



THE BRADLEY BUGLE

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This month's photo is of the beautiful entrance to St Mary's church on the occasion of the Art Festival

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the July/August double issue of the Bradley Bugle!

What a start to the Summer season! Hog roast at the Big Summer Party, an amazing Art Exhibition, rounded off by the Annual Fete - and the sun shone down on us on each occasion!

I do hope that you were able to enjoy at least one of the recent events, I for one found the hog roast delicious and having perused the artwork on display at the church this past weekend, I think we have more than our fair share of talented people.

As we head into the Summer season, this is our bumper edition of the Bugle, a little later than usual so we could include news of our recent events rather than wait until September.

I wish you long, languid Summer days, enjoy a well-deserved break from work, school, and other chores and I'll see you in September.

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. See page 23 for the dates for 2024	Thursday 11th July, Village Hall, 5:30pm
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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 or via email annettesugg@gmail.com	First Thursday in the month 7:30pm to 9pm
Scottish Country Dancing	Lively light exercise and fun! Contact Ella Hollins on 01440 782904 for details of the next session	Village Hall Mondays 2pm 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 See our Facebook page for more details too!
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 Thursday in the month 7:30pm to 8:30pm Village Hall

Looking further ahead

Mobile Library Every 4 weeks on Wednesdays	More information at https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk 2024 dates are as follows: 24 January, 21 February, 20 March, 17 April, 15 May, 12 June, 10 July, 7 August, 4 September, 2 October, 30 October, 27 November. No service in December 2024.	Evergreen Lane 12:10 to 12:35 Rt 18-Stop E
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Further afield

Thurlow WI	The next meeting is on Tuesday 9th July. See page 13 .	Thurlow Village Hall
Dullingham Flower Club	The next meeting is on Thursday 11th July. See page 13 .	The Taylor Hall, Church Close Dullingham

Bins and bottle bank

Bins	<p>Black bin: normally emptied on a Tuesday. 2nd, 16th, 30th July. 13th August</p> <p>Blue bin: emptied on a Tuesday in the alternate week. 9th, 23rd, July. 6th, 20th August. 3rd September</p> <p>Brown bin: emptied on a Thursday in the same week as the Blue bin. 11th, 25th, July. 8th, 22nd August. 5th September</p> <p>Find more information online here: https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/bins/</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 July/August 2024

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
7 July 10am	Holy Communion	Kedington
14 July 10am	Holy Communion	Great Thurlow
21 July 10am	Holy Communion	Great Wrating
	Family Service	Little Thurlow
28 July 10 am	Holy Communion	Great Bradley
4 August 10am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Little Bradley
	Family Service	Kedington
11 August 10am	Holy Communion	Great Thurlow
18 August 10am	Holy Communion	Little Thurlow
	Family Service	Great Wrating
25 August 10am	Holy Communion	Great Bradley
1 September 10am	Holy Communion	Kedington

Note: Holy Communion services will take place at Little Bradley on alternate months starting 4 February 2024.

St Mary's Great Bradley Flower Rota

July: Anne Pigden

August: Helen Smith

With thanks to our team of talented flower arrangers



Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride



**Saturday,
14 September 2024
9.00am - 5.00pm**



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from whom sponsorship
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GREAT BRADLEY CHURH FETE from Sue Willington PCC St Mary's Church

After the promise of a gloriously sunny week we were greeted by rain on the morning of Sunday 30th June. We must have had divine intervention as by lunchtime all was dry and the afternoon set fair for another great annual village fete.

A splendid day gave us a splendid result and we raised upwards of £3,500. Final confirmation of figures are to come.



The Hadstock silver Band rang out in the gardens of The Hall, which we gratefully use for the event, courtesy of The Ryder family. Alice and her team ran another very successful bottle tombola, Meg, Charles and their small helpers had fun on toys, where as many toys were played with as sold.

The Gale family were in evidence again on the Produce stall with Dave Flood. Oliver and Daisy once again ran all the games, they are now expert organisers of splat the rat, bowling for pigs and other fun things. Our Vicar Father Chris was also present, enjoying the afternoon and the ladies from Thurlow WI set up an information stall for anyone wanting to join.

Helen and Sue ran the Bric a Brac stall where everyone enjoys a look for that certain something or even to pick up an item from the past. Pauline and her friend once again ran a wonderful raffle, with some amazing items to win, thank you to all who donated and made such great prizes. It brought some laughter when a winner wondered who had started on her Port!

Teas, always a popular attraction, with delicious cream teas, cake and ice cream drew the crowds up to the terrace, where the cows looked through the fence with curiosity as Lisa, Martin, Tina, Jill, Anne, Alison and others did a sterling job keeping up with demand. A very big shout out to Peter and Mark who kept the washing up going and kept the clean china coming all afternoon.

The large Hamper draw sold more tickets to go with those already sold online and Charles along with Tara were kept busy with this popular attraction, the Hampers full of goodies reflect the beautiful countryside we live in and were received with glee by all those who were lucky enough to have a winning ticket.

Pimms flowed as Ned, Charlie and Bungo mixed jugs full with fruit and mint, I'm told it gave a kick, lads.

The smell of the BBQ wafted across the pond as Keith, Elaine and Chris made it another great year for this attraction, people sat on hay bales enjoying the great taste of a handmade venison burger which are so popular, other delicious options were available too.

A new event put on by the Village Art Group and The Friends of St Mary's Church on the Saturday evening meant the Church was still open and full of artwork for sale by this very talented team, the Church felt warm in the glow of beautiful Art and friendly chatter as visitors wandered in for a browse and sit. Once again beautiful flower arrangements by Anne and Mary added to the lovely atmosphere. Those brave enough and with a head for heights, joined Duncan for a tour to the top of the Church tower, the view must have been amazing, we'd love to see any photos that may have been taken please. The village Facebook page is a great place to share.

