

6th February -

Her Majesty's Accession

Happy New Year!

2016 saw a number of significant anniversaries and 2017 is no different, here are a few selected ones.

100 years since the Russian Revolution - Heralding the collapse of the 300-year-old Romanov royal dynasty, a bitter civil war and the rise of communism.

375 years ago on 22nd August 1642, King Charles I raised his standard over the battlements of Nottingham Castle, beginning the English Civil War.

500 years ago on 31 October 1517 ('Reformation Day'), German protestant reformer Martin Luther published his *95 Theses* condemning what he saw as the corruption of the Catholic Church.

The centenary of the First World War continues, 2017 marks the 100th anniversary of a number of battles and key events of this conflict, including the battle of Passchendaele (31st July) and the US entry into the conflict (on 6th April). Also on 17th July – to appease anti-German feeling, King George V changed the Royal Family's name from Saxe-Coburg Gotha to Windsor.

It is also the continuing 75th anniversary of World War II and again a number of key events will be commemorated. During this period of the war much of Europe was under occupation and entering a dark period of the conflict as battles and fighting intensified on all fronts, but especially the bombing campaigns.

Some other perhaps more incidental anniversaries:

350 years ago John Milton publishes *Paradise Lost* in 1667.

200 years since the death of Jane Austen (Sense and Sensibility, Pride and Prejudice) - 18th July 1817

150 years ago, Joseph Lister published his theories on antiseptics, he experimented with dressings soaked in carbolic acid to cover open wounds, greatly reducing infection during surgery.

Sometime during **1917**, New Zealander Ernest Rutherford, split the atom for the first time in what is now part of the University of Manchester.

And in **1942** (possibly!) in the village of West Row, in Suffolk, an amazing hoard of Roman silverware is discovered, the 'Mildenhall Treasure'.

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Village Diary

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

Coming up Soon				
Exhibition	Great Bradley Estates - 10 th Feb. 3 – 8pm	Details p.4		
Archive Exhibition	Fri. 24 th 6-9pm & Sat. 25 th 9:30-12:30pm Feb. Archive and village history display. Refreshments available both days.	Free Entry - details p.4		
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	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	Term starts 18 th January 10am at the Village Hall when we will be hearing about the media and Blockbuster Movies. Please join us for a taster week. For further details please contact Peter Smith on 783278.	Wednesdays at 10am		
MOBILE LIBRARY	Evergreen Lane 12:10 – 12:35pm (Rt 18 – Stp E) http://suffolklibraries.co.uk/community-services/mobile-libraries	Wednesday 1 st Feb. & 1 st March 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 9 th February Special event details p.4		
SLIMMING WORLD	New group started 20 th October, please contact Magalie 07453 469366.	Thursday 7.30pm.		
BLUE BIN ONLY	Fridays 3 rd & 17 th February			
BLACK & BROWN BINS	Fridays 10 th & 24 th February			
Further Ahead				
Cheese and Wine Evening Fun night for wine lovers. Tickets £10pp – includes tastes of several wines, cheeses and bread/biscuits.		Fri. 10 th March, details p. 5 Note: New Date		
Jumble Sale	April TBA - pls keep any suitable items for us when you	are having your post xmas clearou		
Bluebell Walk	Saturday, 29th April 2017			
Farm and Woodland Tour	Saturday, 3 rd June 2017			
Further Afield				
THURLOW WI	Come and listen to a talk on the 'Bird Life in Shingle Street' by expert Jeremy Mynott. Just turn up on the night and pay on the door, £3 to include coffee / tea and cake. All proceeds to the RSPB. For further details please contact Arline (783132) or Karen (783022).	Tuesday 14 th Feb. 7.30pm at Thurlow Village Hall. An open meeting welcoming any ladies or gentlemen from Great Bradley		

