THE BRADFIELD GRAPEVINE

August 2017 **151**

Well the school summer holidays are here and as Keith points out, so is the rain! Mike also explains how this turbulent weather of ours constantly changes the farming routine. Let us hope that we soon have some more pleasant and settled conditions.
We were sad to hear a little while ago of the passing of Charlie Barker. For so long he was such an important member of our village life. Our thoughts are with Daphne, Carol, Wendy and the rest of the family.
Clive Leal recounts for us a strange tale. Don't read it late at night!
Early information about a couple of initiatives from the Benefice and St Clare Church are included this month and you will notice that there will not be a Whist Drive in August.
The Parish Council is anxious that as many villagers as possible attend their meetings and some details of the next one are included in this edition. On the matter of broadband, be careful! Don't always believe what you read on the various official websites! If they say you can have access to fibre, check, check and check again! It is not always what is claimed – I know from experience!
Finally, I'm so delighted that my co-editor, Margaret Lovick is home again and recovering bravely from her major surgery. She can now proof read for me and keep me in check!

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Bin collections in August 2017

Thursday 3rdAugust	Black bins
Thursday10th August	Blue & Brown bins
Thursday17th August	Black bins
Thursday 24th August	Blue & Brown bins
Friday 1st September	***Black bins***

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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

News from St Clare Church



It was wonderful to have such a well supported service on 23rd July when Archdeacon David visited us. Many members of the congregation had the opportunity to chat to him afterwards.
August begins with our Patronal Service on 6th August at 11am. This will be a communion led by Revd. Lucyann Ashdown. Please come – it is always lovely to have a full church with happy singing voices. Val Nunn will play the organ and we can enjoy some time together after the service over refreshments. The month closes with another 11am communion service on 27th August.
Plans are in place to produce and sell packs of notelets in aid of church funds – more details appear elsewhere in the magazine.
Just a reminder that our Harvest supper is booked for Friday 22nd September and will be followed by a Harvest Service in St Clare Church on 24th September at 9.30am. Further details will be available next month.
The church continues to be open each weekend until the end of October, so do take a moment to visit if you are able to – the wild flowers in the natural part of the churchyard are especially attractive at present.
If you are going away on holiday or just taking time off from your day to day work, have a relaxing and refreshing break!

- Margaret Newlands (Church Warden)

??? QUESTION ???

Would you rather;

a) Receive an impersonal message of thanks, congratulations, good wishes, invitation etc., on your computer screen where it disappears into the ether within seconds **OR**
b) A beautiful notelet, hand written with the individual message you can re-read to your hearts content and put on your mantle piece for you and others to enjoy?

Yes the latter and so would we!

So to that end we are having a series of packs of notelets printed from some of the beautiful images taken by Christopher Hardingham of birds, butterflies, flowers and local views. Thank you Chris!
We were hoping to have these available for St Clare's Day but this has not proved possible. Watch this space!
They will be in packs of 8 cards of 4 designs, complete with envelopes and at a very competitive price! What's not to like!

- Pat Hipwell (on behalf of the PCC)

Bradfield St Clare Women's Institute

In July several members enjoyed an afternoon together, strolling through the 25 acres of Green Island Garden near Colchester. Tea and cakes followed!
At our next meeting on 9th August, Jane Paley will challenge our knowledge of tea! A teas pot is the competition entry.
Pat Brender will be in the chair. Sue Last and Sue Smith will provide refreshments. Enid will bring the draw prize.

New members are always welcome and we are pleased to see invited visitors. Please contact **Secretary Enid Hunt – 01284 386565**

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
8th August - 7.30pm Village Hall
YOU ARE WECOLME TO ATTEND!

Our meetings usually last about an hour. We would welcome more villagers at our meetings so that we can better understand any concerns you may have about the village. Matters to be discussed include:-

- ***A speed limit on Bury Road***
- ***Poor broadband service in the village***
- ***Potholes!***

Please come along, have a cup of tea and a slice of cake with us and let us know your views!

Your Parish Councillors

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Bradfield Weather



"A good holiday is one spent among people whose notions of time are vaguer than yours."

- J B Priestley

Last month's report concluded with the thought that rain was desperately needed and this eventually arrived in quantity, with 40mm on one day at the end of June, to make a total of 69mm for the month against an average of 53mm.
The recent pattern has been of a fairly wet day followed by many days with no rain. July's weather, which included a spectacular thunderstorm, shows to date, 46mm of rain with our average for the month at 54.5mm. Whilst temperatures have been holding up, we now seem to have entered a period of wet and cooler weather to coincide with the start of the school summer holidays.

