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- Secretary	Mrs Isobel Payne	386169
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THE BRADFIELD GRAPEVINE



October 2016

No 142

As I write, the Exhibition and Scarecrow invasion is nearly over! So many people expended a great deal of effort in putting together a remarkable celebration of Harvest! In this edition you will see a few pictures of the event and also a reminder of what we would have seen on the village farms in years gone by.

Keith in his weather report reminds us how dry it has been recently. This is emphasised by Glyn as he recounts the effect the weather has on the well being of his herd. It is fascinating to read about what happens around the birth and weaning of the calves – not at all straightforward and obviously some cows are determined to do things their own way! Hopefully Glyn has overcome his terrible experience but at least we know there are still some hedgehogs in the village!

Val Nunn has gamefully agreed to act as our Village Recorder for the Suffolk Local History Council. This will help to ensure that the life of our village can be kept on record, so that in future years people will know what it was like in Bradfield St Clare during the early 21st century. Please keep her informed of key events and anything you think is worth recording.

On a not too far removed theme, you will notice the village now has its own website. It is a local government expectation that all Parish Councils will have a website displaying key activities and facts to comply with the ‘Transparency Code’. The site looks good and is a credit to the endeavours of our new Parish Council clerk, Nicola Smith.

Enjoy the Autumn sunshine whilst it lasts.

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Cockfield Benefice Services – October 2016

Sunday 2 nd October 19 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Communion BCP 11am Communion 6pm Evening Prayer	Gedding Cockfield Bradfield St Clare
Sunday 9 th October 20 th Sunday after Trinity	8.30am Communion 9.30am Family Service 11am Communion	Felsham Felsham Bradfield St Clare
Sunday 16 th October 21 st Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Communion 9.30am Morning Prayer (BCP) 11am Communion 6pm Six2seven	Cockfield Felsham Bradfield St George Felsham
Sunday 23 rd October 18 th Sunday after Trinity 'Harvest Weekend'	11am Benefice Communion & Thanksgiving Service	Bradfield St George
Sunday 30 th October 4 th Sunday before Advent	11am Communion	Cockfield

Daily Prayer				
Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9am Cockfield	12 noon Felsham	6pm Bradfield St Clare	12 noon Gedding	6pm Bradfield St George

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(Head office)

Bin collections in October

Thursday 6 th October	Blue & Brown bins
Thursday 13 th October	Black bins
Thursday 20 th October	Blue & Brown bins
Thursday 27 th October	Black bins

The Library Van



The Library Van calls every 4 weeks on Wednesdays at the Village Hall.

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Bradfield St Clare Women's Institute



Mrs R Jacob shared with us her various 'Experiences of a Corset Consultant' at our September meeting.
On the 12th October we welcome Revd. Canon Atkins who will share with us his thoughts, "It shouldn't happen to a Vicar"!
Rosie Swiney in the Chair.
Linda Cooper and Linda Dixey providing refreshments
Enid Hunt will provide the Draw Prize
The competition is for an "A Family Bible or Prayer Book"
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
Westgate Street, Bury St Edmunds

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

News from St Clare Church

Scarecrow Constructors

(Did you spot their handiwork?)

There will be more 'photos on the noticeboard in the church!



September was a wonderfully busy month in and around St Clare Church. We would like to thank Holly and Simon Hardingham who joined with others to cycle around Suffolk's Historic Churches on 10 th September. Later in the month many of you joined us in celebrating at the Harvest Supper in the Village Hall. Thanks to all who came and those who contributed raffle prizes – including the anonymous donor of a bottle of schnapps left in the church porch!

We were thrilled to receive over £300 for church funds after expenses had been paid. A few days later, we hosted Revd. Carl's final service in our benefice. It was a moving and happy occasion with lots of laughter and chat at the 'elevenses' following the service. A huge thank you to everyone in St Clare and throughout the benefice for providing the refreshments and those who helped to plan and prepare for this special event.

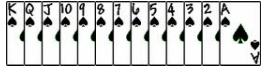
As I write this, scarecrows are invading St Clare and many people are busy with flower arranging and setting up our exhibition of photographs and tools connected to farming in the past. We hope many of you will find the time to pop into the church to have a look and to visit other churches in the benefice.

