THE BRADFIELD GRAPEVINE





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How quickly the days shorten! With much of the harvest in and cooler, darker nights, Autumn really does seem to be very close. Megan reminds us of this in her tale of foraging and her absolutely delicious sounding apple and blackberry cake. She calls it a 'chuck in what you love recipe' and it seems just that! Maybe a time will come when we can print smells and tastes – I'm sure we would all be exclaiming, "Delicious!"

In this edition you will find references to many forthcoming village events including those that have become traditional e.g. the Village Harvest Supper and of course our support for the Macmillan Trust with the Coffee Morning, this year at Pitchers Green Farm. Do you know – we are even in advance of the supermarkets with our first reference to a 'Taste of Christmas'! This has always been such a great series of events but it has to be planned and thanks to Lorraine for embarking on the project again.

St Clare Church has some exciting news including that of a surprise visitor – more about this later on in this edition! There is also of course the Harvest Service, information about the wonderful Banners that will be displayed in the churches and news of the fabulous notelets that will soon be on sale.

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Cockfield Benefice Services – September 2017

Sunday 3rd Sept. 12th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Communion BCP	Gedding
	11am Communion	Cockfield
	6pm Evening Prayer	Bradfield St Clare
Sunday 10th Sept. 13th Sunday after Trinity	8am Communion	Cockfield
	9.30am Benefice Family Service	Felsham
	11am Service of Praise	Cockfield Village Show
Sunday 17th Sept. Tenth Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Communion	Bradfield St George
	11am Communion	Cockfield
	6pm Six2seven	Felsham
Sunday 24th Sept. Harvest	11am Harvest Communion	Cockfield
	11am Harvest Thanksgiving	Bradfield St Clare
	6pm Harvest Thanksgiving	Bradfield St George

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

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Thursday 28th September	Black

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Advertisements for the October 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 15th September. The cost is £4 per insertion for small ads, £36 per year for half page boxes
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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



Many who visit our church comment on how well it is cared for and the beauty of the kneelers and seat cushions in the chancel They were admired by Yalda Davis (daughter of Sir Colin Davis the World renown conductor who died in 2013) when she arrived unannounced at the church to play her cello as part of her mission to play in every one of the 400 medieval Suffolk churches. Subsequently she has volunteered to return with the possibility of playing before an audience – a thrilling first for our church. More to follow!

September brings our Harvest Celebrations. This year the Harvest Supper for the Village is on Friday 22nd September at 7.30pm and the cost remains the same as last year - £9 for adults and £5 for all those under 16. Our Harvest Service is on 24th September at 11.00am. Please bring any dried or tinned food to fill the Food Bank box or donate at the church during the weekend. This again reminds us how thankful we should be for all our blessings – good food, a wonderful growing climate and beautiful surroundings. Please come to the service so that we can celebrate together.

As always we plan to decorate the church before the harvest weekend. If you have any spare flowers or produce please bring them at around 10am on Thursday 21st September or bring your own arrangements later that day, on Friday or on Saturday 21st September, if that is more convenient.

I'm sure you will have noticed how clearly the new church sign at the bottom of Church Lane can be seen. We are very grateful for its new position as it means there is less chance of falling in the ditch when putting in the times of services! A huge thank you to Mike Morley for finding the posts and erecting the sign as well as ensuring the verges along Church Lane are kept well cut and free from creeping brambles. Mike has a very busy farming schedule but always manages to include the needs of the church.

- Margaret Newlands (Church Warden)

Bradfield St Clare Women's Institute

During our August meeting we were quizzed by Jane Paley on our knowledge of tea!

At our next meeting on13th September, Margo Harrison will describe the work of 'Hearing Dogs for the Deaf"

Pat Amond will be in the chair. Pat Brender and Enid Hunt will provide refreshments. Jean Stabler will bring the draw prize.

The competition is for "a pair of earrings"!

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

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Bradfield Weather



'August was nearly over – the month of apples and falling stars, the last carefree month for the school children.
The days were not hot, but sunny and limpidly clear – the first sign of advancing autumn'

- Victor Nekrasov

The last week or so of July provided the most consistent rain that we have seen for several months, without a great amount on any one day. The month finished with a total of 63mm, above our July average of 54.5mm. August has continued with periodic days of rain to provide a fairly wet month to date, with 61mm, approaching the month's average of 63.6mm. Although not cold, with some overcast days, hardly a month that could be described as the height of summer!

- Keith Payne **21st August 2017**

Dates for your Diary



- Friday 1st September – Whist Drive – 7.30pm – Village Hall
- Sunday 3rd & 17th September – Bingo Nights 8pm - Village Hall
- Tuesday 12th September – Village Hall Committee – 7.30pm
- Tuesday 19th September – Book Club - 7pm - Village Hall
- Friday 22nd September – Village Harvest Supper – 7.30pm
- Sunday 24th September – Harvest Festival – 9.30am
- Saturday 30th September – McMillan Coffee Morning 10am until Noon – Pitchers Green Farm

A Thank You from Linden House

To our dear friends, thank you so much for all the food, cards, dog walking, house cleaning and so much love and care that has left us very humble.

