

THE BRADFIELD GRAPEVINE



October 2022 No: 208

At time of writing the evening air is very cool, daylight has disappeared and it's only 7pm! At least we have had some rain and there has been enough warmth for the grass to grow. It seems impossible to think that the almost Saharan vista has turned a beautiful emerald green - quite magical.

The Kit Cafe Macmillan Morning was a great success. The atmosphere was cheerful and it was lovely to see so many people catching up with each other.

There is a lot of news to report from the Parish Council this month, discussions included items about a defibrillator for the village, street lighting and dog poo, nothing if not varied conversations.

Please remember to order your Harvest Supper tickets from Lorraine Morley if you wish to attend. It is another friendly evening of convivial company to celebrate that all is safely gathered in (and that the preparations start again for next year!) whether that be from field or garden.

A reminder for November for the ShantyFolk event to be held in Bradfield St George Village Hall to raise funds for our beautiful Church.

Have you noticed how many of our village events involve sharing food and drink! Can't think of anything better - food, drink and friendship - can you?

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Message from the Rectory

Dear Friends,

At the time of writing this article we are in mourning for our late Queen. Yesterday we held a service of commemoration for her Majesty in Cockfield church which was attended by about 70 people. Rev. Sharon came off her study leave to lead the service and spoke movingly of the late Queen's remarkable faith and sense of duty. The Queen's Christian faith imbued her whole life. It was at the centre of her being and, while highly privileged, she was able to put all whom she met at ease. The rank or status of the people she met did not seem important to her. She simply recognised everyone as a fellow human being, part of God's creation. She loved her neighbour and she loved God and his creation. She had a strong affinity with the natural world and loved the countryside of Scotland and Norfolk.

So now we stand on the brink of a new Carolean age. King Charles III also has a great concern for God's creation. As Monarch he has, of course, no power, but he does have influence and we can only hope that he will bring that influence to bear on politicians who may not fully understand the existential crisis we face as a world and how best to deal with it.

As you read this we are nearing the end of Creationtide. Many of our services across the benefice have been reflecting on the beauty and wonder of God's creation and considering how we all should live if we are to preserve it. At a beautiful Climate Sunday service at the Cathedral on the 4 th September we sang a hymn, the first few lines of which I'd like to share with you:

'Touch the Earth lightly, use the Earth gently, nourish the life of the world in our care'.

Through this coming month, perhaps we should all try to do just that. I do hope you will join us at one of our harvest services, giving thanks for God's bounty.

Yours in Christ

Richard

Rev. Richard Stainer richard.stainer@gmail.com or 01284 388175

Cockfield Benefice Services & Events October 2022

Sunday 2 October Trinity 16/Harvest	9.30am Harvest Morning Prayer - Stanningfield 10am Morning Prayer CW – Cockfield 6pm Celtic-style Communion – Felsham 6pm Harvest Thanksgiving – Bradfield St George
Sunday 9 October Trinity 17/Harvest	8am Communion BCP – Cockfield 10am Harvest Morning Prayer – Gedding 10am Communion CW – Bradfield St Clare 6pm Harvest Thanksgiving – Gt Whelnetham
Friday 14 th October	6pm Harvest Thanksgiving – Bradfield St Clare
Sunday 16 October Trinity 18/Harvest	9.30am Communion CW – Stanningfield 10am Harvest Thanksgiving – Cockfield 10am Family@Church Harvest – Felsham
Sunday 23 October Last after Trinity	9.30am Communion – Gt Whelnetham 10am Worshipping Together – Bradfield St George 10am Communion BCP – Gedding
Sunday 30 October 4 Before Advent	10am Benefice Communion & thanksgiving service - Felsham

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 every Wednesday at 2pm via zoom.

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

or Rev Helen Grover at revhelengrover@gmail.com



Church Warden's Report

September 2022 is a month that few of us will forget. Coming so soon after the celebrations and fun of the Platinum Jubilee, the news of the Queen's sudden death was a great shock. Not unexpected maybe, but a shock nevertheless, only two days after seeing her smiling and chatting to our new Prime Minister at Balmoral.

Queen Elizabeth is the only monarch that most people in this country have known and her State funeral marked the end of an era. We are no longer Elizabethans, but Carolingians. Singing the National Anthem at a special service in Cockfield church only 3 days after the Queen's death, it was hard to pronounce the new words and substitute King for Queen. And what a funeral it was! Whether watching all day, or just catching snatches, or seeing it reviewed on the news in the evening, surely everyone must have images that remain in their minds. For me, it was the strength and gravity of the young coffin-bearers, the naval ratings pulling on their ropes to move the gun carriage, the crowds lining the Long Walk at Windsor and the tolling of Big Ben. From the splendour of the uniforms, the Guards, the Heralds, the pipers, to the poignant sight of the Queen's favourite pony Emma waiting and watching the hearse pass on the Long Walk, it was a funeral fit for a Queen. A much loved and respected Queen.

