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THE BRADFIELD GRAPEVINE



November 2016

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As both Mike and Keith report in their pieces in this edition, it has been a mild and sunny Autumn. Of course as I write this the Soothsayers in the media warn us of a hard winter to come with many days of very cold and snowy weather. We shall see!

In his thoughtful and reflective poem, The Lark, John reminds us that the time for Remembrance is upon us. With so much turmoil in the world it seems increasingly important that we do not forget the sufferings of other whilst we remember those who fought and lost their lives for us.

You will learn in this edition of the arrangements that have been and are being made for the celebration of Advent in the village. Last year’s events were great fun and hugely enjoyed by so many villagers. The arrangements for this year seem destined to continue in the same way! It is wonderful for the village to have opportunities such as these to meet and enjoy celebrating together. A reminder about these events will be dropping through your letterbox within the next couple of weeks.

Once again the generosity of the village was displayed by the wonderful contribution made to the Macmillan Cancer Support Fund as a result of the Coffee Morning held at Linden House.

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Cockfield Benefice Services – November 2016

Sunday 6 th November 3 rd Sunday before Advent/All Saints	8am Communion 9.30am Communion BCP 4pm Healing Service with Communion	Cockfield Gedding Bradfield St Clare
Friday 11 th November Remembrance Day	10.45 School Remembrance Service	Cockfield
Sunday 13 th November Remembrance Sunday	9.30am Family Service 10.45am Remembrance Service 10.45am Remembrance Service 4pm Communion	Felsham Felsham Cockfield Bradfield St George
Sunday 20 th November Christ the King	9.30am Communion 9.30am Morning Prayer (BCP) 11am Communion 6pm Six2seven	Cockfield Gedding Bradfield St George Felsham
Sunday 27 th November Advent Sunday	11am Benefice Communion	Bradfield St Clare

Daily Prayer				
Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9am Cockfield	12 noon Felsham	4pm Bradfield St Clare	12 noon Gedding	4pm Bradfield St George

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Bradfield St Clare Women's Institute



At our meeting in October Revd Canon Atkins amused us greatly with his thoughts, "It shouldn't happen to a Vicar"! Our 9th November meeting is a social evening. Rosie Swiney in the Chair. All members will bring 'nibbles' to share! 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

Roman Catholic Church

St Edmund King & Martyr
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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

This month we have two services at St Clare Church. The first one is a Healing service with communion at 4pm on 6th November, the second, at the end of the month on 27th November, is a Benefice communion at 11am. We hope you have time to come along to one or both of these services.

There will be two Remembrance services for the Benefice; one at Felsham and the other at Cockfield. They will be held at 10.45am on Sunday 13th November.

A huge thank you to the people who have opened the church at weekends during the Spring and Summer months and to all those who have provided and arranged the flowers in the church. We plan to begin the rota once again at Easter next year.

As with our own gardens, the churchyard needs some tidying up, so if you have any time to spare during the morning of 12th and 19th November, please come along with your gloves and lots of energy! Coffee and biscuits will be provided!

During harvest time we delivered two large bags of food to the Food bank in Bury St Edmunds. A letter of acknowledgement and thanks can be viewed in the church porch. Can I ask you to consider leaving some items at Clare Cottage, in the church porch, with me at Dairy Farmhouse or bring them along to one of our church services. It would be good to be able to refill the collecting box before Christmas time.

- Margaret Newlands (Church Warden)

WHIST DRIVE



At our October Whist Drive, Vera won the ladies' prize with a score of 173, followed by Ros on 168 and just ahead of Joy on 165. Kylie took home a wooden spoon, scoring 141. Steve had the highest score of 168 for the men ahead of Val – playing as a man - on 166. John was awarded a wooden spoon with 145.

Our next Whist Drive in the Village Hall is on Friday 4th November at 7.30pm – please come!

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DECEMBER/JANUARY ADVERTISEMENTS

Advertisements for the Christmas 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 18th November.

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

Bradfield Weather



“No spring nor summer beauty hath such grace as I have seen in one autumnal face”.

John Donne - The Autumnal

Firstly my grateful thanks to Mike Morley for recording the rainfall during my absence on holiday. The end of September continued with warm and largely dry conditions although I understand there was a mild frost one night. The little rain that fell brought the total for the month to 38mm against an average of 48.5mm. October started with a real splash of 10mm on the first day but subsequently there have been just a few showers to bring rainfall to date of 30mm, with an average for the month of 59.7mm. Whilst still reasonably warm, the mornings particularly are very autumnal, with the trees starting to shed their leaves.

