

More Village Hall News

Report from the Great Bradley Village Hall Management Committee following the Annual General Meeting of Gt .Bradley Village Hall on Wednesday July 8th 2009

Considerable changes have occurred with the usage, financing and management of Gt. Bradley Village Hall since the original conveyance and trust deed made in October 1971.

It has therefore been necessary to review the original Management Committee Documentation and amend this to ensure that its actions continue to reflect the aims and objectives of The Village Hall within the guidelines set by the Charities Commission.

Some activities are organized and run within the Village Hall by individuals co-opted for that specific purpose. One such activity is the licensed Village Lottery which provides invaluable funding for the village hall maintenance and is open to participation by all residents of the Parish. As legislation requires all the amendments were submitted to the Charities Commission who have subsequently approved all of the proposed changes.

It was also agreed to bring the Village Hall accounting year into line with the same period as Great Bradley Parish Council as this will benefit any transactions between the two organizations.

The Treasurer reported that the finances of the Village Hall are in positive equity and a small operating profit of £1376 had been achieved during the last financial year.

Income from the various club activities remains constant although private hirings were at a much lower level. It is hoped this will improve during the current year.

The Chairman thanked the few members of the Village present for their support and the committee for all their work during the period. The Parish Council was thanked for its considerable help in achieving new facilities such as the lightweight tables and Village Hall sign.

After many long years of devoted service on the VHMC both Gill Dunn and David Pettitt (Chairman and Vice Chairman) have decided to relinquish their posts. Their commitment has been immense and we as a village should appreciate and be grateful for their efforts. Thankfully both Gill and David will continue to provide their expertise and support albeit in differing roles for the future.

The new VHMC and, as per the new constitution, Trustees of The Village Hall are as follows:

- Chairman Richard Bradberry
 Tel 783450
- Vice Chair Gill Dunn
 Tel 783362
- Treasurer Pamela Bradberry
 Tel 783450
- Secretary Amanda Troop
 Tel 783184
- Member Antonia Kiddy
 Tel 783102

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Richard Bradberry (VHC Chairman)



The New Village Hall sign

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Where does it start? Enquiries to Age Concern Suffolk often begin by phone or calling in at one of our help centres in Ipswich, Bury St Edmunds or Lowestoft.

What happens then? After making their initial enquiry, people go on to find out about the variety of services we can offer. These include our Benefits Advice Service, which assists senior citizens to claim the money benefits to which they are entitled. This free, confidential service can offer a home visit, to assist with benefit application forms, anywhere in Suffolk.

We also have Independence Advisors, who will visit older people at home to talk about any problem or concern. If we can't help ourselves, we usually know someone who can!

We have a good value Home Help Service, which helps people to maintain their independence by providing paid assistance with housework, shopping, laundry and simple food preparation.

In addition we run a number of Day Care Centres and services around the county which provide an enjoyable day of company and activity for frailer older people and regular respite for their family carers.

Our Befriending Services across Suffolk have carefully selected volunteers who visit and befriend isolated or lonely older people, either by telephoning once a week or by offering a regular visit.

How do I get in touch? To find out more contact your local Age Concern Help Centre at:

Bury St Edmunds The Risbygate Centre, 90 Risbygate Street, **Tel 01284 757750**

We welcome your call!

Health information @ your fingertips!

Do you need to find a local doctor, dentist, optician or pharmacy – but don't know where to start?

If you get online, then you can do it easily with the new online service locator on the NHS Suffolk website.

By going to www.suffolk.nhs.uk/servicelocator, entering your postcode, and choosing which service you need, a clear and easy-to-use clickable map appears along with other information such as opening times, disabled access and parking facilities, hearing loop availability, and services available in different languages.

The service locator is just one of a number of new ways NHS Suffolk is working to improve access for people in Suffolk to their local NHS services. In recent months many local GP surgeries have been offering extended opening hours, and a current dental surgeries pilot scheme is proving very popular in offering appointments to patients during evenings and weekends.

