



The Bradley Bugle

September 2010

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Village SPORTATHON (new date)

Saturday
25 September



2pm 'til 5pm
Come and join the fun!

Village Diary

All events take place in the Village Hall unless otherwise noted

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	Pre-budget meeting so if anyone has any new suggestions for expenditure for the following year this is the time to bring it to the attention of the Parish Council.	Wednesday 8 September 7.30pm
Village Meeting Neighbourhood Watch	Keep our village safe – info inside – come along to hear more	Wednesday 22 September 7pm
Macmillan Coffee Morning	be part of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning at 14 Fox Green – everyone welcome	Friday 24 September 10am - 12noon
Village SPORTATHON	An afternoon of family fun <i>See separate sheet inside for more info.</i>	Saturday 25 September from 2pm on the Recreation Ground
VILLAGE MEETING New Water Pipeline	Find out more about the Abberton Scheme affecting our stretch of the Stour (info attached)	Thursday 21 October 6.30pm
SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING	Lively, light exercise and fun! Contact Ella on 710340	Mondays 2 – 4pm starts again 13 September
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 noon
ART CLASS	Contact Anne on 783175 for details new members welcome	Tuesdays 2 – 4pm starts again 28 September
WEA	Workshop of the World A Social History of Britain 1815-1914 - contact Geoffrey Vollam 783132 or Peter Smith 783278	New session starts Wednesday 22 September 10am-12noon
AFTERNOON CLUB	All welcome, all ages, all interests Come and meet friends and neighbours	Thursday 9 September 2.30pm
MOBILE LIBRARY	12.20 – 12.35pm Evergreen Lane	Monday 6 & 20 September
BLACK BIN	SATURDAY 4 September, FRIDAY 17 September, 1 October	
BLUE/BROWN BINS	FRIDAY 10 & 24 September	

Fill in your SPORTATHON form on page 3 now!

St Mary's Church Great Bradley STOURHEAD BENEFICE

CHURCH SERVICES

We are now in an Interregnum, while the process of finding a new rector takes place. A much reduced pattern of services will be in operation until an appointment has been made. Please note the new times and venues for services. For further details see the Benefice News.

5 September	10.00	Benefice Communion	Kedington
12 September	10.00	Harvest Service	Great Bradley
19 September	10.00	Benefice Communion	Great Thurlow
26 September	10.00	Service of the Word	Little Thurlow
3 October	10.00	Benefice Communion	Kedington
10 October	10.00	Service of the Word	Great Bradley

We remind and thank the following:

September	Church cleaning: Keith & Sue Willington	Flowers: Marion Smith
October	Church cleaning: Gill Brown & Anne Smith	Flowers: Gill Dunn

Harvest Service:

Please meet at church at 10 am on Saturday 11 September to help decorate the church.

The Reverend John Eley

When the 'Cooking Canon' arrived in the newly-created Stourhead Benefice 12 years ago, going from village to village along the B1061 on his moped, little did we realise just how much a part of our lives he would become. There must be few villagers, church-goers or non-church-goers alike, who at significant times in their lives have not been comforted and encouraged by the deep faith that underpins John's support and reassurance. His easy rapport with people of all ages and from all walks of life made him everyone's friend. As one person was heard to say at the fete 'You can talk to the parson like a normal person'.

I suppose we all must have known that John couldn't stay here for ever, however much we would have liked him to. As John moves on to this new phase in his life all of us at St Mary's, Great Bradley, would like to say '**Thank you for everything, and all our good wishes go with you.**'

Sue Ireland

GREAT BRADLEY CHURCH FETE 2010 : Another fine July day for the annual church fête!

Opened by the Rev. John Eley in his penultimate month in the Stourhead Benefice, the 2010 fête raised over £2,400 for St. Mary's Church.

New this year was a stand for Great Bradley Farms, underlining the connections between agriculture and business, including a trailer-load of bread generously donated by Warburton's and some tables made from the finest oak.

The photographic display in the church featured Les and Ann Bunyan's DVD of the farming year, as well as exciting news of the owl box. Other novelties were a penalty shootout challenge from Ned Ryder, and giant rabbits bred by Steven Keane, with Rusty weighing in at 10.3 kilos.

Outside, on the lawns, the barbecue was popular despite the heat, while lower down, 'Mr Whippy' served ice-creams and drinks. Cream teas and cakes were, as ever, in keen demand on the terrace, while visitors were entertained by a disciplined display from the Haverhill Illusions Majorettes, resplendent and athletic in their blue outfits.

