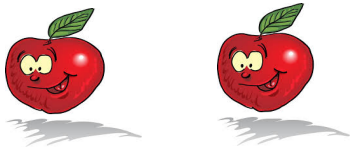
Useful Local Contacts

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- St Edmundsbury Offices		01284763233
Local Member Sara.Mildmay-White	Sara.Mildmay-White@stedsbc.gov.uk	01359 270580
Bradfield Grapevine Magazine:		
- Editors	Mr Peter Newlands	388637
- and	Mrs Margaret Lovick	386662
Bury Stray Cat Fund		388455
Charity for the Relief in Sickness:		
- Secretary	Mrs Vicky Spall	386357
County Council:		
- Suffolk County Council Switchboard		01473 583000 -
Local Member Karen Soons	karen.soons@suffolk.gov.uk	07864 601887

Dentist (Emergency) – by appointment, Saturday and Sunday afternoons		0300 130 3065
Doctor – for Suffolk Doctors on Call out of hours service ring own doctors' surgery or -NHS Choices		111
Community First Responder – Group Co-ordinator – Debbie Lamond		07810 353426
Electricity	UK Power Networks Supply Faults	0800 783 8838
Footpath Warden	Mrs Fenella Fraser	388310
Gospel Hall	Mr Keith Arknett	01359 240910
Library (Mobile Van Driver – Steve Adams)		07837 581371
Village Book Club Co-ordinator	Mrs Pat Brender	386597
Member of Parliament	Mrs Jo Churchill	752311
	www.jochurchill.mp@parliament.uk	
Neighbourhood Watch Contact	Mrs Dianne Bullard	386598
Parish Council Clerk	Mrs Nicola Smith	07817170906
Parish Council Website:	http://bradfieldstclare.onesuffolk.net	
Police	101 (non-urgent), 999 or 01473 613500	
	Twitter Name : @stedspolice	
Post Office	Bury Delivery Office	358201
Schools and Colleges:		
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Thurston Community College		01359 230885
West Suffolk College		701301
St Clare Church – Rector	Rev Sharon Potter	828599
- Church Warden	Mrs Margaret Newlands	388637
St Edmunds R C Church	Fr Mark Hackeson	754358
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Village Hall – Bookings	Mrs Val Nunn	388830
- Secretary	Mrs Isobel Payne	386169
Village Recorder	Mrs Val Nunn	388830
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Women's Institute Secretary	Mrs Enid Hunt	386565

THE BRADFIELD GRAPEVINE



September 2018 **No 163**

As Autumn fast approaches it is the time of the year for many of our annual events, as you will see from the various articles and announcements in this edition.

In particular, as always, the village will be supprting the Macmillan Trust with a coffee morning towrads the end of the month. This time it will be held in the Village Hall and be hosted by the Kit Café, which proved to be so successful at its launch last month.

As Mike reports, harvest was rather early this year but this month sees its celebration by way of the Harvest Supper held in the Village Hall for everyone in the village. St Clare Church also holds the usual Harvest Thanksgiving in the Church and there is of course the yearly 'Ride and Stride' event in aid of supporting the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. Several villagers will be taking part and would welcome your sponsorship!

We have a poem and a recipe in this months edition. These are always much appreciated, so if you have something to contribute don't be shy!

Margaret Lovick
Linden House
Bradfield St Clare
Tel: 01284 386662

Peter Newlands
Dairy Farmhouse
Bradfield St Clare
Tel: 01284 388637 *pjrmrn@aol.com*

Cockfield Benefice Services – September 2018

Sunday 2nd September 14th after Trinity	8am Communion BCP	Cockfield
	9.30am Benefice Family Service	Felsham
Sunday 9th September 15th after Trinity	9.30am Communion BCP	Gedding
	11.30am Cockfield Show Morning Service	Clipt Bushes, Cockfield
	6pm Evening Prayer	Bradfield St Clare
Sunday 16th September 16th after Trinity	9.30am Morning Prayer	Gedding
	11am Communion	Bradfield St Clare
	6pm Evening Prayer	Bradfield St George
Sunday 23rd September 17th after Trinity	9.30am Communion	Bradfield St George
	11am Communion	Cockfield
	6pm Six2seven	Felsham
Saturday 29th September	Messy Church 3-5pm	Felsham Village Hall
Sunday 30th September Harvest Thanksgiving	9.30am Harvest Communion	Felsham
	11am Harvest Thanksgiving	Cockfield
	11am Harvest Thanksgiving	Bradfield St Clare
	6pm Harvest Thanksgiving	Bradfield St George

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

Bradfield Woods

August Activities

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£12 for 3 sessions.

