

Great Bradley Village Hall Lottery

As most of you know the Village Hall Lottery has been running successfully for a number of years raising several hundred pounds each year towards its upkeep, at the same time as allowing members to have the chance of winning one of the monthly prizes.

The lottery 'year' runs from March to February and once again I am enclosing an application form. This year the lottery has raised £570 for the Village Hall and the committee hopes as many of you who feel able will join the lottery for 2010, and perhaps become one of the many winners we have had over the years. The format will remain the same with 50% of the proceeds going to the Village Hall and the remaining 50% given out in prize money each month.

The application form is printed below. This should be completed and returned to the organiser by 14th February 2010 with a fee of £12 per applicant. Those who wish to pay by cheque please make them payable to 'Great Bradley Village Hall'.

I would like to thank all those who have supported the lottery in the past and would welcome any new members.

Simon Kiddy (Great Bradley Village Hall Lottery Organiser)

I enclose £12 subscription per member (Cheque/cash)

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More bird's eye snowy photographs from Ken Ireland



Great Bradley Village Hall

Gardener wanted for the Village Hall from Spring 2010.

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£10 per hour

Please contact Richard Bradberry (783450) or Gill Dunn (783362) if you are interested.



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Les & Anne's Nature Notes

It seems this is getting to be a bit of a regular thing, but the feedback we have had about our sightings from villagers is always positive, it seems you all like birds, you just didn't know it! Well this month we will tell you of our Christmas holiday which we spent with friends in North Norfolk. This area is a birdwatchers' paradise when at this time of year there are tens of thousands of Pink Footed Geese, mostly in the Holkham area. There really is nothing to compare with this spectacle - the sky goes black when they take flight.

All along this coast there are great sites like Cley Marshes where large numbers of Brent geese rub shoulders (or should that be wings?) with Marsh Harriers, numerous waders and gulls all along the beach. Titchwell RSPB Reserve is great for Bearded Tits (no, not me!), with Water Rails and Snow Buntings in small flocks on the foreshore, I even got to see a Ring Tailed Hen Harrier.

Back at Holkham just 50 yards from our car we watched mesmerised by a Barn Owl hunting in the early afternoon.

We were staying in Wiveton, where each morning I was up at dawn to watch these wonderful owls in the nearby fields (pictured). North Norfolk is one of the best places in the country to see these iconic birds. With our local Barn Owl project on the go, let's hope it's not too long before we see them here in the Parish on a regular basis.

Talking of local things, it was great to see a small flock of male Bullfinches in the middle of January feeding along the public footpath from Hall Lane to Water Lane. It's certainly one of our favourite and most colourful birds at this dreary time of year.

Please keep your comments coming with anything interesting on the bird front.

Happy Spotting! Les & Anne



More STOP PRESS

The large green tablecloths are missing from the village hall and we don't know who has them.

Please return them and any other tea-towels, table or other cloths you may have borrowed from the village hall or taken home to wash and not returned.

Please contact Gill on 01440 783362 or drop them off at "Ragill" Evergreen Lane.

THANK YOU

VILLAGE LITTER PICK – come and join the team!

It's that time of year again ...

We've ordered better weather for this year's pick as last year we had to postpone it for a week! Make a date in your diary for Saturday 27th March. We get a little gentle exercise, lots of fresh air and finish up at the village hall for relaxation with free food and drink and a good chat.

Children love joining in too and learn about keeping our community clean and tidy.

As a result of all our efforts we are able to see the village spruced up and ready for Spring.

We have grabbers, gloves, rubbish bags and even hi-visibility tabards/jackets (all courtesy of St Edmundsbury Borough Council).

Saturday 27 March - 10am at the Village Hall – hope to see you there!

John Barnett

FUTURE EDITIONS OF THE BUGLE:

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

In order that your Bugle reaches you early in the month all copy must be received by the 15th of the previous month.

N.B. Deadline for the March edition is 15 February 2010.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Parish Councillors Needed!

Two of our councillors have informed us that they are likely to be leaving during the course of this year so we need two more councillors who must be resident in the parish. This is an important job; councillors help to solve problems, make improvements and get things done in the village. It's the only way in which you can influence how the money paid by villagers in the parish part of their council tax is spent.

We have about 7 meetings a year, usually at 7.30pm on Wednesdays in the Village Hall, and councillors normally help organise council activities in which they have a personal interest. If you might be interested, or if you know someone who might, or just to find out more, please speak to any councillor, or the chairman Rowan Sylvester-Bradley (783157) or the Clerk John Barnett (783903).

Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator

We also need someone to take over as Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator for the parish. This is not an onerous task, but we'd like the Neighbourhood Watch to become slightly more active if possible. The job could involve communicating between the police Safer Neighbourhood Team, the Neighbourhood Watch representatives for each area of the village and other villagers, organising meetings of the neighbourhood watch representatives once or twice a year and attending occasional NW meetings organised by the police. If you might be interested in doing this job, or to find out more, please speak to Rowan or John.

Control of Dogs

At least two dogs have been seen on more than one occasion running unsupervised on the recreation ground and leaving mess. With the success of the new play area more children are using the recreation ground. It is not acceptable to allow your dog to leave mess in any place that's frequented by the public, but it's particularly unpleasant and antisocial on the recreation ground. Please keep your dog under control and scoop the poop! Thanks.

Rowan Sylvester-Bradley

Stop Press

John Barnett has passed on this message from the local police.

Subject: Unsolicited callers

Police are urging members of the public to be cautious when dealing with callers after receiving reports of a man ringing up and asking residents if they have been involved in an accident. Police have taken several calls in the past two days in relation to a man who claims to be working for 'the accident investigation bureau' in London.

He then asks whether you have been involved in an accident and asks further questions in order to obtain personal information.

Officers believe this is another phone scam and are again urging residents not to give out personal details to unsolicited callers.

If you are contacted by anyone you do not know please think before responding - don't answer personal questions and never give out information about yourself or your bank details if you are unsure.

At your door - always ask for identification. If you are in any doubt close the door on the caller. Genuine visitors will not mind if you say you will call their company to check they are who they claim to be, but always use the phone number in the telephone directory rather than one supplied by the caller. If you suspect you have been targeted please call police using 999.

On the phone - take details of the caller and what they want and say you will call them back.

Then do your own research as to whether they are genuine, (for example if they claim to be from your bank find the bank telephone number and check whether the name and number relate to someone working for the organisation) before returning the call.

This gives you time to think and, again, genuine organisations will not mind this.

Please be cautious when dealing with any unsolicited callers.

Regards
Police Direct Team

ST EDMUNDSBURY RURAL SOUTH SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

January 2010 NEWSLETTER (extract)

We thought we would start this month's newsletter with some New Year resolutions as this article is being put together in the early evening on New Year's Eve, in the "quiet before the storm".

The New Year's Resolution this year is to keep the spare room tidy. This is exactly the same as the resolution we made last year and it was only tidy for two weeks! This year we are determined to last longer. Perhaps the reason resolutions are rarely kept is complacency. It's hard to be motivated about certain things.

Burglars and thieves rely on our complacency to commit crime. It is easy to put off marking our property or making a note of serial numbers for expensive items, as we don't really expect to become a victim. Perhaps a good New Year's resolution for everyone would be to mark valuable items if a serial number isn't available. You can use either an ultra violet pen or if suitable you could etch the item. You need to put your postcode and house number or name to ensure that if your property turns up in the back of someone's van or when a house is searched we can return it to you. Valuable jewellery or ornaments are best photographed, digitally if possible. All these steps help to keep valuables with their rightful owners and ensure we can prosecute the offenders.

Speeding continues to be one of our priorities for this month and we continue to conduct checks in Withersfield, Wickham Brook B1063, Gt Wrating B1061. We are exploring the possibility of setting up Speed Watch schemes if you are interested in helping please contact us on www.suffolk.police.uk

Burglary Other Building (Outbuildings) is our second priority for this month.

We will be continuing to patrol identified areas, offering crime prevention advice and exploring the feasibility of setting up a Business Watch scheme in Clare.

We want to hear your views on local crime and policing.

To help with this, we hold regular meetings where you can tell us your concerns and set our priorities. The next SNT tasking meeting is on Wednesday 3 February 2:00 pm at Ixworth Police Station, High Street Ixworth, IP31 2HN. This is open to the public.

More locally a man was arrested for assault and possession of a firearm with intent to cause fear of violence, in Thurlow.

Your Safer Neighbourhood Team is:

Sgt Kevin Horton 566 PC Ruth Horton 704 PC Trish Sinclair 18 PCSO Alex Foster 3140
PCSO Kayla Packman 3219 PCSO David Matchett 3218
The Police non emergency number is 01284 774100
If you wish to report criminal activity in your area anonymously you can ring the Crime Stoppers number 0800 555111

Important Message for Great Bradley

Police Community Support Officer for this village, Kayla Packman 3219, has contacted the Bugle to say that there have been a couple of incidents in which monies left in porches for either the paper or milk delivery person have been stolen. This is a very easy way for a criminal to obtain money. If this is the way in which you usually pay for these deliveries she suggests that you make alternative arrangements. PCSO Kayla Packman will be patrolling the village on a regular basis, as you will have read from the leaflet dropped off by her during January. Her contact details are on that leaflet so if you feel she may be able to help you with anything please contact her.

