

Bradfield Combust with Stanningfield

Parish Council

Village Matters

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Village Hall

One of the great benefactors of the Parish was the Rev. E.J.S. Teviotdale, who was Rector of St. Nicolas Church Stanningfield from 1926 – 1934. On becoming Rector, he worked hard to raise funds for the church, which was in a poor state of repair. One of his early fundraisers was a fete in the rectory grounds, which was attended by 60 parishioners.

A man of many parts, with a lively and generous disposition, the Rev. Edward Teviotdale is probably best remembered as the donor of the church hall, now the village hall. This was built on the Rector's meadow by W.G. Fisk and Co. of Ipswich. The official opening ceremony was reported in the Bury Free Press on 14th December 1929 when the hall was described as being of wood with a fine floor construction of pinewood with seating capacity of 200 people. There is an excellent stage, kitchen and cloakrooms.*

The hall is now owned by Bradfield Combust with Stanningfield Parish and is leased to the Community Association.

The condition and facilities at the hall are all kept at a high standard thanks to the members of the Stanningfield Community Association (SCA) who for many years have given their time and energy to raising funds for running costs and repairs, however most of the time and work is carried out by the SCA members free of charge. The Community Association is looking for new members and input.

We are very lucky to have a great facility available to us. It is available to all in the Parish for functions, clubs and just about any event you can think of. It has a well-kept piece of glebe land at the side, which means inside / outside functions are possible.

It's time we all gave our support and helped to maintain this great facility, the Parish Council have cracked out their buckets, sponges and paint brushes and will be holding in conjunction with the SCA, a cleaning and maintenance day on Saturday 14th April at 9.30am to ensure all maintenance is up to date prior to the Jubilee celebrations. **We are looking for your support** on this maintenance Saturday. Please contact anyone from the Parish Council or SCA to confirm you will be there. See back page for details.

Shelia Bennett at Bradfield Combust is responsible for bookings and rates are very reasonable. Tel 828381

*Special thanks to the Stanningfield Village Society for allowing the above content to be used.

Website

You can now read "Village Matters" on line along with other information and news about our Parish on the One Suffolk portal.

Just type onesuffolk into your browser and then click on Parish, Town & Villages. Then click on B or S, which will take you to the villages page then select Bradfield Combust or Stanningfield.

Younger Generation Up-date

We are continuing with our plans to up-date village facilities for the younger members of the Parish. We have held meetings with Simon Pickering , Youth Officer for St. Edmundsbury, he is going to meet with some of the youngsters during the half term holidays to gain a better understanding of their requirements. Whatever the outcome it is going to cost money some of which, hopefully, the Parish Council can supply but we will still need to raise additional funds. Our first fund raiser will be the "Open Gardens" event to be held in July. Please support this event in whatever way you can.

Diamond Jubilee Celebration

Celebrations are in the planning process to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. There will be something for everyone so keep the weekend of the 2nd June free and come and celebrate in your community. See your invitation inside this addition

Open Gardens Day

Stanley Sharpe was a well known farmer in the Parish. He and his family lived and worked in and around the Villages of Stanningfield and Bradfield Combust for many years. Upon his retirement as a thank you to the villages he presented a Rose Bowl, which was used as a prize in a Best Kept Garden competition.

It has been decided to re-introduce this event, which hopefully will become an annual tradition, so on Saturday 14th July this year we will hold an open gardens event, judging will be by an expert from outside the Parish.

The event is open to everyone and all types of gardens large, small, vegetable and flower, there will also be a hanging basket section and of course the more people who attend the more money we will raise for the Parish.

Would all those wishing to enter into this event please contact David Staff on 828578 or David Crawford on 388944.

Tickets for entry to all participating gardens will be Adults £3, Children under 15 free with a family ticket £5. All proceeds will go towards improved equipment for the younger generation.

The winner of the Rose Bowl will hold it for a year

Speeding Through Bradfield Combust

Speeding through Bradfield Combust continues to be a real problem. It is only with support from local residents that change can be brought about, so a door-to-door survey will be carried out shortly to fully understand your concerns. Meanwhile, the Parish Council continues to investigate possibilities for improving the situation.

Mobile Library

The mobile library service will continue to call in Stanningfield stopping outside the Red House. Parishioners at Bradfield Combust were surveyed but the service wasn't requested by anybody there.

Oil - Co-ordinator

Suffolk ACRE is looking for a local co-ordinator. Are you interested?

Suffolk ACRE Community Buying Ltd has set up a new social enterprise that will reduce the cost of your heating oil each time you place an order.

All you need to do to take advantage of the scheme is to pay an annual membership fee, which will cover as many oil orders as you need during the course of the year.

What's the snag?

There isn't one. The scheme is being promoted by Suffolk ACRE, a long established and well respected Suffolk charity (www.suffolkacre.org.uk). They have described their scheme as follows:

5 easy steps to cheaper heating oil

1. Contact your local co-ordinator and let them know how much oil you want to order. Please allow up to a maximum of two weeks for delivery of oil from the monthly bulk oil order date. (In most cases delivery will be sooner).
2. Once a month your co-ordinator lets us know the total oil needed from your area.
3. At the end of each month, the bulk oil purchase is negotiated by our oil buyer.
4. We then tell your co-ordinator when to expect delivery and how much it will cost, and he or she passes the information on to you.
5. You pay the supplier direct for the oil they deliver.

Grit Boxes

The Parish Council is starting to install Grit Boxes at Key Points in the Parish. You will see these rather fetching forest green boxes appearing over the coming months. Please feel free to use the grit on the roads in icy conditions.

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