



# The Bradley Bugle

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## Celebrations For the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday



**Don't Forget**

**Village Hall – Annual Meeting**

**– Wed. 11<sup>th</sup> May**



**Come along and support your  
village hall!**

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# Village Diary

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

<b>Coming up Soon ...</b>		
Village Hall – Annual Meeting	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	7:30pm
Parish Council Meeting	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May (Annual Meeting)	7:30pm
<b>Weekly Events</b>		
SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING	Lively, light exercise and fun! Contact Ella Hollins on 710340	Mondays 2 – 4pm
FLEXIBLE FRIENDS	Gentle stretching exercises. Contact Jacquie on 783354	Tuesdays 10:30am – 12 noon
ART CLASS	Art Classes resumed on Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan. 2016 at 2pm in the Village Hall. New Members are always welcome. If you would like to come along for a free taster session then please contact Anne Pigden 783175 or Pat Spires 783269 for details.	Tuesdays 2 – 4pm
PILATES	Contact Helen Axon mob: 07843 097671	Tuesdays 7:30 – 8:30pm
WEA 2016	New course: Started on Jan 6 <sup>th</sup> on the history of Little Lavenham Hall. New members are very welcome to come along for a free taster week. Contact Peter Smith for more info. 783278.	Wednesdays at 10:15am
MOBILE LIBRARY	Evergreen Lane 12:10 – 12:35pm (Rt 18 – Stp E) <a href="http://suffolklibraries.co.uk/community-services/mobile-libraries">http://suffolklibraries.co.uk/community-services/mobile-libraries</a>	<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b> (Every 4 weeks)
AFTERNOON CLUB	All welcome, all ages, all interests. Come and meet neighbours for tea, cake, loads of news, views and lots of laughter. Contact Gill Dunn on 783362.	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>BLUE BIN ONLY</b>	Fridays 13 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> May	
<b>BLACK &amp; BROWN BINS</b>	<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
<b>Further Ahead ...</b>		
Parish Council Meetings	29 <sup>th</sup> June, 14 <sup>th</sup> September, 16 <sup>th</sup> November.	7:30pm
Farm Walk	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	4pm, details p.5
Village Fete	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	
<b>Further Afield ...</b>		
THURLOW WI	Contact Arline ( 783132) or Karen (783022) for more details.	AGM
FARMERS MARKET	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Gt. Thurlow Village Hall, 10am – 1pm

## Local News & Notices

### Great Bradley Litter Pick 2016

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We then sat round the table for our refreshments (courtesy of the Parish Council) and enjoyed a chat for another hour or so. All in all, a good morning's work and pleasure.



### Great Bradley Village Hall Lottery Draw

The April Draw was made during the break for (delicious !) Fish & Chips at a very well attended Quiz Night on Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup> in the Hall, and the winners were as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£15.00	-	No 12 - Stephen Steward, Hall Road
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£10.00	-	No 94 - John Barnett, Fox Cottage
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£7.00	-	No 40 - Margaret Ryder, The Hall
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£5.00	-	No 19 - Kevin Bantick, Fox Green
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£5.00	-	No 63 - Sioux Fisher, Matthews Lane.

Remember that the JUNE draw will be a BONANZA DRAW, with prizes of 2 x £5, 1 x £8, 2 x £10 and a top prize of at least £25.00 !! PLUS - the Draws for the months of July, August, September and October will have prizes of at least 2 x £5, 2 x £10, and a top prize of £17.

But you need to be in it to have a chance of winning, and to enter from June to Oct now costs just £5 per name and would include the BONANZA JUNE DRAW !!

Of the proceeds of the Lottery, half are distributed as prizes, and half (that's at least £500 this year ) goes towards keeping our Village Hall the lovely place it is for meetings and parties etc. To enter and thus support the Village Hall, just ring the Promoter, George Hendry on 783415 NOW !

Promoter - George Hendry, Rose Cottage, Gt Bradley, Newmarket, CB8 9LQ. Tel: 01440 783415.

Registered with St Edmundsbury Borough Council as a Small Society Lottery for the Gambling Act 2005, Registration Number SL3204.

## Afternoon Club

The Village hall was decorated with the union flag flying and bunting on the hedge letting everyone know celebrations were going on inside the Hall.

22 people raised a glass of Bubbly to her Majesty then had a real royal tea - sandwiches, fresh baked scones, fancy cakes, and a beautiful cake (as pictured).



Joyce Potter, Marion Smith & Iris Ely were all given flowers.

