



# The Bradley Bugle

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**A very big thank you to the Village Litter Pickers**  
who collected all of this on Saturday 2 April

## Village Diary

*Whilst the Village Hall is out of action please check with the appropriate contacts for up-to-date information on classes*

<b>BLUEBELL WALK</b>	By kind invitation of the Ryder family Book a place on E: <a href="mailto:charles@gbfco.com">charles@gbfco.com</a> or T: 07831 318019	Saturday 30 April Meet at <b>Covered Yard at 10 am</b>
<b>SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING</b>	Lively, light exercise and fun! Contact Ella on 710340	Mondays 2 – 4pm <b>Thurlow Village Hall</b>
<b>CARPET BOWLS</b>	Joining with Thurlow Carpet Bowls Club for the time being	Thursdays 7.30pm <b>Thurlow Village Hall</b>
<b>FLEXIBLE FRIENDS</b>	Gentle stretching exercises Contact Jacquie on 783354	Tuesdays 10.30am – 12 noon
<b>ART CLASS</b>	Contact Anne on 783175 for details new members welcome	Tuesdays 2 – 4pm <b>Thurlow Village Hall</b>
<b>WEA</b>	<b>The Spring sessions have now finished</b> Details for the September course will be published in the Bugle nearer the time	
<b>AFTERNOON CLUB</b>	All welcome, all ages, all interests Come and meet friends and neighbours Contact Gill Brown 01223 893012	Thursday 14 April 2.30pm <b>Great Bradley Hall Offices</b>
<b>MOBILE LIBRARY</b>	12.20 – 12.35pm Evergreen Lane	Monday 4 & 18 April
<b>BLACK BIN</b>	Fridays 1 & 15 April & <b>Saturday 30 April</b>	
<b>BLUE/BROWN BINS</b>	Fridays 8 & 22 April (Good Friday)	

## St Mary's Church Great Bradley STOURHEAD BENEFICE

### CHURCH SERVICES

For further details see the Benefice News.

10 April	10 am	Service of the Word	Great Bradley
17 April	10 am	Palm Sunday Benefice Communion <i>(with Archdeacon David)</i>	Kedington
22 April	13.00	Good Friday Service of the Word	Little Thurlow
24 April	10 am	Easter Day Benefice Communion	Great Thurlow
1 May	10 am	Benefice Communion	Kedington

~ A very Happy Easter to all ~

We remind and thank the following:

	Church Cleaning	Church Flowers
April	Ken & Sue Ireland	Marion Smith
May	Keith & Sue Willington	Arline Vollam

### Annual Church Meeting

The Annual Church Meeting, at which we take stock of the past year and elect churchwardens and members of the Parochial Church Council, will take place on **Saturday 9 April** at 10 am in the church. All are welcome.

### Save the date!

#### The annual Great Bradley Church Fete will be on Sunday 10 July 2011

Once again, by kind permission of the Ryder family, it will be held in the beautiful gardens of Great Bradley Hall. The Bradley Church Fete is well known locally as a delightful traditional village fete and attracts visitors from far afield.

However, its continuing success is dependent on **your** support and involvement. If you would like to be involved, or have any ideas for attractions and events, please call Sue on 783595 or email: [sue.m.ireland@gmail.com](mailto:sue.m.ireland@gmail.com)

### Lent Lunch – Great Bradley

The Lent Lunch held in Great Bradley was very successful thanks to support from both the Stourhead and Stourvalley benefices. We raised £201 for Watoto and had a thoroughly enjoyable couple of hours together. Many thanks for all the support.  
Helen and Peter Smith

### Great Bradley Litter Pick 2011

A big 'thank you' to those who were at the Village Hall on Saturday 2 April to help with our annual Great Bradley spring clean. Some 22 villagers including children turned out, a welcome increase on last year, enabling us to finish the job more quickly.

News of our efforts certainly gets about – the police were on hand to advise us and at least two press photographers obtained some pictures for the local papers.

