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Front Page Picture Busseys Loke in the snow March 2018
Courtesy of Harry Hamilton

Parish Councillors take part in Footpath Walk/Litter Pick

On Saturday 10th October a small team of parish councillors took part in a footpath walk of the lanes around Bradwell south right up to the Gorleston boundary. The weather was somewhat inclement but undeterred the team set out on what was to be well over a 3-hour walk.

Starting at the Leo Coles Pavilion the team walked south across the Beccles Road towards the Bluebell Meadows Development. On the way they picked up litter consisting of copious amounts of plastic bottles, tin cans, wine and beer bottles, plastic bags, McDonald's wrappers and discarded face masks. Not to mention the dog poo and discarded plastic bags full of dogs poo.

The team walked as far as the Captain Manby returning back via Jew's Lane. At the end of the walk each team member had two large bags full of rubbish. We live in a beautiful area it is such a shame on us all that we cannot take care of it.

Note the link to report dog fouling to GYBC is:

<https://www.great-yarmouth.gov.uk/article/2068/How-do-I-report-dog-fouling>

At the end of the day we only have one planet let's take care of it for us and future generations.

Phew the things I have to do for a treat



**It's not his job....it's yours!
Please clean up after your dog!
Thank you!**

Welcome to A New and Improved 45th Bradwellian

Wow, what a dreadful and miserable year 2020 has been, so far. Apart from a fabulous summer, which I hope made most people's enforced lockdown a little more bearable we, like most others, were unable to function normally. Now, for the last few months, we have dragged ourselves gainfully into the 21st century and resumed meeting via Zoom. So, onward and upwards.

For this report, we have upgraded the format and made full use of colour for the first time. It is not as large a magazine as you have been used to in the past, as due to the pandemic so many organisations and community functions have had to close. Many are still not able to open.

My sincere thanks go to Cllrs Sue Watson and Harry Hamilton for their sterling work on this edition. With a special mention in dispatches for Harry, as without his software and design skills we might not have had this magazine.

My team and the whole Parish Council would love to know what you think. Please let us have your thoughts. The editorial group and I can be contacted via the Parish Council office and would be delighted to receive articles, with lots of colour pictures, reports, again with pictures, in fact anything that will be of benefit to or inform the residents of Bradwell. Not least - Advertising. If you would like to advertise your business in the next edition, please contact the Parish Clerk for details and rates. For business advertisers we have a prime demographic and a circulation in excess of 5k.

Hope you like it.

**A Merry Christmas and a
Much Happier New Year to You All.**

Cllr. John Hirst.

Vice-Chairman and Editor



St Nicholas Little Pearls

Julie Nicholls writes

Under normal circumstances, we would meet in St. Nicholas Church Hall every Tuesday afternoon in term time between 1.45 and 3.30, on a 'come when you can leave when you must' basis. This makes allowances for babies who nap and carers who have a 3.00 school run.

All children are welcome from birth up to school starting age, with their carers, be they parents, grandparents or other childminders.

It is a church group so at approx 2.15 we move into the church for songs, a Bible story and prayer, returning to the hall for children's snack time and grown ups' tea/

coffee time. We would normally have a wide variety of toys plus the very popular climbing frame with slide as well as a craft activity.

However, in these days of Covid 19 we have (up to date of writing being mid October) not felt ready to meet indoors. We have however kept in touch and enjoyed two outdoor get togethers both blessed with fine weather.

I have had a few enquiries from potential new members and have their details so that I can contact them when we meet again which we pray, won't be too far in the distant future.

Please contact me on 601736 if you would like to join us.



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.

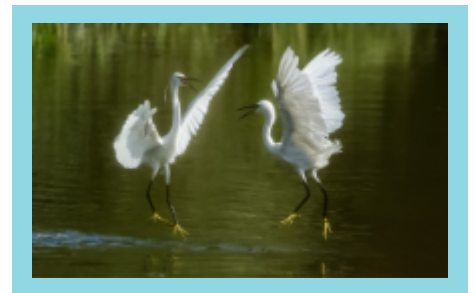
There are also '24/7' public access defibrillators outside the Bradwell Post Office Store, the Sun Inn and the Phoenix Pool, all of which have been provided by Jayne Biggs' 'Heart to Heart' charity, and all of which are also listed on the East of England Ambulance 'map'.



