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LOCAL EVENTS

<p style="text-align: center;">Lynda Ramsden The Old Rectory, Great Bradley is hosting a Two Day Sale on Tuesday April 20th 10.30am-7pm and Wednesday April 21st 9am -3pm</p> <p>Stalls include:-"Good Going" clothes "Inside Out", Decorative Gifts, "Hallmark Interiors" and Julie's Delicious Buns In aid of Friends of Camilla Millbank Spinal Injury Appeal and The Blue Cross</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2010 Dinner & Dance - Saturday 29 May 7.30 - 11.30pm Thurlow Village Hall</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fish/Chicken & Chips Dinner Followed by live music and dancing to Easy Livin' 60-90's band Tickets £15 each</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ticket only - Dress: Smart Casual Call 01440 783756 or email: ltbradley@uwclub.net In aid of Little Bradley Church</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SPRING PLANT FAIR SUNDAY 30 MAY 10.30am – 4.00pm £6 including entry to Helmingham Hall Gardens Helmingham Hall IP14 4EF</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*National Plant Collections *Specialist nurseries *Plant Doctor *Garden accessories *Homemade lunches and teas in the Coach House www.nccpgsuffolk.org www.helmingham.com Enquiries to 01449 736358</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">The Hidden Gardens Of Bury</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 20 June 2010 11am – 5pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Gardens in the historic town centre</p> <p style="text-align: center;">admission by programme £5 per person (children free)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tickets on the day from Gazebo on Angel Hill and Tourist Office</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proceeds to St Nicholas Hospice Care</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Little Bradley Church Ride</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 25 July – 8.30 to 12 noon The Garden Barn, Little Bradley</p> <p style="text-align: center;">approx 10 or 15 miles countryside and woodland, optional jumps</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Adults: £18; Accom under 16s £12</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Refreshments, Photographer, First Aider, Vet and Farrier in attendance</p> <p style="text-align: center;">contact Mirjam Gault T: 01440 783756</p>

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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.

N.B. Deadline for the May edition is 15 April 2010.

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Bluebell Walk 2010

To be held on either Saturday 24 April or Saturday 8 May

Last year we 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 we have carried out further work, so hopefully we shall see even more bluebells!

This year's Bluebell Walk will take place on either Saturday 24 April, or Saturday 8 May. We will decide which date to choose by the middle of April. Obviously, we will choose the date when the bluebells will be at their peak and it is too early to say at the moment. As you will know, the prolonged winter weather has meant that Spring has been very slow to appear! Indeed, everything looks a good month behind schedule at the moment.

Whichever date is chosen, we will meet at 10.00am in the Covered Yard just above the Church and return by 12.30pm at the latest.

If you are interested in coming on the Bluebell Walk, please email me on charles@gbfco.com or text/call my mobile - 07831 318019. I will then let you know the exact date in the middle of April.

FARM/WOODLAND TOUR - Saturday 5 June 2010

The annual Farm/Woodland Tour will start from the Covered Yard (just above the Church) at 4.00pm on Saturday, 5th June, 2010. As usual, the tour will be undertaken on foot and will last for approximately 2–2½ hours, followed by a discussion 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 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 will remain broadly the same, each year we take a new route and look at different features and themes.

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

MUSIC NEWS

'of heaven and earth' - The Granta Chorale –

Saturday 1 May at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden

The Granta Chorale, a choir of 20 - 24 singers, was formed in autumn 2007. The choir performs a wide range of music and has already achieved an enviable reputation as a result of its performances in local churches - Newport, Great Chesterford, Fulbourn, Chrishall and Bishop's Stortford.

'of heaven and earth' will be the Chorale's first concert in Saffron Walden and the choir, together with their guest Jonathan Lilley, organist at Ely Cathedral, look forward to filling the acoustics of this magnificent church with a varied and interesting programme of secular and sacred music.

The programme includes two wonderful Bach motets, *Lobet den Herrn* and *Jesu meine Freude*; *Faire is the Heaven*, a double choir motet by William Harris and three works by Janet Wheeler, including *Time becomes a Song*, settings of the poetry of John Clare.

There is more heavenly music with *Lux Aurumque* by the highly regarded American composer Eric Whitacre and Verdi's *Laudi alla vergine Maria* while *A Summer Garland*, composed in 2002 by Alan Bullard, celebrates the English countryside in a light-hearted choral suite most appropriate for May Day. Tickets are £8 (children £2) and are available from Saffron Walden Tourist Information Centre, Granta Chorale Tickets T: 01799 524816, Sue & Rowan S-B or at the door.

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

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SAINTS AND DRAGONS IN WISSINGTON

Sunday 25th April 2010 10am – 12.30pm

Join us in this first of our series of walks celebrating the 40th Anniversary since the Dedham Vale was designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and discover heritage, saints and dragons along the way!

Approx. 2½ miles – Country walking may include some rougher ground/stiles.

Les & Anne's Nature Notes

Who's been nibbling my nuts!

I took this picture one Sunday morning. It shows a very bold field mouse feasting on one of our bird feeders and it got us thinking about how many different birds we have seen without leaving the house. Like many of you we have feeders up, 3 in the back garden and 3 on a tree outside our kitchen window on Clarendale.

