THE BRADFIELD GRAPEVINE



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Happy Easter to you All

The clocks have gone back and spring is sprung. At the time of writing we have had a glorious week weather wise and the gardens are beginning to show a bit of colour and the hedgerows and trees are greening up. Yet again, lots to read and report this month. Please see Lorraine's update regarding the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations and how you can take part.

It's wonderful to see that the Kit Cafe will be open again **23 April 2022** -in the Village Hall - a popular drop in once a month for coffee and a catch up with friends old and new.

With the terrible and constant news coming from Ukraine, please support Pat Hipwell's wonderful efforts with her legendary cookies being sold from her gate. Yet again, an amazing amount of money raised from such a small village for such a worthwhile cause.

It was such sad news to hear that Mike Lovick had passed away - thank you to Isobel for her kind words which truly reflect the man and his wonderful family that have played such a big part in this village for so many years.. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all. -Debbie

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Message from the Rectory

Dear Friends,
As you read this we are moving toward the end of Lent, and the celebration of our Lord's passion, death and resurrection. The events of Holy Week – the week leading up to Easter, are at times very emotional. On Palm Sunday we think about Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey, and people spreading their cloaks on the road that he travelled and hailing him as their King. We imagine the joy of those who saw him on that day.

On Maundy Thursday we take away the altar coverings and any other decoration in church as we think about Jesus sharing that final supper with the disciples, when Jesus commands them to remember him whenever they share bread and wine. A night heavy with meaning and dread. For later that evening Jesus is arrested, charged and sentenced to death.

Then on Good Friday, the day that Jesus was crucified, we spend time reflecting on the cross and how Jesus sacrificed himself for us.And three days later we rejoice that he came back from the dead and showed himself to the disciples.

You may not believe in the story of Jesus, or that God exists, and even more so at the moment with all that is going on in Ukraine. But God is there in the midst of the suffering. God is there with the war makers as well as the peace makers. God is always there, listening to us, walking beside us, comforting and encouraging us. Because God loves us. And we, his church, will do all we can to help those who are in need, because Jesus commanded us to love God – but also to love one another.However you are spending your Easter, may it be joyful and filled with love. Yours in Christ,

Sharon

Revd Canon Sharon Potter

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Cockfield Benefice Services & Events – April 2022

Sunday 3rd April Passion Sunday	9.30am Morning Prayer – Stanningfield 10am Communion – Bradfield St George 10am Morning Prayer – Cockfield 6pm Celtic-style communion – Felsham
Sunday 10th April Palm Sunday	9.30am Palm Sunday procession from Gedding to Felsham 10am Communion at Felsham
Monday 11th April	7pm Compline in Holy Week – Bradfield St Clare
Tuesday 12th April	7pm Compline in Holy Week – Bradfield St Clare
Wednesday 13th April	7pm Compline in Holy Week – Bradfield St Clare
Thursday 14th April Maundy Thursday	Maundy Thursday Communion & stripping of the altar – Bradfield St George
Friday 15th April Good Friday	2pm Good Friday Reflections – Stanningfield 3-5pm Messy Church – Cockfield Village Hall (for all families)
Sunday 17th April Easter Sunday	10am Communion - Cockfield 10am Communion BCP - Gedding 10am Family@Church – Felsham 10am Communion – Gt Whelnetham
Sunday 24th April	10am Communion – Gt Whelnetham 10am Worshipping Together – Bradfield St George 10am Morning Prayer – 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
A prayer group meets via zoom every Wednesday at 2pm via zoom.
A service of Evening Prayer via zoom is held every Friday at 7pm.
For more details contact Rev Canon Sharon Potter at
revsharon2@gmail.com or phone 01284 828599 or 07825-086063

Ukrainian Crisis Cookies

I am sure we have all been deeply affected by what is happening in Ukraine and the millions of refugees fleeing across the borders to safety and I know many of us are doing our bit. It may seem like a drop in the ocean but then the ocean is made up of many drops. Anyway, as many of you already know I'm selling bags of eight different types of biscuits at many events and venues, but mostly from outside St Clare Cottage, opposite the Village Hall.

