine.

As usual it's a busy one. It's good to see the return of Whist on the first Friday of the month, (Friday 4th March). The following day (Saturday 5th March) will be the LITTER PICK, hopefully there will be a good turnout and we can all give the village hedgerows and ditches a good Spring clean. Isobel gives the sad news that due to damage to the church, services have been cancelled but later in the month it may be worthwhile checking in with her or Val for updates. Let's hope that normal service will be resumed in time for Easter.

Plus there is more news of the Village Platinum Celebration, Val Nunn has found a delightful poem to share with us...it's sentiments will certainly resonate with many of us :) and finally Clive Leal has created a crossword for us to do for fun...(answers in next month's magazine).

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Message from the Rectory

Dear Friends,

This year Lent begins on 2nd March, which is Ash Wednesday. Which means, of course, that the previous day is Shrove Tuesday, AKA Pancake Day. What will you be doing for Pancake Day this year? Will you make pancakes, tossing them in your kitchen and then covering them in sugar and lemon? Or will you be creating some stuffed pancakes? I've been looking at some of the recipes which are truly mouth-watering such as brie-stuff pancakes with crispy bacon, or chocolate-filled pancakes with caramelised banana.

There's a lot of fun to be had with pancakes, but what are their origins? Shrove Tuesday is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent – the 40 days leading up to Easter – was traditionally a time of fasting and on Shrove Tuesday, Christians went to confession and were 'shriven' (forgiven their sins). Shrove Tuesday was the last opportunity to use up eggs and fats before the Lenten fast began, and pancakes are the perfect way of using up these ingredients.

We still observe Lent because it reminds us of the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness being tested by Satan. Many of us refrain from something that we enjoy during Lent e.g. alcohol, chocolate. It's a good discipline, but many Christians will do something positive too, such as read a book. I'm going to read the book that has been recommended by the Archbishop of Canterbury which is called 'Embracing Justice' written by Isabelle Hamley. The Church of England is calling us all to reflect on the injustices of the world this Lent – and to ask what God is calling us to do about them. I am looking forward to reading what Ms Hamley has to say!

Enjoy your pancakes! Yours in Christ, Sharon

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Cockfield Benefice Services & Events – March 2022

Wednesday 2 March Ash Wednesday	7.30pm Communion & Ashing - Gedding
Sunday 6 March 1 st of Lent	9.30am Morning Prayer – Stanningfield 10am Morning Prayer – Cockfield 10am Holy Communion – Bradfield St George 6pm Six2Seven – Felsham Village Hall
Sunday 13 March 2 nd of Lent	8am Communion BCP – Cockfield 10am Morning Prayer CW – Gedding 10am Communion – Bradfield St Clare 4pm Praise & Worship – Gt Whelnetham
Sunday 20 March 3 rd of Lent	9.30am Communion CW – Stanningfield 10am Communion CW – Cockfield 10am Worshipping Together – Bradfield St George 4pm Evening Prayer – Bradfield St Clare
Sunday 27 March 4 th of Lent Mothering Sunday	9.30am Communion – Gt Whelnetham 10am Mothering Sunday Service - Cockfield 10am Mothering Sunday Service - Gedding

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

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 Canon Sharon Potter at revsharon2@gmail.com or phone 01284 828599 or 07825-086063

An Invitation to all residents and their families, past and present of Bradfield St Clare.

1950's 'STREET PARTY' to Celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

to be held at BISHOPS FARM

on Sunday 5 June 2022

from 2pm -5pm

Mike and Lorraine have kindly invited us all to use their driveway to set up a 'Street Party' to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee.

Numbers are limited to 130, so please register your request for 'tickets', which will be entered into a draw, from Lorraine by telephoning either 0774 215 1667 or 01284 386270 from 1st April.

Beer,Bucks Fizz, tea,coffee,squash, strawberries and cream will be provided...more details regarding food coming soon! Watch out for a separate flyer.

It's a celebration of all things wonderful about our village and enjoying each other's company. It would be lovely to see lots of people there. There is provision should the weather not be kind!

