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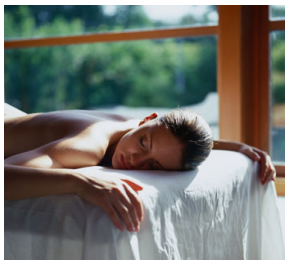

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Entertaining readings from Stephanie Emberson and Neil Marshall will add touches of levity and fun to this musical feast. One of the stars of the evening is the venue itself! The candlelit church at Chrishall provides the perfect atmospheric backdrop for this very special event.

Tickets £10 (including wine) children £2 from 01799 541270 E: tickets@grantachorale.org.uk
7.30pm Saturday 8 January at Holy Trinity Church Chrishall Do join us!

Next concert: Vaughan Williams *Mass in G minor,* Bach *Lobet den Herrn*
St Botolph's Church, Hadstock Sat 2 April

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N.B. Deadline for the February edition is 15 January 2011.

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Waxwing

I was keen to see this bird and I told Anne that we would have to bite the bullet and make a trip to Ipswich if we wanted to see them. As it turned out the 27th of November was our lucky day. Whilst watching our bird feeders in the back garden I noticed two strange birds in the top of a tree at the end of Clarendale. Binoculars were at hand and I hardly dared think what I was looking at... "WAXWINGS!" I yelled out to Anne and the 3 friends we had staying with us that weekend, "WAXWINGS!". I was still yelling as I ran out of the house with my camera in hand. Luckily for me the two birds came and fed briefly on a rowan tree. I got fantastic views and the photos speak for themselves. It's the first time I've seen them and it counts as one of the most memorable birding moments of 2010.

My next 'must see bird' is the Short Eared Owl, but I think I might be pushing my luck to see one of them on Clarendale!
Happy spotting in the New Year
Les & Anne

**Ed: - another new one to me! The RSPB website tells me a Whimbrell is a member of the curlew family.

WHAT'S ON

SIGNUPTOSING – Saffron Walden Youth Choir – I DREAMED A DREAM

Rehearsals start on Monday 17 January for a concert performance on Friday 1 April 2011 at Saffron Walden Baptist Church.
Local youth choir 'SignuptoSing' will be studying pieces from West End musicals for their next concert, on Friday 1 April 2011. The programme will include an abridged version of the ever-popular 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat', by the junior singers whilst the senior singers will perform songs from the world's longest running musical, 'Les Misérables'. Both sections will also work together on classical pieces by Mozart and Purcell.

This choir of enthusiastic and talented young musicians recruits boys and girls aged between 8-18 years, from a wide range of local schools. Singers sign up for each particular project rather than necessarily making a longer-term commitment. Musical Director Janet Wheeler is pleased to welcome new singers to join this growing youth choir.

In November 'SignuptoSing' delighted concert-goers with an accomplished performance of 'Feel the Spirit', a set of spirituals by celebrated composer John Rutter. Following on from this success, the choir begins rehearsals again on Monday 17 January at 6 -7.15pm, at Saffron Walden County High School, continuing at the same time and venue until the 1 April concert. All young singers are warmly encouraged to make a musical New Year's resolution, and come along to 'SignuptoSing'. The course fee is £55, (£15 for additional siblings).
For more information contact Steph Green at info@signuptosing.org or 01799 521614.

Are you a member of a group or team? Why not publicise your local events in the Bugle?

on, they will also wait for you for a couple of minutes if they arrive a bit before your pick up time and you are not standing there. If, when you are on the bus, you decide you want to come home earlier or later than your booked time you can always ask the driver if there are any spaces on the buses.
THE BUS WILL NOT DROP YOU OFF AT SAINSBURY'S. You must get off at the bus station and then connect to one of the town buses. The drivers have a list of all the names and addresses and pick up and return times of people who have booked for that day. They are on first name terms with most customers, which makes the service more personal.
The only drawback is that you have to book in advance and can only book two trips at a time and may have to fit in with someone who has booked before you but if an emergency arises it is well worth a call on the morning to see if they have any spaces.
I must admit I was a real 'Doubting Thomas' but can only praise this service. I have found it works really well and I have used it 2 or 3 times a week to go to either Haverhill or Newmarket (where it drops you off outside TK Max in the High Street). So if we have more adverse weather conditions this winter I will continue to use it and best of all you can use your BUS PASS if you have one.
By the time you read this I will have had both my eyes done and be mobile again so I would like to thank Carole Durrant, who has got up very early to take me to my appointments at hospital and also collect me so I could continue to go to Keep Active and Carpet Bowls. Also Pat Spires, Margaret Hearn, Helen Smith, Ella Hollins and Elaine Hickey who have picked me up enabling me to continue to go to Art, Scottish Dancing and to continue my busy social life, and of course not forgetting the bus drivers Jason and Dave. Thank you ladies & gentlemen.

