



## The Bradley Bugle

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# Happy New Year !

## Winter Arrives!



Great Bradley saw a cold, snowy start to the New Year, with 4 to 6" of snow falling over extended periods and temperatures down to nearly -10 °C. As this addition goes to press there is hope the end is in sight, but don't put the wellies away yet as the snow has to go somewhere, so its back to flooding, as the thaw and rain again are on the way!



# VILLAGE DIARY

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

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING	Lively, light exercise and fun! Contact Ella Hollins on 710340	Mondays 2 – 4pm
CARPET BOWLS	Contact Jill Rodwell 783371 or Carol Durrant 783307	No meetings at present
FLEXIBLE FRIENDS	Gentle stretching exercises. Contact Jaquie on 783354.	Tuesdays 10.30a.m. – 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	Currently: Church and Chapel, Priest and Parishioners with Tutor Stuart Bowell.  New members are very welcome to come along for a free taster week. Contact Peter Smith for more info. 01440 783278	Wednesdays at 10.15am
AFTERNOON CLUB	All welcome, all ages, all interests. Come and meet friends and neighbours. Contact Gill Dunn 01440 783362	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm (Valentines Day!)
ECELECTIC YOGA	A powerful energising, balanced workout for poise, strength, tone and flexibility of mind and body. Contact Lisa 01440 783680 or 07402 655556	Thursdays 6:30 – 7:30pm
COMPUTER COURSE	The 'Improvers' Course – tutor; Alan Bampton. Current sessions are now <b>full</b> .	Starts Thursday 14th February at 9:45am and 1.15pm.
MOBILE LIBRARY	Route 17E: Evergreen Lane 12.20 – 12.35pm. Every 4 weeks.	<b>Monday 4th Feb.</b> 4th March, 25 March, 29 April 20 May, 24 June, 22 July
BLACK BINS	Fridays 1st / 15th & 1st March	
<b>BLUE &amp; BROWN BINS</b>	Friday 8th / 22nd	

## Rare sighting in the skies over Great Bradley!

Villagers may have been surprised if not a little alarmed at the, fortunately, unusual sight of the Air Ambulance in the skies and subsequently on the ground in Great Bradley recently. In the early afternoon of December 8th a family friend of the Ryder's was taken ill at a shoot, and given the seriousness of the situation medical services were speedily despatched. The Essex and Herts Air Ambulance duly landed in the fields close by, the medical personnel were soon on the case ably assisted by their NHS ambulance colleagues and doctors whom had also arrived on the scene. Suffice to say that the patient is alive and well and after a quick trip to Addenbrooke's by regular ambulance and was discharged later the same day after a thorough check-up. The Ryders would like to extend their sincere thanks to everyone involved particularly the air ambulance and medical staff for their exceptional and professional response.



## Children's Christmas Party.

Youngsters from Great Bradley enjoyed a Christmas Party in the Village Hall on Sunday 9th December from 2-00 til 5-00pm.

18 children had booked their places and enjoyed an afternoon of traditional party games including Pass the Parcel and other more active team games. Some of the dads were persuaded to take part in posting a parcel to Father Christmas which involved being wrapped up in yards of toilet paper!



They then spent some time making Christmas decorations before sitting down to a tea consisting of sandwiches, fruit, cup cakes and jelly and ice cream. Parents were served a mince pie with a glass of mulled wine so they did not feel left out! The highlight of the afternoon came when Father Christmas arrived at the front door and came in with a sack of presents. Each gift was named and the children took turns to tell Father Christmas what they were wishing for before receiving their gift. The children then went home after an enjoyable afternoon.

Thanks are due to all those who helped prepare for the party and helped out on the day.

[And of course Father Christmas! - Ed]

## Great Bradley Carol Singing, 18 December 2012

The intrepid group of people, including children, who braved the evening of 18 December to sing carols around our village managed to raise £176 for the Children's Society, up on last year's figure, so many thanks to all of you, and of course to those generous people who contributed to this total.

We are very grateful also for the warm hospitality of Antonia & Simon Kiddy who invited us in after the singing to enjoy delicious seasonal fare including some very welcome mulled wine.

Thank you all very much!

Geoffrey Vollam

## Also A Big Thank-You...!

... to Helen (who runs) and all the Lovely Ladies, who go to pilates at the Village Hall. They had a 'Mulled Wine and Mince Pies' get together just before Christmas for charity and have given a donation to The SMILE Fund which provides complementary health therapies to local people who would benefit from, but cannot afford treatments. Their donation is so thoughtful and much appreciated.

