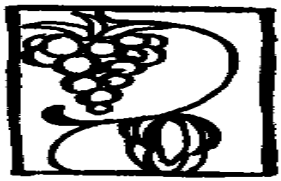
THE BRADFIELD GRAPEVINE



June 2024 No:225

The summer solstice is an astronomical event that marks the longest day of the year and the start of summer in the Northern Hemisphere. It nearly always falls on June 21, but can also fall on June 20 or June 22 depending on the year and time zone we are in. For us this year it is **Thursday June 20.** It doesn't seem five minutes since we were talking about the nights drawing out!

The recent Quiz was a great success again. Please keep an eye for the next one which will be in August, date to be confirmed.

We continue our search for reasonably priced printing of the Grapevine to ensure that it can be delivered through every door in the village free of charge. Adverts and contributions from the Parish Council and Church enable us to do this as long as we remain vigilant about the costs. We have a new advert this month from John the Fishman and a £100 donation from one of our email recipients (who has relatives in the village and lives in the States, they enjoy hearing about life in our village). We are very thankful for their contribution. Thank you to Jo in Felsham who is going to print the Grapevine for us this month.

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Letter from the Rectory

Dear Reader,

Everyone loves a willing volunteer. Unfortunately following the pandemic, and in many of our organisations, volunteers are getting harder to recruit. What with safeguarding procedures (what used to be known as Child Protection), Health & Safety and training that is designed to protect both volunteers and the public, it is understandable that people are reluctant to volunteer. Having said that, I am so proud of the volunteers that we have here in our local churches. Sometimes it might seem that we are very small in number, but great things are often achieved by a few people! When we think about the beginnings of the Christian Church, it started off with a small group of disciples, followers of Jesus, in fact there were 12 of them. And look what has happened to Christianity since that time – a world wide faith, where Christians in all walks of life work with each other, worship with each other and love one another as they are called to do by God.

One of Jesus' first disciples was Peter. His name was originally Simon, and Jesus renamed him 'Cephas' (which is Greek for Peter) and means 'the Rock'. We have two churches in our benefice named after Peter, who is probably one of the most famous of the disciples. Peter was very close to Jesus, but his journey of faith was not without trial and tribulation. When Jesus was arrested by the Roman authorities – prompted by the local Jewish religious leaders, Peter denied Jesus three times because he was afraid to show that he had been associated with him. This caused him great pain and had been predicted by Jesus before his death. Following the resurrection of Jesus, Peter became a great speaker and leader of the new Christian movement, and certainly made up for his lack of courage in those dark days. It is thought that Peter was martyred for his faith in Rome, and the great church of St Peter in Rome is said to be his burial site.

St Peter is celebrated every year on 29th June along with St Paul. Two great saints who died for their faith, a great example to us all.

Yours in Christ,

Sharon

Rev Canon Sharon Potter,
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Rector, Cockfield Benefice (Bradfield St Clare, Bradfield Combust, Bradfield St George w Lt Whelnetham, Cockfield, Felsham w Gedding, Gt Whelnetham and Stanningfield)

Cockfield Benefice Services and Events - June 2024

Sunday 2 June Trinity 1	9.30am Communion - Stanningfield 11am Communion - Bradfield St Clare 6pm Celtic-style Communion - Felsham
Sunday 9 June Trinity 2	10am Morning Prayer - Cockfield 10.30am Communion - Bradfield St George 6pm Praise & Worship - Gt Whelnetham
Sunday 16 June Trinity 3	9.30am Morning Prayer - Stanningfield 10am Praise God Together - Felsham 10.30am Communion - Cockfield 6pm Evening Prayer - Bradfield St Clare
Thursday 20 June	2-4pm Village Friends - over 65's club at Felsham Village Hall
Sunday 23 June Trinity 4	9.30am Morning Prayer - Stanningfield 10am Praise God Together - Felsham 10.30am Communion - Cockfield 6pm Evening Prayer - Bradfield St Clare
Saturday 29 June	2-4pm 'Knit & Natter' venue tbc, contact Sharon for more details on 07825 086063
Sunday 30 June Trinity 5	9.30am Communion - Gt Whelnetham 10am Communion - Gedding 10am Worshipping Together - Bradfield St George
Sunday 7 July Trinity 6	9.30am Communion - Stanningfield 11am Communion - Bradfield St Clare 6pm Celtic-style Communion - Felsham

