



Bradwell News

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So what do you think to it so far?

Well, after a few 'teething problems' here is the second issue of Bradwell News. We've had a really positive response to our first edition, so we hope this one will be just as well received! Thanks to all of you who commented on the newsletter and especially to those who have volunteered to help with delivery, provide articles, place adverts And if you don't like it - well - tell us and we'll try and change it!

Don't forget!!! - this newsletter is for everyone. It's put together by Bradwell folk for Bradwell folk. We aim to keep you up to date with what's going on but we need YOU to tell us about your news or events. You might want to advertise, drum up support or attract new members; you might have some interesting stories of life in the village that you want to share; all contributions are very welcome.

This newsletter is co-ordinated by volunteers. Thank you to all those who have given their time to get this edition onto your door mat. We hope that you enjoy reading it.

If you would like to get involved in supporting this newsletter or make a donation to the running costs (paper & photocopying) please contact Joyce Emsen on 621865 or Ian & Liz Fullilove on 621643 (E-mail: Liz.Ballard@ukgateway.net)
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STOP PRESS

Bradwell Wish Day - Friday Sept 6th - see p.3

**Bradwell Junior School starts back on:
Tuesday 3rd September
Bradwell Infants School start date may alter**

Good Luck to all those children starting and moving on!

Late news items for inclusion in this section should be received by the copy date. However, every effort will be made to publish any late entries in this section.

Our apologies go to the Carnival Committee for an error in the Carnival programme printed in our last newsletter.

Seventies Glam Rockers "As Near az Glam It" are appearing on the evening of Saturday 10th August

Fortunately, despite this error, we hear tickets are selling very well so if you want to get out your platform shoes and join the crowd contact Alan Slater on 01433 621004 or call in at the Post Office. Tickets are priced at £5 or £7 on the night.

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BRADWELL VILLAGE PLAN

So what's it all about?

The Government's Countryside Agency is helping up to 1000 communities in England to produce a Village Plan – and Bradwell is one of them. The Plan will set out the ideas of the community in a single document – showing how you want the village to develop over the next few years. County, District and the Parish Council could use it in their planning and it will also help local groups applying for funding.

Who will write it?

Everybody can help. The Countryside Agency has made a grant available to the village to meet the initial costs of producing the plan and involving people in its production. The aim is that every club, organisation, business and individual will have the chance to have their own aims and plans included.

The final plan will be collated by the Village Plan Action Group who are all unpaid volunteers.

What will be in the plan?

Everything Bradwell people care about – what you don't want to change as well as what you would like to improve. Things to think about might be:

Facilities for young people

Facilities for older people

Public transport

Affordable housing

Can you add to this list? We can only include your concerns if you tell us!

What do you want me to do?

If you belong to a group ask yourself:

What are our future plans?

How can we achieve them?

Do we need more money? Or more help?

Discuss it at your next meeting and if you can, start drawing together some ideas. Let us know if you need any help to get going.

When will the plan be completed?

We will have the draft plan completed by Christmas. We hope to appoint a facilitator who will help to keep things moving. The plan will be officially launched in April 2003.

How can I find out more?

We are having a 'Wish Day' (see below) and members will be at this day and pleased to answer any of your questions.

"Wish Day" Reminder

Friday 6th September, 3pm - 8 pm

Methodist Schoolroom

free tea & coffee, drinks for the children, face painting, draw with gift vouchers to be spent in the village.

Make a wish for Bradwell so that the Village Action Group can include your views in the Village Action Plan (see above). Please take a few minutes to call in and make your wishes known. See you there!

Also Includes Childrens' Competition

Are you under 16? You could win some great prizes in our 'Wish Day' competition

Draw a picture on how you think we can make Bradwell better - you can use pencils, crayons, felt tips or paints. All you need to do is:

- write you name, age and address on the back of your picture

- and hand it in at the 'Wish Day Event' in the Methodist Schoolroom

Judging is on the day at 7 pm

ROYALS AT REBELLION KNOLL

The WI meeting took a slightly different form in July when guests temporarily adopted the names of the Royal Family in celebration of the Queen's Golden Jubilee!!!

Members, together with visitors from other WI groups, enjoyed an excellent buffet at the Sports Pavilion.

This was followed by a variety of entertainments, including a Royal name game, which involved each guest trying to guess their partner's 'Royal Identity'. This caused much confusion and amusement that ensured that the Jubilee was celebrated in style!

If you would like to know more about WI meetings then please contact Monica Taylor on tel: 620156

Successful Season at Bradwell Rovers Junior Football Club

We won the under 12's and under 10's league – despite some very strong opposition from other villages. The under 16's were 3rd in their league and the under 8's 4th. The U10's B team valiantly fought throughout the season and enjoyed all their games.

Without the dedication of many people it would not be possible to keep the Club going. Particular thanks must go to the Team Managers: Kevin Bradbury, Carl Brown, Paul Karsons, Bob Bingham and Rodger Allen.

