



The Bradley Bugle

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Another Fantastic Bonfire & Fireworks!



There it was gone!

Many thanks to all those involved with organising and helping with this year's brilliant Bonfire and Fireworks; to the Ryder family for the use of their field and to all villagers and friends that came along to support the event, the best attended and generously donated yet! A great time was had by all!

Christmas Carol Service

**Wednesday
20th Dec. 6:30pm**

Christmas Auction of Promises

**2.30pm, December 3rd
Great Bradley Village Hall**

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Village Diary

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

Coming up Soon ...		
Big Christmas Weekend	2 nd and 3 rd December	Details p. 4
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON	Wednesday 6 th December	Burrough Green 3.30 – 5.30pm details p.9
Christmas Carol Service	Wednesday 20 th December	6.30 pm, St. Mary's Church
Weekly Events		
SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING	Lively, light exercise and fun! Contact Ella Hollins on 710340	Mondays 2 – 4pm
FLEXIBLE FRIENDS	Class on Tuesday Morning is now CLOSED due to lack of members.	
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 2018	Our new session starts on Jan 10 th . Come along for a taster week. For further information contact Peter on 783278.	Wednesdays at 10:15am Details p.3
MOBILE LIBRARY	Evergreen Lane 12:10 – 12:35pm (Rt 18 – Stp E) http://suffolklibraries.co.uk/community-services/mobile-libraries	Wed. 6th Dec. Wed. & 3rd Jan. (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.	Christmas Party, details p. 3 Thursday 14th December
BLUE BIN ONLY	Fridays 8 th & 22 nd December; Saturday 6th & Friday 19 th January 2018	
BLACK & BROWN BINS	Fridays 1 st , 15 th & Saturday 30th December; Fridays 12 th , 26 th January 2018	
Further Ahead ...		
Portable Pint	Sausage and Mash Night	Friday 26 th January, 2018. Details p.6
Further Afield ...		
THURLOW WI	The next meetings in Dec. and Jan. are for members, however at our February meeting we would again welcome visitors to join us.	More details p.3

Local News & Notices

Great Bradley Village Hall Lottery Draw

Well, what a brilliant start to the new Village Hall Lottery year ! With a bumper number of entries we have the makings of some spectacular bonus months between now and next October, together with a bigger monthly prize distribution of at least £50. Even in the (unlikely) event that no more names subscribe, the Lottery will have contributed at least £640 towards the maintenance of the Village Hall - so **THANK YOU**, Great Bradley!

The November draw was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 14th, and the winners were:

1 st Prize	£15	No 19	Jennifer Wagner, c/o Old Rectory
2 nd Prize	£12	No 88	Mr E May, Clarendale
3 rd Prize	£10	No 22	Steven Smith, Mill Farm
4 th Prize	£8	No 62	Helena Crawford, East Green
5 th Prize	£5	No 115	Ray Dunn, Evergreen Lane

As always, George Hendry welcomes more players, and to enter from the December draw will now cost just £11 per name. Phone 783415 or email George at dryhen@outlook.com for details to enter. Cash, cheques and online all welcome.

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.

Afternoon Club

You are Invited to Great Bradley Drop In Christmas Party.

On **Thursday 14th December 2-30**, in the Village Hall.

There will be party food, games and a little tippie or two.

Also a exchange of gifts. So Please bring a wrapped gift to exchange.

Please phone Gill on 01440 783362.



WEA

Our new session starts on January 10th 10.15 am at the Village Hall when Peter Goodwin will be conducting us for 10 weeks of *English Musical Renaissance from the period 1899 to 1934*. Cost is more than a tenor but excellent value at £55. Come along for a taster week. For further information contact Peter on 783278.

Thurlow WI

Over the next two months we will be having our Christmas dinner in December and a business meeting in January. However at our February meeting we would again welcome visitors to join us, details to follow nearer the time. For more information if you are interested in joining or visiting our small and friendly group please contact Arline (783132) or Karen (783022) for more details.





Christmas Auction of Promises

(in aid of Great Bradley Village Hall)

2.30pm, December 3rd 2017
Great Bradley Village Hall

Mulled wine & Refreshments
Carols and Kids Corner
Free Entry



Highest bid wins!!