A service of Celtic Morning Prayer is usually held every Tuesday at Cockfield at 9am and at Stanningfield every Thursday at 9am.
*Please note these services may be subject to change – for up-to-date service times see the benefice website at **www.cockfieldbenefice.com***

NOW BACK FOR 2024

Plant and Produce Stall - Linden House

The stall has been generously supported both by donations to sell and people to buy. If you are passing stop and have a look - there may be something you need!
All proceeds from this support St Clare Church. £70 raised this month. Thank you

Neighbourhood Watch

Andy Tucker is Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association's Network Coordinator covering Bury Rural-South Area B comprising the 6 parishes of **Bradfield St Clare, Bradfield Combust with Stanningfield, Bradfield St George, Little & Great Whelnetham, Rushbrooke with Rougham and Nowton.** Through email and social media he shares without delay local crime & SCAM alerts, and information received from the Police, local residents and relevant agencies taking just a few minutes to share information after he has received it. Andy also produces and distributes a monthly summary of our Area B recorded crimes broken down village by village as soon as the statistics are released by Police UK. Finally, he also shares other useful information such as local planned roadworks and road closures, and any important or useful information released by agencies such as West Suffolk Council. Emails sent by Andy are sent 'blind' (Bcc) so recipients' addresses are protected and not seen by other residents. If you would like to be added to Andy's distribution list please email him at andrewtucker7@btinternet.com and he will be happy to include you.

Asking you to be vigilant….

Unfortunately we would like to bring a sad and shocking incident to the attention of the village. A very much loved family pet, a cat named Kevin, was shot, with a shotgun. The incident happened between the 22nd and 24th of April on the land around Sheepgate Lane, between Bishops Farm and Dairy Farm House. All people with permission to shoot that land have been contacted and were not shooting around that time. We ask that people remain vigilant around that area. The police have been informed. Should you have any information about this incident please inform Tom or Ali Rouse at Dairy Farm House.

VILLAGE FRIENDS

The next meeting will be on
Thursday 20 June
at Felsham and Gedding Village Hall
2-4pm
Do come along for tea and a chat plus monthly raffle!
This month we have a group coming to sing 'Songs from the Shows'
Village Friends is an over 65's friendship group of men and women from various villages in the area who meet once a month

All welcome, no need to book!
If you require transport please contact:

Canon Sharon 01284-828599 or 07825 086063 revsharon2@gmail.com
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BRADFIELD ST CLARE PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2024

This meeting was held on 14 May 2024 in the Village Hall, Bradfield St Clare. Minutes of the meeting will be available to read on the Village Notice Boards and the Village website.



News from Homefield

Why is it that I don't always listen to the good advice I give myself? Since mid-April, I have been saying to Debbie I had better bring the sheep home from the Front Field down the road. If the ram had been busy the ewes were due to lamb from the 10th May (5 month gestation) and there was an electric fence that needed to be erected as well. The idea was to keep a closer watch on them in case of any problems. So, it was on 30th April a fence was hastily erected and the sheep brought home plus two twin ram lambs, born 10 days early! Both mother (Egg*) and lambs were fine, and without my help as well. I did have to carry the lambs most of the way home and they do get weighty after a while - another good reason to listen to myself, so much easier if mum does it for you.

From there we had two single ewe lambs born to Chicken* and No:7 on the 10th and 15th May. This was followed by Lucy on the 16th May, she lambed one ewe and one ram lamb, tiny little things but full of spirit. This leaves Lola to lamb, and so far none have needed help which is good considering they were all in a very "fit" condition (plump is another word).

The lambs are all tail ringed and the ram lambs castrated. At a day old you would think these lambs would be easy enough to catch, they are surprisingly nimble on their feet and know which side of mum to hide. I must confess to pushing one over to catch it as it raced past me for the sixth time. Not my proudest moment, but we are friends again now. Unfortunately with the

warm wet weather we have two cases of fly strike, both cleared up with a proprietary spray - thank goodness.

