



# The Bradley Bugle

## October 2009

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### Village Bonfire Night Friday 6th November

6.45 for 7pm  
The Park, Hall Road  
and **Make a GUY** (see page 5)



## Village Diary

All events take place in the Village Hall unless otherwise noted

<b>Great Bradley Village Bonfire Night</b>	<b>Celebrate Guy Fawkes at The Park, at the top of Hall Road and make a Guy too (see page 5)</b>	<b>Friday 6 November 6.45 for 7pm</b>
<b>Trailer for Bonfire contributions</b>	<b>Take your garden cuttings and other suitable items to the trailer on the recreation ground</b>	<b>Saturdays 17, 24 &amp; 31 October (Saturdays only, all day)</b>
<b>BOOKS, BRIC A BRAC &amp; COFFEE</b>	<b>Come along to browse and have a chat for Village Church funds</b>	<b>Saturday 17 October 10-12noon</b>
<b>SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING</b>	Lively, light exercise and fun! Contact Ella on 710340	Mondays 2 – 4pm
<b>CARPET BOWLS</b>	Come and join us – first session free Every Monday (except Bank Holidays)	Mondays 7.30pm
<b>FLEXIBLE FRIENDS</b>	Gentle stretching exercises Contact Jacquie on 783354	Tuesdays 10.30am – 12.30pm
<b>ART CLASS</b>	Contact Anne on 783175 for details	Tuesdays 2 – 4pm Starts on 6 October
<b>WEA</b>	The English Music Scene – from Elizabeth to Elizabeth	Wednesdays 10am-12noon
<b>AFTERNOON CLUB</b>	All welcome, all ages, all interests Come and meet friends and neighbours	Thursday 8 October 2.30pm
<b>MOBILE LIBRARY</b>	12.05 – 12.20pm Evergreen Lane 12.25 – 12.40pm Thurlow Road	Mondays 5 & 19 October
<b>BLACK BIN</b>	Wednesdays 14 & 28 October	
<b>BLUE/BROWN BINS</b>	Wednesdays 7 & 21 October	

**NB – Local Mobile Police Station visit on Thursday 29 October see page 6**

## St Mary's Church Great Bradley STOURHEAD BENEFICE CHURCH SERVICES

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4 October</b>	<b>11 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Great Bradley</b>
Sunday	11 October	11 am	Holy Communion	Little Thurlow
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>18 October</b>	<b>10 am</b>	<b>Benefice Harvest Communion</b>	<b>Little Thurlow</b>
Sunday	27 October	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Little Bradley

For other services see the Benefice News.

**Church cleaning** for October:  
Sue & Ken Ireland

**Flowers** for October:  
Gill Dunn

### GREAT BRADLEY CHURCH Harvest Festival

This year Great Bradley broke with tradition and held the Harvest Festival Service at the beginning of September, just as the final sheaves of corn had been collected. The service was taken by Steve Diddams, our lay-reader, as John Eley was on annual leave. The church had been beautifully decorated with produce and some marvellous displays of flowers by one of the Ely cathedral flower arrangers.



The children in the congregation took up their gifts to the altar, and a timely power cut encouraged some enthusiastic *a capella* singing of the harvest hymns.

Thank you to everyone (even EDF) who helped to make this such a joyful occasion.

A donation of half the collection is being sent to Sue Ryder Care.

Sue Ireland (Churchwarden)

**Great Bradley Village Hall**  
**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2009 10am – 12noon**  
**BOOKS AND BRIC-A-BRAC SALE with CAKES AND COFFEE**  
Come along and meet friends and neighbours  
Stock up with Books for your Autumn and Winter reading  
and browse amongst the Bric-a- Brac  
Proceeds to Great Bradley Church funds

### DEDHAM VALE AONB STOUR VALLEY PROJECT –

Numbers limited. Bookings taken one calendar month before each event.