We are indebted to Charles Ryder who not only joined the team but let us use the office at Great Bradley Hall for our refreshments afterwards – and thank you to Anne Smith for her wonderful cakes (and the sloe gin!) much appreciated by all present. John Barnett kindly obtained the necessary equipment on loan from the Borough Council and we are grateful to him for providing these essentials.

The litter pick was also a happy social occasion, no doubt helped by the fine weather. Perhaps we are winning – there seemed slightly less litter than in 2010 – but let's not relax our efforts. We hope that Great Bradley will once again lead the way next year but meanwhile all of us can help to keep our attractive village tidy and litter-free.

Thank you again!  
Geoffrey Vollam

## Great Bradley Village Hall Lottery WINNERS FOR MARCH and APRIL 2011

	MARCH		APRIL	
First	Janet Tedham	Evergreen Lane	Anne Kiddy	Balsham
Second	Margaret Ryder	The Hall	Cyril Potter	Evergreen Lane
Third	Colin Potter	Evergreen Lane	Dominic Brophy	Fox Green
Fourth	Anne Marie Jones	Fox Green	Jacque Joyce	Evergreen Lane

### Abberton Scheme – Water Pipeline: An Update

Many of you will have seen the extensive works that have been taking place along the route of the new water pipeline since the beginning of March. Rapid progress has been made by Farrans, the contractors, and their various subcontractors and, as forecast in last month's Bugle, the following has been completed:-

- Marking out/fencing off the pipeline route.
- A small amount of hedgerow coppicing along the actual path of the pipeline.
- Installation of land drains on the top side of the pipeline route.
- Removal of the topsoil; this is the long mound running along the pipeline route.

Over the next two weeks a limited amount of further archaeological work will take place, supplementing that which was done a year ago.

As soon as this archaeological work has been completed, the steel pipes will be delivered from Ipswich docks (having been shipped from Spain). Most of the pipes relating to the Great Bradley section will be off-loaded on a temporary area of hard-standing just the other side of Bradley bridge. Delivery of the pipes will commence in mid April and should be completed by the end of the month. This short period will be the busiest in terms of increased traffic on the road, but I understand that delivery is timed to take place before the school run.

As soon as the pipes are off-loaded, they will be transported along the route to be in position for the pipe laying process itself.

Farrans plan to commence the actual pipe laying in early May and hopefully this will be completed in Great Bradley by the middle of June, certainly by the end of June.

Almost immediately after pipe laying is complete, the second part of the land drainage operation will commence, the topsoil will be reinstated and all other remedial works (e.g. reinstating all banks, verges, tracks etc) will be completed.

Subject to unforeseen circumstances and bad weather, I expect that all the works will be completed by the end of July, certainly by the end of August.

Charles Ryder  
18<sup>th</sup> March 2011

### Newmarket Waste Recycling Centre to Close

Suffolk County Council have decided to close permanently the Waste Recycling Centre at Depot Road, Newmarket with effect from 11 May, along with 6 other sites across the county. Our nearest site will be Coupal's Close, Haverhill which is staying open, but (as with all other Suffolk sites) with reduced opening hours. With effect from 1 April the opening hours will be:

April to September	9am – 5pm	Monday to Saturday
October to March	9am – 4pm	Monday to Saturday
All year	10am – 4pm	Sundays and Bank Holidays

These changes are part of SCC's cost cutting measures and are intended to save £2.3M per year. For more information see [http://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/View\\_News.asp?132](http://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/View_News.asp?132)

### Neighbourhood Watch

Spring has arrived and it's time to think about garden security:

- Don't leave tools or equipment lying around, they could attract casual thieves
- Ensure your shed is fitted with good quality locks and never leave it unlocked
- Photograph or security mark items of value with your postcode, house number or name.
- Expensive pots, statues and other items should be chained or anchored to the ground

*Sandra Dolby*

## **The Newmarket Cancer Research UK Fundraising Group A Summer Garden Party at Warren Place, Newmarket.**

I am arranging a fundraising event for Cancer Research UK on Sunday 12th June, an opportunity to view Henry Cecil's Rose Garden in full bloom.

