



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

10.30 AM - 1 PM

BRADFIELD ST CLARE VILLAGE HALL

Stalls include: cakes, bric-a-brac, plants, books

Games and competitions

Prize Draw

Kit Café are, once again, proud to host this year's Macmillan Coffee morning. No entry fee but for a small donation you can enjoy endless cups of tea, coffee, soft drinks and delicious home-made biscuits. Please make a note in your diaries and come along if you can to support this worthy cause. You can be sure of a very warm welcome.

We are in need of cakes, plants, books or other home produce for our stalls. We would be grateful to anyone who can donate a prize for the draw. Offers of help to man one of our stalls are also needed.

Our small community in Bradfield St Clare have always been great supporters of the Macmillan Coffee Mornings ever since Margaret Lovick first began hosting them over 16 years ago. So let's keep the tradition going and make 2023 another success!

All money raised will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support

THE BRADFIELD GRAPEVINE



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Editorial

By the time this edition reaches you we will have nearly had the final Bank Holiday of the year and student's will be preparing for their return to school. We hear on the national weather reports that we may have had the last of the bursts of hot weather ... autumn may be approaching. We are lucky to live where we get seasons - each one brings a different colour palette to our surroundings and the colours of the months to come are usually magnificent. In the village we have the 'Ride and Stride' (previously known as the Church Bike ride) raising funds for all Churches, including our own, happening on **Saturday 9 September** quickly followed by the Macmillan Coffee Morning on **Saturday 16 September**.

Then truly into Autumn, with the harvests all complete we will be celebrating on **Friday 13 October** with our Harvest Festival Service in Church at 6pm followed by the Harvest Supper in the Village Hall at 7.30. More details in October's edition regarding booking your place and cost - the event is open to everyone in the village.

As always if you would like to contribute an article or quiz in the Grapevine please let us have any copy by the 18th of the Month - we'd love to hear from you.

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Letter from the Rectory.

Dear Friends

The beginning of September often feels like the start of a new year – and that’s probably because it heralds the start of the new academic year. I’m sure there are many of you with children who can’t wait for the new school term to start, or perhaps some of you who will find it hard if your child is just starting school. Letting go of our children at key points in their lives can be both exhilarating and frightening at the same time.

As I write this we are nearing the end of our (reinstated after the pandemic) annual benefice holiday club at Cockfield Village Hall. We've had around 20 children of primary school age each morning enjoying songs, games, crafts, puppetry and a drama involving the adult leaders – which always brings much laughter. This year the week was entitled ‘We're going on a Safari’ and has involved thinking about all God's creatures, and the love that God has for us all.

One of the things I enjoy about working with children in our primary schools (we now have Gt Whelnetham as well as Cockfield in our benefice) is the way in which children can be so honest. It's a shame that we can't always be honest as adults, but we learn as we grow that some things are best left unsaid to avoid unnecessary pain and suffering.

My hope is that by the end of the week the children will know that they are loved, by God, and by us, and that they can always rely on Him - if they choose to do so. And that although being honest is sometimes a difficult thing to be, with God's help we can learn how to react in any situation that we are faced with.


Yours in Christ

Sharon

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Cockfield Benefice Services and events September 2023

Sunday 3 September Trinity 13	9.30am Communion CW - Stanningfield
	10am Morning Prayer CW - Cockfield
	11am Communion CW - Bradfield St Clare
	6pm Celtic-style Communion - Felsham
Sunday 10 September Trinity 14 Climate Sunday	9.30am Said Communion BCP - Cockfield
	11am Communion CW - Bradfield St George
	6pm Praise & Worship - Gt Whelnetham
Sunday 17 September Trinity 15	10am All-age Worship - Felsham
	10.30am Communion CW - Cockfield
	4pm Pet Service - Stanningfield
	6pm Evening Prayer - Bradfield St Clare
Saturday 23 September	 <p>Crafts - Food - Story. All children welcome with carer/parent. 3-5pm.</p> <p>Venue tbc</p>
Sunday 24 September Trinity 16	9.30am Communion CW - Gt Whelnetham
	10am Worshipping Together - Bradfield St George
	10am Communion BCP - Gedding

