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EVENTS

Sat 8 Aug: Open Gardens 10am - 5pm. Tickets @ £2.50 in aid of the Church Roof Replacement Fund from the Church, Bread Shop or Post Office.

Wed 12 Aug: WI outing to Calke Abbey

Tue 18 Aug: Bradwell Historical Society - Project Meeting: Methodist Hall - 7pm

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: 21st August

Next Issue Out: 3rd September

POLICE REPORT

We have yet to record a crime in Bradwell during the month of July. This, and a reduction in anti-social behaviour in the village are very positive signs. We would like to remind any adults that to supply alcohol to persons under 18 years, to drink in the street, is an offence. The abuse of alcohol by young persons remains a problem. Alcohol is linked to many other offences such as damage and complaints of anti-social behaviour. On 3rd August I transfer to Chesterfield. I would like to personally thank the people of Bradwell for the support they have shown me during my 12 months as Beat Officer.

My replacement is PC 2780 Ian Richardson. Thanks

PC 2511 Philip Whitehead

Sincere thanks and best wishes to Philip for the time he has spent with us and for all he has done for Bradwell. Editor

BRADWELL BOWLING CLUB

Our planned sessions for children and young people have now finished for this season but if under-16s would like to play during the school holidays they can contact Barry Fletcher (621011) or John Shaw (620849) and we will see what can be arranged. Twelve Thursday evening sessions were attended by 23 youngsters in 61 visits. Thirteen adults made 33 visits to oversee the safety of the young people and 17 volunteers from the bowling club helped at an average of 3 sessions each. Donations towards medals and trophies was £22.22p. Undeterred by wet weather a number of keen young bowlers



attended the final session on 16th July. They showed their skills in a number of competitions and were rewarded with medals, trophies and certificates (see picture). The children and adults who came with them were able to demolish a fine selection of food and soft drinks and by all accounts a good time was had by all. In May, 2 visits saw 53 children with 3 staff from the junior school and in July 12 brownies with 2 leaders visited the bowling club. Many thanks are offered to everyone who took part and we hope to offer something for youngsters next year. Anyone who would like to arrange a visit to the club is invited to contact Barry (621011) or John (620849). We welcome new members to the club and people joining at this stage of the season are entitled to a 50% deduction from the £35.00 annual fee. Barry Fletcher

GIRLS! GIRLS! GIRLS!

Are you aged 10 to 14 years? Do you want to do something worthwhile with your time? Why not join Bradwell Guides? **Re-starting** - September 2009: 6.45 to 8.30 pm on Monday or Tuesday - to be confirmed. If you are interest in joining contact Debbie Hobson on 621731 or 07805473202 or e mail debhobson@aol.com. I will need to run a parent rota each week, unless someone assists me permanently each week as a unit helper (if we have ten girls it would mean helping 1 week in 10). There will be a start up fee of £15 which will include a welcome pack, G file, necker & woggle, Promise badge & certificate. Subs will be paid per half term at £1.50 per session. The annual census of approximately £17.50 per guide is payable in February each year we will fundraise to cover this cost.

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES**Free doggie bags**

I've been asked to inform newcomers, and remind other dog-owners, that doggie bags are provided free to residents, by the PC, and can be collected from the Post Office. We believe we now have a reasonable distribution of doggie bins around the village but we're open to suggestions for other sites. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you think one is needed in your area. Thanks again to Peter and Anne for continuing to store and distribute the bags – free of charge.

Trees

On the advice of our tree surgeon it was decided at our July meeting to remove the large Alder tree from the town bottom playing field. It will be transported to the site of the Bradda Dads' bonfire and put to appropriate use by them. We also asked the village caretaker to trim and re-shape the Copper Beech tree on Towngate Green, It appears to be more interested in ground cover than height at the moment.