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Local News & Notices

Churchyard Littering

I have been asked to just write a few words on litter being dumped from the churchyard. It's obviously a very difficult and delicate subject as people are understandably grieving but someone is throwing litter from their grave visit over the fence at the bottom of the churchyard into private land. The litter consists of spent flowers (ok so they will rot eventually but it's still litter) but of more concern is the plastic containers being thrown over (and they won't rot). This is a hazard to wildlife and obviously someone else has to come behind and clear all this away. The main road through the village is littered with rubbish from people who just throw things from their cars/vehicles (and possibly occasionally also cyclists from what I have gathered up - and as a cyclist myself I find that really sad). We don't really want that starting to happen in other areas especially in a churchyard which should be an area of peace and pleasant surroundings. There is a wheelie bin in the churchyard which is there for all spent flowers and any other associated material and this will be brought to a more visible position.

John Barnett (Clerk to the Parish Council)

Great Bradley Village Hall Lottery Draw

A Massive THANK YOU to all who have entered our Lottery. More entries means a bigger prize fund, so starting with the February Draw, numbers will be drawn for prizes of £5, £6, £7, £10 and £15. But that's not all - to greet the Spring, the APRIL draw will be a BONUS month with prizes of £20, £15, £7, £6, and £5. But to stand a chance, first you must enter, which for March to October now costs just £8.00 per name. Go on, you know you want to - and remember - our 'good cause' stands just around the corner! To enter, just phone George Hendry on 783415 and he will do the rest.

After the New Year break, the Village Hall Lottery swung back into action on Tuesday 10th January, when the winners were:

December Draw

1 st Prize £15	No 11	Peter Sweeney, Fox Green
2 nd Prize £10	No 57	Debra Fletcher, Fox Green
3 rd Prize £5	No 47	Margaret Ryder, The Hall
4 th Prize £5	No 43	Annette Sugg, Evergreen Lane
5 th Prize £5	No 63	Keith Bareham, Evergreen Lane

January Draw

1st Prize £15	No 70	Alice Ryder, The Hall
2 nd Prize £10	No 68	Janet Tedham, Haverhill
3 rd Prize £5	No 82	David Belkett, Fox Green
4 th Prize £5	No 46	Linda Briscoe, The Street
5 th Prize £5	No 91	Tessa Stanton

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.

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Afternoon Club - Valentines Drop In.

The 'Drop In' is the place to be seen, lovely cakes and tea. Lots of Chat and laughter.

On the 9th February 2:30pm at the village Hall.

Come along, bring a raffle prize, a book you have read, exchange it for one you have not read.

We meet on the 2nd THURSDAY of the month. All Welcome.

Contact Gill 01440 783362



EXHIBITION

BY

GREAT BRADLEY ESTATE

AT

THE VILLAGE HALL
FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2017
3.00pm – 8.00pm

Proposal for the Yew Tree Cottage Area
Proposal for a Community Orchard on Paxmans Field

We will be holding an Exhibition at the Village Hall on Friday 10th February between 3.00pm and 8.00pm to show our proposal for Yew Tree Cottage and a small development in the adjacent area.

We will also be showing our proposal for the creation of a Community Orchard on Paxmans Field.

Please come to view the Exhibition and discuss the proposals. Everyone is welcome – please drop in at any time.

I look forward to seeing you there! Charles Ryder

Exhibition in the Village Hall

Friday 24th February – 6pm to 9pm Saturday 25th February – 9.30am to 12.30pm

* Entry is free *

Don't miss this rare opportunity to see carefully selected displays from the Great Bradley Archive, showing just a glimpse of the long and rich history of our village. You will be able to find out more about the village, as well as helping to identify details for the archive group, or contributing to the archive with materials you have brought along. The whole family is welcome - there will be fun activities for them to try.

Friday evening, the social committee will be on hand to provide you with drinks from the cash bar as well as rolls and snacks to keep hunger and thirst at bay as you browse the exhibit and take the chance to catch up with neighbours.

If you can't make it on Friday, or you want to take another look, there will be **bacon rolls** and **coffee/ tea** available on Saturday morning – the perfect breakfast solution! There will also be a yummy cake stall too.....proceeds to Village Hall Funds (cake donations welcome). So, if history isn't your thing – come anyway and support your village hall!

