



THE BRADLEY BUGLE

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The ford at the end of Water Lane and Fox Green
Snowy Great Bradley - December 2020

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the bumper December/January issue of the Bradley Bugle.

It's been a year since I took over the reins at the Bradley Bugle - I have no idea where time disappears to, but it's been fun getting to know more people in the village and to understand the immense effort so many people put into creating and running the vibrant wealth of activities. We're a small village, with a big heart.

Do get involved with what's happening in the village over the next couple of months, everything you do helps us to keep our community alive and thriving.

It now remains for me to wish every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year. May your celebrations be both thoughtful and extravagant.

Happy Reading!



VILLAGE DIARY

Overview of what's happening The diary is also online: <https://greatbradley.weebly.com/village-diary.html>

Coming up this month

Pimp my Fish	Delicious, freshly cooked fish and chips.	Thursday 8th December, Village Hall, 5:30pm
Christmas Craft Fair	See pages 6 and 8 for details.	Sunday 4th December 12pm to 3pm

Weekly Events

Bradley Bookers	Our friendly local book club, come along for a fun evening with lively discussion and tea and biscuits too! Cost is £3 per session, contact Annette on 783892.	First Monday in the month 7:30pm to 9pm
Scottish Country Dancing	Lively light exercise and fun! Contact Ella Hollins on 710340 for details of the next session	Village Hall Mondays 2 to 4pm
Art Group	Great Bradley Art Group is now FULL and is now waiting list only. If you would like to add your name to the waiting list please contact Pat Spires on 783269 or via Facebook.	Village Hall Tuesdays 1:30pm to 4:30pm
Afternoon club	All welcome, all ages, all interests. Come and meet neighbours for tea, cake, loads of news, views and lots of laughter. Contact Anne on 783648 for details of the next session.	Village Hall
Photo Club	Everyone is welcome, you don't need flashy equipment, a phone will do just nicely! Cost is only £2 per person. Contact Nikki Stroud N.a.stroud@hotmail.co.uk 783416	Third Monday in the month 7:30pm to 8:30pm Village Hall

Looking further ahead

Mobile Library	More information at https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk 2022 dates are as follows: 23 Mar, 20 Apr, 18 May, 15 Jun, 13 Jul, 10 Aug, 7 Sept, 5 Oct, 2 Nov, 30 Nov, 28 Dec	Evergreen Lane 12:10 to 12:35 Rt 18-Stop E
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Further afield

Thurlow WI	There is no meeting in December, the members are celebrating with a Christmas dinner. See page 15. Next meeting is January 10th 2023.	Thurlow Village Hall
Dullingham Flower Club	Next meeting is 8th December. See page 15.	The Taylor Hall, Church Close Dullingham

Bins and bottle bank

Bins	<p>Black bin: normally emptied on a Tuesday. 6th, 20th December, 3rd, 17th, 31st January</p> <p>Blue bin: emptied on a Tuesday in the alternate week. 13th 27th December, 10th, 24th January</p> <p>Brown bin: emptied on a Thursday in the same week as the Blue bin. 1st, 15th, 29th December, 12th, 26th January</p> <p>Find more information online here: https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/bins/</p> <p>Note that when there is a bank holiday, collections are usually one day later.</p>	
Bottle Bank	If the bottle bank is full, call 01842 820804.	

CHURCH NEWS AND SERVICES - STOURHEAD BENEFICE <http://stourheadbenefice.org>

St Mary's Great Bradley - Sunday Services November - December 2022

Further details of other services and events in churches across the Benefice can be found in the Benefice News <http://stourheadbenefice.org/wordpress/stourhead-benefice-newsletter/>.