Great Yarmouth and District Photographic Society

Like many clubs and organisations recently, our Camera Club has been badly hit with the onset of the pandemic in March. Club meetings simply stopped, the annual dinner was cancelled and the summer barbecue never happened. However, we did manage with social distancing to get out for a few evenings in the summer.

The club was also disappointed that its annual exhibition as part of the Arts Festival was also cancelled. However, plans to have an exhibition of members work between Christmas and New Year are in place as well as a very tentative plan to restart inside meetings on the 6th January but this will very much depend on the situation prevailing at that time. The members were asked if they wanted to continue meetings in a virtual manner on Zoom, however the consensus of opinion was that the social aspect would sadly be missing and little interest was shown.



Optimistically, and assuming things have improved by January, you may be interested in coming along without financial obligation to one of our meetings. We normally 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 in the Bradwell Community Centre, at The Old School, Green Lane, and outside on various locations in the summer.



The club 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, e-mail gyps@eaf.org.uk

Pictures courtesy of Mick Graystone Programme manager Great Yarmouth & District Photographic Society.

Norfolk Rivers Trust

How can you keep your river healthy and clean?



In a series of articles Norfolk Rivers Trust will provide advice to help maintain the health of our globally rare chalk streams and lowland rivers in Norfolk. In times of drought and hot weather it is especially important because of the wildlife our rivers support. Endangered white clawed crayfish, brown trout, eels, and water voles are just a few of the iconic species at risk in Norfolk and you can do your bit to help protect them.

Vegetation: while it is tempting to “tidy” the river by pulling out the plants, you are doing more harm than good. The vegetation in the river helps in so many ways! Firstly, plants shade the channel reducing the temperature of the water and keeping the water oxygenated. Secondly, plants hold back water in exceptionally low flows allowing the invertebrates and fish to survive in the damp conditions. Thirdly, plants take up the excess nutrients and pollutants resulting in cleaner water downstream; plants act as natural filters. And lastly, by taking out the vegetation you are removing the essential food that most of the aquatic food chain relies on! If you feel the river is “choked” you can call the Environment Agency for advice but generally the vegetation dies down over winter.

If you are a landowner with riparian land and would like to talk to us about restoration and re-wilding please do get in touch with us at Norfolk Rivers Trust. We offer a wide range of services including surveys, restoration and management advice.

Email: info@norfolkriverstrust.org

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:-

Bradwell Parish Council - 444478	Lynn Grove Academy - 661406
Gt Yarmouth Borough Council - 856100	Ormiston Venture Academy - 662966
Norfolk County Council - 03448 008020	Falkland Surgery - 442233
Mill Lane Centre - 445231	Millwood Surgery - 661549
Bradwell Community Centre - 07949 377 905	Dentists - John G Plummer & Associates
St Nicholas Parish Church - Rev'd Steve Deall	662717, emergencies 662973
663219 email: revstevedeall@gmail.com	Dunedin Dentistry - 665416
Methodist Church - Mrs Eileen Harrison - 302121	Pharmacies - Well(Millwood Surgery) 603573
Homefield VC Primary School - 661691	Lloyds, Church Lane 664575
Hillside Primary School - 661399	Great Yarmouth Police - 101
Woodlands Primary Academy - 665314	James Paget Hospital - 452452
Bradwell Post Office - 441699	Bus Times Information -0871 200 2233

Harry Hamilton New Bradwell Parish Councillor, writes

My wife and I have lived in Bradwell with our family for over 30 years. Now retired, I was looking for a role that would allow me to make a contribution and give a little bit back to my local community. As a result back in September 2019 I filled in the required forms and applied for the role of a Bradwell Parish Councillor.

In October 2019 I was invited along to a Council meeting and was lucky enough to be elected as a co-opted Councillor. I was pleased that the role is unpaid and that there was a high level of scrutiny as to my reasons for wanting to be a parish councillor.

Disappointingly the involvement with the council I had hoped for was somewhat stifled with the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic in March. However, I was able to continue work on an exhibition project that I have been working on for Bradwell Reading Room Trust and the council is now having regular meetings again, albeit virtually using the Zoom software video platform. But virtual meetings are not quite the same as physical face to face meetings, nevertheless it is at least one way of dealing with the problems and issues we all face.