Any offers of help to set up the venue in the morning would be gratefully received, there are tables to place, bunting to tie and dressing up to do to give it a real 1950's feel.....

Kind regards - The Jubilee Committee



Churchwarden's Report February 2022

Sadly, I have to report that Storm Eunice caused considerable damage to our lovely little church, blowing off many tiles from above the porch and leaving only a thin membrane to protect the church from the elements. Remaining tiles are unstable and could tumble down over the doorway onto people entering the church. For this reason we have cancelled services for the time being and I would ask you to be very careful if you are walking near to the church porch. The insurers have been contacted and we hope to put repairs into place as soon as possible. Looking at TV reporting of the steeple top flying off in Wells, I realise it could have been a lot worse.

For news about whether services in March will happen, please contact Isobel on 01284 386169 or Val 01284 388830 – and pray for dry weather!

On a lighter note, thanks to all those who have read lessons or written prayers in the last month. It has been good to welcome readers from other parishes in the benefice. It is a pleasure for us all to work together as a benefice, guided by Reverend Sharon, rather than just being isolated parishes.

Parish Council

Message from the Parish Council Clerk - SCAM ALERT

Dear all,

Received from Which? (also drawing on the Office of National Statistics crime survey) the five biggest SCAMs of 2021 (impersonation SCAMs were the most common) according to Which? which continue to go in and out of circulation were:

- 1. 'There's a problem with your Amazon account'
- 2. 'Your National Insurance number has been compromised'
- 3. 'You've missed a delivery'
- 4. 'Apply for your Covid passport now'
- 5. Online ads and social media scams



More detail can be found here: Biggest SCAMs of 2021

Finally, a reminder to help protect others by forwarding SCAM emails to report@phishing.gov.uk and SCAM texts to 7726.

The Parish Council would really appreciate residents' help in reporting highways problems such as potholes etc. You can do this by going to

suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-maintenance/report-a-highways-issue/

You will see that on that page there is a grey box with the words "Highways Reporting Tool". Please click on that grey box and follow the instructions which will enable you to report the problem.

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Bradfield St Clare Village Hall Committee

February Whist Drive

Fifteen people turned out for our February whist drive in the village hall. It was lovely to meet up again and we were pleased to welcome a new player, Shirley, who plays an excellent game of whist! The results were:

Ladies: Gina took first prize with 173 points, followed by Shirley on 169 and third prize was won by Vera on 163. Sylvia took the wooden spoon with 144. Gentlemen: Gerry came first with 168, closely followed by Ian on 167 and Steve with 161. Ray took the wooden spoon with 133.

The next game will take place in the village hall on **Friday, 4th March starting at 7.30 pm**. Entry £2 includes tea, coffee and biscuits. All entry money is given out to winners with proceeds from the prize draw going to village hall funds. Prizes donated for the draw would be most welcome.

Parish Council News

Litter Pick - Saturday 5th March

The Parish Council look forward to seeing as many volunteers as possible to help with the organised litter pick on **Saturday 5th March, starting at 10am outside of the Village Hall**. All litter picking equipment and black bags will be provided but please bring along your own gloves. These organised litter picking events have been very successful in the past and we hope that this years' one brings out as many volunteers as possible to help keep our village looking at its best.



BRADFIELD WEATHER

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It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light and winter in the shade.

Charles Dickens 'Great Expectations'

In the last week or so of January following writing my last report there was no further measurable rainfall, leaving us with just 14mm against an average of 51.3mm. To show how isolated rainfall can be, data taken a mile west of Bury St Edmunds showed 24.5mm. It was, apparently, the driest January since records began and also a record for the highest hours of sunshine in the month.

February saw the first rain for a couple of weeks and has continued to be unsettled with regular rain throughout. From the 16th onwards there has been a succession of storms, with the accent being very much on high winds. Storm Eunice on the 19^{th,} with wind speeds of over 70mph, was the wildest and strongest for 30 years. The village did not suffer too badly, though broadband was lost when a falling tree took out the fibre cable and another tree blocked the Bury road. As I write, six days after the storm, neither has broadband been restored, nor has the tree been removed. We wait with bated breath!

