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Welcome to the Flowers of Spring  
and the New Shoots of Freedom



Bradwell Parish Council

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Front Page Picture Bluebells on Sandy Lane May 2021  
Courtesy of Harry Hamilton

## Bradwell Defibrillators



There are two 'public use' defibrillators installed in Bradwell, one on the outside of the Leo Coles Pavilion building on Green Lane Playing Field, one on the outside of the Mill Lane Centre building. They are kept 'key code' locked, and the idea is, if someone in such an emergency dials 999 for the Ambulance Service, the Service will direct them to where the defibrillator is, and give them the key code. The defibrillator itself contains a digital facility which gives the user step-by-step instructions for its use.

There are also '24/7' public access defibrillators outside the Bradwell Post Office Store, the Sun Inn and the Phoenix Pool, all of which have been provided by Jayne Biggs 'Heart to Heart' charity, and all of which are also listed on the East of England Ambulance 'map'.

We are also reliably informed that some of the local schools such as Hillside Primary also have their own defibrillators which in an emergency they would make available for treatment.

# **Bradwell Parish Council Chairman Report**



As we all know that the start of 2021 was a continuation of last year with respect to the pandemic but with the prospect of the vaccine that has brought hope for the future. You may remember from my last report in our winter addition of the Bradwellian the council, although unable to operate normally, was able to achieve some positive issues. Like many other organisations we have tried to manage the restrictions associated with Covid-19 with a focus on what we can do, not what we cannot.

The council made a decision towards the end of last year that many in the parish have struggled financially and we felt it was inappropriate to burden these residents any more than they have been so it was decided not to increase the council precept for 2021/2022. We recognise it's only a small saving however with the residential growth in the parish it has resulted in a typical band "C" property seeing a reduction of 2.2% in the precept contribution. With this in mind I would like to tell you some of what we are achieving and what is in the pipeline for this year.

I reported in the last issue on the Community Survey undertaken to identify what improvements you would like to see in our open spaces around the parish. The second phase of the survey was completed in January this year and I would like to thank all those who participated and supported its achievement. Your top five improvements were; picnic areas and tables, a zip wire, a nature trail and garden, a trim trail and improvements to the Mill Lane Skate Park. I am pleased to inform you that with the support of GYBC Property and Asset Management the first of these are in the process of being organised with a plan to install picnic areas and tables at Mill Lane Playing Field and Green Lane Playing Field. In addition, quotations are to be requested for a zip wire at Green Lane Playing Field. The remaining improvements are being progressed and I will report as and when we have more information.

The council were very keen, when the time was right, to assist in the re-start of "not for profit" community service providers across the parish. As the Government Covid-19 Roadmap allowed the reopening of our two community centres in May, we designed a grant support process whereby those using the community centres could apply for a grant towards the costs of using both centres. In addition the council felt it was only fair that other "not for profit" community service providers who did not use these centres, but provide a valuable service to our residents, should also be helped so a separate scheme was created. Both schemes have had a good response and we wish the organisations well.

We are in the process of planning a small event on Green Lane Playing Field in late August. The event will feature at its heart the Bradwell Council Allotments, Flower and Vegetable show. A small team of Councillors and allotment tenants are part of the event organisers and hope to be able to include a number of side events. More on this will be published on the parish notice boards and web site.

Other initiatives we have supported, are as follows;

- We assisted in the provision of Covid-19 face visors to the primary schools within the parish.
- We have helped the Old School Community Centre on Green Lane with their improvements .
- New Parish Notice Boards have been installed at Morrison's, Mill Lane Playing Field and Tesco Express.
- The council's web site has been upgraded to make it compliant with the accessibility requirements.
- We have recruited two new Parish Councillors, see their introductions in this edition, we still have space for you if you would like to get involved.

**Stay Well and Safe: Bob Carrier**

**Listen Consult Respond Engage Invest**

# *Great Yarmouth and District Photographic Society*

Like many clubs and organisations, our Camera Club has been badly hit with restrictions and lockdowns frustrating our plans to get up and running. Needless to say we didn't open up in January as we had hoped, when on the 8<sup>th</sup> the country went into its third National Lockdown. However, hopefully not being over optimistic, given the vaccine and the apparent success in suppressing the virus, we may open up again soon. Tentative plans are in place for social distanced club meetings to take place outside at different locations in the summer.



Optimistically, and assuming things have not deteriorated by September, we plan to restart inside meetings again at the Old School Village Centre on Green Lane. If you are interested in coming along, without financial obligation, to one of our meetings you will be more than welcome. We typically run a varied programme of events, everything from practical photo-shoot opportunities to digital evenings with training seminars on post production software where we share methods and ideas. In normal times our friendly Camera Club meets every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm.

The group is made up of a mixture of local members who are interested in all aspects of photography.

**More details about the club and the current programme can be found on the club website <http://www.greatyarmouthphotographicsociety.co.uk/>**

**Or contact the Secretary on 07799 530293 Or e-mail [gyps@eaf.org.uk](mailto:gyps@eaf.org.uk)**

Picture courtesy of Mick Graystone Programme Manager Great Yarmouth & District Photographic Society

## **St Nicholas Little Pearls**

Julie Nicholls writes:



Under normal circumstances, our Little Pearls Group for pre-school children and their carers, meets in the Church Hall on Tuesday afternoons during term time between 1.45 and 3.30 p.m, but you can come when you can and leave when you must.

It is a church group and includes a fifteen minute bible and song time in the Church building at around 2.15. All are welcome and you don't have to be a regular church goer to attend. We are a very friendly, informal group and welcome all kinds of carers; Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Great Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts and Childminders!

We have really missed our children and carers over the past year and are so looking forward to meeting together again soon.

We are hoping to arrange a couple of outdoor get togethers in June and July with the intention of resuming normal service in September.

Please check the St. Nicholas Church Facebook page for further details.

We look forward to seeing our Little Pearls and welcoming some new ones!

# *Bradwell Reading Room Trust*

Keith Nicholls, Trust Chairman, writes

As you can see the Community Garden is beginning to blossom, thanks to residents contributions and a grant via Borough Councillor Sue Hacon. At present we are trying to set up a working group who meet once a week for a couple of hours to help with weeding, watering and general maintenance. If you are interested in being part of that group or wish to offer any irregular slots of time please ring 601736, or call into the library which is now open, (hooray!).

As far as the 100 year exhibition is concerned we are still in the process of finalising the arrangements and are planning for late August. Dates will be published once they are confirmed.