Thursdays weekly 13 Sept - 4 Oct

4pm – 5.30pm
Go Wild! after school club
For 6 - 12 year olds
£16 for 4 sessions.

Sun 22 September
10am-4pm
Adult course: Hedgerow preserves
Discover what wonderful fruits nature has to offer and create your own preserves to take home with you.
With local expert, Fay Jones
£35 + £10 materials.

Sun 16 Sept
1-4pm
Adult course: Celebrating The Thorns
Learn about the culinary and medicinal uses of blackthorn and hawthorn as well as their associated wildlife and folklore. Make your own seasonal preserve from their fruits and carve your own thorn pendant to take home. 1-4pm
£25

Sun 23 Sept
10.30am - 2.30pm
Adult course: Fibrecraft tool making workshop
Experiment making your own wooden fibrecraft tools at Bradfield Woods. Have a go at making braiding wheels, lucettes, drop spindles and crochet hooks from local wood in a relaxed and friendly workshop, in the lovely setting of this ancient woodland.
£50 + £5 materials

Sun 30 Sept
10am – 3pm
Adult course: Woodland jewellery
Learn to create beautiful pendants, earrings, beads and cord from woodland materials.
10am – 3pm
£25.



Bin collections in September 2018

Thursday 6th September	Blue & brown bins
Thursday 13th September	Black bins
Thursday 20th September	Blue & brown bins
Thursday 27th September	Black bins

OCTOBER ADVERTISEMENTS

Advertisements for the October 2018 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 September. The cost is £4 per insertion for small ads, £36 per year for half page boxes or £20 for 6 months.

Payment to Bradfield St Clare Village Hall Account
Contact: Peter Newlands or Margaret Lovick

News from St Clare Church



September and the the season of Harvest has arrived. It is time to give thanks for all we have and think about others who have no harvest to celebrate.

The Village Harvest Supper is on Friday 21st September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The cost is the same as last year. Your place can be booked either with Pat Hipwell or myself. All the details are included in this edition of The Bradfield Grapevine and on the enclosed yellow flyer. Contributions for the raffle can be given to any member of the PCC.

Don't forget this really is an event for the whole village to meet up and enjoy each others' company whilst sharing a lovely meal together!

Our Harvest Service at the church is on Sunday 30th September at 11.00am. We will start decorating the church for this service at 10.00am on Friday 28th September. Last year we were short of helpers, flowers and foliage so, if you can help in any way this year, it would be much appreciated. If unable to help on the day but you have flowers or foliage you can offer, please just leave them in the church porch – they would be very well received! Our plan is to make the Harvest Service a celebration of our good fortune by also filling up the Food Bank Box . Please bring any contribution either to the service or leave in church over the weekend.

The 'Ride and Stride' in aid of Suffolk Historic Churches takes place on 8th September. Details can be found in this edition of The Bradfield Grapevine. We are very grateful to all those who ride and stride for our church by giving up their time and energy for this event. As last year Simon Hardingham will be joining in, escorted by Holly and possibly Lexie and Isobel Payne has decided to ride once more.

During the recent drought we all witnessed man's lack of control over the weather and it's impact on growing conditions. Following the welcome rain it was a joy to see the grass beginning to grow again (everyone told me it would!) and the remaining crops in the fields growing in abundance. We need to give thanks for the life we have all around us and think about how easily it can be lost.

Remember St Clare Church remains open on the weekends during September and October – it is there for you!

- Margaret Newlands (Church Warden)

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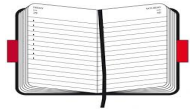
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Dates for your Diary



- Friday 7th September – Whist Drive – 7.30pm – Village Hall
- Saturday 8th September – Suffolk Historic Churches - Ride and Stride
- Tuesday18th September – Book Club – 7.00pm – Village Hall
- Friday 21st September – Village Harvest Supper – 7.30pm - Village Hall
- Saturday 29th September - Kit Café/Macmillan Coffee Morning - Village Hall – 10.00am to 1.00pm
- Sunday 30th September – Harvest Thanksgiving Service _- 11.0am St Clare Church

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Bradfield Weather



'God in His own right hand doth take each day-
Each sun-filled day - each rare and radiant night,
And drop it softly on the earth and say:
'Touch earth with heaven's own beauty and delight.'
- 'August' Jean Blewett 1862 - 1934

After weeks of unbroken sunshine, on Friday 27th July we had our first cloudy evening, which was a pity as it deprived us of the sighting of a total lunar eclipse, lasting well over an hour. On the plus side, however, we had much needed rain for the first time in seven weeks, following long days of very hot weather. With the some further rain over the subsequent weekend, July finished with 22.5 mm, well below our 54.9mm average. All is apparently not lost for us oldies as there is another full lunar eclipse due in January next year.