For further details, please contact us on: 01473 264263 [www.dedhamvalestourvalley.org](http://www.dedhamvalestourvalley.org)

### CONSTABLE CELEBRATION WALK

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 10am to 12.30pm**

200 years since the painting of Fen Lane we take a closer look, with the National Trust guide, at how some of the painters' landscape features have changed, or not!

Approx. 3 miles. Gentle stroll with locations that are very accessible by everyone.

## 28<sup>th</sup> Suffolk Historic Churches Cycle Ride 2009

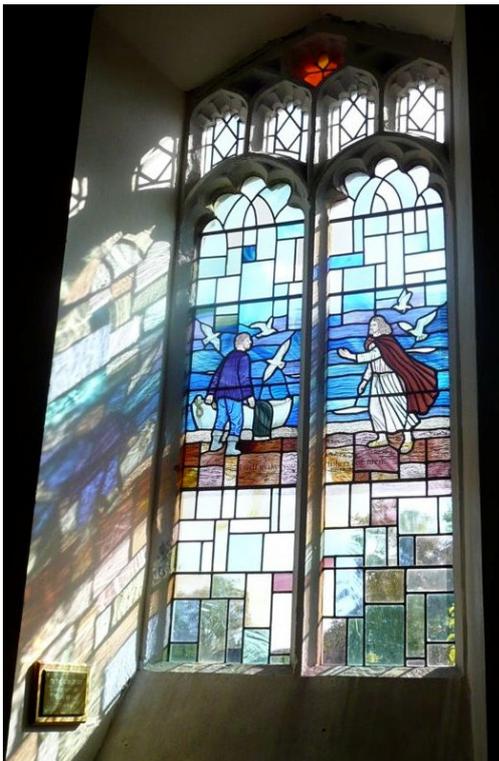
Entraining at Newmarket on the single-coach Ipswich Flyer, Ken Ireland and his pacesetter Amelia, alighted at Needham Market on a fine autumn morning to start their sponsored cycle ride. Having admired the splendid angel roof-beam carvings of the parish church, they then negotiated the A14/A140 roundabout before entering quieter country on their journey eastwards, visiting churches distinguished by illuminated Bible texts on walls, Tudor pulpits and altar cloths, flintwork towers, box pews, Victorian restorations, and impressive memorials and monuments. Helmingham church contained perhaps the best examples, with an early 13<sup>th</sup>-century building housing highly decorated memorials to the Tollemache family, whose large estate and gardens could be glimpsed nearby.

*Ken at Sweffling Church*



There was no need to check on the map for the location of Kettleburgh church, with the mellow sound of bells ringing out across the fields. Framlingham at lunchtime offered the rare treat of tea in its huge parish church, together with the fine tombs of Sir Robert Hitcham and the Earl of Surrey, and its 18<sup>th</sup>-century organ, originally from Pembroke College, Cambridge.

Looking forward to a refreshing Adnams at one of the inviting hostelries on the market-place, however, your sponsored rider was reminded by his ever-vigilant timekeeper of the need to adhere to schedule, and had to be content with the commanding prospect over Framlingham Castle and parish church tower from the no less impressive College chapel opposite.



Thereafter, the scenic Suffolk Coastal Cycle Route was followed through to the pleasant village of Bruisyard with its round-towered parish church, and down the Alde valley to Sweffling, where a display of historical photographs and a tasteful modern stained glass window (*pictured*) adorned the parish church.

At this point, the pacesetter was unfortunately a church or two ahead, and contact was only re-established on the outskirts of Saxmundham. Here, a slight misunderstanding resulted in Ken's closely pursuing another rider apparently on course for the parish church. It was only a mile or two north of the town that it became clear that the rider was heading for quite a different church. This proved to be a worthwhile diversion, however, and the revised itinerary took in the isolated church at Carlton (no electricity, so closed in the winter months), and the attractive village of Kelsale.

Leiston was sighted close to 5 p.m. The last two church recorders there were about to depart, but were fortunately apprehended in time.