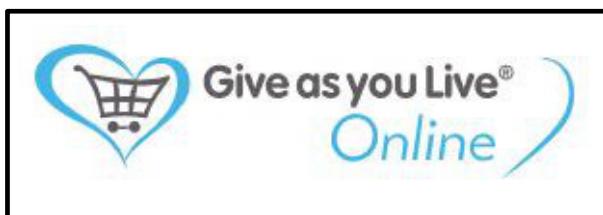
We are financially supported by two on-line sites (see logos below). If you shop on-line please consider clicking on Bradwell Reading Room Trust when asked if you wish to donate to a charity. This costs you nothing on your purchase price and the company you are buying from will donate a small percentage to our funds. Consequently we ask you to consider these options and ask you to ask friends and colleagues to do the same. We would be very grateful. Thank you.

Bob Carrier has stepped down after his four year tenure as a trustee. His input during that time has been invaluable. Besides being a genuinely 'hands on' trustee his commitment was summed up at our last meeting by the following statement,

He has been instrumental in bringing certain aspects of our paperwork into the 21st. Century' and if he says he will do something he will get it done.

What more can you ask for from a trustee? We are most grateful to you Bob, thank you.

Finally, may I take this opportunity of thanking the parish council for their continued financial support and encouragement and ask you as residents to visit the re-opened building and see what is on offer and, where appropriate, use it and support it.



## **Save a Life Give Blood**

**Ever thought about giving blood but never got around to doing anything about it?**

**Or you used to give blood, but lapsed some time ago?**

**Blood stocks are currently much lower than required. If you can help, please ring 0845 7711 711 to make a donor appointment locally.**

## **James Sargeant New Bradwell Parish Councillor, writes**

I am very pleased and honoured to be co-opted onto Bradwell Parish Council and look forward to serving the village and helping where I can.

**My name is James Sargeant (Jim) and I am 68 years old. A retired engineer, I have worked for local and offshore industries for most of my working life. Married to Sharon I have three sons and two grandsons. I have lived in Bradwell for the last 30 years and, as a child grew up in the village having attended “the Old School” on Green Lane, now the Community Centre and then went on to Homefield Primary School when it first opened.**



**Being part of the community is important to me and as a new Parish Councillor I hope I can contribute to making Bradwell a better and safer place to live.**

## **Bradwell Methodist Church**

Since the last edition we have been able to return to weekly services. These started on Mothering Sunday in March but we ensured we kept to the guide lines for worship. This meant wearing face coverings, keeping safe distancing and ensuring sanitiser was available. Due to the size of the building we could only accommodate 15 worshippers.

Services have been conducted using members of the ministerial team, local preachers and Worship Leaders. When they were not available, church members work together to produce a service.

On Good Friday afternoon we were able to have a service arranged by Rev Katy Adams and Deacon Sheralee Davitt. This told the Good Friday story through the eyes of Judas, the Centurion, Peter and Mary. It was good to be able to do this on this important day in the Christian calendar.

Ensuring we stayed in contact with all our members has been important. Obviously personal visits have not been allowed so the telephone has had to be a substitute. To provide for all who have been unable to come back to church has been important. This has been done using online services provided by an organisation called The Vine. These could be printed and distributed for those without a computer. There was also a weekly service on “Zoom” from our Acle Church.

We are hoping that by late summer the situation will be returning to be more “normal”. This will allow us to have more social events such as coffee mornings, Friendship Club and charity lunches.

## **Gareth Howe New Bradwell Parish Councillor, writes**

I moved to Bradwell from Shildon in County Durham in 2019, with my wife Beverley, where I served on the Town and Borough Council. I was also the Town Mayor between 2009-2011.

I now live in Bradwell and am the joint owner of a restaurant with my wife.

I have always felt that the best way we can improve our community is by becoming involved, I feel very strongly, as a local businessman in Gorleston and living in Bradwell, that we need to stand up and fight for what we believe is the best way forward for our parish.

I hope with my past experience on councils I will not let the community down.



## **Bradwell WI**

### **Win Rout writes**

Bradwell W I has held meetings monthly since it was formed in 1926 but this lockdown has meant no meetings for the past year. However we have kept in touch with our 50 members and hope that we will soon be able to meet together again.

Due to a request from the new governing body of the Old School Village Centre and also several of the W I members, we have changed our time of meeting from a Thursday evening to the third Thursday in each month from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm and hope that this will be suitable for everyone.

We don't know when we will be able to start again, as it wouldn't be possible to isolate us all, but we look forward in hope.

Thank you to all involved in bringing the Old School Village Centre up to date, what a great undertaking and what a transformation. This is a building with much history and deserving of its place in what was once the centre of the village.

We will resume our programme of speakers, demonstrators, and entertainment as soon as we safely can. Meanwhile, best wishes to all from Bradwell Women's Institute.

# *Simon Minter, Headteacher at Hillside Primary School Writes*

It's certainly been a year like no other at Hillside Primary School!

Whilst it's fair to say that there's been a huge amount of disruption to learning, with most children spending more time at home than they have in school, we have all still managed to learn a great deal over the last year.

It's been fantastic to see how our whole school community has pulled together during these challenging times and we've really learnt how caring, patient, supportive, positive, selfless and hard-working our staff, parents and of course, our children are!

Over the previous year we've all had to adapt and find new ways of teaching and learning. We started providing remote activities to the children in the Summer Term of 2020, due to the first Lockdown and even when all of the children returned in September, we soon found ourselves having to regularly teach the National Curriculum to whole classes at home. Learning was provided through a combination of recorded and live instruction, meaning that teachers, children and parents had to quickly learn how to use these different platforms and technologies, often having to overcome barriers and technical issues! In January, staff found themselves with the challenge of having to move to a combination of remote and face-to-face learning, catering for the Key Worker and Vulnerable children in school, while providing remote learning for the majority of their class who were at home.

Although the remote learning was no substitute for being in school, everyone did remarkably well and we've all acquired many new ICT skills in the process. We've also had to update and increase our ICT equipment in school, which has obviously come at a significant cost, so we were pleased to receive a small number of laptops from the Government and were even lucky enough to be gifted

a £1000 grant from Adnams Community Trust!

These new skills and resources will not only hold us in good stead for any future lockdowns, but they'll help us to deliver learning in new up-to-date and efficient ways that have greater appeal to the younger generation and can even improve accessibility, particularly for those children with Special Educational Needs.

Staff have also received training and resources to enable them to support the well-being and mental health of our children, with all classes now undertaking daily mindfulness/yoga sessions. While the children continue to demonstrate amazing resilience, it's vital that our staff are well-prepared in not only knowing what to look for and what to do when children are struggling, but to also teach them the skills to recognise and help themselves, when they are feeling anxious or worried.