Christine Charters-Young

(St Johns Cottage)

## Great Bradley Village Hall Lottery

It's that time again to renew your subscription for the new year. As always the more people that join the better, to help provide funds and enable the Village Hall to operate as valuable resource for the village. A form is provided with the Bugle so please do fill it in, you never know it could be **you!**

### Winners for January & February 2013

	January		February	
First	Lucy Brophy	Fox Green	Montague Young	Fox Green
Second	Cathrine Andrews	Pond House	Sydney Buchs	The Street
Third	Roy Smith	Clarendale	Stephen Gross	Evergreen Lane
Fourth	Carole Durrant	Clarendale	Ernie May	Clarendale

## Forthcoming Events

### St. Mary's Church, Great Bradley



Month	Church cleaning	Flowers
February	Sue Sylvester-Bradley & Anne Pigden	Anne Pigden
March	Peter and Helen Smith	No flowers during Lent

### Church Services - February 2013

3 February	11 am	Holy Communion	Little Bradley
10 February	11 am	Holy Communion	Great Bradley
17 February	10 am	Benefice Communion	Little Thurlow
24 February	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Great Thurlow
3 March	11 am	Holy Communion	Little Bradley

Note: Communion service at Great Bradley is now on the second Sunday of each month. For full details of services across the Benefice, see Benefice News

### Cedar tree

During high winds at the end of November two more large branches came off the cedar tree in the churchyard (the previous two came down in snow in February). The local tree officer said that the tree was now unsafe and arranged for it to be felled. Fortunately, the Diocese gave us permission to proceed forthwith, in the interests of health and safety. Losing the tree was a shame, but it has opened up new vistas towards the river, and hopefully, as the stump rots down, it will provide a habitat for wildlife. Our thanks to Rod Pass for his expert advice in this matter.

Sue Ireland (Churchwarden)

### Great Bradley Litter Pick 2013

This year's Litter Pick will be on Saturday 23 March, commencing at 10am at the Village Hall and we hope we may see you there!

As I write this, any litter is well hidden under inches of snow but assuming that will have gone by 23 March we should be able to tackle the job before the new spring growth makes the rubbish more difficult to remove.

Any equipment we need will be provided – gloves, grabbers, high-visibility tabards, etc. Refreshments will follow at the Village Hall, after what should be a bit of healthy and enjoyable exercise sprucing up our village before the Easter holiday.

The more people take part the sooner we will finish, so do come and join us if you can – you will be very welcome.

Geoffrey Vollam

## Les and Anne's Nature Notes

*The one that (nearly) got away!*

It was the day after the Great Bradley Quiz and we had friends down for the weekend. It was a fine Sunday morning so Anne went out with them around the fields to show them our local patch, while I stayed at home to cook dinner. The plan was to eat at 1 o'clock so at 12.30 in went the yorkies. Just then the phone rang - it was my mate Chris - "we're down by the ford in Water Lane and there are 3 Waxwings!" Now I faced a dilemma - let the yorkies burn or rush down with my camera and see the Waxwings. To my amazement, dinner won the day and I missed the aforementioned birds. Over the next couple of weeks I kept an eye out for them but no luck, then one day a small flock of them was spotted in Cherry Hinton near Cambridge so Anne and I headed there and came across about a dozen, ironically about 50 yards from the house we used to live in. I am sure you'll agree from the photo, they are a bird worth seeking out. My year list had another "tick".



That would have been a good end to the year but little did we know something most unusual was about to come our way. [No not a helicopter! - Ed] We spent 3 days on the North Norfolk Coast just after Christmas and, while at Cley Marshes, we saw a Sacred Ibis, a very rare bird that breeds in Africa but this one had most likely come from a feral population in France. It stands about 30" high and has a black bustle, white body and black featherless neck and head and a huge beak. It was feeding on worms and took no notice when I took this photo.



We hope you all had a great holiday season and look forward to keeping you up to date with all things birdie!

*Happy Spotting*

*Les & Anne*

## Dedham Vale ANOB Stour Valley

As I'm sure you all know the Dedham Vale / Stour Valley is a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty with a number of projects focusing on conserving and enhancing the special qualities of the landscape. Its an area with vibrant communities and rich agricultural history that has inspired generations of artists, writers and painters. As well as these strong cultural connections, the valley has abundant wildlife living in the mosaic of habitats along the river valley including up as far as Great Bradley.

In an effort to raise its profile and encourage public awareness of the area a number of events are scheduled, the details of which we have been asked to publicise. This is only a summary, more details including maps and guides are available online, or via the contacts below.

### Managing A Masterpiece Goes Public

Managing a Masterpiece is a three year programme to understand, conserve and celebrate the landscape of the Stour Valley and February and March sees the culmination of the project with a series of public events taking place to mark the area's rich artistic heritage.

The Stour Valley is one of the UK's most extraordinary inspirations for artists down the centuries. The area has a distinct cultural history, being the birthplace and inspiration for artists Thomas Gainsborough and John Constable. Sir Alfred Munnings, the famous society and equestrian artist lived in Dedham, whilst the landscape artist John Nash lived in Wormingford. Ronald Blythe, the well known chronicler of village life, still lives in Wormingford – a parish which he has made famous through his writing.

In February and March, the culmination of the project takes place with a series of public events. First off is MY STOUR VALLEY – an open, unselected exhibition of artworks by local people, celebrating the Stour Valley, and an opportunity for the public to buy the Masterpiece of the Future! It is at St Peter's Church, Sudbury from **1st – 13th March**, and the final day for entries from local artists is 18th February. Exhibits can be delivered to St Peter's Church in Sudbury from 24th February. Please visit [www.managingamasterpiece.org](http://www.managingamasterpiece.org) for entry form and more information.