August has been relatively wet, although the rain has come in heavy bursts rather than continuing for any length of time, but we have still seen plenty of hot sunshine. To date rainfall measures 53.5mm compared to an average of 64mm.

- Keith Payne 23rd August 2018

"Bradfield Nights"

Village Hall Beer and Band Festival

Bradfield St George Village Hall

Saturday 8th September 2pm – late

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Contributions to The Bradfield Grapevine

One of the great pleasures for the Editors of The Bradfield Grapevine is receiving contributions from villagers. Often these come in voluntarily – without any arm-twisting! ***Please keep them coming!***

Recipes, poems, short stories and accounts of exciting things you have been engaged in are welcome and always much appreciated by fellow villagers.

Just let Peter Newlands or Margret Lovick know if you would like to contribute. You can submit by email to: ***pjrmrn@aol.com***

The Library Van



NEXT VISITS: 9.40 – 9.55 am 26th September 2018

To contact the mobile library van driver Steve ring him on: 07837 58137

Bradfield St Clare Women's Institute

EAST COAST TRUCKERS?

No, me neither! Still you learn something new every day and we certainly did at our recent WI meeting. The East Coast Truckers charity, in conjunction with Special Needs Schools and other similar agencies, organise an amazing event every year on August bank Holiday Sunday. Over 80 trucks take disadvantaged children and their carers in their huge cabs and form an enormous conoy. All the roads en route have to be closed and the police give up a day of unpaid hpliday. Ambulances and fire engines are also in attendance. They make their way to Pleasure Wood Hills Theme Park for the day, with everything donated. It is a unique event! The sea front is closed for an enormous parade. The joy on the faces of these children is heart warming. The charity also funds two specially adapted holiday caravans, Christmas parties, cinema and panatomime visits – all run by volunteers. There is a waiting list of truckers wanting to take part. For more information about the charity visit; www.eastcoasttruckers.co.uk

Pat Brender chaired the meeting and tasty refreshments were provided by Sue Smith and Margaret Newlands.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 12th September when Emma Harvey-Lawrence will talk about "Woolpit Complimentary". Visitors and new members are always welcome at this friendly WI group!

For more information contact Enid Hunt (01284 386565)

- Pat Hipwell



KIT CAFÉ



Wow! Not our acronym, but the reaction to the launch of our new monthly social event KIT (Keep In Touch) Cafe'. Between 30 and 40 people (adults and children) came to see our much loved village hall transformed into a colourful café. Everyone enjoyed the delicious refreshments and delightful friendly company. It was wonderful and heartening to watch people meeting up with old acquaintances and seeing familiar faces as well as making new friends. Bad luck if you missed the launch but there's always next month, which will be very special.

We would welcome your ideas for the café and any thoughts you may have as to how we can build on the success of our launch. Or maybe you might like to get involved and bake a few biscuits or buns. This is a café for our local community and an opportunity for us all to 'KEEP IN TOUCH'.

For September's KIT Café we shall be hosting the MacMillan Coffee Morning (cancer care). Again the venue is Bradfield St Clare Village Hall between 10am and 1.00pm but this time we shall be asking for a suggested donation of £2.50 for the MacMillan charity. Details as follows:

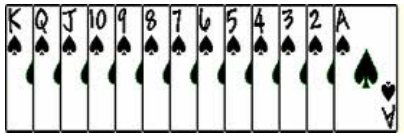
- **Saturday, 29th September 10 am – 1.00pm**
- **Bradfield St Clare Village Hall**
- **Bring-and-Buy/produce stall**
- **Prize Draw (*donation for prizes would be much appreciated)***
- **Tea, coffee, squash, cakes, biscuits etc**
- **Games for children**
- **Admission £2.50**

Please come along and bring your friends and family to support this worthwhile charity, which many of us will have reason to be grateful for at some time in our lives.

For further information contact:

Pat Hipwell 386636
Val Nunn 388830 or 07483245825
Dyane Wood 388637 or 07900984823

WHIST DRIVE



AUGUST

There were 16 players at our Autumn Whist Drive, which meant we were able to create 4 full tables.

Joy scored highest for the ladies with 167 closely followed by Sylvia on 165. Siobhan came a good third with 160. Gina took home the wooden spoon by scoring 145.