Some of Suffolk's GP surgeries also offer:

- Online appointment booking
- 24/7 automatic appointment booking
- Text message reminders for appointments
- Self check-in for your appointment

Clare Banyard, head of primary care at NHS Suffolk, said: "Patients are at the centre of what we do. We want to make sure there are a number of ways people can find the local healthcare services they need – and then access them at the right place and time that suits them. And we're always open to new suggestions of how to keep improving on this."

Have a go and visit the service locator now! Online at www.suffolk.nhs.uk/servicelocator Alternatively, if you're not online and need to find a dentist, doctor, optician or pharmacy you can always call PALS – the Patient Advice and Liaison Service, on 0800 389 6819.



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VILLAGE HEDGEROW SURVEY

Species rich hedgerows provide shelter for crops, are a feature in the landscape and an important wildlife habitat in their own right, as well as providing invaluable corridors for wildlife between other habitats such as ponds and copses.

At the village meeting back in May we were told that the Suffolk-wide, and indeed, country-wide hedgerow surveys were due to be completed in the Autumn of next year. We were most fortunate to have several volunteers immediately step forward to offer to help out with our Village.

All the hedges in the Parish have been numbered (over 200!) and we have had a training session from the County co-ordinator on identification of species and how to complete the documentation.

We now have sufficient volunteers for 4 teams of 2 people and have made a start on the public access areas from the footpaths and roads.

Charles Ryder is very keen to see the survey completed on his land and, having been very involved in the management of his hedgerows, he wants to help survey each one of them.

Charles says he has 35 km of hedges so it's quite an undertaking. We have made a start with him already this August in areas where the early crops have been harvested. We will continue on through to the autumn as and when harvesting permits.

The completed forms (one for each hedge) will be sent to the Suffolk Hedgerow Survey management to feed into a 'Domesday' type survey of the country's hedgerows which will give information on their current status and help to point towards future management needs.

John Barnett

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.

Deadline for the October edition 2009 is 15 September.

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We thank our advertisers who help to fund this village newsletter – contact Anne, Helen or Sue (see above) if you would like to place an ad.

Please note that the advertisements in this magazine are accepted in good faith but are not personal recommendations of the editorial team.

Anne and Sue would like to say **THANKS for the Cakes!** to everyone who contributed to the Fete cake stall. You enabled us to offer a splendid spread to our customers – and helped the church too.

PLANT HERITAGE AT HELMINGHAM

NCCPG (National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens)

AUTUMN PLANT SALE - SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER - 10.30 – 4.00

£5 including entry to Helmingham Hall Gardens

Specialist Nurseries *National Plant Collections* *Garden Accessories*

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www.nccpgsuffolk.org www.helmingham.com or T: 01449 736358

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St Edmundsbury Borough Council – Planning Policy consultation

Between the 12 August and 7 October 2009 St Edmundsbury Borough Council will be consulting on a number of documents that make up the council's Local Development Framework, which will help guide and shape the future development of the borough.

The final consultation on the Core Strategy Submission document: sets the overall vision for the borough, including defining the level of future house building in villages, and defines those large sites on the edge of Bury St Edmunds and Haverhill which will see further growth in housing, employment and community and leisure facilities.

Site Allocations Issues and Options Consultation - additional sites: sites submitted to the Borough Council by landowners and developers as being suitable for development. The Borough Council has not decided that these should be built on and wants to know your views first before a decision is made.

Development Management Preferred Options Document: a second consultation on policies which will help determine planning applications and control future development.

All of the documents can be viewed and responded to via the council's web-site at www.stedmundsbury.gov.uk from the 12 August 2009. Paper copies of the response forms for the documents can be downloaded from the web-site or can be obtained by calling the Planning Policy Team on 01284 757368 or e-mail LDF@stedsbc.gov.uk

As part of the public consultation the Borough Council has organised a series of events you can attend to hear about the plans for the borough, view the documents and make your views known. These have been organised across the borough and dates and times of each event can be seen in the table below. Please note that you **do not** need to book to attend the consultation sessions.