Healthy Ambitions Suffolk HAS

The "Stepping out in Suffolk" programme is offering everyone the chance to get out and about and boost their activity levels in the New Year. More than 100 walks have been arranged across the county, and are suitable for everyone, regardless of their age or fitness level.

Organised by Suffolk Coastal District Council in partnership with *Healthy Ambitions Suffolk*, the health walks all last between thirty and ninety minutes and are graded according to their difficulty.

Walking is the ideal exercise. Not only is it free, but it's an easy way to increase your levels of activity gradually and absolutely anyone can do it. They're ideal for anyone who has not been active for a long time or who is recovering from illness or surgery.

A full programme of walks taking place between January and March is available at <http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourfreetime/steppingout/default.htm>

St Mary's Church Great Bradley STOURHEAD BENEFICE

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday	7 February	11 am	Holy Communion	Great Bradley
Sunday	14 February	11 am	Holy Communion	Little Thurlow
Ash Wednesday	17 February	10am	Holy Communion	Kedington
Sunday	21 February	10 am	Benefice Service	Little Thurlow
Sunday	28 February	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Little Bradley

For other services see the Benefice News.

Church cleaning for February:

Anne Pigden & Sue S-Bradley

Flowers for February:

no flowers during Lent (from 17 Feb.)

CHURCH NEWS

Save the date!

The 2010 Great Bradley Church Fete will be on Sunday 11 July. Several of our regular helpers will be leaving the village this year and we desperately need volunteers to replace them if this popular traditional village event is to continue. Please contact Sue Ireland (783595) or Geoffrey Vollam (783132) if you would like to be involved in any way.

The future of the Fete depends on you!

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Christmas Quiz Night

The 2009 Christmas Quiz held on December 12th was a tremendous success despite the disappointing fact that it wasn't the usual full house. The 41 attendees had a great time answering the amazing and obscure questions set by our illustrious Quizmaster Les.

Some teams were obviously suffering from loss of memory, some were totally brilliant and one in particular was very close to being "red carded"!! Seriously, it was all played out in the best of atmospheres and raised a net profit of £148 which provides an invaluable contribution to The Village Hall finances.

So thanks to all of you who supported the evening, brought Raffle Prizes (pity about Richard's Travel Bag ...) and for spending lots of hard-earned cash during the evening.

Special Thanks to Les for his usual array of brilliant and entertaining questions and many thanks to Gill, Pamela and the other VHMC members for organizing the event and decorating the Hall.

Congratulations to the winning team and many thanks to everyone involved.

VHMC

GREAT BRADLEY VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY

WINNERS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2010

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Sunday 21st February 10am – 12.30pm

Join us for a short walk around Pentlow with an intriguing behind-the-scenes tour of the Nethergate Brewery. Tasting session included before concluding the walk.

Approx. 3 miles – Moderate with some road walking.



The Bradley Bugle

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A snowy panorama taken from the Church tower – *many thanks to Ken Ireland*

Village Diary

All events take place in the Village Hall unless otherwise noted

Saturday 27 March at 10am	VILLAGE LITTER PICK	Please note the date now!
Next Parish Council Meeting	Open Forum for villagers followed by Parish Council meeting	Wednesday 17 March
SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING	Lively, light exercise and fun! Contact Ella on 710340	Mondays 2 – 4pm
CARPET BOWLS	Come and join us – first session free Every Monday (except Bank Holidays)	Mondays 7.30pm
FLEXIBLE FRIENDS	Gentle stretching exercises Contact Jacquie on 783354	Tuesdays 10.30am – 12.30pm
ART CLASS	Contact Anne on 783175 for details new members welcome	Tuesdays 2 – 4pm
WEA	History Around Us	Wednesdays 10am-12noon
AFTERNOON CLUB	All welcome, all ages, all interests Come and meet friends and neighbours	Thursday 11 February 2.30pm
MOBILE LIBRARY	12.20 – 12.35pm Evergreen Lane NB There is now only one stop in the village	Monday 8 & 22 February
BLACK BIN	Wednesdays 3 & 17 February	
BLUE/BROWN BINS	Wednesdays 10 & 24 February	

NB – Village Hall Lottery renewal form Page 8