Rainfall to date this month is 45mm with our February average standing at 43.8mm. Keith Payne

News from Bishops Farm

Dare I suggest.... Spring has sprung...?

Spring is beautiful on the farm. The signs of new life are everywhere from new buds on hedgerows and trees to the fresh grass growth and daffodils almost about to burst into their yellow bloom. Ploughed land is looking weathered ahead of spring planting with some good frost-thaw over winter and a good germination of troublesome weeds can be controlled on this land ahead of spring crop drilling. Similar to last spring, we have approximately 50% of the farm area to plant in the spring. The remaining 40% of the farm is currently planted with winter cereals of wheat and Barley, 6% is planted to our multispecies herbal lay and 3% is in countryside stewardship options of wild flowers and pollen and nectar.

The land to drill this spring will include sugar beet, peas, beans and spring barley and all we need now is the weather to play ball, soils to warm up and soil moisture levels to fall low enough to carry the drill for planting to begin. Growing crops is a game of patience as we wait for the weather, however there's always plenty of jobs to tide us over whilst we wait! Over winter, we have been hedge-cutting, feeding and weighing the cattle, fencing, and laying water pipes to serve the herbal leys with anticipation of turning the cattle out to graze towards the end of March.

Whilst housed over winter, the cows diet consists of grass and clover silage, pea straw, rolled oats and beans and they are growing very healthily! We seek nutritional advice based on the protein, sugar and fibre contents of our home-grown silage and feed a measured regime of rolled oats and beans daily with weigh-ins on a 6-weekly basis. Since arriving on the farm in October, the group is averaging 1.4 kg daily live weight gain. The system we are developing is focussed on sustainability and quality and on their current trajectory we will have some animals to finish straight from the field next autumn before next year's stock intake arrives. Quite literally, a system of field to fork.

Whilst there's fewer practical operations to carry out over the winter months it is a good time to update and complete the farm accounts, read and research for annual qualification exams, gain valuable professional development points, update compliance documents and plan strategies for the spring. So, with less activity in the fields, the winter hosts plenty of activity in the office!

The signs of spring are certainly here, despite the wintery impact of Dudley, Eunice and Franklin this week! Let's hope the weather settles as the days get longer and we can all enjoy some colours emerging back in the trees, hedgerows, our gardens and across the farm. Tom

Dairy Farm House

Val Nunn found this delightful sentiment to share with us

Serenity Prayer

Send me a slow news day, a quiet subdued day In which nothing much happens of note. Just the passing of time, consumption of wine, And a re-run of "Murder She Wrote". Grant me a no-news day, a spare-me-your-views day In which nothing much happens at all. A few hours together, the regional weather, And a day we can barely recall. *Brian Bilston*

Bradfield Woods Suffolk Wildlife 🗲 Trust

Winter

Events

We are a Covid secure organisation with safe practises in place in accordance with government guidelines March events at Bradfield Woods:

Mondays 10-11.30am - Wild tots for families with children under 5 years Sunday 6th March- Family Forest school 10am-12noonYoung wardens for 11-16 year olds

Sunday 13 March – Bowl carving course

Tuesday 15 & Wednesday 16 March – Level 1 Forest school Ethos and Principles

Tuesday 15, Wednesday 16, Tuesday 22, Wednesday 23 March – Level 2 Forest School Assistant Accredited training course

Monday 28 March – Friday 1 April & Friday 13- Sunday 15 May - Level 3 Forest school Leadership course

For more information and booking

Please book at:

www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org

or 'phone 01473 890089

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<u>CROSSWORD CLUES</u> :ANSWERS ARE SOMEWHERE IN SUFFOLK – EXCEPT FOR ONE! Distances and compass directions are from Bradfield St Clare.

