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AN ENJOYABLE AND SUCCESSFUL DAY AT THE FETE!



There was a good crowd of people at the Fete this year, with plenty of stalls to visit and games to keep the children amused. Many thanks to all those involved in making it happen!

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Village Diary

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

Coming up This Month ...		
Parish Council Meeting	16 th September.	7:30pm
Weekly Events		
SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING	Lively, light exercise and fun! Contact Ella Hollins on 710340	Mondays 2 – 4pm
FLEXIBLE FRIENDS	Gentle stretching exercises. Contact Jaquie on 783354	Tuesdays 10:30am – 12 noon
ART CLASS	Art Class resumes on Tuesday 29 th Sept. The group currently have some spaces and new members are welcome. If you would like to come along for a free taster week. 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 2014	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 16 th September (Every 4 weeks)
AFTERNOON CLUB	All welcome, all ages, all interests. Come and meet friends and neighbours. Contact Gill Dunn on 783362	Wednesday 9 th September
BLUE BIN ONLY	Saturday 5 th & Friday 18 th September.	
BLACK & BROWN BINS	Fridays 11 th & 25 th September.	
Further Ahead ...		
Parish Council Meetings	18 th November	7:30pm
Further Afield ...		
THURLOW WI	Come and join us and hear a talk from the owner of the Debden Farm Shop. Contact Arline (783132) or Karen (783022) for more details. Or come and see us in the tea tent at Thurlow Fayre on Sunday 6 th September.	Tuesday 8 th September 7.30pm at Thurlow Village Hall
FARMERS MARKET	Saturday 26 th September	Gt. Thurlow Village Hall, 10am – 1pm

Local News & Notices

Great Bradley Village Hall Lottery Draw

July and August numbers were drawn on Tuesday 18th August in the Village Hall -

July winners were:

1 st Prize	£14.00	–	Sidney Buchs, Sugar Loaf
2 nd Prize	£10.00	–	John Barnett, Fox Cottage
3 rd Prize	£7.00	–	Anne Smith, Clarendale
4 th Prize	£5.00	–	Hilary Ireland, Evergreen Lane
5 th Prize	£3.00	–	Roy Dunn, Evergreen Lane

And in August:

1 st Prize	£14.00	–	Anne Smith, Clarendale
2 nd Prize	£10.00	–	Richard Ryder, The Hall
3 rd Prize	£7.00	–	Jacquie Joyce, Evergreen Lane
4 th Prize	£5.00	–	Stuart Wilson, The Fox
5 th Prize	£3.00	–	Caroline Greatbatch, Fox Green

Congratulations to all our winners, and thank you for your support of the Village Hall. A new Lottery Year will start from NOVEMBER - so look out for the renewal forms coming next month !

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

Great Bradley Open Gardens – Thank You!

An Open Gardens event (in aid of the Village Hall) was held on Sunday 26th July with seven beautiful and inviting gardens open to visitors. Unfortunately the weather was not on our side. The wind and rain greatly hindered attendance but those that did brave the elements enjoyed the walk through the village. The huge amount of effort put into each garden was obvious and fully appreciated by those that turned out for our event. The Art Club had a fantastic show of their talents displayed in the Village Hall, and former Great Bradley resident Caroline Benet was also remembered with a lovely collection of her paintings on display. Thank you to the home owners who put in countless hours, the bakers who generously donated for the afternoon tea and all the volunteers who were at the ready donning their best wellies!



Watch for the 2016 date - we'll choose a rain-free day next year.

Newspaper Deliveries to Great Bradley

Caspars News has started to redeliver newspapers to Great Bradley but are looking for more customers to make the rounds viable over the long term. So if you are interested please contact Nathan Thomas of Caspars News on 01440-820969 or email nathan.thomas@cantab.net

News From Burrough Green Primary School



Dear Friends and Neighbours,

We come to the end of another very successful year for our wonderful school. I don't know how many of you run organisations out there, but teamwork based on shared goals, nurture of the individuals whose contribution is crucial and a sense of optimism and commitment that comes from enjoyment of doing something that matters, seem to be vital ingredients for this success.

It is such a pleasure to reflect on what we have achieved over the last few years and many of you have been part of that. As far as specific curriculum developments are concerned two things stand out for me this year. Firstly we recognised that children were not making the progress we would like to see in spelling, so we changed our approach from lists to rules, tested the children each term to check how they were progressing, placed greater emphasis on spelling in basic skills work and general teaching, and set ourselves an ambitious target for 80% of children in Y2-Y6 to have a spelling age equal to (or higher) than their actual age. I can reveal that we didn't achieve our target, although 78% of children did; so close!

Since we started the year with 58% of children at this level, and the average rate of progress was 16.3 months over the 10 month period of teaching, we are very happy with the impact of our work. Thank you to everyone who helped through homework support too; that's what I mean by teamwork.