A very good afternoon was had by all.

God Save our Queen.

**Gill Dunn**

## Great Bradley Village Hall – Easy Fundraising

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be raising a free donation for Great Bradley Village Hall? There are nearly 3,000 retailers including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's, who will donate a percentage of the amount you spend to Great Bradley Village Hall to say thank you for shopping with them.



**It's really simple, and doesn't cost you anything.**

All you have to do is:

1. Go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/greatbradleyvh>
2. Sign up for free
3. Get shopping - your donations will be collected by easyfundraising and automatically sent to Great Bradley Village Hall. It couldn't be easier!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Great Bradley Village Hall will be really grateful for your donations.

***Thank you for your support.***

## Village Hall - Annual Meeting

The Village Hall Committee will be holding their **Annual Meeting** on **Wednesday 11th May at 7:30pm** in the Village Hall.

During the very successful Village Meeting, where turnout exceeded expectation, the Hall Committee reminded the Village that the present committee would be stepping down after 6 years or more at the helm.

The Village Meeting highlighted the many uses that the Village Hall supports, it also highlighted that there is room for much more!



A number of suggestions have been raised which we hope will ease the way for the future running of the committee.

1. Terms for the post of Chair, Minutes Secretary, Booking Secretary, Treasurer will run for 2 years, with an option for one additional year
2. Regular meetings be held, every 6 weeks.
3. Sub-committees will be formed under the normal Committee which will include Maintenance and Fundraising/Social. Sub-committees will not be expected to attend Management Committee meetings unless providing updates.

**The committee positions that are being sought are as follows;**

**Treasurer** – Seeking candidates

**Diary/ Bookings Secretary** - We have an offer for this post and would like to be able to vote in favour

**Minute Secretary** - Seeking candidates

**Key holders** - We have an offer for one key holder and are looking for a couple more.

**Chairman/Chairwoman** - Seeking candidates

This is really the minimum requirement to for the Committee, a greater number would be better. There is no prescribed way to run the committee and the existing committee are very willing to help in any handover if this would be of assistance.

The Great Bradley Village Hall is a very special amenity and it is ours to nurture! Currently it is supported by a core of dedicated groups, clubs and individual hires.

**PLEASE PLEASE Support us and step forward if you feel you can offer some time to ensure the Hall remains somewhere for all the village to use. Come to the meeting on the 11th and find out what is involved.**

Wine will be served as this seems to help!

Edward Fletcher - Chairman

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## Village Meeting Minutes

### Great Bradley Annual Village Meeting held at the Village Hall on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016

The Chairman Simon Kiddy welcomed 40 people attending the meeting.

#### Minutes:

The minutes of last year's meeting 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015 were approved

#### Suffolk County Council:

County Councillor Mary Evans sent apologies for absence but submitted a report:

*Locally, speeding traffic is still a problem. I have worked with the Police and Crime commissioner to ensure that one of the two new speed camera vehicles which have been deployed to tackle speeding in rural Suffolk, is on patrol in this area.*

*The plan is that we will link up the deployment of the four vehicle activated signs I have funded for the Clare area with the speed camera patrols so we can provide a truly effective deterrent to speeding motorists*

*In my past reports to you I have spoken about my concerns regarding two key county council services – education and highways and the need for us to perform better. I am pleased to report there has been really good progress over the last 12 months.*

#### **Education**

*There has been a 4% rise in the number of pupils gaining five or more A\*-C grades, including English and Maths and Suffolk has risen 17 places in the overall league table. 77% of 11-year-olds achieved level 4 or higher in their SAT tests up from 73% in 2014.*

#### **Highways**

*Our new Assistant Director for highways Mark Stevens has wasted no time in knocking some long overdue common sense into how we operate the highways contract.*

*Mr Stevens, who joined us late last summer, has rationalised the way we work with our contractors so we operate as a team. Initially 180 SCC staff were placing orders with Kier MG – generating a vast swathe of bureaucracy. That has been cut back to a small team running the orders and payments.*

*We are focussing on maintaining the roads in good order rather than rushing about on costly repairs – this is much better use of funds. To surface dress a stretch of road can cost as little as £2.50 per square metre compared with a staggering £95 for rapid response repairs.*

*So Suffolk Highways will look to carry out between 50% and 100% more surface dressing this year than in the summer*

of 2015.

### **Devolution Deal announced for East Anglia**

Leaders from councils across Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and the New Anglia and Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnerships have signed a devolution deal with the Government. Details are still being discussed and it is not clear whether it will actually be ratified.

