



The Bradley Bugle

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Our baby Barn Owl chicks (see Les & Anne's Nature Notes inside)

Village Diary

See the Village Hall Update inside and check with the appropriate contacts for information on classes and venues

Keep the Date free!	VILLAGE BONFIRE , FIREWORKS and GUY competition	SATURDAY 5 NOVEMBER from 6.30pm
PARISH COUNCIL	Meeting includes ideas for next year's budget	Wed 21 September 7.30pm
SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING	Lively, light exercise and fun! Contact Ella on 710340	Mondays 2 – 4pm restarts on 12 September (venue tbc)
CARPET BOWLS	Contact Jill Rodwell 783371 or Carol Durrant 783307 for details	Mondays 7.30pm
FLEXIBLE FRIENDS	Gentle stretching exercises Contact Jacquie on 783354	Tuesdays 10.30am – 12 noon
ART CLASS	Contact Anne on 783175 for details new members welcome	Tuesdays 2 – 4pm restarts 27 September
WEA	Will's Musical Legacy (Shakespeare's that is!) Lecturer: Peter Goodwin contact Geoffrey 783132 or Peter 783278	Wednesdays 10.15am – 12 noon starts 21 September
AFTERNOON CLUB	All welcome, all ages, all interests Come and meet friends and neighbours - Contact Gill Brown 01223 893012	Thursday 8 September 2.30pm
MOBILE LIBRARY	12.20 – 12.35pm Evergreen Lane	Monday 5 & 19 September
BLACK BIN	Saturday 3 September, Fridays 16 & 30 September	
BLUE/BROWN BINS	Fridays 9 & 23 September	

St Mary's Church Great Bradley STOURHEAD BENEFICE

CHURCH SERVICES

Please note the altered times and venues for services. For further details see Benefice News

4 September	10 am	Family Communion	Kedington
11 September	9.30 am	Harvest Thanksgiving	Great Bradley
18 September	10 am	Benefice Communion	Little Bradley
25 September	11 am	Service of the Word	Little Bradley
2 October	10 am	Benefice Harvest Songs of Praise	Kedington
4 October	7.30 pm	Licensing of the Revd Derek Hollis	Kedington

We remind and thank the following:

	Church Cleaning	Church Flowers
September	Sue & Keith Willington	Gill Andrews & others <i>meet at church at 10 am, Saturday 10 September to decorate church for Harvest Thanksgiving</i>
October	Gill Brown & Anne Smith	Gill Dunn

Great Bradley Church News



A big thank you to everyone involved in the Great Bradley Church Fete: stall holders, tea-makers and barbecue-chefs, buyers, sellers, setters-up and dismantlers, prize-givers, advertisers and everyone else who contributed to the success of the day, including the excellent Steel Band (*pictured*). As well as being a very happy village occasion, which not even a heavy shower of rain could spoil, a record sum of £2,460.93 was raised. None of this would have been possible without the magnificent support of the Ryder family.

A 5% donation of the proceeds was sent to the East Africa Appeal, and the remainder will go towards our share of the Diocesan Quota.

More good news for the Stourhead Benefice comes with the appointment of our new rector, the **Revd Derek Hollis**, who will be formally licensed on 4 October at Kedington Church – watch out for further details of this service. *Sue Ireland*

THE BENEFICE OF STOURHEAD - CLARE DEANERY

The Bishop of St. Edmundsbury & Ipswich is pleased to announce that a new Rector for the Benefice of Stourhead has been appointed, Rev. Derek Hollis.

Derek is aged 50 and married to Sally. He has been ordained for 25 years and has spent the last eighteen years in rural multi-parish benefices. In addition he has been Adviser on Rural Affairs in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham since 2004.

Sally and Derek have two little dogs, a Yorkie and a Bichon Frise, two children, Richard – an engineer with Siemens in Lincoln - and Jenny who is at university in Nottingham training to be a physiotherapist.

Derek is interested in bird-watching and digiscoping (using a compact digital camera to take photographs through a telescope), and enjoys gardening.



Licensing will take place at Kedington Church on Tuesday 4th October 2011 at 7.30pm

Thank you from Pat Spires

Geoffrey Spires (Geoff) 5 Clarendale

When my husband was first taken ill at the end of May I was so grateful for the many offers of support and help I received from friends and neighbours in the village.