Date and time	Service	Where
4 December 10am	Service	Little Bradley
	Service	Kedington
4 December 3pm	Christingle	Kedington
11 December 8am	Said Holy Communion	Kedington
11 December 10am	Holy Communion	Great Thurlow
18 December 10am	Service	Great Wratting
	Service	Little Thurlow
18 December 4pm	Carols	Kedington
18 December 6pm	Carols	Little Wratting
22 December 6:30pm	Carols	Great Bradley
23 December 7pm	Carols	Great Wratting
24 December 2:45pm	Crib Service	Kedington
24 December 4:30pm	Carols	Little Thurlow
24 December 6:30pm	Carols	Little Bradley
24 December 7pm	Carols	Barnardiston
24 December 11:30pm	Midnight Mass	Kedington
25 December 10am	Holy Communion	Great Bradley
1st January 10am	Service	Little Bradley
	Service	Kedington
8th January 8am	Said Holy Communion	Kedington
8th January 10am	Holy Communion	Great Thurlow
15th January 10am	Service	Great Wratting
	Service	Little Thurlow
22 January 10am	Holy Communion	Great Bradley

GREAT BRADLEY CAROL SERVICE

6:30 pm Thursday 22 December
with mulled wine and mince pies for all



CHRISTMAS COMMUNION ST MARY'S GREAT BRADLEY

10 am Christmas Day
Everyone welcome!

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL from Pat Spires Chair GBPC

The year is rapidly drawing to an end and what promised to be a good year with things getting back to normal after Covid it has, instead, been one of very mixed emotions. We were horrified as war engulfed Ukraine and the impact it has now had on all our lives, we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee only to mourn her passing weeks later. Three major events in such a short time.

In October our Parish Clerk started her maternity leave and handed over to Hayley Livermore who officially took up the post on the 31st October. Hayley is not on facebook but you can still contact her on the usual email greatbradleyparishclerk@protonmail.com should you need to.

I know Hayley is already investigating some village issues and is quickly working her way through emails and correspondence as well as introducing herself to our County and District Counsellors. This does take time.

Now we look forward to 2023, who knows what the New Year will bring but in the meantime, the Parish Council would like to wish you all A Very Merry Christmas.

BACON ROLL AND COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER



9:30am to 11:30am

Village Hall



LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE

NEWS FROM GREAT BRADLEY VILLAGE HALL from Alison McCloskey

Hopefully you will see this edition in time to read all about our upcoming Christmas Fair on 4th December from 12pm to 3pm at the Village Hall.

Once again we are joining forces with St Marys Church to make it ever better and the proceeds will be shared between these two important village amenities! We have a really exciting range of stalls planned for this year, some familiar and some new.

You will find plenty of special and unique presents to help complete your seasonal shopping, as well as fun for all the family. There will be hand-painted cards, Christmas wreaths and arrangements, decorations for your tree and home as well as a chance to find the perfect Usborne book for younger family members. You will also find beautiful handmade jewellery with gems and semi-precious stones, Wood crafts by Pete Smith, a Body Shop Home stall and the return of that amazing home-made fudge by Ros (a must have for Christmas Day!). Kids (and grown-ups) can have a go at some pottery painting, courtesy of 'The Pottery Shed' and we hope to offer some local produce for sale too.

Why not come along, not only to browse the stalls, but to have a cup of mulled wine, a warm sausage roll, a mince pie or piece of home-made cake. Enter our 100 squares draw to win a Bumper Hamper, an Annette Sugg original oil painting or another great prizes or take the kids outside to try their hand at a selection of games. And you can complete the festive experience by joining in some carol singing.

And there's more to come...

Winter Warmer Pub Night is returning with a hearty stew (including veggie option) on Friday 3rd February from 6pm, with some hearty stews and some magic too.



Great Bradley Village Hall Committee

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THE VILLAGE HALL PRESENTS
A PUB NIGHT SPECIAL
WITH ENTERTAINMENT BY
MIKE THE MAGICIAN



**WE'LL ALSO BE SERVING SOME HEARTY WINTER-
WARMING FOOD**

INCLUDING VEGGIE OPTIONS

FRIDAY 3RD FEBRUARY, 2023

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

VARIETY OF KEG BEERS

CIDER

WINE AND FIZZ

SOFT DRINKS

PROCEEDS TO VILLAGE HALL MAINTENANCE

THE GREAT BRADLEY FANTASTIC BONFIRE NIGHT from Pat Spires

Well, despite the wind and rain we got there and what a great evening it turned out to be. We had the biggest turn out ever probably over 450 and as always you were extremely generous with your donations. Our ladies on the gate raised an amazing £1271 which will, for the first time, cover the cost of the fireworks and additional equipment required. The VHMC also did very well and I am sure Alison will update you in News from the Village Hall. Thank you all so much.