On leaving the Church we were greeted by the sight of an old steam traction engine and classic car, that just added to the nostalgic feel of the fete and were of great interest, thanks go to Murray for bringing them down.

Books as always drew a steady stream of people, Geoff Broad and his helper catered to the needs of those looking for something new/old and interesting in print.

It was also another year our Community Police team came along, this time with a brand new Police car, it is always nice to welcome them and a smile was brought to our faces when one of the youngsters arrived at Teas with a dirty tea cup " this is the Police Ladies cup" she told us with great importance.



The fete involves so many people from the village, who give their time often for many hours before and after the event, unfortunately we can't mention them all, so to all the stall holders, outside stall holders and particularly those behind the scenes, Stephen and Colin and all those who lift and shift, put out and put away, Iain, Ken and Kevin who manned the gates taking entrance fees, Steve for his announcements that keep our fete running to schedule, Peter and Kevin for the signs that draw people in, the jam, cake and scone makers, and to those of you who come and support us, we couldn't do it without you all.

It was a memorable day we hope you enjoyed yourselves. Thank you for helping keep our beautiful and historic Church open for all.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL from Polly Cook

We are very lucky here in Great Bradley to have so many wonderful people who come together to help out for the community. On June 2nd, we had the Village Summer Big Party. Incredibly the sun shone all day and we were able to have our hog roast at the park. Many people have commented on how much they enjoyed the occasion (Editor's note: The hog roast was particularly delicious!). We would like to thank all the people who rocked so hard to make it happen.

On June 8th a group of about 10 people got together to weed the path on Fox Green. This is something we have been thinking about for a while and with all the volunteers that came to help, we had it weeded in just over half an hour. Thanks to Karen for the tea, coffee, and biscuits!

On the to do list for the council is the Village Survey where you get to have your say on village matters. What is important to you? What would you like to see more/less of? We have been leaving some of the grass at the park to grow long for the wildlife. It's very exciting to see how many bee orchids have grown and flowered - especially near the gym equipment.

Earlier on this year the Parish Council was very short of councillors. We are now happy to report that we have a full team! We will be able to tell you more about them in the next issue of the Bugle when they have officially signed up.

Another editor's note: I am an avid orchid lover, and it's incredibly special for us to have so many wild orchids in the village. The mycorrhizal fungal conditions need to be just right for an orchid to 'move in' as they rely entirely on mycorrhizal fungus for all their nutrients and carbon early in life. If the conditions aren't right they just move out never to return until conditions become just right again. Here's one from our front garden.



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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL from Chris Housden

June saw another Quiz Night, so a big thanks for our quiz-masters Dick and Sharon. Although not as well attended as previous Quiz Nights, everyone seemed to have a good time. The winning team, relatives of John and Maureen, walked away with a box of goodies.

Now the grass (and weeds) are growing fast with the summer weather, a big thanks to Steve Peel for his hard work keeping the grounds smart.

July will see our Family BBQ on Saturday 20th July. We would like to see more families using the Hall facilities, so we are offering a free meal for children under 10. Any offers of help would be appreciated, contact any committee member (details below)

On the 4th July the Village Hall will be your local Polling Station, remember to bring your photo ID, open for voting 7.00am to 10.00pm.



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GREAT BRADLEY ART FESTIVAL from Pat Spires

On the evening of Saturday 29th June The Great Bradley Art Group held the first Private View of their paintings which also featured work by The Great Bradley Photo Club.

The Exhibition was kindly sponsored by Cubico Sustainable Investments (owners of Broxted Solar Limited). Ticket sales were in aid of The Friends of Great Bradley Church.



Months in the planning and after nearly a week of preparation we were ready for the public. The Church has always been a lovely venue for our display but this time the exhibition was on a much grander scale with the Church looking very different. Many of the pews had been removed which created a larger display area and we made good use of it. The recently installed magnificent new lighting system really showed all of the art work at its best.

The weather on Saturday evening could not have been kinder. As people browsed around the displays, wandered through the churchyard and Hall gardens the wine flowed, nibbles were enjoyed and the atmosphere on this balmy evening was superb.

The work on display was extremely varied as each artist has their

own style and favourite medium to work with, from pastels to oils, acrylics to water colour. There were landscapes, still life, animals, birds and flowers, there was something for everyone. Over 50 framed pictures were hung and three racks of unframed works gave people a huge choice. The Great Bradley Photo Club joined us and the stunning photographs proved very popular.



For members of the Art Group and the Photo club it was extremely rewarding to see their work on show and receive so many favourable comments. What a range of talented local artists we have in our midst.

A massive thank you to everyone who contributed to the setting up and removal of the displays. To Charles & Alice Ryder who along with many family members, friends and colleagues enabled this event to get off the ground, it would not have been possible without your support.

Finally, if you are one of the many who bought a painting or photograph we hope you have many years of enjoyment from your purchase and thank you for coming.

Note: You may have seen Charles Ryder's article 'Great Bradley and the Arts' if you visited the church if not then we hope to reproduce it in the next edition of The Bugle. You may be surprised to learn of the long standing link the local area has with the arts.

VILLAGE LOTTERY from Nikki Stroud

Welcome to the update for the June village hall lottery.

We are now two thirds of the way through the lottery year, with four months to go. So make sure you keep an eye out over the next couple of months for details on how to join next year.

