THE BRADFIELD GRAPEVINE

June 2023 No:214

Just a couple of things to highlight this month - in addition to whist and KIt Cafe as usual…

SUMMERTIME JAZZ - Saturday 10 June - 3pm-6pm

There are still tickets available for the Summertime Jazz so please contact Lorraine on **0774 215 1667** if you would like to join in with your picnic in the garden. See poster for more details.

Lorraine is still looking for help with setting up, and at the end of the afternoon, clearing away. If you have any spare gazebos she would be grateful if you could lend them to the event.

And a shout out to all bakers - donations of cakes or biscuits for the stall would be gratefully received.

The long range forecast doesn't look too bad either so a good time should be had by all.

Village Hall AGM
June 13th, 7pm in the Village Hall.
Everyone is welcome to attend

Margaret Lovick
Tel: 01284 386662

Debbie Thomas
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FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

At the local elections on the 4th May 2023 the Parish Councillors for your village all decided to stand again and were duly elected. This is a voluntary position and as your Parish Clerk I am pleased to continue working with them.

Your Parish Councillors are; John Kirk, Paul Foster, Malcolm Hignett, Sue Partridge (also known as Sue Leal) and Alex Duchesne.

I am sure that many of you will know them from the village but if you do not know any of the Councillors and wish to contact the Parish Council then our email address is bradfieldstclarepc@gmail.com

At the Local Elections on the 4th May 2023 Cllr Sara Mildmay-White was once again voted as your Borough Cllr. Many of you will know Sara as she has been your Borough Cllr for many years and often helps (via her Locality Budget) with projects in the village, particularly the Village Hall.

If you wish to contact Sara Mildmay-White on any local matters then her contact details are as follows:-

Email: sara.mildmay-white@westsuffolk.gov.uk

Phone: 01359 270580

Regards

Nicola Sturgeon

Parish Clerk



ST CLARE CHURCH

SUMMER

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Saturday 10th June, 3-6pm

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This is a PCC fundraiser in aid of St Clare Church. Tickets cost £10 adults, £5 children under 16, family ticket £25 (2 adults 2 children). Tickets must be pre-booked with Lorraine – 07742151667

Letter from the Rectory

Dear Friends,

I hope that you enjoyed the extended weekend for the Coronation. I certainly enjoyed watching both the service in the Abbey and the spectacle of the parades back to Buckingham Palace after it was all over.

The Coronation service itself was deeply Christian, as you would expect for a King who is the Head of the Church of England. But there were many who criticised this - and the fact that it was the Church of England which dominated the ceremony. I can quite understand this, as we live in a society of people with many different faiths - and none. Under half of the population now declare themselves to be 'Christian'. Despite this my own experience in working with people across the communities that I serve as Rector and Rural Dean is that there is a spiritual hunger in many. We are living in a time of deep anxiety and people are looking for different ways to deal with their feelings and emotions as we face crisis after crisis. I often receive telephone calls, and visits, from people in the community who are not churchgoers, but need someone to talk to as no-one else seems to have the time to sit and listen to them.

I believe that the Church of England exists for everybody, whether they go to church or not. Of course I would love everyone to have a faith in God, and to attend their local Anglican church, but I know that at present many people either don't believe in the God that I and many others believe in, or they have been put off from being in church for whatever reason in the past.

As we remember Jesus ascending to be with the Father after his resurrection this week, I will be keeping in my prayers all those who are not yet believers, and need his healing touch.

with every blessing

Sharon

Rev Canon Sharon Potter

revsharon2@gmail.com, tel: 01284 828599 or 07825086063

Cockfield Benefice Services & Events – June 2023

Sunday 4 June Trinity Sunday	9.30am Communion CW - Stanningfield
	10am Morning Prayer CW - Cockfield
	11am Communion CW - Bradfield St Clare
	6pm Celtic-style Communion - Felsham
Sunday 11 June Trinity 1	9.30am Communion BCP - Cockfield
	11am Communion CW - Bradfield St George
	6pm Praise & Worship - Gt Whelnetham
Sunday 18 June Trinity 2	9.30am Morning Prayer CW - Stanningfield
	10am All-age Worship - Felsham
	10.30am Communion CW - Cockfield
	6pm Taizé-style service - Bradfield St Clare
Sunday 25 June Trinity 3	9.30am Communion CW - Gt Whelnetham
	10am Worshipping Together - Bradfield St George
	10am Communion BCP - 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 and at Stanningfield every Thursday at 9am.
A prayer group meets every Wednesday at 2pm via zoom.

For more details contact Canon Sharon Potter revsharon2@gmail.com

Are you good with websites? We need you!

Have you looked at the Cockfield Benefice's website lately? If you have, you may think that it needs a bit of a 'refresh'!

We need someone (a volunteer) to help us with the website as neither the Rector or her team has the skills or experience to develop it.

