



The Bradley Bugle

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The new Footbridge at the bottom of Water Lane

photo John Barnett



Village Diary

All events take place in the Village Hall unless otherwise noted

Saturday 27 March at 10am		VILLAGE LITTER PICK	see page 4
Wednesday 7 April at 7.30pm		Important VILLAGE HALL meeting	see page 3
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 March 2.30pm	
MOBILE LIBRARY	12.20 – 12.35pm Evergreen Lane NB There is now only one stop in the village	Monday 8 & 22 March	
BLACK BIN	Wednesdays 3, 17 & 31 March		
BLUE/BROWN BINS	Wednesdays 10 & 24 March		

St Mary's Church Great Bradley STOURHEAD BENEFICE

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday	7 March	11 am	Holy Communion	Great Bradley
Sunday	14 March Mothering Sunday	11 am	Family Communion	Little Thurlow
Sunday	21 March	10 am	Benefice Service	Little Wrating
Sunday	28 March Palm Sunday	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Little Bradley
Sunday	4 April Easter Day	11am	Holy Communion	Great Bradley

There will be a range of services during Holy Week, leading up to Easter, including the Easter Happening on Easter Eve and a Good Friday service at Little Thurlow. For full details see the Benefice News.

Church cleaning for March: Gill Brown and Anne Smith

Flowers: There are no flowers in the church during Lent. The church will be decorated ready for Easter Day on **Saturday 3 April**.

CHURCH NEWS

Lent lunch – Wednesday 17 March 12.15 pm

A simple lunch of home-made soup and bread will be served at Great Bradley Village Hall from 12.15 pm, in aid of the charity World Vision. All are welcome.



Great Bradley Church Fete, 11 July 2010

Many thanks to those of you who have already offered help with this event. However, we will still need lots more helpers. In particular we are looking for someone to organize this year's Vegetable and Flower Show, a cook to assist on the barbecue, volunteers to run stalls and sideshows, plus people to set up beforehand and clear away afterwards.

With so many expert gardeners in the village, we are hoping to run a produce stall this year, so now is the time to think about sowing an extra row of vegetables. Nearer the date we will be appealing for donations of bottles, books, cakes, toys, plants and bric a brac – watch this space! Meanwhile, if you can help in any way, or have an idea for a new attraction, please contact Sue (783595) or Geoffrey (783132).

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

VILLAGE QUIZ – Saturday 24th April 2010

By popular request Les Bunyan is returning with another bag of incredible questions

It will be lots of fun with the usual fierce competition between teams

Raffle Team Prize Licensed Bar Fish/Chicken & Chip Supper

Tickets: Entrance + Supper £6 Entrance only £2

Tickets from /order with Gill Dunn 783362 or Pamela Bradberry 783450

First come first served so **Don't Miss the Fun** get those tickets now

Many thanks for the responses to our ad.

We have now appointed a Village Hall Gardener and a Village Hall Cleaner.

VHMC

More Village Hall News – Please read!

YOUR VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU

As a reminder for some and perhaps as news for others Great Bradley Village Hall is a property that effectively is jointly owned by the residents of the Village.

The Constitution and Terms of Reference for the Hall state that a Management Committee (VHMC) shall be appointed to oversee the governance of the financial, material and fabric aspects of the Hall which will operate as a registered charity.

The VHMC members are also the named Trustees and as such are registered with the Charities Commission. It is a mandatory requirement of the Commission rules that the VHMC and Trustees must be in place whilst the Hall is open for use.

The original constitution was amended recently as it was proving impossible to gain sufficient village residents to fulfil the format and membership of the VHMC as required by the original document. This change was documented and approved by the Charities Commission and the requirement now is for 4 full members namely Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Committee Secretary who are also the Trustees.

These four full members are then supplemented by co-opted members, who provide specific and invaluable support but do not attend all meetings or act as trustees.

During the next few months the existing Chairman and Treasurer are resigning, as they will be moving abroad, the Vice Chair is retiring after many years of committed service and another full member & Trustee is stepping down for personal reasons.

Therefore THE VHMC NEEDS NEW MEMBERS.

If we cannot get sufficient individuals to step forward to meet VHMC requirements then there is a real danger that the Village Hall finances and fabric will suffer and the Hall may have to close temporarily.

Our Village Hall is regarded by many as one of the best in West Suffolk and is, at this moment, in a very sound financial and material state that has been achieved in part by having an effective and efficient VHMC.

If the Hall is to continue being used and remaining in good shape then it really does need *your* involvement!

In an attempt to resolve this situation prior to the other departures the AGM will be held on **Wednesday 7th April** so please do make the effort to come along to the AGM, and hopefully a few of you will be willing and able to join the VHMC.

Without your support there is probably only one alternative.

We will have to cease using the Hall and hold a referendum of all Gt Bradley Residents of 18 years and above to decide upon the future of the Hall.

We lost The Pub, We lost the Shop, Post Office & Garage

What next – **do we really want to lose the Village Hall?**

Richard Bradberry
Chairman VHMC

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

Village Hall Steps

A big thank you to Peter Smith for his recent maintenance work on the Village Hall Steps, which had become quite dangerous, for young and old alike, due to the wire netting covering the steps having been disturbed. This netting is particularly valuable when it's muddy underfoot as the steps otherwise become very slippery.

Children have been observed sledging and riding their bikes down the steps, all good fun - but potentially dangerous for them, and the resulting damage to the netted steps could create a hazard for others. Parents please be aware.

