



LAPWING *Vanellus vanellus*
The great Peewee of the East.
Habitat: heath, pasture and moor.
Notes: often with sparkling winging notes.
Better known in Bradworthy on the Homeless.

Bradworthy Parish Council Winter 2022 Newsletter

There is no doubt that we were all moved and saddened by the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. For most of us she had been the constant and reassuring presence throughout our lives. We all have fond memories of Her Majesty, for instance her lockdown words "We'll meet again". Let us all join together to offer good wishes for the future to King Charles III and the Queen Consort Camilla.

Broadhill

In order to commemorate the reign of Queen Elizabeth II, the Parish Council is hoping to purchase seating around the copper beech tree on the Green. The tree was originally planted in honour of her father, King George VI, and is protected by a Tree Preservation Order.

Remembrance Sunday – 13 November 11am

This falls on 13th November this year. It would be helpful if people could move their cars away from the area around the War Memorial to allow people to join in the Remembrance Service.

Book Exchange

You may have noticed the transformation of the old red telephone box to the new book exchange; many of you are already using it. Kymble Eldridge will be our local 'librarian' and will change the books for exchange every so often. We should thank Paul Shotton for transforming the phone box by making it rain proof and painstakingly painting it. He also built the shelving. We also thank Wickets for letting Paul use their water supply to wash the phone box and to Ant Gifford for laying the carpet tiles which Sarah Payne kindly donated. Thank you also to the people that have donated books. Paul also repainted the iron signpost at Quoit Gate which has given it a smart professional finish. There are not many cast iron signposts left, so it is important to preserve it.

Speed Watch

We have had numerous complaints about the speed of traffic driving through the village. We have liaised with the local police, and we are hoping to set up a speed watch programme. If anyone is interested in taking part in this programme, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Playing Field - dogs

We have also had several complaints about people taking the dogs onto the playing field. I would remind dog owners that dogs are not permitted on the playing field. However, there is Bradworthy Moor where you can walk your dog remembering (of course) to pick up after your dog. There are dog bins located by the gates on the Moor.

Carnival and Beer Festival

We had a wonderful carnival and beer festival this year and the weather was on our side! The Carnival Committee worked very hard behind the scenes and that hard work paid off. It was brilliant. Of course, the band once again had us all singing and dancing along. The whole evening was completed with spectacular fireworks organised by Alan Balsdon for which we thank him very much. They were truly spectacular. A big thank you to the bar staff in the pub who were run off their feet for the beer festival and to Malc and his team at the Social Club who also had a very successful but exhausting weekend.

Avian Influenza (Bird Flu)

On 17 October 2022 an Avian Influenza Prevention Zone was declared by the Government across the whole of England. This was because of the increased number of cases of the disease across the country. All bird keepers (whether they have pet birds, commercial flocks or just a few birds in a backyard) are now required by law to take a range of precautions to protect their flocks. There are minimum requirements for all bird keepers to follow. If your birds are not housed, they must be kept in fenced/enclosed outdoor areas. Precautions include (amongst others): feeding birds under cover where wild birds cannot access, preventing access by captive birds to ponds and watercourses, and effectively cleansing and disinfecting (Jeyes Fluid) any hard standing surfaces in areas where birds are kept. Full details of what is required can be found on the government website - www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu#AIPZ. You can find a self-assessment checklist at the above link to help you put the measures in place, as well as more information about the virus. You can keep up to date by regularly visiting the avian influenza section on the government website, and by registering for

email or text alerts - www.gov.uk/guidance/apha-alert-subscription-service. The risk to public health from the virus is very low, however it is important that people don't pick up sick or dead birds. You can report finding dead wild waterfowl (swans, geese or ducks) or other dead wild birds, such as birds of prey, to the DEFRA helpline on 03459 335577.

Flower beds

It was a struggle to keep the flower beds in The Square hydrated this year due to the excessive heat. Nevertheless, most of the planting survived. The tree roots seem to take up most of the watering. We should like to thank Anne Archer from Heath Farm for giving us most of our plants and to Robyn from the Bradworthy Inn for letting us use their water supply. The Parish Council are looking to repair the water pump in the pump house as it is a rare example of such a pump.

Christmas

Christmas will soon be upon us and arrangements are being made by Bradworthy Primary Academy for the village Christmas lights to be switched on. This will be on **Friday 2nd December at 4.30pm**, followed by singing around the Christmas tree.

Parish Council Grants to Local Groups and Organisations

At its January meeting the Parish Council will consider requests from local groups and organisations for a grant payable in April 2023. Applications by letter or email are required from any local organisation wishing to be considered for a grant. A Financial Statement of account is an essential requirement and please indicate if the funds would be used for a particular project. Applications to be received by the Parish Clerk (contact details below) as soon as possible and no later than **Friday 20 January 2023**.

Defibrillators

A reminder where they are placed in the village.

- Outside the Memorial Hall
- Outside the football changing room on the playing field
- Outside Seiche in Langdon Road

Lastly, the Parish Council, wishes you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Sue Lander – Chairman
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