If you can help us then please do get in contact with Canon Sharon Potter, revsharon2@gmail.com, telephone or text 07825 086063.

Thank you!
p.s. The website's address is www.cockfieldbenefice.com.

JUST FOR FUN - CORONATION QUIZ -ANSWERS

1. Who was the first King of England? Athelstan (895-939AD)
2. When was coronation chicken invented? 1953
3. How long did Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation last? 3 hours
4. What was the first documented coronation at Westminster Abbey? William the Conqueror 25 December 1066
5. Which two monarchs did not have coronations? Edward V (murdered in the Tower and Edward VIII (Abdicated)
6. How many guests attended Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation? 8,251
7. How many rooms are in Buckingham Palace? 775
8. Before George IV ascended the throne in 1820, what was Buckingham Palace formerly known as? Buckingham House
9. What is the oldest and largest occupied palace in the world? Windsor Castle
10. What is the colour scheme in the Throne Room at Buckingham Palace? Red and Gold.

St Clare Church News



If you read gardening magazines or watch gardening programmes or have been following the build up to the Chelsea Flower Show, you will know that the buzz word of the moment is rewilding. Is it just an excuse for not doing the weeding, or is there really some benefit in it? In St Clare we are very 'on trend' as we have been rewilding part of the churchyard for several years now. If you walk through the churchyard you will have noticed that a large area to the rear of the church is deliberately left unmown and no sprays or chemicals are used there. To some it may look unkempt, but it is proving a rich haven for wild life of all kinds. Native flowers such as primroses and bluebells and campion appear and flourish in their season and the area is always buzzing with all kinds of insects and butterflies. It's worth a look.

The evening prayer service in June will be another Taize service, as the last one we held proved very popular. Based on the services of the Taize monastic community in Burgundy it is peaceful, mindful and reflective. The church is lit with many candles and it is a perfect service for a summer's evening, giving those who attend the freedom to join in or simply sit quietly and enjoy the atmosphere. Everyone is very welcome.

Finally a word about our summer event. The Jazz Picnic will be held on the 10th June in the garden of The Old Rectory, courtesy of Fenella and Donald Fraser. Tickets are available from Lorraine Morley on 01284 386270. The entry price of £10 includes strawberries and cream and tea and coffee. Bring your own picnic and drinks, tables and chairs or blankets. A chance to relax in a beautiful setting, listen to the jazz and catch up with your friends and neighbours – and maybe even meet some new ones.

Isobel Payne



BRADFIELD WEATHER

I'm sure you've all memorised last month's report. But for those of you who didn't, I opened by saying "As I write this, it's the most glorious day with not a cloud in the sky." Well, ditto for this month. We haven't yet reached the heady heights of balmy nights which have remained cool to say the least but I have at least started reaching for the suncream before gardening.

April 2019	April 2020	April 2021	April 2022	April 2023
11.5mm	17mm	3mm	10mm	47.75mm

So far in May we've had 39mm but I've recorded nothing since the 12th. You can all curse me but I'm hoping for some rain soon!

For the past few years we've had cool dry springs – this one has been cool but we've had a decent amount of rain. I'd prefer April 2023's rainfall to 2021's! There's an abundance of grass and the cool temperatures have kept the blossoms flowering for longer than usual. Hawthorn has been amazing this year – I absolutely love it and it fills the roadside hedgerows providing an excellent habitat for a myriad of native fauna.

In terms of the garden: spring is late. Irises and peonies are only just beginning to flower and as yet we only have about five rose blossoms across the garden. But I love the anticipation, somehow the promise of it all still to come is almost as good as the arrival!

A big thank you to those of you who were able to support our garden opening in aid of the NGS – it was a lovely day and we raised about £480. If anyone from the village ever wants to pop down to have a look you're more than welcome!

Alice Ward-Thomas 24th May

The View from here….Pat Hipwell



This is full of the thank you's I've not been able to write due to being in hospital for sometime - then, just when recovering COVID struck again quite badly!
Anyway, it seems a very long time ago since just after Christmas I reached my £1000 Crisis Cookies target (that's an awful lot of biscuits). I also managed to send £200 to Crisis at Christmas and the left over £137 I sent to the Turkish Earthquake Appeal. NONE of this would have been possible without your help and co-operation and participation so a HUGE thank you on behalf of all those who were helped!!
A second thank you - on a more personal note I am eternally grateful to all of you who have been extra kind and extra supportive - since Christmas it has truly been a very difficult time - I'm almost back to normal (whatever that is!) but I honestly don't think I would have survived without all the many 'donations' - soup, meals on wheels, flowers etc but the nicest of all is when someone just knocks on the door.
Finally, the village mystery of 'The Phantom Knitter' - who could it be?, we all asked ourselves. But the truth was out at our wonderful Coronation Kit Cafe. Bobby Rush 'owned up'. What a simply super thing to do. We all loved her Crown etc on the village postbox - it cheered us all up - everyone had a smile on their face. Thank you Bobby. That's my third and final thank you! Pat