The proposal requires the creation of a Combined Authority and directly elected Mayor and it is proposed that the first mayoral elections would be in May 2017 alongside county council elections.

### **St Edmundsbury Borough Council:**

Borough Councillor Jane Midwood said good evening to everyone in Great Bradley and thank you for inviting me to your Annual Parish Meeting.

Almost at the end of my first year as your St Edmundsbury Borough Councillor and many changes are proposed that will affect us all in the local area. I refer to the devolution plans and the election of a Mayor for Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire.

In the Withersfield Ward two very important development decisions are currently being considered under the Community Governance Review, or CGR. These are the sites at North East and North West Haverhill. I have spoken at Full Council to voice the concerns of residents over the Great Wilsey Farm plans which include approximately 4,500 new homes. A development of such a size without suitable infrastructure and transport solutions will have major implications for villages along the B1061.

I am supporting residents in Withersfield, and Withersfield Parish Council, in their objection to properties being "moved" from the parish into Haverhill. This is a complicated area geographically but the importance of community spirit must not be overlooked. Again this is part of the Community Governance Review recommendations.

Brown bins – the "new" Garden Waste Collection service started last month and I hope those who signed up to it are pleased. Figures show that 24.2% of West Suffolk households have joined the service.

The consultation period for the West Suffolk Operational Hub has now ended and it remains to be seen if the original preferred site at Hollow Road in BSE will be chosen. The final decision will go to Full Council.

St Edmundsbury BC supports the annual village litter picks and I am personally very keen to promote these and get children involved.

This year I secured Locality Budget funding of £500 towards the repair to the bell housing here at the Village Hall.

Very good wishes for your 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations for HM The Queen and I can provide some Locality Budget funding for that if that would help.

Please email me or telephone if there are Borough matters you would like to discuss and I send all good wishes to everyone in the local community.

### **Suffolk Police:**

P.C. Darren Marshall sent apologies for absence but submitted a report:

*This report covers the period from 01/04/2015, through to and inclusive of the date of this report...12/04/2016. During this period there have been **5** crimes recorded within the Parish of Great Bradley, this compares to **9** for the 2014-2015 period.*

*Additionally, as of 04/04/2016.... A new Local Policing Model was implemented in our county and this all stems from the Suffolk Local Policing Review which is published in great detail on the Suffolk Constabulary Website. Much has been in the local media of late regarding the closure of some Police Station front counters, the slight reduction in frontline staff numbers and the like but... there are many more factors involved as well. Another significant change being that Haverhill Town SNT has now merged with St Edmundsbury Rural South SNT.*

### **Parish Council:**

Simon Kiddy, Chairman of the Council, presented the annual report of the work of the Parish Council.

Running through the year some of the salient points of Parish Council action were:

1. May - new allotments are all marked out in readiness for use
2. June - 2 new picnic style tables and a new Basket Swing are installed just in time for a very successful Big lunch get-together on the Recreation Area.
3. July- Sept - new Vehicular Activated Sign now up and working on 3 poles in different locations in the village. Larger dog bin installed at the entrance to the Recreation Area and the other one located at the entrance to the permissive Path. Parish Council contributes £1,000 towards the new shed and lockers on the allotments
4. Oct/Nov - Well supported Heart Re-start evening at the Village Hall leading to the acquisition of a defibrillator and exterior case free of charge and it is just awaiting an electrician to put it in for us. There will be further training sessions held on this once it is in place. The biggest and best Bonfire Night so far.
5. Feb/Mar - the village sign is finally put back up on a taller post. Thanks must go to Charles Ryder for providing

the digger and helpers to achieve this. Village Hall manhole covers are upgraded to be able to take the weight of the bottle bank vehicle. Litter pick support provided as usual. Double swing seat for toddlers and parents delivered but needs to be changed for bigger chains. Support provided for the packed-out evening at the Village Hall on the history of RAF Stradishall.

### **The Bradley Bugle**

Stuart Wilson sent his apologies. John Barnett said that thanks must go to Stuart Wilson who continues to edit an excellent Bugle for us.

Having a written newsletter is the only way to record all the happenings and events in the village and to remind us all what has recently happened (with events last year such as the Big Lunch, Bluebell and Farm Walks and the Fete). But it is also an invaluable record for future generations. For example the February edition reached number 200 and as a celebration we were treated to a brief history of the Bradley newsletter. None of that would have been possible without a written and pictorial record.

The advertising income continues to be strong with £475 last year compared to £395 in the previous year.