For the men it was Derrick's turn to win with a score of 168, just beating the 167 of Brian. Keith was in third place on 165. Justine, playing as a man, was awarded the wooden spoon with a total of 140.
Our next Whist Drive is on Friday 7th September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to join in!

OTHER CHURCH SERVICES

Roman Catholic Church

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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.
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PLEASE COME!

Friday 21st September

7.30pm in

The Village Hall

This is an event for the whole Village!

The cost is £9 per adult and £5 for under 16s
Contact:
Margaret on 388637 or Pat on 386636
Book your place by Friday 14th September

Bring your own drinks and glasses – water will be available!
Donations for the RAFFLE welcomed!
All proceeds for Church Funds
PLEASE COME – IT WILL BE FUN!

Notes from your Parish Council

Council Meeting 14th August 2018;

All member of the Parish Council and County Councillor Karen Soons were present. Paul Foster was welcomed to the Parish Council following the resignation of Robert Walton due to his work commitments.

- The minutes of the meetings held on 22nd May and 12th June were approved
- The response of the Borough Council to fly tipping in Sheepgate Lane was discussed and the Clerk reported she had emailed the Borough Council earlier in the day . The matter is now resolved
- Mary Evans, the new portfolio holder for Highways at SCC has indicated she will follow up the progress of our promised speed restriction in the village
- UK Power Network confirmed that work has been programmed to resolve the issue of the two lighting units at the junction of Bury Road and Bradfield St George Road for the week beginning 27th August.
- Councillor Soons will raise the matter of the blocked drains on Bradfield St George Road
- A member of the Parish Council raised concern over the lack of public transport in the village, unlike Bradfield St George and Cockfield where a service does exist
- Councillor Soons presented her report which can be viewed on line
- An Autumn Litter Pick is planned for 17th November starting at 10.00am. Further details will follow

Date of the next meeting – 13th November 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

- Your Parish Councillors

A Message from our Local Police Liaison Officer

Suffolk Trading Standards

We've received reports of Suffolk residents being cold-called and advised that for a fee you can be enrolled in a government scheme to help people feel safe in their own home. They have then advised residents that a police vetted individual will be around to discuss the situation at a later date.
This is a scam, do not engage with these callers - share with Friends, Family and Neighbours to help them be scam aware!
If you've been contacted, report it to us via 03454 04 05 06 or to Suffolk Constabulary Official Page on 101

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Whist Drive

Bradfield St Clare Village Hall

Friday 7th September
7.30pm

Entry £2.00 including refreshments,
tea or coffee.
If preferred, bring your own drinks.

Cash Prizes & Draw

Raffle Prizes Welcomed!

Come along and bring your friends

In aid of Village Hall funds

♦ ♠

Lorraine would like to share with us this 'nonsense rhyme' she taught to her young relatives, who love it!

One fine day in the middle of the night,
Two dead men came out to fight,
Back to back they face each other,
Drew their swords and shot each other.

One was blind and the other couldn't see,
So they chose a dummy for a referee.
A blind man went to see fair play,
A dumb man went to shout "Horray!"

A paralysed donkey passing by,
Kicked the blind man in the eye,
Knocked him through a nine inch wall,
Into a dry ditch and drowned them all.

A deaf policeman heard the noise,
And came to arrest the two dead boys.
If you don't believe this story's true,
Ask the blind man, he saw it too!

- Lorraine Morley



Will you sponser me?

After a gap of a few years, I have once again decided to take part in the Suffolk Historic Churches Bike Ride on September 8th. I will be riding on behalf of St Clare Church. If anyone out there feels they could sponsor me, I would be very grateful.

Isobel Payne - 01284 386169

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So, watch out for youths carring baskets!

Thanks to Val Offord for drawing our attention to this from a cutting in the local press.



Lemon Freeze



Ingredients:

2 oz crushed cornflakes
3oz castor sugar
2oz melted butter
2 eggs, separated
1 small tin condensed milk
¼ pint double cream
Grated rind & juice 2 lemons

Method:

Put cornflakes, crushed but not too fine, into a basin with 1/2 of the sugar.
Melt the butter and add the mix with a fork until coated.
Put 2 tablespoons of the mixture aside and put the remaining in the bottom of a large flat dish. Pat down and set aside to chill.
Mix the egg yolks, condensed milk, cream, rind and lemon juice and whip until firm.
Whisk the egg whites separately and the rest of the sugar until stiff.
Fold into the lemon mixture and pour into the prepared dish.
Sprinkle on the saved crumb mixture and freeze for 3 to 4 hours.
Take it out of the freezer and put it into the fridge for ½ hour before consumption!

The Story Behind this Recipe!

