



The Bradley Bugle

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A Busy Month Ahead ...



21st April -

Birthday of Her Majesty The Queen

23rd April -

St. George's Day

***Don't Forget
Annual Village Meeting
Wednesday 26th April***



Litter Pick – Saturday, 1st April
10:00am

Jumble Sale – Saturday, April 8th
10am - 2pm

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Village Diary

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

Coming up Soon ...		
Litter Pick	Saturday 1 st April	10:00am, details p. 3
Jumble Sale	Saturday 8 th April	10am – 2pm, details p. 4
Annual Village Meeting	Wednesday 26 th April	Details see flyer
Bluebell Walk	Saturday, 29 th April	10:00am, details p. 6
Weekly Events		
SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING	Lively, light exercise and fun! Contact Ella Hollins on 710340	Mondays 2 – 4pm
FLEXIBLE FRIENDS	Gentle stretching exercises, (term-time only). Contact Jacquie on 783354	POSTPONED Tuesdays 10:30am – 12 noon
ART CLASS	Great Bradley Art Classes take place in the Village Hall. New Members are always welcome. If you would like to come along for a free taster session then 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 2017	Our 10 week course starts on September 13 th on Charles Dickens. Promises to be very interesting. Cost £55. Tea and Coffee with a free taster week. You are most welcome.	Wednesdays at 10am
MOBILE LIBRARY	Evergreen Lane 12:10 – 12:35pm (Rt 18 – Stp E) http://suffolklibraries.co.uk/community-services/mobile-libraries	Wednesday 26th April 2017 (Every 4 weeks)
AFTERNOON CLUB	All welcome, all ages, all interests. Come and meet neighbours for tea, cake, loads of news, views and lots of laughter. Contact Gill Dunn on 783362.	Thursday 13th April
SLIMMING WORLD	Group started 20 th October, please contact Magalie 07453 469366.	Thursday 7.30pm.
BLUE BIN ONLY	Fridays 14 th & 28 th April	
BLACK & BROWN BINS	Friday 7 th & Saturday 22nd April	
Further Ahead ...		
Farm and Woodland Tour	Saturday, 3 rd June	Great Bradley Hall.
Village Big Lunch Horkey	Sunday 11 th June	Recreation ground.
Parish Council Meetings	17 th May, 28 th June, 13 th Sept. & 15 th Nov.	
Further Afield ...		
THURLOW WI	Why not come and join us for a talk on Planting Hanging Baskets for Summer . For further details please contact Arline (783132) or Karen (783022).	Tuesday 11 th April at 7.30pm at Thurlow Village Hall. <i>Come and join us visitors are always welcome.</i>

Local News & Notices

Great Bradley Village Hall Lottery Draw

Yet another month passes ...yet another list of winners:

On March 15th just prior to the well-attended Parish Council meeting in the Village Hall, the following lucky numbers were drawn from the bag:

1 st Prize	£15	No 67	Patrick Stanton, The Coach House
2 nd Prize	£10	No 79	Arline Vollam, Fox Green
3 rd Prize	£7	No 42	Joyce Potter, Haverhill
4 th Prize	£6	No 29	Anne Pigden, Fox Green
5 th Prize	£5	No 58	Pauline Black c/o Spring Barn Cottages

Remember - the April Draw is a BONUS Prize month, with a top prize of £20, and total prizes of £53.00. The draw will take place in the Village Hall during the second week of April, so there is still time for you to get your entry in! Each name costs just £7 and you will be in with a chance right through to October. Ring George Hendry now on 783415 and he will do the rest.

Promoter - George Hendry, Rose Cottage, Gt Bradley, Newmarket, CB8 9LQ. Tel: 01440 783415.

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

Great Bradley Litter Pick 2017

This year's Litter Pick will be on **Saturday 1st April**, starting from the Village Hall at **10am**, so please note the date - we do hope you will be able to join us again.

It presents an ideal opportunity for some healthy and enjoyable activity in removing the litter from our hedgerows and verges in good time for the Easter holiday, and All Fools' Day is probably as good a date as any to deal with these unsightly effects of human foolishness!



All equipment needed will be provided – gloves, grabbers, high-visibility tabards, etc., and there will also be some delicious refreshments afterwards at the Village Hall.

The more people taking part the sooner we will finish, so do come along if you can – you will be very welcome!

Geoffrey Vollam

Bradley WEA

We have Great Expectations for our new course starting on September 13th, when our tutor Melissa will be taking us through the life and some of the writings of Charles Dickens. Hopefully we will be ever so humble as we listen and not Bumble too much.

We never Scrooge with our biscuits which will sustain us as we move from Wedding dresses to the Workhouse and ride with Mr Pickwick and his companions.