Therefore, at Hillside Primary, we're not dwelling on all the things that we haven't been able to achieve in the last year or so, but we're looking ahead and using the skills and qualities that we've all gained, as a platform for taking teaching, learning and well-being to new levels at the school!



## Brandon Lewis MP writes:

It's been a tough six months for all of us. No one wanted to go into another national lockdown, but it was necessary to protect lives and to give us time to beat the virus as the vaccine was rolled out across the country.

During this time my work as your MP has been dominated by how the government could provide support to individuals and businesses across the constituency. The grants and financial packages available have safeguarded jobs and saved businesses which otherwise would have been lost. Without the furlough scheme many families would have ended this pandemic financially devastated.



However, the range of support packages targeted at different circumstances and industrial sectors has been complicated. The advice I, along with my constituency team, have been able to provide has helped people through what is an understandably complicated system. But now is the time to look to the future. The government's programme for the years ahead will concentrate on "levelling up" across the country. We've already seen that levelling up agenda in action with millions of pounds of inward investment confirmed. My priority now is to help the area seize these new opportunities and build a strong recovery that benefits everyone across Great Yarmouth.

## The Old School Village Centre



Celebration Table

Looking for a venue for a Wedding reception, Christening, or a Birthday party? Then look no further than the newly refurbished Old School Village Centre, Green Lane, Bradwell.

The Centre is keen to offer its facilities to local residents looking for a venue to hold social functions at a reasonable cost.

Most weekends there are two well furnished large halls available and a large newly refurbished kitchen. The venue is also well equipped with cutlery and crockery.

If you think the Old School Village Centre may offer you the facilities that you would like, why not call and arrange a visit.

Please contact Wally or Harry on 07395049719 to arrange a visit or to make a booking..



# *Bradwell Community Library*

Julie Nicholls writes:

By the time you read this we will have been back open for a month! We are so happy to be able to provide this service for the people of Bradwell once more.

Opening times are Monday and Saturday 10-12.30 p.m. and Thursday 2-5.00 p.m.

Covid safety measures will be in place for as long as the law requires. We will be limiting the numbers to two customers at a time, hand sanitiser will be available on entry and face coverings must be worn unless you have an exemption. We will encourage users to choose their books as quickly as possible with a minimum of browsing.

We are very grateful to the gardening team who have so greatly improved the area outside the building. It makes a much more pleasant place to wait for your turn inside!



We are very sorry to have lost one of our most valued customers and former volunteer, Betty Newson.

Her family very kindly nominated us to be the benefactor of donations in lieu of flowers at her funeral. The bench outside will be dedicated to Betty and some lovely new books will be purchased in her memory.

We look forward to welcoming new customers, membership is free and it is very easy to join.

## **A Big Welcome to our new Community Beat Manager**



Hello, I am PC 489 GRAY your new Bradwell Beat Manager. I have been with Norfolk Constabulary for coming up to 13 years now. I come from a Safer Neighbourhood Policing background, starting my career as a PCSO covering the South Yarmouth area and then the Caister area. For the past three years I have been a Police Officer on Response at Great Yarmouth and now have come back to my grass roots of Community Policing. I will be looking after the Bradwell area for you; conducting various patrols around the general area and targeted patrols in any hotspot areas where trouble has occurred. Visiting various people, businesses along the way and dealing with those who cause any issues for other residents in the area.

If you see me in the area please stop and say hello. If you have any problems in the area where the Police can assist you, please call: 999 for emergencies and 101 for non-emergencies."

Regards Vinny

# St. Nicholas - Bradwell

## Message from the Rector Rev Steve Deall

Hello everyone, what a year we have all had! It is with a spirit of optimism we can start to look to the future. Since we moved here back in July 2020 it has been the strangest of times, as a church we moved almost lock stock and barrel online. It is such an encouragement to have been able to use the relevant technology to stay together as a church family, whether it be a virtual quiz, a virtual coffee morning or even our main Sunday service at 10 am. It has been such a success that we are going to continue to offer our main service as a hybrid, both in church and at home (in your pyjamas perhaps?)



One thing we were able to do over the past year is have our main stained glass window renovated, it looks stunning, truly stunning, do come and have a look when you can.

The second thing we have been doing is working alongside members of the community in the churchyard, we have planted thousands of bulbs, had a number of working parties, done some painting, weeding,

clipping and pruning, but perhaps the most important legacy of the work in the church yard is all of the conversations we have had.

The past 12 months has really highlighted the importance of being together, we at St Nicholas are very much looking forward to welcoming you in the time to come. God bless all,

Steve.

The logo for 'THE BRADWELL GARDENER' features a circular design with a green border. Inside the border, the words 'THE BRADWELL' are at the top and 'GARDENER' are at the bottom, separated by small leaf icons. In the center is a green silhouette of a lawnmower on a grassy field.

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Bradwell Parish Council

## Advertise for Free

The Parish Council would like to invite local one-man band businesses who live in the parish of Bradwell to advertise in the next edition of the Bradwellian for free.

The advert in the form and size of a business card will be placed in the Winter edition of the Bradwellian magazine.

If you are interested please submit a copy of your business card in the form of a jpeg or pdf image to [thebradwellian@bradwellparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:'thebradwellian@bradwellparishcouncil.co.uk) before the 31<sup>st</sup> September.

# Carl Smith

County Councillor Breydon Division and  
Borough Councillor for Bradwell North, writes

Dear Residents

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May I was re-elected as your Norfolk County Councillor for the Breydon Division and can I thank everybody who supported me and to let all residents know I am here to help, so please if you have any problems, then get in touch.



Within the Borough the new leisure centre is now starting to take shape, as is the new Market Place. We also want to work with our local communities which are the heart and soul of the Borough and during the pandemic have shown how much support they provide to residents. I recently chaired a meeting with the Parish Councils to bring them up to date with what as a Council we are doing and what support and help is available, so that in partnership we can continue to deliver not only for all our residents but for our Businesses as well.

With this in mind we again as local Councillors have been allocated a ward Budget of £1000 to distribute to local community groups in the next year, so please get in touch if you would like to know more about these grants and if they could help your Club, Group or Society.

