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EVENTS

Sat 6: OPEN GARDENS: 10am to 5pm. Tickets available at St Barnabas Church and at various places throughout the village during Wakes Week. All proceeds for church yard repairs.

Sat 6: COMEDY NIGHT: Memorial Hall. Show starts at 8pm but bar open from 6:30pm. Tickets £12 from the post office.

ST BARNABAS GRAVEYARD FLOODING A Statement By Derby Diocese

There has been much speculation about the serious flooding we have experienced in the graveyard, so we wanted to issue this statement of facts as of June 2022.

The Problem: During periods of continuous, heavy rain we have, during the last two years experienced severe flooding in the graveyard, with the whole area inundated, existing graves undermined and headstones toppled. The flow of water has been seen pouring into the foundations of the church with unknown consequences for stability of the church itself. In addition, burials have been interrupted when dug graves filled with water and had to be pumped out before interment could take place, and the ground has become so saturated with water that freshly dug graves collapsed and the integrity of nearby existing graves was compromised. What We Know: The village has flooded many times before, as shown by historic photographs and residents' memories. However, up until recently (approximately 10 to 12 years ago) the graveyard and church grounds did not flood. Based on extensive investigations by the Environment Agency and others we believe we now know a major contributory factor for this change. A number of alterations have been made to drainage channels and culverts which, taken together we believe are the cause of this flooding.

What We Are Doing: We have been corresponding extensively with the various authorities with responsibility for land drainage and flooding but have had difficulty getting their attention. County Councillor Alasdair Sutton has been very supportive of our efforts and has seen first hand the devastating and heart wrenching sights at the height of the flooding last year. He has undertaken to use his influence to encourage the County Flood Team to take action as a matter of urgency before the problem is repeated the next time we get serious rain. He has also engaged the help of Sarah Dines MP, who visited the church on 24th June and has promised to support Cllr Sutton in his efforts. We will keep everyone

updated as soon as we have any more information, but please rest assured we are doing everything we can to resolve the situation as quickly as possible.



Sarah Dines, MP inspecting the graveyard with the Reverend Louise Petheram and Jane Dalrymple, churchwarden.

BRADDA LOTTO

The results of the July draw were as follows:

£60 winning number £30 winning number £15 winning number 2

The August draw will be held at the White Hart on Wednesday 3rd August and 8:00pm.

Many thanks to all who support us.

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: paul@paulandliz.org or call Paul (623941), Andy (623483) or Debbie (621731). You can also leave hand written copy at the Post Office. For questions on advertising please call Caroline (623485) or e-mail carolinepreston37@gmail.com

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Public meeting: Before the Covid-19 lockdown some residents spoke to council about the BOAT (byway open to all traffic) application on Moorbrook Lane which had been applied for by a motorbike group. Council agreed to hold a public meeting to discuss the application and get the views of the village. Since the initial discussion took place other issues have been raised with council that will also be discussed at tht meeting. These items include the use of New Lane, Bradwell and the bus service to the village. The public meeting is planned for Thursday 29th September at 7.00pm in Bradwell War Memorial Hall

Grass verges: The manager of the 'Green and Clean' team from Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC) visited the village on 20th June and met with councillors. The manager walked the village and was shown the mess following the grass cut earlier in June. He said they try to get to each village every four weeks to cut the grass, but are working with restricted budget and personnel. He agreed that Bradwell have not been receiving the service we are due and promised to try to return and cut the areas that had been left. Council agreed that the areas with the daffodils would be fully cut on the second cut each year which will leave enough time after the daffodils stop flowering. We were advised that the area opposite Elliott Avenue on Main Road was not cut as it has been specified as an "Area of Biodiversity." This was agreed by Derbyshire County Council (DCC) and DDDC with no discussion with the residents of the village. Council agreed to discuss this with DDDC and see what can be done about tidying up the area as the village looks a mess with it in its current state. Beggar's Plot Play equipment: Following a meeting at the Junior school the final specification for the new play equipment has been sent to the suppliers for a quote. It has been agreed to get a couple of picnic tables for the bottom corner (where Gore Lane meets Main Road) as part of the project. It is hoped that the order will be placed in the next month. Social media: Council are considering a presence on social media, to be used as an additional way of sharing information. The Admin and Training committee will prepare a proposal for the parish council meeting in August. The outcome will be reported in the minutes of the August parish council meeting and in the September issue of Bradwell News.

S137 Grants: Council has a fund of money available to award as grants to village groups / organisations and would be happy to consider applications for financial assistance. If your group would like to apply for a grant, please contact the Parish Clerk for information.