Tickets are £10 for adults, £6 concessions and children under 16 free. Admission is by ticket only and will be available to purchase from the end of April.

There will be a raffle, tombola, stalls, afternoon tea, cakes and Pimms. There will also be a string trio playing popular classical music. Henry Cecil will be conducting two tours of his famous roses and times will be indicated on the tickets.

If you'd like any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks

Sarah Jarvis (sarahjarvis1@fsmail.net )

Three Tuns, East Green

## **Parish Council**

### **Please - Clean up after your dog!**

Dog mess is again becoming a problem in some parts of the village. In particular this is affecting the permissive path from the corner of the Recreation Ground to Thurlow Road. Please take bags with you and clean up after your dog if you (or your dog) walk anywhere where others are likely to tread in the mess. Not to do so is antisocial...

Thank you, Rowan S-B

## **Great Bradley RAINFALL 2010**

Rainfall at Bradley in 2010 totalled 24.70ins, almost exactly the same as the 50 year average of 24.76in and almost exactly the same as 2009's total of 24.85ins. However, the similarities largely end there!

Amongst the key factors of 2010's rainfall were:-

- A wet February (3.1ins), on average the driest month of the year over the last 50 years (average 1.57ins).
- A very dry Spring with only 0.46ins in April, on average the driest month of the year over the last 10 years (average 1.30ins).
- A generally very dry Spring/early Summer with only 2.79ins from April to June, against a 50 year average of 5.73ins for that period.
- An extremely wet August. At 6.30ins it was the wettest August since our records began in 1954. The graph below shows just how wet August has become on average over the last 10 years.

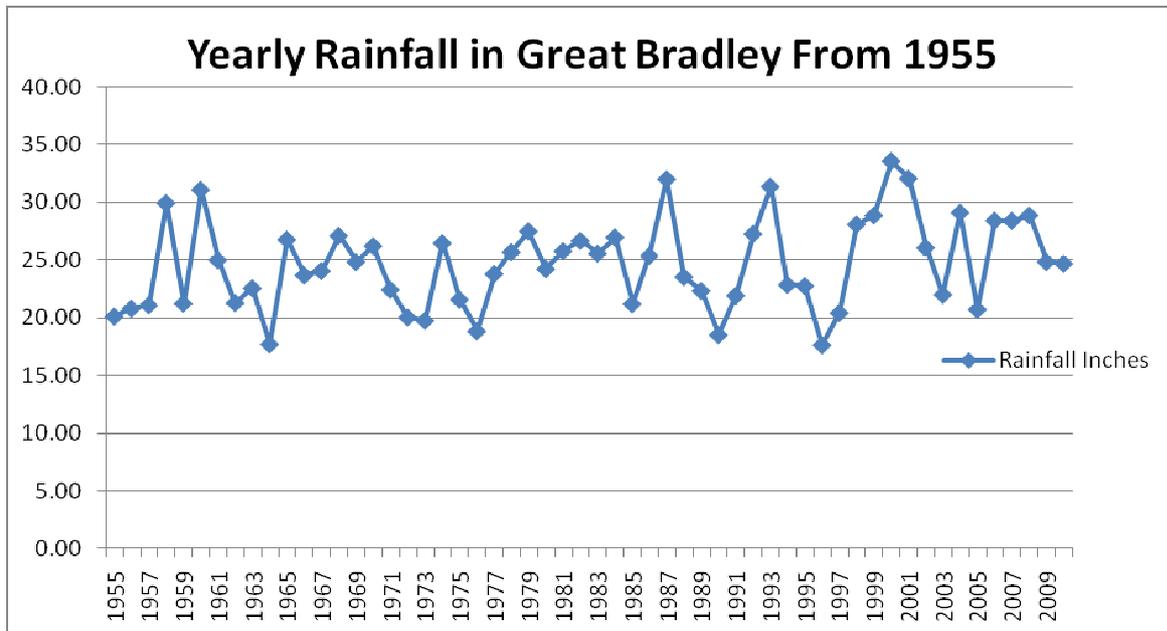
From a farming and gardening perspective, the rainfall pattern was very difficult. The drought in the Spring obviously affected the growth of all crops and gardens. The Wheat and Oilseed Rape yields were close to average, a remarkable testament to the hardiness of modern varieties, but the Sugar Beet suffered significantly.