We would also like to thank all the parents for their continued support and look forward to seeing you during the 2002/03 season, which will start in the second week of September. We will be entering an U8's team, U10's into the mini soccer league and an U12's into the Derwent Valley Football league. The U14&U16's will join up with Bamford due to the smaller numbers of boys in these age groups. Look out for fixture lists in the next issue of Bradwell News.

PARISH COUNCIL

Town Bottom Playing Field (TBPf)

Q - It's school holidays, and the playing field still isn't finished – so what are the Parish Council doing about it?

A - The TBPf is still under the control of Severn Trent and their contractors.

Our agreement with Severn Trent obliges them to complete the equipment and surfaces to our satisfaction and to the approval of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (ROSPA), before we can re-assume control and responsibility.

Unfortunately, the new grass surfaces and some components of the equipment have proved unsatisfactory and must be replaced or strengthened. The equipment suppliers are saying that the Zipwire and new components will be installed before Carnival week, but the re-seeding will have to wait until September to give it a chance of establishing itself.

The re-seeded areas, including under the Zipwire, will then be fenced off by Severn Trent for 6 weeks.

When all this has been completed to our satisfaction we will request a ROSPA inspection, at Severn Trent's expense. Until then we can do nothing in the TBPf, because it would give Severn Trent cause to claim that we had already accepted responsibility.

We are constantly pressing them to get the work finished, and it now seems that the end is in sight, but it is crucially important that children keep off the re-seeded areas during September / October.

Refuse Skip

Q – The Parish Council posted notices saying that the skip route would be reversed from June 29th and that the first stop would be opposite the Valley Lodge at 8am. We queued there, but it didn't turn up till much later – what went wrong?

A – The Parish Clerk acted on information supplied to him by the District Council. Unfortunately, they had not informed the skip driver of the route change and he started at Gore Lane, as usual.

The Clerk has complained to the District Council about the inconvenience caused to residents and, hopefully, the new route will be operative by the time you read this.....

Chris Furness

District Councillor thanks Bradwell Residents

"Flooding is still a concern in Bradwell, but thanks to the residents around Edge Lane who keep an 'eye out' for any problems, things are improving" – so says District Councillor Janet Goodison.

"Some success has been achieved due to the drainage work on Edge Lane, since the County Council cleared the ditch and installed new pipes and gullies", said the Councillor. "Work is also continuing on Bradwell Edge where ditches have been cleared and drains repaired. More could be done but as always money and time are in short supply."

Edge Stream? - photo courtesy Bruce Perkins



Biggest Ever Collection - £1676

Although one Christian Aid collector decided to deliver a personal 'Thank You' note to every house he visited, the Christian Aid Committee would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to *everybody* who gave so generously. This year is a record for Bradwell!

Report from the Rainbows

Bradwell Rainbows is for girls age 5-7 years old. We meet each Thursday during term-time at 5.15 pm - 6.15 pm in the Bradwell Sports Pavilion.

We play games, make things, learn about our world and generally have fun! - whilst complementing the principles of the Guide Association. Each week we have a different topic - last year's included the Chinese New Year, Fire and Emergency Services, pond dipping, walks and wildlife.

Recently, two new Rainbows made their promises and four Rainbows left to go to Brownies. Good luck to Emily Archer, Charlotte Brown, Kerrie Bingham and Francesca Vickers.

If you would like to join the Rainbows and live locally please ring C Brown on tel: 01433 623037 for more details. The falling number of girls in Bradwell of Rainbow age means that we are now able to offer places to other local girls.

Allsports Update

We have received planning permission for a Multi-use Games Area (MUGA) on the sports field. Quotes have been obtained with the total costs expected to be in the region of £110,000. In order to be able to reclaim the VAT on the project, the Sports Club has applied for Charity Status.

Confirmed funds so far amount to a total of £32,000. When 45% of the project costs have been secured, we will be in a position to apply for National Lottery funding for the balance of the costs.

Bradwell's Golden Opportunity

We would like to thank everybody who supported the Golden Jubilee celebrations and especially Al Paling, Richard Mosley and the Bradwell Fire Service.

£1843 was collected from a variety of sources such as the playgroup, Centenary players, White Hart Whisky lottery and Quiz night and other donations. £175.84 cash in hand remains. The organising group will decide how this should be spent - we thought that we could provide Bradwell with a lasting memento of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations.

If you have any suggestions of how the balance could be spent then please forward them to D Hobson, tel: 01433 621731

Big Day for Les

On Tuesday 23rd July the Tuesday Walking Group helped Les Brouard celebrate his 80th birthday. But it wasn't just a signed card from everybody in the Group, but a buffet lunch at the 'Millstone' with a choice of birthday cake - homemade of course!

Les, who has lived in Bradwell for 8 years and was born in Guernsey, is a popular member of the Tuesday Walking Group. He also held a party at the weekend for his family and many Bradwell friends.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
AUGUST 26th - WALK AND MEAL

If you wish to have your organisation's activities listed in this section, please contact Martin on 621276.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Tuesday 20th August
HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROJECT

Newspaper screenshots about Bradwell