



The Bradley Bugle

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Happy
New Year
2010



Our new Village Sign

Village Diary

All events take place in the Village Hall unless otherwise noted

<p align="center">Make a New Year Resolution Join one of our local classes, meet new people, learn new skills. You'll be made very welcome!</p>		
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	Open Forum for villagers followed by Parish Council meeting	Wednesday 20 January
SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING	Lively, light exercise and fun! Contact Ella on 710340	Mondays 2 – 4pm restarts 11 January
CARPET BOWLS	Come and join us – first session free Every Monday (except Bank Holidays)	Mondays 7.30pm
FLEXIBLE FRIENDS	Gentle stretching exercises Contact Jacquie on 783354	Tuesdays 10.30am – 12.30pm
ART CLASS	Contact Anne on 783175 for details new members welcome	Tuesdays 2 – 4pm restarts 5 January
WEA	History Around Us see details inside	Wednesdays 10am-12noon restarts 13 January
AFTERNOON CLUB	All welcome, all ages, all interests Come and meet friends and neighbours	Thursday 14 January 2.30pm
MOBILE LIBRARY	12.20 – 12.35pm Evergreen Lane NB There is now only one stop in the village	Monday 11 & 25 January
BLACK BIN	Thursday 7 and Wednesday 20 January	
BLUE/BROWN BINS	Wednesdays 13 & 27 January	

St Mary's Church Great Bradley STOURHEAD BENEFICE

For church services please see the Benefice News.

CHURCH FLOWERS

For keeping our church looking as attractive as possible during the year we should like to thank all those who have provided and/or arranged our flowers in 2009:

Pam Bradberry, Gill Dunn, Mary Foister, Sally Hendry, Antonia Kiddy, Diane Pettitt, Anne Pigden, Alice and Margaret Ryder, Helen Smith, Marion Smith and Maria Stableford.

We received many favourable comments and your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Arline Vollam

NEW VILLAGE SIGN

I hope by now that you've all admired our new village sign!

Richard Bradberry, who was the parish councillor tasked with this job, tells us that the sign was manufactured by H Signs of Mildenhall and the design is the one which got the most votes at the special village meeting held last January.

The sign is designed to have a long life and be low maintenance. It's been made with a CAD driven moulding machine from moulded glass fibre resin which is hand painted with high quality acrylics and then protected with a UV stable clear lacquer. It's anticipated that the sign should last for 30 years or more and need re-lacquering every ten years or so.

It's sad to see the old sign go of course – it's quietly been kept going over the years by several people who have mended and repainted it with loving care – our thanks to them all.

Many thanks too to Richard and to the Parish Council for all their work on the current project – and for all the other duties that they've carry out on our behalf throughout the year.

Ed.

ST EDMUNDSBURY RURAL SOUTH SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM DECEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER (extract)

We thought we would start this month's newsletter with our own Christmas menu:

Starter – Your CAR

Presents left in full view (keep presents out of sight if they can be seen they can be stolen)

Keys left in the ignition (never leave keys in the ignition when car is unattended)

Cars left unlocked (Always close windows, engage steering lock and lock doors and boot)

Cheque book & cheque card in glove compartment (Take all your valuables with you)

Parked in a dark secluded area (Park in a well lit area or in an attended car park)

Main Course – Your House

Doors and windows not secured – ensure all windows and doors locked.

Presents displayed under the Christmas tree – Keep presents out of sight.

Car keys and handbags conveniently placed – Never leave car keys or handbags downstairs or clearly visible.

The unoccupied look – If going away use light timer switches, ask neighbour to push any mail or free newspapers through letter box.

Opening your door to strangers – Use door chain and viewer, only open door when certain of ID

Dessert – Your property

Bicycles – Lock all bicycles and mark with post code and house number

Shed left open – Secure your shed, consider fitting a shed alarm

Credit & Debit Cards – Never leave credit or debit cards unattended, keep PIN confidential, when using chip and pin hide keypad when using.

Coffee

Passing stolen goods to the unsuspecting – If you are offered a quality product at a bargain price always ensure the source is genuine. If it sounds too good to be true THEN IT IS....

The Police non emergency number is 01284 774100. Please dial 999 if immediate response needed.

Les & Anne's Nature Notes

Well Christmas is here (I know it will have gone by the time you all read this) and the birdies are still out there, just a few different ones from the summer. We have seen lots of Fieldfares around; a good place is down by the ford in Water Lane, though not too many Redwings, which is a bit disappointing. Good flocks of Golden Plover have been seen, mainly in Brinkley, but a few have flown over while we have been out around the village. Look for them if you see any Lapwings in a field, they tend to gather with them. A couple of Buzzards are still sitting most days, usually in the early morning, on the fields in Brinkley.

Better news is that the Little Egrets are back. Last year they appeared in early November so it was great to see my first one on the 24th of November. I've had reports that there are 6 in the area, so I think they will stay around and be here until about March.

A few weeks ago, while out one lunchtime over by Plunder Wood, a very bold fox watched me, I got quite close and got some good photos, I think I could have got within just a few yards if it hadn't been spooked by a hare running away! On the subject of foxes, a couple have been seen regularly in the fields near the Village sign, I know it may be tempting but in my view it is best not to feed them.

We hope you all had a very festive Christmas.

Next year we hope to have news about the Barn Owl Project.

Happy spotting! Les & Anne



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STOMP AROUND THE BUMPSTEADS

Sunday 24 January 10am – 1.00pm

March into the New Year and burn off the excesses of the festive season with a refreshing but challenging longer walk around the Bumpsteads.

Approx. 6 miles – Country walking may include some rougher ground/stiles.

Great Bradley WEA – History Around Us

We are very lucky to have as our tutor this term Stuart Bowell, an old friend who has stepped in at the last minute due to the sudden death of the speaker we had booked.

Stuart is very popular with the members of our WEA and will be talking to us about 'History Around Us'. We live surrounded by history and can discover evidence of the past in the landscape, our villages and towns, memories of older people and in our own homes.

Our term starts on Wednesday 13 January at 10am sharp please to 11.45 am, at a cost for the 10 weeks course of £45. We have a coffee break and are a friendly group meeting in the Village Hall.

Please come for a free taster week, you will be most welcome.

If you require further details please contact me, Peter Smith on 783278.

FUTURE EDITIONS OF THE BUGLE:

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

In order that your Bugle reaches you early in the month all copy must be received by the 15th of the previous month.

N.B. Deadline for the February edition is 15 January 2010.

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As most of you know the Village Hall Lottery has been running successfully for a number of years raising several hundred pounds each year towards its upkeep, at the same time as allowing members to have the chance of winning one of the monthly prizes.

The lottery 'year' runs from March to February and once again I am enclosing an application form. This year the lottery has raised £570 for the Village Hall and the committee hopes as many of you who feel able will join the lottery for 2010, and perhaps become one of the many winners we have had over the years. The format will remain the same with 50% of the proceeds going to the Village Hall and the remaining 50% given out in prize money each month.

The application form is printed below. This should be completed and returned to the organiser by 14th February 2010 with a fee of £12 per applicant. Those who wish to pay by cheque please make them payable to 'Great Bradley Village Hall'.

I would like to thank all those who have supported the lottery in the past and would welcome any new members.

Simon Kiddy (Great Bradley Village Hall Lottery Organiser)

I enclose £12 subscription per member (Cheque/cash)

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