



The Bradley Bugle

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Village Diary

all events take place in the Village Hall unless otherwise noted

PARISH COUNCIL	Open Forum for villagers at beginning of meeting	Wednesday 21 March
LITTER PICK 2012	Village Spring Clean	Saturday 31 st March 10am
SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING	Lively, light exercise and fun! Contact Ella on 710340	Mondays 2 – 4pm
CARPET BOWLS	Contact Jill Rodwell 783371 or Carol Durrant 783307	Mondays 7.30pm
FLEXIBLE FRIENDS	Gentle stretching exercises Contact Jacquie on 783354	Tuesdays 10.30am – 12 noon
ART CLASS	Contact Anne Pigden on 783175 for details	Tuesdays 2 – 4pm
WEA - 2012	Ten Great Films of all Time Lecturer - Laurence Staig	THURSDAYS 10 am for 10.15start – 12 noon
AFTERNOON CLUB	All welcome, all ages, all interests Come and meet friends and neighbours - Contact Gill Brown 01223 893012	Thursday 8 th March 2.30pm
MOBILE LIBRARY	12.20 – 12.35pm Evergreen Lane	Mondays 5 th & 19 th March
BLACK BIN	Fridays 2 nd , 16 th , & 30 th March	
BLUE/BROWN BINS	Fridays 9 th & 23 rd March	

St Mary's Church, Great Bradley - Services March 2012

For further details see Benefice News

Church cleaning:

March: Gill Brown & Anne Smith

April: Ken & Sue Ireland

Flowers:

March (no flowers during Lent)

April: Marion Smith



4 March	11 am	Holy Communion	Great Bradley
11 March	11 am	Holy Communion	Great Thurlow
18 March	Mothering Sunday		
	10 am	Benefice Communion	Kedington
25 March	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Little Bradley
1 April	Palm Sunday		
	11 am	Holy Communion	Great Bradley
8 April	Easter Day		
	11 am	Holy Communion	Great Thurlow

Save the date!

The annual Great Bradley Church Fete will take place on Sunday 8 July 2012 – watch this space for further details.

Les & Anne's Nature Notes

Beautiful Bullfinches

We have been very lucky over the past few months in having regular views of male and female Bullfinches. They have been feeding on the trees and bushes at the back of our garden. The male is without doubt one of our most striking birds, his bright pink chest is unmistakable. In size they are slightly larger than a Chaffinch but much more rotund in stature. The female lacks the pink but instead has a dull greyish chest, they have stout beaks and a prominent white wing bar and rump. Despite its bright colours they can be easily overlooked as their song is most unassuming and non descript. They are nearly always found in twos and threes feeding on buds. There was a time when they were heavily persecuted by the fruit growing industry as they could devastate an orchard very quickly. Luckily they have proved very resilient and nationally there is an estimated 100,000 pairs. I managed to get this photo when one landed on the path outside our kitchen window!



Another bird that seems to be about at the moment is the Red Kite. We have seen them on several occasions. Recently we watched a pair fly over Church Field and then off towards Kirtling.

The White Sparrow that seems now to be a resident bird on Clarendale has been seen in other parts of the Village so look out for him.

Fox, Fallow and Roe Deer and lots of Hares have been seen on many of our trips around the fields locally and best of all we watched a Barn Owl hunting at 2 o'clock on a sunny afternoon when we had all the snow on the ground. It was a bit too distant to see if it was one of our ringed birds from last year but it is a great sign anyway.

I am about to start doing one day a month as a volunteer at the RSPB reserve at Lakenheath Fen so from time to time I will let you know via these pages of anything interesting being seen there.

Happy spotting Les & Anne

Neighbourhood Watch

Police Direct:

With the recent increase in rural burglaries, particularly outbuildings, it can be very useful to have the latest

information from the Police about what to do to keep your possessions safe and who/what to look out for when out and about. We are the eyes and ears of the Police as they cannot be everywhere. If you want get this information then you can sign up to the free messaging service Police Direct. This can be in the form of voicemail to a landline number, email or text messages. The leaflet explaining all this can be found with this edition of the Bugle.

New Police telephone number 101:

Don't forget the new reporting number to the Police is now 101. This is for all non-urgent calls - 999 is still used for emergency calls. If you dial 101 you can contact our local Safer Neighbourhood Team or leave a report as you wish. There are a number of vehicles that have been seen behaving suspiciously in the area recently. These should be immediately reported on 101 and the Police can take immediate action.

Wheelie bins out too early:

Some people, when going away, seem to be putting their bins out days before the normal collection date. This is tantamount to advertising their house as empty and a great invitation to burglars to check out the whole area. The answer is, whether away on holiday for weeks or just away for a few days, to arrange with a neighbour to put yours out with theirs. You can then reciprocate when they go away.