Grant to Bradwell Junior Football Club

We've received a request for financial assistance from the JFC towards the cost of providing on-going professional coaching for the coming season, which they have provisionally costed at £1500. The PC unanimously supported this in principle and referred the decision to the Youth Committee – who agreed to grant the residue (approximately £1300) of the £7000 we received from the DCC Youth Opportunities Fund. Chris Furness

BRADWELL AND THE POOR LAW

Parish responsibility for the poor was essentially a Tudor notion, first proposed by Henry the Eighth, just before he dissolved the Monasteries and seized the assets of the Guilds. Henry was not well known for a caring attitude towards the poor so we must assume that his apparent conversion was a pre-emptive move to head off a possible popular rebellion against the loss of the benefits which poor people received from the monastic system and the Guilds. However, poverty increased 1,000 fold in the late 16th century and the first Poor Law Act was passed in 1601 - firmly attaching responsibility for the poor of a parish to its property-owning residents. Each parish was obliged to provide a Poorhouse for the infirm and elderly and find work for the able-bodied. Anyone refusing such work could be sent to prison. The Act was later refined and improved by the first Queen Elizabeth and became robust enough to continue well into the 1930s, by which time the Poor Law Workhouse had become a feared institution.

Parish Councils were obliged to appoint 'Overseers for the Poor' who collected Poor Rates from property owners and distributed the proceeds to the needy. During the Seventeenth Century, Poor Houses gradually evolved into Workhouses where the able bodied unemployed were required to work in return for their board and lodging - until 1782, when

Outdoor Relief was established as an alternative. From then until 1834 most beneficiaries received relief in cash, food, clothing, etc. rather than accommodation.

Bradwell's first workhouse was near the Samuel Fox public house, but in 1819 new premises were purchased on Hugh Lane – now re-named Rose Lea Cottage and, rather appropriately, owned and occupied by our current Parish Clerk.

The full records for Bradwell Workhouse from opening to closure in 1841, are in private hands but I've been given access to them. As Seth Evans noted, they do appear to record a cosy system which treated its subjects with care and compassion and was quite liberal with payments to the poor - and expenses for their Overseers. This was particularly evident at Overseers meetings when substantial amounts of ale and food were consumed and charged to account. Quite often some of these expenses were disallowed by Poor Law inspectors – only to reappear on the next statement. This generous attitude, reflected nationally, resulted in escalating poor rates, a ratepayers revolt and the reforming Poor Law Amendment Act of 1834. This Act did away with Outdoor Relief and resolved that anyone seeking relief must enter a parish workhouse. It also ordered the creation of large centralised 'Union' workhouses, which could accommodate all the designated poor from the parishes within a Union of Parishes. Bradwell thus became part of the Bakewell Union in 1839 and any of its residents seeking poor relief had to agree to permanent removal to the Bakewell Workhouse, when it opened in 1841, and submit to its harsh and often brutal regime. There would be no more village administered benevolence or daily visits to or from friends and relatives. The comforting workhouse had become a feared institution into which people disappeared – mostly never to return to their former communities. The Bradwell workhouse was then closed down but the parish still had to pay the costs of its parishioners who were removed to the Union workhouse and provide members for the Union Board of Guardians. However, greater efficiency and, understandably, fewer applications for poor relief reduced the overall cost to the parish – which no doubt pleased the ratepayers.

Early Twentieth Century welfare reforms gradually reduced national poverty and the Bakewell Workhouse connotation was softened by renaming it 'The Bakewell Public Assistance Institution' in 1913. In 1930 responsibility for the Institution passed to the District Council and after the Bevan Report and the formation of the Welfare state, in 1948, it became the NHS Newholme Hospital and so remains to this day. Chris Furness

BRADWELL YOUTH CENTRE

On 29th July thirteen lads from the Youth Centre went to Wild Park Leisure and played paint balls. They were accompanied by Jonathan Walker and Vicki, and Paul and Liz Downing. The oldies were wimps and drank coffee and watched as Jonathan and Vicki and the youngsters joined numerous other people to fight war games with paint balls in the mud. Although we chose perhaps the wettest day of the year so far, most people seemed not to notice the rain and a great time was enjoyed by everyone who

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went. Above all, the village lads behaved throughout with great maturity and they were a credit to the village. It was a pleasure to be with you lads - and we're delighted you enjoyed your day.

