



Bradwell News



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EVENTS

- 6 Nov: BRADDA DADS FIREWORKS!** 6:45pm on the field: Fireworks at 7:15pm
- 9 Nov:** Rebellion Knoll WI: Methodist Hall - 7:30pm. AGM with supper
- 15 Nov:** Bradwell Historical Society: Methodist Hall - 8pm. "The Peak Park - It's Place in History" by John Riddall
- 3 Dec:** Christmas Fayre: Memorial Hall - 10 to 11:30am.

CHURCH FABRIC FUND

The repairs to the Church roof are now taking place, made possible because the total in the Fabric Fund to date is £46,408, English Heritage has given a grant of £36,821, the Church has sold all its shares (£76,565) and contributed significantly out of the General Reserve. However, Fund Raising needs to continue, both for the Fabric Fund and the General Fund which is uncomfortably low. The PCC is extremely grateful to everyone who has worked so hard in raising the money needed and it hopes that it can continue to rely on such tremendous support, thereby ensuring a bright future for the village church. St. Barnabas PCC.

HOPE VALLEY CANCER RESEARCH UK

We are holding a Coffee Morning/Bring and Buy Sale on Weds. 23rd November at The Traveller's Rest, Brough from 10.15am to noon. Coffee and Mince Pie: £1.50. Christmas Gifts, Cake stall, Christmas cards (supplied by Phoenix Trading Co in aid of Cancer Research UK and children's hospices), and much more. Please put the date in your diary and come along to support us. Further information from: Joan Black: 01433 650599/Anne Mainwaring: 01433 651875

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Harvest Festival is always enjoyable and this year was no exception. The Rev. Michael Collier captivated the congregation and even gave out homework! The Service was brightened by the presence of the Guides, Brownies and Rainbows. Everyone enjoyed their singing and they also brought gifts for the Archer Project.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

St Barnabas will host a Christmas Tree Festival again this year. All village organisations should have received an invitation to participate. If you've missed out, please forgive me and contact me ASAP. Emma Norling - 620889

TOWN BOTTOM TOILETS

County Council are conducting a review of all public toilets in the area and plans to close some to cut costs. While this review is underway we have been notified that due to repeated vandalism our toilets will be permanently locked once repairs to the latest wrecking spree have been completed. Sadly, the mindless vandals in our village are greatly accelerating their permanent closure.

BANK AT THE POST OFFICE

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THAT BROOK

Chris Furness' PC Notes comment last month about caving activities in Bagshaw Cavern possibly being responsible for the lack of water in the Brook evoked some comment. John Taylor, who has explored the cavern with several colleagues in the Caving fraternity points out that the lack of water was caused by, well - a lack of water. It's back, as you can see.

XMAS FAYRE

There is a Christmas Fayre on **Sat. 3rd Dec., 10 to 11-30am** In the Memorial Hall. There will be stalls selling gifts, cakes, a tombola and raffle. Refreshments (coffee, tea, mince pies) will be available. Father Christmas will be there and he is looking forward to seeing lots of girls and boys.

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Councillor Janet Goodison. Bradwell Parish Councillors and Peak Park members have sent cards and best wishes to Janet who, at the time of writing, is in Calow Hospital (Ridgeway ward).

Awards. The PC nominated **Bradda Dads** for consideration for Derbyshire County Council's Excellence in the Community Awards. The results were announced at a special event at the Dome in Buxton on October 17th and we were delighted to hear that the Dads had won an award. It's a fitting tribute for a unique organisation which does so much for the village. Community organisations can make applications for up to £1000 for projects, under this scheme, and £250,000 is available for the next year.

We have also nominated **Rory MacKenzie** for a County 'Young Achievers' Award 2011. Winners will be presented at a special reception on December 11th.

Peak Park. Against all expectations, Peak Park members have voted for direct local elections for 22 of its current 30 board members. If ratified by the government, this would dramatically change the composition of the Board and make it much more locally accountable. It's expected that these elections will be held in 2013. The Peak Park decision reflects the proposal originally submitted by Bradwell PC.

Footpath maintenance. Last year we withdrew from DCC's minor maintenance scheme for local footpath management because the cost far exceeded the grant we were offered. However, since then DCC have done no work whatsoever on our footpaths, so we asked the parish clerk to complain. They replied that they will only carry out work which is specifically requested. The parish clerk has made several such requests, including the Yeld handrail – but all have been ignored by DCC. Rather than waste more time on fruitless requests, it was decided that the parish clerk should make enquiries about re-joining the minor maintenance scheme, if a substantially increased grant could be obtained from DCC.

PC Grants to local organisations. At our October meeting we discussed a request from the Well Dressing Committee for a grant of £500 to replenish their reserves. We agreed to award £250 immediately and to consider a further £250, if requested, at the end of this financial year - if there was sufficient cash remaining in our grants budget.

Town Bottom Toilets/District Finances. District Council offered Bradwell PC the opportunity to either take over responsibility for these toilets or to contribute to their maintenance. If we had taken them over the cost could have added as much as £6,000 per annum to our annual precept. We declined the offer and pointed out that the toilets were mostly for the use of visitors and should remain open. We have now heard that District have decided to close them from October 31st until Easter 2012. In the September DDC council meeting an amendment was moved to further consult with parish councils before closures, but this was defeated by 24 votes to

7.