Take Care Councillor Carl Smith

Email [cllr.carl.smith@great-yarmouth.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.carl.smith@great-yarmouth.gov.uk)

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# Local Government Directory

## Member of Parliament

Rt Hon Brandon Lewis MP

## Norfolk County Councillors

Cllr. Carl Smith (Breydon North Ward) Cllr. Carl Annison (Lothingland South Ward)

## Borough Councillors

Cllr. Daniel Candon

Cllr. Carl Annison

Cllr. Graham Plant

Cllr. Sue Hacon

Cllr. Carl Smith (North Ward)

Cllr. Katy Stenhouse (South Ward)

## Parish Councillors - North Ward

Cllr. Bob Carrier (Council Chairman,  
Chairman Finance & General Purposes Committee,  
Chairman Staffing and Standards Committee)  
Cllr. Brian Comer (Chairman Planning &  
Development Committee).  
Cllr. Harry Hamilton (Chairman Public Relations  
& Publicity Committee)  
Cllr. John Hirst (Council Vice-Chairman,  
Chairman Amenities & Highways Committee)  
Cllr. John Shaw

## Parish Councillors South Ward

Cllr. Ted Howlett  
Cllr. Eddie Mc Donald  
Cllr. Jo Thurtle  
Cllr. Trevor Wainwright  
Cllr. David Goodchild  
Cllr. Sue Watson  
Cllr. James Sargeant  
Cllr. Gareth Howe  
Cllr. Chrissie Steggles  
Vacant

All Parish Councillors can be contacted via the Parish Clerk on 444478 or  
[clerk@bradwellparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@bradwellparishcouncil.co.uk)

The Parish Council office is normally open mornings Monday to Friday

Parish & Committee meetings are normally held in the Leo Coles Pavilion, Green Lane on Tuesday evenings – see noticeboards at Leo Coles Pavilion (outside wall), Beccles Rd Bus Shelter, opposite Sun Inn, Mill Lane Community Centre, Playingfield, Morrisons Car Park, Tesco Express Car Park, or website:  
[www.bradwellparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.bradwellparishcouncil.co.uk).

Suggestions or questions related to the Bradwellian Parish Magazine please send to:  
[thebradwellian@bradwellparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:thebradwellian@bradwellparishcouncil.co.uk)

## Can You Help Find Twinkle the Cat

Twinkle first went missing on the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017 from the El Alamein Way area of Bradwell and was last spotted on the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018 near Morrisons Bradwell.

She is a ginger mackerel tabby (light and dark) with white from the bottom of her nose onto her chest. Her fur is semi long haired and has a fluffy tail.

A reward is on offer leading to her return

If you can help please contact

Anne & David on: 07766883159



# The Old School Village

## A New Start for an Old Building

The Bradwell Community Centre in Green Lane has been a central part of Bradwell village since it was built in 1841.

It began life as a school and there are in Bradwell parishioners who still remember attending it or know someone who did.

In 1975 it was purchased by a charitable trust, became a community centre and for many years was a hub of the community.



After some years of decline it is now approaching a new future – still as a community centre but with a new name and new modern facilities.

The **OLD SCHOOL VILLAGE CENTRE, BRADWELL** aims to restore its role as an active hub at the heart of the community.

Over the past year, during lockdown, a small ‘bubble’ of workers, have taken the opportunity to improve the centre. They have been transforming key aspects of the place – without changing its essential heritage or character. Gone are the old ‘manky’ toilets and pokey little kitchen to be replaced with modern clean and inviting facilities – including an enlarged kitchen with stainless steel furniture, cookers and a fridge. New windows replace the rotten ones and vertical blinds throughout add to the appeal of the place. LED lighting and new electrics have been installed inside and out, as well as a new boiler.

Kitchen Floor Repaired and Refitted

One Of Three New Toilets Being Refitted

One Of The New Radiators In the Washrooms

New Stainless Steel Kitchen Sink

Toilet Removed Ready For New Facilities

New Toilet Being Fitted

# **Centre, Bradwell**

## ***and a Big Investment In it's Future***

These are just some of the changes that have taken and are taking place with much more planned. For example, there will be new name boards, information boards, tables and chairs along with security cameras to protect the site.

This is a big investment in the future of the centre and we are grateful for the financial support we have received from local individuals and organisations – including Bradwell Parish Council – to allow all this to happen.

We have clubs and organisations of all sorts keen to restart and new bookings have already increased but there are still opportunities, especially during the daytime, for local clubs, organisations and businesses to hire the two halls and cottage meeting room at very good rates. We are keen to support new ventures as the community comes out of lockdown.

### ***Get involved with the community***

Would you like to be a part of this new, exciting venture? There are opportunities for you to get involved in a variety of ways. We are looking for forward thinking, community minded people who want to see the place thrive in the village and who want to see new exciting events taking place in Bradwell – not just at the centre itself.

There will be an opportunity for all residents to visit the centre in an open day, later in the year, to see the upgrades, plans, ways to join existing groups, to book new ones or to use the hall for private functions.

Please contact Wally or Harry on 07395049719 to make a booking.



Kitchen Floor Bearers  
Before Repair Work



Kitchen Floor Being  
Replaced



Kitchen Partition Wall  
Being Removed



New Baby  
Changing Area



New Blinds In  
Main Hall



The New Hand Basin  
In The Kitchen

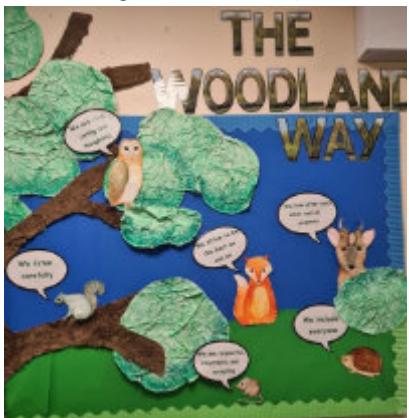


One Of The New  
Stainless Steel Units In  
The Kitchen

# Woodlands Primary School Writes

This has been a challenging year in many ways for everyone. In schools, this year has meant the staff learning a lot of new skills and having to adapt to a different way of teaching. As always, the children have adapted well and have shown resilience and perseverance. We were very happy to welcome them back after the lockdowns ended.

Home learning has been a big part of all our lives for the last year. The teachers, children and parents have become expert users of Microsoft Teams. The main difference between the first and second lockdown was the live lessons we were able to provide our children. Seeing their teachers, and interacting with them improved the engagement, their understanding of the work and their mental wellbeing; some of the parents enjoyed the opportunity to learn alongside their children, and they learnt a thing or two! We have also managed two parents evenings on Teams, but we are looking forward to when we can invite parents back into school to see what amazing work their children are doing.



