



# The Bradley Bugle

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*Flag Flying - Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>  
Remembrance Day*



*Bonfire building has started ... still room for plenty more!*

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# Village Diary

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

November		
Public Meeting	Tackling Speeding; Thurlow VH. Fri. Nov. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Details p. 5
Bonfire Night	Saturday November 9 <sup>th</sup> Trailer available on Recreation Ground on Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov only.	Details p. 6
Quiz Night	Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November; 7:30pm	Details p. 7
Parish Council Meeting	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November; 7:30pm	
Weekly Events		
SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING	Lively, light exercise and fun! Contact Ella Hollins on 710340	Mondays 2 – 4pm
FLEXIBLE FRIENDS	Gentle stretching exercises. Contact Jaquie on 783354.	Tuesdays 10:30am – 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: 'History of the English Language' New members are very welcome to come along for a free taster week. Contact Peter Smith for more info. on 783278	Wednesdays at 10:15am
MOBILE LIBRARY	Evergreen Lane 12:20 – 12:35pm.	<b>Wednesday</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> November (Every 4 weeks)
AFTERNOON CLUB	All welcome, all ages, all interests. Come and meet friends and neighbours. Contact Gill Dunn on 783362	<b>None this month.</b>
AEROBICS	Mixed ability, back to basics fun workout. Contact Birgit 07972 108491	Fridays 10:30 – 11:30am (school terms)
BLACK BINS	Friday November 8 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup>	
BLUE & BROWN BINS	Friday November 1 <sup>st</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup>	
Further Ahead		
Children's Christmas Party	Sunday December 8 <sup>th</sup> 2 - 5pm	Details p. 8

## Village News & Notices

### Macmillan Coffee Morning 2013

Thank you so much to all who contributed to this event on 27<sup>th</sup> September. We raised a brilliant £242, and had a lovely time seeing everyone.



The number of coffee beans in the jar was 2230 and the nearest guess was Pat Spires with 2300 so a worthy winner of £9; half of the money taken, the other half goes to Macmillan.

**Helen and Pete Smith**

### Village Carol Singing

For many years there has been a tradition of carol singing around our village in the week or so before Christmas, the money collected being given to the Children's Society, who supply the carol books, collecting boxes, etc.



If you think that you would like to organise carol singing for this year please contact me for further details.

**Geoffrey Vollam (783132)**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Burrough Green Brownies



The Brownies enjoyed an exciting day at the Jarman Centre in Newmarket in September at a County event where they earned a Jet Set Go badge by passing through check-in and having their passports stamped before taking part in activities based on the seven continents. The weather was very kind to us and the girls all had a great time.

The girls are very excited about their forthcoming trip to the pantomime to see Robin Hood at the Cambridge arts theatre. We have also invited the Rainbows to come with us as it was such a successful trip last year.

From September, after a public consultation, our promise has changed for the 12<sup>th</sup> time. All the Brownies and leaders renewed their promises in a celebration party attended by our district commissioner.

We have recently had two new Brownies join us, bringing our numbers up to 29. We have been designing and decorating T-shirts in unit meetings and are having a Halloween themed crafts night. We have also been playing lots of new games and learning new songs to sing.

Brownies meet weekly in Brinkley during the school term. Brownies is for girls aged 7 to 10 if anyone would like more information please contact:

**Amanda Davies 01440 783803**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Brinkley Rainbows

Rainbows also meet weekly in Brinkley during the school term. Rainbows is for girls aged 5 to 7 if you would like more information please contact:

**Edith Osborn 01223 291375**

# 2013 POPPY APPEAL - ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



The total for the most recent Suffolk Poppy Appeal reached **£623,337**, whilst the national total came to £36,541,839.

A fantastic result - and a very big thank you to everyone in the Bradleys and Thurlows for their support for the Legion. I hope that support can be maintained.

The noticeable reduction in the number of alarming reports in the Press, on T.V. etc. of injuries and deaths suffered during overseas service by British Troops is, of course, enormously encouraging. Please bear in mind, however, that the Legion still provides unstinting support for those injured in previous engagements - some very seriously indeed. In addition, there are a significant number of troops who suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and need care and attention.