In my Facebook post I said that this village event would not happen without a huge amount of effort from a fantastic team of volunteers. Planning starts early in the year and really gets going in September when Rob & Helen Bennett, Jan Thomas (my sister from Florida) and I sat in a chilly field watching new fireworks being demonstrated and grading them. Orders were placed the next day to take advantage of the special deals on offer.



In October Stephen Steward starts bonfire building, the trailer appears on the Rec and for three consecutive Sundays we work with Stephen to build the bonfire even in pouring rain! Thank you Stephen for your patience and help and also our volunteers Richard Sugg, Geoff Broad, Sheldon Woodhouse and Chris Housden.

Saturday 5th dawns and the trusty band are at the Village Hall loading the BBQ, tables, gazebo and PPE into Chris's trailer in yet more rain, we set off for the field and make sure everything is ready for the VHMC to provide refreshments, it is still raining. Thanks to Colin Potter who managed to bring all the bits and pieces we required to the site despite being poorly and having to remain suitably distanced and to Stephen for putting in the stakes ready for the warning tape to be attached earlier in the week.

Thankfully the rain decided to play ball on the evening and stopped in time for the bonfire and fireworks display which David Flood and son Alex set up and choreographed so magnificently. Without Stephen and Colin, it was down to David and Alex to also get the very wet bonfire going along with Simon Kiddy and Geoff Broad's help. On the gate we had Pauline Broad and Jayne Burrows shaking their buckets and trying to stand up in the mud. Jayne and her daughters Chloe and Sienna had only been roped in at the last minute as poor Nicky Pizey was ill, thank you Jayne.

The bonfire is blazing and the VHMC are in full swing with the tempting aroma of mulled wine and the BBQ wafting across the field. First Aid on site was in the capable hands of Paul Hart whose services were, thankfully, not required.



THE GREAT BRADLEY FANTASTIC BONFIRE NIGHT from Pat Spires

Thanks to John Barnett and Stuart Wilson for bringing down their wheelie bins, to Simon for setting up the flood lights, to Katie Noakes for gazebo lighting to Keith Willington for power and water.



It's all over but not for our volunteers as it is Sunday morning and the weather has taken a turn for the worse, it is just unrelenting rain but we still meet on the field to pack everything away, collect rubbish and return to the Village Hall. Colin collects the equipment to take back to The Hall. David has been down early and already walked the field to check for spent fireworks which are very dangerous to livestock. Wet and bedraggled we head back to the Village Hall and unload. Now how on earth do you dry a large, saturated gazebo?

As you can see so many people freely gave their time and despite illness hitting some volunteer's others stepped in at the last minute and covered their roles. My apologies if I have missed anyone out.

Finally, a massive thank you to Charles and Alice Ryder and the estate team for all their support and help. For allowing us to trample over the field and leave a huge crater in the middle!

So you see it is not just the day itself but quite a production involving so many people and trying to work with the vagaries of our weather. All worth it when you see how much it is enjoyed and appreciated by the village.



Many thanks to Sue Hart for permission to reuse her photos, who, of course, retains the copyright!



**Great Bradley
Christmas Craft Fair
Sunday 4th December
12.00pm – 3.00pm
Great Bradley Village Hall**

**Local Crafts and Produce
Indoor and Outdoor Spaces**

Sausage Rolls, Mince Pies, Mulled Wine, Cakes
and Christmas Treats

Bumper Hamper Draw and Fun for all the Family

Free Entry

call Alison (783678) or Nikki (783416) for more details

Let it snow

VILLAGE LOTTERY from Nikki Stroud

Hello everyone and welcome to the new lottery year!