FOOD BANK

Our village continues to spring surprises! Donations to the food bank have slowed recently, but this was compensated for today by yet another anonymous cash donation. This time it was one hundred pounds in an envelope pushed into our letter box this morning (or was it last night?) We do not know who you are, but thank you so much! It was immediately taken to Gatehouse, together with the other material donations, and they were very pleased and grateful. Occasional cash does allow them to balance any shortfalls they may have in certain areas. For those who are in the fortunate position to be able to give, the box in the church porch remains as does the one outside The Maltings, on Bury Road. Many thanks. Sue and Clive Leal

When I read Clive and Sue's report about the Food Bank I always think of Ronnie Barker's £5 Sandwich, which we put in the St Clare Recipe Book in 2008.

2 Slices Brown Bread
1 envelope brown or white
4oz Ham
2oz Cheese grated
I desert spoon of mayonnaise
1 £5 note
I teaspoon Gentleman's relish

Butter the bread. Chop Ham and mix with cheese and mayonnaise, spread on one slice of bread. Place the other slice of bread on top. Cut diagonally.
Fold the £5 note in half and place in the envelope then send to a local charity. Eat sandwiches with relish knowing that someone else will benefit from the £5 note.

News from Bishops Farm



May 2023 – The Crop Sprayer.

A lot of people think Harvest and summer is the busiest time on a farm, but a significant amount more work is carried out in the spring ahead of Harvest. Despite our efforts over time to reduce reliance on artificial fertiliser and chemical inputs our system of growing crops still needs nutritional input, plant growth regulation, disease prevention and weed control in order to protect and enhance our yield potential and quality.

Most of our crop protection is carried out in the spring, so I've been very busy on the sprayer the last 2 months making sure our crops are well nourished; will keep standing upright for combining; the disease is kept out; and unwanted weeds are controlled to prevent combining difficulties and to prevent them from seeding and building a greater weed burden for future crops.

This spring however, it has been extremely difficult to get this all right! The weather has been very challenging with only 1 'perfect spray day' in March, none in April and just 3 in May! The rest has been very snatch and grab to fit a load of spraying in-between wind and rain events. It's seasons like this that really pay to live on the farm, as I can really watch the weather and make decisions on timings and spray windows based on our own farm's microclimate. Dropping tools for a

2 hour window to catch 1 spray load in before it rains, or the wind gets up has meant it's been very stop-start compared to the last 2 seasons where I had day after day of still warm and calm weather that's perfect for spraying and I could fit multiple jobs in back to back on the same day.

Weather forecasting is very hit and miss when it's catchy like it has been and often in amongst a forecast of persistent rain for a fortnight, the odd evening or afternoon opens up to be fine and I can fill up the sprayer. I use 2 great phone apps, one is called 'windy' which is excellent wind forecasting and 'Rain Today' is very accurate for on the day rain forecasting. It has a built in HD radar so you can see where the rain is coming from and when it's likely to hit. The majority of crop protection products need just 1 hour 'rainfast' which is the speed at which the product is dried onto the leaf or absorbed into the plant but when rain builds out of nowhere it can be a bit edge of the seat trying to get the jobs done in good time. We have also recently installed a weather station on the farm so we hope to track our weather data over time to better understand and predict weather patterns unique to our own farm environment.

Our sprayer is a mounted sprayer, so it fits onto one of our tractors. Larger farms would have a bigger sprayer either trailed that's pulled by a tractor or self-propelled machines that are built and designed solely for the purpose of spraying. We use the same tractor to roll crops after drilling, spreading fertiliser and sometimes carting corn also so its handy to be able to mount the sprayer on and off when the tractor is needed for other tasks. The sprayer has 2 fill up tanks one on the front and one on the back and I can carry 1000L of solution in each tank so a total of 2000L. I spray crops at a volume of 200L/ha travelling at 7.2km/hr through a 20 metre boom with 40 nozzles mounted at 50cm spacings. So in each full load I can cover 10ha of crop, or 25 acres in old money. So it doesn't take long to cover the ground when the weather allows!

Other than spraying this month the sugar beet have been drilled; new sown grass leys have been drilled; cattle have been turned out to spring grazing; fertiliser has been spread; new sown leys have been rolled; sillage grass has had 1st cut and is now growing again towards its 2nd cut; and our stewardship margins have been topped and sprayed off ahead of being re-established for next winter wild bird feed. So ahead of the roar of the combine, we've been very busy on the farm preparing our crops for the summer months and harvest ahead.

Tom Rouse
Dairy Farm House

Bishops Farm burger mince for sale – BBQ season is finally here!

