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EVENTS

Historical Society: There is no July meeting of the Society.
Lotto Winners: £60 - No. 64, £30 - No. 283, £15 - No. 52

ST BARNABAS ARTS AND CRAFTS

We will be holding our popular Arts and Crafts Exhibition in St Barnabas Church during Gala week again this year. The exhibition will run from Saturday 2nd August to Saturday 9th August, from 10.30am to 4.30pm daily. We welcome anyone who would like to display their artwork or crafts in the church, whether or not it has been displayed before. People attend from far and wide and always comment on the wonderful talent there is in our village. Teas and homemade cakes will also be available in the church during the exhibition. Please bring items to the church on Friday 1st August between 10am and 5pm. Space will be allocated on the day. If this time is not convenient and you wish to reserve a space, or for any other queries please ring Lynn (620329) or Jane (621172) or email lynn@roselea.org

POPPY APPEAL ORGANISER

The vacancy for the Poppy Appeal Organiser for Bradwell has been filled by Ian Hancock, who has very kindly stepped into the role and has ensured that this year's appeal can proceed. This also means that this year's Remembrance Day service will go ahead as planned with the laying of wreaths etc. A big thanks to Ian for taking this on and preserving this great Bradwell tradition of remembering our residents who have fallen in all conflicts, past and present. Ian can be contacted on 01433 621349 for all your wreath and poppy requirements. Thank you, everyone for your support over the years.
Keith Brett

SWIFT PROJECT UPDATE



The first swift arrived back earlier than usual in our village on 28th April, spotted by Bertie flying over the doctors and Post Office. Please continue to send us any sightings of where you know Swifts are nesting to:

bradwellswiftreports@gmail.com

In the UK swifts have declined by 60% in recent years. If we don't know where they are nesting in our village we can't protect them. Please join in the free Swift walk around the village on Saturday 28th June starting at 8pm next to the Bridge near Brook Buildings or come and find our stall at the village gala.

HEDGEHOG PROJECT

Thank you to everyone who has sent in reports of hedgehog sightings in their gardens. Please continue to send any further sightings to: hedgehogs.bradwell@gmail.com
Sadly, we have had one dead hedgehog on Granby Road, so think about whether you can create a 5 inch square gap in your boundary to allow hedgehogs to move safely between wildlife friendly gardens. The results of our survey will be on a plan displayed at the gala, so please come and chat. If we work together we can help hedgehogs survive in our village.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ

The July Community Café is at St Barnabas church on Saturday July 5th from 10-11.30. There will be an array of yummy cakes, hot drinks and the raffle for you to enjoy. Please support this village event, it's a lovely chance to meet new people, see old friends, and to support local causes. Thank you.

GALA WEEK at ST BARNABAS

As in previous years we will be hosting our local Arts and Crafts Exhibition in church, as well as serving refreshments. We really welcome volunteers to help with stewarding, serving teas and making cakes. We will help with the cost of ingredients, as we realise that home-baking can be expensive! Any help that you can offer would be hugely appreciated. The rota sheets for teas and stewarding the exhibition (in 2 hour slots) will also be at the back of church. It's a lovely chance to meet our visitors and to support an important village event.

FAITHFUL- THE MUSICAL

The new funniest musical arriving in Bradwell is proving popular in ticket sales. Set on the traitors estate, singing, dancing and voting including hit songs and iconic scenes from the traitors take to the stage. Join us around the breakfast table on 19th July at either 2.30pm or 7.30pm at Bradwell Memorial hall - doors open 30 minutes before the performance starts. Book tickets from <https://www.centenaryplayers.org/shows>

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 Steve (620329). You can also leave hand written copy at the Post Office. For questions on advertising please contact Caroline carolinepreston37@gmail.com

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PC NOTES

Carnival: The year is moving very quickly, and as we are now entering July carnival plans are in full swing with the first event of the year happening at the end of the month. The eve of Carnival event, which was introduced last year will happen again on July 31st on Beggars Plot. There will be music from local bands, a bar, food and fun. The field will open from 5pm. We are also pleased to announce the Street Fayre will be run on behalf of FOBS on the Monday as usual, and this year we are also bringing the carnival Torchlight procession back on August 10th.