The high rainfall in August also made for difficult harvesting conditions but luckily did not affect the quality of the wheat.

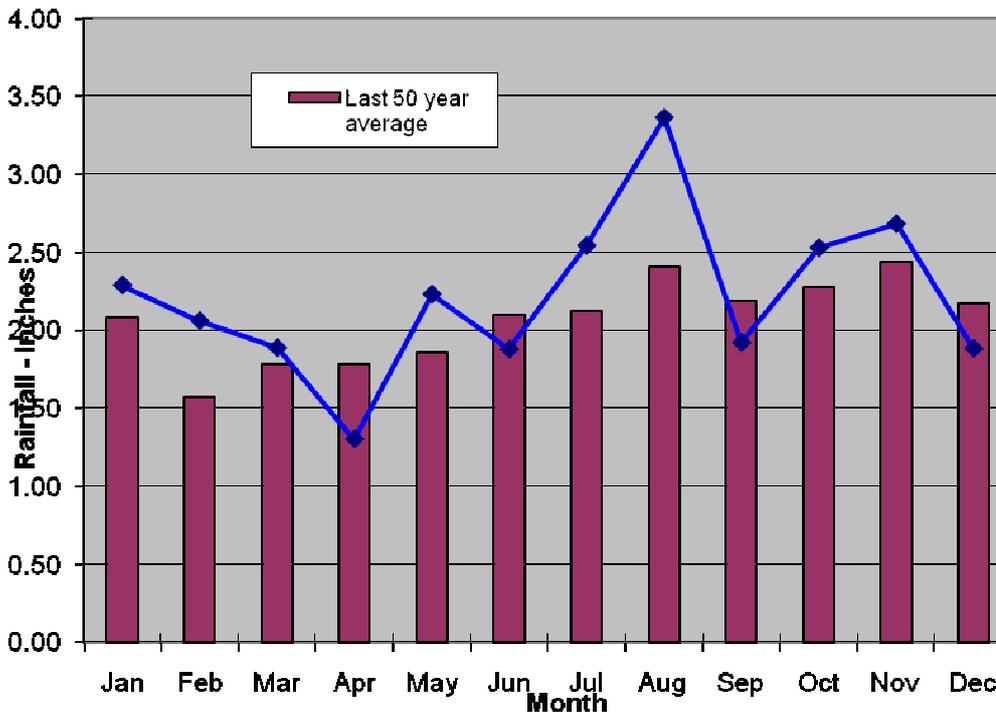
Will 2011 follow recent patterns of dry Springs and wet high Summers? It was a particularly wet January with over 3ins of rain, but February reverted to type with only 1.25ins: but these months act as no guide to the continuing and beguiling uncertainty of the British weather!

Let's hope that the rest of this year brings good rains in April and May for gardens and farms, showers in June to keep things fresh, and a glorious sunny high summer. Probably wishful thinking, but why not be optimistic!

Charles Ryder  
18 March 2011



**Last 50 Year Average and Last 10 Year Average Monthly Rainfall**



**FUTURE EDITIONS OF THE BUGLE:**

**Please tell us your news – We'll be delighted to hear from you!**

In order that your Bugle reaches you early in the month all copy must be received in good time.

**N.B. Deadline for the May edition is 15 April 2011.**

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## **FARM/WOODLAND TOUR – Saturday 4 June 2011**

The annual Farm/Woodland Tour will start from the Covered Yard (just above the Church) at 4.00pm on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2011. As usual, the tour will be undertaken on foot and will last for approximately 2–2½ hours, followed by a discussion either in the garden at The Hall or in the Covered Yard (depending on weather conditions – so far each year we have been lucky!). The proceedings will draw to a close by about 7.30pm.