Anne Pigden

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THE DIZZY HEIGHT OF BURES

Sunday 28th March 10am – 12.30pm

Let's celebrate the official start of British summertime with a walk around the historic village of Bures, before a very special visit to the mysterious Mount with an experienced archaeologist. Approx. 5 miles. Country walking may include some rougher ground/stiles.

Don't wait, it could be cancer –

what the residents of East Anglia know about their risks of developing cancer

Extract from a Suffolk PCT press release. Feb 2010

1 in 3 people in Britain are likely to develop cancer in their lifetime. Early diagnosis makes it much more likely an individual will survive.

Anglia Cancer Network commissioned a new survey that has revealed low awareness of cancer symptoms amongst people in the region. They commissioned reports for all 6 PCTs (Primary Care Trusts) in the area to help plan local campaigns for improving cancer awareness and to identify those communities within the PCTs where targeted campaigns are most needed and likely to have the greatest impact.

Respondents were asked how long they would wait before seeking guidance from a doctor about cancer symptoms. Only one in four people in our region said it might be difficult getting an early appointment with a GP, compared to 4 out of ten people nationally. Nearly one in four locally were worried about wasting the doctor's time. If people recognised cancer symptoms they were more likely to seek early help.

Dr Gina Radford, Public Health Consultant and Adviser to the Anglia Cancer Network said: We welcome the findings of the Anglia Cancer Network survey. The survey has demonstrated that while people are aware of the significance of tumours and swellings, awareness was relatively low for some of the other symptoms associated with cancer.

Over the next few months Anglia Cancer Network will be working with PCTs in the area on campaigns which will raise awareness of both symptoms, warning signs and lifestyle risk factors. The Network will also be looking at providing reassurance to those groups who were embarrassed or afraid to visit their GPs.

The survey has been developed by Cancer Research UK to help identify how public knowledge of cancer symptoms and risks change over time, helping to monitor the impact of cancer awareness campaigns.

Les & Anne's Nature Notes

It is with great pleasure that we can now tell you all about the Barn Owl nest box. Last year a plea went out to our village to help the Suffolk Wildlife Trust's Barn Owl Nesting Box Project. Anne and I were interested to get involved and after several emails and phone calls to the Trust we finally had a site meeting late last year with the Project's co-ordinator Steve Piotrowski. With much help and enthusiasm from Charles Ryder, a suitable site was found and I went ahead and made the box. The Parish Council kindly agreed to fund the project and in mid January a tree surgeon put the box up.

The Barn Owl is sadly quite rare in the west of the county and it is hoped that by providing a nest box it will encourage any passing owls to take up residence. Reliable sources have reported seeing Barn Owls in the local area on a number of occasions recently so we keep our fingers crossed!

For the time being the exact location is a secret as it is on private land but it can be observed from a distance from a couple of places which are on public footpaths, so look out for it (we know several people have seen it).

What we need now is for those of you who walk the area to keep your eyes open for any sightings of Barn Owls. If you see one please let us know, try to make a note of where, when and for how long you saw it, and in which direction it was flying. Did you see it hunting or just flying away? All these facts will help us build a picture of the numbers we may have in the area.

There is of course no guarantee of an owl nesting, but maybe a Kestrel will use it. In any case without it there seems little chance of getting them here. Anyone who has seen a Barn Owl will know there is something very special about this bird that brings a smile to one's face.

Anne and I are soon to go on a one-day training course to learn more about these fantastic birds so we will keep the Village up to date via these pages with the Project's progress.

Finally a few people asked about the Bearded Tit we mentioned in our last article, so for them here is a photo of a rather splendid male I took at Titchwell Marsh RSPB Reserve at Christmas.



Bearded Tit

Happy Spotting Les & Anne

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

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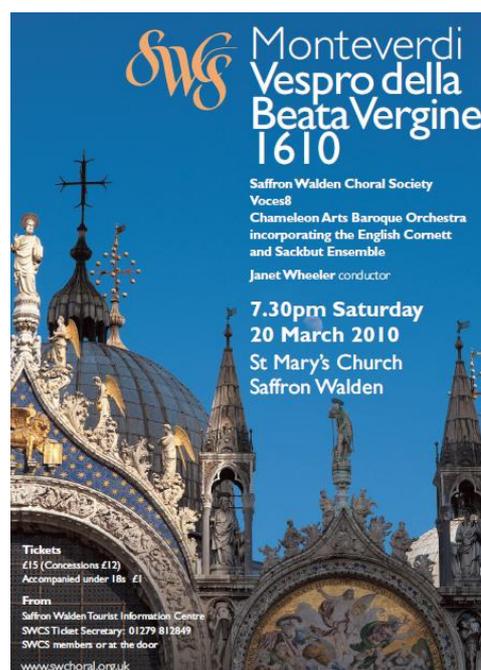
2010 is the 400th anniversary of one of the most exhilarating choral pieces ever written!

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Tickets for the concert on Saturday 20 March at St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden are £15 (£12 concessions, £1 under 18s) and are available from SWCS Box Office Tel:01279 812849 and from Saffron Walden Tourist Information Centre.

Also from Helen Smith 783278 or Sue S-B 783157



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Beata Vergine
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Saffron Walden Choral Society
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Chameleon Arts Baroque Orchestra
incorporating the English Cornett
and Sackbut Ensemble
Janet Wheeler conductor

7.30pm Saturday
20 March 2010
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Saffron Walden

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