Coming back into school after a year of disruption has been difficult on some of our children. Our school council have worked very hard in the spring term creating The Woodlands Way. This is a set of standards that all members of the Woodlands community adhere to. The children worked with their classes to

decide what they could do to get the most out of Woodlands – how they could behave so they are learning and supporting each other, and how the teachers could best support them too. We also had some staff development time when we carried out the same exercise with the teachers, LSAs, midday assistants, office staff and our site manager. The outcomes were very similar. The next task the school council had was to introduce their classes to The Woodlands Way – which they all did on the first day back after the Easter break. With their class teacher, they planned and taught a lesson. They have also created wall displays of the work that has been completed. The Woodlands Way has been adopted across the school, feeding into the positive and supportive ethos.



Our New Outside Learning Area



Bev, Glenn and some of our children around the newly painted gazebo.

With the children not being in school during the lockdowns, we took the opportunity to decorate and rearrange rooms and resources, so we were making better use of the space. We removed sinks, filled skips, painted, carpeted, and fitted a new kitchen. Our before and after school clubs, and classes, now have a new and safer area for cooking, we have a centralised resources area, we improved the intervention area used by years 5 and 6, and created a speech and language room. We have also been focusing on how we can improve our outside learning space. During the first lockdown, the children of key workers got to work on our wooden gazebo with chalks and coloured it like a rainbow to brighten up the playground.

Glenn, our site manager, bought some paint and went over their design. We also asked the children how we could improve the outside area. Some of the ideas they came up with were planting fruit trees, places to grow vegetables and flowers and a pond. We are very lucky to have a large field and woodlands, providing our children with lots of opportunities to learn and develop their understanding of the world around them. To enhance that, and listening to what the children suggested, we have recently planted an orchard. We now have 27 fruit trees, (thanks to a generous donation from the Amis Memorial Trust and our neighbour). These trees will provide a variety of fruit for the children to try, to cook with and to learn about life cycles. It will also encourage a wider variety of wildlife.



**The Orchard**



**The New Pond**

Next to the orchard we have just finished digging a pond. This will create another habitat for the children to explore. When it is more established it will attract frogs and toads, maybe some newts. There will be lots of bugs and larvae for the children to discover when they go pond dipping! The reception classes came out to see how the pond was being dug – we managed to stand a whole class in the pond before we filled it up!

Not only have these projects enhanced the learning opportunities for the children, they have also provided much-needed resources for those children who are finding school difficult after lockdown. As we found

with the introduction of Toothless, our Axolotl, and the fish tank, the orchard and pond are areas that children can go to when they need to calm down, to talk about what is troubling them or just to have a break and get back into a positive learning mindset.

I am very proud of this school, the wonderful children, supportive families, and hardworking staff who have all pulled together and survived this last year! I hope we are firmly on the other side of the pandemic now, soon the masks can go, bubbles will no longer exist and we can go back to welcoming parents back into school for performances and to celebrate and share in their children's learning.

- Pictures provided courtesy of Woodlands Primary School



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# Bradwellian History and Local Knowledge Quiz

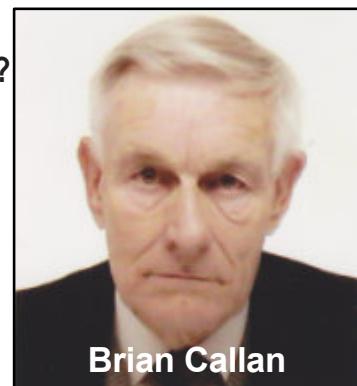
A £20 Morrisons Voucher will be given to the best set of correct answers.

1. When was the Bradwell Methodist Church built?
2. Which Prime Minister created Bradwell Parish Council and when?
3. In 1969 the Bradwell football team “El Sol” was formed, why did they choose this name?
4. In the 1980's there were seven schools in Bradwell, do you know their names?
5. A minor Roman highway the “Via Jovis” passed through Bradwell from Burgh Castle, what road now runs over the old Roman track?
6. Do you know where the headquarters of the Home Guard was during WWII?
7. What happened to the old Hobland Hall, Bradwell?
8. A railway line ran through Bradwell from Southtown Station in Great Yarmouth to Beccles there were three structures used by the line in the parish, do you know their locations and what they were used for.
9. At one time there were four Manors in Bradwell and the last remaining was called Gapton Hall Manor in George III's time. Do you know what larger estate this Manor was located in?
10. In the 1700's why did people wishing to go into central Bradwell have to pay a fee?
11. When was Bradwell created a “Township”, which has never been rescinded?
12. The village sign fell into disrepair who manufactured a new sign erected in the year 2000?
13. Do you know who was the longest serving Parish Council Chairman?
14. Do you know who purchased the Old Village School on Green Lane from the Church?
15. Do you know why “Busseys Loke” was so named?

Answers to be sent via email to [thebradwellian@bradwellparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:thebradwellian@bradwellparishcouncil.co.uk) before the 1st September 2021. To be judged by the Editorial Team.

Please note members of Bradwell Parish Council and their families are not allowed to enter this competition.

Thank you to Brian Callan, Local Historian, for this quiz.