As we move closer to Remembrance Sunday (November 10<sup>th</sup>), RBL poppies will become available through the help of a few wonderful people in the Bradleys and Thurlows who go door-to-door collecting for the Legion. Poppies may also be obtained at Thurlow Stores, the Cock Inn and the Estate Office. Thurlow School will have a supply of poppies available for pupils, parents and staff.

We are extremely grateful to all the above for their help.

PLEASE GIVE AS GENEROUSLY AS YOU CAN TO THIS MOST WORTHWHILE CAUSE.

**Sam Sheppard (01440 783209)**

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## Forthcoming Events

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



Month	Church cleaning	Flowers
November	Ken and Sue Ireland	Volunteers please!
December	Ken and Sue Ireland	Christmas: meet at church at 10am on Saturday 21 December

### Church Services - November 2013

27 October	9:30 am	Holy Communion	Great Thurlow
3 November	11 am	Holy Communion	Little Thurlow
10 November	10:50 am	Service of Remembrance	Great Thurlow
<b>17 November</b>	<b>10 am</b>	<b>Benefice Service</b>	<b>Great Bradley</b>
24 November	9:30 am	Holy Communion	Little Bradley
1 December	11 am	Holy Communion	Little Thurlow

Please see Benefice News for details of other services.

## 100 Years 100 Treasures

**A glossy, full-colour book to celebrate our magnificent churches and their treasures will be available from end of October to mark the centenary of this diocese.**

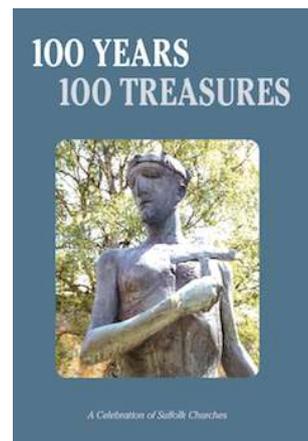
Our Diocese was formed in March 1914 from parts of the dioceses of Norwich and Ely; the parish church of St James, Bury St Edmunds became our Cathedral.

The 120-page book *100 Years, 100 Treasures: A Celebration of Suffolk Churches*, costs just £5 a copy and is part of the 2014 Centenary celebrations that start in earnest next March when the Archbishop of Canterbury the Most Revd Justin Welby visits Bury St Edmunds.

The book features 'treasure' from every period represented in the diocese from the Anglo Saxons and Normans through to Middle Ages and on to the Victorians – in fact right up to the present day.

The concept of pilgrims and visitors touring parishes to discover these remarkable treasures ties in neatly with the Centenary theme of 'Pilgrims in Time'. They are of special significance to the churches who nominated them.

Generous sponsorship means that the book will retail for only £5; the normal retail price would otherwise have been significantly more. If you buy the book through your parish rep, then your Church is able to retain £2 of the cost price of £5. Please contact Sue Ireland (783595) in the first instance for details and to place your order.



## Public Meeting

**“TACKLING SPEEDING THROUGH OUR VILLAGES”**

**With Matthew Hancock MP & local representatives**

**FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

**7pm (doors open 6:30pm) at**

**THURLOW VILLAGE HALL**

**Great Thurlow CB9 7LA**



For further information please contact [matthew.hancock.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:matthew.hancock.mp@parliament.uk)



## Village Bonfire and Fireworks

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November

Gates open 6:30pm – Fireworks at 7:15pm

Hot dogs  
Soft drinks

Mulled wine  
Wine / beer

**Free Entry – Collection Buckets – Please donate generously!**



## Village Bonfire and Fireworks

Our Bonfire Night will take place this year in the field at the top of Hall Road, on Saturday 9th November.

The gates will open at 6:30pm and the firework display will start at 7:15pm, with the bonfire lit just before.

This is a village event, taking place by kind permission of the Ryder family on their field. Everyone who lives in the parish is encouraged to come with your visitors, friends and neighbours, but this is **not** a “public” event.