**On Thursday, March 7th at 6pm**, there will be a POETRY Evening at Gainsborough House, Sudbury. Come and hear the new collection of poems by "Managing a Masterpiece" poet Dean Parkin. There will also be the announcement of the winners of a county-wide poetry competition for adults and young people now published in a new book – "Poems of the Stour".

**Friday March 8th** sees SUDBURY LIGHT NIGHT - A celebration of light through the heart of Sudbury and into the countryside, **from 5:30 to 8:30 pm**. The town will be given over to a range of events – including an original projection of images onto St Peter's Church. Admission to all events, including the MY STOUR VALLEY EXHIBITION is free.

Finally, on **Saturday March 9th**, there will be RONALD BLYTHE – A CELEBRATION at St James Church, Nayland **from 11 am into the evening!** A day of talks, readings, films and music reflecting the career of Dr Ronald Blythe, as he celebrates his 90th birthday. Admission tickets valid for all sessions, and all day are £10 and available from Quay Theatre [www.quaytheatre.org.uk](http://www.quaytheatre.org.uk) or telephone: 01787 374745.

For information on all these events, please visit [www.managingamasterpiece.org](http://www.managingamasterpiece.org)

### **Dedham Vale ANOB Stour Valley Project Walks**

No organised walks are scheduled for February, but there is one for March, as listed below. In addition, new Winter Walking guides have been produced covering the Stour Valley path, these can be downloaded via the website or ordered via the contact details below.

#### **'WAYS' FOR CASH IN CONSTABLE COUNTRY**

*Sunday 24th March, 10.00am- 2.00pm. Approx.7 miles. Level: - Moderate*

Find out how the team finances initiatives in the AONB on the Suffolk Essex borders as you walk from Dedham to Flatford along the Essex Way and Stour Valley Path. Stop off at Flatford for lunch. Please note: Numbers are limited.

Bookings taken one calendar month before each event. ADULT £5.00 - CHILDREN FREE

For further details, please contact us on:

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### **Winter Walking at its Best! And Anytime of course....**

The Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) is pleased to launch a series of five **free** walks in the and encourages everyone to 'get out', use their sense of adventure and enjoy the countryside at its wintery best!

These circular 'Walks Off The Stour Valley Path' will introduce you to the character of the different local areas, help you explore the smaller tributary valleys off the river Stour, and show off some hidden treasures, and are

a pleasure to enjoy at all times of the year. The Stour Valley Path itself is a popular long-distance path running the full length of the river valley and is 63-miles in total. It runs from in the north-west to Manningtree in the south-east, following the valley of the River Stour from near the source to the estuary. It passes through some of the most attractive countryside, including 'Constable Country' within the Dedham Vale AONB towards the south-east end.

Guides and information can be downloaded from [www.dedhamvalestourvalley.org/publications/recreation-guides](http://www.dedhamvalestourvalley.org/publications/recreation-guides) or obtained from the AONB office 01473 264263 or email [dedhamvale.project@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:dedhamvale.project@suffolk.gov.uk)

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## A Message From Sussex Police...

The following text is taken directly from a Sussex Police newsletter for distribution to all local parishes to help raise public awareness.

### Help us Catch Hare Coursers

Suffolk is one of the safest counties in the country. However, we cannot afford to be complacent and it is essential that we continue to work together to combat crime in all its forms.

Over the past few weeks, we have seen an increase in hare coursing incidents across the county and have stepped up our response accordingly, using a range of different tactics to catch and convict offenders.

Because of this increase, we want to raise awareness of this crime to the whole community, while reminding everyone to remain vigilant and report all suspicious activities.

To help us catch the culprits, it is important that incidents are reported to us immediately so that officers can get to the scene as soon as possible.

You can help us further by being aware of the following guidelines:

- **Call 101 to report any suspicious activities or movement of vehicles. No one knows the countryside better than residents of rural communities. You are in the best place to notice unfamiliar people, vehicles and suspicious activities. Information such as the make and direction of travel of vehicles can be extremely valuable.**
- **If people are actively hare coursing on your land, immediately dial 999 and ask for the police. Ideally take note of vehicle makes, colours, registration numbers, times and specific locations.**
- **Under no circumstances approach the offenders or confront them.**
- **Observe the activities from a safe distance, even a neighbouring field, rather than engaging directly with suspected coursers.**
- **Keep the Constabulary informed of further movement and direction, if the suspects have moved on.**

## FUTURE EDITIONS OF THE BUGLE!

Many Thanks to Sue, Helen and Anne for their sterling efforts over the past years in producing an excellent publication, time now for a well earned rest!

### ***But we still need your help!***

Please tell us your news or send an article or photograph – 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 next issue is the 15th of this month.**

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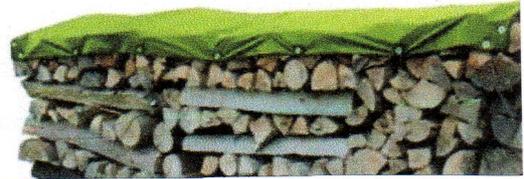
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