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Fireworks Sparkle Despite The Rain!



Many thanks to all those involved with organising and helping with this year's Bonfire and Fireworks, to the Ryder's for the use of their field and to all villagers and friends that came along to support the event. The downpour just before the start didn't dampen the enthusiasm.

A great time was had by all!

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Village Diary

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

Coming up This Month ...		
Parish Council Meeting	Wednesday 21 st January (budget)	7:30 pm
Weekly Events		
SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING	Lively, light exercise and fun! Contact Ella Hollins on 710340	Mondays 2 – 4pm
FLEXIBLE FRIENDS	Gentle stretching exercises. Contact Jaque on 783354	Tuesdays 10:30am – 12 noon
ART CLASS	The group currently have some spaces so please contact Anne Pigden for details 783175	Tuesdays 2 – 4pm
PILATES	Contact Helen Axon mob: 07843 097671	Tuesdays 7:30 – 8:30pm
WEA 2014	Restarting 15th January 2015 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 Details p. 3
MOBILE LIBRARY	Evergreen Lane 12:20 – 12:35pm (Route 18 – stop E)	Wednesday 10 th December 9 th January 2015 (Every 4 weeks)
COMPUTER COURSES	New course has now started.	Thursday
AFTERNOON CLUB	All welcome, all ages, all interests. Come and meet friends and neighbours. Contact Gill Dunn on 783362	Wednesday 12 th December
AEROBICS	Mixed ability, back to basics fun workout. Contact Birgit 07972 108491	Fridays 10:15 – 11:15am (school terms)
BLUE & BROWN BINS	Friday 12 th , Saturday 27th December & Fridays 9 th & 23 rd January 2015	
BLACK BINS	Fridays 5 th & 19 th December; Saturday 3rd & Fridays 16 th & 30 th January 2015	
Further Ahead ...		
Parish Council Meetings	18 th March 2015, 20 th May, 24 th June & 16 th September	7:30pm
Annual Village Meeting	15 th April 2015	

Local News & Notices

Royal Mail - Last Posting Dates for Christmas

Wednesday 3 rd December	Asia, Far East (including Japan), New Zealand
Thursday 4 th December	Australia
Friday 5 th December	Africa, Caribbean, Central & South America, Middle East
Monday 8 th December	Cyprus, Eastern Europe, Greece
Tuesday 9 th December	Canada, Poland
Friday 12 th December	USA
Saturday 13 th December	Western Europe (excluding Greece, Poland)
Thursday 18 th December	2 nd Class and Royal Mail Signed For™
Saturday 20 th December	1 st Class and Royal Mail Signed For™
Tuesday 23 rd December	Royal Mail Special Delivery Guaranteed®

Great Bradley WEA

Having enjoyed our talks on Royal Gardens we turn our attention on January 14th 10am for 10.15 to learn about how our ancestors made their living during the last 5 centuries in the face of economic, political, social and technological change. We welcome our Tutor Honor Ridout from Cambridge who will use diaries, inventories and letters as well as public and private reports.

The heating in the Village Hall is very controllable and a warm welcome awaits you. The ten week course remains at £49 with coffee, tea and biscuits in the interval.

If you need more information please contact Peter Smith on 01440 783278, we look forward to seeing you.

Peter Smith

Poppy Appeal 2014

The Bradleys and Thurlows responded magnificently to the Poppy Appeal 2014 - - - 100 years on from the outbreak of World War 1.



House-to-house collections in Bradley were carried out by the Mrs. Spires, Sugg and Rodwell, whilst many parts of the Thurlows were covered by the Mrs. Hunt, Preston and Hilton. Static collection boxes were installed in The Cock and the Estate Office.

The School raised funds from the children, parents and staff. Special thanks to each and everyone of those involved in the collections, and to all those who gave so generously. The Parish Councils kindly made donations, and the collection taken at All Saints, Great Thurlow at the service following the two minute silence at the War Memorial, was also donated to the Appeal.

All in all, a total of £1,255.35 was collected - a significant increase on the 2103 figure of £976.96

Very many thanks to you all.