After its popularity last year we will again be providing a flyer showing what's on during Gala. It's not too late to add your event to the flyer, so let the clerk know if you want something adding. We will also again be looking for marshals and helpers to enable these events to run smoothly and safely, so if you can spare some time please email the clerk. There is still time to book a stall on the field (Beggars Plot) on Carnival Day.

The Brook: Council have been in discussion with the Environment Agency over dredging of the brook, and they have told us that they do have plans to do it this year. Due to fish spawning seasons there is only a small window when this can be done, so Council are working with the riparian owners and the Environment Agency to try to make sure that the dredging does happen this year. We are also aware that the Environment Agency has started contacting households regarding their Flood Protection Scheme, and hopefully residents will be offered measures which could help protect their homes from flooding.

Vandalism: Council became aware that some damage had been caused in the public toilets on Town Bottom. Via our newly installed CCTV system we were able to view the footage and identify the culprits. Their parents were informed and in this instance the damage was minor, but we do work very hard to keep the toilet block open 24 hours a day, and replacing/repairing damaged equipment takes time and effort and costs money which comes out of your council tax.

Playing Fields: Council plans to make the playing fields more appealing and some changes will be happening. Some of the tired play equipment will be getting some new exciting colour changes, and users of Town Bottom may have noticed that the spinners have gone. This was decided as they were not financially viable to repair. If residents or children would like to put ideas forward for their replacement, please let the clerk know.

Softwater Lane: Users of the bridge between Bradwell Springs and Softwater Lane might have noticed that work has begun to improve the area. In the next few months we will be surfacing the path to make it easier to access especially for those with wheelchairs and prams. We will also be installing safety fencing at the base of the footpath to make things safer for any young users of the bridge.

Residents are always encouraged to attend parish council meetings which are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm. There is a period of time at the beginning of the meeting where residents can address their concerns, put questions to council or simply observe.

For queries and council related items please contact the clerk on parishclerk@bradda.org



We are pleased to announce that we are incorporating Bradwell Pre-School into Bradwell CE Infant School, from September 2025. The school will be known as '**Bradwell CE (C) Infant School and Nursery**' from 1st September 2025. We are excited for this new chapter for the school, enabling us to offer high quality, continuous education and care for children aged 2-7 years. Our core ethos and values of kindness, respect, community and perseverance, within a safe and nurturing environment, will not change and will, in fact, become strengthened through the collaboration. We are proud of our school, and we can't wait to explore the new opportunities that a larger school with nursery, will bring for the children and families of Bradwell and beyond. From September, we will be offering wraparound care from 7.30am in the morning, until 5.30pm in the evening, allowing greater flexibility for parents and carers. There are some exciting new changes and improvements we are making, as we embark on this new journey. Over the summer, Jonathan Woodhouse will be installing brand new children's and adult toilets in the school, and we have a new logo and uniform set up ready for the new academic year. We are very happy that all the existing highly skilled and experienced staff, will be continuing their employment at Bradwell CE Infant School and Nursery. The governors and I offer our huge thanks to the hard work of all the Pre-School and Infant staff, who consistently go above and beyond to ensure the care, wellbeing and high quality education for all our children. We always welcome visitors to our school and if you, or someone you know, would like to come and have a look around our school and provision, please get in touch to arrange a visit. Mrs Rebecca Gordine (Headteacher) 01433 620409 info@bradwell-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk

BAMFORD TENNIS CLUB

Bamford Tennis Club is a friendly club with various affordable membership packages for children, adults and families. The club have been running some great projects so far this year to encourage local people to try tennis in different ways: thanks to a generous donation from Bamford Carnival Committee the club now has a hitting wall which is being well used by local children and the club ran a well-attended girls after school tennis group with Hope Valley College. More excitement is on its way as the club have gained conditional funding from Sport England to help develop and resurface the single self-contained court for tennis and pickleball. The project "More Hope Valley Residents Moving More" aims to encourage more locals to become active through tennis and pickleball by offering different opportunities on the single court. As part of Bamford Carnival week, the tennis club will be holding another **open event on Monday 14th July 6-8pm** – all are welcome to come to meet members and have a go at tennis and pickleball. Our coaching team will be there offering some free, fun sessions for juniors and adults. There might even be cake! More info at www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/bamfordtennis