- Keith Payne 23rd October 2016

Dates for your Diary



- Friday 4th November – Whist Drive at 7.30pm - Village Hall.
- Sunday 13th November – Remembrance Service 10.45am - Cockfield
- Sunday 13th & 27th November – Bingo Nights 8pm - Village Hall
- Tuesday 15th November – Book Club - 7pm - Village Hall



ADVENT 2016

Plans are in place for this year's Bradfield St. Clare Advent gatherings. Thank you to all those who either phoned me and/or joined us at Bishops Farm 19th October. It was a cheerful, chatty evening - exactly the spirit the Village would love to see at this year's events!

**Just TWO dates for your diary:
SATURDAY 3rd December
WEDNESDAY 21st December**

The first to primarily 'decorate' the tree, the Village notice board AND meet an 'alternative' Father Christmas! 6.30 to 7.30pm each evening

The second to sing carols around the tree.

Each evening will have a hot drink and some 'Festive eats'.

Between these dates the tree will be lit up each evening so please feel free to visit it and you never know who else will be visiting!

Let's make this year as successful as last - if not even better!

Meet and greet old friends and new.

NEW this year, offer of transport should anyone require it.....

LOOKOUT for a flyer (to be hand delivered to each household) with full details of events round-a-bout Friday 25th November.

Any queries please contact:
LORRAINE MORLEY 01284 386270
Cheers to lots of Village Christmas f



The Lark The Somme 1916 (A Poem for the fallen)



O'er the land where no footsteps tread,
soaring gracefully overhead;
Ascending skyward, wind on its wings,
ever higher the Lark it sings;
A song so fine, it gladdens hearts both human and divine;
What do you tell us when your song you impart,
a song to lift the saddest heart.

And then at the cease of battles cry did you again rise to the sky
and fill the air with your melodious tone,
a song sent of Angels for the souls now gone;
Above the land now torn and scarred,
by the hand of man its beauty marred;
Where once, your young you taught to fly
and soar into the bright blue sky.

But you now have a different role,
to guide heavenward, each lost soul;
And help them find their place of rest,
a place where they will not be put to the test;
A place where all souls will unite,
a place of peace no war in sight;
For them the pain and suffering gone,
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- John Kirk



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We banked £500 - a wonderful testament to what a caring village you are!

- the two Margarets

Arable Farming at Bishops Farm



What a Wonderful Autumn!

Dry, mild weather from harvest until now has helped us to get all our cultivations and planting done in good conditions and on time this year.

When I wrote in the September issue we still had spring beans to harvest. They were combined early, at the end of August and yielded over two tonnes/acre. They were of good quality and passed the test for human consumption and so are destined to go on a boat to Egypt.

With the weather and soil dry, this year we have flat lifted most of the farm to remove soil compaction. Not every year is the soil dry enough to do this job, so we have made the best of the good conditions. Fields where we have black-grass weed problems we power harrowed the stubble and rolled to try to get black-grass seeds to germinate and grow. Little success in September; it was too dry, but after 10mm of rain in early October many of these stale seed beds became green with grass. We sprayed these fields with glyphosate (Roundup) to kill the black-grass.

Another year starts on the farm as soon as the harvest finishes. We aim to plant next year's crop of winter barley in the last week of September. So potash and phosphate fertilizer is applied to those fields prior to ploughing and rolling. This year we have 53 acres of winter barley with 11 acres of this being a Six Row variety. Six Row means each ear (head) has six rows of grain on it instead of the normal two. The reason for growing this is because the Six Row barley plant is vigorous growing and smothers competing black-grass weeds. That's the theory; we will see! After planting the

barley, the fields are rolled and sprayed with a pre-emergence herbicide to control black-grass and broad-leaved weeds. The barley has now emerged and is growing well.

Our farming now seems timed to beating the dreaded black-grass weed, so we delayed planting wheat this year until after 15th October. The Agronomists advise this as black-grass germinates in late September and early October then declines over the winter. The later planting means that less will emerge in the crop.

I have reduced the acreage of wheat we are growing this year because of the high chemical and fertilizer costs. We have 50 acres of low grade milling varieties for biscuit manufacture. All the wheat is now planted, rolled and sprayed, so hopefully there is no more to do on winter barley and wheat fields until the spring.

Sugar beet were lifted by our contractor Clem Warner on 16th October and put into a long Maus heap by the road from the Rectory to Arch Hill. Last weekend all were loaded and delivered to the factory – 22 lorry loads, 618 tonnes, all cleaned in about 4 hours! Although the yield is down, 24 tonnes/acre, to have the crop lifted while the land is relatively dry means less damage to the soil structure.

As I write Dan is flat lifting the sugar beet field to remove compaction made by the harvester that weighs over 40 tonne when full of sugar beet.

The next job on the farm is winter ploughing the fields that will be planted in the spring with barley, beans and sugar beet. Ploughing for the winter usually to a depth of 11 inches to bury this year's stubble and weeds. Hopefully all the ploughing will be finished by mid November, then our attention moves to ditch and drain clearing again!

- Mike Morley



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