This spring we had one of our Angus beef cows back as a private Kill and butchered by Thurston Butchers. We sold the majority to friends and family with all the prime cuts being very popular. We have plenty of burger mince left over though so please do get in touch if you'd like to buy some burger mince.

£8.89/kg vacuum packed and frozen in approx. 500g portions.

Contact Lorraine or Mike on 01284 386 270 or bishops.farm@yahoo.co.uk

First come first served, collection is from Bishops Farm Pitchers Green.

Bradfield Woods

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June EVENTS at Bradfield Woods:

Holiday Club for 6-11 Year Olds

Wednesday 31 May 2023 9am-3.30pm

Green Woodworking skills - using your draw knife

Saturday 3 June 10am-4pm

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Tuesday 20 June	Brown Bin
Wednesday 21 June	Black Bin
Wednesday 28 June	Blue Bin

www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/bindays



The Library Van Dates 2023

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:

28 June	20 September	13 December
26 July	18 October	
23 August	15 November	

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

We are so lucky to have people who help support the upkeep of our village.
It's an absolute delight to walk through our lovely churchyard and to see the care that is taken to ensure that not only is there an area for wildlife,but with a HUGE thank you to Chris Lovick for keeping the main area tidy for all of us, either walkers or people visiting loved ones.

We are indebted to Betty and Angela who clean the church. It's always pristine and a joy to visit.

Thanks also to Michael Morley for cutting the verges (taking time from what is an extremely busy time of year) - delightful as the cowparsley and various grasses look, safety first and now the visibility is so much better.

We thank Andy Spall who keeps the footpath to church and the village green tidy by mowing the grass making walking so accessible.

We also would like to thank Suffolk Highways for both filling potholes and resurfacing the road. The Village is well and truly prepared and looking beautiful for a lovely summer.



WHIST DRIVE

Fourteen players attended our May whist drive with an equal number of men and women. So we were able to fill three tables and one 'flirt' table. To explain to those who haven't been before we play twelve games and have a short break for tea, coffee and biscuits. Then we play the final twelve games. The winning lady in each game moves clockwise to the next table and winning man anticlockwise. The losing lady remains in the same seat while the losing man moves one seat clockwise on the same table. If you land on the flirt table you receive 7 points for that round.

Our winning players for May were:
Ladies: Sheila once again took first place with an amazing score of 178! Sylvia came second on 166 and me (Val) third with 160 (always the bridesmaid). Jus, who wasn't dealt a decent hand all night, took the wooden spoon with 127.
Gentlemen: Ian from Preston St Mary won the first prize with another great score of 171. Second was Derek with 159 just ahead of the other Ian (Markham) with a score of 158. Jim once again had a bad run of luck and took the wooden spoon on 146.

Whist Drives are held in the village hall on the first Friday of every month, the next one being **Friday, 2nd June.** Entry is £2 per player with all proceeds handed out in prize money. 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 very welcome.**

If you enjoy playing cards and would like to join us new players are always welcome. For further information please ring Val Nunn on 07483245825.



KIT CAFE
keep in touch.

Our next opening will be: Saturday, 17th June 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. To keep our younger visitors amused while the grown-ups chat we have colouring books, games and pencils. If you are new to the village please pop along. You can be sure of a very warm welcome.

We had a lovely time at our Coronation opening in May and people of all ages came along. The hall was beautifully decorated with bunting, flags and other coronation decorations. We enjoyed some gorgeous cakes and pastries including the official Coronation Quiche recipe baked by Pat. Thanks to everyone who came and a special big THANK YOU to those who kindly brought along cakes and savouries to share.

Do join us for our June opening and feel free to bring friends and family. We would love to see you.
If you are on your own and feel a little shy then why not come and help out in the kitchen or setting up? The Kit Café is a great way to get to know everyone in the village. 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 contact Val Nunn on 07483245825.

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The Stall at Linden House

The stall outside Linden House is back out for the summer. All proceeds from this stall go directly to the Church. Donations of plants, produce and other saleable items would all be very welcome.

This month the stall raised £55.

Christian Aid Envelopes

If you still have your Christian Aid envelope and wish to support this worthy cause - it's not too late to return it to either Margaret Lovick or Val Nunn.

Grateful thanks to those that have already contributed

Useful Local Contacts

Anglian Water - Emergencies	03457 145145
Borough Council	St Edmundsbury Offices - 01284 763233
Local Member	Sara Mildmay-White - 01359 270580 Sara.Mildmay-White@stedsbc.gov.uk
Bradfield St Clare Book Club/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
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Footpath Warden	Mrs Fenella Fraser - 01284 388310
Gospel Hall	Mr Keith Arknett - 01359 240910
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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Thurston Community College	01359 230885
West Suffolk College	01284 701301
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