- Keith Payne (24th July 2017)

SEPTEMBER ADVERTISEMENTS

Advertisements for the September 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 August. The cost is £4 per insertion for small ads, £36 per year for half page boxes

Payment to Bradfield St Clare Village Hall Account

Contact: Peter Newlands or Margaret Lovick

Dates for your Diary



- NO WHIST DRIVE THIS MONTH
- Tuesday 8th August – Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm – Village Hall
- Sunday 6th & 20th August – Bingo Nights 8pm - Village Hall
- Tuesday 15th August – Book Club - 7pm - Village Hall

Bradfield Woods

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Tuesday 1st August
Family Forest Fun
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Wednesday 10 August
Capture the Flag (8-14 year olds)
Wild fun and games for National Play Day
10.30am – 2.30pm £7 per person

Saturday 5th August
Advanced Bow Making - Adult Course
With Davis Wheeler
9.30am – 4.30pm £60 + £10 materials/person

Tuesday 8th August
Stick Man
Trail activities and crafts
10.30 – 12.30pm £4 children £2 adults

Wednesday 9th August
Tree Magic
Make string, dye wool, whittle, climb, hug, be inspired! (8-14 year olds)
10.30am – 2.30pm £7 per person

Sunday 13th August
Woodland Wellbeing Walk for Adults
2.30pm – 4.00pm FREE

Monday 14th August
Introduction to Green Woodworking (14-19 Year olds)
Make spoons, spatulas, jewellery etc
!0.30 am – 3.00pm FREE

Tuesday 15th August
Family Activity: Bumble Bee Bonanza
10.30am – 12.30pm £4 children £2 adults

Wednesday 16th August
Tree House Challenge (8-14 year olds)
10.30am – 2.30pm £7 per person

Tuesday 22nd August
Creative Nature
Be creative in the woods with Gainsborough's House creative space
10.30am – 12.30pm £4 children £2 adults

Wednesday 23rd August
Wild Chef
Forage for ingredients to cook over the fire
10.30am – 2.30pm (8-14 yr olds) £7/person

Monday 28th August
Natural dyeing and Native Plants (Adults)
Learn dyeing with natural plant and tree bark dyes with Fay Jones
11am – 3.30pm £25 + £10 materials

The Lift



When I was a young man I lived in a village in South Yorkshire and used a motorbike as my means of transport.
One misty evening in the autumn – it was nearing dark and not easy to see – I was riding home and with about three miles to go, I saw a young girl standing at the side of the road. I thought I knew the young lady and as there was no bus service, I went back to ask if she wanted a lift.
As it turned out I didn't know her but she said something about her parents being worried and she needed to get to a farm, which I knew near where I lived. So she hopped on the pillion and away we went.

At first I was aware of her sitting behind me but with about a mile to go I had a sudden compulsion to look behind me; she wasn't there! I stopped immediately and soon became frantically worried for her well-being. I went back along the way I had come hoping not to find her lying injured in the road. I found nothing. After half an hour or so of searching it was nearly dark and I took the gut-wrenching decision to go to the farm and explain what had happened.

With great fear and a feeling of rising panic I knocked at the door. A middle-aged, serene looking lady answered. I told her everything and said we should call the police.

She said, "There is no need to call the police. My daughter died four years ago tonight. She fell off the back of a motorbike."

- Clive Leal

In Memory of Charlie Barker

Charlie was born in Bradfield St George and lived there until 1952 when he married Daphne and came to live in Bradfield St Clare.
He loved sport and played football for Bradfield St George and darts for The Fox public house.
For 25 years he worked at Smallbridge Farm. He then joined St Edmundsbury District Council as a gardener, helping to make the Abbey Gardens the magnificent place it is to enjoy peace and tranquility. The skills, knowledge and love he had for gardening enabled him to encourage and support newcomers to the village as they developed their gardens through his tips and advice.
For many years he organized the churchyard mowing team and was a kind and helpful friend. He died aged 87 and will be much missed.
He leaves behind his wife Daphne, daughters Carol and Wendy, four grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Thank you Charlie for all you have meant to the village and its way of life.

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Arable Farming at Bishops Farm



"Raise the Song of Harvest Home"

Well it is that time of year again, as I sit in my office listening to the sound of the rain on the window – wondering when it will dry up enough to combine again.

