



The Bradley Bugle

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Joyce & Cyril
many congratulations
on your
60th
Wedding Anniversary



Village Diary

All events take place in the Village Hall unless otherwise noted

VILLAGE Bonfire & Fireworks	Celebrate Guy Fawkes at The Park, at the top of Hall Road and make a Guy too (see page 5)	Friday 5 November 6.30 for 7.15pm
VILLAGE MEETING New Water Pipeline	Find out more about the Abberton Scheme affecting our stretch of the Stour	Thursday 21 October 6.30pm (see September Bugle)
PARISH COUNCIL		next meeting Wed 17 November
SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING	Lively, light exercise and fun! Contact Ella on 710340	Mondays 2 – 4pm
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 noon
ART CLASS	Contact Anne on 783175 for details new members welcome	Tuesdays 2 – 4pm
WEA	Workshop of the World A Social History of Britain 1815-1914 - contact Geoffrey Vollam 783132 or Peter Smith 783278	Wednesdays 10am – 12 noon
AFTERNOON CLUB	All welcome, all ages, all interests Come and meet friends and neighbours	Thursday 14 October 2.30pm
MOBILE LIBRARY	12.20 – 12.35pm Evergreen Lane	Monday 4 & 18 October
BLACK BIN	Fridays 1, 15 & 29 October	
BLUE/BROWN BINS	Fridays 8 & 22 October	

St Mary's Church Great Bradley STOURHEAD BENEFICE

CHURCH SERVICES

We are now in an Interregnum, while the process of finding a new rector takes place. A much reduced pattern of services will be in operation until an appointment has been made. Please note the new times and venues for services. For further details see the Benefice News.

26 September	10.00	Service of the Word	Little Thurlow
3 October	10.00	Benefice Communion	Kedington
10 October	10.00	Service of the Word	Great Bradley
17 October	10.00	Benefice Communion	Little Bradley
24 October	10.00	Service of the Word	Great Thurlow
31 October	10.00	Service of the Word	Great Thurlow
7 November	10.00	Benefice Communion	Kedington
14 November	11.00 11.00	Remembrance Sunday	Kedington Great Thurlow

We remind and thank the following:

	Church Cleaning	Flowers
October:	Gill Brown & Anne Smith	Gill Dunn
November:	Pete & Helen Smith	Maria Stableford /Antonia Kiddy

Harvest Thanksgiving

With the church beautifully decorated, thanks to the talented band of flower arrangers and cleaners, a good-sized congregation joined in our celebration of harvest home and enjoyed coffee and biscuits afterwards. A big thank you to all who contributed to the service, especially the readers. Half of the collection, plus money raised from produce in the church, meant that we have been able to send £70 to the charity Open Doors, for flood relief in Pakistan.

A village Diamond Wedding celebration

A truly momentous milestone was reached in September when Great Bradley's very own Cyril and Joyce Potter celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary (that's 60 years in old money!).

The usual Monday night bowls in the Village Hall finished early in order for members to throw a small party and drink a toast in bubbly to the anniversary couple.

Cyril and Joyce reminisced about their Wedding Day which took place in Thurlow where Joyce was then living. There was a reception at The Crown, before leaving for a honeymoon in Clacton. The night's celebrations were well rounded off when Joyce was declared Bowls Champion for the evening.

If you would like to join Cyril, Joyce and other members for a relaxed game of Carpet Bowls, come along to the Village Hall, on Monday evenings at 7.30pm, where you will be made most welcome.

Sue Willington



KEITH BAILEY

Keith lived in the Coach House in the grounds of the Old Rectory for 12 years. He was a countryman through and through, loving everything about the seasons and the changing flora and fauna. He was extremely kind and loved nothing better than to be helping with a pond problem, vermin control, cutting the village hall hedge or spraying the car park for weeds in his free time.

He thoroughly enjoyed gifts of home baking, ice cream and, especially at Christmas, a cake, mince pies and sausage rolls. If he were pressed into receiving money for help, this was donated to the church here in Great Bradley. A keen competitor at the Village Fete fruit and veg shows, he was very often extremely successful.

Although plagued by ill health, especially since February 2009, he continued being the conscientious and honest workman he always was until August 2010.

Keith passed away in St Nicholas Hospice on Wednesday 15th September, where he was looked after for the final three weeks of his life. He will be sadly missed by many in this village.

Helen Smith

New projector for Great Bradley

The Parish Council has acquired a new digital projector. It is a high quality Epson H297B and is also for use by village groups.

It has already been used by Les Bunyan at the Fête for his presentation in the church.

Although not yet used by the Parish Council it is likely to prove invaluable in displaying documents to numbers of people. This could prove to be particularly useful in future with planning applications where at present there are paper plans, but where it is likely that at some point these will be superseded by electronic ones.