We have made a good start with 68 tickets entered into the November draw. As the cost of the lottery is £1 per month per ticket this means £68 was collected for November. Half of the money is given to the Great Bradley Village Hall and the other half gets paid out in prizes (or rolled over to another month).

This month we had the potential of £34 in prizes. This meant that £15 was paid out for first prize, £10 for second and £5 for third with £4 rolled over. I keep the prizes as multiples of £5 adding in extra second or third prizes when either the roll over money or the number of participants rises. On the final draw of the year (in October) I will add in the rest of the roll over money.

You can join the lottery at any point throughout the year - it costs £1 for any remaining month (details in the table).

Pay by the first Monday of the month	Cost
5 December 2022	£11
2nd January 2023	£10
6th February 2023	£9
6th March 2023	£8
3rd April 2023	£7
8th May 2023	£6
5th June 2023	£5
3rd July 2023	£4
7th August 2023	£3
4th September 2023	£2
2nd October 2023	£1

You can pay by BACS (email gbvillagehall.lot@gmail.com for details) or just drop cash or a cheque through the door at 29 Clarendale Estate.

You will need to let me know how many tickets you want, the names I should put with each number, and your address where I can drop prizes. A contact email or phone number is also useful as occasionally I have problems finding houses!

Your support of the Village Hall is really appreciated - the lottery raised £603 for the Hall last year which has been very useful to keep the Hall going during the disruption of Covid.

Our villagers have also benefited - two people won £35 each over the year last year and we had 48 different winners.

We hope that everyone who won last year enjoyed getting their winning envelope through the door!

November Draw Results	
1st prize - £15	3 - Madeleine Bantick
2nd prize - £10	42 - Duncan Crawford
3rd prize - £5	93 - Pauline Black

Great Bradley Village Hall Lottery

The Lottery is a significant contributor to fundraising efforts for the Great Bradley Village Hall with 50% of the proceeds going to the Village Hall, the other 50% paid out in prize money each month. Its success helps ensure that the Hall is financially sustainable and available for everyone. Other villages covet our Hall for the bright, warm and welcoming facility it is, and the Lottery goes a long way towards keeping it that way.

The Lottery runs from 1 November to 31 October and costs just £12 per entry per year. To take part:

1. Email Nikki Stroud (gbvillagehall.lot@gmail.com) with names and addresses and for details on how to pay by Bacs. OR/
2. Fill in the form below and bring cash or a cheque (payable to Great Bradley Village Hall) to the address below.

The Village Hall Committee would like to thank all of those who have supported the Lottery in the past and warmly welcomes new members, The November draw will be held AFTER the Village Hall Fireworks event and Nikki will be happy to accept your entries there. You can also join at any time during the year, paying £1 per month to October inclusive.

Great Bradley Village Hall Lottery

I enclose £12 subscription per person (for entry from the November draw)

Name 1 _____

Name 2 _____

Name 3 _____

Name 4 _____

Address _____

Phone/email _____

Please return to the Promoter—Nikki Stroud, 29 Clarendale Estate, Gt Bradley, CB8 9LN

Phone 01440 783416 Email gbvillagehall.lot@gmail.com

COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR from Nikki Stroud

The Village Hall Committee thought it would be a good idea to do a quick reminder about the village defibrillator. Perhaps there are some new people in the village who did not know it was there or perhaps people have forgotten as (thankfully) it does not get used!



Our defibrillator (also known as an AED - Automated External Defibrillator) is attached to the side of the Village Hall next to the kitchen doors, just by the bottle banks. If you ever need to use it, the cabinet is not locked. Pull from the top and the cabinet will open. Brace yourself as a very loud alarm will activate all the time the door is open.

The defibrillator has been registered with 'The Circuit', a programme associated with the British Heart Foundation. By registering with the Circuit, the emergency services know that there is a defibrillator here. This means if someone phones 999 from the village, the operator can provide directions to the closest defibrillator.