This month there are three winners with total prize money of £25. The way I work this out is there are 48 entries this year. Each entry costs £1 per month which means for this month there was £48. Half of this money (£24) goes to the village hall and the other half goes to prizes. There was £4.5 rolled over from previous months so I used £1 to round the prize money up to £25 and rolled over £3.5.

Congratulations to Caroline Ryder who has won two months in a row but this is the first time the numbers 70 and 21 have come up this lottery year.

May Draw Results

First (£10)	Pat Spires (Number 21)
First (£10)	Caroline Ryder (Number 119)
Second (£5)	Pamela Boneham (Number 70)

Apologies to both the May and the June lottery winners as I haven't yet managed to drop them off but I hope to do so soon - though perhaps I will catch some of you at the summer fete or the art show!

I hope you all have a lovely month and good luck in next month's lottery.

If you would like to join the lottery then you can contact me on the email address below.

Congratulations to this month's winners!

Good luck for next month.

Contact Nikki Stroud by email gbvillagehall.lot@gmail.com or telephone on 01440 783416.

GREAT BRADLEY THROUGH THE AGES: 17th Century Part 8: The People from Mike Brophy

This is our last look at Great Bradley in the 17th Century so it seems only right that we end with an insight into the lives of those who lived here. The 17th century saw enormous change and our area has a number of connections to key events. Elizabeth I died at the beginning of the century ending the Tudor (her great-great grandmother was Lady Margaret Beaufort who funded St John’s College, owner of much of the land round Great Bradley up to the 20th century). The Tudors were replaced by the Stewarts, firstly by James IV of Scotland who also became James I of England thus beginning the United Kingdom (it was James founded the royal palace that you can still visit in Newmarket). His son, our first king named Charles, succeeded him but was replaced by the puritan Oliver Cromwell from Huntingdon after the Civil War, fought partly because of religious differences (indeed, Haverhill in the USA is named after Haverhill in Suffolk by Nathaniel Ward who left England in 1634 to escape religious persecution). The monarchy was restored by Charles II (after whose nickname the Rowley Mile course in Newmarket is named) who died towards the end of the century. The 17th century also saw the Gunpowder Plot (which is still celebrated with a fantastic bonfire & fireworks in Great Bradley); the first permanent English colony in America (the ships for which were led by Christopher Newport of Harwich, where the mouth of our very own River Stour joins the North Sea); and the Great Fire of London in 1666 (during which year the manor of Great Bradley was sold to Sir Stephen Soames of Thurlow).

POPULATION

It is difficult to estimate the population as there was no regular censuses and there was different ways to estimate the numbers of people and the land they might have owned.

In **1603** there were 60 communicants recorded at church.

In **1638** a ‘muster’ recorded 64 men aged 16-60 years old who could be called for military service.

Gt. BRADLEY MAGNA IN RISBRIDGE.			
Mr. Halls	3	Mr. Jo. Wardner	12
Mr. Molin	2	Widow Scott	3
Jo. Greene	1	M ^{rs} Turner	3
Widow Leech	2	M ^{rs} Andrews	2
Mary Sanderson	3	Mr. Symonds	3
Ralph Hunt	1	Susan Sanders	3
Jo. Scott	2	Thomas South	2
Ambrose Hall	1	Richard Smyth	3
Thomas Fyson	2	William Theobald	4
Robert Marsh	4	Robert Jackson	2
Jo. Chambers	4	Marie Burton	3
Law. Parker	2		
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The **1674** Hearth Tax records show 38 households and 91 hearths (fireplaces). See image here. It shows that Joseph Wardner had the biggest house (probably Great Bradley Hall) with 12 hearths.

In **1676** the Compton Census, which looked at a person’s religion, recorded 132 people of which 130 were conformist (Church of England).

In **1696** there were 56 people recorded as Heads of Household. Another survey late in the 17th Century identified 89 family units of which 29 comprised just husband and wife.

MARRIAGE

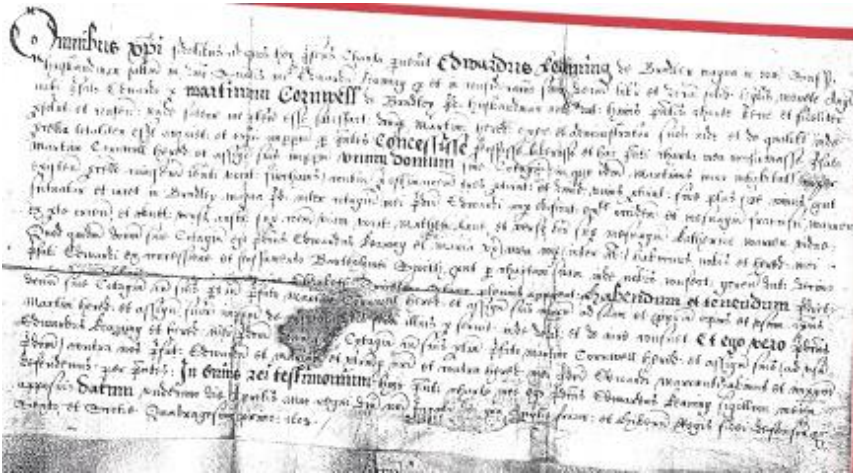
Philip Bedingfield of Ditchingham married Lady Francis Hobart, born Peyton, on 16th April 1595 in Great Bradley. She was the fifth daughter of Sir John Peyton of Iselham, who owned the manor of Great Bradley at the time.

Phillip and Francis had two daughters, Mary and Martha. Philip passed away on 10th. February **1621** at the age of 27. This image is of his monument in Hedenham church, Norfolk.