Call Alison on 783678 for more details. [Also see article below]

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Exhibition - Great Bradley Archive Group

There will to be an exhibition at the Village Hall of our work so far on this archive, **from 6-9pm on Friday 24th February**, with a cash bar, and snacks. The exhibition will also be open the following morning, **Saturday 25th from 9.30 to 12.30am**, offering bacon rolls and coffee. This will have something for all the family, whether it's browsing through the hundreds of fascinating papers and pictures, (some of which we would like your help in identifying please), finding out about the long history of your village, helping your children with a fun activity, learning about the most unusual cause of a traffic jam, or simply popping in for a pint or a bacon roll!! Entry to the exhibition is free.

The Great Bradley archive group consists of 5 people who meet weekly in the autumn and winter months to sort various papers, maps and photographs relating to the people, groups, church, village hall and other properties and events that have formed Great Bradley over the years.

We are painstakingly collating them into various categories, to enable fellow villagers and members of the public to trace ancestors or browse through the papers and pictures out of interest. We cross reference documents & photos to an individual where there is a significant input to create a separate record of individuals, and are working to put these in alphabetical and year order. A schedule of the various categories is available. We are always interested to obtain more historical papers and photographs and past copies of the Bugle, so if you think you might have anything of interest please let us know. We appreciate that some papers are very precious and need to be kept within the family but a copy would be invaluable in providing a picture of how the village has developed over the years and we can arrange to copy precious items if necessary.

We are working with the support of Charles Ryder, who has kindly provided an office for us to work in and to store all our archive papers, pictures and sound recordings in our own lockable cabinets (kindly supplied by the Parish Council), together with a great amount of his own personal family files that relate to the history of Great Bradley Hall and developments in farming and the village. Mike Brophy is also advising us on the next stage to make all these different archives available to everyone on the internet.

Working on the archive has proven very worthwhile and we hope this flavour of your village's past, together with the developing internet record, will create awareness and interest. There will be further information in the next Bugle edition.

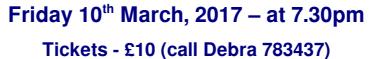
Anyone interested in forming a Local History Society should speak to one of us on the day or get in touch.

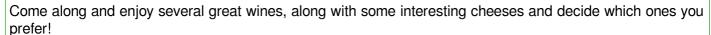
Maureen Barnett, Gill Rodwell, Pat Spires, John Barnett and Peter Smith.

Fun Wine and Cheese Tasting Night

At Village Hall







This will be a chance to just have some fun with fellow wine-lovers, hopefully finding something that you haven't tasted before. Your ticket includes a generous tasting of several wines and an individual cheese selection, complemented by cheese biscuits and some fresh bread. And if you would like a little more of your new favourite wine, there will be a bottle or two on hand to help wash down your cheese plate (at our regular prices)!!

Note that this is not a commercial wine-selling event – we are not selling wine by the case etc, so there will be no 'hard sell', just lots of fun and a chance to socialise. Book your place now!

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Children's Birthday Parties at Great Bradley Village Hall

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01440 783943

Come and have a look round



Thurlow WI

The January meeting was presided over by treasurer Karen Canterford. She said that the Christmas meal at the Cock had been a great success. Seventeen gifts had been delivered to all of our over eighties in the village, thank you letters had been received from the recipients and from Cleves Care Home thanking members for the fidget muffs and blankets to be used by dementia patients.

Notice was given of the WI Fayre to be held in London, a Calligraphy Workshop and a Climbing Taster event.

Then it was time to try out skills as the Washboard. Speaker and musician Sue Butcher told us how she had played at corporate events. She handed them out and gave instructions. She then played her Piano, Accordian, Ukelele and Mandolin with us accompanying her and singing along. An evening of fun and laughter and a great start to the New Year.

Raffle winners were Caroline, Janice and Iris.

Next month on the 14th February, Jeremy Mynott will give a talk on Bird Life on Shingle Street at 7pm in the Village Hall. Entry £3 to include raffle and refreshments.