Event Location	Date	Time
Clare Community Centre	Tuesday 1 September	15.30 – 19.30
Ixworth Village Hall	Monday 7 September	15.30 – 19.30
Stanton Community Centre	Monday 7 September	15.30 – 19.30
Wickhambrook Social Centre	Wednesday 9 September	15.30 – 19.30
Howard Middle School, Bury St Edmunds	Wednesday 9 September	16.00 – 20.00
Kedington Legion Hall	Thursday 10 September	15.30 – 19.30
Westley Middle School, Bury St Edmunds	Monday 14 September	16.00 – 20.00
Haberden Rugby Club, Bury St Edmunds	Tuesday 15 September	16.00 – 20.00
Barrow Village Hall	Tuesday 15 September	15.30 – 20.00
Samuel Ward School, Haverhill	Wednesday 16 September	16.00 – 20.00
Sebert Wood Primary School, Bury St Edmunds	Thursday 17 September	16.00 – 20.00

Planning Surgeries

The council is also organising two planning surgeries to provide you with an opportunity to discuss the document with planning officers and others with an interest in the future planning of the borough. These planning surgeries are being held at:

- ❖ **Haverhill - 2 September in the evening**
- ❖ **Bury St Edmunds - 3 September in the evening**

Places are limited so if you would like to attend please contact us on 01284 757368 during normal office hours. Sorry, but the council is unable to accept people turning up at the door.

DEDHAM VALE AONB STOUR VALLEY PROJECT – NB very close to Great Bradley this month!

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

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

LITTLE WRATTING – THE OLD AND THE NEW...

Sunday 13th September 10.30am to 2pm Ault £3.00 – Children Free

We stretch our legs for a longer walk along the plateau between Kedington, Little Wrattling and Great Wrattling, taking in the moat and lovely church at Little Wrattling.
Approx. 6 miles - country walking may include some rougher ground/stiles.

Make Your Home More Secure This Summer

Everyone needs a holiday at some time and the summer months are the most popular time for us to get away. We all want to come back to our homes as we left them, however almost half of all burglaries happen when a home is empty.

To help make your home more secure whilst you are away, follow some of the following steps before you go;

- Make your home look like someone is living in it. Closing curtains in the daytime shows your home is empty. Use automatic time switches to turn lights on when it gets dark.
- Cancel any milk and newspaper deliveries.
- Uncollected mail is a sign you are away. The Royal Mail's 'Keepsafe' service will keep hold of your mail for up to two months whilst you are away.
- Lock valuable items and documents away in a safe or alternatively leave with other family members.
- Make sure all doors and windows are locked, and if you have a burglar alarm, make sure it is set. Do a double check before you leave the house.
- Suffolk County Council is working with the police, local councils and community groups to find ways to reduce burglary.

There are some general tips on Home Security to consider;

- Fit 'mortise' locks (Kite marked BS 3621) or bolts to all outside doors, and locks to all downstairs windows.
- Make sure you have up-to-date contents and building insurance
- Try not to leave valuable items, like your TV, Hi-Fi or DVD player where thieves can easily see them.
- Have an approved alarm system installed – ask your local police and insurance company for advice.

Do you have a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in your area? Check with your local police or log on to www.neighbourhoodwatch.net – It could help your home to be more secure whilst you are away. For further information please contact the Community Safety Unit at Suffolk County Council on 01473 265159.



CANCER RESEARCH UK

Do you have some spare time on your hands?
 Could you help raise awareness and vital funds for cancer research?

Cancer Research UK is the world's leading independent organisation dedicated to cancer research.

We are looking for volunteers in Suffolk and have roles that you may be suited to.