Now we all get the usual suspects, Sparrow, Blue Tit, Great Tit and Starling, but what else? Not just on the feeders but on the ground and flying over. Well try to keep up, here we go.... Coal Tit, Long Tailed Tit, Wren, Robin, Dunnock, Blackbird, Song Thrush, Redwing, Fieldfare, Wood Pigeon, Collared Dove, Swift, House Martin, Swallow (*breath!*) Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Goldfinch, Pied Wagtail, Crow, Rook, Jackdaw, Magpie, Jay, Tawny Owl, Buzzard, Kestrel, Sparrowhawk (*bigger breath!*) Spotted Flycatcher, Chifchaff, Wheatear, Mallard, Mute Swan, Canada Goose, Greylag Goose, Greater Spotted Woodpecker, Green Woodpecker, Heron and Pheasant!! If you were counting you should be up to 42, and all without even putting on your boots.

One bird I know some of you get but has so far eluded us in our garden is a Goldcrest but we live in hope. So next time you look out your window and see a LBJ (Little Brown Job) look again, you may just get a new bird for your list.

On the Barn Owl front, Anne and I attended a training seminar in early March to learn a bit more about what we have to do but more on that next time.

Now for some blatant self promotion.

For the whole month of April I will be having an Exhibition of my photography at Newmarket Library, upstairs by the check-in desk. I hope to have about 25 framed photos which will all be for sale (at very reasonable prices!) I do hope some of you can make the trip into town to see them.

Happy Spotting Les & Anne

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GREAT BRADLEY WEA - 5 May - visit to Castle Acre

We have arranged a visit on Wednesday 5 May to Castle Acre in Norfolk, an historic village on Peddars Way, where there are some notable remains of a Norman Castle and also of an 11th century Priory with a magnificent Tudor gatehouse. The Parish Church is pre-15th century and again well worth seeing.

We are delighted that Stuart Bowell, our popular tutor for our current course, 'History Around Us', is able to join us and we look forward to a most interesting and enjoyable day.

The coach (with toilet and air conditioning) will leave Great Bradley Village Hall at 9.30am, returning late afternoon. The fare is £14.

If you would like to join us (you do not have to be a WEA member!) you will be very welcome - please contact Peter Smith, 783278, or Geoffrey Vollam, 783132, for further details.

GREAT BRADLEY WEA – Computer Course

There will be a short course on Computer use on **Wednesday afternoons of 28 April and 12, 19 and 26 May**. It will be in the Village Hall and sessions will commence at 2pm, finishing at 4.30pm.

We are fortunate in having persuaded Rob Green to come to us again to take the course. One of the items he will deal with is transferring pictures from digital cameras to computers, thereby giving greater editorial freedom in their subsequent use.

There will be free software downloadable from the internet to assist students with this. Rob tells us that the course is suitable for complete beginners and, as with our previous computer courses, both instructive and entertaining. He will provide laptops for students' use.

The total cost of the 4 week course is £25. There will be a tea/coffee break at each session.

Please contact Peter Smith, 783278, or Geoffrey Vollam, 783132, if you would like further details or wish to enrol.

THURLOW PRE-SCHOOL CELEBRATES NEW BUILDING

The Thurlow Bradley and District Pre-School held a gathering in their new purpose built building on 16 February to celebrate its opening with the various funders who helped make it a reality. The funders included Suffolk County Council (£183,000), St Edmundsbury Borough Council (£10,000), Havebury Housing (£5,000), former Cllr Karen Knight's locality budget (£2,500), Mount Anvil plc (£7,500) and the Parish Councils of Little Thurlow, Gt & Lt Bradley and Withersfield (£1,000). The group also raised around £6,000 through various fundraising efforts including a sponsored parachute jump.

Barclays Bank plc (£750) and the Thurlow Fayre (£500) presented cheques to the Pre-School on the day as well. Also present were representatives from the Thurlow School who have been very supportive throughout and Grampian Sports and Social Club who provided a temporary home while the new premises were constructed.

Mathew Cowell of the Pre-School Committee said "The achievement of this new building has secured the future of the Pre-School for years to come. The old building had really become unfit and would not have survived through this winter. We are so grateful to all who have supported our project; especially Janine Taylor and Erika Fletcher from the Early Years Team at Suffolk County Council who have helped us stay focussed on our goals through the setbacks and delays along the way. It is fantastic to now have a building that matches the quality of our staff, who have remained patient and understanding for some time and can now see the children learn and develop in a safe building that keeps the heat in and the weather out!"

The group now are looking forward to creating an area outside to match the quality of the inside. Cowell added "We did need to overcome some problems that forced us to revisit our budget. We decided not to compromise on the building itself, keeping the triple glazed windows and solar hot water system to reduce our energy consumption. We can now see exactly what will be suitable outside and raise new funds for work in the space available outside."

The group held an 'Open Afternoon' on Saturday 27 February, opening the new building so past, present and future friends of the group could have the opportunity to have a look around and see the new premises for themselves.

