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Spring's Here?



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Village Diary

All events take place in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated.

Litter Pick	Postponed to Saturday 6 th April at 10am	
Annual Village Meeting	Wednesday 10 th April, 7 for 7:30pm	Details see pull out.
Coffee Caravan	Thursday April 18 th (2pm - 4pm).	Details p. 7
Bluebell Walk	Sat. 27 th April	Details p. 7
SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING	Lively, light exercise and fun! Contact Ella Hollins on 710340	Mondays 2 – 4pm
CARPET BOWLS	Contact Jill Rodwell 783371 or Carole Durrant 783307	Restarting Monday 8 th April 2013 at 7.30pm.
FLEXIBLE FRIENDS	Gentle stretching exercises. Contact Jaquie on 783354.	Tuesdays 10.30am – 12 noon
ART CLASS	Contact Anne Pigden for details 783175.	Tuesdays 2 – 4pm.
PILATES	Contact Helen Axon mob: 07843 097671	Tuesdays 7:30 – 8:30pm
WEA 2013	Restarts again in September with; 'History of the English Language' New members are very welcome to come along for a free taster week. Contact Peter Smith for more info. on 783278	Wednesdays at 10.15am
AFTERNOON CLUB	All welcome, all ages, all interests. Come and meet friends and neighbours. Contact Gill Dunn on 783362	Thursday 14 th 2.30pm
ECELECTIC YOGA	A powerful energising, balanced workout for poise, strength, tone and flexibility of mind and body. Contact Lisa on 783680 or mb. 07402 655556	Thursdays 6:30 – 7:30pm
COMPUTER COURSE	New course starting 25 th April.	Details p. 9
MOBILE LIBRARY Note: Revised Schedule	Evergreen Lane 12.20 – 12.35pm. Every 4 weeks.	Wednesday 3 rd April. Then 4 weekly: 1 st May; 29 th May
BLACK BINS	Fri. 29 th March (Good Fri.); 12 th & 26 th April	
BLUE & BROWN BINS	Saturday 6 th April & Friday 19 th April	
Farm Tour	Saturday 8 th June	
Old Stradishall Airfield Plans Presentation	Friday 7 th June	Details to follow next month
Great Bradley Fete	Sunday 7 th July	

News & Notices

1st Burrough Green Brownies

Eighteen Brownies enjoyed a brilliant weekend at the Jarman centre in Newmarket.

They completed the craft, Brownie holiday and World Guiding interest badges and a special challenge badge for the Love in Action charity. The girls raised an amazing £165.50 for the charity by holding a 'bring & buy' sale. The theme of the Brownie holiday was Africa and we had a fantastic party on the first night. The Brownies enjoyed other activities such as campfire cooking, singing and crafts. They also learnt about fair trade from Reverend Susan, who kindly came to visit us bringing with her lots of information and fun activities for the girls to enjoy.



We recently had a visit from the founders of Love in Action, who ran a wonderful evening with lots of fun activities for the Brownies to enjoy. They even wrote letters to the students in the school, in Uganda, that the charity built. They are going to use the money from the 'bring and buy' sale to buy books for the library in their newly built secondary school which opened early this year.

Girlguiding has been celebrating Thinking Day with big events held all over the world. It is a time to think about other Guides, Brownies and Rainbows in different countries and continents. It is always enjoyed with lots of fun activities and crafts.

The Brownies have also completed the Friend to animals interest badge in the unit.

We meet weekly in Brinkley during the school term. Brownies is for girls aged 7 to 10 if anyone would like more information please contact

Margaret Whalley 01638 716939

Thurlow Pre-school

Easter Holiday Club at Thurlow Pre-School

All 2 to 11 year olds welcome.

Tuesday 2 April 2013 to Friday 5 April and Monday 8 April to Friday 12 April 2013

Choose the sessions you want and benefit from savings for full days

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Contact Us on: 01440 783688 or via thurlowpreschool@hotmail.co.uk

Dawn Bamford (Thurlow Pre-School Committee Secretary)

Thurlow Pre-School, Pound Green, Little Thurlow.