I have found my fellow councillors to be very welcoming and supportive and I hope to gain a lot from my more experienced colleagues, while making my own hopefully useful contribution. I look forward to getting more involved as I believe being a councillor is more than just attending meetings.



Vacancies

Bradwell Parish Council has three vacancies for Councillors. 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

A poster for Nexus fostering. It features a blue header with the text "could you foster?". Below this is a photo of three children showing their colorful handprints. A red box says "we urgently need foster carers in your area". A blue box says "Orsted Outstanding Provider". At the bottom, the Nexus fostering logo is shown with the text "We can help you to provide a young person with a stable, secure home. Call us on 0800 389 0143 Visit us at www.nexusfostering.co.uk".

John Hirst New Bradwell Parish Councillor, writes

My wife and I moved to Bradwell from Yorkshire nearly two years ago. Although we have only lived here a short while, we are no strangers to the area. My wife's family have lived here for many years and as her father and mother got older, we spent more and more time here. So, when she retired, we decided to move to the "Far East" to be close to the family and an area we have grown to love.

We have moved several times over our careers to different parts of the country and as I have always believed in community involvement, I have found that engaging with your neighbours is not only very rewarding, but a great way to get to know people and the local area.

My experience includes a term as a borough councillor in Bristol, where I became Chairman of the Environmental Department. I was a member of my local parish Council there too, More recently in West Yorkshire, I was elected on to my local parish council, where I served as Chairman and Line Manager.

I was delighted to be co-opted onto Bradwell Parish Council last December and have just been elected Vice-Chairman. I am also Secretary of Bradwell Community Centre in Green Lane.

If you feel I can help in any way, I live in North Bradwell, please do not hesitate to contact me through the council office.



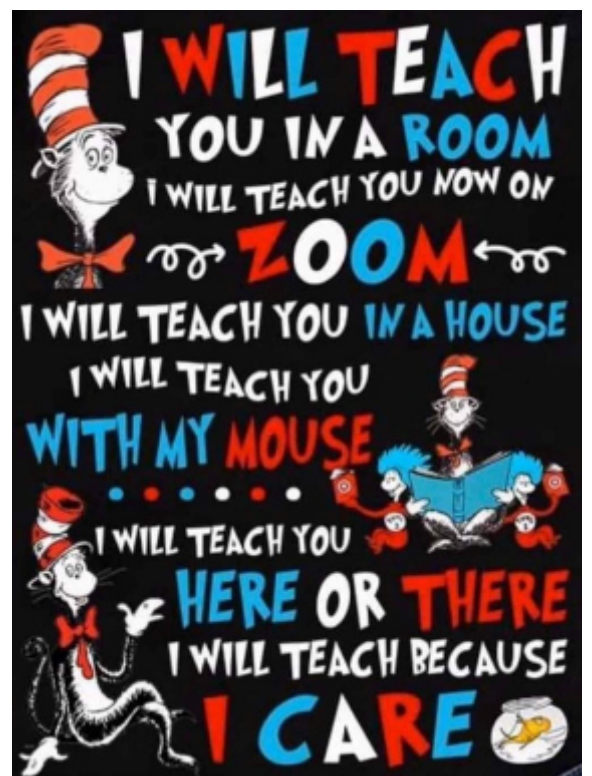
La Jolie Ronde French continues online...!

Nothing will stop us! The challenges of covid-19 and the lockdown did not stop our French groups continuing. In March, when everything shut down, it took just a week to get everything organised for the children to continue their fun French learning online via Zoom.

Madame Harvey, a fully qualified teacher, who has been running the groups for the last 14 years at Mill Lane Centre, wanted to support the children's learning, so set it up online. All the children soon adapted to the new way of learning and enjoyed still being able to see and interact with teacher and on the screen. Whereas parents commented on the benefits of structure and normality for the young people, everyone is looking forward to getting back to the Centre soon.

Classes are usually run from age 4 up to adult. GCSE and A level French tuition on a one-to-one basis is also offered online.