### **Village website and Facebook page:**

John Barnett said that the village was most fortunate to have such a brilliant website and new Facebook page all courtesy of Mike Brophy's dedication. Mike who couldn't be here had sent a report:

#### **1. Website**

- a. *The website continues to be both popular and comprehensive*
- b. *The most visited pages were (in order): The home page – The Bugle – Houses – Local Geology – Famous Residents - News – Farming in WWII – Village Information - The Church*
- c. *Over the year April 2015 – March 2016, there were:*
  - i. *14,753 page views, up 12% on the previous year*
  - ii. *6,317 different sessions, up 30%*
  - iii. *4,661 users, up 30%*
- d. *The most popular countries to visit the site were people from in (in order): UK – US – Australia – Russia – Canada – France – Netherlands – Germany – China*
- e. *New pages added this year were: Church Services rota – Conservation plan for the Bradley estate*
- f. *Pages which have been updated include: Village Timeline – Famous Residents – Village Sign – Village Archive – The Bugle*

#### **2. Facebook Group**

- a. *Formed on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2015, it has been a great success.*
- b. *It is a closed group ie people apply to join and are admitted to the group by a current member*
- c. *By the end of March there had been*
  - i. *166 people admitted in to membership - updated to currently 172!*
  - ii. *420 posts initiated (ie not including comments or replies)*
  - iii. *240 photos posted*
- d. *The most 'liked' post was from John Barnett in Feb 2016; announcing that the village sign was finally re-instated (25 likes)*
- e. *The most commented-on post was from Sarah Evans in Jan 2016; asking if anyone else was having broadband problems (34 comments)*
- f. *Most posts are read by 70 people within a couple of days and by 100 within 10 days and by over 120 within a month*
- g. *Posts have covered topics as far ranging as lost dogs, relatives & friends - old photos – local crime – nearest takeaways – local service announcements – enquiries about cows, chickens and names of trees – thanks for events held and small-ads*
- h. *Personal for-sale adverts are allowed, but business ones are not. Anyone wanting to advertise their business is brought together in one directory posting*
- i. *Three people have been blocked from the site: One for using abusive language, one for repeatedly posting business adverts and one dodgy-looking Russian-based account.*

### **Litter pick:**

Geoffrey Vollam sent his apologies. John Barnett reported:

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#### **Bonfire Night:**

John Barnett said that it had been the most successful by far with upwards of 180 people attending. Despite there being no entrance fee as such and only relying on donations over £500 was collected at the gate and thanks go those rattling the buckets at attendees. Everyone seemed to enjoy the fireworks which were also bigger and better and thanks go to Helen and Rob Bennett who also went to the firework supplier's demonstration of over 100 fireworks to help choose the best to fit the budget.

The event usually runs at a small loss which the Parish Council is happy to subsidise but last year there was a profit of £48 which will go towards this year's fireworks.

Simon Kiddy said thanks should also go to all those who helped to build the bonfire.

#### **Neighbourhood Watch:**

John Barnett said that they were a small group which meets twice a year to discuss any problems and ideas. We are kept up to date by email from our main local NW coordinator and Police Connect about what things to watch out for. Thanks must go to our most active member Caroline Greatbach who puts all this information on to the Great Bradley Facebook page so everyone can be advised of problems immediately. Of course you need to be on Facebook to see that and keep up to date!

#### **Community Speedwatch and Vehicular Activated Sign:**

John Barnett said the first thing to say about Speedwatch is that it seems to work when we go out and do it. Of course all the time we are not there it has no effect! Which is where the new Vehicular Activated Sign comes in of course.

#### **Speedwatch**

Up to now we have combined our speedwatches with Cowlinge. This is because Great Bradley only has 3 official speedwatch volunteers and Cowlinge 2. You really need at least 3 people at each speedwatch because you have to obtain so much information - speed (checked by at least 2 volunteers), time, make of car, model, colour. To try to do that with 2 is very difficult. So up to now we have had a combined volunteer force of 5 people but sadly one of our Great Bradley volunteers has stood down this year so we need ideally 2 or 3 more volunteers to come forward and help out. It's not particularly onerous in that we only go out every 3 or 4 weeks for a couple of hours usually at the evening rush period from April to when the clocks go back in October. If anyone would like to help please let me know.