Harvest has started early this year. The week of high temperatures in late June ripened the winter barley some three weeks earlier than usual. We started harvesting our six row barley on 12th July but found the grain still partially ripe. We left it another week until 17th July when all was well. If the crop is not fully ripe it is difficult to get the grain moisture below the required 15%. Our winter barley is totally grown for its potentially high yield, quantity not quality, and the product is only used for animal feed. It only has to meet two quality standards, 15% moisture content and a bushel weight (specific weight) of not less than 63Kg/hectalitre or 630Kg/cubic metre. The six row barley has been harvested, sold and loaded onto lorries and delivered to Ipswich grain terminal for export. The crop yielded an impressive 3.9 tonnes/acre and I will definitely be growing more of this crop next year.

We are at present harvesting the two row winter barley variety Glacier. The yield again seems good but not as high as the six row barley. Harvesting is proving difficult as the crop was flattened by the 40mm of heavy rain on 27th June and the soft wet soil from more recent rain makes it challenging to lift the crop into the combine without the wet soil pushing up infront of the machine.

This week has been frustrating waiting for the grain to dry down to 15% moisture allowing us to combine some of the crop before being stopped by yet another shower of rain. I have now harvested 52 acres of winter barley and most of the straw baled – we only have about three acres of this crop left in the field.

The wheat and spring barley will not be ready for another two or three weeks so we will have a break from harvesting and pray the weather will improve. Time to do some cultivation work on the cleared winter barley fields.

Some of you will have noticed two very large 'mole hills' that have appeared on the farm, one on Church Field the other behind the Rectory. These are stockpiles of Anglian Water sewage cake, 1000 tonnes in total. Once the existing crops have been harvested and the straw baled and cleared, this manure will be spread on the stubbles. Apologies for any countryside smells (PONGS!) you may experience for a day or two while the spreading is being carried out. The sewage cake is high in essential nutrients especially phosphate and magnesium as well as being an organic product. This will reduce our reliance on chemical fertilizer with only potassium, Muriate of Potash being applied prior to planting our next crop.

With all the tractor and machinery activity on the farm and also using our narrow village roads, could I ask wherever possible for everyone to keep parked cars off the road for this busy month in our farming calendar. It is very difficult to negotiate parked cars with a tractor pulling a 40foot bale trailer or a 10 tonne loaded grain trailer, not to mention the extra grain lorries that will also be using our roads. Thank you in anticipation of your help.

Let us hope for plenty of sunny hot days in August!

- Mike Morley

An Invitation to View

For the past two years a group of 4 or 5 of us have been meeting once every three or four weeks putting together 6 banners, one for each church in the benefice. The idea came form Judy Gifford and the inspired designs of Sue Jell. We have created 6 embroidered banners consisting of three panels each to celebrate the theme of 'Creation' – Sky, Water and Earth. We have employed many and varied techniques; embroidery, knitting, bead work, collage etc. All the material used is recycled from our own work boxes and collections of material. The only things purchased were some padding and brass rods to hang the banners. They are now complete! We are quite pleased with the results but will leave it to you to judge!

We intend to 'launch' our work over the weekend of 16/17th September at St Peter's Church Cockfield, where they will all be on display with the addition of 3 wall hangings made by Cockfield School – Noah's Ark, the feeding of the 5000 and the tree of life – wonderful colourful work.

We are hoping as many of you as possible will come to view before they are dispersed to each of the 6 churches after the Harvest Festival weekend. They will then be rotated every 6 months. More details will follow in next month's Grapevine.

- **Pat Hipwell (on behalf of the Banner Group)**

Cockfield Benefice Services – August 2017

Sunday 6th August Transfiguration St Clare	9.30am Communion BCP	Gedding
	11am Communion	Cockfield
	11am Patronal Communion	Bradfield St Clare
Sunday 13th August Ninth Sunday after Trinity	8am Communion	Cockfield
	9.30am Benefice Family Service	Felsham
Sunday 20th August Tenth Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Communion	Bradfield St George
	11am Communion	Cockfield
	6pm Six2seven	Felsham
Sunday 27th August St Mary the Virgin Eleventh Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Patronal Morning Prayer	Gedding
	11am Communion	Bradfield St Clare
	6pm Evening Prayer	Bradfield St George

Daily Prayer				
Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9am Cockfield	5pm Felsham	5pm Bradfield St Clare	5pm Gedding	5pm Bradfield St George

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

Useful Local Contacts

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Borough Council:		
- St Edmundsbury Offices		763233
- Local Member	Mrs Sarah Mildmay-White	01359 270580
Bradfield Grapevine Magazine:		
- Editors	Mr Peter Newlands	388637
- and	Mrs Margaret Lovick	386662
Bury Stray Cat Fund		388455
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