LAND & PROPERTY

From **1608**, this image is of a deed that records, in Latin, a “grant by Edward Kearning of Bradley Magna in the county of Suffolk, husbandman, to Martin Cornwell of the same, husbandman [a free tenant farmer owning a small amount of land], for £10 10 shillings, a cottage in which Martin dwells, within a parcel of a tenement called ‘Finchams’, containing around 3 1/2 perches [about an acre], lying in Bradley Magna between the cottage built by the grantor to the west and the messuage of Francis Warren to the east, and abutting on the way called Matthew Lane to the south, and on the messuage of Katherine Warren, widow, to the north; which cottage Edward and Maria his wife had of the feoffment [ownership] of.”



In **1627** two men from Little Thurlow bought the manor of Great Bradley. “This indenture made 13th day of March in the third reign of our Sovereign Lord Charles.... Between Henry Cutts .. and John Cockerill of Little Thurlow on the one part and Sir William Soame of Little Thurlow on the other witness that whereas the said Henry Cutts and John Cockerill did purchase and buy (a moiety?) of The Manor of Great Bradley with

appurtenances and tenements, ten gardens, 100 acres, 300 acres of land, 300a of pasture, 120 acres of wood, liberties of free warren [for raising rabbits]. It was witnessed by Nic Herickes, Matthew Curtis, Richard Pettit , Joe Cockerell and William Appilon”.



Sir Stephen Soame of Little Thurlow bought the manor of Great Bradley back in 1666. He had previously been Lord Mayor of London and presided over the first meeting to consider the formation of the East India Company, which went on to be one of the biggest companies in the world and underpinned much of the subsequent British Empire.

It was he who had the alms houses and school house built in Little Thurlow. The magnificent monument featuring him and his wife Anne is in Little Thurlow church.

COURT RECORDS (The court would have been held in Bury St Edmunds)

1639, 17 Oct. Robert Dawson’s relict [widow], Anne Dawson, sister of John Levett of Stambourne Essex, tailor, settled in Great Bradley with William Fincham, cook. Churchwardens and overseers of Great Bradley to keep youngest child. William Fincham to pay half expenses. Anne Dawson and eldest child to go to the brother.

1695, 20 Oct. Surrender [i.e. giving back to a landlord] from John Collyer to Thomas Fyson, blacksmith, shop & land occupied by Luke Brown.

1696, 26 Jan. Surrender from Martin Sanderson to Barbary [foreign] wife of Martin Sanderson, 1 cottage & 6 poles [approx. 1 acre] of land lying below Bradley Hill near Priest Gate and next to a meadow.

1696, 10 Feb. Surrender from Gilbert, Collyer, singleman, customary tenant by the hands of Mr Samuel Rutner, in the person of Jeffrey Barker, two customary tenements abutting lands of St Johns now occupied by Martin Sanderson and all other parts lands of Charles Fox Esq to the use of William Willson the younger of LT, cooper, premises in the occupation of Samuel Collier.

1696, 19 Oct. Martin Sanderson snr for ploughing up Speers Hedge in Waterfields. Fined 4 shillings.

1697, 7 Nov. Surrender from Susan Hunt, widow, in presence of William Wilson the elder, land devised to her by the will of James Tibbold, her father, to Joseph Parmenter, a yeoman of Great Bradley.

1698, 6 Jan, Surrender from Gilbert Collier, Little Barn standing on the highway leading from the Blacksmith shop in Gt Bradley toward Borough Green, in the occupy of John Wollard, to Joseph Parmenter of Gt Bradley.

DEATH

The wills below are from people who lived in Great Bradley. In the 17th century most people did not make a will. The testament would probably have been written on paper by a scribe, possibly at the court in Bury St Edmunds or dictated to a priest or parish clerk, although it could be spoken in front of witnesses and written down later. It would need to be 'proved' (authenticated) by a court or church council. Wills would have been read out in public, so the living are often described positively, for example as 'loving', 'dear' or 'trusted'. It was common for women to receive household goods in a will, whilst men received land and property.

Until 1883 a married woman had no property of her own; it all belonged to her husband, even her clothes. Married women could not make a will unless their husband agreed to it. After the death of her husband, a widow was the next of kin and entitled to one third of her late husband's estate for life. £1 in 1650 would be worth about £150 in 2024.



1616, 19 August. I Martin Chambers of Great Bradley, yeoman, sick in body but of perfect remembrance do make this my last will and testament. I will my body to be buried in [the church of] Great Bradley. I give unto Martin Chambers, my son, all my houses and grounds both free and to him and his heirs for ever upon the condition that he gives Martha, my wife, a yearly sum of £5 to be paid at the feasts of St Michael [29th Sept] and the Annunciation of our Blessed Lady the Virgin Mary [25th March].

I give Martha, my wife, my bed whereon I now lie and all other things in the chamber now standing, and a chest with the linen therein being standing in the Hall Chamber and one livery table and one brass pot, a rake and a skillet [pan], a pair of pewter candlesticks and a mortar. I give unto Henry, my son, the sum of £20 to be paid when he shall come to the age of 28. I give unto my daughters Katherine, Anne and Faith £5 to be paid at the age of 30 years. And further, I give unto Anne a little brass pot and a furnished featherbed and to Faith the bed whereon my wife and I used to lie and a pot skillet. The rest of my goods I give unto Martin my son towards the payments of my debts.

1616, 15 Oct. I Edward Claydon of Great Bradley, Husbandman, bequeath to Edward Claydon the elder £12. To Bill Smyth of Stradyall, 12 pennies. To Thomas Claydon, my son, £12; to William Claydon 12 pence; to John Claydon of Tharstae [?] £12 of silver; to Edward my son £12; to Robert Smeeth of Castell 12 pence.