Full training and support is provided.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

If you would like to raise money for this cause please call and find out how.

For more information please contact Area Volunteer Manager, Louise Cook, on 07860 431593 or louise.cook@cancer.org.uk

VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY WINNERS FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2009

	JULY		AUGUST	
First	Karina Joyce	The Fox	Mark Phillips	Clarendale
Second	Diane Pettitt	Thurlow Rd	Scarlett Ryder	The Hall
Third	Cathrine Andrews	Pond House	Ann Brophy	Fox Green
Fourth	Janet Tedham	c/o Evergreen Lane	Ron Surrudge	Thurlow Rd

other parts of the county and the country. The reason for this survey is the recognition that in order to live sustainably in our rural location, we are going to have to change our behaviour. It's therefore no good surveying how people use public transport now – we need to find out where everyone (including non-public-transport users) need and want to travel to, and think creatively about how they can do this in a more sustainable way. Please, if you care at all about the environment, pollution and global warming, complete the questionnaire and return it to the FREEPOST address, or if you prefer to John Barnett, by Sunday 6 September (yes, I know the form says by 1 Sept but the deadline has been extended). You can also complete the questionnaire on-line, the address is on the form.

Village Play Facilities

The football pitch has now been marked out on the recreation ground. You may also have seen a very large machine installing the new drainage pipes in the area allocated for the children's play equipment (see photos). The equipment is now all on order, and we are expecting it to be installed some time in September. Other villages which have installed a play area have found that it acts as a focus and meeting place not only for children, but also for parents, meaning that people stay in the village and talk to their neighbours rather than heading off in other directions when the kids need something to do. We hope for similar advantages here!

We still need volunteers to take part in a weekly rota to inspect the area to make sure everything is safe, nothing has broken and to pick up any litter. If you might be interested in helping in this way please contact Rowan Sylvester-Bradley (783157), John Barnett (783903) or Vron Lewis (783564).
Rowan Sylvester-Bradley (Chairman, Parish Council)

Next **Parish Council meetings** are on Wednesdays 9 September and 18 November (see village hall noticeboard)

NEW FOOTBALL PITCH marked out on the Recreation Ground

Here are some photos taken on the day the football pitch was marked out in July.



Alex Parsons marked out the last line (6 yard line) with other enthusiasts looking on.

The second picture shows some of the boys very happy about the new pitch!

Mike Parsons, Alex's dad tells us that the boys are really pleased with the properly laid out pitch and want to say thank you to all those who have helped to make it possible.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Bonfire Night

Plans are coming together for a village bonfire and fireworks night on **Friday 6 November** and a team of helpers is being assembled to make it happen. **Please note this date in your diary!** With the installation of the children's play area on the recreation ground coming very soon, this is no longer a suitable place for this event, so by kind invitation of the Ryder family it will take place on The Park (the field behind the pink cottages on the corner of Hall Road and The Street). It is planned that there will be a bonfire, a firework display, a guy competition, and food (probably hot soup and hot dogs) and drink (wine, beer and soft drinks).

Since there will be cows in the field until mid October, it will not be possible to start accumulating bonfire material until then (about 3 weeks before the event). Please start saving up your combustible garden rubbish in good time! To help with transport, Charles Ryder has offered to park a large trailer in a convenient village location for a few hours on each of the weekends 17/18 Oct, 24/25 Oct and 31 Oct/1 Nov. You will be able to put your bonfire materials in this trailer and avoid having to transport it across the main road.

Other arrangements to note:

There is absolutely no space for parking near the event, so please come on foot. If you have disabled or less mobile people who wish to attend, by all means bring them by car and drop them off, but move the car away again afterwards.

We will try 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.

We are trying to minimise the amount of red tape involved in holding this event, so it will not be a "public" event. It's at the invitation of the Ryder family to all Great Bradley residents and their guests, but it will not be advertised outside the village. Please respect this.

