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EVENTS

Sat 4 Apr: St Barnabas Church Spring Fayre - Memorial Hall: 10am to 11:30am. Refreshments will be served and there will be a variety of stalls.

Wed 8 Apr: Rebellion Knoll W.I. - 7:30pm: Methodist Hall. "Quilting" with Joyce Gould

Mon 13 Apr: Easter Breakfast - Methodist Hall: 8:30am to 9:30am. Tickets from Betty or Stanley Bradwell: £3.50

Sat 18 Apr: Men's Meat and Pot Pie Lunch - Methodist Hall: 12 noon. Tickets £5.50 incl. dessert. Tickets from Heather Ramsdale and Stanley Bradwell

Tue 21 Apr: Rebellion Knoll W.I. - Coffee Morning and Home Made Cake Stall: 10am to 11:30am - Memorial Hall

Tue 28 Apr: FOBS meeting at the Shoulder of Mutton - 8pm

Farewell Dennis - Rest in Peace. We will miss you.....

BRADWELL RAINBOWS

Please help Bradwell Rainbows to raise funds for St Barnabas Church, by decorating an egg, to be displayed on an Easter Tree in church. This is open to all ages. We don't want to judge individual eggs as we feel that all will be worthy of praise, but there will be a small prize for 1st, 2nd and 3rd, to be drawn at random. Eggs must be no bigger than a hen's egg. Entry £1 per egg, please enclose your name and address and we will try to return all eggs. Closing date is Wednesday 8th April, 2009. Entries to be sent to Debbie Hobson, 10 Springfield Road, Bradwell or Helen Hitch, 13 The Crescent, Bradwell or c/o Bradwell Infant School or c/o St Barnabas Church. Winners will be notified by Good Friday

Congratulations to Emma Alice Tanfield on her recent Christening. Bradwell Rainbows would like to say a big thank you to Emma and her family for allowing the Rainbows to share in Emma's special day.

SEND US YOUR NEWS

The views expressed in this Newsletter are not necessarily those of the editorial team. Please send news by e-mail to: bradwellnews@yahoo.co.uk or paul@paulandliz.org. Or call Paul (623941), Vanessa (623053) or Carol (621425). You can also leave hand written copy at the Post Office.

Deadline For Next Issue: 24th April

Next Issue Out: 5th May

SPRING FAYRE

Come along and enjoy the Spring Fayre in the Memorial Hall on **Saturday 4th April** from 10am to 11:30am. There will be something for everyone - games, raffles, tombola, cakes, garden plants, books, a touch of fashion, bits and bobs, refreshments and more. Hope to see you there.

VILLAGE WEBSITE

A reminder that the *Bradwell News* is also published on the village website at <http://www.bradda.org> and it usually appears on the site approximately a week before it is delivered to you in hard copy. After a lively start, the village discussion Forum on the website has been very quiet, which is pretty amazing considering all the discussions surrounding the Newburgh planning application. If you have views on a particular topic you can send them to paul@paulandliz.org marked "FORUM" in the subject line and they will be posted. Please also note that you can remain anonymous by using a made-up name, or "handle" as long as you identify yourself to the webmaster when posting.

BRADWELL YOUTH CENTRE

The village youth centre, a Bradwell Parish Council initiative, has been very successful since its formation. This success is mostly due to the large amount of hard work and personal time donated by a number of village residents. Grateful thanks to you all. However, right now your Youth Club needs you because we need some fresh ideas to engage and develop the children's interest. The organisers are currently sitting on a sum of donated money with no decision yet on how to spend it. One reason for the delay is that some of the children seem to have no respect for their Youth Club, and have damaged or even destroyed a large amount of donated and purchased equipment. We are therefore reluctant to just buy more stuff for them but are also looking for ways to move the Club forward in a positive way. This is for the benefit of those children who appreciate having such a facility, and we have been trying to organise a meeting to develop some new ideas. Unfortunately the last meeting was very poorly attended. In the near future we will be once again inviting helpers past and present to come and talk informally about how to address the issues and move the Club forward. This is very important for the future of the Youth Centre, so if you have ever been involved, in any way, we do hope you can attend this meeting when it is announced - probably during the first two weeks in April. Many thanks - Paul Downing, Bradwell PC Youth Centre Chair

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES**PC Youth Centre – more parent helpers required**

The Centre has around 40 members and is well-attended but, unfortunately, there is a shortage of volunteer helpers - which the editor refers to elsewhere in this newsletter.