Jill Rodwell – (living in No-Man's-Land between Bradley & Thurlow)

Jill later emailed again to say:
Is it possible to add a rider to my recent E-mail? It may be of relevance to anyone thinking of using this service.
I have the bus booked for 11 am to go into Haverhill today, 14th Dec., and the office has RUNG me to ask if I would mind being picked up 10 mins earlier, they rang me before 9 am. What other bus service would ring you to let you know they were going to be early or late?
I am also going to "consumer test" the bus for getting up to Sainsbury's. The bus is dropping me off at Bradnams builders yard in Withersfield and I am going to walk to Sainsbury's and then get the bus back into town to catch the Suffolk Link, the service bus runs every half hour.

Ed: For more information you can contact Suffolk County Council by phone on: 0845 604 1802 or visit: www.suffolkonboard.com.

Les & Anne's Nature Notes

Wax[w]ing Lyrical about Birds
By the time you read this, you will have made and broken your New Year's resolutions! I, on the other hand, will be trying to keep mine. Like many keen birdwatchers I know which British birds I have seen, so when a new one for my list pops into view it is noted in my bird guide. This year my resolution is to keep a daily diary of the birds I see and where. Now, as you get older, it becomes more and more difficult to spot new additions to the list. I don't go dashing around the country to see a mega rare bird that has been blown off course from Siberia or some other far flung region, no, I am interested to see only what should be here. If a rare bird happens to be where I am, all well and good. Last year 2010 turned out to be a very good year for new sightings, so here they are, and where I saw them.
Hen Harrier, Snow Bunting, Common Scoter, Spoonbill, Snow Goose - all in North Norfolk, Stone Curlew in Weeting, Crane and Whimbrel** at Lakenheath Fen and lastly Waxwing in **...** .

Now, this is the most interesting story.
Waxwings are winter migrants to this country and small numbers arrive each year from their homes in Eastern Europe. Once every few years a huge influx occurs for some unknown reason and 2010 was one such year. Large numbers were reported from North Scotland and down the east coast of England. Reports of 50 and 60 birds in a flock were not unusual and Lowestoft, Yarmouth and Ipswich had daily sightings.

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Amanda Troop

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For more details please contact our village Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator
Sandra Dolby - sandra.dolby1@tiscali.co.uk

St Edmundsbury Rural News - Rural Action Plan Consultation

St Edmundsbury are asking for your ideas on projects that you would like to see in the next St Edmundsbury Borough Council three year Rural Action Plan, which will start in April 2011.
They say:

- We would like individual responses and not committee responses please.
- We are looking for project ideas that will support your community, your local economy, and your local environment.
- Please note that further consultation will take place once we have prepared a draft Rural Action Plan.

There is due to be a second round of consultation from approximately mid January to approximately mid February where people can see some of the project ideas so far and can comment on these or add more ideas to the pot.

You can get further information, view project ideas and leave your comments at:
http://www.stedmundsbury.gov.uk/sebc/live/ruralactionplan.cfm - this is the main page for the Rural Action Plan.