It was appropriate this year that the magnificent farm hamper, donated by Charles Ryder, should be won by our regular announcer and MC, Richard Bradberry, on what was likely to be his last appearance. His services over many years have been very highly valued. Cyril Potter seemed to walk off with most of the other prizes, especially the liquid ones!

Numerous visitors from outside the area commented on the idyllic setting, relaxed atmosphere and range of attractions. Thanks are due, once again, to the Ryder family for providing the splendid venue and for their active support. To all who worked so hard to make it a success, the fête committee would like to offer their sincere thanks.

Ken Ireland

Ed: see Ken's photos on page 5

Found at the Fete: A locket and chain containing photographs of small children.

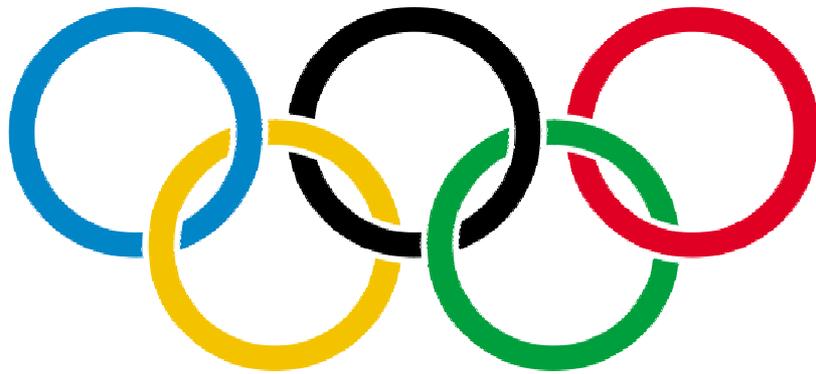
Obviously someone's cherished possession. Enquiries to: 01440 783132

NEW DATE! Sat 25th September

Invitation to

Great Bradley

‘Sportathon Fun Day’



Saturday 25th September

2pm - 5pm on the Recreation Ground
FREE Barbecue & Fun for all the family

Events are expected to include

Running races ~ 3-legged race ~ Egg and spoon race
Penalty Shoot out ~ Hoopla ~ Basketball shooting
Welly-throwing ~ Table tennis ~ Sack races

***To take part and help with our arrangements please fill out and deliver the return slip below or email your details to Mike Parsons: m1kep@yahoo.co.uk
Further information from Wendy Mansfield on 01440 783358***

Reply Form - Please complete and return to Anne-Marie Hodgkiss at The Limes, Evergreen Lane, Great Bradley (opp. Matthews Farm) by Tuesday 16th September

I/We would like to take part (names)

Number of Adults

Number of Children and ages

We accept that we will remain responsible for our own children throughout the event

Do you know any young people who'd like to sing?

Sign up to Sing Youth Choir - Autumn Project - John Rutter's *Feel the Spirit*

SignuptoSing is a vibrant youth choir based in Saffron Walden. It draws singers from primary and secondary schools in the town and surrounding villages as well as further afield in Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire.

It is open to singers aged 8-18 who sign up for each particular project rather than necessarily making a longer term commitment.

Some projects are targeted at smaller age ranges while larger projects may also involve a SignuptoSing Orchestra.

The choir's director is Janet Wheeler, a highly regarded composer and conductor who enjoys introducing young people to the many and varied facets of choral singing.

Janet currently directs five choirs, including the Saffron Walden Choral Society, the Granta Chorale and the Saffron Walden County High School Youth Choir.

The SignuptoSing choir gave a first acclaimed performance of Vivaldi's Gloria in St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden in April.

The choir's next project is **John Rutter's *Feel the Spirit***

This cycle of seven spirituals, arranged for mixed choir, is an energetic and exciting piece to work on. John Rutter's vivid and expressive arrangements bring new life to such well-loved titles as Joshua fit the battle of Jericho, Steal away, and When the saints go marching in.

The autumn course is on Mondays, 6 - 7.30pm from 6th September at Saffron Walden County High School, preparing for a concert performance on Friday 19th November.

The course fee is £50 (siblings £10) which includes a personal score.

Want to check out the choir before deciding?

Come to a free 'taster' session of John Rutter's *Feel the Spirit* on Saturday 4th September 9.30 - 12 noon at Saffron Walden County High School

Please sign up in advance via the website: www.signuptosing.org
or for more information please email: info@signuptosing.org
or telephone the choir's administrator Steph Green on 01799 521614.