Lots donated by our community

Opportunities for a unique experience or a special Christmas Gift!

See the village website <http://greatbradley.weebly.com/promises.html> or
contact Karen (783830) or Alison (783678) for more details.

In Praise of Volunteering!

Volunteer n. a person who freely offers to take part in an enterprise or undertake a task - from the latin *volutarius*.

Volunteering is widely recognised as something that benefits the volunteer as well as the person or cause they are helping. Studies have proved that volunteering has huge benefits to the volunteer. Helping others can reduce stress, combat depression, stimulate you mentally and provide a sense of purpose. It makes us happy. How does all this happen? It starts by giving you more social contact in your community and your world generally.

We are apparently all hard-wired to help others (though I haven't noticed this much when I call our electricity supplier about the bill), so doing it makes us happier. It also increases confidence when trying something new, and gives us a sense of purpose. Research has also shown that the activities involved in volunteering can keep us healthy and active as well as using and developing our thinking and problem-solving skills.

Another benefit of volunteering is that it can advance a career. So much of volunteering is about learning. It can involve people-skills, planning, marketing, sales and communication and I'm sure that's why so many employers are keen to hear about our activities outside the workplace. It's never too late to learn.

And you can do it too – naturally there's plenty you can get involved in at the village hall – help a tiny bit, a little or a lot! We'll support you all the way and we really need your help. But the important thing is to get involved in something that you can enjoy, wherever and whatever that may be. And remember, it's good for you!

Alison McCloskey

Call Me!!

783678

A Merry Christmas from the Village Hall Committee

It is just over a month to Christmas and it is time to reflect on a successful year for the Village Hall and look ahead to the New Year.



In 2017, regular activities at the Hall continued apace and were supplemented by the formation of a now thriving book club. Meanwhile, there has been quite a mix of events to enjoy including perennial favourites like the **Quiz** and new ventures like the **Jumble Sale**, **Great Blooming Bradley** etc, with the summer also seeing the introduction of what is quickly becoming a new favourite, the **Portable Pint**.

We believe that these events offer really good value (and fun too) and hope that you have managed to come along to at least some of these delights and are looking forward to more next year. To whet your appetite, we can confirm that the **Portable Pint** will return on Friday 26th January at 6pm with Sausage and Mash night – yes, there will be onion gravy! So come along for this tasty winter warmer, with locally sourced sausages, at just £4! (children's portions available).

Before then, we are all looking forward to gathering together at the hall on Sunday 3rd December to celebrate the festive season and get into the Christmas spirit with our first ever **Auction of Promises**. There are a wide range of experiences and services to bid for and perhaps one or more will become that special gift you have always wanted to give or receive!

It's about a year now since we surveyed the village to ask what you want from your village hall. We've already put into action some of your brilliant ideas but are keen to hear more. So whether it's a new club or you have a great idea for another kind of event, we hope you will take the time to let us know. Remember too that the hall is available for private hire and our prices are ridiculously low.

Finally thanks to all for your support this year and to all those who have volunteered time and effort to make 2017 a success. **Merry Christmas!**

Alison McCloskey

On behalf of the Village Hall Committee



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FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY 2018

BAR OPENS 6PM

IT'S SAUSAGE AND MASH NIGHT!! A WINTER WARMER

Support your Village Hall



Children's Birthday Parties at Great Bradley Village Hall

Bookings now being taken for 2017

Ever considered holding your children's birthday party at our
Village Hall

All facilities are available, fully equipped kitchen, toilets, parking etc.