My role as 'Guardian' of the defibrillator is to check that it is operational and to provide regular updates to the Circuit. This is very simple to do. The AED does a self check once a week, if it passes a 'green tick' is shown (on the top right corner) and if it fails a 'red cross' is shown.

So, I just have to check the display to make sure it is operational. I also open it up and check that the pads/face masks etc., are still present. I then log on to the Circuit and tell them it is still active.

This is where you could help me - if you ever walk past and see that there is a red cross please can you contact me so I can check what is wrong and get it working again.

Community defibrillators are really important in helping patients survive out of hospital cardiac arrests. I work in healthcare and in my training was told that the key to survival is 'good quality chest compressions and an early shock'. Therefore all of us should be aware of the basics of first aid. In future Bugle editions I will go into more detail about our defibrillator and what it looks like on the inside but in the meantime below is a link that you might find useful. It is a 15 minute interactive training course that shows you (and gets you practising) CPR and using a Defib.

Scan this QR code with your mobile or tablet to get the best experience, if that is not possible follow the link below <https://www.bhf.org.uk/how-you-can-help/how-to-save-a-life/how-to-do-cpr/learn-cpr-in-15-minutes>

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REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE from Pat Spires

How strange the last 12 months have been. In June we celebrated our Queen’s Platinum Jubilee and in September we mourned her passing. This year’s Remembrance services across the land were even more poignant as we called to mind images of the Queen laying her Poppy Wreath at the Cenotaph. Even though Prince Charles, as he was, has been representing his mother for 5 years this would be his first time as monarch. What a sad but proud moment for him.



I am sure those of us who gathered on Sunday 13th November in front of the memorial seat and plaque at the Village Hall to honour the fallen and those who still serve gave more than a passing thought to her Majesty.

The short service was led by our own Peter Smith who so eloquently expressed our feelings and gratitude to so many.



Villagers were also able to see the medals of James Marsh for the first time. Our thanks to Mike Brophy for discovering them and to the PC for ensuring they came back to the village. Mike had also provided information on the medals and James Marsh who was one of four local men from the village who died in WW1 aged just 19. Peter re-dedicated the medals and it is fitting that they are now the property of the village, they are home.

Our thanks to Mike and daughter Lucy for reciting The Exhortation between them. How fitting that younger people are involved in Services of remembrance. Following the two-minute silence a poppy wreath was placed under the plaque from the PC a wreath has also been placed under the Roll of Honour in our church.

Many thanks to Simon Kiddy for ensuring that our Union Flag flew proudly.



Thank you also to Murray Hearn and brother Tony for arriving in the ex army Land Rover complete with flag, which really set the scene.

To Helen Bennett and Anne Smith thank you for organising the very welcome refreshments.

THE HUNTER'S MOON from Walter Lane

October has gone the way of all months and November is here along with Bonfire Night and early Christmas advertising on TV. But before we consign October to history, I must relate to you something extraordinary which I was lucky enough to witness on the evening of the first Monday in October. Maybe some of you were also lucky enough to see it too. This particular Monday heralded the arrival of a week which would see a full moon, that moon known to country folk of old as the 'Hunter's Moon' (that is the first full moon after harvest). Traditionally in England this full moon would mark the time when store houses were to be filled and made ready for the upcoming winter. Those who were able would prepare for the coming frost and cold by going out and hunting. Well, I was out late that evening, (gone eleven o'clock) not for any romantic hunting reason but to place some last minute kitchen garbage in the grey bin. I was aware that the moon was nearly full as the sky was crystal clear and no light or torch was required for the task I had in hand. As I stood there I could hear strange noises coming from the East Green side of Great Bradley's main road, 'The Street'. This is not too unusual as here in Great Bradley, depending on the time of year, the sound of Owls hooting, Fox's screaming or Muntjac deer barking is far from uncommon. But this was no Muntjac, when they bark it sounds more like someone is being murdered, no this was a hoarse honking sound. My first thought was this has got to be my old friends the local Canada Geese, but surely, it couldn't be as they very rarely feed at night. The noise grew louder and louder and then it appeared to move from left to right behind the trees... a second later, all was revealed as two giant skeins of geese rose from behind the darkness, heading south to the fields on the other side



of the village. As they flew, their path took them directly across the face of the bright silver moon, what a magnificent sight; there must have been two hundred or more of them, perfectly silhouetted in the night sky, just like a Peter Scott painting. What were they, Greylags, Pink-feet...I'm afraid I don't know but they had obviously taken advantage of the moonlight, feeding on the tender new shoots of winter wheat or even the sprouting greens of oil seed rape (which by the way has had a really good start this year). What a haunting vision; something I will remember for a very long time.