SignuptoSing - soon!

There are lots of
GREAT BRADLEY
events this month

check the front page Diary
and make a note

NOW!

FRIDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 2010
MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We are taking part in the
WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING
on Friday 24th September between 10am and 12noon
In aid of **MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT**

There will be a Raffle and a Bring & Buy Stall
Please join us!

Helen & Peter Smith, 14 Fox Green, Great Bradley



All the Fun of the Fete!

SPORTATHON - who, what, where?

Some people may have been wondering where the idea behind the Sportathon came from. It was back in January that the first information came through with regard to the London 2012 'Open Weekend', which was an annual UK-wide celebration starting in 2010 of art, culture, sport, and everything that makes up the London 2012 Games. It was an opportunity for local community groups to plan an event that could bring everyone together for an enjoyable day. Suffolk County Council are celebrating Open Weekend by supporting a number of community groups with a fantastic range of cultural and sporting events which are available for everyone to enjoy.

The possibility of a grant being available for local activities, organised to celebrate the run up to the London 2012 Olympics, helped to focus minds immediately and Richard Bradberry was quick to spot the potential to organise a village event. In addition he filled out the grant form and we subsequently obtained £250 to put the day on. Thereby everything has effectively been paid for and there are no entrance fees and the Barbecue is free - **you just have to turn up and enjoy it!**

This is a day for everybody in Great Bradley and friends and family are very welcome. It will really help enormously with catering if we have an idea of numbers coming so:

... even if you are just coming for the Barbecue please don't forget to send in your form indicating your likely attendance on 25th September.

Of course if you or your youngsters want to take part in the fun and games then do also indicate that too.
John Barnett

DEDHAM VALE AONB STOUR VALLEY PROJECT

Numbers limited. Bookings taken one calendar month before each event.

For further details, please contact us on: 01473 264263 www.dedhamvalestourvalley.org

ACROSS THE BORDER, ALONG THE STOUR ...

Sunday 19th September 2010 10am-12.30pm

Straddling the Essex/Suffolk border, join us as we walk this section of the Stour Valley Path from Little Horkesley to Nayland. Approx. 3.75 miles - Moderate

Welcome to the Rural Coffee Caravan - Thursday 9 September

This was first talked about at this year's Annual Village Meeting and the question was then asked whether this was a service we should try to obtain for Great Bradley. There was a definite yes to that so an Autumn date has been arranged - see below. The publicity for the service gives the following information:



'Knowing what's going on in our own communities isn't always easy for some of us, especially if access to transport is limited, or if perhaps the village shop or pub or post office has gone, or you live in one of Suffolk's very scattered parishes. Our aim is to take the Project to rural communities, equipped with coffee, tea & home-made cakes, along with all sorts of information about organisations and the services they offer. In case you think, at this point, that we're just another coffee morning, we're a great deal more than that. If we don't have the information required, or the solution to a problem, we will try to find it and point the client in the right direction. (We do not act as a

counselling service, but an area of the Caravan is available for private conversation).

Of course, not everyone will be in search of information or advice. If someone has just moved into the area, they might like to meet their neighbours. Even if they've lived there a while, there may be new people they haven't had the chance to meet. In some villages, there's nowhere to socialise and it can be hard to meet people if one is retired or working at home. A break for coffee and a chat could be the ideal way to make life that bit more interesting. We can also be on hand to offer support and information to any emerging village group, a toddler group for example, or perhaps an over 60's club.

The Project has strong links with an ever-expanding range of agencies, including rural Police officers who sometimes join us at our events to meet and talk with local residents about their concerns. SuffolkACRE, the Western Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership, SAVO, and the Farm Crisis Network are also in partnership with the Project.

The people that help at our mobile events are enthusiastic volunteers with varied backgrounds and experience. What they all have in common is a liking for people.

All we need is a place to park for a couple of hours. We will come at a mutually convenient time. We make no charge for this service; all we suggest is that visitors may like to make a small donation.'

The caravan has already been to our neighbouring village of Cowlinge and was well received although it must be said that the excellent weather did help. A picture of the event (*above*) in May (actually it was on polling day) illustrates the relaxed and friendly nature of the visit. They have information and leaflets on just about any subject you can think of and are a wonderful source of knowledge.

The date for a visit to Great Bradley is September 9th 2pm - 4pm and it will be situated on the green at Clarendale. Everyone is very welcome.