1617, 5 Oct. I Martin Sanderson the elder, of Great Bradley in the county of Suffolk, yeoman, give unto the poor of Great Bradley 10s to be paid within six weeks after my decease. I give unto my wife Agnes £5 to be paid unto her quarterly. Also my will is that Martin my son shall give her all the said terms of the lease. I give unto my son John Sanderson £5. I give Crispan Philipp and Anne the three children of John Sanderson 6s 8d apiece to be paid when they reach 21. I bequeath unto Katherine my daughter 6s 8d. I give unto her three children, Susan, Anne and Juda, 6s 8d a piece to be paid when they reach 21. I bequeath unto my daughter Anne 6s 8d. I give unto Faith my said daughter the bed whereon my wife and I used to lie on as it is now standeth and a pot skillet. The rest of my goods I give to Martin my son towards the payments of my debts.

1628, 16 July. I Thomas Warren of Great Bradly wish for my body to be buried in the churchyard of Great Bradley. I give unto Mary my wife £20 year during her natural life to be paid unto her quarterly. I give unto Martin my son £100 to be paid unto him £40 within one month after my decease and £30 within one year after my decease and £30 more within two years after my decease. Also I give to the poor of great Bradley 2 shillings to be paid at the discretion of my Executor. I give unto Martin my son one featherbed with all that belongs to it and one Chest and the Cupboard that stands in the parlour. I give to Edward, Thomas and George, my sons, and Mary my daughter £12 apiece. I give unto John Warren all the use of my goods and chattels unbequeathed, conditionally that he shall discharge and pay all my debts and legacies.

1675. This image shows the "inventory of all and single goods and chattels of Anne Tebull, late of Great Bradley in the County of Suffolk (Spinster deceased)". It lists the items and their worth (in pounds, shillings and pence): "Her wearing apparel.. £2 5s; all her linen.. 18s; a Bible.. 2s, a silver bodkin [type of sewing needle for lacing up garments].. 2s; brass kettle.. 5s; a box.. 1s 6d; a cow.. £2 15s; a yearling cud bullock.. 15s

1696, 19 Oct. The court records state 'Death of Martin Sanderson a copyhold tenant, present was son Martin as heir to house, but under age'. So he presumably didn't get the house ☹

1694, 4th Dec. From the will of Thomas Fyson, yeoman of Great Bradley: The messuage and tenement with all the buildings, yards, orchards, commons and one piece of pasture ground, by estimation one acre in Bradley, lately purchase of John Colyer the younger and mortgaged unto Robert Dawkins of Haverhill, gentleman, or to some other person for the payment of £30. The interest remains unpaid and I do direct that money and all interest due shall be paid as soon as may be possible out of my personal estate. I also will that £25 stand charged by the will of John Colyer the elder, deceased, shall also be paid out of my personal estate at the time appointed by the will of John Colyer deceased. To son Thomas Fyson, said messuage subject to payment of legacies and annuity. To my loving wife Alice, an annuity of 40 shillings to be paid in south porch of the parish church on the feast day of St Michael every year, £10 and rest of my personal estate and all that messuage in the tenure of Robert Pettytt in Bradley for her life and then to daughter Sarah. Alice also to take care of the education of my daughters Frances and Sarah till they be fit to God to survive. To daughters Frances, Mary and Anne £20 each when 21 or at day of marriage and to be paid in the said porch. To daughter Sarah, two gold rings and one pair of Holland sheets [high quality linen] at age 21 or marriage.



THE WHITE GHOST from Walter Lane

The first rays of the morning sun were just about to peep over the hills to the east of the village and I was on my way to Brinkley, driving up the winding lane known as Common Road. A large white ghostly shape suddenly appeared in front of me only a few feet off the ground. Showing no fear, it then proceeded to slowly quarter the road and its verges, completely ignoring my car which was only a short distance behind it. I slowed down and observed the zig-zagging ghostly spectre, giving it plenty of space. This state of affairs continued for the best part of two hundred yards before it condescended to throw a left and disappear over a farm gate. This was no supernatural event of course; it was just a large Barn Owl going about its normal dusk/dawn hunting activities as it searched for some poor unfortunate mouse, vole or shrew.



Barn Owl - *Tyto Alba*

Here in the UK we have five resident species of Owl, they being, the Barn Owl, the Tawny Owl, the Short Eared Owl, the Long Eared Owl and last but not least, the Little Owl. It's easy to find all owls appealing as their unique features and appearance make them extremely likeable. However for sheer design perfection you will find it very difficult to beat the Barn Owl, everything about its makeup has a reason. The head of a Barn Owl of course makes it very different from any other bird. That striking large heart shaped double dished face, encompassing those huge dark eyes, makes a very efficient receptor for funnelling sound waves into their feather covered ears, which are located at the sides of the head just behind the eyes.