Nr Haverhill, Suffolk, CB9 7HY

Charity No: 1023517



Burrough Green Pre-school

This term has seen the children of Burrough Green Playgroup working to the themes "Winter Wonderland" and "Fairy Tales and Legends." They have been colouring, painting and making some amazing things and decorating the Playgroup in its themes. The Playgroup has worked in conjunction with the school and opened its doors on the Open Afternoon. We



have also enjoyed a train trip from Dullingham to Bury St Edmunds.

Burrough Green Playgroup offers a warm, friendly, safe learning and play environment as recently reflected in our "Outstanding Ofsted Report". Our sessions run from 0845-1215 with lunch clubs on a Tuesday and Thursday leading onto afternoon session until 1515. If you would like further information then please contact Playgroup on 01638 506003 or via email at playgroup@burroughgreen.cambs.sch.uk.



Next term sees the Rising 5's join the main school for school dinners and start their integration into "Big School" on a Wednesday. They seem to grow so fast! The children will be enjoying the theme "Yellow Submarine" and we are excited to see what adventures it takes us on.....!

Fundraising efforts continue to support this charity, and events such as a Jumble Sale and Family Bingo are planned. Of course we will have our Summer Term Visit and our Summer Party!

Having a de-clutter?

Donations needed: Jumble, nearly new, toys, books, bric-a-brac etc

In aid of

Burrough Green Playgroup

Our **Mid-Summer Sale** is

at Burrough Green Reading Room on 8th June 10 till 1 PM

Drop donations off at playgroup or at 9 Clarendale, Great Bradley.

Collections can be arranged contact Jenny on 07795081762

All proceeds for Burrough Green Playgroup (Charity No. 1031074)

Parish Council News

The parish council met at 7:30pm on Wednesday 13th March. Mike Parsons was co-opted onto the council at the start of the meeting. As a result we have filled one of our vacancies – but we are still looking for 1 further councillor.

One of the main topics of discussion was about the repairs required for the village garden. At present we are obtaining quotes for the insurers so that the work can be completed. As part of this repair it is hoped that the seat will be moved to the area around the Millennium Oak looking out over the fields.

Leaflets to accompany the interpretation panel are almost complete and should be available, to take on walks if the sun ever returns!

The clerk reported that the Community Speedwatch team will shortly take possession of a portable Vehicle Activated Display Sign (VAS) in partnership with other parish teams nearby. The village will have the sign on a rolling 2-3 week basis, and will be available to view at the Annual Village Meeting. The re-instatement of the 'SLOW' markings on appropriate roads within the village is also to be pursued.

There was also much discussion about dog fouling around the village, the clerk had received another e-mail complaining about the issue. A few ideas were debated about what could be done – watch this space for further info. If you have ideas that may help solve this anti-social behaviour please let us know!

The Bee Orchids on the recreation ground will again be roped off to protect them from the lawn mower.

The final major item for discussion was the Annual Village Meeting, taking place on on Wednesday 10th April. Please come along to hear what has been happening in the village, and to give us your ideas for future

events/ projects and of course to have some refreshments.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday 15th May**, this is the Annual meeting of the Parish Council.

Parishioners are reminded that time is set aside at the beginning of each meeting for anyone to raise an issue they wish to discuss.

Karina Joyce (councillor)

Situations Wanted

Energetic retired male seeks part time work locally, will do flexible hours to suit.

Ex Manager would enjoy office work, accounts, driving, property maintenance and lettings.

Please telephone Raymond on 07765 916565 for discussions or interview.

Thank-you.

Great Bradley Village Hall Lottery

Winners for March and April 2013

	March		April	
First	Ron Surridge	Thurlow Road	Sue Ireland	Evergreen Lane
Second	Caroline Ryder	The Hall	Amelia Ireland	Evergreen Lane
Third	Sandra Dolby	Clarendale	Geoffery Vollam	Fox Green
Fourth	Gill Brown	Balsham	Vron Lewis	Clarendale

Flag Flying Days at The Village Hall

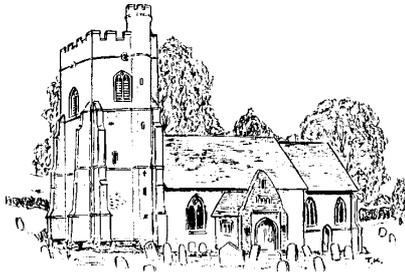
Our thanks go to Simon Kiddy who keeps the flag flying on these days!