DDDC are bidding for a loan towards the £680,000 cost of building the new toilets in Bakewell, Matlock and Ashbourne. However, unlike Bradwell parish council, these town councils have not been asked to contribute or take them over. District Council long term borrowings are currently £5.45 million to cover their increased capital expenditure projects. In the last financial year capital expenditure rose from £3.4 million to £8.4 million and the projections for the next 5 years continue this trend. With council tax now being frozen for the next 18 months, borrowings will inevitably increase further and the impact on our council tax, when it is eventually unfrozen, will be significant.

I've recently been elected to represent Derbyshire Dales' parishes on the District Council Audit and Standards Committee and I'll be questioning this policy of concentrating expenditure on towns - to the detriment of villages like Bradwell.

Chris Furness

BRADWELL CYCLING CLUB



On a Very Wet & Windy day in July, Bradwell Cycling Club Members, with John & Steve Lawson of Mister Carpet, in the support vehicle, accompanied by Matt Bates, left Bradwell at 7:30am for their Annual Charity Cycle Ride. This year they went to Boston, Lincs, then Blyth, then back to Bradwell, a Total of about 250 miles. The ride was gruelling, due to the extreme weather conditions. The cyclists are aged from mid thirties to Alan at 70 years. They raised a massive £2,500 of which £2,000 has been donated to Macmillan Nurses, £50 to the First Responders for upkeep of The Bradwell Defibrillator, £150 to the Adult Cystic Fibrosis Unit at The Northern General Hospital, £150 to Asbestosis Research and £150 to the Sick Children's Trust at Sheffield Children's Hospital. The total raised for different charities is now £14,000. A Great Achievement!! Thanks to everyone for all their continued Support & Generosity, which is greatly appreciated.

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BRADWELL 100 YEARS AGO

Following the previous report in this series I'm grateful to Terry Wakelin for telling me about the official programme for the 1911 sports meeting that reveals that a prize of two boxes of snuff was won by S. Hallam for the over 60s race. At a meeting of the Council School managers in 1911 it was reported that the County had sanctioned the holding of a night school during the winter months and Mr Harries intended to give classes in arithmetic, mensuration (to include land surveying), drawing and English composition. At the same meeting the success of two pupil teachers of the Council was reported. Ruth Rowbottom had gained entry to Portsmouth Training College for Teachers and Harry Hallam (then a pupil at New Mills Technical School) had passed the Oxford Senior local examination. You can learn more about the Rural Pupil Teacher scheme on pp48-9 of *After Seth – Bradwell into the Twenty-first Century*. The Bradwell Wesley Guild entertained their Hathersage counterparts to tea with 50 to 60 attending. After tea they walked up Jennings Dale when 'an enjoyable time was had in that beauty spot, where nature smiles with its profusion of flowers and at the same time appears grim and weird among the rough caves and limestone boulders'. There is a report of a meeting of the Revision Court presided over by revising barrister C Lacey Smith at Loxley Hall, Hope. The purpose of this court appears to have been to determine the rights of individuals to vote and the Conservatives and the Liberals were both represented. Of the cases relating to Bradwell the Conservative agent objected to Samuel Adams being allowed to vote on the grounds that Mr Adams' land was not of sufficient value. Mr Lacey Smith allowed Mr Adams to stay on the register when the latter produced evidence that he rented his land to Alfred Lessons (of the Bridge Inn) at £2 per annum. Mr Adams was awarded half-a-crown to cover his costs for attending the court. The placing of a Mr Disley on the voters register was objected to on the grounds that he had gone to Canada on the 10th July. But on being shown evidence that the departure date was in fact the 10th August Mr Lacey Smith commented (amidst laughter) that Mr Disley may not find his goldmine and should remain on the register. The Liberals successfully claimed that John A Laing, being a caretaker and gardener living at his employer's house and not the owner of the house, was not entitled to a vote. On a much sadder note the death was reported of Mr John Hall of Bridge End second son of blacksmith Joe Hall. John had run the business following his father's death and was himself 54 when he died. John was married to Hannah whose maiden name was Hannah Pearson (their daughter Nellie had recently won the needle threading race). John had been a member of the Bradwell Brass Band and amongst others Allen Bradwell, secretary of the 'other band' (the Coronation Band), wrote a letter of condolence to Hannah. The interment took place at the Wesleyan Chapel with the service being con-

ducted by Rev W Fiddian Moulton from Hathersage. Readers may be interested to know that the Bradwell Historical Society will be selling DVDs, with all 50 years of the newspaper cuttings of the type that have been used to prepare this report, at round about Christmas time.

WELL DRESSING COMMITTEE

The Wells Dressing Committee is again proposing to deliver Christmas Vouchers to the older people in the village. You are entitled to a voucher if you are 65 years or over (woman or man) at the end of November. We deliver to a great number of homes and we do rely on "word of mouth", so if you are not on our list, or you know of anyone else who is not on our list, please do let us know.