To move on, well here we are, well into autumn and winter is not far away. Many folks argue as to when Autumn ends and Winter begins but, officially I believe, it is defined by the Winter Solstice. So this year winter will officially begin on Wednesday the 21st of December at 4:48 P.M. How about that for accuracy? Mother Nature however, has little time for such pedantry and can be quite mischievous with her calendar and according to her whims may pull the seasons backwards or forwards. But don't be deceived, there are some things you can really

rely on! For instance, If you spy flocks of visiting fieldfares or redwings watch out, these guys who normally live in Scandinavia or Northern Europe will often in winter move across the North Sea to our warmer climes well ahead of approaching cold arctic fronts and I have to say, they invariably get it right. Fieldfares are members of the thrush family and you usually hear them before you see them as they tend to operate in noisy flocks uttering a distinctive Chack, Chack, Chack call. Redwings are slightly smaller and a little quieter, about the same size of one of our song thrushes. They are easy to tell apart from their fieldfare cousins as they have large rusty red patches under their wings and sport a smart bold white eye stripe. Either way, if you see them, get the thermals out, winter is really here!

Well, keep walking and as I say, if it gets colder just put on an extra layer.

That's all for now.

Walter Lane.

NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE

WARM HUB

Our warm hub is now open every Monday and Wednesday from 9am-12pm. Please come along and enjoy a warm, friendly space and refreshments (all free of charge). We have magazines, jigsaws, board games or you may choose to just sit and relax. There is also a laptop and printer with free use of the Wi-Fi. 28th December we will be serving warm mince pies.

FREE Festive Prize Bingo

Join us in the Warm Hub on

Wednesday 14th December

"Eyes Down" 11am

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SL Sport & Education Christmas Fun Activities Camp

A perfect opportunity to fit in some last minute Christmas shopping

Friday 23rd December 8.30am-5.30pm

Book on line at slsportanded.co.uk

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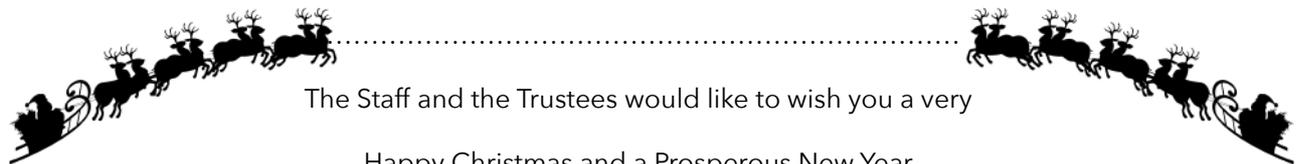
Live Music on Friday 13th January 2023

8pm until midnight

Jive and Boogie away those Christmas Blues with the fantastic 60's Band

"Back in Time"

£5 per person entry Raffle & Licensed Bar



The Staff and the Trustees would like to wish you a very

Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

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Email: office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk-alternatively call us on 01638 508212





Dullingham Flower Club

From Helen Smith

DULLINGHAM FLOWER CLUB

This is a very friendly informal group that meets on the second Thursday of each month apart from August and January. We have some brilliant demonstrators who, apart from delighting us with their arrangements and tips, have some fantastic stories to tell, mostly very funny so, all in all, a great night out. Please join us, I reckon you'd have a brilliant evening. Anne Pigden and I go each month and will be happy to transport anyone who would like to join us.