A thank-you to our willing team of volunteers who are busy organising the evenings events, including the bonfire, firework display, hot dogs, mulled wine and a bar with alcoholic and soft drinks.

There will not be a make-a-guy competition on this year.

Entry again is free, but there will be voluntary collection buckets taken around. Fireworks are expensive and we need to cover the cost and 'break even' for the event, **so please donate as generously as you can!**

As usual there is absolutely **no parking** on the site or nearby, so please come on foot. There are also no toilets on the site, so if you need the loo, a quick trip home is required.



## Bingo Night Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November

Burrough Green Reading Room.

Doors Open 7:30pm - Eyes Down 8pm

Bring your own Nibbles and Drink!

All proceeds to Burrough Green Playgroup.





# Great Bradley Quiz Night

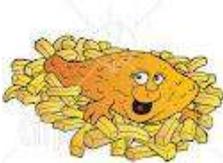


**Saturday 23rd November at 7.30pm**  
**£6 per person to include:**  
**A choice of fish and chips,**  
**chicken and chips**  
**or scampi and chips**

Put your quiz hats on and join in the fun at the Great Bradley Village Hall Quiz Night  
Teams to be maximum of 5 members!

Please bring your own choice of wine, beer or soft drink

Numbers and money to Wendy Mansfield  
At 16 Clarendale 01440 783358



Hope to see you there!



## Burrough Green's Big Switch On

**1<sup>st</sup> Annual turning on of the Christmas Lights**  
**& Grand Opening of the New Village Playground!**



**9<sup>th</sup> December 4-5pm**

Village Green outside Playgroup

Mulled Wine, Mince Pies, Hot Chocolate

Hot Dogs, Carol Singing

and Luxury Christmas Hamper to be won.

Special guest doing 'The Big Switch On!'

Raising funds for Burrough Green Playgroup





## Great Bradley Children's Christmas Party



To be Held in Village Hall

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2 - 5pm**

Cost: £3 per child to include present from Father Christmas

**Booking essential, with money!**

R.S.V.P: Wendy Mansfield 01440 783358

**by Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

Party Games & Food ... and a visit from Santa!



## What's On - Out & About

### News from the Ellesmere Centre November



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**The Gredley room** is a very relaxing environment for smaller meetings and events.

Refreshment making facilities are available in all rooms.

Since its fantastic upgrade in spring 2013 the **Multi Use Games Area** has been brought back to life. Feedback on the surface and overall area has been extremely pleasing. There are still slots available for Football, Tennis, Hockey or Netball. You can also hire the Astro for children's football parties.

The Next wave of improvements is under way with the Ladies toilets, changing room, baby changing and disabled toilets being refurbished.

Please feel free to call in and have a look round at the amazing facilities on offer or call the office on 01638 508212 where Julie or Andrea will be happy to help.

## Recycling

**Newspapers** Please do not put your newspapers into the new recycling bins but bring them to us and leave in bundles (either tied with string or in a carrier bag) in the container provided at the Centre. Magazines can go into your bins as we just need newspaper. The newspaper is used for horse bedding and is a collected by a private company. We get up to £100 for a full container so we would really appreciate this.



**Plastics, cans and glass.** At the moment we still have facilities for other recycling provided by ECDC and we do get a small amount for providing this service. We are unsure as to what will happen to this in the future.

The Ellesmere Centre, Ley Road, Stetchworth, CB8 9TS.

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[www.ellesmerecentre.org.uk](http://www.ellesmerecentre.org.uk) Email [office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk](mailto:office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk).

## Articles & Information

### Les & Anne's Nature Notes

#### I've Got the Blues

It's been a funny old year for birds locally, and the cold weather early in the year really put most birds off breeding early. One such bird was the Kingfisher. This year I failed to find a nest here in Great Bradley, even though I knew they were about. Last year's hole in the river bank was still there but it remained unused and we missed watching these great little fishermen on the warm summer evenings. I took these two photos at Lakenheath Fen RSPB; one is a female "hover" hunting and the other is a male and it took some time for him to get that fish down!



