

Bradfield Combust with Stanningfield

Parish Council

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World War 1 Centenary

As you know, the centenary of the UK joining WW1 falls on 4th August and the Nation and communities will be commemorating and remembering in various ways. It is estimated that the Great War saw over 36,000,000 deaths and casualties; there were over 16,000,000 deaths including over 1,000,000 British Empire military deaths and, of the 6,800,000 total civilian deaths just under a staggering 6,000,000 were due to famine and disease!

Thanks to a number of generous donations (inc. from County Councillor Terry Clement's Locality Budget), the support of Waitrose in BSE, and the ongoing WW1 print raffles at both The Manger and The Red House, we are in good shape to erect the new modest war memorial in Bradfield Combust and to expertly clean the Stanningfield memorial ahead of the official centenary. Furthermore, with your continued support (donations via any Councillor or by buying raffle tickets) we hope to raise a little more money in order to give a Parish donation to The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Order of events Saturday 2nd August :- Bradfield Combust

The new Bradfield Combust memorial will be 'unveiled' on the village green with a short Commemoration Ceremony at 11 am on Saturday 2nd August. Attendees will include the niece (and her family) from Newmarket of WW1 Private Gault, distant relatives from Stanningfield of Lieutenant Makin, and the sister-in-law (and family) from Bradfield Combust of WW2 Private Middleditch. We have yet to trace relatives of Private Culling, Private Smith, Sgts Savoy (2 brothers) and Trooper Talbott; can you help? As well as participation from parishioners, the unveiling ceremony will also be supported by representatives from The Royal British Legion, RAFA, The Royal Anglian Regiment, Suffolk Regiment Association, Armed Forces representatives, local cadet forces (inc. a bugler) and others. **Those arriving by car are asked to park in the Manger pub car park if possible.**

Finally, a small WW1 display is in place in All Saints Church and the display will be moved to the Manger in time for a simple Commemoration Reception (inc. the raffle draw) immediately after the memorial unveiling. The Manger is also planning a war-themed 4 course dinner on 2nd August to raise more funds for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal; tickets cost £30 of which £15 will be donated to the Appeal.

Order of events Sunday 3rd August :- Stanningfield

A memorial service will be held on the war memorial green to remember those lost to our village, this will be followed by tea and coffee at the Red House when the raffle draw for the WW1 print will take place. Time to be confirmed.

Stanningfield Village Fete Saturday 7th June

The annual fete will take place at the Village Hall on Saturday 7th June starting at 2.00pm. The last couple of years have seen an increase in the number of children attending, so this year a children's entertainer has been booked, which should be fun for everyone. There will of course be all the usual attractions and refreshments.

Fun Day August 25th

There will be a Fun Day organised for the last Bank Holiday in August. This will take place on the green at Stanningfield.

Pauline and John at the Red House are very keen to get involved and organise games for the children in the afternoon and entertainment through the evening.

However, we need your ideas and help to make this a day to remember. Would you be prepared to help run the kids games, organise a five-a-side match, help with marquees and chairs etc and generally get involved? If so please contact Pauline at the Red House or any member of the Parish Council.

Bingo Evenings

We have now run three very successful Bingo evenings at the Village Hall with prizes ranging from £5 for a line to £50 for a full house. Thanks to everyone from the Parish who has supported these events; we have also been able to attract people from other villages who clearly like playing the game and of course winning the cash. It is the intention to increase prize money if the number of people attending grows with any profit going towards new facilities for the Parish. Our first purchase will be a new BBQ. We are now committed to continuing this evening every four weeks and listed are the dates for the rest of this year.

Future Dates :- 30th May, 27th June, 25th July, 22nd August, 19th September, 17th October, 14th November, 12th December.

Come and have a game, there are also refreshments available with some great draw prizes

Neighbourhood Watch

Bradfield Combust. Councillor Andy Tucker is the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for Bradfield Combust. He regularly receives details from Suffolk Police on very recent (often within 24hrs) crimes i.e. thefts and burglaries, and scams that have occurred in Suffolk. He then immediately (usually within hours of receipt) filters and extracts any detail referring to Bradfield Combust or a neighbouring village within approximately 5 miles (and occasionally incidents of particular interest in Bury St Edmunds) and forwards the information to neighbours via e-mail. On average, a short e-mail may go out to neighbours maybe once every 2 weeks.

