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Many Congratulations to Charlie Bowman for Your 90th Birthday

BRADDA LOTTO

The winning numbers for the July Draw of this Lotto were:

£60 winning number - 153

£30 winning number - 83

£15 winning number - 24

Many Thanks for your continued support.

The next Draw will take place at The Shoulder of Mutton on Wednesday 11th August at 8.15pm

COMMUNITY LIBRARY

At a recent meeting of volunteers it was agreed that this project shall be called 'BRADWELL COMMUNITY LIBRARY', and it is now becoming quite exciting because a possible opening is just around the corner. However, before that can happen a Management System must be put in place for operating the Library, and a decision as to how this will operate will be made during a practical training session for all volunteers in September. If you are not on our volunteer mailing list and would like to be please contact Rachael Burton immediately (r.burton47@btinternet.com). If you would like to be involved with this wonderful project please get in touch with us. Meanwhile, we have been absolutely overwhelmed with the donation of many thousands of books, all of which have been carefully sifted through. We have received duplicates, plus more books than we can possibly use. We are therefore selling some of these donated books at various times in the foyer of The Memorial Hall. Please keep an eye open for this and please do not be offended if your books don't make it onto the library shelves. We are grateful for all donations, but at this time please hold onto any books (which are in excellent condition) and bring them long after the Library is open.

WASTE COLLECTIONS

There has been much discussion recently on the Bradwell Forum on Facebook about waste collections. Here is an update from District Councillor Chris Furness.

A certain amount of household waste has not been collected on schedule recently, and some streets have been missed altogether. This has not been the fault of the District Council, nor Serco. Both are doing their utmost to alleviate the problem. The root cause is the acute shortage of qualified HGV drivers resulting from the closure of HGV training and testing centres during Lockdown. Serco need 19 drivers to give a full

waste collection service to DDDC residents. At the present time they are impacted by staff having to self-isolate due to contracting Covid-19 or coming into contact with others who have tested positive. Whilst significant efforts are being made to recruit more drivers there is a national shortage of HGV drivers as reported in the national media. The existing staff are working overtime and weekends to try to catch up, but there is no quick-fix solution. DDDC staff are working long hours dealing with enquiries and complaints. It is not helped by the sudden increase in waste (24%) largely due to home deliveries of products in cardboard boxes. Serco estimate this to be the equivalent of 3800 extra collections overall.

The District Council will shortly be considering a series of short-term measures to help address the situation. Further details will be posted on the Council's website and social media pages. District Councillor Chris Furness

THE COVID WARRIORS

We have received some more feedback on the "over and above the call" instances demonstrated in the village during the worst of the pandemic. One particular activity was the efforts made to ensure our schoolchildren had a lunch every day when they were not in school. With the Parish Council providing the finance Lynne at the Shoulder opened the pub specially just for this, and although the numbers of children using the facility were not large, those that did attend were extremely grateful. Then of course it should be noted that Sarah and Tony at the Bakehouse provided, at their own cost, free brown bag lunches to any child from any school who needed or wanted one. All this in addition to sending sandwiches, cakes and soup to the Memorial Hall to support the volunteers working from there.

And perhaps we'll leave it there. Like we said at the beginning, so much was done by so many people to help everyone get through these last, difficult months. Thank you!

SEND US YOUR NEWS

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Waste collections: District Councillor (DC) Furness advised that the problems with the waste collections are a result of a national shortage of HHGV drivers. He advised that Serco, who provide the waste collection service, are training collectors to be drivers and are continuing to use overtime to catch up on missed collections. Please see Cllr Furness' message on the subject in this newsletter.

Toilet block – planning permission: The parish council have applied for planning permission to convert the old gents toilet into a takeaway for snacks and drinks. The decision date on the application is 10th August 2021 and in the meantime the room has been converted ready for use.

Councillors meeting with school children: Two councillors visited the junior school to discuss the wildflower project with some of the children. The children had written to the parish council as they were concerned that the flowers had been mown in Beggars Plot Playing Field. The councillors advised the reasons why the area needed to be mown and said they had a very interactive session with the children, who took the opportunity to advise the councillors what play equipment they would like to see as part of the project to replace the play equipment in Beggar's Plot Playing Field.

Wildflowers: Council reviewed a report from the Wildflower Group. Council agreed in principle to support the project for next year but no decision could be made on the future of all of the area marked out for wildflowers in Beggar's Plot Playing Field as there is a query with the trees around the bungalow. It is hoped that the query is resolved before the wildflowers grow in the spring. The project will be reviewed again later in the year when a written agreement will be put into place in conjunction with the wildflower group.