To matters closer to home: repair works on the church roof are continuing and are soon to move inside, but we hope that there will be no disruption to services. Our October services are Holy

Communion on the 9 th October at 10am and then, on Friday 14 th October at 6pm The Harvest Festival Service.

The Harvest Service will be followed by the Village Harvest Supper in the Village Hall, after two years in abeyance because of the pandemic. One of the best evenings in the village calendar, this is a chance to meet your fellow villagers and eat delicious food. The supper tickets are available from Lorraine Morley on 01284 386270.

Having just had our electrical inspection of the church, we find ourselves with some more . Once again we need to fundraise. Oh the joys of caring for a very old building! Our next fundraising event will be "An Evening with the ShantyFolk" on November 18 th . In order to give us more space and better kitchen facilities, this will be held in Bradfield St George Village Hall, but all profits will go to our church here in St Clare. The ShantyFolk are great fun and it promises to be a lively evening. For full details see the poster elsewhere in the Grapevine.

Isobel Payne

GATEHOUSE FOOD BANK

Times are tough and our donations are badly needed. The donation points remain the box in the church porch and the box outside the front door of The Maltings on Bury Road.

Sue and Clive Leal

BRADFIELD ST CLARE HARVEST SUPPER

Friday 14 October 2022

A chance to meet together, eat together and celebrate harvest, this event is open to everyone in the village.

7.30 in the Village Hall

Supper, soft drinks, tea and coffee will be provided. Feel free to bring your own alcohol and glasses.

£7.50 for adults and free for children under 12.

This is a ticketed event. Please contact Lorraine Morley on 01284 386270 or 07742 151667 for tickets. First come, first served!

Before the Supper, a Harvest Festival Service will be held in the village church at 6pm, to which everyone is very welcome. Our wonderful flower arrangers will be showcasing their talents!

THE SHANTYFOLK

November 18 th 2022, 7.30pm

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News from HOMEFIELD

It now seems like summer has departed. My last writings were in the heat of 30 degrees plus and now the talk is of a possible grass frost. We still don't get the quantity of rain to get deep into the soil. I planted two redcurrant 'bushes' or sticks may be a more appropriate description, and 8 inches down the soil is still very dry. I hope my next writings don't start "What an excessive amount of water we have had lately!" Perhaps I will keep my thoughts to myself. Considering the dry hot summer we have had some good crops off the allotment. We had a good crop of potatoes, "Saxon" being the top variety for us. Beetroot, dwarf beans, courgettes, butternut squash, pumpkins, rhubarb, strawberries, raspberries and tomatoes have all been brilliant. Below average have been the onions and garlic, and the parsnips and turnips are not looking great. Total disasters have been the leeks and runner beans (this is a double disaster as my mother-in-law loves runner beans - that's me off the Christmas list again). We don't water the allotment and yet crops that we think need a lot of water have done very well and vice-versa, it must be the meadow soil.

The six lambs from this year have been sold on, leaving us with five ewes and one castrated ram. For a while, about a month ago there was no grass at all and the flock were being supplemented with additional hay, as were livestock all over the country. Despite the diet of dry 'crisps' they looked and handled very well, maybe all they ate was staying in them as goodness. Although the amount of 'currants' visible on the bare soil says that not all was saved. The lambs have

stayed in the village and are happily settled in their new home. As to some of their antics i.e breaking out, total disregard for authority (me!) I wondered about a buyer beware clause. However, as they have been used as part of my writings and are still within the Grapevine circulation, they are 'sold as seen and read about'. That is another reason I should keep my thoughts to myself.

Glyn

A short quiz – one question for each decade of the Queen's reign.

Compiled by Isobel Payne

1. 1950's In which country was Princess Elizabeth when her succession to the throne was announced?
2. 1960's Which Beatles album features the song Today's your birthday?
3. 1970's Who was PM during the three day week?
4. 1980 What were the names of the two ships sunk at Bluff Cove in the Falklands war?
5. 1990's Which year of the nineties did Queen Elizabeth describe as her annus horribilis?
6. 2000's Off which island was the earthquake which caused the devastating tsunami in 2004?
7. 2010's In which sport did Britain win its first gold in the 2012 Olympic Games?
8. 2020's In which city was Covid first recorded?

Answers next month...no prizes...just for fun

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. Thank you to the local neighbours who are clearing out their sheds and have given us various things to sell - it is very much appreciated.

All proceeds from this support St Clare Church.
£50.00 raised this month
Thank you

Recipe from Eat, Drink and be Merry - a cookery book compiled by residents of Bradfield St Clare in 2008

Lemon Fridge Cake

8 Sponge Fingers

4oz Margarine

6oz caster sugar

3 Eggs

2 large lemons

Beat the margarine and sugar until fluffy, add the egg yolks, lemon juice and grated rinds of both lemons. Whip the egg whites and fold in. Cut up the sponge fingers into strips and line a souffle dish, cover with some of the mixture, repeat until the dish is full. Cover tightly with foil and place in the fridge for at least 12 hours - turnout and cover with whipped cream.