The idea of the tour continues to be to provide an overall perspective on modern agriculture, including the types and uses of crops grown on the farm, woodland and hedgerow management, conservation and environment issues and, in particular, how we are handling them on the Estate here at Great Bradley. Although the format will remain broadly the same, each year we take a new route and look at different features and themes.

We would be grateful if those coming on the tour do not bring dogs or other pets, not least to avoid disturbing nesting birds.

If you are interested in coming on the tour, I would be very grateful if you would kindly reserve a place by emailing me at [charles@gbfco.com](mailto:charles@gbfco.com) or by texting or calling me on my mobile (07831 318 019).

**Charles Ryder**

## **Les & Anne's Nature Notes**

### **Three Ks In One Day**

While checking one of my bird books I noticed there were only 5 birds beginning with the letter "k". Now two of them Knot and Kittywake would have to be very lost indeed to be found in or around Gt. Bradley, but what about the others?

Well, on Saturday in early March we were lucky enough to see the other three in fairly quick succession. First the Kestrel, not that unusual, we see them most days when we're out, but the next two are much harder to see. The Kingfisher flashed along the Stour near the bridge in Hall Lane, always a delight, it's bright iridescent blue back making it unmistakable. It's good to know that after such a bad winter they are still around. Lastly you can imagine our delight when, circling over the fields by the concrete road, we saw a Red Kite. It was slowly drifting in the direction of Cowlinge and then one of three passing Buzzards mobbed it and so we lost sight as it flew away over some trees. It was almost two years to the day since we saw our first Red Kite in almost the same spot!

Other birds of note recently - a Grey Wagtail feeding under the bridge in Hall Lane; two Grey or English Partridge in Gt. Willbraham and four Common Cranes at Lakenheath RSPB reserve.

Also worth a mention are the Hares, four of them boxing in 98 Acre field, but one evening on my way home from work I stopped by a field at Brinkley and counted 48! This was a fantastic sight made more special by there being a barn owl close by as well.

Our year list of birds now stands at 83 different species, which should go up this month with the arrival of summer visitors.



Happy Spotting! Les & Anne

## **DEDHAM VALE AONB STOUR VALLEY PROJECT**

**Tuesday 12 April 10.00am – 3.00pm Approx. 8 miles**

### **THE HEADWATERS OF THE STOUR**

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## BLUEBELL WALK Saturday 30 April 2011 (book now!)

For the last two years we have held a tour of Hart Wood to look at the bluebells, which have reappeared in good numbers as a result of our long term regeneration work in the wood. Work has continued this year, so hopefully we shall see even more bluebells!

This year's Bluebell Walk will take place on Saturday 30th April. I am aware that this is a Bank Holiday weekend (and therefore not ideal for everyone) but we believe that this will be the peak weekend for the bluebells (the bluebells work to their own schedule, unaffected by Bank Holidays and Royal Weddings!). It is just possible we may have to move the date if the bluebells are flowering early (last year it was a very late Spring and the opposite happened – the tour was delayed to the 8<sup>th</sup> May) in which case we would notify all those who had asked to go on the tour.

We will meet at 10.00am in the Covered Yard just above the Church and return by about 12.30pm at the latest.

If you are interested in coming on the Bluebell Walk, please email me on [charles@gbfco.com](mailto:charles@gbfco.com) or text/call my mobile - 07831 318019.

Charles Ryder

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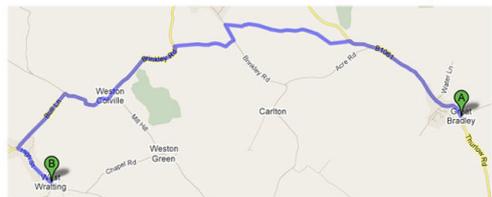
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