Warm regards

Iris (iriseley@btinternet.com)



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Burrough Green Playgroup





We would like to thank a few people for their generosity to us this term. Thank you to Mr Jaggard for the lovely Christmas tree he donated to us again this year, most kind! Thank you to Father Christmas who came to see the children at their party, and also switched on our Christmas Lights!

And thank you to the parents, helpers, staff and all people who have donated time and prizes to our fundraising efforts. We held a Table Top Sale in November and raised over £400. We also had the Christmas Lights Switch On Fayre which raised over £600. All this money is used for supplies, resources and toys for the children, and staff training which is essential to comply with Ofsted regulations. Without fundraising our local Playgroup could not survive as the child fees do not cover all costs. As more and more pre-schools in our area go under we will fight to not go the same way. Thank you for your continued support!

A while ago Burrough Green Playgroup had a set of new sheds built in the Playgroup garden to store all the outdoor equipment. This was achieved by the generosity of GC Handyman Services - thank you Gary!

We wish to thank BuildBase of Haverhill for donating the timber for the frame and roof. To Larktrade Fencing of Bourn Bridge, Abington for donating all of the cladding. And thanks to Malek Hyde Smith of Wilbraham Farms for donating the roofing felt. GC Handyman Services for donating all the fixtures and fittings and labour to build and erect on site. Also thanks to Gareth Hogg for helping assemble on site.

Dan Cole & Lynda Godden

Chair & Secretary of Burrough Green Playgroup

Church Services & Events

St. Mary's Church, Great Bradley



Month	Church Cleaning	Flowers
February	Ken & Sue Ireland	Sue Willington
March	Helen & Peter Smith	No flowers during Lent

Church Services – February 2017

12 March	11 am	Holy Communion	Great Bradley	
5 March	10 am	Holy Communion	Kedington	
26 February	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Little Thurlow	
19 February	10 am	Benefice Service	Great Bradley	
12 February	11 am	Holy Communion	Little Bradley	
5 February	9.30 pm	Holy Communion	Great Thurlow	

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

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.

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What's On - Out And About

News from the Ellesmere Centre – February 2017





Teeny Tumblers – Gymnastics for Preschool children starts on 10th January. There will be 2 sessions 12.30 – 1.30pm and 1.30 – 2.30pm.

Please contact info@teeny-tumblers.co.uk for more info.



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 inc a mixture of chair based and standing exercise. Please contact Ann Catchpole 07799644053



Athletics - After a short break, Athletics will start again on Saturday Mornings 9.30am starting 4th February. These sessions will now run by Premier Sports, the cost will remain the same.

We are holding a Thank you Party for Jennie Grimwood on Thursday 23rd February from 3.30pm onwards. We would like to invite current and past pupils of Jennies to attend.

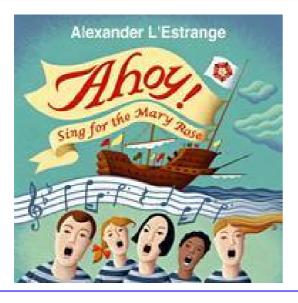


Judo - We are thrilled to welcome Colin Fordham, back to the Ellesmere. We are pleased to say he is back doing Judo on Thursdays 3.45pm for 5-10 year olds. Anyone interested in sending your children along please contact Colin at colinfordham@btinternet.com

Mature and Active – A chance to try Carpet Bowls, Kurling, Table Tennis or Badminton or even a gentle session in the Gym (upstairs) for the more able. Starting Friday mornings from 11am-1pm. Afterwards join others for a cup of tea and cake in the Gredley Room. Make this your New year's resolution! Cost just £4 for 2 hours –refreshments included.

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Articles & Information

Rainfall 2016

Although there has been no snow it has been a much drier and colder winter than in recent years. Last winter we started to pick daffodils on the 28th December – this year there is still no sign of snowdrops let alone daffodils!