The second of these developments concerns Religious Education. As a church school this is an important area of our work, but something that had not received the kind of attention reserved for reading, writing and maths over recent times. Lead by Mrs Cooper and Marilyn Field, we have transformed the way we teach this subject in the last 6 months. It is now a much more vibrant part of learning at Burrough Green, with each class producing a fantastic 'Learning Journey' to record children's questions, thoughts and experiences.

Both staff and children have become more knowledgeable about the subject and this is helping to deepen their understanding of different peoples and cultures, and what all this teaches us about ourselves.

SATs and Attainment

Having had all the results back in, and having crunched all the numbers I can say with pride that 2015 shows the highest level of attainment overall in reading, writing and maths we have ever achieved.

This continues an impressive trend in results since 2011, when I first started looking at outcomes in this way. For five years running attainment for girls and boys has improved in each of these subjects.

Results for the Y2 and Y6 cohorts will be close to their best ever; 90% of children achieved the expected standard in the Y1 phonics screening check; and progress for the Reception children has been excellent. All in all these results will put us amongst the top performing schools nationally. If you add to that our boy's cross-country team becoming small school county champions for the fifth year running (pun intended), and our Reception entry into the Cambridgeshire Young People's Film Festival yielding yet another award for our trophy cabinet and you can see that success runs deep in our school, and is broadly based; cherish it.

Performance Related Pay

During our celebration assembly on Friday 17th July all the children were given a small brown envelope containing a 50p piece. Look out for the photo in the Newmarket Journal!

For the first time in several years the Knight and Watson Charity and the school agreed to reinstate the payment pupils used to receive to encourage them to attend school. We will continue to do this annually to celebrate the fact that Dr Anthony Cage, followed by Dr's Knight and Watson, took a visionary step about 400

years ago when they first established schooling in the village, that contributed to a slow and steady revolution leading to parliamentary democracy, the National Schools, free education and emancipation for the common man and woman.

The payment is, of course, a symbol, but symbols are important, because they contain the essence of ideas. Dr Anthony Cage could never have imagined the world his idea helped to create, but ideas are the stuff of education and learning. Imagination is more powerful than knowledge, as Albert Einstein once observed. So let's value our ideas and the hope that comes with them.

I had some help with the next two sections from my 'Co-Heads', Ethan and Jacob.

Year 6 'Rule the School'

On Monday 20th of July Year 6 were given the privilege by Miss Pledger to take over the school for the day. Each pupil had to write a letter of application for the jobs they wanted to do and these are the positions they filled:

Mr Archer - Jacob Perry & Ethan Knightly	Mrs Larnar - Esme Brusell
Chris Jay - Emillie Howard	Miss Atherton - Findlay Hay
Miss Pledger - Maddie Howard	Mrs Harris - Mille Harris
Miss Leggett - Olivia Clarke	Mrs Nicholson - Bobby Nutter
Mrs England - Aidan Jackson	Mrs Pizey - Linda Elnmroti
Michelle Mingay - Brandon Evans	Helen Brown - Morven Osborn
Mrs Brewin - Jorge-Aguilar-Agon	

We are pleased to report that the school is still standing and no children or animals were hurt in the making of this experience.

School Daze

The "hilarious" and emotional play performed by Years 6, 5, 4 and 3 was a monumental success. Even the teachers were crying at the end; it was that good! Parents raved about the performances by the actors, because they were fantastic! The bus stop narrators lead comedy of a standard you wouldn't expect in a primary school! In addition, it is now feared we won't be able to do the KS1 Nativity any more, because the performers captured the mishaps and innocence of the whole occasion so brilliantly. From the first shocking moment when arguing cast members pulled the head off the Baby Jesus to the chaos of the final scenes and a stressed out 'Mrs Downes' this was a Nativity that can't be bettered!

Finally, as we say goodbye to the Year 6 pupils and Mrs Cooper, I would like to say how proud I am of all of them. They leave in very good shape for what comes next and they have all contributed hugely to the special place that Burrough Green is. They leave as changed people, better equipped to seize the opportunities that will follow, and wiser too. As they take those first steps beyond they should remember to take heart...

'Continue strong in the faith. Have courage and be strong.'

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For the rest of you; have a lovely summer!

Keith Archer – Head Teacher

Village Hall Committee

The Village Hall Committee are looking for someone to take over the voluntary job of Treasurer from Sally Hendry, who is stepping down after five years.

The Treasurer needs to keep simple accounts, paying out regular bills and banking money received from hire of hall, lottery etc., and attend meetings of the Committee which are held every six weeks.

If you think you can spare a little time each month to take on this role, please contact **Sally on 01440 783415**.

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Did you know that every time you buy something from an online retailer you could be raising money for Great Bradley Village Hall?

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There's no catch - PROMISE! The donation is passed on from the actual retailer as a percentage of the purchase price and doesn't cost you a penny. Shop in private - no worries, Great Bradley Village Hall cannot track your purchases but they will see whose shopping have aided the cause. If you don't wish to be on the league table, you can remain anonymous!