The response has been nothing short of amazing. I have already sent £350 to the Disasters Emergency Committee who co-ordinate all the various charities, and we are now nearing £500 raised so I will be sending another £150 very soon. This is gift aided and the Government is matching every pound.

The bags cost a minimum of £1 or a generous donation so please come and buy some, tell your friends, take some to the office, your gym class or other clubs. Spread the word and the biscuits! I've already made well over 1,000 biscuits!

In April I will be selling 'Easter Chicks' containing a cream egg and Easter baskets containing mini eggs and a small chick for £150 each or a donation.

Thank you on behalf of the people of Ukraine - they deserve everything we can do for them. Just try and think what you would be feeling if it was you and your family - almost unimaginable.

Pat Hipwell



Churchwarden's report April 2022

At last some good news on the repair of our church roof. Firstly, the builders visited and declared the roof safe enough to hold services, so communion was held on 13th March and evening prayer on 20th March. Secondly, they believe that repairs to the roof will start any day now.

Church weekend opening will begin – subject to building works – on 8th April. The lights which illuminate the church at night will be turned off on Sunday 26th March until the Autumn.

Special thanks this month to John Kirk for building us such a really beautiful new noticeboard and for Mike Morley for letting us erect it on his land. Go and have a look!

This month we will be celebrating Easter. There will be three Compline prayer services, on 11th, 12th and 13th of April each at 7pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Mystery of the Missing Ash!

In a severe storm earlier this winter, the strong wind blew down a very large bough from an ash tree in the churchyard. We decided that we would have it cut up by Mike Morley and sell the wood for church funds. What a surprise to find that it has disappeared completely! If you know anything about it, please let us know.

Isobel Payne

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Mike Lovick, of Linden House, who died on 13th March at home. Mike and his wife Margaret have lived in the parish all their married life and both have been enormous supporters of the church, with Margaret being a churchwarden for many years. Margaret has raised thousands of pounds in funds for our church over the years, always ably assisted by Mike and her family. Mike was a kind, sweet natured, gentle man – a real 'Suffolk boy' – devoted to his family, his garden and his chickens and everyone will miss him greatly. His funeral will be held in our village church on 4th April at 11am.

Plant and Produce Stall - Linden House

You will have noticed that the stall is back in position after the long winter. Margaret is always grateful for any donations of surplus plants and,in time, vegetables that you feel able to contribute. All proceeds from this support St Clare Church. Thank you

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A symbolic torch will tour the county of Suffolk from Friday 13 May 22 to Wednesday 1 Jun 22 in order to herald the start of the Festival of Suffolk and the celebrations to mark HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

If you would like to be involved in the torch relay in your community please get in touch with your parish clerk or contact kate.paul@suffolkcf.org.uk for further information.

Bradfield St Clare Village Hall Committee

UPDATE

The Queens's Platinum Jubilee
1950's STREET PARTY
at Bishops Farm, Pitchers Green, Bradfield St Clare

SUNDAY 5th JUNE 2pm-5pm

By now you will have all received your invitation direct to your door.

PLEASE NOTE: FREE tickets are available now on a first come, first served basis, so book early to secure your place. (Apologies for any confusion regarding tickets in last month's Grapevine)

The draw will be held on the day of the Street Party for one Jubilee related prize - which your free ticket will be entered into. Remember to bring your tickets with you - no ticket - no entry (we will keep these in case we need to do any contact tracing - let's hope not!)

Please bring your own picnic of food, and drink (including plates, cups and cutlery.

Remember we are here to celebrate our Queen, her remarkable achievement alongside a big get together of our Village welcoming new residents and making friendships.

Parking will be available near to the venue. Toilet facilities will also be on site.

Book tickets now from Lorraine 07742151667/01284 386270

Any cash donations towards expenses gratefully received to Keith Payne 01284 386169

Parish Council News

Litter Pick - Saturday 5th March

It was wonderful to have so much support for the litter pick. It wasn't the perfect day for it - wet and windy but a hardy crew set out with litter pickers and rubbish sacks and my oh my did we pick!! It's a shame it has to be done and true success would be that we all returned with empty bags - however, our lovely village is a tidier, cleaner place with 12 large sacks of rubbish collected. Well done!