Please keep this date free and arrange to come if you can – we hope it will be a fun family occasion.

If you might be interested in helping in any way with this event, please contact Rowan Sylvester-Bradley (783157), John Barnett (783903), Paul Dickens (783154) or Mike Parsons (783706).

Golf Balls

In recent months quite a few golf balls have been found on the recreation ground, and also in people's gardens nearby. On one day in July someone on the recreation ground suffered a painful blow on the elbow from a golf ball that appeared to come from the Fox Green direction. In view of this the Parish Council has decided to ban the use of golf balls and clubs on the recreation ground and notices will be going up shortly. However it's more serious than this. There is **nowhere** in our village that's suitable for practicing your golf drives. If people continue to do this, before long someone will be seriously injured or property will be damaged. Please, if you have been doing this, stop – find somewhere more suitable to practise. If your children have been doing it, explain to them why it's antisocial and dangerous. If you wish to discuss this please have a word with a member of the Parish Council.

Thank you!

Neighbourhood Watch

We are a neighbourhood watch area. The signs stating this are soon to be renewed.

The essence of NW is for everyone to keep an eye out for suspicious behaviour or evidence that a crime has been committed, and report it to the police. The best way of doing this is by phone. Ring 999 if it's an emergency, if there is any danger to person or property, or if you think a crime is in the process of being committed. In other cases call 01284 774100.

A very useful service to keep you up to date with risks in our area is Police Direct, which will automatically alert you by e-mail, text message or phone message if crimes have been committed or if there are specific risks in our area. You can register with Police Direct at <http://www.suffolk.police.uk/Services/Police+Direct/> or by phone on 01473 613997. This service works well and does not inundate you with irrelevant messages.

Sustainable Transport Survey

Attached to the Bugle this month is a survey form about your transport needs. This is an important and far-sighted effort by Suffolk County Council to introduce innovative transport services to meet the needs of the population and reduce our carbon footprint in our rural area. The aim is to have new services in place by September 2010. I attended a very interesting meeting in Thurlow on this topic and learned about various experimental schemes which have been tried in

AFTERNOON CLUB

The Afternoon Club was set up to give villagers the opportunity to meet on an informal basis over a cup of tea or coffee and a home made cake. The Village Hall offers a space where small children can play while their mothers chat, or where older villagers can meet each other to catch up with local news. We make a small charge for the tea and also have a raffle each month, so that with the proceeds we can take a trip to somewhere of interest to the members. We welcome any villagers and their friends or visitors to join us. Why not try it out next month. If you would like to join us – but the timing is wrong, please let us know, maybe we could meet at another time.

Next meeting is **Thursday 10th September** at 2.30pm. Gill Brown 01223 893012

GREAT BRADLEY SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING CLASS

Ever thought of trying Scottish Country Dancing? Come and join us at Great Bradley Village Hall on Monday afternoons from 2 to 4 pm. We are a very friendly group of dancers who range from the "Oh this is hard!" to a few "Challenge me, I can take it!" types.

As well as being fun, did you know Scottish County Dancing also helps to keep you mentally and physically fit? Be brave, give it a try, it's good for you - and laughter is guaranteed.

Classes run for six weeks from Monday 7 September to 12 October 2009.

I look forward to seeing you there. *Ella Hollins*

Your Bowls Club needs you!



Great Bradley Carpet Bowls Club
needs some new members.

Are you bored with the telly,
need a little enjoyable exercise?

Come along and meet the friendly crew who play
each Monday evening at the Village Hall.

It's easy, it's fun and you don't need any special
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It's a social evening with just a little gentle
competition and the game is playable by all ages.

Starting at 7.30pm, the evening costs only £2.

Come along on any Monday evening
for a free trial game or two
or contact Jill Rodwell on 01440 783371



FLEXIBLE FRIENDS

This gentle stretch group has been meeting each Tuesday morning since October. The membership has been fairly steady with people joining in as busy lifestyles permit. The cost is £3.00 per session, to cover hire of the hall.