Sadly Geoff died on the 19th June 2011. Mercifully his illness was short but because of this I had little time to come to terms with his illness let alone his death. I was overwhelmed by the number of cards and offers of help I received, thank you all so much.

In particular I would like to thank Carole Durrant who was there for me every day of his illness and is still making sure I am coping. To Anne Bunyan, Jill Rodwell, Elaine Hickey, Audrey & Geoff Bullett and John and Margaret Cullimore for being there if I needed them and helping me to say goodbye to Geoff.

Once again thank you to everyone.

Pat

Village Hall Update – as at 31 August

- The new floor is completed including through into what was the old bar area.
- Some finishing work with painting etc. has been going on during the last week in August.
- It's hoped that the carpet bowls boxed section at the southern end of the hall will be completed in the first week in September.
- It is likely that the hall will be ready to re-open on Monday 5 September and that regular users will be able to start to return from that time.
- Curtains will not be put back for a little while yet but that should not hold things up.

Very many thanks to Wendy Mansfield for providing this information and to the Village Hall team for all their work on this difficult project.

Parish Council information

The next Parish Council meeting is on Wed 21st September at 7.30pm - hopefully at the village hall. This is the pre-budget meeting so everyone is urged to either come along with any ideas they might have for next year or ask any Councillor or the Clerk to bring the item up for them at the meeting. All villagers are welcome to speak at the open forum at the beginning of this meeting.

John Barnett Clerk

Great Bradley Village Hall Lottery - Winners for July and August 2011

	JULY		AUGUST	
First	Murray Hearn	East Green	Lucy Brophy	Fox Green
Second	Lucy Brophy	Fox Green	William Miller	The Street
Third	Colin Potter	C/o Evergreen Lane	Peter Smith	Fox Green
Fourth	Ilana Wilson	The Fox	Amelia Ireland	Evergreen Lane

Lost & Found

A pair of Foster Grant sunglasses were found after the Fete in the grounds of Great Bradley Hall on 10 July. If the owner would like to reclaim them please contact us.

Geoffrey Vollam (783132)

WEA September Term 2011

This term we will be exploring the musical legacy inspired by the writings of William Shakespeare. Many composers were inspired to produce some of their finest works. Peter Goodwin will lead us through the course with examples of symphonic and operatic repertoires, as well as musicals, film scores and jazz. Peter has been with us before and is excellent value, he made me less *crotchety* and even *quaver* a bit!

Come and have a taster on 21st September at the Village Hall, there are 10 sessions of 1.5 hours with your taster session free. Cost £46.

We look forward to seeing you, if you have any questions please contact me on 01440 783278.

Peter Smith

DOG FOULING

I feel compelled to write this plea for the bugle to express my increasing concern over the amount of dog mess that seems to be left with gay abandon on the newly created permissive path from the playing fields. I feel we are very lucky to have a supportive and generous landowner in Charles Ryder and an active and again supportive Parish Council. They have provided an excellent facility for the village residents both young and old which is being abused by allowing dogs to foul without clearing up the mess both within the playing field and along the path.

Please respect the facilities and the fact that none of us want to have to clear the mess from our footwear or clothing to say nothing of the health hazard.

Peter Smith 14 Fox Green.

1st Burrough Green Brownies – for girls aged seven to ten

We have weekly meetings during school terms full of lots of different activities. Arts and crafts, energetic games and Brownie interest badges.

We had a great time just before the school holidays canoeing on the River Cam at Newnham. It rained the whole time! This did not stop the girls thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Many of them had never tried canoeing before, but all of them said they would love to have another go in the future.

One of our last meetings of the term was very popular with the girls. 'Messy night' is so messy it has to be held out of doors! Egg throwing challenges, water bomb catching, apple bobbing in custard, to name but a few, so there was a great deal of mess with a lot of laughter too.

We also enjoyed promise ceremonies for some of our new Brownies.

There are lots of fun things and an outing planned for the Brownies during the autumn term.

We are really please that this term our unit is full but we do have a waiting list, so if anyone would like to register a girl who is not yet 7 or would like more information please get in touch.

For more information about Brownies please contact Margaret Whalley 01638 716939

Les & Anne's Nature Notes

Well, it seems ages since the last "Notes" and so much has gone on. Of course the main topic this month is an update on our wonderful Barn Owls. Many of you know that last year the pair raised one chick and very pleased we were too. But this time I knew that the noises coming from the box meant we had more this year. It was with great anticipation that we awaited the first opening of the box. This was on 27 June and we are delighted to report four large healthy chicks! They ranged in age from 5 to 7 weeks.