On the allotment everything seems to be slowly moving, maybe the nights are still a bit cool for a surge. The broad beans that I started in the tunnel are now in full flower and haven't had any slug damage. Maybe the ring of salt I put around each plant when I transplanted them helped. It's a pity I didn't think to do this to the squash and pumpkin pots in the polytunnel!! We have a few lettuces ready and several weeds that are more than ready for pulling when it stops raining again.

It was nice to hear the cuckoo on the 13th and 14th May, maybe he was watching my antics with the sheep and giving his opinion.

(*Chicken and Egg are twins - we didn't know which one came first!)
Glyn

The East Anglian Classic Historic Rally
In support of the East Anglian Air Ambulance
Saturday 22nd June 2024

The rally will be passing through Bradfield St Clare from approximately 4.30pm and lasting one hour. There will be up to 40 classic cars passing through the village. The Club would like to take this opportunity to thank all residents and landowners for their tolerance for this. If it's a nice day why don't you put out a deckchair and enjoy!

KIT CAFE
keep in touch.

Our next opening will be: Saturday, 15th June from 11 am – 1 pm
This café is FREE and OPEN TO EVERYONE Why not make a date in your diary?

Please come and join friends and neighbours (past and present) for coffee, tea, cakes and savouries. Pop in for five minutes or stay for the whole two hours. There are games, colouring books and pencils to keep our younger visitors amused.

For our May opening Sue Leal arrived with a tray of freshly baked savoury bread rolls. They were delicious and everyone enjoyed them while they were still warm. A real treat! (see recipe in the Grapevine!) Margaret's popular sausage rolls also disappeared quickly and there were lots of other goodies to enjoy. Thanks to everyone who brought something along to share. Debbie Thomas donated a wonderful selection of books both fiction and non-fiction which filled a table. Several visitors took some and there are still plenty left for next time. So do come along and help yourself to a good read.

There is something for everyone at the Kit Café and you can be sure of a very warm welcome and plenty of lively chat and, as you can tell from the above, you certainly won't go away hungry!

Any offers of help in the kitchen or setting up would be most welcome. Equally donations of cakes or savouries would be much appreciated. It's always nice to see somebody turning up with a sample of their favourite recipe!
For further information please contact Val on 07483245825.

Chorizo and Cheese Tear and Share Rolls

[You could substitute pancetta, salami or similar for the chorizo].

500g white bread flour

7g fast action yeast

1tsp sugar or honey

1tsp salt

2 tbsp olive oil

300ml tepid water

50g chorizo, finely chopped

100g hard cheese, grated (I use a mixture of mature cheddar and parmesan)

2 tbsp chopped herbs of your choice (chives/thyme/oregano/parsley)

1 egg, beaten

Line the base of a heavy tin with baking paper (I use a shallow 26cm casserole dish).

Put flour, yeast, salt and honey/sugar in a bowl and roughly mix. Drizzle with olive oil, then add water and mix into a dough. Add chorizo, half the cheese and the herbs. Knead to a smooth dough. Return to bowl, cover, and rest in a warm place for 90-120 minutes until doubled in size.Heat the oven to high (240C/220C Fan/ Gas 9)

Knock back dough and shape into balls (I made 16 for the Kit Café, but 8 also works well). Snuggle them together in a single layer in the lined tin. Cover and leave to rise for 20-30 minutes.Brush gently with beaten egg and sprinkle with remaining cheese.Bake for 20-25 minutes.Best served warm, but you can freshen them up with 20 seconds in the microwave, or in a warm oven.

BREAST CANCER UK

FUNDRAISER QUIZ AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Friday 17th May 2024

May we say thank you to those who joined us for the quiz. The turnout was a little down on the last quiz held three months ago, but an impressive field of six teams gave a very good account of themselves. As is always the case, whilst the reason we are there was serious, an enjoyable time was had with generosity being shown once again.

Three donations were made prior to the quiz by friends who, for various reasons, could not join us on the night. That gave us a total for the night, including the raffle, of

£300.20 !!