The session commences with approximately 10 minutes warm-up, followed by a body scan to establish good posture and highlight any area that may be tense and require a little extra work.

It takes about 45 minutes to execute the exercises that consist of low impact stretches to elongate and strengthen muscles. The objective is for each individual to maintain core stability, improve balance and posture. The exercises are mainly self-directed but we work together to support and help each other to achieve maximum flexibility in a safe way. The stretches can be adapted to accommodate personal needs and suppleness.

The session ends with 10 minutes (minimum) of deep relaxation.

We may come together at the beginning of the session tired and weary but we leave "energised, invigorated, revitalised and ready for almost anything!" *Jacquie Dixon*

VILLAGE HALL NEWS (see also page 12)

A NEW COURSE in the VILLAGE HALL

DESIGNING WITH PLANTS – The theory and practice of gardening

Beginning on Thursday 24 September, West Suffolk College have an exciting new course starting in Great Bradley. The tutor, Hilary Thomas has taught horticulture and garden design at Capel Manor College for many years and is a published author in the field of Garden Design. The course will offer students an insight in to choosing plants to obtain balance and colour in their garden all year round, understanding and improving soil types and planting through the seasons.

The sessions will take the form of practical demonstrations, slide lectures, discussions and garden visits. If you would like more information on this or any other courses please contact the Learning Centre in Haverhill on 01440 712177.

Time 10am – 12 noon Cost £64/£54/£26 running for 8 sessions

WEA - Great Bradley branch - Autumn Term 2009

We reconvene for our new course on Wednesday 23 September at 10 am in the Village Hall and look forward to welcoming members old and new.

This season we shall be learning about the '**English Musical Scene from Elizabeth to Elizabeth**', which will cover the fascinating period of the last 450 years. Our tutor will be Mr Peter Goodwin who promises us a most interesting term. No prior musical knowledge or skill is required! Each session lasts for 1½ hours, with a coffee break halfway. Course fees for the term are £45.

As people attend from other villages as well as from Great Bradley this represents an opportunity to meet and make friends from within and without the village so do come along if you can. Our past experience shows that you will enjoy it.

Further details are available from Peter Smith 783278 or Geoffrey Vollam 783132.

HOBBY or 'UNFINISHED BUSINESS' GET TOGETHER! *(this sounds like a good idea ☺)*

Do you have a 'transportable' hobby? Or are there things in various cupboards which need finishing? Maybe it's knitting, sewing, cross stitch, photograph albums or any number of things that just need a few dedicated hours each month.

I have a feeling that there are quite a few of us around who always mean to either start something or finish something but just don't get around to it. How about getting together on a regular basis, perhaps monthly, and trying to encourage one another along the way? Maybe someone has a particular interest that they could share and would be prepared to help others that may like to try it too.

Anyway, I'm sure you get the picture. If anyone is interested please give me a call and maybe we can see where and when may be best to meet. I had in mind that it would be a sociable affair with a drink maybe - not necessarily alcoholic of course! You may like to come just for the drink bit ...? Helen Smith 783278.

THE GREAT BRADLEY ART GROUP

Our tutor for the Autumn Term will be Jan Couling. Jan works professionally as an artist and runs art workshops in our area. These are always friendly and informal as she feels that the enjoyment of painting is a most important aspect.

She has many years of experience in watercolour, pastel and acrylics.

Jan has participated in the Suffolk Open Studios exhibition for the past three years and you may have seen her work when visiting Blackthorpe Barn or Clare Country Park earlier in the year.

The new term begins on **Tuesday 6 October** at 2pm.

We are a friendly group normally numbering between ten and twelve. Should you be interested in joining us please contact me for further details on 01440 783175.