More details about the Thurlow Bradley and District Pre-School can be found at www.thurlowpre-school.co.uk or by calling 01440 783688.

Mat Cowell

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

VILLAGE QUIZ – Saturday 24th April 2010

By popular request Les Bunyan is returning with another bag of incredible questions

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More Village Hall News – Please read!
(see last month's Bugle for this article in full)

YOUR VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU

As a reminder for some and perhaps as news for others, Great Bradley Village Hall is a property that effectively is jointly owned by the residents of the Village.

The current Constitution requirement is for a committee of 4 full members namely Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Committee Secretary who are also the Trustees.

These four full members are supplemented by co-opted members who provide specific and invaluable support but who do not attend all meetings or act as trustees.

During the next few months the existing Chairman and Treasurer are resigning, as they will be moving abroad, the Vice Chair is retiring after many years of committed service and another full member & Trustee is stepping down for personal reasons.

Therefore THE VHMC NEEDS NEW MEMBERS.

Our Village Hall is regarded by many as one of the best in West Suffolk and is, at this moment, in a very sound financial and material state that has been achieved in part by having an effective and efficient VHMC.

If the Hall is to continue being used and remaining in good shape then it really does need *your* involvement!

In an attempt to resolve the situation the AGM will be held on **Wednesday 7th April** so please do make the effort to come along to the AGM, and hopefully a few of you will be willing and able to join the VHMC.

Without your support there is probably only one alternative.

We will have to cease using the Hall and hold a referendum of all Gt Bradley Residents of 18 years and above to decide upon the future of the Hall.

We lost The Pub, We lost the Shop, Post Office & Garage

What next – **do we really want to lose the Village Hall?**

Richard Bradberry
Chairman VHMC

St Mary's Church Great Bradley STOURHEAD BENEFICE

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday	4 April Easter Day	11 am	Holy Communion	Great Bradley
Sunday	11 April	11 am	Family Communion	Little Thurlow
Sunday	18 April	10 am	Benefice Service	Great Wrattling
Sunday	25 April	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Little Bradley
Sunday	2 May	11am	Holy Communion	Great Bradley

Church cleaning for April: Ken & Sue Ireland
May: **? any offers please?**

Flowers: April: Anne Pigden The church will be decorated for Easter Day on Thursday 1 April
May: Arline Vollam

CHURCH NEWS

Lent Lunch – Wednesday 17 March

The lunch of home-made soup and bread was enjoyed by all and £120 was raised for World Vision. This is a Christian relief, development and advocacy organization, dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice. To find out more go to www.worldvision.org.uk.

Great Bradley Church Fete, 11 July 2010

Thank you to everyone who has already agreed to help, but we still need more volunteers. There will be a planning meeting at Rose Cottage, Evergreen Lane at 10 am on Thursday 1 April. Come along if you are interested, or send suggestions to Sue Ireland, 783595, big.sueireland@gmail.com

Margaret Norwood

Margaret passed peacefully away in West Suffolk Hospital on 13th February having suffered failing health for some time. She had lived on Clarendale for over 30 years and in the past had been an active member of the W.I. and the sewing circle. Although not of our church's faith, Margaret always supported our church at the fete etc. She was quite a well-known figure driving her green mini until well into her 80's.

Margaret died aged 91 years.

Pam Boneham

GREAT BRADLEY VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY

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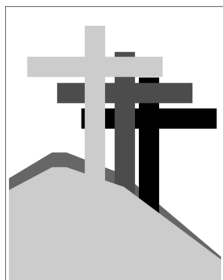
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Second	Kristopher Bareham Evergreen Lane	Maureen Starling The Street
Third	Gill Dunn Evergreen Lane	Gill Andrews The Street
Fourth	K Bantick Fox Green	Pat Jason Clarendale



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Happy Easter!



Village Diary

All events take place in the Village Hall unless otherwise noted

VILLAGE HALL MEETING	Extraordinary meeting to discuss the Future of our Village Hall (details inside)	Wednesday 7 April at 7.30pm
VILLAGE QUIZ	with quizmaster Les Bunyan fish/chicken & chip supper – details inside	Saturday 24 April at 7.30pm
SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING	Lively, light exercise and fun! Contact Ella on 710340	Mondays 2 – 4pm
CARPET BOWLS	Come and join us – first session free Every Monday (except Bank Holidays)	Mondays 7.30pm
FLEXIBLE FRIENDS	Gentle stretching exercises Contact Jacquie on 783354	Tuesdays 10.30am – 12 noon
ART CLASS	Contact Anne on 783175 for details new members welcome	Tuesdays 2 – 4pm
WEA	Visit to Castle Acre (see details page 4)	Wednesday 5 May 9.30am
AFTERNOON CLUB	All welcome, all ages, all interests Come and meet friends and neighbours	Thursday 8 April 2.30pm
MOBILE LIBRARY	12.20 – 12.35pm Evergreen Lane NB There is now only one stop in the village	Monday 19 April
BLACK BIN	Wednesdays 14 & 28 April	
BLUE/BROWN BINS	Thursday 8 April & Wednesday 21 April	