Suffolk Link Three Towns Demand Responsive Transport Bus Service

Jill Rodwell reports on her test run of this new service

Having lived in Great Bradley for nearly 50 years and never used public transport of any kind you can imagine my dismay when on 17th November I went to the eye clinic at West Suffolk Hospital and was told in no uncertain terms that I must not drive until I had had one of my cataract operations.
People were very good and said if I needed to go anywhere they would take me, but I decided I would remain as independent as possible and only ask someone if all else failed. So nothing daunted, I hunted out my Suffolk Link pamphlet, which I had 'filed' away in case of an emergency. Well, the emergency had arisen and I decided I was going to consumer test the Bus's claim that it would 'pick you up at your door'. I rang the 0845 tel no. and thought 'here we go an expensive telephone call to start with' - but no it's only a local call. I was given the choice of the three areas where this service operates so I selected the Three Towns area and a very nice friendly voice answered. I said I would like to go into Haverhill from Great Bradley and was told there was a bus leaving Bradley at 9.45 am. and this would pick me up outside my house at 9.50 am. I was given a choice of return times and I chose to come back at 2.30 pm. It all worked perfectly and I was picked up on time and despite going down to Little Bradley, up to Little Thurlow Green, Great Thurlow and Withersfield was in town by 10.20 am. You could be dropped off at the Council Offices car park Lower Downs Slade (to go to the Doctors) or the bus station (so you can connect with the Bury or Cambridge buses).
I decided on the bus station and that's where I picked it up again to come home. The drivers Jason and Dave are very friendly and helpful especially with passengers who have trouble getting

St Mary's Church Great Bradley STOURHEAD BENEFICE

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February	Sue S-B & Anne Pigden	Anne Pigden

A big thank you to everyone who braved the cold to decorate the church for Christmas. There was a good turnout for the Carol Service and everyone appreciated the excellent readings and warm and festive atmosphere. Note there will be two services at our church in January.

Great Bradley Carol Singing, 20 December 2010

Congratulations to those plucky folk who braved the 'deep and crisp and even' on the night of Monday 20 December to sing their hearts out and achieve the splendid total of £180 for the Children's Society with some traditional carols.
This was more than was raised last year, which is quite remarkable considering that the bitterly cold weather necessitated a shorter route, thereby reducing the amount of people who were able to be entertained by the singing.
The adults were well supported by good number of children whose rendition of 'Away in a manger' would surely have drawn praise from Gareth Malone!
As always the success of the carol singers' efforts depends on the generosity of our villagers and so a sincere 'thank-you' to all who contributed to the sum raised.
Many thanks to Helen, Rowan and Sue for leading us, and special thanks again to Antonia and Simon for their welcoming hospitality afterwards, where we were able to thaw out with some spirited mulled wine and delicious party goodies.
Geoffrey Vollam

Great Bradley WEA: A History of the English Language, Part 1

We are very much looking forward to our new course for the winter term, starting on Wednesday 19 January at 10.15am, which will examine the rich and splendid history of our mother tongue from the earliest times up to the Tudor age.
This promises to be a fascinating series, covering a period which will include Bede and Chaucer up to the age of Shakespeare and the King James Bible. We are fortunate in obtaining Rosemary Williams as our tutor.
Cost of the term of 10 sessions remains at £45, and each 1½ hour period has a break for tea/coffee and biscuits. Those who are interested but not yet committed can sample the first week as a free taster!
We hope to see some old friends and also welcome some new ones this term. If you can come along I don't think you will be disappointed.
For further details please contact Peter Smith (783278) or Geoffrey Vollam(783132).

(Part 2 of the course brings the story of the development of English up to the present time. It is hoped that we will also be able to put this on in the near future.)

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A Very Happy New Year!

The Coming of the Magi
Twelfth Night 6 January

Village Diary

All events take place in the Village Hall unless otherwise noted

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CARPET BOWLS	Come and join us – first session free Every Monday (except Bank Holidays)	Mondays 7.30pm
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ART CLASS	Contact Anne on 783175 for details new members welcome	Tuesdays 2 – 4pm
WEA	**History of the English Language (part 1)** see page 2 for more information or contact Geoffrey Vollam 783132 or Peter Smith 783278	Wednesdays from **19 January** 10am –12 noon
AFTERNOON CLUB	All welcome, all ages, all interests Come and meet friends and neighbours	Thursday 13 January 2.30pm
MOBILE LIBRARY	12.20 – 12.35pm Evergreen Lane	Monday 10 & 24 January
BLACK BIN	**Saturday** 8 January, **Friday** 21 January	
BLUE/BROWN BINS	**Fridays** 14 & 28 January	