Brian Callan

## Welcome to Bradwell!

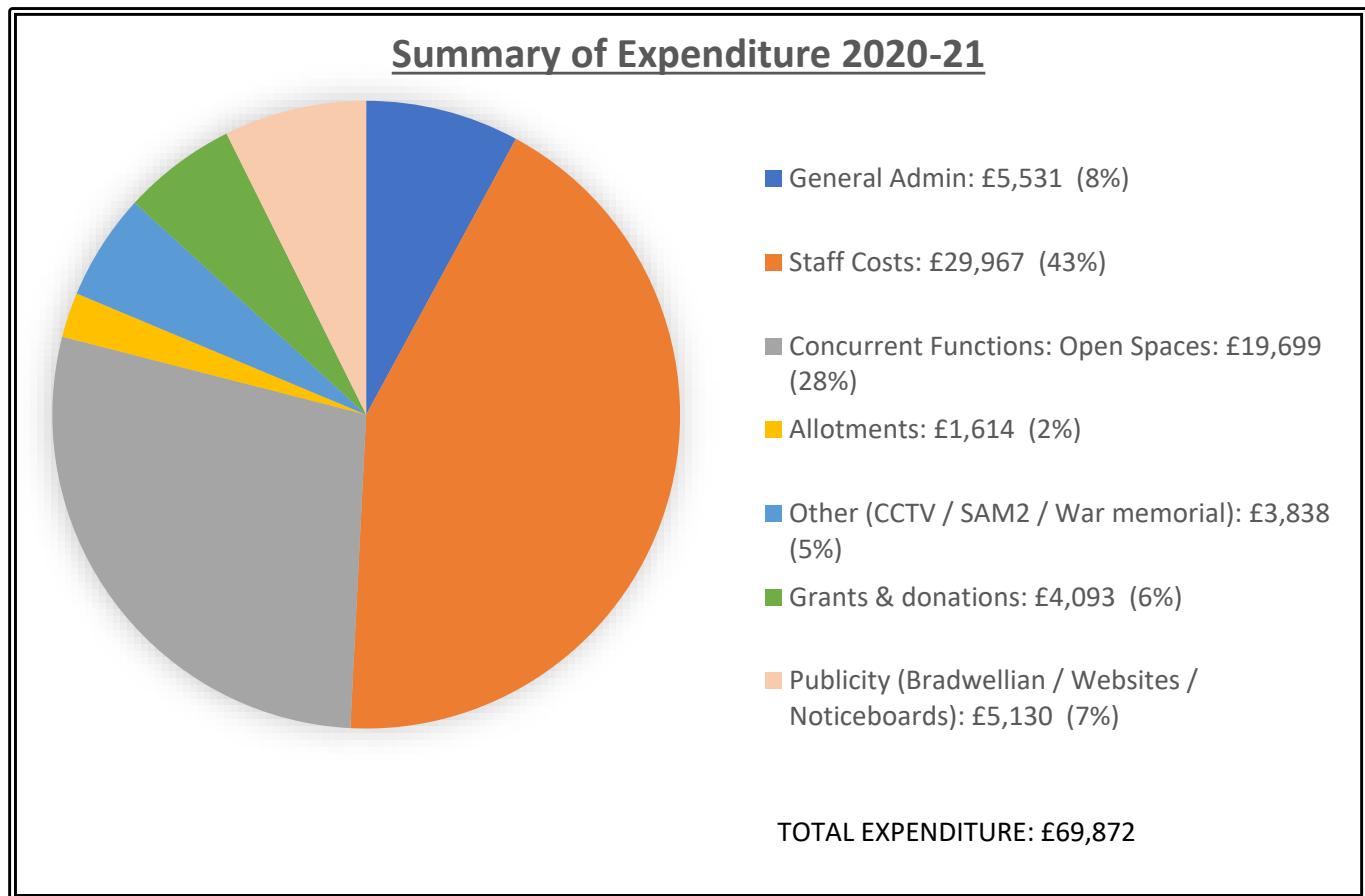
To all who have recently moved into the area, i.e. since the last issue of ‘Bradwellian’. This is your parish newspaper, designed to help you keep in touch with - and contribute towards - what is going on in your village.

### Some useful telephone numbers are shown below:-

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# HOW DOES THE PARISH SPEND THE PRECEPT IT RECEIVES FROM THE RATES

## BRADWELL PARISH COUNCIL FOR 2020-21



### Summary Of Income 20-21

Parish Precept	£48,567
GYBC Support Grant	£2,933
Concurrent Functions Grant	£16,410
COVID-19 Restart Grant	£10,000
Refund of Rates	£2,936
Other Income (football / allotments / rent / advertising)	£5,763
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£86,609</b>

Total individual dwellings within Bradwell

4,883

Total number of people on electoral register

9,204

Number of households in Bradwell paying Parish Precept

3,750

The Parish Precept is a small additional amount shown on the Council Tax invoice.

Precept amount of £48,567 divided by the number of households paying precept 3,750

The Concurrent Functions Grant is specifically to be spent on maintaining open spaces, such as Green Lane Playing Field, Gypsies Green, the Burial Ground at St Nicholas Church & bus shelter maintenance

# *Bradley Young, Headteacher at Homefield C of E Primary School Writes*



Homefield is proud of the firm links it has with its local community and endeavours to strengthen any new opportunities that may arise within it. We are an extremely family-orientated school and enjoy a close partnership between our parents, pupils, staff, governors and the Christian community. Our school prides itself on its Christian distinctiveness and the provision of a broad, balanced and engaging curriculum.

In addition to our Main School, we have our wonderful Nursery "The Ark." (See article page 21)

Since March 2020, our school, like all others, has had to adapt every aspect of school life to become the safest place it can be for all our stakeholders as society defends itself against the Covid-19 virus. After two national school closures, we have successfully ensured our pupils continued to access a strong education through the evolution of remote learning, we have provided deprived families with technology and we have enabled the children of critical workers the opportunity to be in school. Reopening fully in September 2020 was an enormous delight and there was hope that our school family would remain relatively unaffected and able to return to all that we love about Homefield.



Our school Netball and Football teams were unable to compete over the past twelve months, but just prior to the pandemic, several of our pupils took part, again, in the Norfolk Finals Cross-Country Race held at Holkham Hall. All entrants performed marvellously in their age categories and achieved some personal triumphs. We were very proud of them all.

Christmas 2020 demonstrated how far our school staff go above and beyond for our families as they ensured Nativity performances and other innovative and festive, musical pieces were completed. This provided opportunities for our pupils to showcase their many talents, but also helped us all to maintain a measure of normality at such an important and

family-orientated time of year. The children's Christmas dinner provided much enjoyment and satisfaction with some highly inventive new uses for the Christmas cracker crowns. Father Christmas even managed to put in a much-needed appearance.

Despite COVID-19, our school still boasts a plethora of clubs on a weekly basis offering new, varied and appealing opportunities to satisfy the interests and to improve the skills and talents of our pupils. These range from peripatetic music lessons, in drumming, guitar and piano/keyboard to a mixture of sports and creative sessions. Sporting enrichment has come via more obscure activities, such as Rock-it Ball and Tchoukball, the latter of which led to a club being organised.



- Pictures provided courtesy of Homefield C of E Primary School



We also utilised our Sports' Premium Grant to host a debut Summer half-term holiday club for children to access more sport and activity.

As Summer 2021 unfolds, we are overjoyed that trips can once again take place to provide such great social and educational value to our pupils. As part of their Leavers' celebrations, the Year 6 pupils are participating in four, fun Fridays, visiting Colchester Zoo, Whitlingham Adventure Park, Gorleston Beach and Pleasurewood Hills. Our Year 5 pupils, after missing out on their Year 4 residential at Kingswood last year, will be travelling to Whitwell Hall for a day full of outdoor challenges.

For Remembrance our school held a more intimate and COVID-Secure service commemorating those who gave their lives in war for our freedom. We had a special commemorative bench placed in an area of the school to act as a permanent and personal area of reflection for all. Each class made their own fabulous tributes, and it is hoped the sown poppy seeds will grow over the area. A highly worthwhile and emotive event.

It was another eventful year, where we once again displayed our ethos of being a true family successfully providing all our children with opportunities to shine.

