

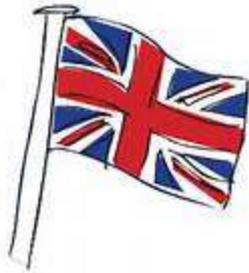
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HAPPY NEW YEAR - COMING UP IN 2015!



6th February -
Her Majesty's Accession

Anniversaries coming up this year

- 20 January 1265 - First English (de Montford) parliament (750 yrs).
- 11 February 1990 - 25 years ago Nelson Mandela released from Robben Island prison.
- 8 May 1945 - 70 years since VE Day
- 15 June 1215 - Magna Carta was signed by King John (800 yrs).
- 16 June 1915 - The 100th anniversary of the foundation of the Women's Institute.
- 18 June 1815 - 200 years since the Battle of Waterloo.
- 15 October 1415 - Battle of Agincourt (600 yrs).
- 1 December 1990 - 25 years ago the French and British tunnel construction workers met 120 feet under the English Channel.

Dates For Your Diary

Sat. 28th March
Litter Pick

Sat. 21st Feb. at 11:00 am
Tree Planting for Willow Structure
On Recreation Ground.
Refreshments available.

Annual Village Meeting – Wednesday 15th April

Village Church Fete – Sunday 5th July

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Village Diary

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

Coming up This Month ...

Tree Planting	Recreation Ground, feel free to bring the children to help, the playground is still open!	Sat. 21st Feb. at 11:00 am
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Weekly Events

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING	Lively, light exercise and fun! Contact Ella Hollins on 710340	Mondays 2 – 4pm
AEROBICS	Mixed ability, back to basics fun workout. Please Book in advance. Contact Birgit 07972 108491	Tuesdays 9:30 – 10:15am (school terms)
FLEXIBLE FRIENDS	Gentle stretching exercises. Contact Jaquie on 783354	Tuesdays 10:30am – 12 noon
ART CLASS	The group currently have some spaces, please contact Anne Pigden for details 783175	Tuesdays 2 – 4pm
PILATES	Contact Helen Axon mob: 07843 097671	Tuesdays 7:30 – 8:30pm
WEA 2014	Started 15 th 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
MOBILE LIBRARY	Evergreen Lane 12:20 – 12:35pm (Route 18 – stop E)	Wednesday 4 th February (Every 4 weeks)
AFTERNOON CLUB	All welcome, all ages, all interests. Come and meet friends and neighbours. Contact Gill Dunn on 783362	Wednesday 11 th February
AEROBICS	Mixed ability, '80s Flashback' fun workout. Please book in advance. Contact Birgit 07972 108491	Fridays 10:15 – 11:00am Note: New time (school terms)
BLUE & BROWN BINS	Fridays 6 th & 20 th February	
BLACK BINS	Fridays 13 th & 27 th February	

Further Ahead ...

Parish Council Meetings	18 th March 2015, 20 th May, 24 th June & 16 th September	7:30pm
Litter Pick	Saturday 28 th March	Details next month.
Annual Village Meeting	Wednesday 15 th April	

Local News & Notices

A Note From John ...

[This was passed to myself for inclusion in the next Bugle just at the end of last year, and although events have taken over it still seems appropriate to include it - Ed]

I have lived in Great Bradley for more than 27 years and have enjoyed every season and walking with my dogs during those years in our magnificent countryside, even in the torrential rain.

I have been diagnosed with Cancer spreading to my bones so I do not know how long or short a time I have left. I am going to assume it will be many years and to enjoy myself to the last.

Please no sympathy or expressions of regret and let life carry on as if all is well.

I am aware I have crossed words with some people - usually concerning Sam. What has been said cannot be unsaid.

I intend to enjoy the quiz nights and as many Xmas' as possible.

Where there is life there is always hope.

John Winch

Sadly but in so many ways a blessing John and Sam both died within a week of writing this note.

Peter Smith

Great Bradley Village Hall Lottery Draw

At the Draw that took place on **Tuesday 2nd December** in the Village Hall following a Pilates class, the winners were:

- 1st Prize £13.50 - Cyril Potter, Haverhill**
- 2nd Prize £10.00 - Jacquie Joyce, Evergreen Lane**
- 3rd Prize £6.00 - Sandra Dolby, Clarendale**
- 4th Prize £3.00 - Duncan Andrews, Thurlow Road.**

And the January numbers drawn from the sack by the ladies at Pilates on **January 13th** resulted in the following winners:

- 1st Prize £13.50 - Wendy Anderson , Gazeley**
- 2nd Prize £10.00 - Peter Smith, Fox Green**
- 3rd Prize £6.00 - Ray Roberts, Clarendale**
- 4th prize £3.00 - Anne Smith, Clarendale**

Remember - to win, first you must enter ! Entry in the March draw costs just £8.00 per person. The more who enter, the bigger the prize fund, and more the Village Hall benefits, so ring the promoter (George Hendry) on 01440-783415 , and he will drop you in an entry form in time for the March draw..