Anne Pigden

more Club News overleaf

St Mary's Church Great Bradley STOURHEAD BENEFICE

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday	30 August	10am	Benefice Service	Little Thurlow
Sunday	6 September	11 am	Holy Communion	Great Bradley
Sunday	20 September	10 am	Benefice Service	Great Thurlow
Sunday	27 September	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Little Bradley

For other services see the Benefice News.

Church cleaning for September:
Anne Smith

Flowers for September:
Anne Pigden

GREAT BRADLEY CHURCH FETE

Once again the fete was a resounding success. We were blessed with fine weather and the beautiful surroundings of Great Bradley Hall, by kind permission of the Ryder family, and the crowds seemed to grow as the afternoon progressed. The displays by the Haverhill Majorettes proved a popular attraction and the photographic, horticultural, artistic and musical offerings in the church showed what a range of talent we have in the village. We were very grateful for the support of local businesses, who gave prizes and financial support.

A magnificent total of £2,300 was raised. This is a testimony to the hard work put in by all the helpers and their friends and families, many of whom had come from far corners of East Anglia and been persuaded to lend a hand. Clearing away afterwards was done and dusted in record time thanks to the many volunteers.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to the success of the fete, but especially to Geoffrey and Arline Vollam, whose careful planning and attention to detail ensured that the whole event ran without a hitch. Thank you!

Sue Ireland (Churchwarden)

Fete Lost Property

Left in the church after the Fete and Flower, Fruit & Veg. Show on 12th July.

A green plastic bag containing a beige hat and a pair of gardening gloves.

Can be collected from the church (on porch bench to right of table).

Sue Ireland

Suffolk Historic Churches Cycle Ride 2009



The 28th SHCT Ride will take place this year on Saturday 12th September and we invite you to take part, either as cyclist or walker, or by being in the Church for an hour or so to welcome those who will call there on this annual fundraising day.

As most of you probably know, proceeds are divided between the Church chosen by the rider and the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. This charity does valuable work in providing funds to help with the repair of the county's many church buildings, and is

interdenominational in making its awards. Great Bradley Church has received aid from SHCT in the past and no doubt will have to apply to it again in the future.

Ken Ireland is once again riding for us so please support him generously if he asks you to sponsor him. Donations by tax payers can be made simply under Gift Aid, which adds to the total received by the Trust.

Sponsor forms and further details are available from Geoffrey Vollam (783132).

FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2009 - MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We are again taking part in the

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

on Friday 25 September from 10am to 12noon

In aid of MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

There will be a Raffle and a Bring & Buy Stall

Please join us! Arline and Geoffrey Vollam, 20 Fox Green, Great Bradley



The Bradley Bugle

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Drainage work in preparation for the new children's play area – 20.7.09

Village Diary

All events take place in the Village Hall unless otherwise noted

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	Open forum for villagers followed by Parish Council meeting	Wednesday 9 September 7.30pm
MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING	at 20 Fox Green - All Welcome! <i>(details inside)</i>	Friday 25 September 10-12 noon
SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING	Lively, light exercise and fun! Contact Ella on 710340	Mondays 2 – 4pm Starts again 7 September
CARPET BOWLS	Come and join us – first session free <i>(see inside)</i> 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	Tuesdays 2 – 4pm Starts again 6 October
WEA	The English Music Scene – from Elizabeth to Elizabeth <i>(see inside)</i>	Wednesday 23 September for 10 weeks. 10am-12noon
AFTERNOON CLUB	All welcome, all ages, all interests Come and meet friends and neighbours	Thursday 10 September 2.30pm
MOBILE LIBRARY	12.05 – 12.20pm Evergreen Lane 12.25 – 12.40pm Thurlow Road	Mondays 7 & 21 September
BLACK BIN	Wednesdays 2, 16 & 30 September	
BLUE/BROWN BINS	Wednesdays 9 & 23 September	

Lots of News from Village Clubs and Organisations inside – Join in and get to know someone new!