Helen Smith 783278

Our next meeting is on Thursday 8th December 2022

8.00pm

The Taylor Hall, Church Close Dullingham

We hope you will join us for a demonstration by David Wright whose demonstration is entitled

Let it sparkle and shine - it's Christmas time

Enter into the spirit of it by wearing something sparkly!

£8 to include refreshments

Everyone is welcome. Please contact Lesley Bird for further information on 01638 507658.

There is no meeting in January. The next meeting will be on Thursday 9th February 2023.



Thurlow WI

From Helen Bennett

Thurlow WI

We welcomed the Haughley Hoofers to our November Meeting.

This group of musicians and dancers have been entertaining all over the country for more than thirty years. They gave an interesting talk on the history of Clog Dancing, and then demonstrated several dances. We were encouraged to join in with a couple of the easier dances which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

Members had brought along gifts for women and children which will be taken to the Bury Refuge Centre for Christmas.

The over eighties in Thurlow can look forward to their Christmas biscuits courtesy of our WI.

Our group will be celebrating Christmas with Dinner at The Greyhound and Twenty One and we will not, therefore, be having our usual monthly meeting in December.

Our next monthly meeting in the village hall will be on January 10th, when our speaker will be telling us about Life on the Ballroom Circuit. Please come and join us !

For more information, email us at thurlowwi@gmail.com.



**Stowmarket
Chorale**

Music Director
Benedict Collins Rice



**HAYDN
MISSA SANCTI NICOLAI**

**BACH
CHRISTMAS ORATORIO CANTATA III**

Saturday 3 December 2022

7.30 pm

Village Hall, Mill Lane, Woolpit, IP30 9QX

£17.50 per person, children/students free

Booking: 07972 668180

**tickets@stowmarketchorale.org.uk
or on the door**



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GREAT BRADLEY THROUGH THE AGES: PART 6 from Mike Brophy

The Late Middle Ages - part c: 14th Century Changes



We have a number of sources illustrating aspects of life in Great Bradley in the 14th Century. One of these is the list of church rectors from 1311. Those of the 14th Century were: From 2nd May 1311, **Robert Buteturt, (or Botetourt)** presented by the Sequestrator (Bishop's representative) on the resignation of Ludswick the last rector; 13th November, 1316, **Magister Roger Buteturt**, sponsored by Sir John Buteturt; 7th April, 1318, **Johannes De Norton** sponsored by Sir John Buteturt; 9th February 1332, **Johannes De Paynton** sponsored by Lady Joan De Botetourt; 10th January, 1344, **Ricardus Le Morter (or le Mercer) De Berningham** sponsored by Sir John De Butetourt, Lord of Woleye; 23rd October 1350, **Thomas Gerond De Stratford** on Mercer's resignation, an exchange with Everdon, Lincoln Diocese; 29th October 1361, **Ricardus De Gretyngdon** and 1st September 1391, **Johannes Hercos**. The full list is hanging at the back of the church and our website <https://greatbradley.weebly.com/rectors-from-1311.html>.

We have records of land transactions in the 14th Century. For example, the earliest known transaction is on 18th August 1310 where land in Brinkley was granted by William Wastle to John Kemp of Great Bradley. In 1311 there was a "release by Hugh de Lopham, clerk, to the prior and convent of Lewes for 20 pounds of all his rights in 100 acres in Bradeleye Magna [Great Bradley] in a field called 'Haldeleye' concerning which he had impleaded the said prior"; on 29th September 1334 John de Langeton released land to Walter de Wyght which he and John de Norton former rector of Great Bradley had; and on December 21st 1353 land was granted from John Botetourt to Walter de Wyght "formerly belonging to Symon de Hatfield, chaplain of the chapel to Great Bradley for 50 masses to be celebrated annually in the church of Great Bradley".



GREAT BRADLEY THROUGH THE AGES: PART 6 from Mike Brophy

In the last article we learned that the church tower was built in the 14th Century. The chancel was lengthened in the same period. It was subsequently been shortened to the size we see today.