6 th February	Her Majesty's Accession
11 th March	Commonwealth Day (second Monday in March)
21 st April	Birthday of Her Majesty The Queen
23 rd April	St. George's Day
15 th June	Official Celebration of Her Majesty's Birthday
15 th September	Battle of Britain Day (third Sunday in September)
21 st October	Trafalgar Day
11 th November	Remembrance Day

Forthcoming Events

St. Mary's Church, Great Bradley



Month	Church cleaning	Flowers
March	Peter and Helen Smith	Easter Day: Marion Smith and helpers Meet at church on Saturday at 10 am
April	Ken and Sue Ireland	Wedding
May	Keith and Sue Willington	Arline Vollam

Church Services - March 2013

31 March	Easter Day 10 am	Benefice Communion	Great Bradley
7 April	11 am	Holy Communion	Little Bradley
14 April	11 am	Holy Communion	Great Bradley
21 April	10 am	Benefice Communion	Great Thurlow
28 April	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Little Thurlow
5 May	11 am	Holy Communion	Little Bradley

Congratulations to Lisa and Martin Lovell from the Stable House, who were married in a Scandinavian themed wedding ceremony at St Mary's on 23 February. We send them all good wishes for the future.

Church Electoral Roll: a gentle reminder that completed application forms for the roll are now due in. If you would like to be included and have not received a form call Sue Ireland on 783595.

Fete: This year's annual Church Fete will be on **7 July** in the gardens of Great Bradley Hall. Please save the date - ideas and offers of help all very welcome, watch this space!

Great Bradley Carpet Bowls Club

Great Bradley Carpet Bowls Club are meeting again after their winter break, starting on Monday 8th April 2013 at 7.30pm.

We welcome all age groups, this is not just for "Golden Oldies" and all equipment is provided. So please do come and join us, we do bend the rules a bit, but we have some fun and it is a very sociable evening. The cost is just £2.20 and this includes refreshments.

Hope to see you.

Carole Durrant



Coffee Caravan is here again

The Coffee Caravan is visiting again this year. In case people aren't aware of what they do for us, it is basically an incredible information and assistance point with a cup of tea (or coffee of course!) and cake thrown in for good measure and they actually come to our village 3 times a year. The range of information that they carry on health and care issues, advice on benefits, cutting fuel bills and making homes warmer is all rather amazing. Our local Police Officer, PC Trish Sinclair, is often there as well and gives us the latest information on what's going on and where. We even got the Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk at one visit.



Basically it's just an excuse to have a get-together and chat and perhaps catch-up with people you haven't seen for a while all in the very pleasant surroundings of Clarendale green.

The visits are on Thursdays and the first one is April 18th (2pm - 4pm).

The next ones are: June 20th (10am - 12noon) and August 22nd (2pm - 4 pm).

Bluebell Walk

Saturday 27th April, 2013

For the last four years we have held a tour of Hart Wood to look at the bluebells which have reappeared in good numbers as a result of our long term regeneration work in the Wood.

This year's Bluebell Walk will take place on Saturday 27th April.

We believe that this will be the peak weekend for the Bluebells. However, it is just possible we may have to move the date forwards or backwards if the bluebells are flowering early or late (as happened three years ago) in which case we would notify, by email or text, all those who reserve a place on the tour.



We will meet at 10.00am in the Covered Yard just above the Church and return by about 12.30pm.

If you are interested in coming on the Bluebell Walk, please email me on charles@gbfco.com or text/call my mobile - 07831 318019.