If you are interested in a class, please contact Amanda on 07896 562389 or email: amanda.dagg@ntlworld.com



St Nicholas - Bradwell

Welcome To Our New Vicar

On Thursday the 16th of July, the Bishop of Norwich, The Rt Reverend Bishop Graham Usher, licensed Reverend Steve Deall as the new Rector of the Parish of St Nicholas, Bradwell. It was a quite unique event, as It happened entirely on the Zoom platform!

Steve writes,

"The picture shows Sara, my wife of 30 years, our daughter (who is still at university at the age of 25!) with her fiance and our son, who is just about to go off to university in Plymouth, if things go well over the summer.

The welcome we have found here is simply overwhelming, the people here in Norfolk are very friendly, the area is beautiful, and we are looking forward very much to being part of the community as well as getting to know everyone."

The community of Bradwell welcomes Steve and his family to the village and looks forward to meeting them in person over time.



Yoga at Mill Lane

What is your belief of how Yoga can help you? That it brings Flexibility to your body, correct. Flexibility without Strength is not a balanced body. Yoga will also encourage you to work on the weak areas of yourself to bring that balance. Yoga has still more to give. It also asks you to focus your mind on what you are doing and feeling, also on the breath. This focus will help you to begin to centre your mind to bring a sense of calmness and quietness. So now you are working with the whole person, Body, Breath and Mind. This should give you some tools to cope with the challenges that life will give you.



Classes at Mill Lane:

Mondays: 13.00-14.30

Thursdays: 13.00-14.30 and 19.00-20.30

Bradwell Methodist Church

As I write this we have been closed for services and other activities for over 6 months and it does not appear that normality will be likely to return until well into 2021.

In the Methodist Church we are at the beginning of another Church Year (called a Connexional Year). It is at this time that Methodist ministers and deacons move to new appointments. In August we said farewell to Deacon Mark Attwood and his wife, Christina, who has moved to the Lake District and we welcome Deacon Sheralee Devitt with her husband and daughter. They have moved from Hitchin in Hertfordshire.

By the time you read this we shall be holding our Sunday morning services at 10.30. As you can see, to comply with the Covid 19 regulations, the interior of the Church will have been reorganised with spaced chairs, sanitising stations etc. We shall only be able to accommodate 15 people in the congregation. Methodists, traditionally, enjoy a great sing but unfortunately this will not be possible, so services will be completely different. Likewise we shall not be able to have a good "natter" before or after the service. We are now in our 129th year in Bradwell and for the first time in these 129 years we were unable to have our traditional Good Friday Service.



This service was well known throughout the Yarmouth area and the Church was always packed. Likewise our weekday activities of Bible Studies, Charity Lunches, Coffee Mornings, Jigsaw library and other events have had to be curtailed.

If any reader wishes to know more about the Church services etc please feel free to contact either the secretary, Mrs. Eileen Harrison on 01493 302121 or the Senior Steward, Mr. Alan Riches on 01493 604338.



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Bradwell Parish Council's new Chairman writes

2020 has been difficult for all of us, we thought we had got on top of Covid-19 only to experience a setback. Our sympathies and thoughts go out to everyone touched by this terrible virus.

The Parish Council meetings came to a sudden end in the same way as businesses across the country when instructed to go into lockdown. It's only since the restrictions were eased in August that virtual meetings were able to start, something that has been a learning curve for the majority of us.

But we were still able to achieve some things, a few of which I have summarised below:



- **We were privileged to make a donation to Mandalay CIC in support of their charitable work in distributing food during the lockdown to those in need.**
- **We have worked with our local Police beat manager in addressing the anti-social behaviour that frustrates us all.**
- **We have been successful in being awarded 50/50 funding for a SAM2 speed limit sign to be used in various locations of the parish.**
- **We have implemented our Covid-19 risk assessments to enable grass roots football to start again on Green Lane playing field and we wish all three teams success.**
- **The Community Survey we started last year to improve our open green spaces is now in its second phase and with the support of GYBC we aim to deliver on what you have chosen in the spring of next year.**
- **We were very fortunate when Catherine Bacon agreed to join us as Parish Clerk.**
- **We have recently updated our website to make it more accessible.**

We are still short of parish councillors so if you would like to join us please let us know by speaking with Catherine.

Thank you and please stay safe and well Cllr. Bob Carrier

Retired But Not Forgotten

The council as a whole would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank two people who have dedicated more years than most can remember to the Parish Council.

