Great Bricett Notes:

http://greatbricett.suffolk.cloud/

Church Cleaning

The usual team will be cleaning the church on Fri 13th November.

Church Flowers

Please feel free to put flowers in church at any time especially if you have a member of the family or family occasion to remember.

Services in November

8th November - 10.45 a.m. Remembrance Service at Barking War Memorial

15th November - 9 a.m. Holy Communion

For all other services see the Service Pattern at back of magazine.

Dates for your diary

Sunday December 13th at 6pm. Carols by Candlelight in Church with mulled wine and mince pies.

Sunday December 20th Carol Singing around the village – further details next month.

Alison Fifield 28th August 1958 – 16th September 2026

It is with great sadness that we note the death of Alison Fifield on September 16th at the age of 68. Alison and Phil moved to Laburnums, Great Bricett in 1983 when BT relocated from London to Ipswich. There they raised 4 children, Sam, Tom, Joe and Holly. Alison worked with many of us running Barking Under Fives Playgroup at a time when parents got together to do this. As the children started school Alison similarly became involved with Ringshall School Parents and Friends as the treasurer. One parent fondly (and unenviously) remembers how at the end of a very busy Summer Fete Alison would leave to count the money – most of it in very small change!
Alison went on to work at Needham Market Middle School becoming the Bursar and making many good friends and colleagues along the way.
Phil and Alison were very kind and supportive friends and neighbours, enthusiastically supporting activities and fund raising in the village. In 2010 they built Oak View at the bottom of the garden and many of us were hugely impressed by the technology and insulation of this impressive “New Build”.
Alison had some health issues with tumours in her lungs and uncomplainingly underwent several procedures to remove tissue. Sadly 4 years ago tumours were diagnosed in her brain with a very poor prognosis. Happily, tests showed her suitability for a drug that slowed things down and Alison was able to enjoy a further four years with her friends and family, able to enjoy grandchildren Poppy and Otis (Joe and Charley) and to welcome Rowan (Sam and Sharna).
Alison’s cremation was held on Wednesday October 14th at West Suffolk Crematorium where a huge number of friends and family paid their last respects.
Our thoughts are with Phil, Sam and Sharna, Tom and Vicky, Joe and Charley, and Holly and Tom.
Donations to Macmillan may be made in Alison’s memory
http://www.funeralguide.co.uk/obituaries/147601

The Red Lion Roar

BOO !, Ok, Ok, I know it was only yesterday, was Halloween, and that the USA year ended, and when they put all their ghosts and spirits to bed for the year, harvest is in, etc, and now waiting for the snows!, and a custom here in the UK to we seem to have adopted. Our "Spirits", are only in the bar area !.
We definitely know it's Autumn here. The leaves are quickly changing to their splendid colours, to lay the first protective blankets on our grounds, to keep our spring plants from perishing, and the heating is on full throttle in our homes, it has been such a quick change this year, from the glorious elongated summer heat to now.
I've now had my full knee replacement done. Not a great time trying to get the pain relief right, but you will be pleased to know, I'm on the mend, and I have great expectations the kitchen will be back in the swing of it, by the time you read this, or thereabouts.
"Crow-Gate", well, what can I say....we have one window total devoid of paint (still have 16 not touched by him), and our crow (lovingly called Mr Chippy), is nowhere to be seen. The paint wasn't "lead based", so we are happy, he hasn't been poisoned. Maybe after his other Crow friend was involved, they have decided to set up home together, and fly off to pastures new.... time will only tell!
We have had several bookings from walking/running groups, since we advertised that Great Bricett, has several well used and liked walking and running routes, together with some more routes, that can be "tagged on", to further their walk or run, and our safe carpark and facilities can be used as a start or finish at no charge. So don't be surprised to see "visitors" to the village, over the coming months.
We had the pleasure of The Vintage Vincent Motorcycle Club, having their annual end of Summer dinner with us recently. They had all come from their homes in East Anglian (not all on their motorcycles though). They said the food was so delicious, they decided to book their Group Christmas Dinner here too, which was a great surprise for us, and very much appreciated.
A group of Norwegian Ipswich Town Football supporters have had a drive round some of the Traditional pubs near Ipswich. We were delighted that they stopped to enjoy some of their time with us, and our hospitality.
We welcomed on the last Sunday (3pm to 6pm) of any month, JP and Friends, with their popular music sessions. It has steadily grown in favour and interest from a few, to some avid listeners, and a number of people, bringing their own instruments, and singing styles to enjoy with the group, which is always encouraged.
Some dates for your November diaries.
Every Friday is "Good Fryday", here at the pub (food served from midday to 8pm) with our weekly Beer battered Fish (a full fillet), Chip, Peas (mushy or garden), homemade Tartar Sauce on the menu, all still for just £15 (other dishes on the menu are available too if preferred).
The last Sunday of every month, JP and Friends Sunday Session, 3pm to 6pm, music and singing you can enjoy and join in with.
On Monday 23rd Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th November 5pm to 8pm we have an Exhibition of Paintings by Kevin Byrne, a local artist living in Great Bricett Kevin will be here to meet you, have discussion, and any questions on his work. Your support and feedback for his work, would be invaluable to him. His work is available to purchase, should you wish (maybe a Christmas Present for yourself !). The bar will be open as normal.
"Meet the Brewer" - Colin Field from Drinkstone Brewery (local Traditional Brewer) will be here on Wednesday 9th December for a evening of Beer Sampling of his award winning Beers, and Stouts. He will guide you through the beers, their tastes, their unique names, and the history of Drinkstone Brewery. There will be "Christmas gift Packs", and bottles to purchase for that decerning relative or friend, as gifts. We are keen to keep local business in the area in business, and Drinkstone is a particulate fine example of how it should be done...properly.
An evening not to be missed.
Times to be confirmed, and will be on Facebook and our own Red Lion site.

Keep warm everyone, they say it's going to get chillier.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page, Instagram and The Red Lion WhatsApp pages of what we are planning for the next few months.