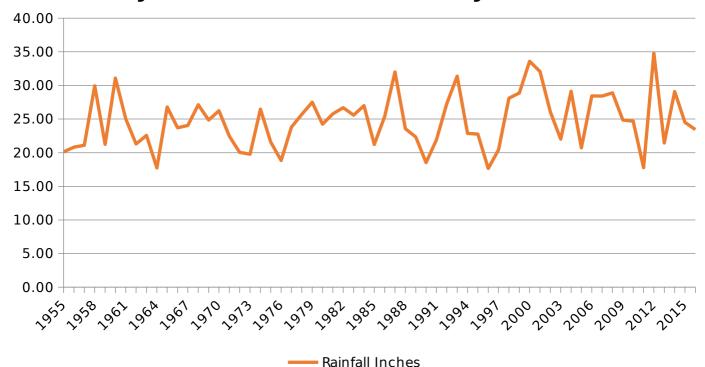
In overall terms, 2016 rainfall followed the same pattern as 2015 being somewhat below the average: -

 2016 Rainfall
 595.63mm (23.45ins)

 10 Year Rolling Average
 655.06mm (25.79ins)

 50 Year Rolling Average
 636.01mm (25.04ins)

Yearly Rainfall in Great Bradley From 1955



The weather highlights of 2016 included a prolonged cool, wet spring and, after a warm but wet June, a largely dry and sunny summer and autumn.

Last Year I reported in the Bugle that both 2014 and 2015 patterns were a 'game of two halves'. So it has been again in 2016 but this time the trend was bucked. The second half of the year was much drier than the first half.

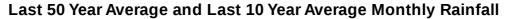
Period		2014		2015			2016		
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Jan - June	317.90	12.52	43	224.40	8.83	36	363.47	14.31	61
July - Dec	421.00	16.57	57	398.30	15.68	64	232.15	9.14	39
	738.90	29.09	100	622.70	24.51	100	595.62	23.45	100

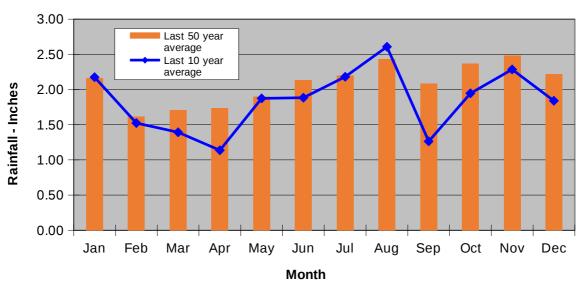
2016 is therefore something of an oddity in terms of the pattern, but not the overall amount, of rainfall. However, the trend towards drier years than in the first decade of the Millennium continues to be clear.

And we are now seeing that the (unwelcome!) recent trend towards much wetter periods from August to November (so apparent in the early years of this Century) is beginning to ease back.

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And looking at the last 60 years or so, it is easy to see why the period 2000 – 2009 is the 'odd man out' and hopefully will remain so! Too wet!

Year	January – June July - December		Total for Decade	Annual Av for Decade		
1950s (6 years)	59.33	41.59	83.34	58.41	142.67	23.77
1960s	99.94	40.90	144.29	59.10	244.23	24.42
1970s	108.98	46.90	123.44	53.10	232.42	23.24
1980s	120.15	47.30	133.62	52.70	253.77	25.37
1990s	109.57	45.7	130.26	54.30	239.83	23.98
2000s	118.78	43.30	155.41	56.70	274.19	27.41
2010s (7 years)	77.15	43.90	98.62	56.10	175.16	25.11

I mentioned in last year's report that I felt that the rainfall trend was reverting to that seen in the 1960s (and indeed 1970s) and I firmly believe this to be the case. Yes, 2017 may well throw up some exceptional rainfall but, if so, it will be bucking a firm trend towards a drier period, typified by the 'swinging 1960s' and the 'flamboyant 1970s'! Good news for farms, gardens and barbeques – indeed for us all!

Charles (Jan. 2017)

FUTURE EDITIONS OF THE BUGLE!

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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