MORE ABOUT THE CO-OP

I am writing in defence of the Co-Op. I am disgusted with the way in which every single day the staff are facing complaints and abuse from a minority in the village about the new lay out and the stock. This is being directed to the staff members in person, who have no say in what is available to order, it is only the head office who choose (this includes the newspapers). We should think ourselves lucky we have such friendly helpful staff in this little shop, which I remind you only has four aisles and isn't anywhere near on the same scale as the bigger supermarkets in surrounding towns. You are fortunate you can get your essentials at 10pm and that the staff can finally go to work without the fear of another question time. Michael Hix *Thanks, Michael for your input, though you misunderstand my objective. It is because of the complaints and abuse you mention that I am planning to work with the staff to try to bring back the customers who say they now need to go to other supermarkets to buy their favourite items. Indeed it is my hope to support the Co-op in serving the village as I, and many villagers I talk to, much prefer to buy as much as possible locally. Can I please thank everyone who has sent in lists. Please keep them coming!* Liz Downing

WELL DRESSING NUMBERS LOTTERY

The Well Dressing Committee would like to thank all the people who supported the Numbers Lottery and gave donations. The total amount raised was **£316** and this will go towards the maintenance and storage of the wells. The winners were drawn on 29th June and the prizes were a bottle of champagne and a box of chocolates. The winners were:-
 Smalldale Well number 54 winner Jenny Doyle
 Townend Well number 67 winner Pawel Kozlowski
 Church Street Well number 42 winner Jean Wakely
 Thanks once again to all who supported"

HOPE VALLEY RUNNERS

There is a running club for boys and girls aged either between 7 and 10 yrs or 11+yrs. No experience is needed and everyone is welcome. Based at Hope sports field, the running involves off-road, fell, trail and cross country. Summer coaching is on Thursdays from 6pm til 7pm. Winter coaching times are 9.30am til 11am. Sessions start in September 2009. There is a **free taster session**. For more info contact – Mark Bartley (621949), Steve Green (620132) or Jackie Stone (621935).

SATURDAY WASTE SKIP DATE
29th August

HOPE VALLEY FIRST RESPONDERS

The Community First Responders form part of the St John Ambulance Division in the Hope Valley. The unit consists of volunteers who are trained by St John Ambulance and East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS) and normally work in pairs, covering the whole of the Hope Valley from 8am to 10pm every day. We currently have 18 members. When a 999 call is received by the Ambulance service the operator immediately dispatches an ambulance. They then contact the Community First Responder on duty to attend whilst the ambulance crew are en route. As we are based locally we can usually reach patients before the paramedics and give vital and sometimes life saving aid to the patient. The Hope Valley Community First Responders have attended a total of 824 calls since the group was established in September 2003. We were the first SJA CFR group in Derbyshire and one of the first in the Country. This year to date we have assisted 51 patients who have suffered varying illnesses. This can include cardiac arrest, breathing difficulties, chest pain, collapse and unconsciousness, seizure, stroke, abdominal pain, allergic reaction and choking. Through donations and fund raising we are able to buy and maintain the equipment we use. These include defibrillators (used for cardiac arrest) and oxygen. If you need to call 999 for an ambulance, it is extremely helpful to both the ambulance and the Responders if you can give clear information regarding your address. Especially in our villages there are many nooks and crannies and even the locals get lost!! It is also helpful to have someone to "watch out" for us, but do not leave the patient unattended. If you are interested in joining the CFR unit or would like more information on what we do please call John Hutchinson on 07799810234 or Jane Bownes on 07921126215.

THANK YOU MESSAGES

Judy Helliwell had a wonderful 90th birthday and would like to thank all her family and friends for their cards, gifts and flowers and for making it such a special day.

The family of Aileen Sammans would like to thank everyone for their cards, flowers and messages of sympathy which were much appreciated at this sad time. Donations totalling £300 were for the benefit of the Methodist Chapel.

I would like to say a great big thank you to everybody for the many Get Well cards, gifts and visits from friends and family I received while I was in hospital. They certainly gave me a great big boost and kept me cheerful. I would also like to say thank you to "Margaret's Caterers" for providing meals for Frank when he needed them and to 'Dot's Ironing Services' as and when required, also to the many other friends who offered their help in so many ways. So, once again, a big 'Thank You' to you all. If you have got to be poorly, there is no better place to do it in than Bradda. Jen Cooper



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ALFRED JOHN SAVAGE

Mr. Alfred Savage died suddenly on 6th June at the Shoulder of Mutton aged 65 years. He was born in Warrington where he worked as a carpet fitter. He married Christine Hoole and they moved to Hope to take charge of the Woodruffe Arms. After five years they moved again, to the Shoulder of Mutton in Bradwell, which they ran for five years. Alfred died only a few weeks before retiring. He enjoyed holidays at their apartment in Bulgaria, playing bowls and being with his grand-children. He leaves his wife Christine, daughters Amanda and Debra, son Jeff, step-children Anthony and Beverley and grand-children Alfie, Rebecca, Gemma, Max, Finley and Megan. His first wife, Carol pre-deceased him. The funeral was at St Barnabas Church, followed by cremation at Hutcliffe Wood on 19th June.