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 and at Stanningfield every Thursday at 9am. A prayer group meets every Wednesday at 2pm via zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7957788617> Meeting ID: 795 778 8617 Passcode:

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Church Report



A short report this month. We have recently received the full report from the Diocesan Surveyor, who conducted the 5 year inspection of the church – all of the building and the churchyard. The good news is that he managed to identify only a few small problems that need dealing with - and fortunately nothing too costly. I can hear the Treasurer breathing a sigh of relief! Looking after a mediaeval church listed Grade 2* can be an expensive business.

It was good to read the Surveyor's words. 'The surviving mediaeval work and delicate, well-proportioned tower make this a regionally and nationally significant building.'

Two dates for your diary. The 50th Suffolk Historic Churches Bike Ride is on 9th September. I will be riding for the church. Keith is still looking for volunteers between 11am and 5pm to man the church for an hour to welcome and log in visitors.

The Harvest Festival service is on Friday October 13th and will be followed by the Village Harvest Supper. Once again we will be looking for volunteers to help with food preparation and organising the village hall. Please book your place with me by telephoning 01284 386169. Cost will be the same as last year at £7.50.

Isobel Payne

Parish Council

The Parish Council have noted that the village sign (and its post), together with the bench next to it need a good clean. They are located on the grass area opposite the village hall. Is there anyone in the village who would like to provide a quotation for these works? If so then please contact the Parish Clerk, Nicola Sturgeon, on 07817 170906 or by email on bradfieldstclarepc@gmail.com



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Bradfield St Clare Parish Council

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September EVENTS at Bradfield Woods:

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Thursday 14 September - Friday 15 September.

2 day course for Forest School facilitators -10am -3.30pm

Wednesday 27 September

Tree ID and activities course for adults working with children and young people outside. 10am-3pm



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The Stall at Linden House

The stall outside Linden House is back out for the summer. All proceeds from this stall go directly to the Church. Donations of plants, produce and other saleable items would all be very welcome.

Thank you for the generous donation of plums that have kindly been donated.

Good selection of plants and produce at the moment - why not have a look!

This month the stall raised £100



News from Homefield



Well, it looks like Mother Nature has again sorted out the allotment for me. Looking back over our previous writings it has been rain, sunshine, hot, cold, either too much or too little, too early or too late. Then you stand and look and hey presto! (couldn't spell ta dah!!) it has come right mostly. All the early potatoes are lifted and are in hessian sacks in the container. Again Charlotte and Saxon have come out on top, both in yield and in taste. Also the slug problem disappeared after the first row. Altogether this year I planted 12 rows of potatoes, six different varieties as comparisons, including half a bag of chitted new potatoes that got lost in the back of my father in laws garage, the variety was Baby Lou. The dwarf beans have now finished, the majority being frozen down, and the runner beans have taken their place. I know size isn't everything but a 16" bean is an achievement! The carrots and beetroot have now decided to grow after my moaning in July's Grapevine. The few pumpkins are ripening fast, earlier than I remember last year

and the courgettes, I swear, grow overnight. We have taken an early cut of broccoli, some of which has been frozen. The odd caterpillar may have been included but after blanching and freezing they are pretty inert. About a fortnight ago (mid-August) I planted more dwarf beans, lettuce, carrots and beetroot which should see us up to the New Year. I like to think I'm practising succession sowing but they still all seem to come up at the same time. This year I tried some seed tapes (carrots and spring onions) as an experiment. They are more expensive than a packet of seeds but germination has been more even and there is no thinning out. With the space I have I think I will stick to the packet and spread the seed further apart and save money as well. Reminds me of school experiments - Method, Result, Conclusion!