Charles Ryder

Discover Suffolk In 52 Ways Over 23 Days

- The Suffolk Walking Festival 11 May - 2 June 2013

Ever wanted to weave your way through fields of flax, march through history, search for treasure or ramble through the countryside to the sound of poetry? Well now is your chance! With over 50 guided walks to choose from, The Suffolk Walking Festival is a cornucopia of delightfully themed walks that will take you through gently undulating countryside, around villages and towns awash with some fine architecture and along the wonderful landscape of the Suffolk Coast.

The festival kicks off with the 'Launch Jaunt' at Ickworth House near Bury St Edmunds on 11th May and runs for three weeks until 2nd June.

In the middle of the festival (18 - 22 May) is the Discover Suffolk Challenge Walk, which follows the coast path from Landguard Fort, up to Lowestoft and covers 66 miles in five days. We don't want anyone to feel obliged to do all five days, but there will be prizes and lots of praise for those hardy folk who do!

There is also a charity walk in aid of St Nicholas Hospice Care, which is 14 miles around the lovely landscape of the Lark Valley. Not all of the walks are this long - there is a good range for all abilities and some suitable for children too.

We hope you will join us on some of these walks. For the full programme, please visit the Suffolk Walking Festival website www.discoversuffolk.org.uk or any tourist information centre in the county where you can pick up a brochure and book tickets.

This festival is sponsored by Discover Suffolk and supported by all the local authorities in Suffolk.

Articles & Information

Les and Anne's Nature Notes

Common by Name Rare by Nature.

As some of you will know I volunteer at least one day a month at the RSPB's reserve at Lakenheath Fen. It's an interesting site, as not that long ago it was mainly carrot fields and at one time it was used by the matchstick firm of Bryant & May to grow Black Poplars for their production. These it turns out are the ideal habitat for Golden Orioles, but that's another story.

The site was converted to a mainly reed based wetland habitat for Bitterns, Marsh Harriers and Bearded Tits all of which now breed successfully on site. Perhaps the most unusual and unexpected bird to arrive however was the Common Crane. Although widespread in Northern Europe these large stately birds standing 4' tall are very rare in the U.K. A good number reside in the Norfolk Broads and an introduction programme is ongoing in the Somerset Levels. But the 2 pairs at Lakenheath found the site all on their own and are now breeding.



During the winter months they range over a large area and are often found on the Ouse Washes and at Welney, but come spring they return to Lakenheath to [hopefully] breed. The birds have been well observed

and can, by experts, be identified by their head markings. I have been lucky on many occasions to watch these birds but never that close. However on the 15th March while walking around the reserve, I saw 3 of them flying down the river - strange I thought because at this time of year the paired up birds are very protective of their home turf. I decided to walk in the direction they were flying and lo and behold a single bird was now standing in a paddock all on it's lonesome. I managed a few good photos and rushed back the visitor centre to show the staff and try to I.D. the bird. On examining the photos we discovered it was in fact a bird that was know to have been seen at Welney in 2012, how were we so sure? well it only has ONE leg!! Look at the photo and it is fairly clear.



The reserve has other birds that I think most of you will never have seen like this Water Rail, a bird of the reedbeds and wetland margins that skulks about and is very hard to see.

Finally just a few things of interest locally, 23 Snipe flew over me near Hall Lane bridge early one evening, along with 2 Little Egrets. The Clarendale Sparrowhawk is still about - we watched it on a neighbour's roof the other day, and we had a report of an owl almost certainly a Tawny, sitting on the bell of the Village Hall.

Well that's all for now.

Happy Spotting Les & Anne

Computer Courses at the Village Hall

The Village Hall has hosted two computer courses since last October. The first course was oversubscribed which meant we needed to run an additional session in the afternoon. The second course, which is due to finish in March, has been fully booked with morning and afternoon sessions running on Thursdays.

The first course of 6 weeks was specifically for beginners and covered such things as hardware and software; finding your way around the keyboard; how to use a mouse; useful shortcuts; file and folder structures; moving and re-sizing windows; changing the appearance of the desktop; and an introduction to the internet.

The second course over 5 weeks, built on the first by revising and expanding the subjects already covered, but went on to backing up data/files; virus software; and installing and uninstalling software.

