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Keeping Bradwell Informed

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EVENTS

Wed 2 Apr: Ladies Christian Fellowship: St Barnabas Church - 2.15pm. A.G.M.

Wed 9 Apr: Rebellion Knoll W.I. - Methodist Hall: 7:30pm. "Antiques Roadshow" - Charles Hanson (from BBC's 'Bargain Hunt'). Open meeting - all welcome.

Tue 15 Apr: Bradwell Historical Society: Methodist Hall - 8pm. Bradwells Ice-Cream - Jane Bownes. Visitors very welcome. £2 including tea/coffee & biscuits.

Sat 19 Apr: St Barnabas Church SPRING FAIR: Memorial Hall - 10 to 11:30am.

Wed 23 Apr: St Barnabas Church, Annual Parochial church meeting: 7:00pm.

Wed 7 May: Ladies Christian Fellowship: St Barnabas Church - Annual Service - 2:15pm.

Darwent for providing tea and biscuits.

They are also organising a Race Night at the White Hart. It is to be held on Saturday 26th April and everyone is welcome.



'AFTER SETH' - UPDATE

Bradwell Historical Society has satisfied the Heritage Lottery Fund that we are making good progress with our book project covering the last hundred years in the village. The Fund has therefore sent us a cheque which ensures that we shall be able to meet the printing costs and continue our work to provide local history for the schools.

We are aiming to launch the book in Gala Week 2008.

The schools are keen to build up their local history databases. They want to compare today's Bradwell with earlier days, looking at changes to buildings, fashions, customs and jobs. We are going to help with this. If you have any photos or other material which might be helpful we shall be glad to hear from you.

Please contact either Mike Emsen (621865), Steve Lawless (620329) or Andy Smith (620100).

BOWLS CLUB OPEN DAY

On 26th April we are holding an Open Day from 12 noon until 4.00 pm. All people will need are flat soled shoes, i.e. trainers and are welcome to come and have a go at bowling. Tuition and equipment are available. Do come along.

SPRING FAYRE

In aid of Hope Valley Medical Aids Fund. Saturday 3rd May 10am -12noon: ENTRANCE FREE.

Caroline Court, Marsh Avenue, Hope.

Cakes and Produce, Bric-a-brac, White Elephant, Plants, Tombola, Big Raffle. Refreshments.

BRADDA DADS

Bradda Dads continue to do a considerable amount of great work for the village. On 8th March they were asked by St Barnabas Church to help make safe a number of headstones that were in danger of falling over. This involved making a minor repair to one stone, the resetting of a stone cross and lowering two extremely heavy headstones – quite an effort as can be seen from the photograph. Since originally being asked to carry out the repairs, another headstone had toppled off its mounting, thought to have been caused by the recent earthquake. Bradda Dads would like to thank Sheena

SEND US YOUR NEWS

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES**Annual Parish Meeting**

I flagged this up in my December notes - so just a reminder here, in case you read this in time, that it will be held in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm on April 1st. This is your opportunity to question the PC at length on all aspects of our performance over the past year. Your representatives at District and County Councils have also been invited, to report their efforts on your behalf.

PC Carnival Committee

The committee decided, at its meeting on March 3rd, to hold the carnival on Beggars Plot this year (August 2nd). We thank the Sports Club for their hospitality over the last few years, but many of you have told us Beggars Plot is more convenient and the change does give us the opportunity to experiment with a different format. The car-parking issue with previous Beggars Plot carnivals has been solved by Newburgh Engineering, who have agreed to the parking of about 80 cars on their site on carnival day. We are still hoping that Robbie Williams tribute act (Tony Lewis) will honour a verbal agreement to perform for us during Gala Week. If so, we plan to hold the event at Lafarge Works Social Club. Another aspiration is to secure a booking for dodgem cars on Beggars Plot for the whole of Gala Week. Village groups who would be interested in the following concessions on carnival day should contact the Parish Clerk.

1 – Collecting Cash donations on the Carnival route.

2 – ditto. on Beggars Plot

3 – Marshalling the Newburgh car-park and collecting the parking charge.

4 – Stalls on the carnival field.

5 – Refreshments on the carnival field

PC Youth Centre Committee

The Centre has re-opened following a short closure and attendances are increasing. The two wide-screen televisions provided by Dales Housing, for DVDs and video games, have been installed and are proving very popular. Lafarge have supplied a first-aid kit and have promised a new computer. Dales Housing are considering our request for two new computers. Broadband internet access has now been installed. These items will complete our current requirements and will make the Centre probably the best-equipped and best-attended youth facility in the region. We have not yet appointed a Youth Centre Co-ordinator, but hope that this post will soon be filled. It is a paid position and the successful applicant will be a PC employee, reporting to the Parish Clerk. £3000 is allocated for this purpose in our 2008-2009 budget.