AILEEN MARY SAMMANS

Mrs. Aileen Sammans died on 6th June in Bakewell Cottage Nursing Home, aged 97 years. Born in Sheffield she was the only daughter of Geoffrey and Alice Sharples. She attended Abbeydale Grange School and lived at first on Chesterfield Road, Sheffield, then at the Bothams Farm where she met her husband to be, and then moved to Lincoln. She subsequently returned to Bradwell and married Harry Sammans at St Barnabas Church, Highfields, Sheffield. Aileen lived in Bradwell until January this year when, as a result of ill health she moved to the nursing home. She enjoyed sewing, knitting, reading, watching snooker, holidays in Britain and visits to Caroline Court. She leaves a daughter Pauline, son Stuart, grandsons Neale and Mark and grand-daughter Rachel. Her husband Harry and her brother Geoffrey pre-deceased her. A funeral service followed by cremation took place at Hutcliffe Wood on 15th June.

VERA EDWARDS

Mrs. Vera Edwards died on 12th May in Calow Hospital aged 87 years. Born in Darnall, Sheffield she was the only daughter and fifth child of James and Mary Simpson. She attended Hammerton Road School before starting work, aged 14, at Carter's Packing Factory. During the War she worked for the Sheffield Cabinet Company, making wooden bomb cases. She married Len in December 1940, a time of German air raids on Sheffield, and they spent their first night as a married couple in an air raid shelter. They lived with her parents in Sheffield before moving to Bradwell in 1955. After their three children had

grown up she worked as a dinner lady at Bradwell Junior School. Vera was a member of the Methodist Church, has been a member of the young wives group, an officer in the Girl's Brigade and in the St John's Ambulance Brigade. She had many interests including painting, poetry, drama, lamp shade making, dancing and playing bowls. She leaves a son Barry, daughters Maureen and Jean, and grand-children John, Graham, James and Eleanor. Her husband Len and her four brothers pre-deceased her. The funeral and cremation took place at Hutcliffe Wood, followed by a memorial service at Bradwell Methodist Church on 22nd May.

SAFER RAINBOWS



Bradwell Rainbows were given a special tour of the Safer Neighbourhood police office and a talk on road safety last Thursday (July 2, 2009). The Hathersage Safer Neighbourhood Team, PC Phil Whitehead and PCSO Anthony Boswell took

the youngsters around the office on Netherside, Bradwell and gave them advice about how to cross the road. The little ones also asked questions about the police and talk to their local officers. PCSO Anthony Boswell said; "The youngsters seemed to really enjoy their visit, and it is good for us to meet the younger members of our community. I also hope the talk we gave will help them to stay safe when crossing the road and are out and about." For more information about the Hathersage Safer Neighbourhood Team call 0345 1233333 or email bakewell.neighbourhoods@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk.

A RETIRING ROSE?

Ian and the staff at Bradwell Junior School would like to thank everyone who has contributed towards his retirement present. Through your most generous donations we were able to buy Ian and his wife a trip in a hot air balloon, and have enough money left over to pay for a good pair of binoculars. At the time of writing this, festivities to celebrate Ian's thirteen years as Headteacher of the Junior School have not yet begun, but I am sure he will have a good send-off, and will take many happy memories away with him. Thank you again for your generosity and good wishes.

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Sun 9 Aug: Food served until 8pm

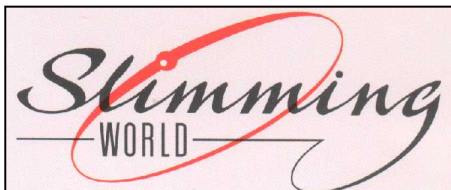
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