Coffee Caravan returns

Thursday 19 April – 2 till 4 pm Clarendale Green. The Rural Coffee Caravan takes to the road again. The caravan acts as an information point and is packed with leaflets and advice about services and benefits. It also serves tea, coffee and homemade cakes and gives people living in remote areas a chance to catch up with neighbours and make new friends.

Please also visit the Coffee Caravan website at: www.onesuffolk.co.uk/RuralCoffeeCaravanIP

Great Bradley Litter Pick 2012



One more reminder that this year's Village Spring Clean will be on Saturday 31 March, starting at 10am at the Village Hall.

Although some folk are good enough to remove litter on an ongoing basis it is also very productive to have a team effort around the whole of Great Bradley, particularly as the rubbish is more noticeable at this time of year now that the hedgerows and verges are somewhat bare of new growth.

All equipment will be provided – gloves, grabbers, high-visibility tabards, etc. We had a good turnout last year so do please try to join us again if you can, for a bit of 'feel good' exercise - followed by refreshments of course!
Geoffrey Vollam

Brownies

1st Burrough Green Brownies meet weekly in Brinkley during the school term. For girls aged seven to ten. Sleeping Beauty Pantomime

The girls hard work paid off, they put on two fantastic performances of Sleeping Beauty for family and friends on Saturday 4th February at West Wratting Village Hall. They received a great deal of applause as well as a lot of laughter throughout.

We received some very generous gifts from all the brownies parents which enabled us to put together a great raffle, lucky winners went home with baskets of lovely food and edible treats.

With tickets sales and our raffle we raised the amazing amount of just over £300.00 which is being shared for the benefit the charity 'Love in Action' and our units funds. For the last 3 years the brownies have collected Sainsbury's vouchers to obtain sport equipment for a primary school in Kasaka, Uganda. The charity is now trying to fund the build of a secondary school. Representatives from Love in Action visited one of our units meeting last year to thank the girls for the sports equipment. They brought a film of the school and the children who performed a thank you song to the Brownies. To find out more about this life changing charity, go to: www.loveuganda.com

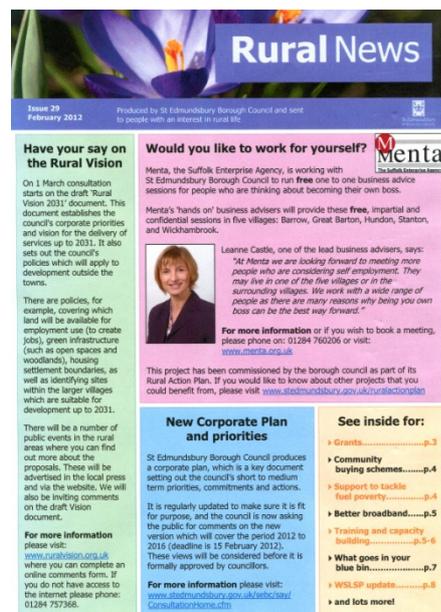
If anyone would like more information, or would like to register a girl who is not yet 7 please contact:

St Edmundsbury Rural News

You will have seen that in previous issues of the Bradley Bugle there have been extracts from the above. For the majority of the time there is nothing specific to Great Bradley and, because we are limited for space to a certain degree, it's not possible to include the complete publication. However, it has some very interesting articles in it relating to the area as a whole, mainly telling of projects undertaken or being undertaken by Parish Councils and other voluntary bodies within the rural area. It's very well presented, colourful and easy to read. If you would like to read or print off the whole thing then this can be done by going to www.stedmundsbury.gov.uk/sebc/new/ruralnews.cfm or the office will send a copy to your computer if you contact them on rural@stedsb.gov.uk

It's produced every couple of months and would be well worth doing if the rural community of the Bury St Edmunds area interests you.

Helen Smith



Dedham Vale AONB Stour Valley Project

Numbers limited. Bookings taken one calendar month before each event.

For further details, please contact us on: 01473 264263 www.dedhamvalestourvalley.org

Organic farming and walk

LOCAL FOOD AND ANCIENT WONDERS Sunday 25th March 10am – 1pm

Discover more about organic farming and the Dedham Vale food hub at Stocks Farm then walk to the beautiful woodland of Spouses Vale where primroses should be flowering. Return along the ancient St Edmunds way. Approx. 5½ miles of country walking which may include some rougher ground/stiles.

Photography competition: Capturing a Masterpiece

The spring leg of the competition will run from 3rd March 2012 to 8th June. There are three categories running throughout the competition:

A Year in the Stour Valley The Farmed Landscape The Stour Valley Heritage

Capturing a Masterpiece will culminate in an autumn 2012 exhibition of the best entries and the chance to win some great prizes.