We are looking to secure external grants for the Centre, with a view to reducing its financial reliance on the PC.

PC/Lafarge Liaison Committee

At our meeting on March 11th, it was reported by the works manager, Ashley Bryan, that the new road from the works to

Bradwell is still under consideration and planning permission is likely to be sought next year. Bradwell PC remains opposed to this road. Ashley also reported on the death of about 70 carp in pond 4 (Eccles), due to an accidental increase in acidity resulting from the break-down of a water pump in the shale quarry. He said that the situation is now under control and systems will be put in place to ensure that this does not recur. Eleven voluntary redundancies have been announced at the works. Six jobs in the packing plant will go when bagged product manufacture is transferred to Cauldon works. The other five are from the laboratory and sampling functions – both of which are to be fully automated. Some new management positions are to be created – a purchasing manager, a maintenance manager and seven shift supervisors (a return to a previous management structure). The new offices and railway complex are to be officially opened on September 5th. This will be followed by an open weekend (Sept. 6th/7th) when some of the works and the limestone quarry will be open to local people, for guided tours, and various attractions are planned.

Town Bottom Playing Field

The latest ROSPA report has highlighted more medium to high risk features which need urgent attention. These reported risks are not the result of deterioration – rather the raising of safety standards. For example, the roof of the 'house' on top of the multi-play equipment is now considered a risk and its removal is recommended. Of greater concern and cost implication is the stone wall on the west side of the park. The ROSPA recommendation is that this should be significantly raised in height along its whole length to prevent children climbing over and falling into the brook. We decided to ask ROSPA if one of two other, possibly cheaper, options might be acceptable. One is to construct a timber fence in front of the wall. The other is to lower the ground level, by digging a ditch, to increase its relative height. We await their response. Chris Furness

THANK YOU

Thank You to everyone who contributed to making the Lent Lunches so successful. £558-75p was raised for Ashgate Hospice. Thank you to all those who made delicious soup; thank you to all those who came and enjoyed it; thank you to those who could not come but sent a donation; thank you to all those who helped to set the tables, to serve and wash up. Doreen Cameron-Murphy

BRADWELL PRE SCHOOL

Bradwell Pre-School is pleased to announce that the Jumble Sale it held last month raised £398.22. A big thank you to everyone who supported this event for making it such a huge success. Some of the proceeds have already been spent on fabulous new toys which have delighted the children and the rest will go towards the children's summer trip to Gulliver's Kingdom. Pre School is based in the Memorial Hall and runs from 9am – 12noon every week day except Wednesday. New children are always welcome. Contact Jackie on 620975 for further details.

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VILLAGE PARKING

We have received the following in response to our recent article on parking in the village.

Following on from the interesting points raised on parking in Bradwell News issue 68:-

Over 30 years ago there were very few cars in Bradwell, as most people worked locally, either at the Cement Works or Newburgh Engineering and walked or cycled to work. As these and other employers cut back on their work force people had to become more mobile. As cars became more popular and other people discovered our picturesque village, so car owners came to an understanding of where each would park their vehicle so as not to obstruct others, or any rights of way in the various village locations.

All we locals ask of "newcomers" to the village is to please respect the parking 'rights' that locals have developed through the years. After all, the people from whom you purchased your cottage will, we are certain, have explained the parking to you and that of your neighbours. Another plea goes to those who own weekend/holiday cottages, that they explain to their guests where they may park. If everyone would just consider others when they park their vehicle, then it would alleviate those awkward situations and everyone would be happy.

Name and address supplied.

BAKEWELL & HOPE VALLEY COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME

Do you have transport difficulties due to age, illness, mobility? Do you struggle with Public Transport due to accessibility or timetable restrictions? The Community Car Scheme may be able to help you!

The community car scheme was set up to provide transport for people experiencing problems getting to health related appointments, and other types of journey. This need was identified because - not everyone has access to a car; public transport and taxis are not always available at the appropriate time, and reliance on friends and family is not always an option.

All journeys are undertaken by a team of volunteers based in the Bakewell and Hope Valley area. Using their own cars they pick up passengers from home, drive them to their destination and return them home afterwards. There is a small fare for these journeys. The emphasis is very much on the caring, supportive role of the volunteers, and it is this aspect of the service which is so highly valued by the many passengers using the scheme.

Typical passenger comments are:

"I cannot fault the service. I can only walk short distances and cannot easily find my way around hospitals. The volunteers are marvellous."

"A lifeline. I am no longer able to drive and I can't read the bus signs." If you would like more information about how the car scheme might be able to help you, please give us a ring on 01433 621946 between 9am and 4pm, Monday to Friday.

If you are interested in volunteering for the car scheme please call the same number. Leaflets about the scheme are also available in local surgeries.