It will also be extremely useful at village meetings where we have recently had to borrow a projector.

Once again we have to thank our County Councillor Jane Midwood for this acquisition as the projector has been acquired with the assistance of a grant of £800 from her Locality Budget.

The projector is shared with Cowlinge Parish Council on a joint ownership basis in a similar fashion to the HP colour laser printer used for the Bugle which, incidentally, was also funded by Jane Midwood's Locality Budget!

If any group wishes to use the projector please contact John Barnett at Fox Cottage - tel: 783903 or john.barnett@dsl.pipex.com

Coffee Caravan visit to Great Bradley

On a very nice afternoon on Thursday 9th September around 20 people visited the *Health and Communities Services for Suffolk* Coffee Caravan's first visit to Great Bradley, on the green at Clarendale. The driver of the caravan soon fetched chairs for all, supplied tea or coffee and plenty of lovely home-made cakes. And he did the washing up! It was a friendly afternoon for looking through the information leaflets on what is going on in Suffolk, and how and where to seek help such as finding a tradesperson you can trust to get jobs done inside or out. You can get the info on the web at www.referenceline.com/tradingstandards/Suffolk or telephone 01473 264859.

There was also a police presence for the area and the neighbourhood watch scheme.

The next coffee afternoon will coincide with the Afternoon Club on Thursday 11 November in the village hall where there will be all the information for you to view.

There will be tea and homemade cake and a raffle so small contributions for the raffle would be appreciated.

See you all there.

Gill Dunn



Great Bradley Village Hall Lottery
WINNERS FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2010

	MAY		JUNE	
First	Carole Durrant	Clarendale	Marion Young	Water Lane
Second	Colin Potter	c/o Evergreen Lane	Hilary Ireland	Evergreen Lane
Third	Vron Lewis	Clarendale	Montague Young	Fox Green
Fourth	Les Webb	Thurlow Road	Stephen Gross	Evergreen Lane

DEDHAM VALE AONB STOUR VALLEY PROJECT
FABULOUS FUNGI FORAY

Sunday 24th October 2010 10am to 12.30pm

Join us for an informative walk, discovering the different varieties of fungi – when and where to find them and which are edible.

ADULTS £3, CHILDREN FREE. Country walking may include some rougher ground/stiles. Numbers limited. Bookings taken one calendar month before each event.

For further details, please contact us on: 01473 264263 www.dedhamvalestourvalley.org

Les & Anne's (*Exotic*) Nature Notes

Well another holiday over with but wow! what a holiday!

We spent two and a half weeks in the Teton and Yellowstone National Parks. The main reason was the wildlife, which is just so fantastic. Our main aim was to see wolves for the first time although we had been told by many people in the past that a distant view would be all we could hope for.

Sure enough we had a few very, very distant sightings but at least we could say we saw them. You can imagine our excitement then, when one day we saw two male wolves only about a quarter of a mile away. As if that wasn't good enough, both wolves decided to go and visit a bison carcass that was on the other side of the road. This resulted in great views and at one point the grey wolf passed within 25 yards of me (see photo). This was a rather scary moment!

We also lost count of how many bears we saw, a mother and one cub, a mother and two cubs and yes, a mother with three cubs, as well as single bears both Grizzly and Black. At this time of year it's the Bison Rut, big males challenge each other and much rolling in the dirt ensues. Large bull Elk start strutting their stuff and one of our favourites, Coyotes are constantly on the go with a hunting technique that involves looking and listening for small rodents, then jumping in the air to pounce on them.

Sandhill Cranes are fairly easy to see as are Ospreys, and it's such a delight to watch these birds hover, then dive, to catch fish. Bald Eagles sit in dead trees overlooking the rivers and the largest bird in North America, the Trumpeter Swan glides effortlessly along many rivers.



I could go on and fill the pages of the Bugle with tales of people we met and wildlife sightings that were so special, perhaps one day we will put on a do at the Village Hall to share this magical place with you all.

We had such a great time; we are already planning to return in 2011! Well, next month it's back to more local stuff ...

Happy spotting
 Les & Anne

BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS NIGHT

The Great Bradley Bonfire and Fireworks Night will take place this year on Friday 5 November in The Park (the field at the top of Hall Road behind the pink cottages). Gates will be open at 6.30pm, the bonfire will be lit at 6.45 and the firework display will start at 7.15. Please note that this is a village event taking place on a private field by kind invitation of the Ryder family. 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.

We have a great team of volunteers to put the event on for you this year. There will be a guy competition, a massive bonfire, and a stunning firework display. Hot dogs, tomato soup, beer, wine and soft drinks will be available to buy from 6.45pm. There is no entry fee but everyone who comes is expected to make a donation of several pounds – fireworks are expensive, and we need to cover the cost of the event, so **bring some cash!**

Please note that there is **absolutely no parking** available near the Park. Please come on foot. If you have elderly or disabled people to bring, please drop them off at the gate and take your vehicle away again. Also **please don't drive into the field** at any time during the preparation or on the night – this just creates a quagmire at the entrance which everyone else then has to wade through. Note that there will be **no loos** on the site. If you need the loo, please go home.