The PC provides the premises and equipment and pays the salary of the Coordinator but the Youth Club itself can only remain viable if more members' parents get involved as helpers. Initially there was no shortage of parents helping at sessions, but they are now in the minority and dwindling numbers means that pressure builds on the remaining few to do more.

The Youth Centre Committee decided against making parental involvement a condition of membership because it could have excluded some children. However, the situation is becoming difficult and parents should be aware that unless more agree to offer to help on one evening per month, the PC could soon be forced to close the Centre on some evenings.

The rules state that at least 3 CRB-checked adults must be present at every session. The necessary confidential checks are facilitated and paid for by the PC. If you have a child who is a member and you are willing to make the necessary commitment, please contact Centre Coordinator, Bill McCartney or the Parish Clerk, Steve Lawless (620329), for details.

PC Carnival Committee

At our March meeting, it was agreed to offer Carnival day street collection permissions to voluntary village groups. Representatives of interested organisations should contact the Parish Clerk. The Carnival will be held on Beggars Plot on Saturday August 1st.

Lafarge

Lafarge have agreed to a PC request to sponsor the Carnival by providing 120 metres of rope and 40 spikes to form two arenas on Beggars' Plot - and £200 towards trophies and tables. At the PC/Lafarge Liaison Committee meeting on March 10th, works manager, Ashley Bryan, reported that the recent record-breaking accident-free run of 1020 days was unfortunately ended when an employee received burns to his legs. The man was taken to hospital for treatment and is now doing well. Overall cement production from Lafarge's UK plants is expected to fall to 4.2 million tons this year, from 6.25 million tons in 2007, as a consequence of the building recession. This has resulted in the closure and mothballing of Westbury Works. Hope Works is well placed to weather the recession, because of the flexibility provided by the new rail facilities and the superior efficiency of the plant. However, as previously reported, investment in new projects has been suspended and the proposed new road to Bradwell is now in the very distant future. The fish fatalities in pond 4 resulting from accidental pollution have now ceased and the pond was re-opened in January. Fishing is said to be good, but monitoring of water quality will continue. Rob McClellan of the Environment Agency attended and presented the EA role in ensuring the compliance of Hope Works with emissions standards. Ratings are from A (no illegal emissions) to

E. In 2007 Hope was rated E, but last year it improved to D. Ratings from B to E incur financial penalties, on a sliding scale, in addition to the annual subsistence fee payable to the Environment Agency.

Allotments

In response to the article in last month's newsletter, I can confirm that if at least 6 people request an allotment the PC can provide or seek land in the village to meet their needs. It's a PC capability rather than an obligation and it would depend on the availability of suitable land. Anyone who is seriously interested in renting an allotment should contact the Parish Clerk. Chris Furness

WALKING IN DERBYSHIRE

There's no doubt about it, walking is good for you. It's good for your heart, good for your lungs, good for the muscle and bone growth of your children and good for your feeling of wellbeing! Strong scientific evidence now supports the many benefits to health of regular walking – it is recommended that we take at least 10,000 steps a day. Studies show that walking can:

- Reduce the risk of coronary heart disease and stroke
- Lower blood pressure
- Reduce high cholesterol
- Reduce body fat
- Enhance mental well being

Walking offers a great way to help kids get the active habit. If parents express excitement about the prospect of a walk in the countryside, they are more likely to transmit this feeling to their children. It's important to treat the walk as an exploration or adventure and to go at the child's pace, no matter how often they want to stop and look at things; take treats to eat and plenty to drink; and head for some landmark that will appeal to them such as a castle, a playground, an ice cream van or a boating pond. If children experience walking as part of a fun activity they are more likely to want to go again.

So, how do you find out what is on offer? John Harris, a keen walker, got fed up with the lack of information on walks that were going on in the County. So, he decided that if he couldn't find what he was looking for – he had better create it! So www.walkinginderbyshire.co.uk came into being. www.walkinginderbyshire.co.uk gives you all the information you need for the best walking in the County. Details of more than 250 walks to download and print free, details of all the Derbyshire walking groups, maps and walk books – plus loads more information. So check out the website and get walking!

HOPE VALLEY MEDICAL AIDS FUND

The Hope Valley Medical Aids Fund **Spring Fayre** is on Saturday 2nd May, 10am to noon at Caroline Court. Home baking and produce, bric-a-brac, books, plants, tombola and raffle.

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The recent panto has been described by the audience as the best ever production. The hall was full to capacity for each performance and The Players would like to thank everyone for their support and welcome praise.



A great amount of time and hard work is carried out voluntarily by dedicated members of this organisation and the successful production of Little Miss Muffet made it all worthwhile. The Players will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Monday 18th May at 7.30 p.m. in the small room of The Memorial Hall, and would be delighted to welcome anyone who is interested in helping in anyway towards the 2010 production. So if you are able please come along or, if not, please contact any member of the Society, as the saying goes "many hands make light work".