Great Bradley Village Hall Lottery

WINNERS FOR July and August 2010

	JULY		AUGUST	
First	Antonia Kiddy	Evergreen Lane	Ken Ireland	Evergreen Lane
Second	Geoff Spires	Clarendale	Gerard Joyce	Evergreen Lane
Third	Keith Willington	The Street	Steven Smith	The Mill House
Fourth	Pat Jason	Clarendale	Maurice Goody	Evergreen Lane

GREAT BRADLEY WEA

We meet up again at 10am to 12 noon on Wednesday 22 September in the Village Hall for our new series of talks under the heading **WORKSHOP OF THE WORLD**, a social history of England 1815 to 1914.

Simon Doney will lead us through the huge social and cultural changes in the nineteenth century. We will explore important issues such as poverty, health, work and women's rights during our 10 week course.

As I have said before we are a small but friendly group, we have a coffee stop halfway through, have a chat and generally learn something whilst relaxing in our lovely hall.

The cost of the course remains at £45 - WITH THE FIRST WEEK FREE AS A TASTER.

Please come along, we will be pleased to see you.

Peter Smith 14 Fox Green 783278.

British Legion Poppy Calls Service

I recently came across a service offered by the British Legion called "Poppy Calls". This is a free dedicated handy-person service to those who are unable to carry out small repairs and minor alterations to their homes. Using their own trusted and trained fitters and in partnership with other specialist agencies they can deal with the jobs that make life difficult. Some of the jobs that they do are putting up shelves, changing tap washers, fitting locks or security items, hanging/repairing doors and small plumbing jobs. There are many others that they do and the only criteria to qualify is that you must have served or be the dependent of someone who has served in the services. This includes widows, widowers, cohabiting partners or civil partners of ex-servicemen. This service is totally free and there is no means test. I have used this service myself so can thoroughly recommend it.

Carol Durrant

The British Legion website

www.britishlegion.org.uk/can-we-help/poppy-calls says:

The **Poppy Calls** service aims to help give veterans and members of the ex-Service community the freedom to stay independent in their own homes. It is available in a number of counties and is expanding nationally during 2009/10.

This scheme is designed to offer help with awkward jobs such as minor repairs, or fitting essential devices such as smoke detectors and care phones.

Poppy Calls is offered to beneficiaries who qualify for assistance under The Royal Charter, which includes those who have served in the Armed Forces and their widows or dependents.

Services are available in the Midlands, Cornwall, Derbyshire, Leicestershire/Rutland, Lincolnshire, Lancashire, Northamptonshire, Suffolk, Yorkshire, Cardiff and South Wales with more areas being added.

Poppy Calls have a centralised call centre which handles all the fitter appointments and ensures a consistent standard of service across the country. In 2009 our ten Poppy Calls vans helped more than 7,000 people. The Poppy Calls service can be contacted on **01480 478031**.



The Gt Bradley Barn Owl Project

Well as most of you know now this project has been on the go for some time and we are pleased to tell you all it's been a great success so far. The box was put up in mid January and in only 10 weeks we had a pair using it. Anne and I observed them on a few evenings but they were very elusive. It was with mounting excitement that we opened the box for the first time on the 25th June. This was carried out by Simon Evans who is the Suffolk Wildlife Trust's regional co-ordinator for this project. His help has been invaluable and we were pleased to find a female, one chick and two eggs in the box. The female was very healthy and was already ringed. From the number on this ring it was found she was three years old and came from a box in N. Bedfordshire. The chick was too small to ring so it was with that in mind that a further visit by Simon was arranged for mid July. There was bad and good news. The bad news is the two eggs have failed to hatch which means

they were infertile; the good news is the chick is doing very well and weighs nearly as much as the female! From the development of his (Simon thinks it's a male) wing feathers he was 45 days old so by the beginning of August he should have fledged. He will most likely still roost in the box for sometime while the adults teach him to hunt.

Its hard to put into words the feeling when you first handle a Barn Owl chick but if we weren't hooked before then, we certainly are now!

We want to thank everyone for the interest shown in this project and we hope to have a further report later in the year.

Les & Anne Bunyan

Mum & Baby! – photographed by Les



Les & Anne's Nature Notes

As you can imagine the Barn Owls have become quite a part of our lives these last few months, so other observations have rather taken a back seat. However on a recent foray down Water Lane whilst doing the Suffolk Hedgerow Survey we saw and photographed a butterfly, namely a Holly Blue. To our knowledge this is the first time we have come across this one. Our nearest RSPB reserve at Lakenheath Fen is always a joy to visit and we recently saw 2 Common Cranes flying around for about half an hour; this is one of the only places in the country where they breed and is worth a trip as Bitterns and Marsh Harriers are breeding in good numbers also.