A third course will start on 25th April and is going to concentrate on word processing/writing letters and we might be able to get on to pictures or spreadsheets towards the end of the sessions depending upon what people want. Because there will be some enforced breaks in the course (e.g. one Thursday is polling day) we will reduce the number of weeks on the course to 4 but increase each session to 2½ hrs. The cost remains the same at just £10 for the whole course.

Up to six people can be accommodated in each 2½ hour session and Windows laptop computers are provided, although participants can bring their own laptops if they prefer. If anyone has ideas for subjects they would like to learn about please let us know, and if there is sufficient interest it may be able to be included in a future course. Please let John Barnett, Fox Cottage, tel 783903 know if you wish to be included in this third course as soon as possible.



The WEA (they run a variety of courses at Great Bradley Village Hall on Wednesdays) have been very impressed with the success of our computer courses and have some grant money of their own that they must spend on I.T. courses by July. They are therefore planning to use Great Bradley Village Hall with its broadband connection to run their own set of computer classes which gives us a chance to get first refusal on places. The details have yet to be worked out but the course is expected to run in June/July and to follow on from our classes with existing students who will have the chance to put their ideas/requests for what to actually do on the course. If students wish for different items then it maybe that the morning sessions will do one subject whilst the afternoons may do another.

The courses are open to all ages and remember you are never too old to learn and we aim to have some fun during the sessions.

Alan Bampton

Great Bradley Website

Visitors

Where do visitors to the website come from?



Well, as you can probably see from the map we have visitors from every continent in the world! Most of the visitors come from the UK then North America then Europe, but even South America has recorded a visitation. Since 2010 (which was when the site was updated) our most popular visits ~ after the UK ~ are as follows:

Country	Visits	Country	Visits
United Kingdom	2171	Turkey (TR)	2
United States (US)	160	Ukraine (UA)	2
Australia (AU)	109	Singapore (SG)	1
Germany (DE)	24	Jersey (JE)	1
France (FR)	15	Lithuania (LT)	1
Canada (CA)	11	Finland (FI)	1
Europe (EU)	10	Denmark (DK)	1
Ireland (IE)	8	Argentina (AR)	1
New Zealand (NZ)	8	Russian Federation (RU)	1
Spain (ES)	6	Philippines (PH)	1
India (IN)	6	Mexico (MX)	1
Italy (IT)	5	Israel (IL)	1

‡Poland (PL)	4	‡United Arab Emirates (AE)	1
‡South Africa (ZA)	4	‡Nigeria (NG)	1
‡Sweden (SE)	4	‡Togo (TG)	1
‡Belgium (BE)	3	‡Malaysia (MY)	1
‡Portugal (PT)	3	‡Switzerland (CH)	1
‡Hong Kong (HK)	2	‡Croatia (HR)	1
‡Netherlands (NL)	2	‡Serbia (RS)	1
‡China (CN)	2		

Family History Questions.

One of the most popular parts of the village website is the Family History section. If you can help with any of these queries then please do reply to them.

Name:	John Watkins	Location:	United Kingdom
Email:	john.watkins_48@yahoo.co.uk		

What a wonderful website.

A friend of mine has shown me the remnants of a family Bible that appears to have been printed in 1655. There are two pages with inscriptions albeit that they are difficult to read. The children and dates of birth are of an Alice Albon (Albun?); those listed are Alice b. 1740 George b. 1744 and Mary born in 1746. I think that those three are the children of Alice and George Albon and I believe the family lived in Great Bradley Suffolk. The names Alice Plummers and John Abbott also appear and some other names that remain enigmatic.

Does this family mean anything to anyone?

Name:	Brent Bowyer	Location:	 Canada
Email:	bandcbowyer@hotmail.com		

I am reprinting and updating my book of 1995: The Stradishall Bowyers- 500 Years. It traced the family back to c.1500 at Stradishall & Withersfield, Suffolk. Many additions from Kedington, Halstead, Stambourne, London, Lancashire, Durham, Australia, and Canada. Updated version will be 600+ pages. Contact me at bandcbowyer@hotmail.com if you are interested in a copy.

