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EVENTS

Sat 3: Community Café: St Barnabas Church. 10 to 1130am.

Sat 10: Summer Craft Fair: Memorial Hall: 10am to 3pm

Tues 20: Historical Society: 8pm in the Methodist Hall. "The £10 immigrants" by Peter Wallis.

BRADWELL RAINBOWS AND BROWNIES

On Wednesday 29th March, fifteen girls of the Bradwell 1st Rainbows and Brownies completed their Promise ceremony to formally become members of the Girl Guides Association. This was the first time since the start of the Coronavirus Pandemic that girl guides in Bradwell have undertaken a promise ceremony. During the ceremony the girls learned to recite their Promise and affirmed their commitment as members of the Girl Guides: to be kind and helpful, to be true to themselves and their beliefs, and to serve their community. To an audience of parents and grandparents the girls did fantastically well at reciting their Promises and were presented with certificates and their first badges. Rainbows and Brownies meet every Wednesday evening in term time at Bradwell Sports Pavilion, working towards interest badges, playing games, learning new skills and most importantly having fun!

ST BARNABAS ARTS & CRAFTS

We are planning to hold our lovely Arts & Craft Exhibition again this year during Gala Week. There are many very talented local residents and we look forward to welcoming any of you who would like to display your work in the church. This is always a popular exhibition and everyone is welcome whether you've displayed your work before or not. More details about dates and times to follow.

KING CHARLES III

The village had a super time on Town Bottom playing field to celebrate the coronation of our new King and Queen. The sun shone and a thoroughly good time was had by all.



BRADWELL BOOKWORMS



Two local businesses in Bradwell have joined together to create a bespoke handmade library area for the children of Bradwell CE Infant School to enjoy reading books and stories for pleasure. Richard Patton and Greg Rimmer of 'Tour of Bradwell'

funded the project after reaching out to the school with an offer of help to develop the learning environment for the children. James Fearn, who runs his own business, 'Rustic Furniture', and is also a parent to two children at the school, designed and built the unique wooden book stand frames and wooden benches. The children and all the staff of Bradwell Infants are over the moon with their new story corner and they very much enjoy using it every day. The new addition of a dedicated space for reading and enjoying books has already made a positive impact upon the children's enthusiasm and motivation for reading. Headteacher, Becky Gordine, has been amazed by the generosity and support of the families and local community in Bradwell and she cannot thank Richard, Greg and James enough for their contribution in helping to build a school ethos where creativity, curiosity and imagination are at the heart of the curriculum.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ

This will be held at St Barnabas on Saturday June 3rd from 10 to 11.30am. As well as the usual delicious cakes and sweet treats there will be a raffle and plant stall. Proceeds from the event will be shared between Bradda Dads and St Barnabas Church. Do come along and support us if you can!

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Annual Parish Meeting: The meeting, in the Memorial Hall on 25th April, was attended by residents, local organisations/businesses. The meeting reviewed work conducted by Council during the year and was followed by a report from a local business and then general discussion.

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council: The last meeting was council's "AGM". Appointment of the Chair will take place at the June meeting as the only candidate was not present at the meeting. Cllr Salisbury was re-elected as Vice-Chair, followed by Chairs for all committees. Some committees have been amalgamated and their terms of reference need to be amended. These changes will be reviewed by council when available. Council policies were reviewed and adopted. All policies and procedures are available on the village website. Normal council business for the month then followed.

2023 Parish Council Elections: As there were nine nominations for the ten parish council vacancies, all nominees were duly elected. Chris Furness has joined the parish council following his resignation as District Councillor. Chris has been a parish councillor in the past and council welcomed him back. Contact details for your Parish Councillors and your representatives on other bodies, e.g., PDNPA and DCC are on the village website or by application to the Parish Clerk.

There is currently one vacancy on the Parish Council, so if you are interested in joining the council, then please contact the Council Chair or the Parish Clerk parishclerk@bradda.org.

Carnival: Bradwell carnival is on Saturday 5th August and the organising is going very well. Road closures have been applied for and all premises along the carnival route will be advised of the road closure nearer to the date. We are still looking for people who can assist on the day with the road closure – please contact the clerk if you can spare an hour.

The committee would like to remind everyone that **dogs are not allowed on the playing field and no dogs will be allowed on the field on carnival day.**

2023 District Council Elections: Council congratulates Andy Nash on becoming the new District Councillor for Bradwell. We are looking forward to working with Andy in his new role.

Kings Coronation Celebrations: Council would like to thank everyone for their help in organising and helping at the Hog roast to celebrate the Kings Coronation at Town Bottom playing fields on 7th May. Its difficult to name everyone but thanks go the Bradda Dads for their assistance in erecting and putting away the marquees and the Methodist Church for the loan of the chairs for the band. It was a great success and enjoyed by everyone who attended.

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.