Sam Sheppard

Poppy Appeal Co-ordinator.

Great Bradley Village Hall Lottery Draw

November's draw was held on Tuesday 4th at the Pilates class in the Village Hall, and the results were :-

4th Prize £3.00 - Karen Canterford of Fox Green

3rd Prize £5.50 - Jacquie Joyce of Evergreen Lane

2nd Prize £8.50 - Clive Mansfield of Clarendale

1st Prize £11.50 - Helen Bennett of Fox Green

Congratulations to these winners - but remember they only won because they ENTERED !!

If you want a chance of winning in the next TEN monthly draws starting JANUARY (and help raise funds for the Village Hall at the same time) just send a cheque (payable to 'Gt Bradley Village Hall') or cash for £10 for EACH PERSON with names and address to the Lottery Organiser -

George Hendry at Rose Cottage, Gt Bradley, Newmarket CB8 9LQ. Tel 01440 783415.

Do it NOW, and our lovely Village Hall will wish you the very best of luck !!

Allotments for Great Bradley

Charles Ryder has kindly offered to organise allotments for the village following a call for them at an Annual Village Meeting. He has managed to acquire a field off Matthews Lane and is allocating approximately 1 acre of this to allotments [See picture, field outlined in red]. This would give the possibility of around 12 -14 normal size allotments. He is offering to erect a shed with lockers inside for individual tools although the storage of valuable machinery is not advisable.

There is close proximity to water on Matthews Lane and Charles hopes to be able to connect to this to bring in a supply for the allotments. As is normal on allotments there would be a very modest annual charge.

In order that everyone can take full advantage of the growing season Charles is working towards opening the allotments for use by the end of March of next year.

If you wish to take advantage of the availability of an allotment please contact either Charles at charles@gbfco.com or John Barnett at john.barnett@dsl.pipex.com tel: 783903.

John Barnett



Crime Update

As many of you may know, the last month has seen a number of incidents within the village, which hopefully isn't the start of a growing trend. Firstly a number of plants were taken from the newly planted village garden sometime around the 5-6th of November, and another just recently. It has been reported to the police and replacement plants have been organised. This seems a particularly odd crime as the plants were not distinctive or valuable, as this seems an odd 'drive-by' crime, we hope it isn't anyone local. Secondly, an intruder was spotted in more than one garden in Fox Green during the afternoon of Thursday 20th November the police were informed and later called to gather details. And finally a car was unfortunately broken into whilst parked outside St. Mary's church on the afternoon of Sunday 23rd November, a handbag was taken and an attempt to use one of the stolen credit cards made about half an hour later in Great Shelford. There is no indication that any of these events are linked but if anyone has any information they should contact the police via the 101 number.

With all this in mind, now is the time to remind villagers to be vigilant and to report anyone acting suspiciously or on discovering any evidence of an intruder on your property. It would also be wise to ensure all external doors and windows are locked, particularly those in outbuildings and to ensure that when your property is empty especially during the evening, there are lights on – as well as a radio perhaps - to give the impression that someone is still home. Make sure any small valuable items are not clearly on display from outside and if you are expecting deliveries (it is getting towards Christmas) that they are not left in an obvious place, but maybe with a neighbour instead.

More detailed advice can be found via the Suffolk Constabulary website at: <http://www.suffolk.police.uk>

Situations Wanted

I am seeking domestic help for 2 - 3 hours per fortnight from a Great Bradley resident.

Please contact Sam on 07818 458974 if you are able to help.

Forthcoming Events

St. Mary's Church, Great Bradley



Month	Church cleaning	Flowers
December	Ken and Sue Ireland	No flowers in Advent Meet 10 am Saturday 20 Dec to decorate church and tree
Jan	Geoffrey and Arline Vollam	Arline Vollam

Church Services – December / January 2015

7 December	11 am	Holy Communion	Great Thurlow
14 December	11 am	Holy Communion	Great Bradley
21 December	3 pm	Carol Service	Great Bradley

25 December Christmas Day	10 am	Holy Communion	Great Bradley
28 December	10 am	Benefice Communion	Little Thurlow
4 January	11 am	Holy Communion	Great Thurlow
11 January	11 am	Holy Communion	Little Thurlow
18 January	10 am	Benefice Communion	Great Bradley
25 January	9:30 am	Holy Communion	Little Bradley
1 February	11 am	Holy Communion	Little Thurlow

See Benefice News for details of services at other churches in the Benefice.