Chris Wells, Parish Council Chairman left in August, his direction and support will be sorely missed. We wish him and his wife a happy and long life and we look forward, when the opportunity presents itself, to personally thanking them for their service to Council.

Jeremy Caborn, Parish Council Clerk retired in May. As the primary point of contact with the Council and its Proper Officer Jeremy kept us on the straight and narrow. His knowledge and support has underpinned the Council for more than two decades. We thank him and his wife and wish their retirement to be a long and happy one. We will, as soon as possible, share a glass of good wishes with them both.



Rehab4Addiction

It's a sad fact that millions of people will have drunk far too much alcohol during the lockdown, and have as a result also suffered mental health consequences.

Please be aware that we have compiled a resource to help people who struggle with mental health and alcohol abuse.

Please visit our website.

<https://www.rehab4addiction.co.uk/alcohol-withdrawal-symptoms>

For advice about stopping drinking and improving mental health

Brandon Lewis MP writes:

As the Member of Parliament for Great Yarmouth, I would like to wish every resident in Bradwell a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 2020 has been a year like no other in recent memory. Every single person in our country has seen their life affected, has made sacrifices, and endured changes to their lifestyle to help combat the public health threat presented by COVID-19. It has been a difficult time for us all. However, 2020 has shown the strength of our communities, as we have come together to support the vulnerable, and help protect people from the threat of COVID-19.



Looking ahead to 2021, I know that this community spirit will continue, and that we as a nation will be able to tackle future challenges head on.

As ever I will continue to do my best to speak up for our Borough, and if you wish to raise an issue or concern with me, I can be contacted by email on office@brandonlewis.co, by phone on 01493 854 550 or by post at 20 Church Plain, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, NR30 1NE.

Local Government Directory

Member of Parliament

Rt Hon Brandon Lewis MP

Norfolk County Councillors

Cllr. Carl Smith (North Ward) Cllr. Andy Grant (South Ward)

Borough Councillors

Cllr. Daniel Candon Cllr. Graham Plant Cllr. Carl Smith (North Ward)
Cllr. Carl Annison Cllr. Sue Hacon Cllr. Katy Stenhouse (South Ward)

Parish Councillors - North Ward

Cllr. Bob Carrier (Council Chairman.
Chairman Amenities & Highways Committee.
Chairman Public Relations & Publicity Committee.)
Cllr. Brian Comer (Chairman Planning &
Development Committee).
Cllr. David Goodchild
Cllr. Harry Hamilton
Cllr. John Hirst (Council Vice-Chairman).
Cllr. John Shaw
Cllr. Chrissie Steggles

Parish Councillors South Ward

Cllr. Ted Howlett
Cllr. Eddie Mc Donald (Chairman Finance
& General Purposes Committee)
Cllr. Jo Thurtle
Cllr. Trevor Wainwright
Cllr. Sue Watson
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All Parish Councillors can be contacted via the Parish Clerk on 444478 or
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, nr. Primrose Way junction (outside wall). Mill Lane Centre, Bradwell Community library or website:

www.bradwellparishcouncil.co.uk.

Currently, due to Covid19 restrictions, all meetings are being held remotely via Zoom.
If you wish to attend a meeting
Please contact the Parish Council Office for details.

Daniel Candon

Borough Councillor for Bradwell North, writes:

Dear Residents,

This year has been an unprecedented one for everyone. Many people have found it to be a time of worry and uncertainty. There has been a strong sense of community spirit during this crisis, with residents sticking to the rules to save lives and protect our great NHS.

Locally, we had isolated instances of anti-social behaviour on Mill Lane playing field car park. Residents contacted me to complain about the problems this was causing such as stress and anxiety. Through working jointly with Cllr Plant and Cllr Smith, we had the issue resolved by having the barrier shut at 20:00pm each night and new signs put up. We also wrote a joint letter to the police Superintendent of Great Yarmouth, sharing the comments and concerns of residents, and asking what measures will be taken to resolve future incidents.

As well as working on the crucial borough issues of policies, strategies and spending, I am also keen to focus on the grass root issues, which are just as important, such as restoration of street signs, repairs on faulty lampposts, cleaning of alleyways and collection of rubbish.