Opting against a trip to Sizewell, the riders made a relatively high-speed return to Saxmundham, to catch the London train into Ipswich, where the trusty one-coach Cambridge Flyer restored them to Newmarket. On arrival at Great Bradley, brandy, stretcher-bearers and massage facilities were thoughtfully in place. All told, thirty churches visited, fifty miles

covered, and some £800 so far raised in sponsorship.

Ken would like to thank everyone who so generously sponsored this year's Cycle Ride, the proceeds from which will be shared equally between Great Bradley Church and the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. Please hand in your contribution at Rose Cottage, Evergreen Lane, if you haven't already been contacted!

Ken Ireland (Photos by Ken and Amelia)

## ADVENTURES ON THE PLINTH

On Sunday 6 September I went to support a friend, Janet, (from the UK-Coeliac Yahoo Group that I moderate) who had drawn a place to stand on the 4<sup>th</sup> Plinth in Trafalgar Square. I was going to London anyway and felt that at 7 in the morning she would not be getting many people to watch her, so any support would be welcome. I was right about the latter, there was only myself, one other lady and the security guard, who was the magnificently named Diane Charlemagne.

Just after seven, we were approached by one of the organisers and asked if we would like to go on the Plinth. Apparently, someone had pulled out at the last minute. I said no, as did the lady, who had an exhibition to go to, so it would have to be the security guard.

But I was asked a second time a few minutes later and this time, I gave in and said yes. Strange really, that others have entered and not been drawn but I got on the Plinth by being a late substitute and by dint of being in the right place at the right time!



Anyway, someone once said that you should try everyone once except incest and folk dancing! I hadn't planned it and so I hadn't really a clue what I would do. But I did have a video camera with me, so I just filmed the square waking up and the various comings and goings.

The funny thing though, was that I found the whole process strangely uplifting and it helped me to face Monday, which would have been our 41<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary (My wife, Celia, died nearly two years ago) with optimism, rather than a heavy heart. I would recommend standing on the Plinth to anyone, as it will give you a new outlook on life.

There is more including a video on my blog at

<http://anonw.wordpress.com/2009/09/07/on-the-plinth/>

James Miller (Ed, Do look at the video, James had quite a view from the top of the plinth!)

P.S. James adds: One other point, I am a coeliac and I've recently met someone else in the village who also is. Do we have any more? [james@jamesmiller.com](mailto:james@jamesmiller.com) – 01440-783789

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month.

**Deadline for the October edition 2009 is 15 September.**

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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS - Bonfire Night is on!

Preparations are well advanced for our village bonfire and fireworks night on **Friday 6 November**.

**Put the date in your diary!** The event will take place in The Park (the field behind the pink cottages on the corner of Hall Road and The Street). Gates (at the top of Hall Road) will be open from 6.45pm with the bonfire lighting at about 7pm and fireworks at about 7.30pm. Food (hot soup, and hot dogs) and drinks (beer, wine and soft drinks) will be served from 7pm.

Note that this is a village event taking place on a private field by kind invitation of the Ryders. You are welcome to bring along as many personal guests as you like, but the event is not a "public" event open to everyone from far and wide.

For the benefit of villagers who can contribute garden materials for burning on the bonfire, a large trailer will be parked on the recreation ground, near the entrance from Fox Green, all day on **Saturdays 17, 24 and 31 October**. So clear out all that old material that's been cluttering up your garden, shed or garage and bring it along – but only wood, prunings etc. please, **no rubber, plastic or similar**.

More helpers with this event would be welcomed, there's still time to volunteer – contact Rowan (783157), Mike (783706), John (783903), Richard (783450), Paul (783154).

Remember there is absolutely no room for parking anywhere near the site. Come on foot if you can.

You are of course welcome to bring those who need a lift by car, but you must move the car away again as soon as you have dropped them off. We are trying to cover the cost of this event by donations collected on the night. Please remember that **fireworks are expensive**, so bring some cash and be prepared to give what you can, or what you think is fair. Also buy some food and drinks – this too will help with the finances.