New slide for Town Bottom Playing Fields: Following requests from a number of residents a new slide has been ordered for Town Bottom Playing Field. The slide is the same size as the one in Beggar's Plot playing field and will be installed in September. The planning process for replacing some of the play equipment on Beggar's Plot Playing Field has begun and resident's views are being collected. If you have not contacted the parish clerk with your views please do so by the end of August. The seesaw at Town Bottom is going to be removed for repair in the near future. It will be missing for a couple of weeks before it is reinstalled for use.

Public Participation: Residents continue to attend council meetings to raise matters of concern directly with Council. We welcome members of the public at both the main council and all committee meetings. Council meetings are generally held at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday. See the parish notice boards (on the side of the Memorial Hall and in the Peace Gardens bus shelter) for meeting announcements and agendas.

Contacts: Parish Clerk (623485) or parishclerk@bradda.org
Council Chair (623941) or cllrdowning@bradda.org

OPEN GARDENS

Bradwell's Gardens will once again be on view this year! Our Open Gardens event is on Saturday 7th August from 1000 - 1700 hrs. Tickets can be bought outside the Post Office on the morning, and all day at Town Bottom Playing Field. We are pleased to have a few different gardens this year whilst others take a rest. Still time to add your name to the grand tour (call Katrina on 01433 621584). Two routes have been planned, taking in historical sites as well as gardens in many areas of the village. Tickets are £5 per person and a brochure describing the route and gardens will be provided. Do come and take this opportunity to walk around your village and to experience the delights of our gardens.

WELL DRESSING DRAW

The Bradwell Well Dressing Lucky Numbers Draw took place on 30th July and the lucky numbers drawn were:

First Place ----- **613** ----- David Hoyle ----- **£50**

Second Place ----- **470** ----- Jennifer Lockhart ----- **£30**

Third Place ----- **154** ----- Jean Wakelin ----- **£20**

Jennifer Lockhart very kindly asked for her winnings to be put back into the Well Dressing funds, thanks.

The total amount raised from this draw was **£703**, which is a very welcome amount for the upkeep of the wells.

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and especially to Joan and Molly for organising the event.

GARDEN WASTE COLLECTIONS

To enable Derbyshire Dales District Council to catch up on all missed waste and recycling collections to date - including excess recycling - councillors have agreed to suspend, from Monday 2nd August, garden waste collections for a period of 4 weeks. The Council will be contacting garden waste subscribers direct to confirm this decision and to offer them, as recompense, a £15 discount of next year's subscription price, which had been set at £50. Any new subscribers will pay the full amount. Suspending garden waste collections for a maximum of four weeks will release five drivers to focus instead on catching up with missed collections of household waste and recycling. Council will also lease an additional collection vehicle to help cater for an increasing number of subscriptions to the garden waste collection service until 31 March 2022. Council have also agreed to share equally with Serco, until March next year, the cost of an uplift in wages for drivers on Derbyshire Dales rounds. It is hoped that this will help the Council's contractor attract new drivers in a competitive market caused by a UK-wide shortage. In the meantime, as a temporary measure, residents are being asked to mix food waste in their usual household waste bin sacks. To help prevent animals ripping open sacks in search of food waste, residents on sack rounds can put their usual food caddy out alongside their refuse sacks if they wish, but food inside the caddy does need to be contained in a sealed bag.

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A BARBER FAMILY OF BRADWELL

Continuing our story from last month:

All three brothers joined the forces, Tony initially the army and Noel and Ken the RAF. Of the three, Tony's exploits in WWII were the most remarkable. In 1939, as an eighteen year old he found himself commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in his local Territorial Regiment of the Royal Artillery, in command of a troop of 50 men. He had by then received no training but soon found himself in France as part of the British Expeditionary Force. He was billeted with the butcher in the town of Seclin where he supervised the establishment of four gun sites for Bofors anti-aircraft guns. In May, when the Germans invaded Belgium Tony's regiment moved to meet them but it wasn't long before his battery was in full retreat to the coast. They came to La Panne in Belgium, just along the coast from Dunkirk and their task was to provide what anti aircraft protection they could to the troops being lifted from the beaches. A report published in a Doncaster newspaper several years later described Tony's role in the final stages of the evacuation:

I was with him (*Mr Barber*) on the night of May 31st and the morning of June 1 1940. During those last hours on the beaches he was ordering guns and lorries to be immobilised in accordance with GHQ orders.