Public Participation: 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

FAREWELL FROM GEOFF WHARTON

I remember arriving at Bradwell Infant School 13 years ago and being delighted to enter such a warm and friendly village. The small but attractive school building drew me in and I knew I was going to enjoy working here. It was a big change for me after an infant school with 230 children plus 120 place nursery, but it was a welcome and refreshing change. I was made so welcome by the staff, the children and the families and I thank them now for their support and friendship. I am pleased with the changes we have made to the school building by creating a multi-purpose room from the cloakroom, installing new lighting and suspended ceilings, and creating a room for Bradwell Pre-School in our building. Having PreSchool on site was the best decision we made. I have enjoyed exciting events, such as, the sports days we have held with incredible support from parents and families and the special places we have visited on school trips. The children have always loved having chicks, butterflies and ducklings in school and been excited by our visits to the Orchard, stream dipping and sowing wildflowers. I have been fortunate to work alongside many lovely people in school and wish to thank them for their commitment, dedication and support. Some of these were unpaid, as in the case of school Governors or FOBS, and some are, in my opinion, very low-paid. Despite this, they have always given freely of their time and energy to provide the very best school experience for the children of Bradwell. I acknowledge their wonderful work publicly now and thank them unreservedly for their support. Finally, I recall the children I have taught and the pleasure I have had in seeing them grow as young people. It has been a privilege to be trusted and befriended by so many over the years and I will miss their company in my retirement. So thank you children, you are the reason my colleagues and I do this job and why we love it so much. I leave Bradwell Infant School in the safe hands of a new headteacher, Mrs Gordine, and I wish her and everyone at school every success for the future.

ST BARNABAS MUSICAL EVENING

The evening was really successful and was enjoyed by a large audience. So many people attended that extra chairs had to be placed at the back of church to accommodate everyone. Nearly $\pounds 600$ was raised for the churchyard repairs and it was super to see the wealth of local talent performing an eclectic variety of music for us all to enjoy.

MORE ON SWIFTS

We are getting reports in the hot weather that some young Swifts are coming out of the nest too early, before they are ready to fly. This is likely to drastically affect their chances of survival. If anyone comes across a grounded swift it may be a youngster that has fallen out of the nest early or one that is ill, so the best thing to do is to put it in a box with ventilation holes. Keep it warm and somewhere quiet and give it water by running a wetted cotton bud around the edge of its beak **avoiding** the nostris and immediately contact us on:

<u>bradwellswiftreports@gmail.com</u>. We will then link with local professional Swift carers to try to get the Swift to them for the specialist care it needs to survive.



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SWIFT GROUP



38 people joined the Bradwell Swift Group for a walk around the village on 2nd July. We all saw Swifts aerobatically flying around hunting for insects and even saw some going in and out of nests. We learnt that in the UK bird numbers have reduced by 44 million, and that Swifts were one of the birds that are in rapid decline, reducing on average by 5% year on year. We went away inspired to do our bit to try and halt this decline, for example by safeguarding existing nesting sites, putting up more Swift nest boxes with a call system and gardening for wildlife. We hope that if enough of us care and carry out positive actions, the uplifting sound of screaming Swifts will continue to be the soundtrack of summer in Bradwell.

REBELLION KNOLL WI

After a bumpy start to the year, the ladies of Rebellion Knoll WI have had three months with all going to plan! At our April meeting Rachael Eades gave us a very interesting talk entitled 'The Body Shop as a force for good'. We learned a lot about the beginnings of The Body Shop, the ethics on which it is run and the charities it supports. Samples of some products were then available to try and to purchase.

The Annual Meeting in May was well attended and was followed by cheeses, nibbles and soft drinks. The existing committee were happy to stand again for a further year to keep everything running smoothly after the disruption caused by Covid. With the addition of one more to the committee they are all looking forward to helping members have a 'normal' year. June was a very busy month, beginning with our monthly meeting held at Bradwell Bowling Club, where we were given the opportunity to try crown green bowling. It was great fun but obviously requires great skill, which must take a long time to perfect! The evening was certainly just a taster session! A little later in the month we met again with a lot of red, white and blue to have a 'party' for the Queen's Platinum Jubliee. Members brought food for a lovely buffet remi-

niscent of things which would have been served in the fifties and sixties and including a wonderful Victoria sponge with cream and fruit topping. We had a 'royal' quiz and lots of laughs as we played 'Pass the Crowns' before eating! At the end of June Rebellion Knoll was host for this year's Group Quiz. There were teams from Abney, Bamford, Castleton and Edale, as well as our own. The questions, set by our President were somewhat difficult but everyone rose to the challenge and the results were very close, with Castleton the winners. Our Programme Committee worked hard behind the scenes throughout the lockdowns and we are now looking forward to a talk on the making of Cascades Garden in Bonsall followed by a visit there in August, and a singing workshop in September. As always our meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Hall with visitors and new members very welcome!