For more information and to download an entry form go to www.managingamasterpiece.org



We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to the next Safer Neighbourhood Team Public meeting, which is being held at 7.00 pm on **Wednesday 14th March 2012 at the Village Hall, CHEVINGTON, Suffolk, IP29 5QS.**

The Safer Neighbourhood Team has been set up and involves council, police, and other agencies working together to find solutions to the problems affecting the community.

At this public meeting you will be given the opportunity to tell us about issues / concerns you have within your local area. From this meeting the group will decide on the priorities to be taken forward for the team to tackle over the following weeks.

Please come along and let us know how your neighbourhood could be improved.

Jane Hertzog, Inspector, Bury St Edmunds Safer Neighbourhood team

jane.hertzog@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Barbara Buchs

My wife Barbara died in the Intensive Care Unit in Bury St. Edmunds Hospital on 12.12.2006.

Because she had had Multiple Sclerosis for over 30 years she was too weak to cope with a vital operation to ease her situation. MS is a nasty debilitating illness; still not fully understood. We

know what MS does to a person but it is not known why or how it starts. There is no cure as yet. The illness is relentless and in its later stages robs the sufferer of all self-esteem and dignity.

I am sponsoring my niece ALEXANDRA DAMAZER FOR THE LONDON MARATHON 2012. I am asking you to support Alex in this cause to help fund new projects towards understanding and even finding a remedy for an illness that has truly catastrophic consequences on the life of a sufferer. Donation by web site is easy to use and is as follows:

<http://beatms.mssociety.org.uk/netcommunity/damazer>

Thank you very much for your interest: Sidney G Buchs: Sugar Loaf

Warm Homes Healthy People

Warm Homes Healthy People is aimed at the over 60s, families on a low income, families with children and young people with learning disabilities.

Services offered:

- Helpline - 08456 037 686
- Free independent energy surveys in the home to help households struggling to pay their energy bills by offering advice and providing help to install measures to save money by cutting home heating bills
- Free temporary heater loan scheme
- Free emergency boiler repairs for vulnerable households through the Age UK 'Surviving Winter' Appeal and funding through the Warm Homes project.
- Free insulation and other energy-efficiency jobs including draught proofing
- Help with paying fuel bills
- Installation of free community alarms with extreme temperature sensors in vulnerable people's homes supported by a befriending service.

Warm Homes Healthy People is:

- hassle-free and easy to get help from – all you need to do is make one phone call
- Genuine opportunity that is completely free to the householder.

Why not call the Warm Homes number on behalf of an older relative or neighbour so that they can get help. Here's one personal story through Suffolk Warm Homes Healthy People. Let's call the gentleman Simon. Simon's in his late 60s. His poor health keeps him in a wheel chair in his living room all day every day. His social worker called the Warm Homes helpline to say that Simon had no heating because he had run out of oil and could we help.

Andy from the Project went out to Simon to see what could be done. Andy found that Simon's house was leaking heat with no loft insulation and draughts blowing in through curtainless windows. Simon was freezing.

Andy took with him a plug-in oil filled heater to get Simon's living room warmer. He organised an emergency oil delivery and a heating engineer to get the boiler going. Andy also sorted out someone to measure up for loft insulation.

These jobs were all done within the week and Simon is warmer now. All these jobs paid for through the Project which is supported by various organisations including the Age UK and their Surviving Winter Fund.

1. The annual cost to the NHS due to cold private housing alone is over £850 million a year.
2. It is really important to stay warm and keep your home heated to the levels needed to keep good health. It is recommended to have 'living room' temperatures set between 18-21 °C.
3. A household is considered to be in fuel poverty when the householder has to spend more than 10% of income to achieve temperatures needed to maintain health and comfort.
4. Local help is available by calling Warm Homes Healthy People helpline

Tel: 08456 037 686
E-mail: winterwellbeing@suffolk.gov.uk
www.suffolk.gov.uk/warmhomes

5. Participating in the Warm Homes Healthy People project are a range of organizations including all

the Suffolk Local Councils, charities such as Age UK Suffolk and the Suffolk Foundation, voluntary groups across Suffolk.

6. Warm Homes Healthy People is funded principally by the Department of Health as part of the National Cold Weather Plan.

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Please tell us your news or send a photograph – We'll be delighted to hear from you!

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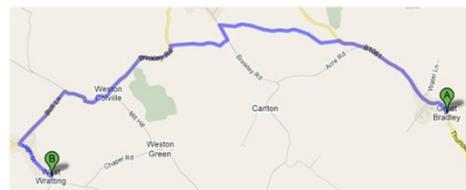
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