A Barn Owl can also change the shape of its facial disc making it more receptive to various sound frequencies by using its special facial muscles. Also, an Owl's bill is pointed downward, increasing the surface area over which the sound waves are collected by the facial disc. All in all the whole arrangement works just like an efficient miniature radar dish. An owl can detect the difference in time (in millionths of a second) between sound arriving at its left ear and the same sound arriving at its right ear. Then by turning its head until sound arrives at both ears simultaneously it can detect the direction of its prey (i.e. now right in front of it). Not only that, its left ear is located slightly higher than its right ear so sound coming from below will reach its right ear first and sound coming from above will reach its left ear first, thus enabling it to not only detect the direction of its prey but also its height. This means in theory, that even in complete darkness, the sound of a rustling leaf caused by the movement of a tiny mouse, can be accurately located by a Barn Owl. Coupled to this, old Barny has very special eyes which are very different to our own. These eyes, which make up 5% of the owls total weight are not eye balls as such but elongated tubes. They are held in place by bony structures in the skull called Sclerotic rings. For this reason, an Owl cannot "roll" or move its eyes - that is, it can only look straight ahead in the direction its head is pointed! (By the way contrary to popular belief it cannot rotate its head through 360 degrees (only about 270 degrees) however it can rotate its head almost upside down - strange eh!) The clever eye arrangement means the owl can see objects in 3 dimensions (height, width, and depth), and can judge distances in a similar way to humans. There is a down side however, with eyes taking up so much room in the skull there is not much room left for the brain which means that compared to many other birds, owls are a little lacking in brain power (bang goes the wise old owl theory).

Barn Owls are handsome creatures with the female normally a little larger than the male; she also has a more speckled chest. Another myth that must be exploded is that the Barn Owl utters the 'too-wit too-woo' call. Not so, this belongs to other night time owls some of which are often heard around Great Bradley - I'm of course referring to the Tawny Owl. The 'too-wit too-woo' is in fact two calls from a pair (male and female) of Tawny Owls communicating with each other, they are basically saying. "Where are you?" with the reply - "I'm over here!"

Barn owls as we have discovered hunt by sound as much as sight and so have developed special silent flight feathers. There are two advantages to this, first of all there is no flapping noise which might disturb their prey and secondly they do not generate 'self' noise which could possibly disturb their own unique hearing system. Well what's so special about their feathers? For a start Barn Owls have no oil preening glands so the feathers are soft and downy. The feather shape is also different in that, if you look closely you will see they have miniature comb like structures and fringes at their edges. This slows down and breaks up the turbulent airflow and greatly reduces the 'swooshing' sound made by other bird's wings. The softness of the wing feather is the key adaptation for silent flight which means Barn Owls really do glide through the air with the same soundless quality as falling snow. There is a down side however; their lack of oil preening glands means they are not waterproof. So although you may see a Barn Owl flying in light rain you will never see them hunting in prolonged heavy rain. In this scenario they prefer to stay at home inside a barn roof or hollow tree in the warm.

Barn owls will hunt in the dark but are usually most active at dawn and dusk In the twilight, so in reality they are not nocturnal or diurnal but more crepuscular. We have talked a little about owl calls but not actually described the barn owl call, well it can best be described as a piercing ear shattering 'shree' scream and if you hear one in a churchyard at midnight, believe you me you, would be out of there in a trice.

To finish off; how are our local Great Bradley Barn Owls doing? Well up to a year ago I would have said very well. A pair could be regularly seen at dusk down by the river Stour and others around Acre Road but sadly I have to admit I haven't seen one for a while. This may be down to the very wet Winter and Spring and flooding of the field margins, I don't know but let's hope with the encouragement made by those folks who have erected owl nesting boxes and some decent weather our magnificent 'Ghostly Barn Owls' will return.

Well that's all for now!

Keep Walking

Walter Lane



Female Barn Owl - Left

Male Barn Owl - Right



Dullingham Flower Club

From Helen Smith

Our next meeting is on Thursday 11th July 2024

8.00pm

The Taylor Hall, Church Close Dullingham

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information

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The next meeting will be on Thursday 12th
September 2024

There is no meeting in August.



Thurlow WI

From Iris Eley

No report for this issue.

The 2024 programme of activities can be found
online here: [https://suffolk-west.thewi.org.uk/find-wi/
thurlow/programme](https://suffolk-west.thewi.org.uk/find-wi/thurlow/programme)

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BURROUGH GREEN C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS from David Sanford

Hello everyone. This is my final submission of this academic year.

It has been an amazing journey for myself. Last September, I was a new head teacher eager for the challenge and now I have almost completed my first year. The school has definitely moved forwards and many things have changed. The one constant though has been the incredible children that come to Burrough Green - from Day 1, they have been simply amazing.

One of the advantages of a small school is the family feel an environment like this creates. Nurtured properly, it can lead to heightened moral structures and increased acceptance of others. I have to say, the children here display these qualities in abundance and I am so proud to be leading here.

QuadKids - Athletics event

Earlier this month, I had the pleasure of taking 10 students to Cambridge University Sports Ground. They had the experience of running on a real running track. All children had to compete in 4 events - 75m, 600m (a horrible distance - no one was sure whether to sprint or pace themselves), standing long jump and turbo howler. 4 of our Year 6 girls (Lottie, Sienna, Emily and Minny) won their 75m races.

Some of the times some of the Year 6 boys from other schools were recording for the 600m were of a very high standard - I heard at least 2 posting times well below 1 minute 50 seconds. Amazing standard of athletics all round!

Overall Burrough Green came 12th out of 20 schools - a remarkable achievement considering our numbers. Mrs Harrison and I were really proud of them all.

Governors

The school governors met on the 10-06-24 and they wish to share the following points:

- Governors were proud to hear that pupils were well-prepared for their SATS exams and applied themselves admirably throughout;
- Governors are delighted that the swimming pool is now open and being used by the Owls after-school club as well as for lessons during the day;
- Governors were pleased to see David Sandford open the recent Burrough Green Garden Fete, further strengthening the links with the local community;
- Governors have arranged their monitoring visits for the rest of the term and are looking forward to deep dives into Geography, DT and Music;
- Governors will soon be undertaking an annual Skills Audit as part of the regular assessment of the effectiveness of the Board.