- 1. ACROSS; INTER? (4) 1. DOWN; VILLAGE ON ESSEX BORDER WEST OF NAYLAND. (5)
- 2. COLOUR OF THE LODGE N E OF NEWMARKET. (3)
- 3. TINY VILLAGE CLOSE TO SUFFOLK'S HIGHEST POINT. (4)
- 4. HAMLET AND HALL W OF SHOTLEY. (8)
- 5. IMPORTANT SUFFOLK RIVER WHICH DOES NOT REACH THE SEA. (JOINS ORE). (4)
- 6. THREE VILLAGES IN OUR LOCALITY HAVE THIS NAME. (9)
- 7. VILLAGE ON THE WAY TO RATTLESDEN. (7)
- 8. _____ ST MARY 6 BELLS PUB. (7)
- 9. OUR CHURCH IS DEDICATED TO HER. (2,5)
- LARGE VILLAGE ABOUT 6 MILES N N E SOUNDS LIKE A DRINK IS NEEDED.
 (8)
- 11. THE SIZE OF LIVERMERE AND BARTON? (5)
- 12. THE SHAPE OF WATERS AT A DISUSED RAF AND LATTERLY U S AIRBASE. (4)
- VILLAGE 3 MILES AWAY. SOUNDS LIKE NOT VERY SMOOTH CURED PORK.
 (7)
- 14. WHERE BORIS WENT TO SCHOOL. (4)
- 15. HAMLET IN THE BRETT VALLEY N N W OF HADLEIGH. (SOUNDS LIKE A BOWLER) (5)
- 16. SMALL HAMLET NEAR HERE WHICH SOUNDS LIKE WATER IN A HURRY. (10)
- 17. PINFORD _ __. NEAR HAWSTEAD. (3)
- 18. NEARBY VILLAGE SOUNDS FIERY! (7)
- 19. VILLAGE NEAR RICKINGHALL ANAGRAM "LOAD BEETS". (9)
- 20. _____ GREEN.SMALL HAMLET JUST SOUTH OF 19. (9)
- 21. MANY VILLAGES AND HAMLETS IN SUFFOLK HAVE THIS SUFFIX. SEE 20. (5)
- 22. VILLAGE BETWEEN IXWORTH AND HONINGTON HOME OF THE BULL PUB. (7)
- 23. A MILE AT NEWMARKET. (6)
- 24. B. BRITTEN FOUNDED THE ALDEBURGH FESTIVAL HERE IN 1948. (5).
- 25. ____ LANGTOFT. (4)
- 26. NOT AN OLD BAZAAR (FOR BUYING HORSES??) (9)
- 27. EVERY NEEDLE HAS ONE. (3)
- 28. WE LIVE IN THIS GEOGRAPHIC PART OF SUFFOLK. (4)



The 'Ides of March' was a day in the Roman calendar equivalent to March 15th. It was considered a deadline for settling debts. It was also the day Julius Caesar was assassinated.

When March comes in like a lion it goes out like a lamb!!

The Anglo-Saxons called March "Hlyd monath" meaning "Stormy Month" or "Hraed Monath" meaning "Rugged Month"



The Library Van

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March	9th
April	6th
Мау	4th
June	1st and 29th
July	27th
August	24th
September	21st
October	19th
November	16th
December	14th

BIN COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH 2022

Wednesday 2 March Wednesday 9 March Wednesday 16 March Wednesday 23 March Wednesday 30 March *Our understanding is that Brown bin collections are suspended at the moment.* Black bin Blue bin Black bin Blue bin Black bin

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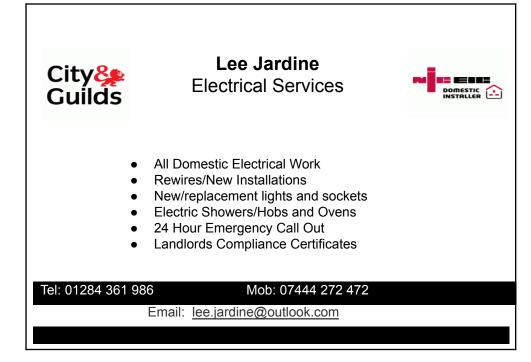




Something to look forward to

Clocks spring forward on Sunday 27 March

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A Village Magazine for the people of the Village

The editors will always be happy to accept articles, observations, crosswords, quizzes and general comments for the magazine.

Deadline for contributions 18th of the month please.

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