Please keep this date free and come if you can – it's sure to be a great village event.

### Children's Play Area

The new play equipment is now expected to be installed in mid October. New goals for the football pitch are also on order, but may take a little longer to arrive.

Hi Kids

By now you know that Great Bradley is having a bonfire and firework night on Friday 6 November so we need some GUYS!

## The Great Bradley GREAT GUY Competition

- Fill in the form below and deliver it to Mike Parsons at 21 Clarendale by Tuesday 3 November at the latest.
- Build the Best Guy you can!
- Bring it to the judging by Rev John Eley on Fox Green at 6.40pm
- Take it to the bonfire (please take great care crossing the road)
- Put it on the bonfire - before it's lit, of course!

You must enter your form by Tuesday 3 November. There is a prize for the best guy and the runner up, plus a little something for all those who enter

Contact Mike Parsons on 01440 783706 for more details.

It's GREAT BRADLEY FUN

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I'm going to build a GUY!

Name:

Age:

Address:

Home phone:

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## GREAT BRADLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

From our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, Kathy Pratley

I don't know if you are aware of the following ...

There have been several garage/outbuilding burglaries in Bradley and the surrounding villages in recent weeks. Local police believe that it may be members of the travelling community committing the offences. Vehicles involved in the crimes are thought to be a black Volvo and a red Peugeot, no further details available. Items stolen seem to be mainly petrol driven equipment such as strimmers and lawnmowers.

Please could everyone ensure that garages, sheds etc are secure and if anyone sees anything suspicious please contact local police on 01284 774499.

A serious incident occurred on Monday 7th September at about 5pm when a schoolgirl was the subject of a believed attempted abduction. It took place outside the entrance to the meat products factory in Great Wrattling. A white female in a green vehicle tried several times to persuade the girl into her car. She only stopped when the girl shouted at her and ran off. It has been reported to police. Again if anyone sees anything suspicious please contact the local police and in any emergency always ring 999.

As a reminder and for those new to the village Kathy can be contacted on 01440 783366, at 9 Fox Green or by email: [kathynrobert@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kathynrobert@yahoo.co.uk)

## ST EDMUNDSBURY RURAL SOUTH SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM extract from the SEPTEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

### PRIORITIES:

1. STANNINGFIELD/STRADISHALL/WICKHAMBROOK – Burglary Other Building
2. WICKHAMBROOK/STOKE BY CLARE/WITHERSFIELD/CLARE/GT WRATTING – Speeding
3. LITTLE WRATTING – Anti Social Behaviour

More information regarding these priorities and details of how we intend to police these problems, see your local Neighbourhood Policing website on [www.onesuffolk.co.uk/SaferSuffolk](http://www.onesuffolk.co.uk/SaferSuffolk)

### Community Engagements

Our **mobile Police Station** is still visiting our local villages at the end of every month.

It's been arranged for the mobile police station to be in **Great Thurlow** between 1500hrs-1600hrs (3 to 4pm) on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October** with PCSO Carroll-Bear.

**Ed:** Please go and visit the mobile station to say hello and see what's on offer.

We've been asking when there would be a local visit for quite a while so please make use of this opportunity!

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### Come and SING HALLELUJAH!



It's the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Handel's death this year.

The BBC are encouraging **everyone** to join in a performance of Handel's great **Hallelujah Chorus** from The Messiah.

Join Saffron Walden Choral Society on **Saturday 31 October** at St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden from 10.45am to 12 noon to rehearse and then perform the chorus. We hope that BBC Radio Cambridge will be recording the event. You don't have to sing in a choir to join in – everyone is welcome!

See [www.waldenhallelujah.org.uk](http://www.waldenhallelujah.org.uk) or more info from Sue S-B, contact details on page 4.

**and also - SWCS with the Chameleon Arts Baroque Orchestra perform Handel's Messiah on Saturday 7 November at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church Saffron Walden.**

## \* H B Cakes \*

Home baked cakes just right for Sunday tea  
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