If you would like to see what the Village Hall can
offer please telephone the Bookings secretary

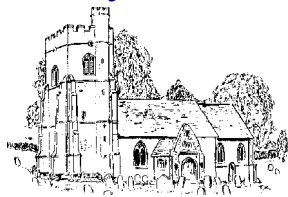
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Come and have a look round



Church Services & Events

St. Mary's Church, Great Bradley



Month	Church Cleaning	Flowers
December	Ken and Sue Ireland	All welcome to help decorate church and Christmas tree, 10 am Saturday 16 December
January	Geoffrey and Arline Volla	-

Church Services – December 2017

3 December	11 am	Holy Communion	Little Thurlow
10 December	11 am	Holy Communion	Great Bradley
17 December	10 am	Benefice Service	Great Thurlow
Wednesday 20 December	6:30 pm	Carol Service	Great Bradley
Christmas Eve	6 pm	Carol Service	Little Bradley
	11:30 pm	Holy Communion	Kedington
Christmas Day	10 am	Holy Communion	Little Thurlow

For details of other Christmas services and services in **January** see Benefice News or http://www.stourheadbenefice.org/Stourhead_Benefice/Service_Rota.html

Christmas Carol Service – Wednesday 20th December



Everyone is welcome to the Great Bradley Carol Service in the church on Wednesday 20 December at 6.30 pm. It follows the format of the traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols, with popular carols and readings by members of the local community, followed by mince pies and mulled wine. If you would like to do a reading or have a request for a particular carol contact Sue or Ken Ireland, 783595.



What's On - Out And About

News from the Ellesmere Centre – December 2017



Children's Classes we still have spaces on our children's classes for newcomers this term. Football - Monday, Table Tennis, Gymnastics - Tuesday, Dodgeball, Street Dance - Wednesday, Thursday - Judo, Tennis by arrangement. For information on all classes please visit our website or call the office.

MUGA - we currently have two free evening slots on our 5-a-side Astro pitch. If you are interested in booking these please give us a call.

Pop-Up Coffee Mornings - if you would like to hold a coffee morning for a charity of your choice on Friday mornings in the Gredley Room please give us a call. There will be a small charge of £20 towards the Centre and we will help publicise your event.



POP UP COFFEE MORNING

**at the Ellesmere Centre,
Stetchworth
Supporting C3 children's ward
at Addenbrookes Hospital.
On Friday 8th December
9.30am-12.30pm
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**The Staff and Trustees of the Ellesmere Centre would like to wish
you all a
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**



The Ellesmere Centre, Ley Road, Stetchworth, CB8 9TS.
www.ellesmerecentre.org.uk
Tel 01638 508212. Email office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk

Bringing the community together

Burrough Green Christmas Light Switch On



*Wednesday 6th December
3.30pm-5.30pm*

BBQ

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

Face Painting

Meet Mr & Mrs Clause

Raffle and Prizes

Christmas Carols

***Christmas light switch on by Father Christmas himself
And lots, lots more, fun for all the family!***



All funds raised will support Burrough Green School & Playgroup

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Stowmarket
Chorale

Saturday 9 December 2017 - Christmas Concert at Stowmarket Parish Church, with children's choir from South Lees School, Bury St Edmunds. 7pm,