Thank you and God bless;
Margaret and Mike

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'An Early Autumn Forage'



I'm not one to wish time away but Autumn is a season which I love! The warm colours of the leaves, the crisp air and comforting smells from the kitchen. So as we watched the berries turn from red to black, we gathered the troops for a family forage. Last year this was done wrapped up warm, this year however the sun was beaming! Along with the free range eggs (If the chickens are cooperative), the 1st pick of the orchard apples a tasty treat is in mind. Apple and blackberry are (in my opinion) an unbeatable combination. So I have chosen to share a simple 'chuck in what you love' recipe. That is what baking is all about after all.

Makes: 1 scrumptious cake
Serves: Any family size
Time: A leisurely bake and 30-40 minute oven time
Oven Temperature: 170 degrees

Ingredients:
200g Butter
200g Caster Sugar
200g Self Raising Flour
1 tsp Baking Powder
3-4 Eggs (to weight of 200g)
Rind of 1 Lemon (Optional)
Juice of ½ Lemon (Replace with 1 tsp Vanilla Paste if preferable)
2 Crunchy Apples roughly chopped (I like to keep quite chunky)
2-3 Handfuls of Blackberries

- Cream butter and sugar in a bowl or freestanding mixer, until pale and smooth.
- Sieve the self-raising flour into the mixture, along with the baking powder, mix until combined.
- Lightly beat the eggs (add in vanilla if using) and gradually add to the other ingredients. Mixing simultaneously.
- Add in the lemon rind and juice, mix until combined. (Optional)
- Chuck in your blackberries and apples, carefully fold through the mixture using a spatula.
- Spread mixture evenly into your prepared tin of choice.
- Pop in preheated oven and bake for approx 30-40 minutes until golden.
- Serve hot or cold. (Keeps in a airtight container for several days)

Decoration of cake is optional. If you are wanting to ice, I would whip up a simple buttercream, adding in flavours of lemon or vanilla, depending on preference. Or opt for a simple dusting of icing sugar. If you are preparing as a dessert, a vanilla ice cream is a summer option or (as we enjoyed it) with some homemade custard, using the top tasting creamy milk of course! (Thanks to dad and the girls)

Not wanting the summer to disappear to quickly I made some delicious Blackberry Ice Cream to enjoy too! And Blackberry Jam!

- Megan Thomas

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- Pat Hipwell (on behalf of the PCC)



PLEASE COME!

Friday 22nd September
7.30pm in
The Village Hall

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Margaret on 388637 or Pat on 386636
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Bring your own drinks and glasses – water will be available!
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Macmillan Coffee Morning
Pitchers Green Farm
Saturday 30th September
10am to 12Noon

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News from Pitchers Green Farm

In milk – 27
Dry - 5
Youngstock – 23 + 4 babies
Average yield 900-950 litre E.O.D (May & June 28p/ltr.)
Calvings:

Kelly 26.06.17	**Angus X Heifer - Beauty**
Rose 01.07.17	**Jersey Bull – Buster**
Petunia 23.07.17	**Jersey Heifer – Button**
Nellie 08.08.17	**Jersey Heifer – Blossom**

The milk yield remains constant at below 1000litres. We have fresh cows calved and dried off, lower yielders but can't reach the magic number. Today Kelly and Josie halved their normal yield and their movements to say the least were loose! I put it down to a few fallen crabapples, which they found. Hopefully they will learn their lesson (I don't think so!). The 1000litres has no real significance other than it looks good on the chart.

Two cows were sold today neither was in milk. Rachel, 4 years old was one of the cows who had mastitis very badly in November of last year. She recovered but gave little milk and was dried off and given the summer to regain condition. Kelsey, 9 years old was a very good milker but I couldn't get her back in calf. Sometimes I wish they would make more fuss when being loaded into the lorry – it's bad enough booking them in but when they walk up so trusting - I knew I would regret this last sentence.

Other events included the black bin liner incident. In the morning the cows go up the road to the front field. Debbie puts the string across the road, I let the cows go and follow them up, keeping the strugglers moving. The cows got to the gate and stopped - a real cartoon job – the cows at the back falling into the front cows! They then turned as a mob to return home, with nowhere to run to. I started to shout and shake my stick, which must have been scary enough to turn them again. They then stood staring at the gate for about 2 minutes (it seemed like a lot longer) before charging through the gateway and up the field. The cause was a back bin liner, tucked under the hedge, which was twitching in the breeze. Any other day they would not have noticed but they thought they would have a game! I know who the ringleaders were so Resco and Renee had better lie low or maybe that 1000litres isn't unreachable.

Finally, I had a big birthday recently and as usual it is supposed to be just another day. Many thanks to all the people for their birthday wishes and a bigger one to anyone who said; "You don't look your age." After a lovely family meal, Debbie and I decided to walk up to the bungalow. In the office we found 2 chicks scratching about; who left the door open? Walking outside the 3 kittens were playing on the tractor and trailer, diving onto each other and play fighting. Then around the corner comes Beauty the calf who had escaped and was thoroughly enjoying her new freedom. Yes it was just another day at the farm!

- Glyn

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