We hope you will be Able to join us and enjoy what promises to be a sociable and interesting look at life in the eyes of Charles Dickens.

Cost for the 10 weeks is £55 which includes tea and biscuits. Not sure, well come to a Taster week and then hopefully like Oliver want MORE or contact Peter Smith on 01440 783278. We look forward to seeing you 10am at the Village Hall.

Pete Smith

Great Bradley Allotments

You may – or may not be aware that there are some allotments situated in Great Bradley. These are sited along Matthews Lane on a plot of land known as 'Paxmans Field' - not after a certain Jeremy! They were organised by the Parish Council on land kindly made available by Charles Ryder.

There are 16 allotment plots in total of which 9 are currently in use. They measure approximately 20M x 10M, (about the size of a tennis court). The soil there is pretty good, it's very clayey but with a bit of work and some added drainage material it will yield some good results. Certainly we have seen some good crops from there at the moment.

So if you fancy some home grown produce with free exercise and fresh air thrown in, why go not give it a go, we are a friendly bunch and always willing to offer a bit of advice. Please contact **John Barnett (783903; john.barnett1000@gmail.com)** for details.

Stuart Wilson

GOOD OLD FASHIONED JUMBLE SALE



**Great Bradley Village Hall
Saturday 8th April - 10am to 2pm
Free entry
Tea and Coffee served**

Spring-cleaning? Revamping your wardrobe? Restyling your home?
Having a clear-out?

Please save suitable items for our sale – in good condition – clean clothes, shoes, books, ornaments, games etc (no furniture, heavy items or electricals please).

Jumble can be dropped at the village hall on Friday 7th April from 3pm to 7pm.
Contact Alison on 783678 for more information or to offer help on the day.

Proceeds to Village Hall Funds

Great Bradley Archive Exhibition 24/25th February 2017

We are a small, but perfectly formed, group of 5 and we meet once a week over the Winter months in one of the offices at Great Bradley Hall courtesy of Charles Ryder. The Parish Council has purchased filing cabinets for all the papers, pictures and maps so they are kept safe and secure there. We have been meeting for around 3 years and have made good headway into sorting and cataloguing the huge amount of 'stuff' we found when we started and since then a lot more has arrived (and is still arriving!) to keep us all busy.

In early Autumn of last year It was thought a good idea to show everyone what we have been doing and also give some of the wonderful pictures that many will never have seen an 'airing'.

The idea grew from that simple premise to a 'proper' show with all that that entails. To show the pictures at their best they needed to be blown up to A4 size and that then requires big areas to show them on. Again Charles Ryder stepped in to offer his display boards that he has in his meeting room and he also purchased another full set for us to use! This allowed us to set out around 170 pictures and it was quite a sight to see. Bear in mind that we have around 1500 - 2000 pictures so there had to be quite a lot of sorting to find some of the most interesting ones. A further selection were on a continuous slide show at one end of the hall. Some of the more interesting papers were spread around on tables for everyone to peruse.

One of the most helpful ideas was to try to ask visitors if they could put names to those pictures where we had gaps. There were several people who were able to pinpoint any number of people for us which will greatly help preserve the information for future generations.

Charles Ryder had a section of the exhibition for an excellent history of the village from a farming and population prospective with a number of maps going back hundreds of years.

Mike Brophy had a corner of the hall devoted to the village website and Facebook. He also benefited from the knowledge of some of the visitors and was delighted when one said they had a picture of Fox Farm when it was still a pig farm. Mike had said that this was a gap in his archives that he was now able to fill.

The Village Hall Committee kindly offered to run the refreshments for us which meant we could concentrate upon the exhibition itself and the added benefit was that the refreshments were absolutely excellent and I am sure the Bacon rolls on Saturday morning brought some people in that might not have come otherwise!

It would appear that upwards of 150 people came to the exhibition and all the feedback that we have had has been really positive. It would appear people want to see it done more often than once every 17 years or so!

Our work on the archives continues but in conjunction with this we are hoping to be able to get all the archive material (pictures/papers/documents/maps etc) digitised and then loaded onto a 'Network Attached Storage' (NAS) device. This will enable everyone to access everything in the archive on the internet and then we are looking to be able to let others load their own Great Bradley items onto it for others to be able to share. In addition to this opening up the whole archive to everyone it will ensure that there is a digital back-up and so preserved for the future.



As we said at the exhibition we appreciate some papers/pictures are very precious and need to be kept with your families. If you feel able to photo copy them for retaining with the village archive this would be great. We can always photo copy them for you. If you come across any old papers, bugle, photographs etc. please don't throw them away but contact us and we can arrange to pick them up.

Thank-you.