Any trimmings, overgrown vegetables etc go down to the sheep so there is nothing wasted. They do get a handful of sheep nuts to keep them coming to my whistle. Lola is very partial to older beetroot, cut into slices and hand fed! With all the red around her mouth it's hard to remember she's a vegetarian. They are all looking very well at the moment and soon it will be time to think about a ram for the lambs next year. At the moment, and touching wood, we have had no new fly strike problems. With the warm damp conditions it has been doing the rounds again.

Glyn



Bradfield Weather.

July 2019	July 2020	July 2021	July 2022	July 2023
32mm	46.5mm	61.5mm	2.5mm	72.5 mm
August 2019	August 2020	August 2021	August 2022	August 2023
27.5 mm	115 mm	16.5 mm	15.5 mm	[49 to date]

What a difference in rainfall and temperature compared to last July! The final week of July produced another 22mm of rain bringing our monthly rainfall to 72.5mm – relatively high compared with our 30yr average of 51mm. August, so far, has had 49 mm, most of which seemed to fall in the first weekend (thankfully we were away on holiday!).

The past week or so, however, has been gloriously sunny and warm (but not too warm) and the happy roar of combines in the fields has hopefully meant the farmers have successfully brought the last of the grain harvest in.

I know I keep saying it but it's such a difference from last year. Last autumn all I discussed with fellow gardening enthusiasts was planting drought tolerant garden plants – this year we've lost a few things in the gravel garden because, with our clay soil, they haven't been able to drain quickly enough. The mowers have been kept busy but the hose pipes have remained coiled and I think I prefer it that way. The nights are starting to draw in but we mustn't be disheartened by that – the amazing East Anglian light makes September a month to relish!

Alice Ward-Thomas 23rd August



The Library Van Dates 2023

Contact: help@suffolklibraries.co.uk Telephone: 01473 351249

The Library Van will call at Bradfield St Clare Village Hall from **9.40am until 9.55am** on the following dates:

20 September	15 November
18 October	13 December

BIN COLLECTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

Wednesday 6 September	Blue Bin
Tuesday 12 September	Brown Bin
Wednesday 13 September	Black Bin
Wednesday 20 September	Blue Bin
Tuesday 26 September	Brown Bin
Wednesday 27 September	Black Bin

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Village Hall Whist Drive



WHIST DRIVE

Seventeen players took part in our August whist drive. We were pleased to welcome Paul from Felsham as a new player. On this occasion there were two more men than ladies so Ray kindly agreed to take a pink card and play as a woman. The flirt table was then occupied by whichever man landed there, earning them seven points for that particular hand of cards.

The winning players were:

Ladies: Val took first prize again with 173 points, second was Sylvia on 166 and third prize was, once again, won by Vera with 165. Ray gallantly took the ladies wooden spoon this month on 140.

Gentlemen: There were similar scores for the men this month with first prize going to Derek on 175, John took second prize with 166 closely followed by Paul on 165. Mike took this month's wooden spoon with 136.

Whist Drives are held in the village hall on the first Friday of every month, the next one being Friday 1 September at 7.30 pm. Entry is £2 per player with all proceeds handed out in prize money.

Tea, coffee and biscuits are served at the halfway stage, giving everyone a chance for a quick chat. There is also a prize draw, the proceeds of which go towards village hall funds for the upkeep of the hall.

Donations of draw prizes would be much appreciated.

If you enjoy playing cards and would like to join us new players are always welcome. For further information ring Val Nunn on 07483245825.

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Useful Local Contacts

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Borough Council	St Edmundsbury Offices - 01284 763233
Local Member	Sarah Mildmay-White - 01359 270580 Sara.Mildmay-White@stedsbc.gov.uk
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Neighbourhood Watch Contact	Mrs Dianne Bullard - 01284 386598
Parish Council Clerk	Mrs Nicola Sturgeon - 07817170906
Parish Council Website	http://bradfieldstclare.one Suffolk.net
Police	101 (non-urgent) 999 (urgent)
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