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MARK CHARLES PACKER

Sergeant Mark Packer MM, Royal Marine commando, was born on July 18, 1923. He died on March 24, 2023, aged 99. Mark is believed to have been the last survivor of the Royal Marine commandos, who took part in the capture of Port-en-Bessin during the Normandy landings – “the most spectacular of all commando exploits during the invasion”. Of the 420 men of 47 Royal Marine Commando leaving the Solent on D Day minus 1, fewer than 300 remained by the time they reached Gold Beach and Mark himself was wounded by shellfire near the harbour wall. For his part in the operation, Cpl.Packer, just turned 21, was promoted temporary sergeant and the commander-in-chief, Field Marshal Montgomery, approved the award of Military Medal. Illness prevented the King from performing the award presentation, but the medal was sent with an accompanying letter saying: “I greatly regret that I am unable to give you personally the award which you have so well earned”.

Mark was born in Rochester, Kent, one of 12 children of Thomas Packer, a Royal Navy rating and his wife Mary. He was educated at Colyer Road School, Northfleet where he was a prefect, although by his own admission more to do with his ability to keep order than scholarly prowess. In June 1941, after a row with one of his brothers over something trivial, he stormed off to the recruiting office in Chatham to join the Navy, but the RM sergeant persuaded him to enlist instead in the Corps. At almost six feet tall, he was soon selected as one of the first of the new “commandos”, Churchill’s idea for sea-borne raiding. Although he could barely swim (and never improved), he completed the training course at the commando centre at Achnacarry in the Scottish Highlands.

In 1943 he married Ada Whitehouse, and they had four children, one of whom, a son, survives him. The marriage, like many a wartime union, was dissolved. In 1959 while working as quarry manager at Earle’s Cement Works, Hope, he married Patricia Baker who lived in Brough. Pat died in 2002 and in retirement Mark continued to live in the marital home in Brough, where cards (at which he remained sharp to the end), bowls and pigeon fancying filled his days.

A service to celebrate Mark’s life was held at St. Barnabas Church, Bradwell on April 19, 2023. A motor-cycle convoy of ex-Marine commandos accompanied the hearse as it processed through the village and a military guard of honour awaited the cortege at the church. The last post was sounded as Mark was laid to rest alongside his wife in St. Barnabas’ churchyard.

COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The library project volunteers would like to offer their most grateful thanks to St. Barnabas Church in Bradwell for their contribution of over £300 towards Library funds. This money was raised at a recent Saturday Coffee Morning held in the Church, when a very happy band of volunteers served Coffee and Cakes (and tea and soft drinks) to the many visitors who not only enjoyed the morning but also made donations to this



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project. Your Community Library is indeed most appreciative of all the residents from within our community who made this fund raising effort possible. If there is anyone out there who has not yet visited the Library do please pop in. You can be assured of a warm welcome. We have a large selection of books of all genres, and jigsaws for you to borrow. The Life Membership is only £1 - and the kettle is always on!

C.R.Y.



On 18th April at the War Memorial Hall there was a heart screening day in memory of Kyle Hancock, conducted by C-R-Y (Cardiac Risk in the Young). These heart screenings are free to Young People aged 14 to 35 years and was paid for by

fund raising for the Kyle Hancock Memorial Fund. The day costs £5,000 but will soon rise to £6,500. In one day up to 100 young people can be screened. We would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to everybody who has contributed and donated over the years to enable us to run these screening days.

The day was a success, 99 people booked, 10 didn't show for unknown reasons and 3 were allowed to just walk in. 92 people were screened and there were 2 referrals, which is good news.

Our sincere thanks and gratitude to all at Bradwell Co-Op for providing Tea, Coffee, Milk, Sugar and Biscuits for the event. A big thank you to all at Bradwell War Memorial Hall for allowing us to hold the event there. This was our 4th screening day since we lost Kyle in October 2011 and we are aiming to hold one every year if funds allow.

The photo is of the screening team and a massive, big thank you to all of them. We have saved one life by screening and hopefully we will be able to save some more. In this country at least twelve healthy, fit, young people die of sudden cardiac death and can help to prevent this through increasing awareness. Sadly, Kyle was not one of them. We raised £250 on the screening day and it all goes to help fund another day. Finally, a big thank you to local businesses and organisations who helped us achieve this goal with their kind and generous donations.