Our governors meet 3 times a term and they ensure the smooth running of the school. Their work is invaluable. Thank you.

Linton Village College

I have some wonderful news to share with our local community. Linton Village College has achieved a well-deserved 'good' rating in its most recent OFSTED report (April 2024). This is great for our school community.

As an aside, I have to say the transition work the school does with Year 6 moving into year 7 is excellent.

Here's the link to the OFSTED report. <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/23/136442>

Safeguarding

As the nights lengthen (we're almost at the longest day! - Editor's note: Way past the longest day now, sorry David!) I thought I would include some information about personal safety for children, especially if they are allowed to play out in the village or their local community without adult supervision.

To support you in discussing personal safety with your children and other family members, there is a guide you can download from the NSPCC titled "Home or Out Alone." This guide provides valuable tips on how to keep children safe and what to consider before allowing them more independence, whether they are staying home alone or going out without adult supervision.

We encourage you to review this guide and talk to your children about safety precautions they can take in various situations. By staying informed and vigilant, we can work together to ensure the safety and well-being of all our students at all times of the day.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Felixstowe Trip

On Wednesday 12th June, we went to Felixstowe to study Geography. Teachers had amazing activities lined up for the children and the trip was a massive success. The A14 behaved itself and the children loved going over the Orwell Bridge.

The quality of geography completed was first class – and as geography lead in the school, I was super impressed with everyone's work. Children were conducting surveys, being cartographers, understanding longshore drift and how humans control the coastline, erosion and looking at various other human and physical features. Year 6 met Suffolk Sounds – an internet radio station who gave us a 'shout out'!

Our aim is to visit Felixstowe every 2 years (as the plans on the website indicate) and use Felixstowe as a base to teach fieldwork. Research from the Geographical Association shows that becoming familiar with 1 or 2 places (our other venue will be Wicken Fen) gives the children a much better grounding in practical geography and they will be much more likely to understand this important element when asked to apply these skills to other places around the world in high school and beyond!

We still have awards ceremonies, sports days, leavers' assemblies and many other things to fit in before the end of term. It will be a super busy time for all staff.

It just leaves me a final opportunity to say have a great summer everyone, enjoy as many experiences as possible and have fun.

I will write again in the October issue (I will be on holiday during August, so will miss the September submission date)

Take care and 'come on England' (were still in the Euros and the 20/20 cricket world cup at time of writing!). Another Editor's Note: Spoiler alert...England didn't win the T20 World Cup (although the Editor did get to see them beat the West Indies in person).

David Sandford

Headteacher

NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE**The Ellesmere Summer Fun Day with Classic Car Show
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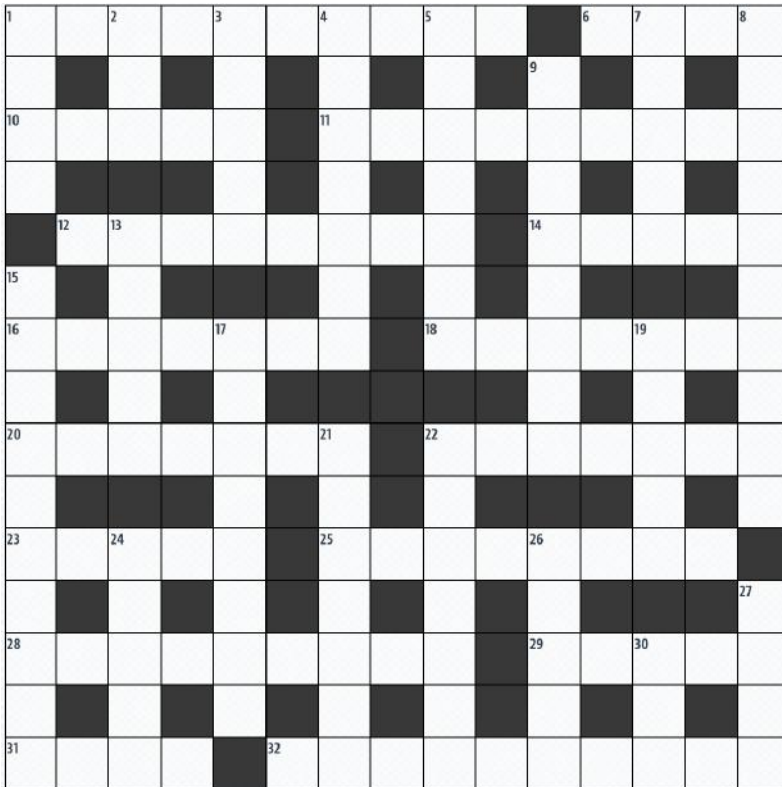
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1. Absolutely	1. Excavates
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10. Actor, Clark ...	3. Nephew's sister
11. AFL's North Melbourne team	4. Remove (4,3)
12. Minor planet	5. Arranged in rows (5,2)
14. Biting gnat	7. Lowed (of cow)
16. Ham it up	8. In refined way
18. Alpine plain	9. Agricultural area
20. Experienced person (3,4)	13. Outlay
22. Of healing	15. Children's jumping toys (4,6)
23. Salute with drink	17. Meat plant
25. Dual-focus spectacles	19. Surpass
28. Endless	21. Make deprived
29. More certain	22. Car exhaust silencer
31. Erotic	24. Incorporate (territory)
32. Pencil-honing utensils	26. Indian social system
	27. Circle parts
	30. Cereal grass