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MR WILLIAM MATHER

William (Bill) Mather died in Chesterfield hospital on 29th January aged 88 years. Born in Sheffield and eldest of the five children of Samuel and Elsie Mather, he attended the All Saints Church of England School at Totley. He then became an apprentice mechanic at Laycock's Engineering Company before joining the R.A.F. at the age of 19. Bill was firstly a mechanic, but later transferred to Air Crew as a Gunner, serving with Bomber Squadron 37, based in Aden. On leaving the R.A.F. he worked at the button factory in Hathersage, then at the Newburgh Engineering Company, before ending his working career at Edward Prior's in Sheffield. He met Eileen Spencer at the button factory and they married in 1947, living with Eileen's family at the old Shoulder of Mutton. When Bill went to work at Priors they moved to Greenhill, returning to Bradwell in 1976, Eileen dying a few months later. Bill enjoyed walking and playing Bowls, and for many years he attended reunions of the Air Gunner's Association in Holland. He leaves his daughter Christine, granddaughter Michelle, sisters Dorothy and June and brother Vernon. His wife Eileen and brother Reg. pre-deceased him. The funeral, followed by cremation took place at Hutcliffe Wood on 10th February. A service of thanksgiving was held in St Barnabas Church on Sunday 1st March.

JULIET BERRY

Juliet died on 22nd January in Chesterfield Royal Hospital, aged 80, having spent the previous five years at Moorland House, Hathersage. She was born in Huddersfield but spent much of her early childhood in the Lake District. After graduating from Reading University, she had a varied career in Social Work including running a farm for girls in an Approved School. Juliet came to Bradwell after retiring as a lecturer in Social Work at Sheffield University. She attended St Barnabas Church and was a faithful member of the PCC and a Synod Representative for many years. She was a valued member of the Ladies Christian Fellowship, a leading light of the Study Group and a supporter of Village Praise. Juliet was wonderfully creative and entered her paintings and sculptures in the Gala Exhibition. Her creative talents were given full reign at Well Dressing time. She had endless patience, sketching out parts of the picture so that others could see how it all fit together. However, lettering was her forte, it was beautiful and precise. Being a farmer, Juliet helped

locally with lambing when she first came to Bradwell; and she was very much concerned with the plight of farmers during the Foot and Mouth outbreak in 2001. The highlight of her last year was a telephone call from South Africa from Archbishop Desmond Tutu, whom she admired greatly. A wish to connect with him had always been with her; they blew each other a kiss across the miles. Juliet was a peacemaker and she enriched the lives of others. She leaves a twin brother, a sister in law, nieces and great nieces. The funeral service took place at St. Barnabas followed by a green burial at Hope. Rest in Peace.

AN ARABIAN NIGHT IN BRADWELL

A packed Methodist Hall witnessed an unusual and fun packed evening on Wednesday 11th March, when Rebellion Knoll WI were joined by many other ladies from the village to enjoyed a wonderful display of Arabian Belly Dancing by **Jalilah**. We learned about the history of this enigmatic dance form, which probably had it's roots in the art of sexual attraction! Many of us then had a crash course (not literally, although you wouldn't have known it from the screams!) in belly dancing and the evening culminated in a mass of shimmying hips and floating veils to the accompaniment of loud 'ululating' and drumming from the audience. On a serious note **Jalilah's** group supports an Ethiopian hospital for women with childbirth problems. Belly dancing also has proven health benefits, toning and strengthening muscles whatever your age and size, and we hope that **Jalilah** will return in the autumn to run regular evening classes, so watch this space! Our next meeting at 7.30 in the Methodist Hall, Wednesday 8th April, is a demonstration on Quilting by Joyce Gould, so please come and join us.

BLODWYN ANDREWS - BIRTHDAY

Blodwyn Andrews, who is living in a Fulwood nursing home after suffering several strokes, was 93 years old earlier this month. She will be better remembered as Miss Hughes (with her Welsh accent) who came to live in the village when she started to teach at the Council School on 1st November, 1937

ALLOTMENTS AND COMMUNITY ORCHARD

With more than 20 responses so far, we have decided to get together to share ideas. Anyone who would like to have an allotment or be part of a community orchard project in Bradwell is welcome to join us at the Bowling Green Inn at 7.30pm on Monday 6 April. For more info, please email Colette Holden (colette@cooindacommunications.co.uk) or phone Ellie Dunn on 621672

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