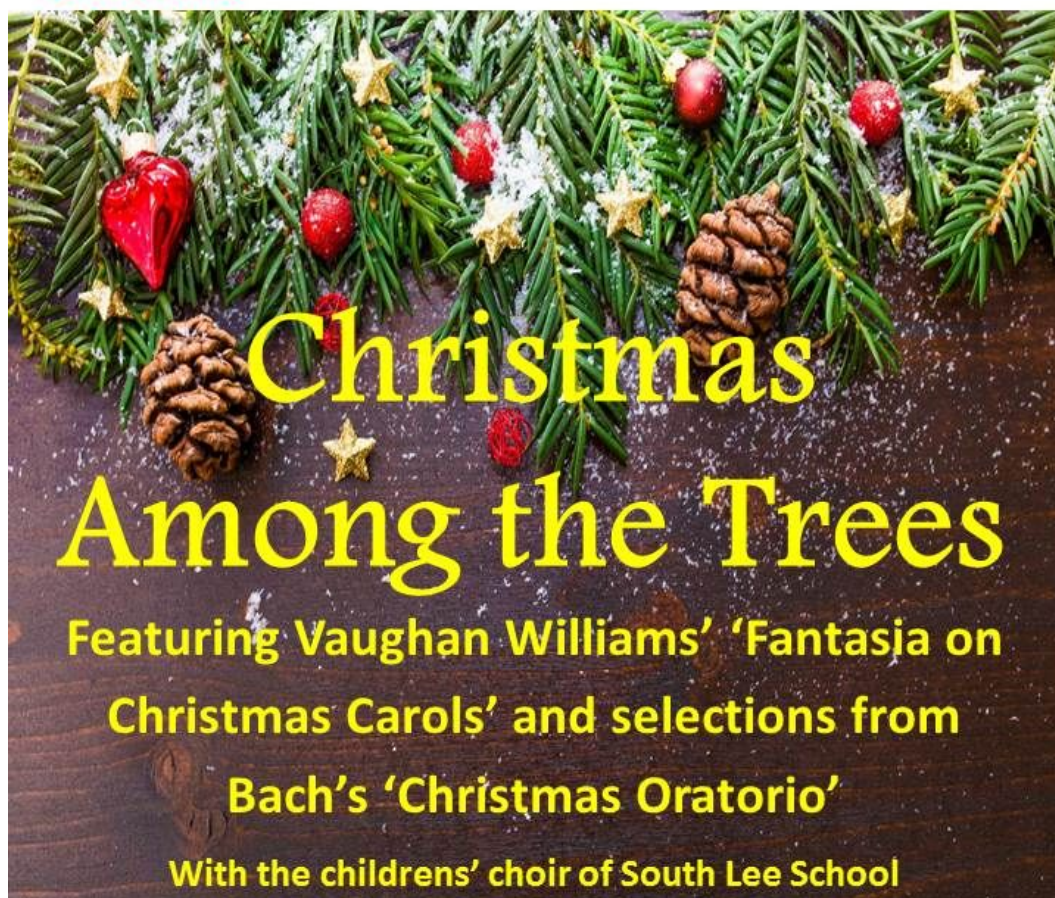
Contact tickets@stowmarketchorale.org.uk to book your ticket.

Sunday 18 March 2018 - We welcome Alexander L'Estrange and his jazz band, together with children from South Lee School, Bury St Edmunds, Rougham Primary School and Great Finborough Primary School, to perform Alexander L'Estrange's Zimbe (Songs of Africa) and John Rutter's Mass of the Children at the Apex, Bury St Edmunds at 4pm.

Contact the Apex Box Office for tickets. 01284 75800 www.theapex.co.uk

Stowmarket
Chorale

**Conductor
Leslie Olive**



7 pm, Saturday 9 December

£10 adults, £3 children, including refreshments

**St Peter & St Mary's Church,
Station Road West, Stowmarket IP14 1ES**

Tickets from www.stowmarketchorale.org.uk or contact tickets@stowmarketchorale.org.uk

Telephone 01359 240676 or pay on the door

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Articles & Information

Healthwatch Suffolk

Can you help Healthwatch Suffolk to shape and improve home care services

Healthwatch Suffolk is exploring people's experiences of accessing home care services (domiciliary care). It is an opportunity for you, your friends or family members to influence and improve these services now and for the future.

The watchdog wants to hear from people that are currently using home care services, have used them in the past or those who may need help at home but have been unable to obtain support in the county.

Domiciliary care is care provided in a person's home. Sometimes it is called home care or 'Support to Live at Home'. Home care can include support with things like helping people to get out of bed, washing, dressing, getting to work, cooking meals, eating, seeing friends, caring for families and being part of the community.

Healthwatch Suffolk will use your feedback to help it understand the issues that people face when accessing care at home and what needs to be explored in detail as part of its developing project. As the health and care watchdog for Suffolk, it can use the things that people share to shape, influence and improve care to our county's most vulnerable residents.

Sharing your experiences couldn't be easier

If you are currently using a service, Healthwatch Suffolk is asking people to take part in a short survey. You can access it using the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/homecareinsuffolk>

If you are not currently accessing support or would prefer not to feedback online, please contact the Healthwatch Suffolk team on 08004488234 (Freephone) or by email to info@healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk. Hard copies of the survey and other formats are available on request.

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The Bugle team would like to wish all our readers, contributors and advertisers a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

Thank-you all for you support during the last year!

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 in February is the 15th of January.

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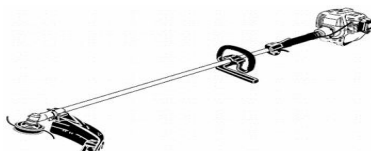
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