When this had been done two trucks which had been left intact were used to pick up the wounded on the beaches, and Mr Barber was seeing to this himself. Eventually we found a rowing boat, which was loaded up with wounded and a few fit men who were to row out to HMS *Salamander*, where the wounded were taken on board and made as comfortable as possible.

I remember making inquiries about Mr Barber while on the *Salamander* and was told that a soldier had taken the rowing boat back to fetch some men left on the beaches, among them Major Matthews, our battery major.

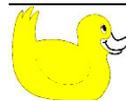
Back in England, when his troop was deployed to protect Gatwick Airport in the Battle of Britain, Tony saw that flying an aeroplane was the best contribution he could make to the war. There was no question of relinquishing his Army commission and joining the RAF however. At the same time some Army officers had been seconded to the Air Force for certain specific duties. The flying of photo-reconnaissance missions was one of these. After accelerated training Tony joined the Photo-reconnaissance Unit (PRU) at RAF Benson, Oxfordshire. The Spitfire he was to fly was unarmed and had no radio – the weight saved was for extra fuel in drop tanks. His orders were that under no circumstances could his aircraft, and especially the films it carried be captured by the enemy. During what turned out to be his last mission he was returning home from Gibraltar, but without radio navigation and in the face of a strong head-wind he was not going to make land-fall in England nor could he use a radio to say he'd ditched. With fuel running out he abandoned his aircraft to its fate in the Channel



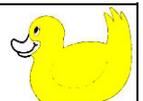
and parachuted to land in France close to Mont-St-Michel (at one point he feared being impaled on one of the spires). On landing he was taken prisoner by an SS unit. The unit had not seen the Spitfire and could not understand the arrival by parachute

of a man in a khaki army uniform but wearing RAF wings. These questions formed an important focus during his subsequent interrogation near Frankfurt. He was then to move gradually east through prisoner-of-war camps. In Oflag IX-A Spangenberg Castle, Hesse in Germany he met Ollie Philpott who later escaped using the 'Wooden Horse'. Following his escape via Sweden Ollie made his way to Yorkshire to re-assure the Barber family that Tony was safe and well. After being moved to Oflag XXI-B near Szubin, Poland Tony achieved his own escape. His plan was to reach Denmark and then Sweden. In fact he reached the Danish border disguised as a Danish worker for the Germans. (He spoke Danish although it seems to have been of the playground variety with an emphasis on rude words.) The forgers in Szubin had achieved wonders in preparing the documents he needed, all except the letter he should have had from his supposed employers. This lack was his undoing and so he found himself in the east compound of the notorious Stalag Luft III at Żagań, Poland featured in the film '*The Great Escape*'. It was from the north compound that 76 prisoners had escaped and 50 of them had been shot 'resisting arrest'. This convinced Tony that the escaping game was 'not worth the candle'. Instead he asked for and received law books and eventually under auspices of the International Red Cross he sat his final degree law exams under the watchful eye of a Wing Commander who acted as his invigilator. On getting back home he learned that his papers had been assessed and he had been awarded a first class degree in law. This launched him on a career in the law.

To Be Continued



BRADDA DADS



Carnival preparations continue at pace. We're looking forward to enjoying the day and week with everyone in the village and beyond. A duck race looks unlikely without a monsoon to raise the water level in the brook, but keep your eyes peeled for news of The Great Ball Race 2021

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DORIS EASTON

The family of the late Doris Easton would like to thank everyone for the messages, cards, flowers and donations received on her very sudden and unexpected passing. We have been truly overwhelmed and are extremely grateful. It has been so comforting to know that she was so loved and respected. Our thanks are also extended to family and friends who have been, and still are, supportive at this very difficult time. Special thank you also goes to the Reverend Louise Petheram, Paul Tanfield of JE Nouch and to The Shoulder of Mutton for providing such a lovely afternoon tea. Warmest thoughts to you all. From the Easton family.

NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSES

The first six houses being gifted to the village under the Bradwell Springs agreement are almost ready for occupation. Tenants have been identified for all six properties and everyone is waiting for the final touches to be done before they can first be legally transferred to Bradwell CLT and then the go-ahead given to our residents to move in. In order to make the moving in process easier for our new tenants the CLT has decided to install vinyl flooring in the ground floor rooms and also to provide new ovens and hob units. Providing everything continues to go according to plan we hope to have final completion in mid August. The following photos were taken on 23rd July while Mr Carpet's fitters were installing vinyl in the first three houses. The CLT chose Mr Carpet because of their excellent reputation and the fact that they are a local Bradwell business. They could not have been more accommodating.



2021	1st August	8th August	15th August	22nd August	29th August
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