Jill Rodwell 783371, Pat Spires 783269, Pete Smith 783278, Maureen & John Barnett 783903

Bluebell Walk

Saturday, 29th April 2017

For the last few years we have held a tour of Hart Wood to look at the bluebells which have reappeared in good numbers as a result of our long term regeneration work in the Wood.

This year's Bluebell Walk will take place on Saturday, 29th April.

Timing for the Bluebell Walk is never easy as it depends on weather conditions bringing out the bluebells! Some years there is a cold winter/early spring and the bluebells are late. In other years we have a mild winter and a well advanced spring.

This year, as things currently stand, it looks as if it is a relatively average Spring. Hence the choice of 29th April. However, it is just possible we may have to move the date to a week or two later if the bluebells are not flowering by then, in which case we would notify, by email or text, all those who reserve a place on the tour.

We will meet at **10.00am** in the Covered Yard just above the Church and return by about 12.30pm.

If you are interested in coming on the Bluebell Walk, please kindly email me on charles@gbfco.com or text/call my mobile - 07831 318019.

Charles Ryder



Farm/Woodland Tour

Saturday, 3rd June 2017

The annual Farm/Woodland Tour will start from the Covered Yard (just above the Church) at 4.00pm on Saturday, 3rd June. As usual, the tour will be undertaken on foot and will last for approximately 2-2½ hours, followed by a discussion, with refreshments, either in the garden at The Hall or in the Covered Yard (depending on weather conditions – so far each year we have been lucky!) The proceedings will draw to a close by about 7.30pm.

The idea of the tour continues to be to provide an overall perspective on modern agriculture, including the types and uses of crops grown on the farm, woodland and hedgerow management, conservation and environment issues and, in particular, how we are handling them on the Estate here at Great Bradley. Although the format broadly remains the same, each year we take a new route and look at different features and themes. Things are constantly evolving!

We would be grateful if those coming on the tour do not bring dogs or other pets, not least to avoid disturbing nesting birds.

If you are interested in coming on the tour, I would be very grateful if you would kindly reserve a place by emailing me at charles@gbfco.com or by texting or calling me on my mobile (07831 318 019).

Charles Ryder



Burrough Green Brownies

Burrough Green Brownies enjoyed an exciting start to term with a trip to The Theatre Royal to see Beauty and the Beast which was very much enjoyed by Brownies and Leaders alike.



Working to uphold the Brownie Guide Law and think of others before ourselves, the Brownies had great fun making fat balls (and a lot of mess!) for our feathered friends. We have been reliably informed "that the birds love them!"

In addition to our usual fun and games, the Brownies have been working towards their Artists badge this term and have created some amazing items to demonstrate their understanding of colour, patterns and texture.

Several new girls have joined us since the beginning of term but we have the capacity for more. If you have a daughter or know of someone who would like to join us, we meet on a Thursday evening during term time and take girls from the ages of 7 to 10.

To find out more, please contact Amanda Davies on 07712 761983.

Dawn Hay

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at

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Church Services & Events

St. Mary's Church, Great Bradley



Month	Church Cleaning	Flowers
April	Ken & Sue Ireland	Marion Smith
May	Keith & Sue Willington	Helen Smith

Church Services – March 2017

2 April	11 am	Holy Communion	Great Thurlow
9 April Palm Sunday	11 am	Holy Communion	Great Bradley
13 April Maundy Thursday	7.30 pm	Holy Communion	Kedington
14 April Good Friday	2 pm	Devotional hour	Kedington
16 April Easter Day	10 am	Benefice Communion	Great Wratting
23 April	11 am	Holy Communion	Little Bradley
30 April	10 am	Benefice Communion	Kedington
7 May	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Little Bradley
14 May	11 am	Holy Communion	Great Bradley

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

Lent lunch

Many thanks to Arline and Geoffrey Vollam for hosting a Lent lunch in aid of the people of the Diocese of Kagera in Tanzania who are suffering severe drought and failure of their crops. The sum of £83 was raised for this worthy cause.

Save the date

This year's Great Bradley Village Fete will be on **Sunday 2nd July** in the garden of Great Bradley Hall, just by the church, by kind permission of the Ryder family. Ideas for stalls and attractions and offers of help welcome!



What's On - Out And About

News from the Ellesmere Centre – April 2017

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Joanna Eden sings **Ella Fitzgerald** on Friday 21st April at the Ellesmere Centre to celebrate the centenary of this iconic singer.

Joanna has performed here in the past and has a beautiful voice, evening not to be missed. Tickets £12.50 from the office.



If you are no longer as active as you once were and would like to keep fit with some gentle exercise please come along to one of our activities below.