### The Last Year at Homefield by two Year 6 pupils

Over the past year, pupils have had to deal with a lot, but despite this Homefield has made sure we have remained safe and learnt as much as we can. During national closures, Homefield staff have continued to help us with work being sent home, work being made available online and work being taught in school to the children of key worker families. Throughout the pandemic, staff have supported all pupils in and out of school wherever needed. The teachers have encouraged us all to aim high with our learning and have inspired us to love coming to school.





# The Ark Nursery

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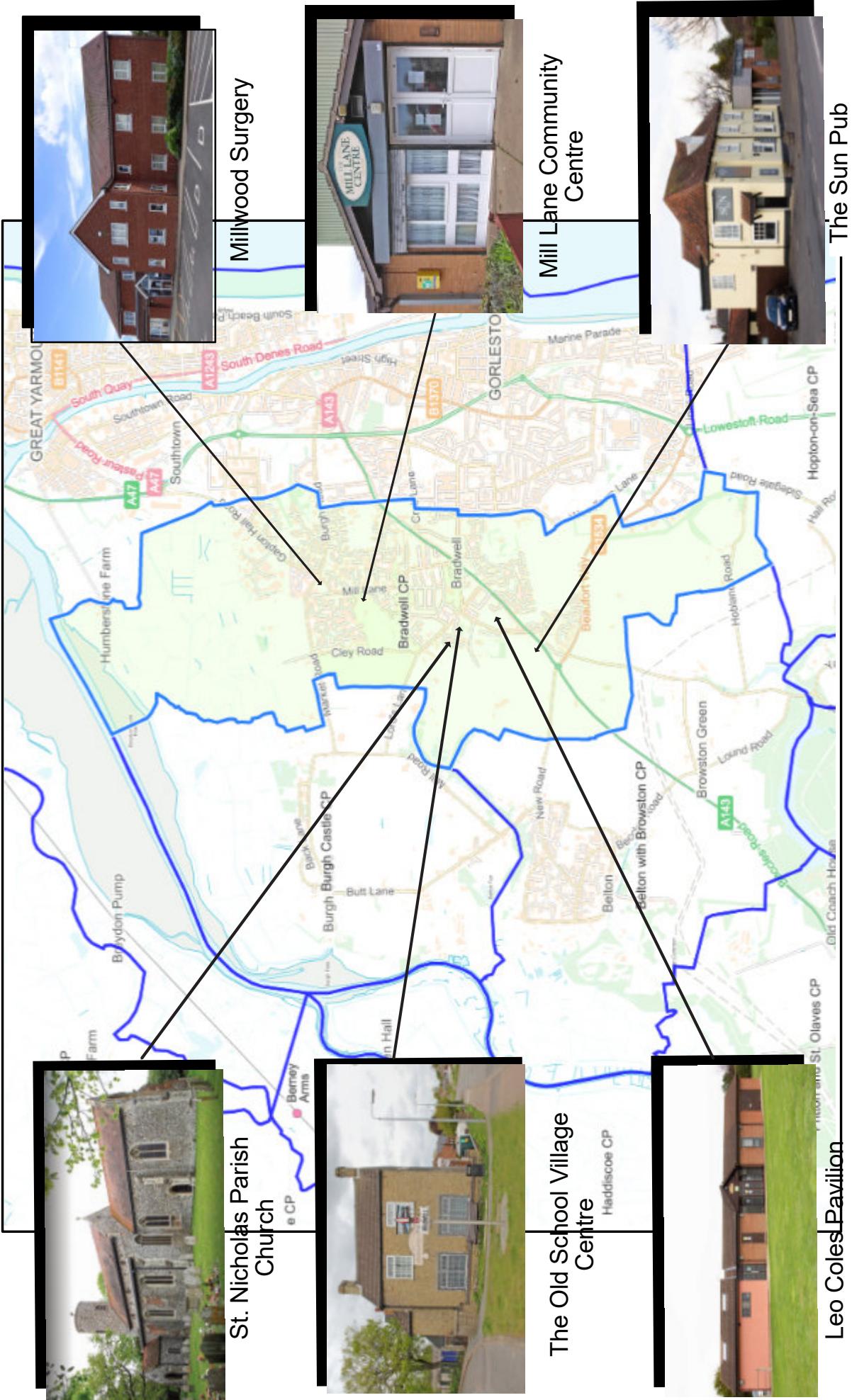
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# WHERE ARE THE BOUNDARIES OF BRADWELL



# BRADWELL TOTS

## Friday Stay and Play Group

It has been a challenging year due to Covid. We did manage to hold a few sessions in between lockdowns. Restrictions meant we had to cut numbers and start a waiting list.

Hopefully, by the time this appears, all Covid restrictions will have been lifted and normality will have been resumed.

Our group caters for children aged five and under. We are based at Bradwell Community Centre (Old School Village Hall), adjacent to the library. Ample free parking is available. Sessions run Friday 9.30am to 11.15am term time.

Sessions include: time for play, snack, craft, and song time. Refreshments for both adult and child available.

Our group is a great place for parents to meet and for your child to socialise with similar aged children, in a fun and friendly environment.

For more details contact Susan on 01493 309034/07881 664088 or Email: [Bradwelltots@aol.co.uk](mailto:Bradwelltots@aol.co.uk)



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# Mill Lane Community Centre

John Sargent - Centre Manager, writes:

The effect of the pandemic continues to be quite devastating and as such we are only once again starting to get back on our feet after yet another period of lockdown and restrictions.

## Activities that take place at the Centre:

### MONDAYS

Kat Miller runs 'Little Dots' - If you are looking for a group for you and your baby then look no further. Little dots offer baby massage classes and baby yoga level 1 and 2 classes. For more information visit [www.littledots.org.uk](http://www.littledots.org.uk) or email

[info@littledots@gmail.com](mailto:info@littledots@gmail.com). Classes commence from 9.00am.



In the afternoon commencing at 1pm we have yoga classes. These are run by Paul Huke who is BWY certified and has over 25 years experience. The sessions focus on: Body To Aid Strength And Flexibility; Breath to Bring Calmness and Balance; Mind to Relieve Stress and bring about a sense of well being. Ring Paul on: 01493 667980. In the evening from 7pm to 9pm Joe Ringer runs the Great Yarmouth & Gorleston Show Choir. If you are interested, just give Joe a ring on 01508 578817.

### TUESDAYS

'Slimmers World' takes place, and classes are held throughout the day. For further information phone Karley on 07552 760668.

From Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, Carol Wrigley will be running Ta'i Chi & Qigong classes. Classes commence @ 9.30am. For further information phone Carol on: 07508 821470. In the afternoon Short Mat Bowls takes place from 2pm. It does not matter if you are unable to play as tuition will be given, also we have sets of bowls in reserve for you to use. All you require are bowling or flat soled shoes. Call John on: 07947 108781. Karate for children takes place in the sports hall from 5pm classes are run by instructor Black Belt Charlie. You can get in touch with him on: 07947108781.