EDALE MOUNTAIN RESCUE

Two Bradda teenagers and their school friends hiked the 20 mile "Outside Hope Valley Round" in the Peak District to raise funds for Edale Mountain Rescue Team. The thirteen youngsters, aged 12 and 13, put in a brilliant effort on the warmest day of the year so far. They have now raised near-



ly £2500 for the Edale Mountain Rescue Team. Members of the team were delighted to cheer on the youngsters as they set off on their adventure from Hathersage, the day after the coronation. The Outside Hope Valley Round was dreamed up in 2019 by staff at the Outside

shop in Hathersage, where the route starts and finishes. The route has a total ascent is 1360 metres and the shop has a wall of fame with photos of everybody who has completed the Round so far. Edale Mountain Rescue Team provides a search and rescue service in the Peak District. It is staffed entirely by unpaid volunteers and is self-funding. The hikers are excited by how much they have raised for the Team, and thank all their sponsors for their generosity. Their fundraising page is at <https://bit.ly/3pqT6JK>

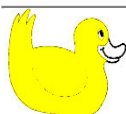
2023 SWIFTS



For the second year in a row young Bertie at the Post Office was the first person to spot a Swift that had returned from Africa to our village on Friday 28th April, it was flying over the Co-Op. Bradwell Swift Group is still building up records of where Swifts are nesting in the village, so please continue to tell us your sightings at:

bradwellswiftreports@gmail.com If you are

one of the really lucky ones that share your home with nesting Swifts, then please ensure that no major building work coincides with when the Swifts are nesting. Last summer on the Handsworth Estate in Sheffield, many Swifts were unintentionally killed when scaffolding was erected for reroofing works. This resulted in all the chicks dying at 28 nesting sites and several adult Swifts also had to be put down after they were badly injured by flying at the scaffolding trying to access their nest to feed the young. If you come across a swift in trouble they do require specialist care to survive, so please immediately contact Chet Cunago tel 07850799891. To learn more about Swifts please come along to the expert led Bradwell Swift Walk on Saturday 1st July at 7pm, the starting point is on Beggars Plot opposite the Fire Station.



BRADDA DADS

Our next event is the Hillbilly Cycle Sportive on Sunday 18th June. For info and entry details please see

www.bradwellhillbilly.co.uk

The Bradda Dads family fun day is back on this summer holiday, Tuesday 1st August in Town Bottom park. Get the date in your diary and watch this space for further details. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 6th June in the Shoulder, all welcome!



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PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOLLY HALL

10th September 1946 - 6th April 2023

Molly Booth was born into a loving family with a twin sister, Lynne, and two other sisters, Rose and Pam and two brothers, Patrick and Mick in Darton near Barnsley on 10th September 1946. She grew up in the mining community of Kexborough, near Barnsley. Molly met her future husband, Rick on Friday 13th January 1967 at a dance in Liverpool University where she was studying to become a teacher. Being a student in the 1960s in Liverpool was a special experience and she fully enjoyed the freedom and opening up of society at that time with a wide circle of friends. Then, in 1971 she moved to Sheffield with Rick so that he could continue his studies and where she made new friends. Molly and Rick married in June 1973 and after the following three years living in London they returned to Bradwell to start a family. Eleanor was born in 1978 and Joseph in 1984.

Molly was very outgoing and gregarious and made a serious effort to get to know other villagers, so that the family became properly integrated into village life quite quickly. One of the first groups they joined was the 'Centenary Players', an amateur dramatic group which was very active during the late '70s and early '80s. It wasn't long before both Rick and Molly were roped in to play small parts which grew in size with every production. Molly's sense of humour and fun was legendary. She had a few favourite jokes which she would often attempt to tell, only to collapse in hysterics just before the punch line, leaving everyone else scratching their heads. The two central themes in Molly's life were her family and her work. Her chil-

dren, Ellie and Joe, and later on grandson Lucian, were everything to Molly and she devoted herself to their welfare throughout her life.

She was a natural homemaker, having an eye for decorating and furnishing her house to make it a comfortable and attractive home. She worked as a teacher in special education for almost 30 years at Dr John Worrall school for children with special needs which was based in Attercliffe. This was a very demanding job but also rewarding and her sense of humour carried her through the difficult days. Molly's artwork was another very important theme in her life and she was always sketching or painting. Following retirement, she rekindled her love of painting and the next few years were very productive. She is famous for her humorous cards, whether for Christmas or birthdays or special occasions, delighting so many friends with her very personal touch, often containing a cryptic message. But she also created many more serious paintings, often with nature as the subject.

In later years Molly's health wasn't great and she became more of a home bird, content to be home based doing her daily crossword. Right to the end of her life, Molly's love of art never faltered. Her very last work was a special birthday card for Luc's eighth birthday just before being admitted to the Northern General hospital. Her passing was sudden and she died peacefully on 6th April 2023. This has left her family with a huge sense of loss. They are comforted by the many expressions of sympathy from so many people in Bradwell and also wider afield, and her celebration of life which was held at Grenoside Crematorium on 27th April was attended by numerous friends and family.

St. Barnabas Church: June 2023

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4th	11:00	All Age Worship - St Barnabas
11th	10:00	Benefice Communion Service - St Barnabas
18th	09:30	Communion Service - Bradwell
25th	10:00	Outdoor Service and on Zoom. Details on church noticeboard
	16:00	Short Communion Service—Castleton



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