#### **Vehicular Activated Sign**

You will all have seen the new digital sign at the various poles in the village. At present we only share this with Cowlinge which means we get the sign up every other month but Great Wrating are due to join our group which will dilute the availability further. I am due to have a meeting early June with the 10 Parishes who have elected to have the digital signs to sort out how the 4 signs that we have been given are to be allocated in future which should give us better availability.

There is a data collector in the sign gives us valuable information on vehicle speeds in the village.

#### **Great Bradley Farms:**

Charles Ryder said that these days there was a much greater interest in Conservation Management, the environment, trees and birds. The new allotment field, now known as Paxman's Field, will have an area for wild bird seed mix and another under scrub management which is targeted at providing the ideal conditions for the endangered Turtle Dove.

*There is a to be a new seat, carved out of a very large log, which will be put by the Footpath on the north corner of Bradley Park Wood, replacing an old log seat which has rotted away.*

The regeneration scheme on the Upper Stour has been put forward amongst 3 others for a national award.

#### **Dates to note:**

*Bluebell Walk – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April*

*Farm and Woodland Tour – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June*

*Broxted Tour – there are further Broxted tours later this year to which all are invited*

#### **Reports from other village groups/organisations:**

##### **Parochial Church Council:**

Sue Ireland said that they had paid the Diocese their contribution of £4594 in full last year and had managed to maintain

their pattern of services at 15 as usual. The insurance payment of around £1,000 is a major cost factor each year and sadly there has been no increase in the church income to help towards it.

The Fete this year is on 3<sup>rd</sup> July and all offers of help and any new ideas would be most welcome. Last year raised around £2,700 which is so essential to the church funds and thanks go to all who help with this and particularly to the Ryder family for allowing the use of their garden for this. Fortunately the fabric of the church is in reasonable order. Thanks go as always to those who help to keep the church clean and the lovely flower arrangements. Thanks must also go to Geoffrey Vollam who has served as our Treasurer for the last 10 years. Sadly Geoffrey is retiring from this and we need someone to volunteer for this valuable service.

#### **Workers Educational Association:**

Geoffrey Vollam said that WEA meets on Wednesday mornings in the Autumn and Winter terms, and last September we started a 10 week course on the 'History of Ales and Brewing' provided by a tutor well known to us, Stuart Bowell. We learned how ales and beer were produced in village ale houses and also in inns and taverns in larger settlements. Beer was normally much safer to drink than the local water. Medieval monasteries often brewed on a large scale. The Public House became a centre for people to gather and meet their friends as well as a place to drink, but changes in social habits today are raising fears about the future of many pubs.

We did not have a field trip (pub crawl?) but each week we managed to try small samples of various ales and beers, all of course in the cause of research and greater knowledge. A very popular and well-attended session, as we have long come to expect from Stuart.

In January we were fortunate again to have Wendy Barnes visit us from Little Bradley who told us of the 'History of Little Hall at Lavenham', which had been a wool-trader's house in the 1300's and its history reflects that of the town and of the region. Today it is open to the public and well worth visiting, which we did on the last day of her course.

We learned of the importance of the medieval wool trade to Lavenham, which enabled it to become the 15<sup>th</sup> wealthiest town in England. Later the changes in type of cloth available to customers reduced the fortunes of the town but Lavenham did manage to retain a cloth industry into the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

The house was restored to its present condition by the late Gayer-Anderson twin brothers, soldiers with a shared interest in art and collecting, who purchased it in the 1930's and many of their personal possessions remain there. Today the house is owned by the Suffolk Building Preservation Trust.

In the Winter term the WEA also offered a short computer course on Thursday mornings, on 'Windows 10', and Alan Bampton was the tutor.

We are again indebted to Peter Smith our chairman/secretary who bats valiantly against the paperwork and emails from WEA Regional Office in Cambridge, and Peter will be letting you know shortly about next term's subjects. Anne Smith and Gill Brown make sure we have the library books recommended for each course, so thanks are due to them both, and to Alan Bampton from Burwell our treasurer. Gill and Anne, and Anne Marks from Balsham, also look after refreshments at the coffee break, a very important job, and these are free to our members.

When we start again in the Autumn, if you can make it, do come along, you will be very welcome!

#### **Afternoon drop-in:**

Anne Smith said that usually there are around 10 - 12 people attending and they usually meet on the second Thursday of the month. There's tea and cake and a lot of chat and we recently had Rob Bennett give an afternoon showing us all how to make baskets which was really interesting.

The drop-in this month has been postponed to next week and is a Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday special with bunting and party items/food and drink. All welcome.