When you read this Anne and I will have been and returned from our holiday in Yellowstone National Park, just about our favourite place in the States, so be prepared for some more exotic nature notes next time!

Happy spotting Les & Anne

Great Bradley Photo Club

I am pleased to say this club may get off the ground this time, 10 people in total have expressed an interest and I will be contacting them all in September to arrange the first meeting.

Les Bunyan

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH in Great Bradley

Our village is in theory a Neighbourhood Watch area, but in practice there has been little NW activity in recent years. We now need to decide how to move forward. Do we want to be an active Neighbourhood Watch area? Do residents value the additional security that this can offer? Who is prepared to be part of the Neighbourhood Watch organisation in our parish? Which areas in our village and parish should be covered? What sort of communication within our village and with the police makes sense today? What roles do e-mail and the internet play? What do you do if you see someone acting suspiciously?

To answer some of these questions and to explore best practice we have arranged a public meeting in the Village Hall on Wednesday 22 September at 7pm. This meeting will be led by Community Watch Liaison Officer Morva Wortley, and attended by members of the police Safer Neighbourhood Team for our area. This is an opportunity to find out how Neighbourhood Watch works in the 21st century, how it can help to reduce the risk of crime in our area, and what input is required from us.

[Please come to this meeting.](#) Neighbourhood Watch can contribute towards security and can help deter and detect crime, but it only works if enough people in the area are prepared to contribute. Refreshments will be provided.

Rowan Sylvester-Bradley
Chairman, Parish Council

FIREWORKS APPEAL!

After the successful fireworks and bonfire night last year, we are determined to hold a similar event this November but **WE NEED HELP!**

Paul Dickens who master-minded the firework display last year is unable to do it for us this year due to work commitments. We need one or two villagers to organise the firework display and let off the fireworks. For insurance reasons there must be at least one person who has been on a recognised training course. These training courses take place in local counties and normally take most of the day on one Saturday. The Parish Council will pay for one or two villagers to attend one of these courses. If you might be interested in helping in this way, please speak to Rowan Sylvester-Bradley 783157 or John Barnett 783903 urgently. Thank you.

The Bugle editors *love* fireworks – we hope *you* love them enough to volunteer!

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 in good time.

N.B. Deadline for the October edition is 15 September 2010.

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**Presentation
about
The Water Pipeline/Abberton Scheme
on
Thursday 21st October, 2010 at 6.30pm
in the Village Hall**

The Abberton Scheme (named after the Abberton Reservoir, just south of Colchester) is a major infrastructure project in the area. The Scheme - which is being undertaken by Essex & Suffolk Water - is required as there is already a deficit of supply to demand of water in dry years and there is also a growing demand for it in South Essex/North East London, an area of significant economic/population growth. After many years of investigation and planning, Essex & Suffolk Water is increasing the capacity of Abberton Reservoir in order to meet this demand. To help fill the enlarged reservoir, Essex & Suffolk Water is planning to transport more water from the Ely Ouse along the existing transfer system, from Denver to Kirtling, which was built as part of an earlier scheme in about 1970.

After reaching Kirtling, as many of you know, the water then is channelled down to the Stour, meeting the river here on the Farm at Great Bradley. However, the upper reaches of the Stour cannot take any more water without causing erosion and environmental damage. Therefore, a new underground water pipeline is being built in 2011 from Kirtling to Wixoe to carry all the additional water flow; the pipeline will generally be about 100m from the river. From Wixoe, the water will join the Stour before eventually being transferred by an existing – as well as a new – pipeline to the Abberton Reservoir.

This is a vast undertaking and I have been in contact with Essex & Suffolk Water about it since 2002. In June, I spent a very interesting day at the Reservoir itself where construction is well underway to increase capacity by 58% by 2013. I was very impressed by the way in which the Scheme is being managed.

Given that the construction will be visible to us all during part of 2011 (but, of course, the pipeline will have permanently disappeared underground by the end of the year!), I have asked Essex & Suffolk Water to make a full presentation about the Abberton Scheme for the residents of Great and Little Bradley and they have kindly agreed to do so at 6.30pm on Thursday 21st October 2010.