Many residents (approx 50%) across the village have 'signed up' to receiving these e-mails. If you would like to be included please just e-mail Andy at: andrewtucker7@btinternet.com and he will gladly add you to the distribution list and keep you informed; only very local incidents will be forwarded and you get to hear about local crimes and trends etc well in advance of media coverage.

Stanningfield

John Musk has until recently been the Co-ordinator for Stanningfield but has decided to step down, we thank John for all his efforts. Sam Jordan who recently moved into Bakers Farm in Church Road has volunteered to take on the roll for Stanningfield and will be linking with Andy Tucker over the coming weeks.

A lot of the crimes that take place locally are opportunistic; listed are the crimes that have taken place within a short distance of our Parish this year so far:

Buxhall (10th-13th Jan) - Vand Holland tractor registration EU08VJD was stolen.

Whepstead (3rd Jan) - Six tonne Heston 4750 Agricultural Baler was stolen.

Rougham (10th - 11th Feb) - Catalytic converter stolen from a Peugeot Expert Van.

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Great Welnetham (22nd-23rd Feb) – Criminal Vehicle damage.

Felsham (4th - 5th Mar) – Theft from motor vehicle.

Lawshall (17th -18th Mar) – Trailer, mower, chainsaw and tools stolen.

Bradfield St George (17th Jan – 15th Mar) – Heating oil stolen.

Bradfield St George (26th Mar) – Electrical items stolen from house.

Stanningfield (26th - 27th Mar) – Modular unit set fire to.

Cockfield (12th April) - Cash, wallets, bank cards, phones stolen from changing rooms.

Bradfield St George (27th April) - Handbag containing cash, credit cards stolen from horsebox.

Bradfield St George (27th April) - Ladies wallet (cash & cards) stolen from insecure car.

Any information? Contact: BSE Priority Crime Team on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Seat Opposite Smithies Farm

For those of you who walk the Stanningfield loop Church Road, Old Lane and Bury Road there is now a bench available for you to take a breather on opposite Smithies farm. This was kindly donated by Barry Colson.

Stanningfield Village Litter Pick Sunday 15th June

Last year at the end of April a group of villagers asked for a litter clean up event to take place, they collected twelve bags of rubbish, which seems incredible.

A similar event will take place this year on Sunday 15th of June, meeting outside the Red House in Stanningfield at 10am. Bags and pickup sticks will be provided.

Please get involved and help keep Stanningfield tidy.

BBQ Shelter

In the last issue of "*Village Matters*" we outlined our intention to build a new BBQ Shelter at the Village Hall. It has now been decided to put this project on hold and take a different course of action. We have already cleared the old shelter and still intend to lay a new concrete slab approximately 6x4 metres and buy a new gas BBQ. Instead of a fixed permanent structure we will now buy two large Marquees which will be much more flexible and can be used at the Village Hall or for events on the green. The marquees could also potentially be hired out.

Under New Management

Pauline and John Henderson have taken over the Red House in Stanningfield. We are very lucky to have a couple of people who want to get involved in all aspects of village life. Pauline is already very involved in helping us organise the Fun Day on the green and is running various events in the pub from quiz nights to karaoke. There is also a much wider choice of food available along with tea and coffee and of course some rather splendid beer.

Everyone is welcome including kids and dogs. Why not give them your support and make sure we keep this great facility at the heart of our community.

New to the Parish

For anyone new to the Parish, first of all welcome. If you need to know anything relating to the Parish please feel free to contact a Parish Council member, or check out the Parish website at <http://bradfieldcombust.onesuffolk.net>

Up-dated List of Parish Councillors

David Staff	Chairman	01284 828578
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Ray McKenna	Councillor	01284 828691
Clive Mears	Councillor	01284 827462
Andy Tucker	Councillor	01284 386825

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List of 2014 Parish Meeting dates

Monday June 23 rd	Monday September 15 th
Monday August 4 th	Monday November 3 rd
Monday December 8 th	Monday January 19 th 2015

Council Objectives

1. To represent the whole community.
2. To communicate and engage the community in supporting and developing village initiatives.
3. To promote a caring spirit amongst the villages of Bradfield Combust and Stanningfield.
4. To ensure National and Local Government changes affecting the Parish are understood and acted upon.