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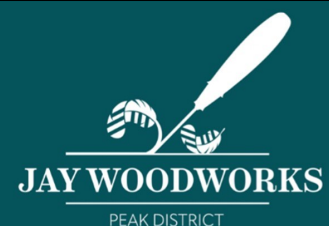
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TEDDY BEAR THANKS

A huge **Thank You** to The Tour of Bradwell for sponsoring the Teddy Bear Club's hall rent for a whole year, equating to over £1000! Bradwell Teddies provides a welcoming space for families from the local community with toys, crafting, educational visitors, snack time and activities for 0-school ages, with refreshments and social space for parents as well. Teddies are still fundraising to help with their other overheads e.g. providing continued educational visitors, crafting, snacks and insurance. The more families who visit, the more funds we have to help cover this sustainably. Please join us during term time; 9:30am - 11:30am in the War Memorial Hall. Please note that we have moved our venue due to the imminent closure of the Methodist Hall. You can follow 'Bradwell Teddies' on Facebook for our upcoming events and itinerary. Sarah, Katy, Eve and all families at Teddies xxx

FARMING LIFE CENTRE Befriending

The FLC's befriending service connects farming community members with passionate volunteers who understand rural life. Support includes face-to-face visits and encouragement to join local groups, aiming to build friendships and combat isolation. Anyone can be a rural befriender - you just need to be reliable, caring, and have a few spare hours each month. If you're willing to offer companionship and a listening ear, we'd love to hear from you.

OR, are you aware of someone who might truly benefit from the companionship and support our service offers? We would absolutely love to hear from you and discuss how we can make a positive impact together.

For more information: Phone/text: 07777168857 or email: donna@thefarminglifecentre.org.uk. Charity No. 1130259

METHODIST CHURCH AND HALL

Residents will have seen that the Methodists are planning to close the church and School Rooms (Hall) from 31st July. This has come as a bit of a surprise and the Parish Council are in the process of arranging to meet the Methodist authorities to investigate the decision and to explore whether there are any options available to users. A number of village organisations do use the hall on a regular basis and this closure will make things very difficult. At the time of writing there is no news beyond what you already know, but rest assured we will keep you informed via the pages of this newsletter.

CARNIVAL BINGO

Once again we will be holding a Carnival Bingo in Bradwell War Memorial Hall on Thursday 7th August, with all our usual games for cash prizes, plus the opportunity to win special donated prizes throughout the evening. Admission (over 18yrs) £10 inclusive of six games of Bingo. Two additional games will be played. Plus a free "Last Man Standing" game for an illustrious prize. Unfortunately, we will not have a bar licence, but you may bring your own drinks and we will provide you with glasses. Tea and Coffee will be available. As last year we are hoping for a "Full House" (please excuse the pun). Doors Open 7.00pm – Eyes Down 7.30pm.

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BOWLS CLUB 40th Anniversary Year

This is a special invitation to the people of Bradwell and surrounding villages to please join us on the afternoon of Wednesday 6th August, (Carnival Week) between 2pm and 6pm to help us celebrate our 40th Anniversary Year. You can participate in various games throughout the afternoon (for all ages) and hopefully win one of the many prizes kindly donated by our members. You can also take the opportunity to have a go at this wonderful game of bowls. You never know, you may enjoy it and discover that you have a talent for Crown Green Bowling. Tuition will be offered, and there will be a Bowling Competition for all ages and abilities. This should be a great afternoon so please come along. There is no charge, but please bring your own afternoon picnic. We will provide tea, coffee and soft drinks throughout the afternoon. We only have two small requests: Please respect the fact that dogs are not allowed, and that you must wear flat shoes if you intend participating in any of the bowling games. Everything will be free - even the raffle.