Coffee Morning

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of last month's Coffee Morning. We raised over £220 for church funds and a donation to ebola relief.



Christmas Services

The traditional village Carol Service will take place at 3pm on Sunday 21 December. If you would like to do a reading or if you have a request for a particular carol or piece of music, contact Ken or Sue on 783595. The service will be followed by warming seasonal refreshments.

This year is Great Bradley's turn to host the service on Christmas morning. This will be at 10 am and is likely to be very popular. Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate the season with your friends and family!

Newspaper delivery

Are you missing your breakfast-time newspaper delivery? Best-One, the Stradishall convenience store are looking into the feasibility of taking on the round if there is sufficient demand. Call 01440 820125 to register an interest.

[An alternative of perhaps a 'collective' being organised has also been suggested if enough people are interested; with only 5 or 6 for example would mean less than once a month for a weekend collection. If you would be interested please contact John Barnett 783903 or Stuart Wilson 783099.]

What's On - Out And About

Ellesmere Devils Pantomime Society presents:

'Panto in a Pickle'

at The Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth.

The show runs from **Wednesday 4th February until Saturday 7th February**, with a special children's matinee on Saturday afternoon.

Tickets will go on the sale at the Ellesmere within the next few weeks. Seats will be bookable at time of ticket purchase, so make sure you don't miss out.





The Ellesmere Centre is proud to be housing the new beauty salon **Scrumptious Beauty** run by Keri Jack. The salon offers a variety of treatments from manicures to massage. For more information and prices pick up a leaflet from our foyer or call Keri on 07983775580.

The Centre has been awarded a grant to refurbish the Small Hall. We plan to strip and reseal the floor, replace the existing ceiling panels, replace the fire doors and improve the outside area by adding a seat, some planters, some outdoor instruments and a covered sandpit for the children. The work will take place over the Christmas period and will make a huge difference to the Centre. It will now be an even better venue for all your parties, christenings and weddings.



Open Mic Night....next date is the 17th January - these nights just get more and more popular with classical, rock, folk and jazz music...something for everyone. If you would like to perform call Rob on 01638 507997 to reserve a slot. Entry only £2. Fully licensed bar with real ale and refreshments available and great music to listen to.

**The staff and trustees at the Centre
would like to thank you all for your amazing support over the past
year and wish you all a
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**



The Ellesmere Centre, Ley Road, Stetchworth, CB8 9TS.
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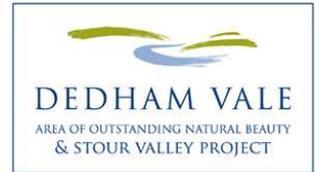
Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Project

The latest Quarterly Newsletter has recently been published.

Hear about the new AONB publications and news articles from around the area, such as:

- AONB newspaper and the Dedham Vale & Constable Country Visitor Guide out now!
- The latest progress on the river restoration projects
- National Grid Visual Impact Provision
- Flood and Water Management in Essex

The newsletter is available from the website at: <http://www.dedhamvalestourvalley.org/assets/Publications/>



Autumn-Winter 2014-15 AONB newspaper now out

Packed full of articles about the AONB and community projects happening throughout the Stour Valley, you can pick it up from local information outlets or see it on the AONB website. The centre section of the newspaper is a Top Tips guide to Respecting and Enjoying the AONB, helping us enhance and conserve the environment.

New Visitor Guide to the area also out!

Also available now is the Visitor Guide to Constable Country and the Dedham Vale. This guide gives information about the cultural connections, walking & cycling, what to see and do in the area, as well as Top Tips for keeping the area special! Look out for the Guide at local information centres or [download it from the AONB website](#).

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a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
and thank-you all for you support during the last year!**

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 issue which is February is the 15th of January.

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