The end of the quiz gave us a tie between Bradfield St George team 'Einstein's Eastenders +1' and the St Clare team 'Humphrey's Chums and Keith'. After a tie-break question the Bradfield St Clare team emerged triumphant. Well done to them!!

Once again, heartfelt thanks to all. The next quiz will be in August on a date to be confirmed in the Grapevine. Please come along and enjoy the fun whilst at the same time raising much needed funds for cancer research. Clive and Sue Leal



Bradfield Weather

April 2020	April 2021	April 2022	April 2023	April 2024
17mm	3mm	10mm	48mm	62mm
May 2020	**May 2021**	**May 2022**	**May 2023**	**May**
1mm	62.5 mm	32 mm	40mm	[28mm]

May has to be the very best of months. We've had some wonderful warm days, some sunshine and yes, some welcome rain too (on the 16th). The sunset here has made its way to the other side of the trees along the old railway line giving us lovely opportunities for mellow evening drinks outside none of which we've taken up! Must do better - and remember that in this world so full of care we must ALL take the time to stand and stare (apologies to WH Davies).

The blossoms have been very good this year, and a cooler spell at the end of April kept the trees flowering well – and luckily no frosts, so no blooms were spoiled. I think last month I complained of the wind which prevents bees from flying but fortunately it didn't last so fingers crossed for a good fruiting year. And I'm delighted that a pair of swallows are hanging around so I hope they decide to nest nearby.

But of course, I can't let this report end without mentioning the Northern Lights (I can't spell Aurora Borealis). I've missed them too many times when they've performed in the north and I've been here, or the very worst, last November when I was in the north and watching telly oblivious! Finally I've seen them and it was right here. Well worth the wait – extraordinary, other worldly and so beautiful, especially when caught through a camera lens.

Alice Ward-Thomas (18/5/24)

The Library Van Dates 2024

Contact: help@suffolklibraries.co.uk Telephone: 01473 351249
The Library Van will call at Bradfield St Clare Village Hall from **9.40am until 9.55am** on the following dates:

29 May	28 September
26 June	16 October
24 July	13 November
21 August	11 December

BIN COLLECTIONS

Tuesday 4 June	Brown Bin (may be a day late due to Bank holiday)
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Wednesday 12 June	Blue Bin
Tuesday 18 June	Brown Bin
Wednesday 19 June	Black Bin
Wednesday 26 June	Blue Bin

www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/bindays



Village Hall Whist Drive

Fourteen players came to our May Whist Drive making three full tables and one flirt table.

The winning players last months were:
1st Place: Jim with an impressive 152.
2nd Place: Shirley who scored 139 and
3rd Place: Val on 138
Booby: Ian who scored 110

We welcomed four new players last month who added to a very enjoyable evening. If you like playing cards please consider coming along. Entry is £2 per player with all proceeds handed out in prize money. Tea and biscuits are served at the halfway stage. Whist Drives are held in the village hall on the first Friday of every month, the next one being **Friday, 7th June at 7.30 pm.** There is also a prize draw the proceeds of which go towards village hall funds for the upkeep of the hall. **Donations of draw prizes would be much appreciated.**

For further information ring Val Nunn on 07483245825.

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Useful Local Contacts

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Bradfield St Clare Village Halll Bookings	Mrs Val Nunn - 01284 388830
Bra dfield 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
Suffolk County Council Switchboard	01284 763233
Local Councillor	Mrs Karen Soons - 07864601887 Karen.soons@suffolk.gov.uk
Dentist (Emergency)	By appointment Sat and Sun pm 0300 130 3065
Doctor – Suffolk Doctors on Call	Ring your own Surgery
	Or alternatively call 111
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Footpath Warden	Mrs Fenella Fraser - 01284 388310
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Mobile Library	Mr Carl Bell - 07721 879855
Member of Parliament	Mrs Jo Churchill - 01284 752311 www.jochurchill.mp@parliament.uk
Neighbourhood Watch Contact	Mrs Dianne Bullard - 01284 386598
Parish Council Clerk	Mrs Nicola Sturgeon - 07817170906
Parish Council Website	http://bradfieldstclare.one Suffolk.net
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