I would like to contact anyone who has BOWYER ancestors in Great Bradley or anywhere else in Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, or north Essex. I am updating and reprinting my book from 1995: The Stradishall Bowyers - 500 Years, so am trying to trace all the descendants of William Bowyer (died c.1556) and Maude Bowyer, his wife (died c. 1578). A large part of the update is the massive branch from Kedington, Suffolk. The book will be available probably in early 2013. Please contact me at bandcbowyer@hotmail.com.

Name:	Daniel Stockdale	Location:	 United Kingdom
Email:	dannerstockdale@yahoo.co.uk		

I'm descended from a James Smith who was born in Great Bradley in 1828. I wondered if you had any other information regarding this person, such as his parents or grandparents? I know that he worked at Biggen Abbey in 1851 as an Agricultural Labourer before moving to Trumpington in Cambridge in 1861. Thank you. Dann

Name:	Philippa Barnes	Location:	 United Kingdom
Email:	pbarnes148@gmail.com		
Hello, I have traced my family tree to the Kirkham family of Great Bradley in the 1500s and 1600s. Do you have any information about them? Thanks			

Name:	Tom Sanderson	Location:	United Kingdom
Email:	tomsanderson@hotmail.com		
Hello. I am researching my family tree and have discovered that I am related to the COOKs of Great Bradley. Herbert James COOK, b. 1881 was my Great Grandfather and it would appear that he was from a long line of COOKs (all famers) who lived in the village. I am looking for information on Abraham COOK, b. 1844, Josiah COOK, b. 1821 and Sarah COOK, b. 1786 (although this would not have been her maiden name). Any information would be greatly received.			

Name:	janet	Location:	 Australia
Email:	syme@applewood.net.au		
Would like some information about Parish Records for Great Bradley. Looking for ancestors in the years 1796 to 1805. Any help much appreciated. Thank you. Janet			

Name:	Jennifer Ann Hazelwood	Location:	 Australia
Email:	jaffa957@gmail.com		
I am interested in anything to do with the family of George Hazelwood b. 1813 Father Joseph Mother Elizabeth Smith and his wife Mary Talbot b.1814 Father John Talbot Mother Mary ? (Thurlow). Also Mahala Smith b.1843 Father John Smith Mother Eliza Sanfield. I have just traced back my father to these people who came to Australia on the ships Euphrates & Speedy in 1855.			

Mike Brophy

Suffolk Warm Homes Healthy People

Are you feeling cold this winter or struggling to pay for home heating?

The Suffolk Warm Homes Healthy People scheme may be able to help you make heating and energy improvements to your home this winter. We would like to offer you a **free home energy survey** carried out by an **independent surveyor**.

The survey will assess whether you qualify for **FREE** insulation, draught proofing or other energy efficiency measures. The independent surveyor will tell you what energy improvements you could benefit from and what offers are available to you. During the survey you will be advised on any quick and easy measures you can take to help reduce your fuel bills. If you are struggling to pay for home heating or having problems with your existing heating system then you may qualify for **financial support**. The scheme could also provide you with free use of a Temperature Sensor and Telecare Alarm Unit that raises an alarm if the temperature in your home gets too low.

You could qualify for the free survey if you own or privately rent your home and:

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- someone living in the property is in receipt of a disability or means tested benefit **or**
- the property is within Council Tax band A, B and C

To book a survey, all you have to do is call **08456 037 686** (Local rate- lines open between Monday-Friday 9 - 5pm). Survey appointments are available evenings and weekends, as well as during the day. So make this winter more comfortable by acting now.

The scheme is funded by the Department of Health and administered by your local authority and aims to make people warmer and healthier in their own homes.

FUTURE EDITIONS OF THE BUGLE!

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

We are also looking to extend the range of articles and information we publish so if you have any ideas for things to cover or are willing to put together something for inclusion, please let us know.

In order that your Bugle reaches you early in the month all copy must be received in good time.

N.B. Deadline for the next issue is the 15th of this month.

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