#### **Art Group:**

Pat Spires read the report from and Anne Pigden and herself:

*After a period of time when numbers had fallen I am pleased to report that for the last two terms we now have a fairly healthy group. This in turn has allowed us to keep fees at an acceptable level.*

*We continue to be tutored by professional artist Jan Couling and with her guidance produce work ranging from landscapes to animals in a variety of media. Many thanks to Jan for her patience.*

*Once again we would like to extend an invitation to anyone interested in the group to come along for a free taster session.*

Contact numbers can be found in the Bradley Bugle.

Our work will be on display in the church during the Village Fete on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July so do please come and have a look and a chat.

### **Scottish Country Dancing Class:**

Helen Smith read the report from Ella Hollins:

*This has been a busy year for the class as we have been busy learning new dances for our Annual Spring Dance, when we will be joined by dancers from Cambridge and Bury St Edmunds. Our numbers have increased with new dancers joining us from Bury St Edmunds. Having new dancers means we now have almost 2 sets. (i.e. 14 dancers) this is the most we have ever had in the 15 years of the class.*

*On behalf of all the dancers, thank you for letting us use your lovely Village Hall. It is a credit to your hard work.*

### **Flexible Friends:**

Jacqui Joyce said that this was small a weekly class on Tuesday mornings and designed to do very gentle stretching of the muscles in the body. It can be extremely beneficial.

### **Pilates:**

Helen Smith read the report from Helen Axon:

*Pilates Tuesdays 7.30pm*

*The class has now been running successfully Since May 2012. Over the last 12 months we have had between 7 and 11 people signed up to each six week block. We currently have 5 people travelling from Newmarket, Haverhill and the surrounding villages and the rest of the class are from Great Bradley.*

*We have not encountered any problems with the hail since the new heating system was installed (touch wood!) and I must thank the village hall committee for all of their efforts making sure everything runs smoothly for us. Overall, I am extremely happy with how the class is going and it is a pleasure to meet and teach such a lovely group of people.*

Simon Kiddy thanked the organisations for their presence tonight and the information they provided.

### **Village Hall:**

Edward Fletcher said that thanks must go to all who have supported the Hall and particularly those recently who have given extra donations. There has been a recent upturn in use which is most welcome but there are still plenty of spaces remaining. The current Committee has been in post for around 6 years (some members much longer). They will all be stepping down tonight in preparation for their Annual Meeting next month where it is hoped new people will come forward to take up the places.

There are ongoing maintenance problems such as the electric motors up in the roof which allow the lights to be lowered for cleaning/renewal which have failed and there is no safe means of access to them.

There is a serious overall financial situation which, it is hoped, can be addressed with lots of new ideas that a new committee could take forward.

A number of suggestions have been put forward to make the posts of the Village Hall Management Committee easier to fill with a fixed term of say 2 years only, meetings held on a regular basis rather than ad-hoc as at present and, if enough new volunteers come forward, then sub-committees could be formed to come up with further ideas for the future.

It is really essential that people come forward to ensure that the Village Hall continues in the present form.

Debra Fletcher said that one easy way to get more funds for the Village Hall was if everyone were to sign up to Easy-Fundraising which gave a donation with every internet purchase people make. This can raise a considerable sum for the Village Hall every year. Debra then gave a demonstration to show how easy it is to sign up to Easy-Fundraising.

There is no credit card information held at Easy-Fundraising you simply start on that site and then go from there to whichever internet site you wish to purchase from as normal.

John Barnett said that the Village Hall Bell Housing should be repaired quickly as we are just waiting for one more grant approval that is really a formality. The manhole covers in the car park have been upgraded.

Simon Kiddy said that we have a defibrillator ready to go up on the outside of the Village Hall but we are just waiting to see if a local electrician will do it for us free of charge.

### **Recreation Area**

John Barnett said that the Parish Council will be providing a free dog bag dispenser by the entrance to the Recreation Area as a further incentive for owners to clean up after their pets.

Simon Kiddy said that the wooden edging to the Glade Area had rotted in a very short time so the Parish Council were looking at a more permanent solution such as metal. The new basket swing put in the play area had been well received and used. A new combined toddler and adult swing had been ordered by the Parish Council but had been supplied with an incorrect unit which is to be replaced. Hopefully it will be up and in use shortly. The Living Willow structure planted last year doesn't look to be in too good a shape but we need to wait till we see how many shoots need replacing.

Simon Kiddy said that thanks were due to those volunteers who are on the weekly rota to check all the play equipment for us.