Over the next few weeks I kept an eye on them and one evening I saw 2 in the entrance to the box looking around - magic! By the time you read this they will have fledged and dispersed to the surrounding countryside.

It seems they may not be the only Barn Owls around as we noticed in the July edition of the Thurlow Link that a young one and an adult were spotted on the roadside in Thurlow.

What else have we seen? Well, a great surprise one afternoon was a very scarce **Hummingbird Hawk Moth** (pictured) feeding on the mixed game crop along the concrete road, only the second time we have seen one in the village. Also of note was the first winter visitor to our feeders, a Siskin on 20 July. This is a very early record and a new species for the village list along with Mistle Thrush on Clarendale Green and a Willow Warbler in our back garden.

It's the 8th of August as I write and the Swifts seem to have departed but the Swallows and Martins are still about. Interestingly we seem to have up to 3 white sparrows this year. It seems these are becoming a regular occurrence in the village and they visit our garden frequently along with the other sparrows, so don't be surprised if you see a little white bird in your garden!



On a recent visit to Lakenheath Fen we were lucky to see three Common Cranes, a Red Kite, and a very obliging Bittern flying right past us.

For those of you who are interested, my 150th species of the year was not one but four Curlews flying over Brinkley. A short visit to friends in north Norfolk took my year total to 155, I wonder if I'll make it to 200?

Well Anne and I are off to Yellowstone in the good ole US of A where we hope to see bears, wolves and more, we can't wait!

Happy Spotting Les & Anne

The Great Bradley Funday – and it was!

The Great Bradley Funday, (courtesy of a government grant to promote sports in rural communities in honour of the Olympics), was held on the recreation ground on Saturday afternoon, 23rd July. Although it had looked all morning as if it might rain, the day proved fine and this, coupled with the very encouraging enthusiasm of the participants and their willingness to have a go, made the event a great success.

Almost everyone was persuaded to take part in the rounders match (some even managing to hit the ball!) which ended in a draw, and then went on to try their hand at Wellie Wanging, Beat the Goalie and Shooting Hoops. Jill Rodwell's marble game also proved very popular and not at all as easy as it looked.

Sportsman of the day was undoubtedly Alex Parsons, who was awarded the Rounders trophy (for scoring most rounders), the Welly Wanging trophy and the Shoot the Hoop trophy. If it weren't for the fact that he kindly acted as goalie, he might have won that cup too!

The Village Hall Committee, who ran the event, would like to thank Keith and Richard who gave up their time to run the barbeque, Anne Smith for stepping into the breach in Wendy's absence, (Wendy for meticulous planning which meant that Anne-Marie and I were able to carry on regardless), Stephen and Tara for transporting goods and helping to set up and take away, and Jill Rodwell for bringing her marbles. We also acknowledge Sidney Buchs's expertise in interpreting instructions for setting out a rounders pitch, and thank him for being available in an emergency!

There is a suggestion that this event might be held annually, if there is enough support for it in the village. If anyone has any ideas about making it better, or including other activities, please do let us know. In the meantime, feel free to practise hurling your wellie on the recreation ground!

Sally Hendry for Village Hall Committee

Healing House – The Smile Fund

One of our regular advertisers, Christine Charters-Young who lives in the village, tells us that Waitrose is supporting her SMILE Fund charity during September.

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There has been a flurry of crime in Haverhill involving thefts of Sat Navs and power tools from vehicles. Do take valuables from your vehicles when you leave them unattended and don't leave them on view.

The next Priority Setting Meeting is at 7pm on Thursday 8th September 2011 at The Erskine Centre, Chedburgh, IP29 4UL

Dates and times of further community events can be found on the website www.safersuffolk.org.uk

To contact the Safer Neighbourhood Team at Clare you can write to
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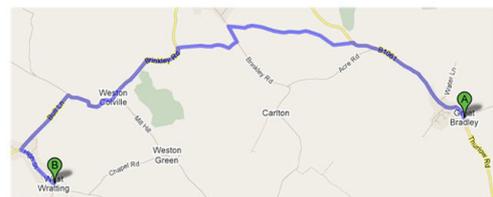
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