THANKS

I would like to thank all my wonderful family, friends and neighbours for the cards, flowers, gifts, baking, meals, offers of lifts and coffee trips out. You have all been amazing. It's been quite overwhelming, not just from Bradwell but also further afield. It's made the journey with my illness so much easier, knowing you are all there for me. It's all going very well and I should be out and about more very soon. Thanks once again, love Debbie Moseley. Xxx

Thank you to all who have supported and frequented S & F General Store. I will miss being in the shop chatting to everyone and of course the cuddles from our furry friends!! The 3D printing and dog biscuits will continue to be available after the shop is closed. Please watch for notices on Facebook and posters in the village of how to order. Or ask me in the shop for details. Once again thank you all!!! Much respect and love. Cheryl x



BRADDA DADS



The Dads will be running the bar again this year on Friday before carnival (Fri 1 Aug). Any solo musicians and bands wishing to perform please contact Dan on 07840 718084. All styles welcome! Further details to follow once we've sorted everything out. The world famous Bradda Dads ball race will be on the evening of Monday 4th Aug in carnival week. Dates for your diaries: Funday Mon 1 Sep; Pensioners Lunch Fri 28 Nov. Watch this space for event details nearer the time.

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BRADWELL RAILWAY STATION

There was twice nearly a station here. The first was planned in the 1840s by the North Midland railway before it merged with the Midland railway. No plans were ever drawn up but the line was initially expected to progress alongside the Derwent river through the Chatsworth estate from the old station at Rowsley, but the then Duke of Devonshire did not want railways on his land so a new station was built at Rowsley and the line had to progress through the Haddon estate and via Bakewell in the 1860s. If the Duke had been more amenable, it must be assumed there would have been stations at Baslow, Calver, and in different locations at Grindleford, Hathersage, Bamford/Shatton, then Brough, Bradwell, Great Hucklow and Tideswell (five lane ends). The line would then have swung west towards Manchester. Thus tunnels would be avoided, although Peak Forest would be difficult. The station at Bradwell would have been to the East of the village since the line would have to run along the bottom of Bradwell Edge up to Great Hucklow. The second near miss was a branch line from Hope station to Castleton via Bradwell in the 1890s/early 20th century. The plans were drawn up by a group of local enthusiasts and approved by parliament but insufficient funds were raised. It was hoped that Midland Railway would step in but they were not interested. The station was planned for near the bottom of Gore Lane. It might have been electric since a possible generator was planned near Bradwell station. If it had been built it would now be a tourist attraction and would have provided a main line link for Hope cement works when that opened in 1929.

Chris Furness

BRADWELL - JENNISON



To have and to hold, with joy and laughter. On 17th May, Bradwell witnessed the marriage of Tim Bradwell and Theresa Jennison. Around 180 friends and family enjoyed music played by our brass band family, with Elvis making a fleeting appearance, before the service in the Methodist Chapel. Tim serenaded Theresa as she walked down the aisle with nephew Tom proudly wearing his new Navy uniform. Bailey starred as 'bridesdog' wearing a beautiful collar covered in pink flowers. After the service the happy couple danced out, Morecambe and Wise style, to "Bring me Sunshine". The reception was a fantastic party at the Tipsey Cow Shed at Beltonville farm. Mr and Mrs Bradwell would like to sincerely thank everyone for their good wishes and for making our day so very special.

ROAD WORKS AT MYTHAM BRIDGE

The road works to repair the eroded section of road at Mytham Bridge will begin Monday 23rd June and last for 15 weeks, subject to weather. The road will remain **open** on traffic lights. The repairs will involve drilling interlocking steel sections into the ground beneath the level of the river for a distance of 20 meters. The plan is to use local materials where possible, drainage improvements will be made and the whole area will be resurfaced after work is complete.

St. Barnabas Church: July 2025

Contact Us: churchwarden.stb@gmail.com

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| 6th | 11:00 | All Age Worship. |
| 13th | 10:00 | Benefice Communion (Castleton) |
| 20th | 09:30 | Communion (Godparent Sunday - see Newsletter) |
| 27th | 10:00 16:00 | Celtic Worship (Hope) Said Communion (Hope) |



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