### **Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday Big Lunch celebration in June:**

John Barnett said there was to be a Big Lunch celebration on the Recreation Area similar to last year's successful event. This will be in June as part of the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations and held at a weekend so all can participate.

### **Other village events:**

John Barnett said that the Coffee Caravan was coming again on 14<sup>th</sup> June to provide a really special mid-week occasion again to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. It would be similar to the one they put on to commemorate the World Wars 1 and 2 in August 2014 with a juke box of melodies of the time and slide and movie shows and a spread of really good food and drink.

Those events with specific dates notified are:

- |                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| 21 <sup>st</sup> April | Drop-in celebration of Queen's 90 the birthday. Village Hall 2.30pm |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> April | Bluebell Walk 10am at the covered yard near the church              |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> June   | Farm Walk 4pm at the covered yard near the church                   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> July   | Fete in Great Bradley Hall garden                                   |

### **Village Archives:**

Pete Smith said that our small but perfectly formed group continue to work our way through photographs, newspaper cuttings, letters and various papers and catalogue them and place them in one of our many box files. These range from History Group, W.I., Village Hall, Church, Property and School.

We are fortunate to have Gill Rodwell who is busy identifying people in the many photos. We try to identify individuals mentioned and create a sheet for them cross referencing with the activity. This will mean that friends/families will be able to see what their ancestors/forebears were involved in.

All this is achieved in a most convivial atmosphere between the 5 of us and it is a pleasure to be there.

We hope in the Autumn to have an evening displaying samples of what we have achieved.

We are very grateful to Charles Ryder for allowing us to use a room in the offices to work and store the village archives.

### **Village Garden:**

The sign is now back in place on the taller pole at long last.

### **Any other ideas/problems etc:**

Ross Skingley said that he may have a solution to the problem with the electric motors for the lights as he has a tower that he can lend.

*The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.02pm*

## Forthcoming Events

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



Month	Church cleaning	Flowers
May	Keith & Sue Willington	Sue Willington
June	Geoffrey & Arline Vollam	Helen Smith

### Church Services – April 2016

1 May	9:30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Little Bradley
	11 am	Holy Communion	Great Thurlow
<b>8 May</b>	<b>11 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Great Bradley</b>
15 May	10 am	Benefice Communion	Little Wrating
<b>22 May</b>	<b>10 am</b>	<b>Benefice Communion</b>	<b>Kedington</b>
29 May	10 am	Benefice Communion	Venue tba
<b>5 June</b>	<b>11 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Great Bradley</b>

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

### The Bishop Of St Edmundsbury And Ipswich To Visit

#### The Reverend Derek Hollis writes:

Bishop Martin will celebrate Holy Communion on Trinity Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016 at Kedington at 10:00 a.m. A visit by the Diocesan Bishop is an important event in the calendar of any benefice so the usual service plan will be suspended on that date and the benefice service at the end of the month will be re-allocated. Please do put the Bishop's visit into your diary now and make a point of coming along to hear him and meet him on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### Help please!

With the retirement of Geoffrey Vollam, who has held the post for almost 10 years, the PCC of St Mary's are looking for a new treasurer to help look after the church finances. The holder does not necessarily need to be a church-goer, but some knowledge of basic book-keeping would be an advantage. Training is available and Geoffrey would be ready to offer help and guidance.

**For further information contact Sue (783595) or Geoffrey (783132)**

### Great Bradley Fete – Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup>

This is one of the highlights of the village year! We are always on the lookout for new ideas and attractions – not to mention offers of help setting up, running stalls, serving teas and clearing away afterwards. If you're new to the village, what better way to get to know your new neighbours. Speak to Sue I, (783595) Sue or Keith W (783607) or Geoffrey and Arline (783132). A big thank you to all who have volunteered to help so far. Keep an eye on the Great Bradley Facebook page for further news of preparations.

### Farm Hamper Draw

We shall be running the farm hamper draw again this year thanks to the kindness and generosity of Charles Ryder. Charles has hinted that this year's hamper will contain an exciting new item from the estate (think mint sauce). Tickets will come round with the June Bugle and the draw will take place at the fete.



# Farm/Woodland Tour

**Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2016**

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. As usual, the tour will be undertaken on foot and will last for approximately 2-2½ hours, followed by a discussion, with refreshments, 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 broadly remains the same, each year we take a new route and look at different features and themes. Things are constantly evolving!

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**

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### News from the Ellesmere Centre – May 2016



**The Garden Club Plant Sale** is on the 7th May. Come and get all your bedding plants here. Many stalls to choose from and Refreshments served.