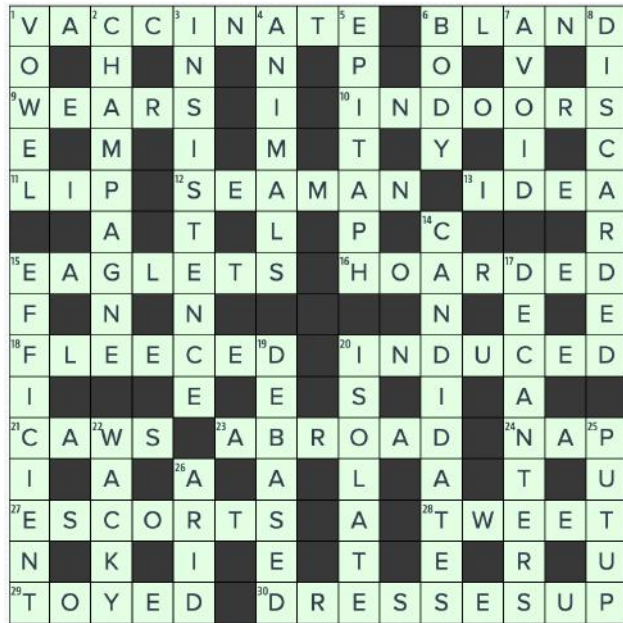


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Answers to last month's crossword and word search.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR PIMP MY FISH

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Note that you can order online: <https://order.pimp-my-fish.co.uk/>



Month	Day	Date
February	Thursday	8th
March	Thursday	14th
April	Thursday	11th
May	Thursday	9th
June	Thursday	13th
July	Thursday	11th
August	Thursday	8th
September	Thursday	12th
October	Thursday	10th
November	Thursday	14th
December	Thursday	12th

FUN FACTS ABOUT JULY AND AUGUST

- July is named after Julius Caesar (100 BC - 44 BC)
- 20th July is International Moon Day, which not only marks the anniversary of the first landing by humans on the Moon as part of the Apollo 11 lunar mission, but also focuses on international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space.
- August was named after a major figure of the ancient Roman World, Augustus Caesar (63 BC - AD 14). He was the first Roman emperor (though he never claimed the title) and the grandnephew of the previous ruler, Julius Caesar (who named July after himself).
- 11th August is World Steelpan Day (who knew?). The steelpan (also known as a pan, steel drum, and sometimes, collectively with other musicians, as a steelband or steel orchestra) is a musical instrument originating in Trinidad and Tobago. Acknowledging that the steelpan promotes inclusive societies, sustainable communities and the creative economy and can have a positive impact on mental health and well-being, gender equality and youth empowerment, the UN General Assembly decided to proclaim 11 August as World Steelpan Day. The Assembly invited stakeholders to observe World Steelpan Day, through activities aimed at raising awareness of the cultural and historical significance of the steelpan as well as its link to sustainable development.

QUIZ - Answers from the June quiz

1. Complete the following famous quote from the TV series Lost in Space: "Danger ____ ____."
Danger, Will Robinson
2. In 2001: A Space Odyssey, what song does the rogue computer system HAL 9000 sing to himself as he's shut down? **The nursery rhyme Daisy Bell (Bicycle built for Two)**
3. Which character speaks the first line in the original 1977 Star Wars movie? **C-3PO**
4. When the Doctor first meets a young Amy Pond after he crashes the TARDIS in her back garden, what food does he ask her for? **An Apple**
5. What does the licence plate on the DeLorean say in Back To The Future? **OUTATIME**
6. Who played Cruella de Vil in the 2021 live-action film about the 101 Dalmatians villain? **Emma Stone**
7. In The Princess Diaries, Mia Thermopolis is heir to the throne of which fictional country? **Genovia**
8. How many Pirates of the Caribbean films have been released? **Five**
9. Pedro Pascal stars as the lead character in which original Disney+ series? **The Mandalorian**
10. In Monsters Inc. what is Sulley's full name? **James P. Sullivan**
11. What does the acronym "SPECTRE" stand for? **Special Executive for Counter-intelligence, Terrorism, Revenge, Extortion**
12. How many actors have played M in the official James Bond film series? **4 (Bernard Lee, Robert Brown, Judi Dench, Ralph Fiennes)**

13. Which year was Daniel Craig's first Bond film released? **2006 (Casino Royale)**
 14. Name Christopher Lee's villain character in The Man with the Golden Gun? **Francisco Scaramanga**
 15. Which famous artist recorded the theme song for GoldenEye? **Tina Turner**
 16. Who killed Tony Stark's parents? **The Winter Soldier**
 17. What Top Gun character is Captain Marvel's cat named after? **Goose**
 18. Director Taika Waititi plays which comedic character first introduced in Thor: Ragnarok? **Korg**
 19. Natasha Romanoff is the real name of which superhero? **Black Widow**
 20. What is the highest-grossing Marvel movie without the word 'Avengers' in the title? **Spider-Man: No Way Home**
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JULY/AUGUST QUIZ AND SOME COLOURING IN

Here's the quiz for July/August, answers in the next issue.

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This month we're all about history...

1. What was significant about the Battle of Edgehill in 1642?
2. Who was the famous queen whose navy defeated the Spanish Armada in 1588?
3. Which historic document limited the power of the monarch and laid the foundation for constitutional governance in Britain.
4. In which century did the Industrial Revolution begin in Britain?
5. Which monarch is associated with the expansion of the British Empire during the 19th century?
6. In what year did England have its first Norman king?
7. Which cousin of Queen Elizabeth I was executed in 1587?
8. What was the name of the book, commissioned by William the Conqueror that was a survey of England's land and resources for tax purposes?
9. Who is credited with building the first successful steam locomotive, the Rocket, in 1829.
10. Who was the first monarch of England?