There are two 14th Century window apertures and a priest's door on the south side and one window aperture in the north wall of the chancel. You can see from the picture (right and above) that the outer 14th Century frame is older than the central stone lattice and the stained glass, which are probably 18th Century. The priest's door (left) is set in the very thick wall.



At the eastern end of the south wall of the sanctuary is a very fine 14th century sedilia. This is a stone seat, set into the wall that church ministers would have sat on during a service. The hood over the seat is in the form of a trefoil-headed ogee arch (i.e. formed by the intersection of two S-shaped curves with three leaves at a pointed apex). The arch rests upon semi-circular pilasters (columns) with moulded capitals and bases. The hood rests on a corbel in the form of head. Only the right one remains.

There is only one sedilia and you can see that it is partially chopped off at the eastern end because the chancel has been shortened since the 14th Century. When the chancel was at its original length there would probably have been three sedilia in a line along this wall.



The octagonal lead-lined stone baptismal font is late 14th C. The panels are described as "quatrefoils with fleurons", meaning four overlapping circles with a floral pattern in the centre. Fleurons and shields are carved beneath the bowl. The pillar is sculptured with trefoil-headed arches (trefoil means three leaves) with more fleurons round the base. The font was originally painted, and you can see that some of this 700-year-old red paint remains. It's fantastic that the font is still in use after so long, as this family baptism from 2022 shows.



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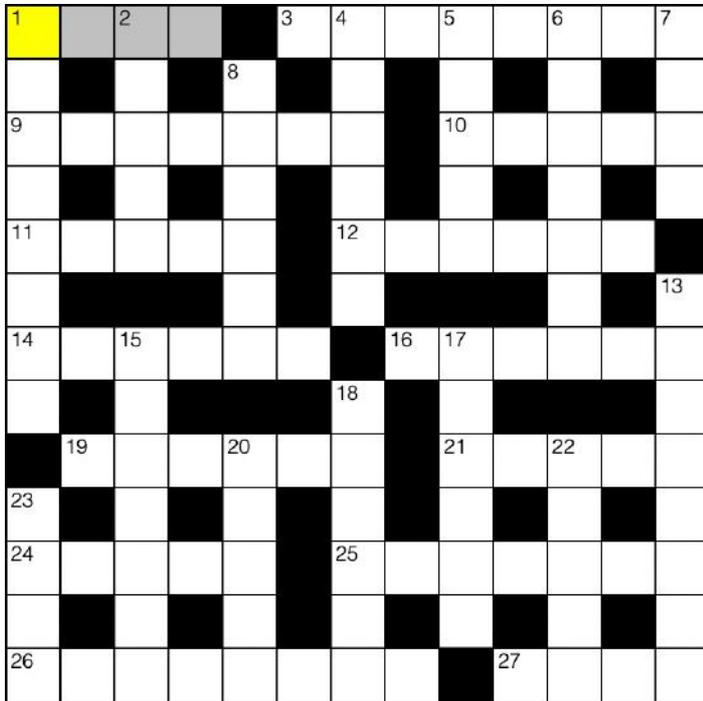
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Have a go at the crossword and word search

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Across

- 1 Plant from which linen is made (4)
- 3 Matrimony (8)
- 9 Non-professional (7)
- 10 Ski slope (5)
- 11 In that place (5)
- 12 Slumbering (6)
- 14 Maxim (6)
- 16 Gentle wind (6)
- 19 Fully developed (6)
- 21 Venomous snake (5)
- 24 Preliminary period (3-2)
- 25 Alleviate (7)
- 26 Stubbornly persistent (8)
- 27 Small island (4)

Down

- 1 Flute player (8)
- 2 Stop sleeping (5)
- 4 Aviator (6)
- 5 Drive back (5)
- 6 Severely simple (7)
- 7 Always (4)
- 8 Sea between Greece and Turkey (6)
- 13 Bring back (8)
- 15 Pined (7)
- 17 Actually (6)
- 18 Rue (6)
- 20 Higher (5)
- 22 Sediment (5)
- 23 Jason's ship (4)



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Answers to last month's crossword and word search.

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