Jackie Evans – 620769 Peter Kobayashi - 621459

SILENT NIGHT—BUT NOT IN BRADDA

By popular demand Carol singing practice will take place at the White Hart on Saturdays 3rd, 10th, 17th December. Start prompt at 6pm for one hour. You don't have to be able to sing, just come along and join in the fun even if you can't be there on Christmas Eve. James even supplies the mince pies! Can't be bad. All this in preparation for Christmas Eve Carols, in the White Hart of course, when singing usually starts about 9pm - be early! Janet - Tel 620803



BONFIRE: is on **6th Nov at 6.45PM** with fireworks at 7.15PM. If you have anything for the bonfire please contact Neal Seymour - 623907, nealseymour@btinternet.com or Martin Riley - 623765, mjr@askham-bryan.ac.uk or any Bradda Dad. We will collect on 5th Nov (morning).

CHRISTMAS CARD LIST: A slip will be delivered to everyone shortly. If you wish to participate, please complete and return the slip to the Bread Shop (or any Bradda Dad) along with the £5 donation by 11th Nov.

MIKE THOMPSON - founding Bradda Dads member, Mike Thompson, has decided to 'hang up his boots'. Mike is one of the original members and former chair and he has been instrumental in shaping Bradda Dads into what it is today. We would like to thank him for years of hard work and dedication to the cause and wish him well.

EXCELLENCE IN THE COMMUNITY AWARD - we are very proud to announce that we have recently accepted an 'Excellence in the Community' award from Derbyshire County Council. This is in recognition of the fund raising and community work done by Bradda Dads, both past and present, since we were formed in 1999.

NEW MEMBER - we are delighted to welcome Peter Wallis who has joined our ranks.

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BRADWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

At the September meeting, Andrew Chamberlain spoke on Cave Archaeology. He stated that his interest lay mainly in their contents rather than in the caves themselves. In particular he was interested in evidence of human presence. Although the phrase 'In pre-historic times when men lived in caves' is often used (it appears in the first chapter of Bradwell Ancient and Modern) human use of caves was probably more concerned with them as places of refuge, for seasonal use or for general ritual-related purposes, such as burial.

Andrew then started with a consideration of the caves of Hartle Dale (as had Seth Evans). The Dale now forms part of one of two of Bradwell's SSSI sites. Following Seth, Andrew referred to the excavations carried out by Rooke Pennington in 1877. The exact locations of these caves are now uncertain but they appear to have been higher up the Dale (as shown on old OS maps) and here remains of a woolly rhinoceros and bison were found. (It now seems more likely that bones were of ancient wild cattle rather than bison.) In 1961-63 Leslie Pill carried out the next serious digs in Hartle Dale when he focused on Fissure and New caves lower down the Dale. (At the end of his talk Joyce Emsen told the speaker that she had helped in digs at about this time and any bones they found were always referred to as 'Mr Hartle' – but never as 'Mrs Hartle!'). The finds were dated to the late Neolithic period (about 4000 years ago) and included pottery, flint axe heads and animal bones. In 1997 J. Hamshaw-Thomas re-investigated Fissure and New caves and found clear evidence of the bones of ancient cattle.

Andrew next moved a little further afield to talk about Blue John Cavern. He said it was unusual to find remains in these larger caves but the finds in the High Chimney branch of the Blue John complex included part of the antler of a red deer and the bones of late Neolithic humans and wild cattle. It seemed likely that these had fallen into the Cavern via a nearby sink-hole. Andrew now turned his attention to the re-

gion with the highest concentration of caves with human remains which is the Manifold Valley. In the Beeston Tor Cave human remains radio-carbon dated to 3700 and 2700 BCE were found and there was clear evidence of rodent gnawing and also of cut marks. Much more recently miners had evidently been prospecting in the cave although they had clearly felt it wasn't worthwhile taking it any further.

In general, throughout the country some 270 caves have been identified containing altogether the remains of 1000 individuals. In other words about 4 per cave although very often all four had not got into the cave at the same time, suggesting periodic use, perhaps for burial. These all date from the Neolithic era and fully half of them were sub-adult (reflecting high mortality in the young in these ancient times). In many there was evidence of trauma which appeared to have been inflicted around the time of death.

Andrew then talked about the caves of Cresswell Crags, soon to be designated a World Heritage Site. He had been involved in digs in Church Hole Cave in which there is one of the few examples of cave art to be found in the British Isles suggesting more prolonged occupation (perhaps as winter refuges). But there they also found a medieval games board so perhaps it was a gambling den at a much later period. Andrew concluded by identifying the dangers to the survival of caves and their contents. Foremost among these were the roots of trees forcing themselves into the joint fractures and bedding planes of the limestone. At the same time the processes of archaeology are of necessity invasive and archaeologists always seek to minimise the disturbance.

THANKS

I wanted to say "thank you" to all at the Bowring Green. Some time ago Chris and I stayed a night in their lovely room and had a beautiful dinner and breakfast. I would recommend everyone to go for a pint and a meal! Sometimes you don't realise what gems are on your doorstep!

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