October begins with an evening service at 6pm on 2nd October then an 11am communion on 9th October. Several people are being confirmed on Saturday 8th October at 5pm, you will be welcome to come if you wish. We have our Autumn Quiz night on Friday 28th October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Once again Clive Leal will challenge our memories and we will provide light refreshments with soft drinks to help! (If you wish to bring something stronger please also bring your own glasses). It will cost £5 per person to attend; please let Margaret Newlands (388637) or Pat Hipwell (386636) know before 25th October so that we can have time to prepare sufficient refreshments! Book now to avoid disappointment!!

Thank you for all your support so cheerfully and generously given in so many ways; cleaning, grass cutting, moving furniture, cooking, washing up, flower arranging, opening up the church and selling fruit, vegetables and flowers for church funds.

- Margaret Newlands (Church Warden)

WHIST DRIVE



At our September Whist Drive, Joy won the ladies' prize yet again with a score of 184, followed by Siobhan on 165 and just ahead of Margaret on 161. Silvie took home a wooden spoon, scoring 143. Justine – playing as a man - had the highest score with 171, ahead of Steve on 164. Keith was awarded a wooden spoon with 137.

Our next Whist Drive in the Village Hall is on Friday 7th October at 7.30pm – please come!

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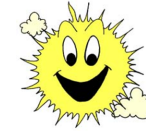
NOVEMBER ADVERTISEMENTS

Advertisements for the November 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 14th October.

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



“Autumn has always been my favourite season. The time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale.”
- Lauren DeStefano

The mainly dry and warm weather continued through the later part of August until a deluge on the Sunday of the Bank Holiday weekend, which gave 15mm of rain. This was part of only 34mm for the month against an average of 64.9mm. A hosepipe ban next? Summer continued into September, which gave us the warmest day of the year around 30C or well into the 90's in old money. There have been only two days with any significant rainfall including 19mm on the 16th towards a total to date of 35.5mm, with our average for September at 48.5mm.

- Keith Payne 21st September 2016

Dates for your Diary



- Saturday 1st October – Macmillan Coffee Morning ` – 10.00am – 12noon - Linden House
- Friday 7th October – Whist Drive at 7.30pm - Village Hall.
- Sunday 2nd, 16th & 30th October – Bingo Nights 8pm - Village Hall
- Tuesday 18th October – Book Club - 7pm - Village Hall
- Wednesday 19th October – Advent planning – Bishops Farm 7.30pm
- Friday 28th October – Church Quiz – 7.30pm – Village Hall



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October Events at Bradfield Woods

Monday 10th October
10am - 12 noon

'WILD TOTS'

Woodland play for families with
children under 5
£4 per child - please book

Monday 24th October
10.30am - 12.30pm

'Room on the Broom'

Family activity morning
Join us for potions, brooms, wands
and mud monsters
£4 children, £2 adults - please book

Tuesday 25th October
10.30am - 12.30pm

'Batty about your garden'

Family activity morning
Find out all about bats and bugs
and how you can help them in
your gardens
£4 children, £2 adults
please book

Wednesday 26th October

10.30am - 2.30pm

'Wild Wednesday'

Haunting Halloween
for 8-14 year olds
£7 per person
please book

St Clare Church Quiz Night



Friday 28th October at 7:30pm

in the Village Hall

£5 each including a light supper

Soft drinks available

Raffle

If you wish, bring your own drinks and glasses!

Book now to avoid disappointment with any member of the
PCC or 'phone - 388637 or 386636

Bradfield St Clare Village Hall



A lot of people to thank this month!

Thank you to Malcolm Hignet for steam cleaning the path to
the village hall and making it safer in wet weather.

Thank you to John and Pat Brender for collecting our new
village hall sign from Bury St Edmunds.

And Thank you to Jim Nunn and John Kirk for erecting the
sign.

We shall all know where we are going now!

Many thanks

- Margaret Lovick (Chair Village Hall Committee)



ADVENT 2016

After such a successful and happy few events last year, we are planning a couple of evenings to celebrate Advent and share some food, drinks and Christmas preparations together. If you would like to offer some ideas and practical assistance, please let Lorraine Morley know! (01284 386270). If possible come to Bishops Farm for coffee and cake on Wednesday 19th October at 7.30pm. The plans will be hatched at this meeting and simple tasks allocated to those offering help!

At the moment a couple of dates have been suggested; Saturday 3rd and Wednesday 21st December.

We expect to finalise the details in time for the November edition of The Bradfield Grapevine.

Cheers to one and all

Lorraine Morley (01284 386270)

Farewell and Best Wishes!