Mature & Active Group- The Centre is open on Friday mornings (term Time only) from 11am-1pm for the more mature among you to come along and make use of our Carpet Bowls, Table Tennis, Badminton and Gym facilities. The cost is just £4 for 2 hours and a cup of tea/coffee and cake is included. Come along on your own and meet others or bring a friend. Call the Centre for more details or just turn up.



Forever Active – We have a new class for the over 50's and those returning to a more active lifestyle. Classes start on Wednesday's 1st February 11am -12 pm and will include a mixture of chair based and standing exercise. Please contact Ann Catchpole 07799644053 for more details.

Fitsteps-low impact - this is a class created by 'Strictly Come Dancing Stars' where you can dance without a partner to keep fit. Come along on Thursday -11.15am-12.15pm.



Walking Football for the over 50's - for those of you who would like to play again but a little more slowly. Please contact the Centre and register an interest. Hopefully this will be starting in the Spring.

COOKS NEEDED for LUNCH CLUB. To cook a lunch for approx 10-15 elderly people one Wednesday each month on a rota basis.

Please contact the centre if you think you could help.

For a full list of all our classes please visit our website. If you would like to go on our mailing list please email the office.

The Ellesmere Centre will be putting on a **First Aid Training** course on a Saturday in May/June. The course will also include training on how to use **the Defibrillator** situated outside the Centre. (If you would like training on use of the defib but cannot attend the course please let us know). The cost of the days training will be dependent on numbers attending. Please let the office have your name and email address/telephone number if you would be interested in attending.

The Ellesmere Centre, Ley Road, Stetchworth, CB8 9TS.

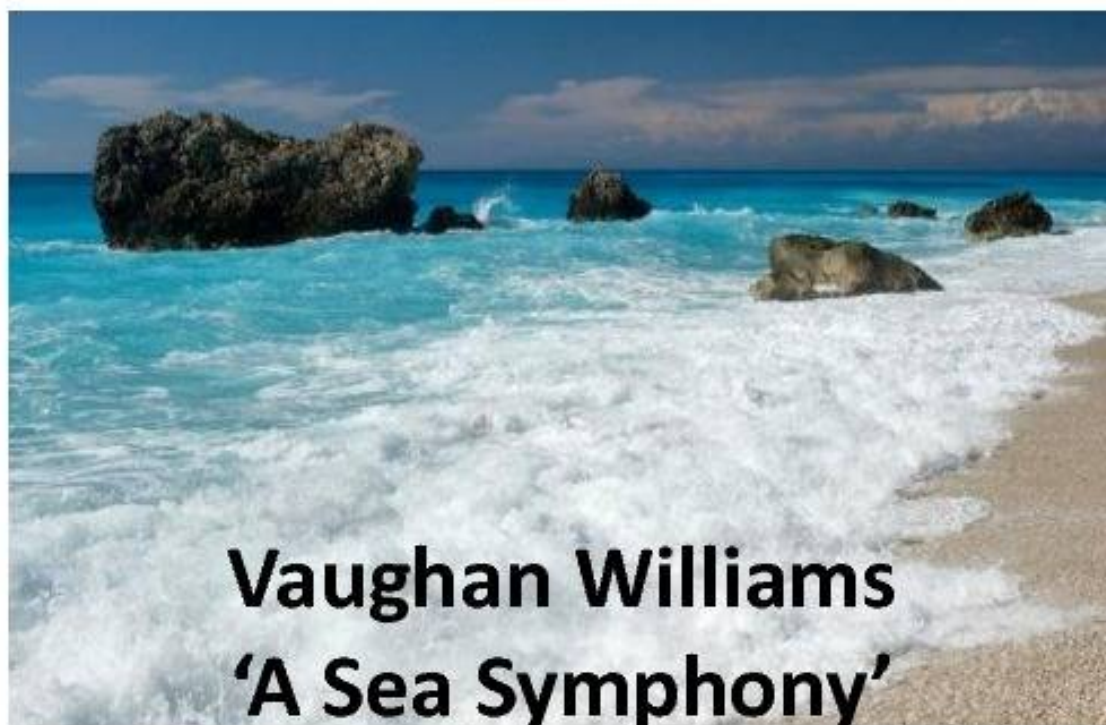
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Suffolk Philharmonic Featured Young Artist 2017 SAVITRI GRIER

Leslie Olive writes:

In December I had the great good fortune to conduct Savitri Grier. Her performance of the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto was extraordinary and I left the rostrum breathless with excitement. I resolved to bring her to Suffolk, and she is now our SPO Featured Young Artist for 2017. Don't miss her captivating performance of *The Lark Ascending*!

For the 2017 Bury Festival concert I have chosen a programme of much-loved English music which showcases primarily the SPO's outstanding string section. Sit back and relish the sound of the SPO strings conjuring visions of the English countryside.

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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 month.

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