WE LOVE OUR YOUTH CENTRE

We love the Youth Centre. It is a brilliant place to be when you're bored at home. You can come and leave whenever you want, chat and socialise with your friends, watch films, play on the new X-Box 360 or play pool!

Love from Corina, Laura, Sammy and Lucy

POLICE REPORT

There have been four crimes in the village this month and six calls for services since 20th February. There have been no calls for service regarding Rowdy Nuisance Behaviour, but there was one crime involving Graffiti at Towngate Bottom which is under investigation. Can I remind you that if you want to know what crimes are being committed or attempted in our area, the Police Ringmaster Service will contact you by e-mail or telephone. If you need any security advice or would like a Ringmaster application form, get in touch with P.C Doug Eyre or Anthony Boswell. Our contact numbers are now: Hathersage Police office: 01433 659295 or Police Call Centre: 0845 123 3333. In case of emergency dial 999. Anthony Boswell, Hope Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team. E-Mail: anthony.boswell.4510@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk 0845 123 3333

BRADWELL WEIGHT WATCHERS

Congratulations to all members at Weight Watchers. Your weight loss so far this year is 71.5 stones – over 1000 pounds. Wow and well done!! Keep up the good work. See you all Wednesday 6.30 pm Memorial Hall. Steph.

KATH CHAPMAN

Polly and Magda would like to say thank you for the kindness and help they were given from the people of Bradwell after the death of Kathleen. The £539.85 donated in lieu of flowers was sincerely appreciated, and it has been shared between Macmillan Cancer Support and Friends of Bradwell Schools.

A THANK YOU

Debbie Hancock and family would like to pass on our sincere thanks to the Panto crew and friends in the village for all the Get Well messages, flowers and cards received after Debbie was taken ill during the pantomime. A special thank you to Marilyn Harrison for finding a stand-in, and to Janet Morley for taking on the role. Once again, many thanks to you all. The Hancocks.



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MARY ALICE WALKER

Miss Alice Walker died at Burton Closes Nursing Home on 5th March aged 89 years. The daughter of Clarence and Mary Walker she was born in Bradwell and lived at the farm at New Nook until her mother's death. She then moved to Yard Head, then for a short time to Wortley Court and finally to Burton Closes. She was educated at the Church School before going to work in the family's grocery shop at Town Bottom. During the war she worked at the Newburgh Engineering Company and after the war she worked in the canteen at the local school, eventually as cook. She enjoyed working on the farm, especially with her nephews and nieces when they stayed there. She leaves sisters Ruth, Jessie, Dorothy and Nancy. Her brother Joe pre-deceased her. The funeral was at St Barnabas Church followed by cremation on 12th March. Her ashes are to be interred in her parent's grave in the St Barnabas graveyard.

NANCY DOREEN WALKER

Mrs Nancy Walker died in Chesterfield Royal Hospital on 28th February aged 81 years. Born at Redmires, the daughter of Ben and Ann Broomhead, she went to school at Loxley before going to work on her father's farm at Moscar. She married John William (Bill) Walker and lived at Stannington before moving to Moorbrook in Bradwell. After fire caused serious damage to their home they moved to Smalldale. When Bill died she moved to Tideswell. She enjoyed going to chapel and playing bingo and whist. She leaves a daughter Muriel, sons Stephen and Neil, son-in-law Ron, daughters-in-law Jane and June, grandchildren Shona, Carol, Jonty, Jenny, Rebecca and John and her sister Margaret. The funeral service was at St John the Baptist Church, Tideswell followed by interment at the Bradwell Methodist Church on 11th March.

COFFEE MORNING – CAKE BAKE

In Aid of Multiple Sclerosis

When :- Saturday April 26th 10am till 12 Noon
Where :- Round the Back" opposite the church
Whats on :- Coffee, Cake Stall, Bottle Tombola and Raffle
Who's Welcome :- Everybody
 For Further Info Contact Sheena on 623483

BRADWELL RAINBOWS

We have had a busy few weeks, we might be low on numbers but we can still have lots of fun!

On Thursday 6th March, Mrs June Poke from Bradwell Bowling Club visited and showed the girls how to bowl. Everyone had a great time and were presented with certificates. A big thank you to June from all at Bradwell Rainbows, we look forward to another session later on in the year.

On Saturday 15th March Bradwell Rainbows and 1 Bradwell Brownies took part in the Hope Valley & Tideswell District Thinking Day Celebrations at Hathersage Church. The theme reflected the celebrations held in Liverpool 'World in one City'. All the Rainbows, Brownies & Guides from the District made drums to play and sing songs from around the world. They all had a great time and enjoyed meeting other Rainbows from the district. Rainbows is open to girls aged 5 - 7 years old for more information contact Debbie 01433 6217631 or Helen 01433 621388.



WASTE SKIP COLLECTIONS

April 26th and May 24th

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