It's now mid October and it's getting quite exciting to read of all the winter migrants arriving onto our shores. Up at Holme for instance on the N. Norfolk coast several thousand Redwings and over 150 Robins along with 100's of Goldcrests were reported. Remember that many of our more familiar birds may well be foreigners, such as Blackbirds and Starlings. Reports of Short Eared Owls are now reaching us and this beautiful bird is well worth seeking out - as soon as I hear of some closer to home we will let you know. Whooper and Bewick Swans are arriving daily and a trip to Welney could well be on the cards soon.

Our resident Barn Owls failed to rear any young this year. We are almost certain that the female, although



present early in the season, may have moved on or sadly died. At 6 years old it would be unusual for her to have lasted much longer. The good news is that an Owl is still about, so maybe next year we will have more luck.

That's all for now.

### **Happy Spotting**

**Les & Anne**

## **A “Normal” Harvest Year Beckons?**

As the old saying goes, 'nature has a way of correcting itself'. It's never been truer than the period since 1<sup>st</sup> June!

In July's Bugle, I wrote that 2012 Harvest had been severely impacted by the appalling weather after 1<sup>st</sup> June but that this June had seen the reverse trend. Nevertheless, we would still need an excellent summer if we were to catch up all the time lost – the crops still looked two weeks behind schedule in early July. But, for once, the long term weather forecasters delivered! As they promised, we had a wonderful and sunny July and August.



Harvest therefore finished at the usual time in early September and, after the chaos caused by the capricious weather in 2012 and early 2013, farming activities are broadly back on track and on time. If we are lucky, the 2014 Harvest year will be free of droughts and deluges – in fact, “normal” for the first time since 2009!

The performance of the crops in Harvest 2013 was as varied as I can ever recall and much related to drilling dates in the autumn last year. Early drilled – September - wheats did surprisingly well but late drilled wheats (including the milling wheat which we supply to Warburtons) suffered badly from the wet and the slugs. Some oilseed rape performed well but others, including the special variety grown to supply cooking oil for McDonald's, were very disappointing.

However, ever the optimist, I am looking forward not back! I have just attended a fascinating conference in London on world grain and oilseed markets. I am not a great conference man but I go to this one every year and always come away invigorated. The purpose of the conference is to look at long term trends and these continue to look very good for wheat growers for a number of reasons. The most important is that Chinese demand for oilseeds, like soya, or grains, such as wheat and maize, continues to grow unabated as the country becomes more affluent and people's diets change. For example, in 2000 China barely imported any soya – today it imports 60 million tons and by 2020 that figure is forecast to reach 100 million tons. And now I think that this trend will be repeated with wheat. The effect will be felt here – over time bread prices will continue to rise while the predominance of wheat and oilseed rape crops grown in this area will certainly not change. Indeed our challenge is to improve yields to meet demand – for too long wheat yields in the UK have been static. Farmers must raise their game if the world is to be fed – it's an important and exciting challenge in which we are determined to play our part.

On other matters, I believe that the undergrounding of the low voltage electric cables along the Thurlow Road (Spring Barn to the Old Kennels) is close at hand while it appears that the major project to underground from the centre of the Village (by the village garden) to Mill Farm will take place in 2014. This is great news as undergrounding of cables so improves the landscape. Wherever possible, I think that undergrounding should be mandatory, certainly for new installations.

A sad note to report is the death of Jack Atherton who worked with us for nearly 50 years and who some of you will have known. Jack was a brilliant gardener, consummate gamekeeper and a man who embodied the great English virtues of integrity, modesty, wisdom and dedication – all intermingled with a wonderful manner

and a great sense of humour!

There is a great profusion of acorns this autumn, along with an abundance of sloes (a great vintage for Sloe Gin!) Does this signal a really cold winter? We shall certainly know by the time I write my next column for February's edition!

**Charles Ryder**

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## FUTURE EDITIONS OF THE BUGLE!

Please tell us your news or send an article or photograph – We'll be delighted to hear from you!

We are also looking to extend the range of articles and information we publish so if you have any ideas for things to cover or are willing to put together something for inclusion, please let us know.

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 month's double Dec/Jan issue, is the 15th of this month.**

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