We will shortly be losing our dear friends the Leandos from Church Farm. Their generosity and kindness, so freely given, has been to all of us truly amazing.

We wish them well wherever they go

- Margaret Lovick



The new RECORDER For our Village!

Val Nunn has very kindly agreed to become the new Recorder for the Village on behalf of the Suffolk Local History Council.

Once a year she will send a report to SLHC giving an account of activities and changes that have occurred in the village during the year. This report will be kept alongside the parish records in the Suffolk Record Office. It will help to safeguard the history of our village for those in the future.

Please keep Val informed of anything that would help her in her task.

- 01284 388830



WE ARE ON THE NET

Bradfield St Clare has its own website:

Bradfieldstclare.onesuffolk.net

On the site you will find the following items:-

- Recent news from the Parish Council including the latest minutes
- Information about up and coming village events e.g., the Macmillan Coffee Morning
- How to report things such as highway problems or a missed bin collection
- Any village surveys such as the recent broadband one **DON'T FORGET TO FILL YOURS IN !!!**
- Information about clubs and organisations in the village
- The latest copy of The Bradfield Grapevine
- And even the weather outlook!

Go on - give it a try

News from Pitchers Green



38 cows in milk

29 Youngstock Calvings:

21/7 Petunia had a Jersey bull called Albert 28/7 Nancy had a Jersey bull called Arnold 8/8 Martha had a Jersey bull called Atticus 16/8 Pat had a Jersey Heifer called Arriette 6/9 Laura had a Jersey bull called Anton.

Milk Price for July 20.4pence per litre 20.06p/kilogram Milk price for August 20.3p/litre 19.91p/kilogram

Whichever way I write the figures it is still falling, we have been told of an extra 1p/litre rise in September on the back of rising butter and cheese prices, coupled with the volume of milk being produced in this country falling.

It is, as ever, too little too late, especially when a pint of beer can be upwards of £2.50/pint!! However, if I were a brewer I might think differently.

The cows' yields fluctuate quite a bit at the moment. They don't enjoy the hot muggy weather we have had of late, or the dried up grass that they are getting. They move to the shady parts of the fields and get pestered by flies. They have been treated with a fly control but this has its limits, they don't seem to mind the straight heat just the high humidity (know how they feel). Could do with a nice steady rain overnight.

I have been asked how long the calves stay with mum when first born. Once the calf has had its colostrum (the first milk which is full of antibodies and nutrients) then it can come away from mum. If the cow is ill, had a difficult calving or isn't quite right I'll leave the calf with her a little bit longer. All the cows are different and they write their own rules.

Where possible I try to gauge when a cow is about to calve, and keep her in for the birth. However, Laura went through the parlour the other morning, I glanced at her, she was beginning to move, but there was no milk in her bag (udder) so I thought she was OK to go out with the main herd up the road. Well, as the cows turned out of the farm onto the road

she ran to the front (not her normal place) and fairly flew up the road – once in the field she was looking for a comfy place to calve...as this point I thought... 'dash it' ...The cows were grazing at one of the furthest points from the farm, in front of the water tower, so I had to separate her out from the others, take them across the road, come back for Laura and walk her back down to the farm – hoping she wouldn't give birth on the way! Managed to get back put her in the calving box where an hour later Anton was born, with all the dancing and prancing what other name could we have given him?

Checking the cows a few nights ago, just after 10pm, again on the furthest night pasture from the farm, I was walking along, torch turned off taking in the evening air when suddenly there was an almighty squeal, followed by loud grunting noises – funny how the torch fails you just when you need it – a quick shake and a light appeared – I shone if over the hedge where the noise was coming from expecting at the very least the Beast of St Clare to appear, nothing, the squeals got closer and louder....I looked down at my feetand there right in front of me were two hedgehogs having a rather loud disagreement. Luckily there was no-one about to witness my very brave reaction!! The next evening there was a hedgehog at the back door, rooting about – it had the broadest grin on its face.

Finally, a regular visitor to the village told me how much he enjoyed reading the Parish Links. "Thank you" I said...."You ought to give up writing" he said (at this point I am already writing my Booker Prize acceptance speech) "and let that cow Imp do it every month – she's very good". Nice one Mr. Postman J - **Till the Christmas edition!!! - Glyn**



Thank You!

Thank you to everyone for keeping the roads clear during harvest, it has certainly made life easier!

Please remember farmers are still very busy and there will be heavy farm machinery still working wonders in the fields around us even as we move towards winter! - Mike Morley