FANCY A VEG BOX?

We thought residents might like to know that Sheffield's most successful organic fruit and veg box scheme, "Beanies" is now delivering to Bradwell every Friday and is accepting new customers. Beanies has served Sheffield and the Peak District for over thirty years and their veg boxes are packed with local, organic and seasonal goodies, always packed on the morning of delivery, guaranteeing the freshest produce. As well as veg boxes, they also deliver a huge range of fresh and store cupboard groceries, and household cleaning products. They offer plenty of plastic-free options, plus a huge range of vegetarian and vegan alternatives. You can email them: info@sheffieldbeanies.co.uk or phone 0114 268 1662

COMMUNITY CAFÉ

St Barnabas Church will be hosting a Community Café on Saturday 3rd September. The event will run from 10am to 11:30am and all are very welcome. Please note that this is the event which was to have been hosted by the Methodists. All proceeds will go to the CRY Charity...



BRADDA DADS

The World Famous Bradda Dads Ball Race is set to return on Monday

1st August! Tickets on sale from the Post Office now, and outside the White Hart from 5pm on the night. Still a bargain at only £1 each, card payment available, if the machine will play ball... Race start 7pm, closely followed by the street fair and silver band.

Bradda Dads would like to send a massive thank you to everyone at Networks of Bamford for all their help with our carnival float build, we couldn't have done it without you. An equally massive thank you to Margaret Morley for providing us with a space to build. The build has been tricky this year without an excellent hardware store to pop into when we've run out of screws, but all being well, this won't be a problem for much longer! Best wishes to the new proprietors, please make sure you've got at least four candles in stock at all times.





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People relatively new to the village may not be aware of the Ebenezer Bradwell Bequest which has now been in existence for 70 years. In 1952 the will of the late Ebenezer Bradwell left a property and a sum of money to be held in trust for the benefit of the sick and infirm within a 3.5 mile radius of Bradwell Church. The trust was to be administered by a group of Trustees including the Methodist Minister. The trust still meets four times a year and makes small gifts of mainly biscuits, chocolates, flowers or plants and we find that the recipients really appreciate the fact that someone in the village has been thinking about them and wishing them well at a time of need or, in the case of big birthdays, celebration.

COMMUNITY LIBRARY

What a fabulous facility this village offers to the whole of the residents of Hope Valley. An innovation developed by the War Memorial Hall of Bradwell and continued to be supported by a host of volunteers who work tirelessly to retain the importance of a Library provision following the reduction in the service offered by the local authority. Over 4000 books are available to borrow, plus jigsaws for the dissectologists amongst you, and currently we have 170 members who have all made the minimum donation of £1for life membership. Some offered more and for that we are extremely grateful. We also have a sale of books (3 for £1) and the income from that supports the expenses of the library. You can find us and enjoy tea or coffee, to the rear of the kitchen in the Memorial Hall, and we are currently open three mornings per week: Mon, Wed, & Fri, 10am to Noon; Wed evening 7pm to 9pm; and Thurs afternoon 3pm to 5pm. This facility would not have materialised

without our volunteers, yet we still need more either on a regular basis or to be able to help when our regulars are not available. Currently we are in the holiday period – but we are not closed, as we only close on the recognised Bank Holidays. During the month of August it is our intention to offer colouring competitions for both children and adults, word puzzles and some 'story-time' sessions. We are also hoping to introduce singing/drama sessions for young people. Please check the Hall and Post Office Notice boards, where times of these sessions will be published. Looking Forward to seeing you.

www.librarycat.org/lib/BradwellCommLibrary

ALL CHANGE AT THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

After thirteen years of dedicated service to our school and thirty-two years in education, Mrs Attwood, our head teacher, has taken early retirement. Throughout her time at our school Mrs Attwood had committed herself to supporting children and families in Bradwell. She has created a kind, caring environment where a love for learning is at the heart of the school. All the staff, children, parents and governors would like to thank her for her service and wish her health and happiness in her well-deserved retirement. From September 2022 we welcome Mrs McGuiness as the new head teacher at Bradwell Junior School, congratulations Mrs McGuiness! Mrs McGuiness has worked here in school as a class teacher for many years and we know she is passionate about creating the perfect learning environment for our children. If you would like any information about Bradwell Junior School please don't hesitate to give us a call 01433 620473 or visit our website https://www.bradwelljuniorschool.com/

2022	31st July	7th August	14th August	21st August	28th August
ST BARNABAS AUGUST SERVICES	1000 GALA WEEK Songs of Praise service	1100 All Age Worship	1000 Benefice Communion	0930 Parish Communion	1000 Outdoor Benefice Service. Also on Zoom.
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