One of the first dinner parties we went to when we arrived in Calcutta was with our dear friends Heather and David Marcoolyn – very newly wed as were we and all the guests. Quite a formal occasion!

Heather had got this recipe from her Ma but unable to get lemons in India, she had told the cook to use limes. He thought "Oh much smaller than lemons, I'll use 2 for 1".

Well it was so sour it was almost inedible but we all said "Delicious!"

A very mischevious 'friend' kept saying to the bearer (waiter) "Oh Sahib Hipwell really loves it. Do give him some more." And more and more and more!

Thank you Robin Taylor – Peter will never forget!

- Pat Hipwell

Arable Farming at Bishops Farm



'Our is it farming in Africa?'

In the May issue I commented on weather cycles and after an unusually cold, wet Spring, we would probably experience a drought but not expecting it to last through June, July and most of August!
For harvesting, conditions were fantastic. No worries about moisture content of grains being too high (below 14%). Everything we harvested this year was between 11% and 12%. Problems were the temperatures of the grain going into store, 30C plus! Grain at high temperature can encourage the breeding of insects found in all grain, Grain Weevil. Luckily our large grain store has underfloor ventilation and by blowing cool air, early in the morning through the stored grain, it is possible to drop the grain temperature to a safe level of 20C.
Harvest started early this year , 16th July on winter barley , then six row variety Bazooka First. Yields were down on last year, 3.4 tonnes/acre but the quality good. Next the two row variety Glacier, which I have grown for four years now, gave us the best yield ever at 4.26 tonnes/acre. I think the high yield can be attributed to using Anglian Water sewage sludge, applied to the field before planting the crop last Autumn. The dual effect of better moisture retention and nutrition kept the crop alive longer during this year's dry stressed conditions.
Usually there is a two to three week gap in harvest between Winter Barley and starting wheat and Spring Barley. This year with the heat the wheat dried and ripened early, so we started wheat on 23rd July – unheard of to combine wheat in July. Again, the crops were surprisingly good. KWS Zyatt, a new variety, yielding 4.07 tonnes/acre. We sold this crop to allow room to store Spring Barley, beans and peas. The rest of our wheat crop, KWS Siskin is in our store and will be sold over the next few months, depending on price and demand.
Beans and peas suffered most from the drought. Beans are not usually harvested until late August. We started combining on 1st August with pods splitting and beans falling to the ground; we had to harvest them. The plant stems were still green which made combining difficult. Yield was poor at 1-5 tonnes/acre and quality dreadful – the seeds stained and attacked by brucid beetle.
Our catch crop of peas also suffered from drought worst of all having virtually no rain since planting in mid April. We only harvested 0.5 tonnes/acre. These will go for processing for human consumption - £220/tonne. This should just about pay for rent on the field!
Finally, Spring Barley was combined on 6th August. Again the crop had dried off with the heat but the yield of 2.75 tonnes/acre with very good quality grain it is very acceptable to maltsters and at £218'tonne the best price I have ever sold malting barley for.
Harvest finished on 7th August and nearly all the straw bailed and carted away. Some years we are only just starting harvest in early August. The night of 7th August the drought ended with 25mm of rain which allowed us to undertake work for next year's crops. Anglia Water have now spread 1000 tonnes of sewage sludge delivered to the farm last winter. Apologies for any pong noticed! By law muck has to be mixed into the soil immediately, so we followed the spreaders discing and rolling all the fields to reduce the smell.
Other things happening on the farm include purchasing the small grass field (Doug's Field) down Sheepgate Lane from Mr Armitage. This will be incorporated into our existing field behind the church. We applied for and have been granted a Hedgerow Removal Notice by St Edmundsbury Council to allow us to carry out this work. This will include the removal of the existing hedge and ditch and levelling the area. Digging a new ditch and installing a culvert under Sheepgate Lane as well as a hedge planting scheme for winter to include planting a new hedge along the north side of Sheepgate Lane where it crosses the open field.
On a sad note we have been targeted by ever increasing incidents of rural crime. On the night of 5thJuly fly tipping was carried out down Sheepgate Lane. A truck load of builders' waste was dumped into the ditch. A big thanks to John Kirk and the Parish Council for negotiating with St Edmundsbury Council, which has cleared up the mess! On the same night our barns were broken into . Padlocks were cut and several tools stolen. So everone be vigilant. If you see unusual vehicles or people acting suspiciously around our vilage report it to the police or our Neighbourhood Watch contact Dianne Bullard (01284 386598).
On a lighter note, hope to see you at our Harvest Supper and Harvest Festival to celebrate what has been a glorious summer!

- Mike Morley