**Open Mic is on Saturday 7th May** with a full varied line up performing as usual. Finishing with our guest band 'Mojo Triangle' a rock and blues band. This month is fully booked but if you would like to perform in May please call Rob on 01638 507997. All welcome-Fully licensed bar and refreshments available.



**Yoga** - Why not come along and join us for our new Spring Program of Yoga. Contact Lisa on [lovellyoga@gmail.com](mailto:lovellyoga@gmail.com) for more details.

### May/June Holiday Activities

Tuesday 31st May	Holiday Camp	8.30am-5.30pm	4-11yrs
	Gymnastics	9am-4pm	4-11yrs
Wednesday 1st June	Opportunity Group	1-3pm	Preschool special needs
Thursday 2nd June	Jolly Tots	9.30-12.00pm	Preschool
	Roller Skating	2-4pm	All ages
Friday 3rd June	Mr Melody	11am-12pm	Preschool
	Multisports Fun	9.30am-12pm	4-11 yrs
	Supervised Lunch	12-1pm	
	Activity Afternoon	1-3.30pm	4-11yrs

For more details call us, visit our website or email and we will send you a full list of what's on.

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Tel 01638 508212. Email [office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk](mailto:office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk).

### Defibrillator now situated at the Ellesmere Centre.

The defibrillator is accessible at all times as it is situated outside the front door. There will be both adult and paediatric pads available. (Thanks to donations from The Dullingham Oil Syndicate, Old School Day Nursery and Kettlefields PTFA.) The machine will talk you through the process but it is a good idea for everyone to attend a tuition evening if possible as it is also a great advantage to be trained in CPR. The next free training session is on Monday 16th May at 6.45-7.45pm- please call us to book or put your name down for a session in the future.



## Thurlow Village Hall FARMERS' MARKETS 2016

Once more Farmers' Markets will be held on the last Saturday of the month from 10 am to 1-00pm.

### Dates are as follows:

Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup> 2016

Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup> 2016

Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup> 2016

Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup> 2016

Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup> 2016

Saturday November 26<sup>th</sup> 2016

Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup> 2016

December to be confirmed

# Stowmarket Chorale

## Happy Birthday, Your Majesty

One of the best-loved pieces of music ever written, **Mozart's Clarinet Concerto**, will be part of a musical celebration of The Queen's 90th birthday at The Apex, Bury St Edmunds, on Saturday 7th May at 7.30pm.

Presented by Stowmarket Chorale, the concert fittingly begins with the National Anthem. Choir orchestra and soloists will perform two glorious pieces by Mozart: the Coronation Mass and the Solemn Vespers. Both pieces full of the joy that Mozart gave us through his music. As a taster for what's to come, audiences will also enjoy a short orchestra piece by Schubert, the Overture in B flat.

Soloists are Julian Farrell, clarinet; Julia Roberts, soprano; Elaine Henson, alto; Daniel Joy, tenor and Dhilan Gnanadurai, bass. The Kingfisher Sinfonietta is led by Beth Spendlove, and choir, soloists and orchestra are under the direction of Leslie Olive, Conductor of Stowmarket Chorale, Eye Bach Choir, the English Arts Chorale and the Suffolk Philharmonic Orchestra.

**Ticket are available from The Apex box office:**

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## Bury Festival

### Young Talent to perform Grieg Piano Concerto at the Bury Festival

24 year old Alexander Ullman, already an acclaimed concert pianist who has wowed audiences throughout Europe, Asia and America, is joining the Suffolk Philharmonic Orchestra at The Apex on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May for an afternoon of pure musical delight.

The Orchestra, conducted by Leslie Olive, will start the concert with Mozart's opening music to his opera The Magic Flute and this will be followed by Grieg's Piano Concerto, played by Alexander. After the interval the Suffolk Philharmonic plays Beethoven's ever popular 3rd Symphony, which Beethoven originally dedicated to Napoleon Bonaparte and known as the *Eroica*.

**The concert starts at 4.00pm**, allowing time for a meal afterwards and a homeward journey in daylight.

The Orchestra makes a welcome return to The Apex after concerts at St Edmundsbury Cathedral and Snape Maltings Concert Hall during the past year, to enjoy once more its fine acoustic, comfortable auditorium and easy parking. Julian Milone, Leader of the Orchestra said: 'We are always looking forward to playing in Bury St Edmunds with the Suffolk Philharmonic and The Apex is a gem of a concert hall'.

**Ticket are available from The Apex box office:**

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