Go on, you know you want to

Village Hall Events

Following on from the successful Wine-Tasting event last September, the Village Hall held two further events in the Autumn. Firstly in October we were treated to a highly entertaining evening with “Joyce Grenfell” presented by former Great Bradley resident Gill Grinham. Gill held us all captivated with her renditions of many of Joyce Grenfell’s famous monologues including of course “George, don’t do that!” She even burst into song on two or three occasions and managed to convey the wit and charm of her heroine. The event was well attended with several former residents from Bradley turning up especially to see Gill.

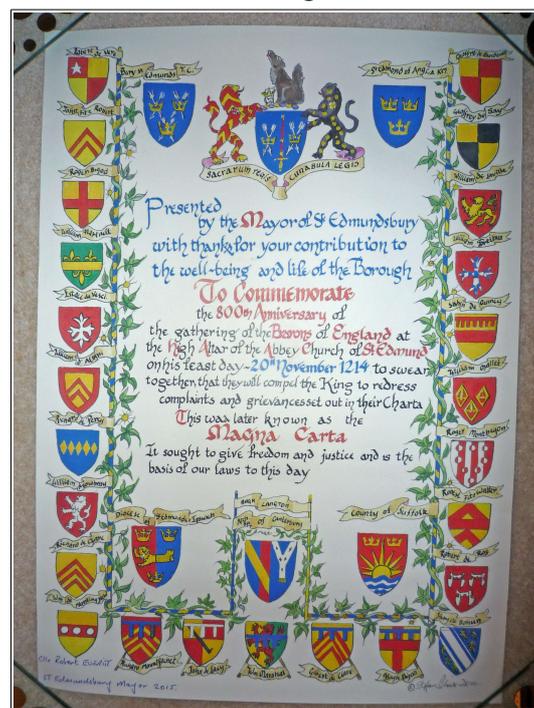
In November we held our Annual Village Quiz and were delighted to be in the safe hands of a new Quizmaster who had stepped into the breach left by Les Bunyon. Helen Bennett did a sterling job of compiling and asking the questions, whilst her husband kept the scores. John Barnett’s team won – again! We were especially pleased to see a number of new young people taking part in the Quiz and we hope to see them at other events in the future.

If you have any suggestions for future events at the Village hall, please contact Wendy Mansfield on 01440 783358 or any other committee member.

Parish Council News

A meeting of the Great Bradley Parish Council (GBPC) was held on the Wednesday 21st January. Below is a summary of some of the salient points, a full version of the minutes is available via the village website.

- The Mayor of St Edmundsbury Borough Council, Robert Everitt, attended and thanked the Parish Councillors who give so much time, effort and commitment on behalf of their communities. He presented the Council with a heraldic scroll celebrating the 800 years since Magna Carta when the Barons convened a meeting in Bury St Edmunds to agree to force the King to their demands.
- A total of 4 plants have been taken from the Village Garden, some have already been replaced others will be once availability allows.
- **Living Willow structure:** The structure will be delivered soon and planting is planned for Feb. 20th/21st. We hope to see some villagers at the planting on 21st Feb, refreshments will be served, contact Karina Joyce (783099). [Details on front cover - Ed]
- A legal briefing from NALC has been received giving information for Parish Councils with a turnover not exceeding £25,000 (which includes Great Bradley) on the new Transparency Code. An external audit is no longer required but detailed information must now be published via the PC website.
- **Village allotments:** 13 applications for allotments have been received. There is a huge amount of work to be done to clear the area, create an access, provide a water supply and prepare the ground and measure the allotments out. The Parish Council has offered to financially assist via a contribution towards the proposed hut/shed and lockers for all users. The Clerk is investigating whether grants can be obtained to help with the costs.