Full Minutes of the meeting held on February 8 2022 can be found on the following link.
bradfieldstclare.onesuffolk.net/

Matters discussed were:

- additional traffic and road safety in relation to local building works
- maintenance of area in front of Anglian Water Plant near Village Hall
- Flooding in some areas of the Village
- Community Speedwatch
- Village Litter pick

Next meeting **Tuesday 10 May @7pm** in the Village Hall



BRADFIELD WEATHER

It's spring fever, that's what its name is. And when you've got it, you want - oh, you don't quite know what it is you want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!
Mark Twain

The chaos arising from the February storms was finally cleared with the removal of the tree blocking the Bury Road and, finally, supposed restoration of the broadband, but ours is still very much on and off. There was no further rain in February so our total remained at 45mm with an average of 43.8mm.March has been unsettled, with some wet days and others really sunny and warm. As Tom said last month, the signs of Spring are really here, with aconites, crocuses and, seemingly, more daffodils than ever in bloom. Even the magnolias are beginning to flower and the butterflies to emerge. Today is the Spring Equinox, with the clocks going forward next weekend, heralding light evenings. Rainfall this month has been 26mm against an average of 35.8mm.

Keith Payne

Useful (or useless) information for Quizzing
1st April is April Fool's Day - some believe it to be inspired by the Canterbury Tale - 'Nun's Priest's Tale.'
Notable births in April include: Leonardo Da Vinci, Shakespeare and Queen Elizabeth II.
On April 15th 1912 the Titanic sank on her maiden voyage.
April 11 1970 - Apollo 13 launched and ran into difficulties..hence the famous line 'Houston, we've had a problem here. A line now much misquoted!

News from Homefield

As I start to write this the sun and wind are starting to dry up the allotment and I'm getting a bit impatient. The forecast is to get warmer but the wind is still biting at times, and there are still frosts at night. I have put two short rows of Charlotte potatoes into the ground, hoping by the time they emerge the frosts will have finished. I've also drilled some early carrots and parsnips and put some of the sweetpea seedlings out into sheltered parts of the garden. I do like to watch 'Gardeners World', especially the 'Jobs for the Weekend' part, I get great pleasure from telling the television "I did that two weeks ago". It's not until two months later there you realise that there was a reason for delaying the seeding when the seeds haven't germinated or have rotted in the soil! We still have parsnips, leeks, beetroot and stored potatoes, onions and garlic for consumption. The rhubarb has also started moving - first harvest soon! The 'sugar-coated' sheep (there was quite a frost last night and it sits on their fleeces) are now grazing over the lane. Grass was getting short on Homefield so I move them over to the lane in the morning and bring them home in the afternoon. As they haven't got long before lambing I want to keep a paddock nearer the bungalow free with plenty of grass. It's funny how I used to put two wires to bring 40 odd cows home for milking at the farm with no problems (I can say that now!) and yet seven little sheep, with four wires makes me more nervous. Maybe I should trust them more but the cows didn't need a bucket of ewe nuts as a bribe.

Glyn.

Bradfield Woods

Suffolk Wildlife Trust

Spring Events

We are a Covid secure organisation with safe practises in place in accordance with government guidelines

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Sunday 10 April – Traditional Rake Making Course 9.30am to 4.30pm

Tuesday 12 April - An eggcellent adventure at Bradfield Woods - 10.30am-12.30pm

Tuesday 12 April 2022 - Green Woodworking Skills-3 Day course 9am - 15.30pm

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May	4th	October	19th
June	1st and 29th	November	16th
July	27th	December	14th
August	24th		

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Wednesday 20 April	Blue bin
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Bradfield Grapevine Magazine	Mrs Debbie Thomas - 01284 386302 stclaregrapevine@gmail.com Mrs Margaret Lovick - 01284 386662
Bury Stray Cat Fund	01284 388455
Charity for the Relief in Sickness	Secretary: Mrs Vicky Spall - 01284 386357
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