Building the bonfire **needs your help**, by providing your garden rubbish and other waste wood, so take this opportunity to do that pruning or to clear out your shed or garage. To assist with this there will be a large trailer parked on the recreation ground all day on Saturdays 16th, 23rd and 30th October. Please put your waste combustible materials in the trailer.

Please note this is for **wooden waste only**, please no paper, cardboard, metal (small screws, nails and staples are OK), glass, plastic, rubber etc. Last year someone contributed a bathroom cabinet complete with mirror – this is just dangerous and creates extra work for those building the bonfire

The Great Guy Competition

This is open to all children and young people in the village.

The competition will be judged on Fox Green at 6.15pm on Friday 5th, and the guys will then be taken to the Park and put onto the bonfire before it's lit. There will be **prizes!**

If you or your children or grandchildren would like to enter, please fill in the attached slip and return to Mike Parsons, 21 Clarendale, or e-mail him with the relevant information on m1kep@yahoo.co.uk by Tuesday 2nd November at the latest, and start designing and building your guy! Call Mike on 783706 if you want more information.

The Great (Bradley) Guy Competition
I'm going to build a GUY!

Name:

Age:

Address:

Home phone:

Please take this form to Mike Parsons at 21 Clarendale by Tuesday 2 November at the latest!

Making Villages Safer

Roy Banks, Chair of Bury Rural South Road Safety Community Speed Watch, explains how the scheme works and how it can help rural communities

MANY people living in our rural neighbourhoods feel that speeding is a serious road safety issue which reduces the quality of life in their communities. Drivers who speed are very often unaware of the impact their actions have on local residents, or the danger they pose to other road users: pedestrians, both adults and children, and animals.

With limited resources available, rural roads receive less regular robust Police attention than main trunk roads and motorways, despite the fact that a high proportion of accidents are on country roads. Community Speed Watch has proved to be very effective across the country in helping to reduce the speeding problem in these areas.

What is Community Speed Watch?

Community Speed Watch is a scheme to help residents address speeding problems in their local area. It aims to increase public awareness of the dangers of speeding, provide help and advice to local people to enable them to make their roads safer and promote and participate in national road safety campaigns. As part of the scheme, volunteers give their own time (unpaid) to work with their local Police SNT to reduce speeding in the area.

They are trained to use speed detection equipment to monitor the speed of passing vehicles and record the details. The drivers are then contacted by Suffolk Constabulary and issued with a written warning and advice. If two written warnings are issued to the same driver, the details will be passed to a Roads Policing Officer, with a view of targeted intervention or prosecution. The aim of the initiative is NOT to catch as many speeding drivers as possible, and NO penalties are incurred by drivers through CSW. The objectives are to reduce speed in rural areas, make drivers aware that excessive speed is socially unacceptable, re-educate them about the dangers of speeding, and address concerns from local residents about vehicles speeding.

Bury Rural South CSW Initiative

In 2008 representatives from a number of parish councils in the southern part of St Edmundsbury met and agreed to form a partnership CSW scheme, where the equipment could be used on a shared basis by trained volunteers from nearby villages. This group became the Bury Rural South CSW Initiative, which maintains an oversight of the scheme and 'owns' the equipment on behalf of the participating communities. At present eight parish councils (*including Great Bradley*) are involved and three more have expressed an interest. The members are very appreciative of the support and financial assistance given by Councillors Terry Clements, Rebecca Hopfensperger, and Jane Midwood which was vital in setting up the scheme.

St Edmundsbury's Rural Action Plan also recognised that real or perceived incidents of rural speeding is a major factor in preventing people from safely and peacefully enjoying their local village, and has made a grant towards running the scheme.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING 24TH SEPTEMBER 2010

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to the coffee morning. Those of you who came and supported by spending money, bringing cakes and things for the 'bring and buy' or by making a contribution in lieu of attending.

We were able to send £191 to the charity and with the Gift Aid this will be increased of course.

Helen and Peter Smith

MUSIC NEWS

The Granta Chorale

www.grantachorale.org.uk

'Adoramus'

Isleham Church (nr Fordham)
at 7.30pm on Saturday 16 October

Pictures at an Exhibition

The Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge
at 1.15 – 2pm on Sunday 17 October

Saffron Walden Choral Society Rossini Petite Messe Solennelle

St Mary's Church Saffron Walden 7.30pm on Saturday 6 November
(in the original scoring with piano and harmonium) www.swchoral.org.uk

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