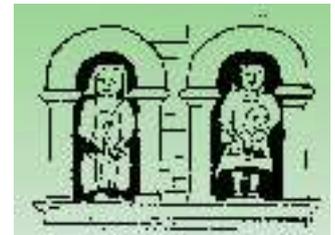
- **Facebook page:** A suggestion has been made for a Facebook page for the village: Is there anyone in the village who would like to set up and administer a Facebook page in order that information can easily be shared. Recent suspicious activity within Foxgreen and details regarding unwanted 'cold callers' could be more easily and quickly disseminated this way, but a 'tech savvy' volunteer is needed to be able to help make the most of this. So please help if you can (contact details below).
- **Suffolk Police:** A meeting was held recently in Clare regarding the imminent closure of Clare Police station. The lease has been extended by 6 months to give time for a consultation. Everyone was assured that any move to relocate the Rural Officers to Haverhill would not affect the status of the Officers and they would continue to be used only on rural issues. In Haverhill they would benefit from daily briefings from senior officers. The fact remains that only 2 - 3 members of the public use the Clare Police station each week and even then it's not a face-to-face consultation but intercom.
- **Suffolk County Council:** County Councillor Mary Evans said the Police have to find savings of £16m out of a budget of £124m. She is keen to get the VAS project started in Great Bradley, Cowlinge and Hargrave. A data recorder will be ordered as part of the kit which will give essential information to the Parishes, Suffolk County Council and Police. She will also fund 2 'radar area' signs which can go on the poles when they are not in use.
- **Dates for next meetings:** The next meeting dates are 18th March 2015, 15th April (Annual Village Meeting), 20th May (Annual Parish Council Meeting - first meeting of the new Council after the elections), 24th June (last legal date before 30th June to approve 2014/15 accounts) and 16th September.

The next PC meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th March at 7:30pm. Please contact any of the councillors directly or the Parish Clerk (John Barnett at john.barnett@dsl.pipex.com tel: 783903) if you can help in any way or have any issues you wish to raise, there is always time set aside at the start of the meeting for the general public to raise issues.

Greetings from Burrough Green CE Primary School

Dear Parents, Carers, Friends, and Neighbours,

It's been a while; not by design, but through the pace of change, which I'm sure is a common factor in many walks of life. When I first started at Burrough Green there seemed to be so much more time to compose these messages, but the term multi-tasking was never more appropriate to school life than it is today. Partly this is of our own making, of course. Schools are places of innovation and creativity, and there is a temptation to start off more things than you can reasonably finish, or finish well. I bet many of you will also feel like that. So in this belated edition I will share with you some of the 'big' things we are facing and some of the smaller ones too.



Good News

Some of you who are old enough to have attended the school yourselves when you were younger will remember that you used to receive a small payment to attend school. This was originally reserved for children living in Burrough Green parish only and was an early form of incentive to attend school.

The founding fathers of the school were real visionaries who understood the importance of education for all long before schooling became compulsory in 1880. However ensuring regular attendance was a continuing concern, as families would either need the income generated by child workers, or need the labour itself to keep farms and households in business.

As a consequence the Knight and Watson Charities paid children for their attendance. Although this practice fell into misuse we feel it is an important symbol of the unique values of our community that placed it at the cutting edge of the emancipation of common people; revolutionary stuff! Therefore we have agreed with the trustees to reinstate it. Before the children get too excited about the bounty heading their way I have to point out that it will only be a nominal sum paid annually; this time to all the pupils attending the school. It is a symbol after all.

Of course even this could not compensate local farmers enough at critical times of the year, such as harvest, which is why the long summer break came into being; the result of an 'if you can't beat them join them' compromise. Since most of the schools in existence before the passing of the Elementary Education Act (1880) were run by the Church of England through the beneficence of local parishes, the academic year also marks the chief festivals in the Christian calendar. The idea of starting the year in September is also largely symbolic in that it follows the cycle of growth in the farming year which reaches its culmination in high summer. In the same way we celebrate the fruits of learning at the end of each academic year before laying the foundations for the next phase of growth after the 'harvest'.

Academic Success

I hope you will have noticed the splendid new banner proclaiming our successes last year as you approach the office. However we also got a letter from Nick Gibb MP, Minister of State for School Reform, recently. In it he says:

I am writing to convey my warmest congratulations to you, your staff and your pupils for the very high standard of achievement in this year's phonics check....To be in the top 2% of schools with 100% of pupils achieving the expected standard is a tremendous achievement and points to a high standard of phonics teaching in your school.

It is very nice to receive this kind of recognition, as it points to the continuing health and vigour of our lovely school.