Linzi Finch runs Keep Fit Classes in the sports hall from 7pm until 8pm.

### WEDNESDAYS

Stretch and Tone classes commence at 10am. This is a friendly class and has been running from the centre for many years. It is suitable for those requiring a reasonably gentle class or those wanting to work a little harder. After warming up we work through the whole body, stretching and strengthening, both standing, then on a mat and finishing with some relaxing breathing to set you up for the day, it is suitable for all ages but especially 50 years upwards. For further information phone Karen on: 07963433658.



From 11am until 5pm we have a respiratory group known as B.O.C. who deal with those suffering from breathing problems, such as C.O.P.D. and Bronchitis. Before attending these classes clients must have a letter from their G.P. For further information phone Michael Kensington on: 07884735918.

During the afternoon and commencing at 4pm Amanda Dagg runs 'Lets Learn French' La Jolie extra curricular language learning for 3-11 year olds. It is a fun and structured way of learning French using games, stories, songs and other language tasks. Children develop confidence in speaking and it enables them to do well when learning French at a higher level. Amanda also offers adult classes and high school tuition at home. Classes are expected to return at the centre on: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September. For further information phone Amanda on 07896 562389 or visit [amanda.dagg@ntlworld.com](mailto:amanda.dagg@ntlworld.com)

From 5.30pm we have Brownies and this is run by the two Rachels. For more information and start up date contact Rachel on 07925 946497.

From 7pm until 10pm we have the Art Group. For more information and start up date contact Janice Lacey on 01493 304383.

## THURSDAYS

From 9.30am until 11am we have a Childrens Group for 0-5 year olds. This is a relatively new group, with lots of activities and children's games. For more information contact Jessica on: 07742 791774.

From 1pm until 2.30pm we have Yoga again run by Paul Huke, Paul also returns to run an evening Yoga session from 7pm until 8.30pm.

From 6.15pm in the Sports Hall we have Pilates classes by Hannah. Hannah and her team of instructors have been improving so many people's physical and mental health for the past eight years with their amazing Pilates classes. They also hold seated classes for people with a lack of mobility due to back and joint pain; men's classes and beginners classes. For more information call 07926 565902 or visit [www.riverside-studio.com](http://www.riverside-studio.com)

From 7.30 until 8.30pm we have Bounce, a group for all ages. Three times more effective than floor based fitness thanks to the addition of gravity and g-force provided by a trampoline. Classes feature the first 30 minutes filled with choreographed dance-cardio jumping routines and then finishing off with 15minutes of toning, targeting the arms, glutes and abs. Blast is a 45 minute session where we can also incorporate the optional use of provided hand weights with a focus on the upper body to tone the arms and create strong, lean arms, shoulders, back and chest. All sessions are also child friendly.

## FRIDAYS

From 11am until 5pm we once again have a B.O.C respiratory group.

From 7pm in the evening we have Great Yarmouth Wargames. This friendly group of gamers use tabletop games to recreate battles of history and the future in miniature. New members are welcome: contact

Gary on: 01493 748474.

## SATURDAYS

From 10.15am we have Table Tennis, Chess, Draughts and Backgammon Clubs. For more information contact John on: 07930 368353.

## SUNDAYS

From 12.45pm we once again have Karate for children.

The rest of the week is set aside for childrens parties.

If you would like to book a party or event or want further information please call John on : 01493 445231, or 07930 368353 or email us on: [manager@millanecentrebradwell.co.uk](mailto:manager@millanecentrebradwell.co.uk)



# Photographic Competition

Open to Parish residents and their family who actually live in Bradwell.

The competition will be in two categories:

- Adults and young people over 16 years of age, and
- Young people 16 years and under.

Please note, only one entry allowed per resident, winning entries will be published in the Winter Edition of the Bradwellian.

Digital images no greater than 6Mb capable of being printed on A4 paper without pixelisation in either colour or monochrome on the theme of Life in Bradwell or Life in Lockdown. Entries should be submitted by email with your full details to [thebradwellian@bradwellparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:thebradwellian@bradwellparishcouncil.co.uk).

The closing date for entry is the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

The entries will be Judged by representatives of the Great Yarmouth and District Photographic Society who are based and meet regularly at the Old School House Village Centre, Bradwell.

There will be one prize of a £20 voucher for each category.

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# BRADWELL BOWLING CLUB

I am please to report that we re-opened the club and started bowling again on Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup>. Full Covid precautions and risk assessments are in place in line with Government guidelines

With restrictions lifted on 17<sup>th</sup> May, we are now also able to admit non-members to bowl. We are always looking for new members so, if you wish to take up bowling, please come and see us. We have coaches available to teach you and bowls are also available. We welcome people of any age especially young and vulnerable people. We have a policy is in place to protect them. Membership fees are £25 a year for adults and free to under 17s. Green fees are £ 1 a game. Social membership is also available at £5 with fees to bowl at £2 a time. We have a fully licensed bar and run social activities, including bingo during the winter months.



On the weekend of 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of July we hold a charity weekend with fun bowls on Saturday at 2pm and a cake auction at about 3pm with cake baked by members. We would welcome contributions for this event. On the Sunday we hold a bowls tournament sponsored by Andrew Edmonds of Bradwell Butchery with up to 32 teams from around Norfolk and Suffolk taking part.



## **Bradwell Parish Council**

### **Vacancies**

**Bradwell Parish Council has a vacancy for a Councillor. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Bradwell Councillor, we would be delighted to meet you.**

**If eligible and after a suitable orientation period, successful candidates are formally co-opted onto the council.**

**So, if you are interested in supporting and working for the community you live in and are looking for a chance to influence and improve your neighbourhood, please contact us. Being a Parish Councillor is a voluntary position but is very worthwhile and rewarding.**

**Anyone interested should in the first instance contact the Parish Clerk on 01493 444478 or email: [clerk@bradwellparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@bradwellparishcouncil.co.uk)**



A BIG Thank You To The NHS  
and all Key Workers for  
all they have done and continue to do  
during the Pandemic

## Call for Articles

Bradwell Parish Council is keen to listen to what the local residents have to say.

The Bradwellian Editorial team would therefore welcome Articles from local residents. Articles could be along the lines of what I did to help the Parish during the recent lockdowns. Stories perhaps expressing gratitude to local residents who went above and beyond to help. Any interesting, funny, relevant article, with pictures is welcome

Please send your articles to

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