On average, each retailer will donate 5% of the cost of your shopping - and those donations soon mount up. So whatever you need to buy, from your weekly grocery shop or fashion must-have, to your business travel, office supplies or mobile phone, buy it via easyfundraising.org.uk and raise money for Great Bradley Village Hall at no extra cost to you!

Please register to support us when you shop online

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/greatbradleyvh

Any questions or concerns? Please phone or email Debra Fletcher (783 437 or moremoet@mac.com).

Forthcoming Events

St. Mary's Church, Great Bradley



Month	Church cleaning	Flowers
September	Ken and Sue Ireland	Saturday 12 Sept 10 am meet in church to decorate for Harvest Festival
October	Geoffrey and Arline Vollam	Debra Fletcher

Church Services – September 2015

6 September	11 am	Holy Communion	Little Bradley
13 September	11 am	Harvest Thanksgiving	Great Bradley
20 September	10 am	Benefice Service	Little Wratting
27 September	9:30 am	Holy Communion	Little Thurlow
4 October	11 am	Holy Communion	Little Bradley

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

Great Bradley Fete

Congratulations everyone on a fantastic fete. It was a splendid day and an excellent result.

We couldn't have done it without your help - thank you for all your hard work - advertising, setting up, donating items, baking, barbecuing, basket-weaving, buying and selling, and clearing everything away in record time at the end. We are especially grateful to the Ryder family for their tremendous support, not least for allowing us to take over their beautiful garden for the weekend.

We raised over £2700 towards church funds and have also been able to send a modest donation to the Church Housing Trust and Christian Aid. Well done all!



All is safely gathered in

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service is on Sunday September at 11 am.

It will be led by Geoffrey Vollam with help from other members of the village. All are welcome to come along and join in some rousing harvest hymns. There will be a collection of cans and packets for the Haverhill Food Bank and coffee and cake afterwards.

What's On - Out And About

News from the Ellesmere Centre – Sept. 2015



The Summer Show this year was very successful although the weather was not kind to us! Thank you to all of you who braved the rain.



The Open Mic Night is on the 5th September and this month we will be featuring a folk band called 'The Dryad' who are from Bury St Edmunds in our showcase spot. We will also have the usual local acts and much more. Entrance is just £2 so come and join us for a great night of music. Refreshments available. Fully licensed bar. Doors open at 7.30pm for an 8pm start.



Gymnastics Class is now running very successfully on Tuesday afternoons. If you have any questions or to register your child please contact Emma at abcgymnastics@yahoo.co.uk

Yoga classes are Friday mornings 9.30-10.30am with Lisa Lovell. Come along and give it a try. All abilities welcome. Term time only-term restarts 4th September.

Fit Steps classes begin on Wednesday September 23rd at 9.30am. These classes are based loosely on Strictly Come Dancing. An enjoyable way to keep fit to music but without a partner. Come along to the free taster session. To book contact Anne on fitsteps.annec@gmail.com

Dance to the '6T's' band at our sixties dance. Back by popular request on Saturday 14th November. Book early as we will cap numbers due to the room size this time-leaving more room to dance! Tickets £8.

For a full list of classes and events visit our website.

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Ellesmere Devils Pantomime Society

The Ellesmere Devils Panto Society are already preparing for their next show and we need you!



If you would like to help out either on-stage or backstage helping with props, costumes, backdrops or front of house then please come along to the kick-off meeting on Thursday 17 September at 8pm to find out more.

Rehearsals will be every Thursday evening and Sunday afternoons from November. Performances will take place Tuesday 26 to Saturday 30 January.

This year's production will be Robin Hood.

Robin Hood is a thigh-slapping family pantomime set to dazzle and delight; so escape with us to a medieval world of adventure, sparkling romance, slapstick and song!

Featuring stunning sets, glittering costumes, fantastic tunes and outstanding performances from the principle cast and fantastic chorus, our production of Robin Hood has been lovingly 'ripped off' from the classic story and is guaranteed to delight the whole family!

Robin Hood tells the legendary tale of Robin Hood (naturally!) and his band of Merry Men.

Our beautiful Lady Marian is helped along the way by her nutty Nurse and a very confused Cow while desperately trying to avoid the notorious Sheriff of Nottingham, his wicked Witch and a pair of hopeless Guards.

Can Robin Hood save the day in time to win the hand of Marian or will the Sheriff's evil plans ruin everything for the good people of Sherwood Forest?



BURROUGH GREEN PLAYGROUP FUN DAY & DOG SHOW Sunday 27th September 2015 11am - 2pm

Class Categories: Most like owner, best small dog, best trick, shiniest coat, best child handler, best adult handler, best large dog, waggiest tail & best cuddly toy.

Refreshment stalls, bouncy castle, cake stall, bric a brac, face painting.

Come and join us on the day, lots of great prizes and fun for all the family.

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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 preceding month.

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