Sporting Success

We continue to punch very much above our weight in local competitions. The success of the running club has been assured by our recent performance in the South Cambs Cross-Country Championships held on Royston Heath. Even though we unfortunately had to relinquish our winners' trophy from last year, we finished second, following an incredibly consistent performance by all of our four teams. Out of 600 competitors we were only 3 points behind the winners Linton Heights. [After a recent review of the results the team have now been awarded 1st place and the trophy has 'come home'- Ed]

Our Netball teams have also excelled. Following the first round of the High 5s league our A Team are well on course to reach the South Cambs finals in the summer after winning all 3 of their games so far. They also won 4 out of 4 matches in the LVC tournament finishing up as overall winners. The B Team also performed strongly winning 2, drawing 1 and losing 1 of their tournament matches, and remaining undefeated in the High 5 league too.

Meanwhile our football A Team fought out a tense final match against Linton Heights at LVC in November to lose by a single goal. Having won all their previous matches they had to settle for second place overall. The B Team also remained undefeated until their final match, which is great credit to all those involved.

I also hope to be able to report a first for Burrough Green soon; our very own Show Jumping Team.

Learning to Learn at Burrough Green

As you may know 'Teamwork' is one of our values, and it is just as important in the academic realm as the

sporting. The cluster of industries around the bio-medical campus in Cambridge is powerful testimony to the fact that whilst there is competition in business the need for collaboration and information exchange between businesses is vital for innovation, ideas and the growth of enterprise. So schools have to ensure that pupils are prepared for this and make the best of themselves, by developing the skills that enable collaboration to thrive.

Our recent Art Day themed around our visit to the pantomime in Bury at the beginning of December, where the children were allowed to work in mixed-age groups within their house teams, was one of the ways we make this happen. Activities included creating story boards for Cinderella using image making software on the laptops, designing costumes for the actors to wear and creating team collages using potato prints. A sample of the work will be on display in the corridor that runs past the back of the hall from January. Please come and have a look.

The children worked very well on these mini-projects with each other. It is delightful to see the 'learning factory' at work. Truly they are developing their independence, decision-making and negotiation skills through the discipline of shared goals. We have also listened to what the children had to say about the ways in which they like to learn, so it was their wish that they could work in house teams.

Similarly, staff have been conducting research through their teaching this term. Working together they have developed their understanding of the different kinds of learning styles children favour. By approaching the explanation and modelling of tasks in different ways we can help all children to 'get' the core ideas of a lesson. Helping them to understand their preferred learning styles and how these may change from one activity to the next is also interesting for them and will help them become even more involved in learning itself.

Next term we hope to expand on the work of one class to find out about every child in the school, so we can better tailor our teaching to them.

Another exciting project is looking at how we can share the learning goals of lessons with our youngest pupils in Class 1, where attention spans are shorter. We have invested in headphones which can play back recorded messages. In this way children can replay simple messages as many times as they need whilst engaged with an activity if they have forgotten what they are trying to achieve. This makes them capable of working with greater independence and to see themselves as responsible by giving them the tools to succeed. We have also invested in recordable devices so they can 'make notes' of what they discovered verbally; a great way of engaging young children who do not yet possess the skills to record conventionally.

We are also now in possession of 6 i-pad minis. In the information age it is ever more important for children to see how they come across to others. This is a brilliant tool to help them record, play back and hone their presentational skills. It should also help them to express themselves more coherently and concisely, which can only help their writing.

Finally, on behalf of everyone at Burrough Green CE Primary School I would like to wish you all a prosperous new year.

Keith Archer (Head), 16.12.14

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Recycling for Charity

One of the mums from Burrough Green School is collecting bottle tops and the like for a children's brain tumour charity, they also collect biscuit wrappers, ink cartridges, and baby pouch food packets (more info. at the website: www.elliesfund.com/recycling/)

To save everyone from posting them we will leave a container on our doorstep (round the back), at The Fox, (opp. Hall Road) where they can be dropped off, we will then pass them on.



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St. Mary's Church, Great Bradley



Month	Church cleaning	Flowers
February	Sue S-B/Anne Pigden	Anne Pigden
March	Pete and Helen Smith	No flowers during Lent

Church Services – February 2015

1 February	11 am	Holy Communion	Little Thurlow
8 February	11 am	Holy Communion	Great Bradley
15 February	10 am	Benefice Communion	Little Wratting
22 February	9:30 am	Holy Communion	Little Bradley
1 March	11 am	Holy Communion	Great Thurlow

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

Save the date!!

