

Bradfield Combust with Stanningfield

Parish Council

Village Matters

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World War 1 Centenary

As you may be aware 2014 will mark one hundred years since the beginning of the First World War. This anniversary will be remembered across the Country with a series of events and memorials.

With your support we would like to ensure those from our villages not just from the Great War but from all subsequent conflicts are recognised and remembered with lasting memorials. On behalf of the Parish we would like to do two things:-

1. Erect a memorial on the green at Bradfield Combust near the village sign.
2. Clean and tidy the memorial already on the Green at Stanningfield.

To do this we need £2,000 which will have to come from fund raising activity and donations.

Would you like to make a donation? If so please contact David Staff for Stanningfield or Tony Langan for Bradfield Combust, or any Parish Councillor.

The new memorial for Bradfield Combust would be in keeping with the village sign base, with a granite plaque mounted on it with total dimensions of 60cm x 45cm which would bear the names and words:-

IN GRATEFUL MEMORY OF THE MEN WHO NOBLY SERVED

1914 – 1918

Lieut. J. Makin - 1st Battalion Wellington Regt.
Pte. J.E. Culling - 9th Suffolk Regt.
Pte. H.W. Gault - 8th Sussex Regt.
Pte. A.J. Smith - Machine Gun Corps.

1939 - 1945

Sgt. D.W. Savoy - Wireless Operator RAF
Sgt. G.H. Savoy - Flight Engineer RAF
Pte. W. Middleditch - Suffolk Regt.
Tpr. B.F. Talbott - Royal Armoured Corps.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM
AND ALL MILITARY AND CIVILIANS WHO HAVE SUFFERED IN CONFLICT

We are off to a great start towards our £2,000 total. Councillor Terry Clements is committed to putting in a bid from the Locality Fund, which he is pretty confident will be successful as this project meeting the necessary criteria. If this happens it would mean any funds we raise will be matched up to £1,000 so if we raise £1,000 the fund would make it £2,000.

There is also going to be a fantastic opportunity to become the owner of one of two framed prints taken from a painting by Fred Roe that depicts soldiers of the Suffolk Regiment 4th Battalion at the battle of Neuve Chapelle (10th -13th March 1915) which was the first large scale organised attack undertaken by the British Army during the war. The British losses, killed, wounded or missing during the battle were 11,652. The Germans lost a similar number.

Both these prints have been generously donated by members of the Parish and special thanks go to them:-

Andy Tucker (new Parish Councillor) who lives at Bradfield Hall

Neil and Amanda Thompson from the Red House Stanningfield

There will be a print displayed in both the Red House and the Manger from early February with the opportunity to buy £1 entry tickets these will be marked in a book / wall chart, very similar to a Christmas draw.

If you do not wish to visit either of our great pubs or are unable to do so, you can also view the picture on the village website and then contact any Parish Councillor who will be happy to take your contribution and enter you into the draw.

The draw for the prints will take place on the weekend of 2nd / 3rd August to mark the Centenary of WW1. Any surplus funds raised will be donated to the Royal British Legion.

Please help us to remember the men from our villages who gave their lives in World War 1 and all other subsequent conflicts. Thank you.

Bingo Evening

There have been requests from Stanningfield for Bingo evenings to be held in the village hall. This is an excellent idea and the first evening has been arranged for **Friday 7th March**. Doors open at 7pm Bingo starts at 8pm, If this event is supported it will become a regular feature. It is also a great opportunity to support our fund for WW1. We will hold a raffle as well as offer the opportunity to buy tickets to win one of the WW1 prints. So come along have some fun, possibly win some cash and support the fund.

Stanningfield Village Fete

A date for your diary, 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.

Parish Projects

As 2014 gets started we are looking for ways to improve and enhance our Parish. As detailed in the October 2013 edition of "Village Matters" the last couple of years has seen us concentrating our efforts on improving communications with a website and newsletters. Also replacing and adding shelters etc.

We are already starting to work on the next improvement with the development of a new BBQ shelter at the Village Hall, for those of you who already use this facility you will know the current shelter is in a very dilapidated state. Its replacement will of course need two things

- (1) Funding, it's estimated somewhere in the region of £5,000 is needed to lay a new base, construct a sizable gazebo type structure and buy a new BBQ large enough for events. A presentation to try and get funding is in the process of being put together, this can then be taken to various organisations that have money to support such initiatives. We will keep you up-dated on progress.
- (2) As with the Bus and Teenage Shelters It is our intention to do the work associated with this project ourselves which will save a lot of money. Tony Orriss has already volunteered to do the wood work. There will though still be a need for help with concreting, roofing and guttering etc so please lets us know if you are prepared to give a hand.

We are always looking for ways to improve and enhance our Villages. If you have any ideas or suggestions please let us know.

Suffolk's Better Broadband programme reaches the 10,000 property mark

(Supplied by Suffolk County Council)

After four months of work on the project, over 10,000 homes and businesses across Suffolk can now connect to faster broadband.

This is part of a multi-million pound project involving SCC, BT and the Government, to ensure high-speed fibre broadband is much more widely available throughout the County, with a focus on the hard-to-reach rural areas. SCC has a commitment that every Suffolk property will have broadband speeds of at least 2 megabits per second (Mbps) by 2015. By then, 85% of these will benefit from superfast speeds of 24Mbps or more. Every three months between now and the end of the project, a further 10,000 properties should receive access to broadband.

Connecting Suffolk to high-speed broadband is a hugely-significant infrastructure project; bringing huge benefits to people across the county. Crucially, it will put Suffolk ahead of the wave, when compared with broadband in other Counties across the country, giving us a distinct economic advantage.

Police Report and Priorities

(supplied by Suffolk Police)

Crime Statistics for the Parish to 09/12/2013

There has been 1 crime of interest in the Parish since the last meeting: Theft at Stanningfield, 04-05/11/2013, a nail gun was left out for collection and has been stolen from a front garden.

Parish Council Changes

David Crawford leaves the Council after four years of service. David's contribution during that period was marked by his input into the creation of the Village Website of which he was the main architect; and he also made a great contribution to the development of the Parish Emergency plan. We of course wish David well and thank him for all his efforts.

Andy Tucker has joined and is welcomed to the Council. Andy resides at Bradfield Hall and has lived in the Parish for the last fifteen years.

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
Tony Langan	Vice Chairman	01284 386125
Marie Bluett	Councillor	01284 828443
Mark Duchesne	Councillor	01284 828566
Donald Green	Councillor	01284 828618
Ray McKenna	Councillor	01284 828691
Clive Mears	Councillor	01284 827462
Andy Tucker	Councillor	01284 386825
Colin Walters	Councillor	01284 828565
Victoria Waples	Clerk	01284 787178

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Website: <http://bradfieldcombust.onesuffolk.net>

List of 2014 Parish Meeting dates

Monday March 17 th	Monday September 15 th
Monday May 12 th **	Monday November 3 rd
Monday June 23 rd	Monday December 8 th
Monday August 4 th	Monday January 19 th 2015

** Annual Parish Meeting as well as Parish Council Meeting

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