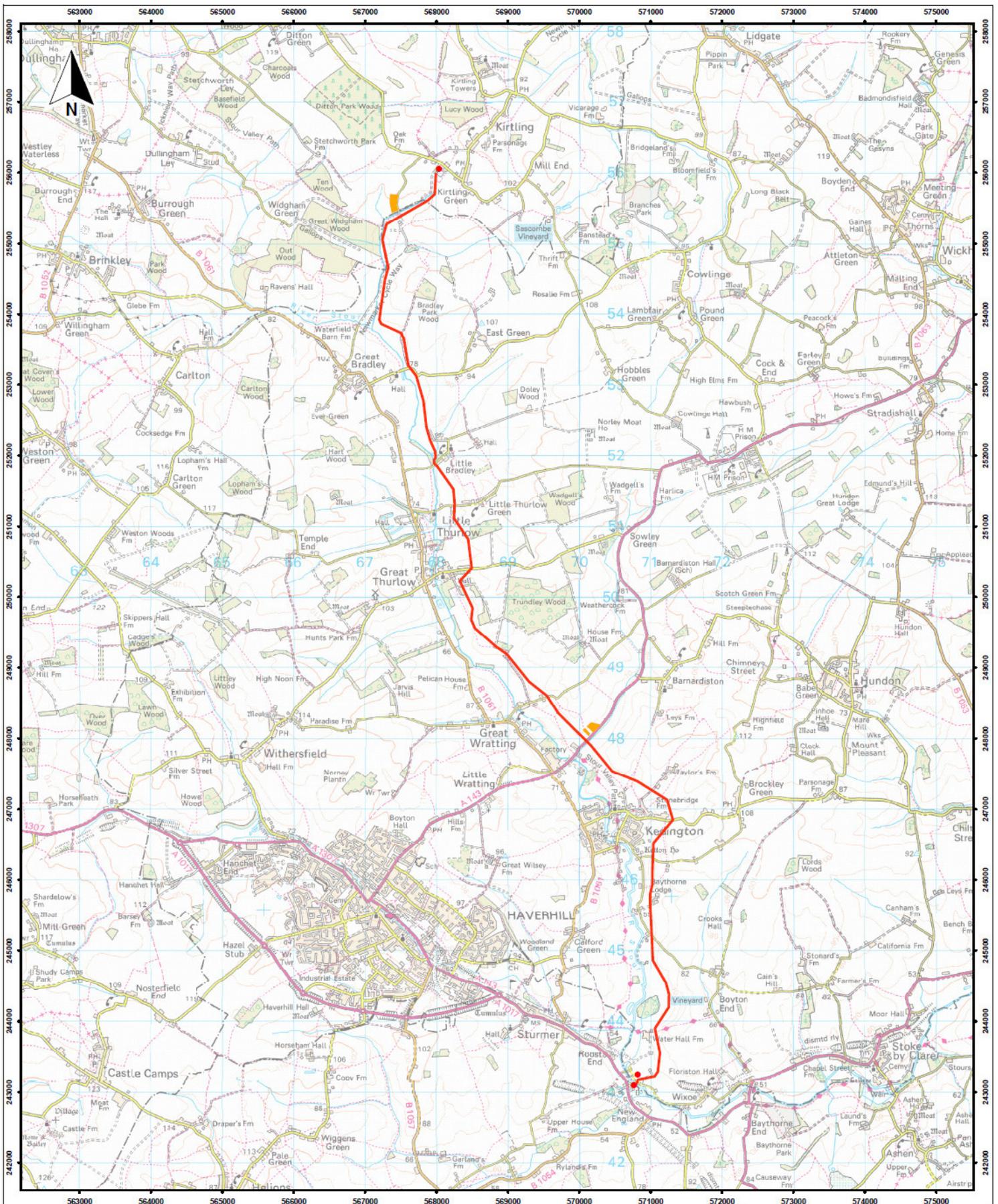
The Presentation will cover:

- Introduction to Essex and Suffolk Water
- Background to the Abberton Scheme – why it is needed
- Transfers of water – present and future
- The Pipeline route – why it was chosen
- Results of the Environmental and Ecological Surveys of which there have been many
- Results of the Archaeological Survey
- Introduction to the pipeline construction company
- Impact on roads and traffic during construction in 2011
- Questions

Refreshments – soft drinks and wine – will be available.

I hope you will find it of interest and will be able to come along.

Charles Ryder



- Key:**
-  Identified route of proposed pipeline
 -  Site compounds
 -  Storage areas

Abberton Scheme
Environmental Statement

Figure 4.1
Proposed pipeline route
Kirtling Green to Wixoe



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