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Parish Council

"The Parish Council have agreed the following meeting dates for 2023 -

14th February - PC Meeting

9th May - Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting

11th July - PC Meeting

8th August - PC Meeting

14th November - PC Meeting

The Agenda will appear on the Notice Board and the website a few days before each meeting. The meeting dates may be subject to some change and additional meetings usually occur throughout the year to deal with planning matters, so please check the website at bradfieldstclare.onesuffolk.net/"

Cost of Living

The rising cost of living pressures can effect any one at any time. If you, or someone you know in the West Suffolk Council area are struggling financially at this time, there is support and advice out there that can help.

If you need to talk to someone about the support and advice that is available then please contact Borough Councillor Sara Mildmay-White on telephone number 01359 270580 or by email on sara.mildmay-white@westsuffolk.gov.uk

It is that time of year, again, when the potholes in the roads get worse.

If there is a pothole you would like to report to Suffolk Highways so they can assess repairing it then please go to www.suffolk.gov.uk and you will see on that page "Roads and Transport" and a section "Report A Highways Issue". If you click on that it will take you to another page where you will see a grey box where it states "You can report problems easily online using our Highways Reporting Tool".

Click on that box and then follow the instructions. If you are able to load a photograph then great but if not please report the problem anyway.

We thank you for your help and support in reporting these issues to the Highways Department.

Street Lighting in the village

The Parish Council are considering, alongside West Suffolk Council and Suffolk Highways, the possibility of reducing the number of hours that the street lighting is on, or not putting it on at all. For example, one of the options we are considering is turning the street lights off at 11pm or midnight instead of them being on throughout the night.

We are looking at this matter because of (a) the environmental impact it has, and (b) the cost saving. We would however like to hear the views of people in the village who would like to comment.

If you have any views that you would like to share with the Parish Council on this matter then please contact the Clerk, Nicola, on bradfieldstclarepc@gmail.com or by telephone on 07817 170906 or if you prefer then please speak with one of your Parish Councillors.



BRADFIELD WEATHER

'I hope I can be the Autumn leaf, who looked at the sky and lived.

And when it was time to leave, gracefully it knew that life was a gift.'

Dodinsky

August continued on its warm and dry way, with a couple of autumnal mornings quickly burning off to resume sunny days. On the 25th we actually had some recordable rain! But we only had 15.5mm when others around us had far more. Bury St Edmunds was reported on the national media as having had 72mm. Our 15.5 mm was the only recorded rain in August, again well below our average of 63.1mm.

September will not be remembered for its weather! With the nights visibly drawing in, the month started still largely dry, but with rain finally recorded on four consecutive days from the 6th for the first time in many months. As I write this on the 21st, the month shows distinct signs of Autumn: less sun, leaves changing colour, nights certainly colder and now days turning the same way, which all comes as something of a shock after the glorious summer.

Rainfall to date is just 19mm towards our monthly average for September of 47.5mm, with a forecast of more to come before the month's end. ***Keith Payne - September 2021***

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November	16th		



Next Opening: Saturday, 12 NOVEMBER 11 am – 1 pm
This café is FREE and OPEN TO EVERYONE

Firstly a big thank you to everyone who helped, baked, manned a stall or simply turned up and supported our Kit Café Macmillan Coffee Morning on Saturday 17 th September. Special thanks to Betty and Angela who patiently sat in the cold corridor for the whole morning selling and folding draw tickets. Altogether we raised a very impressive £530 for this very worthy cause.

The Kit Café is normally held on the 3 rd Saturday of every month. We have decided not to open the Kit Café this month (October) as our village Harvest Supper is on Friday, 14 th. The next opening will be brought forward to Saturday, 12 th November. This is a week earlier than usual due to the Shanty Folk evening the following week. There seems to be so much happening in Bradfield St Clare now that Autumn is setting in!

Finally we would like to thank Debbie Lamond who has supported the Café and looked after our accounts for several years. At our recent village hall meeting the committee agreed that they would take on the responsibility of managing the Kit Café. Debbie has promised she is not hanging up her apron and we hope that we will see her again as soon as she is able to make it. You will still see the same faces hiding in the kitchen and making endless cups of tea and coffee so please come along.

The café is free, although we do have a bowl for donations for those who would like to support us.

We have some excellent bakers in our village too so if anyone would be willing to donate a cake, buns or pastries etc to share it would be very much welcomed.

Village Hall Whist Drive

Eighteen players took part in our September whist drive with men slightly outnumbering the women for a change. Ray kindly volunteered to play as a lady. For the ladies Margaret took the first prize with an impressive 142 points, followed by Val on 138, Siobhan with 137 and Ray (playing as a lady) took the wooden spoon on 121.

The gentlemen's first place was taken by Terry on 140, followed by Jim with 138 and Derek came third on 131.

The wooden spoon for lowest score was Ian with 123.

Whist Drives are held on the first Friday of every month. The next one will be on Friday, 7 th October at 7.30 pm in the village hall.

Entry is £2 per player including tea, coffee and biscuits in the interval. 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.

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Bradfield St Clare Book Club/Village Hall Bookings	Mrs Val Nunn - 01284 388830
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