The Fete this year will be Sunday 5th July in the gardens of Great Bradley Hall.

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.



News from the Ellesmere Centre February 2015



The Centre is now in the process of renovating the ceiling and floor in the Small Hall and putting in new doors leading to the outside area which is being converted into a sensory garden. This will leave us with a wonderful venue for all your parties, weddings and family gatherings.



The Table Tennis Club which meet on Tuesday evenings would welcome new members 8yrs+. Please call the office if you are interested.

Dates for your diary:-

 **Quiz Night** - 28th February. £12 per team, teams of 6 max . Food available on request.



60T'S Dance. Door money and raffle money to go to St Nicholas Hospice. March 28th 7.30pm. Come and dance to this great sixties band –fancy dress optional. Tickets £7.

Pudding Club - the next meeting will be on the 11th April.

There will be a fully licensed bar at all of the above. Tickets are available from the office, please call us for further information.

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

www.ellesmerecentre.org.uk

Tel: 01638 508212. Email office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk.



Bingo

Burrough Green Reading Room

Friday 6th March

Doors open 7:30pm - Eyes down at 8pm

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Raffle

Raising funds for Burrough Green Playgroup

Articles & Information

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Emma Izod (HR Advisor)

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Suffolk Family Carers ...

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In 2015 Suffolk Family Carers will be working with our hospice colleagues in Suffolk to offer an information and support programme for those people caring for someone nearing the end of their life. There will be a series of five informal sessions that offer information and an opportunity to reflect and gain support from others in a similar situation. The programme will run around the County with the first ones starting end of January. It's aim is to improve the Family Carer's own situation and that of the person they Care For.

If you would like to find out more or to book you free place please call Carly on 01473 835420 or email wellbeing@suffolkfamilycarers.org

Area Neighbourhood Watch Update

10 Tips to Beat the Burglar after Christmas:

Deterring would-be criminals is one of the most effective forms of crime prevention. Read these tips to ensure your home is secure at all times.

1. Invest in a motion sensor flood-light or even some outdoor Christmas lights to highlight your home's exterior. This will hopefully make approaching your home too conspicuous for a burglar.
2. Also, highlighting the fact your possessions are security marked and registered on Immobilise and using window stickers provide a further warning that your goods are traceable and not worth the risk of stealing!
3. Be careful not to advertise your home to burglars on social media! According to one recent study, social media is a commonly used tool for scouting potential targets. Social media savvy families have a tendency to publish their whereabouts during the holiday season, including any vacation plans. This lets burglars know when your house is going to be empty. Uploaded photos of pricey Christmas gifts can also be a problem as it basically allows burglars to go shopping just by viewing your Facebook profile.
4. Check doors and windows for weak spots. Government statistics show that 30% of burglaries happen through windows. Installing a few dead-bolts and new window hinges could increase the security of your home even more.
5. Keep your curtains and window blinds closed at night, making sure valuable items are out of sight.
6. When going out for the evening make use of inexpensive timers to give the illusion of occupancy.
7. Going on a winter holiday to get some sun? Plan ahead! If you're going away, be sure to cancel any newspaper subscriptions or milk deliveries. Arrange for a neighbour to park on the driveway to help create the impression someone is home. Do not leave descriptive telephone answering machine messages or and again make use of light timers.
8. Secure garages & sheds. Make sure that garden tools or ladders that could be used to force entry into your home are not left lying around or accessible from an unlocked garden shed. Garages are often targets for

burglars looking for tools, bikes and gardening equipment - make sure the garage is secure and your possessions are secured too in the case of bikes and tools. Naturally make sure anything portable / valuable is recorded on www.immobilise.com.

9. Don't hide keys & do use alarms if you have them. Burglars know to look for hidden door keys so don't hide spare keys under rocks, in flowerpots, or above door ledges. Instead give the spare key to family or trusted neighbour. Many houses these days have alarms, many though are rarely set, make sure yours is on and protecting your home.
10. Lastly, don't forget to register your gifts on Immobilise! Most consumer electricals have a unique identification code such as a serial number or for mobile phones an IMEI number - This IMEI number can be found quickly and easily by pressing the following keys on your mobile handset: * # 0 6 #. If your gift doesn't have a unique identifier there are several affordable marking kits available from the Immobilise store allowing the police to easily identify the owners of items they recover and so detect crime.

Diane Townsend (Community Watch & Safer Neighbourhood Team Liaison Officer)

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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 is the 15th of the month.

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