If I can help residents with anything, please do contact me straight away on cldr.daniel.candon@great-yarmouth.gov.uk or by ringing 07824 012721.

Best wishes, Cllr Daniel Candon



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Carl Annison

Borough Councillor for Bradwell South, writes

Dear Residents,

I hope everyone in these difficult times is staying as safe as possible? It's vitally important that we all maintain social distancing and all the current guidelines set out by H M Government and Great Yarmouth Borough Council (GYBC). Cllr Hacon, Cllr Stenhouse and I are here to help wherever we can, so please contact us on 01493 656854

Moving onto other issues, a three phase scheme by Norfolk County Council has been completed on Lords Lane /Church Lane, Crab Lane and Long Lane. These areas have been hot spots for highway surface water flooding for many years. New gully pots have been installed to try and improve these areas for residents and the public. After a very long time of lobbying Norfolk County Council, works have been undertaken and although you can never insure 100% of flooding, these schemes should help.

Residents have also been in touch regarding Anti Social Behaviour in the village. Constantly I raise issues with Norfolk Police, but I also need the residents to report concerns to the police on 101. If damage is occurring to property and you are witnessing it then call on 999.

I have recently met with members of the public regarding graffiti on play equipment on Burnet Road playground and as a result I am liaising with GYBC services to have this removed .

Please inform me of any issues you may have, I will do my best to help .

Please stay safe during these times.

Regards Cllr Carl Annison



Save a Life Give Blood

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

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Bradwell Community Centre Trust



Life during lockdown has been busy. We have taken the opportunity to do a great deal of modernisation and maintenance work on the hall and environs.

The electrical system has been upgraded. Flood, guttering and roof issues repaired and cleaned, also the hall has been painted. There are major works in progress, like new toilets and blinds; plus, a modern security CCTV system.

Money and generous donations have now been spent and with only three groups currently able to use the hall we are desperately in need of funds and practical help. Particularly, a plumber to help fit the washbasins and W/C's.

All should be ready when lockdown is lifted for groups and associations who would like to use the hall and we are waiting to hear from you. Fees range from £4.50 - £7.99 per hour and we also now have an office facility that would suit a business startup for just £50 per week rent.

The centre has lost 13 group bookings due to Covid and now has just 3 a week. We need your help to survive.

Please contact Joy on 07949 377905 for bookings/enquiries and Roland Walford at rlwcw73@gmail.com for donations and Gift Aid.

Bradwell Parish Council's new clerk writes:

I am delighted to have been appointed Bradwell Parish Clerk; it is a privilege to work for the Council and the community. I bring knowledge and skills gained from 25 years working in finance and payroll and lots of enthusiasm, however I have a lot to learn about Council life and I am extremely grateful for the continued support of my predecessor and my colleagues on the Parish Council. I have already started working on my ILCA qualification and once completed, will be working towards my CILCA qualification.



The role is so much more varied than I anticipated. There has been a huge learning curve for me. For example, since I joined the Council has started to meet online via Zoom, I've been in regular contact with the police regarding ASB, I've worked through COVID-19 Risk Assessments with football teams, and commissioned a new website, along with being in regular contact with residents of Bradwell assisting to resolve issues around our village.

It was a strange time to be taking on a new job, but I am finding the work extremely interesting. I have a willingness to help people and get involved, so it's great to be able to ensure the views and needs of our community are channelled to our Councillors and also to support the Council in their decision making. I encourage everybody to get involved in the local issues that affect us all.

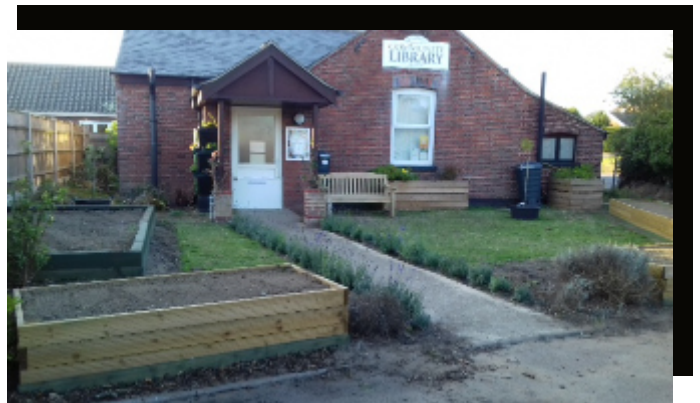
Bradwell Community Library

Julie Nicholls writes:

It is with great sadness that, due to Covid 19, we had to close the library in March. County libraries reopened in August, with restrictions, and some Community Libraries followed in September. It was our intention to reopen our library in September/October but unfortunately due to a number of reasons, this was unable to be. The latest news (at time of writing mid October) is that the Library Coordinator has met with the Trustees, who own and manage the building, and it has been established that we have to carry out a full risk assessment prior to putting Covid 19 regulations in place. As you will appreciate, our building is small and was built well over a hundred years ago so making it safe does not come without complications. However, rest assured we are doing everything we can, with the generous support of the Reading Room Trustees, to fulfil all the requirements that will allow us to safely operate as a Library once again.

We miss all our customers and we hear that you are missing us too. It is especially sad that at this time, when people are already feeling isolated, we are unable to provide this valuable Community Service. We will post updates on both the Bradwell Community Library Facebook page and the Bradwell Community Facebook page and on the notice boards outside the building. There is sometimes information in the Village Notes section of The Great Yarmouth Mercury too. Or you can ring GY 601736 for further information.

Meanwhile, the environment around the building has been greatly improved by the efforts of those involved in The Community Garden project. We are very grateful to them for their hard work in creating a space in which people can linger, (socially distanced of course)!



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Paul Ixer writes:

Please let residents know that we have now reopened but have had to make some changes to the way we run.

Fortunately, due to the size of the building we have managed to maintain the social distancing rules set out by the Government.

For further information ring 01493 262052

Alternatively visit our website

<https://www.acgy.org.uk/>

Bradwell Reading Room Trust

Keith Nicholls, Trust Chairman, writes:

The Community Garden project is beginning to take shape. Our vision is to create a Community friendly environment where vegetables along with other plants will grow and wildlife will be encouraged and supported. A bench is in place where people can sit, rest and enjoy the tranquil surroundings.

We hope to involve the local schools in helping to nurture and tend to this area. While the bulk of the groundwork has been completed, we are looking for ongoing support to develop this project. So if you have any time to help with the gardening or have any plants you wish to donate please ring GY601736.

The Trustees have postponed their 100 year exhibition until 2021. Details will be displayed on our notice boards.

Mill Lane Community Centre

John Sargent - Centre Manager, writes:

Prior to the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic we were extremely busy with a large number of different user groups holding meetings/events at the centre. Unfortunately the effect of the pandemic has been devastating and as such we are only just starting to get back on our feet after many months of lockdown.

The following groups have only recently returned to the centre:

- Yoga classes, which are held on Monday's from 1.00pm to 2.30pm and Thursday's at 1.00pm and again at 7.00pm. These classes are run by Paul Huke who is BWY certified and has over 20 years experience.
- On Tuesdays we hold 'Slimmers World' meetings run by Karley, regrettably the clientele have to turn up at carefully organised different times in order to allow social distancing as required under Covid-19 guidelines.
- On Wednesdays mornings Karen Kelf runs a ladies keep fit class from 10.00am until 11.00am.
- Short Mat Bowls is now back on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons. The meetings are more frequent so the number of members meeting can be reduced and games take place over several days also to meet Covid-19 guidelines.
- On Saturday mornings from 10am until 12.30 pm and some Friday evenings we now have Table-tennis.



The following groups have yet to return:

- Mondays: Zumba Dance Classes and 'Little Dots' {a baby and mother group}
- Tuesdays: Ta'I Chi and Qigong classes
- Wednesdays: A respiratory group B.O.C. a health division funded by the NHS and for which clients must have a letter from their doctor in order to attend. French Classes for school children and Brownies. An evening Arts group. Football training in the evening, for youngsters aged between 6 and 8.
- Most weekends we also use to have children's parties but unfortunately these have also been put on hold during this difficult time..

If you would like further information or have any queries, then please do not hesitate to contact me at the centre on : 01493 445231, and if I am not there please contact me on my mobile: 07930 368353. Alternatively you can email us on:

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