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EVENTS

Sat 6: Rebellion Knoll W.I. Coffee Morning: 10 to 11:30am - Memorial Hall

Wed 10: Rebellion Knoll W.I.: 8pm, Methodist Hall - "Longshaw as a Hospital" - Thelma Griffiths

Tues 16: Bradwell Historical Society: Methodist Hall, 8pm. "Base Z - Britain's most southerly outpost": Andy Smith

BRADWELL PRE SCHOOL

Bradwell Pre School is fast approaching the end of the academic year, and as many children are moving up to the infants there will be losses on the Pre School Committee. Bradwell Pre School is entirely committee run. We deal with all aspects of management including staffing, funding, wages, policies, marketing and fundraising. We are responsible to the Charity Commission, Ofsted and Derbyshire County Council, and without a committee Pre School would have to close. In October we are losing our Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary as well as members, and without those people we don't have a committee. No-one wants our Pre School to close, but to keep it running we need vital support from the village. The committee can include people who do not have children attending or who have no connection to it, simply an interest in the running of the School. If you feel you can spare a couple of hours every half term and would like to join us please call Esther Burton on 621529. Thanks.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

This year the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th May in the Methodist Hall. The format and content of the meeting will be quite different from previous years. All residents are invited to come along. A brief council report will be followed by presentations from a number of village groups to inform attendees of their activities and to highlight areas of specific interest or challenges they face. If your organisation has something you would like to bring to the attention of the village, please contact the Parish Clerk on 620329.

SEND US YOUR NEWS

The views expressed in this Newsletter are not necessarily those of the editorial team. Please send news by e-mail to: bradwellnews@yahoo.co.uk or paul@paulandliz.org. Or call Paul (623941), Vanessa (623053) or Debbie (621731). You can also leave hand written copy at the Post Office.

THOSE DOGS

Our recent article on dog mess evoked a lot of response and it seems as though the village is becoming thoroughly fed up with the very small number of irresponsible owners. Two residents even turned up at the Parish Council meeting to plead with Council to do something. The *Bradwell News* has taken advice on this from the police, who tell us that is not a police matter but that there is a Street Scenes Officer employed by Derbyshire District Council. If, like many who have sent in letters, you know who the culprit is but don't know what to do about it, then **you can contact Robin Walsh on 01629 761151 or his mobile is 07968 602802 and report it.** If you can obtain supporting photographic evidence then so much the better. Robin says if you provide him with names and addresses of offenders they will be sent a warning letter and your anonymity will be preserved. The Parish Council are also doing everything they can to combat the problem, putting up signs and providing poo bags, but they can't train the owners.

FOBS

FOBs will be holding a fundraising fashion shopping night on the evening of **26th April** at the Junior School starting at 7:30pm. There will be items of clothing from leading high street retailers on sale at bargain prices, most of which are this season and not seconds. Tickets are available from both schools or by contacting Mel Seymour, 623907. Tickets are £3.50 each in advance (£4 on the door) and include a glass of wine. There will also be a bar, so you make a night of it!

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Wortley Court and Towngate areas of the village now have their own dedicated Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators who will be watching those areas and reporting any suspicious or nuisance behaviour to police.

THANK YOU, BRADWELL

On behalf of all the Biggin family we would like to express our sincere thanks to all the people of Bradwell and the surrounding area who gave so willingly their support and sympathy as we struggled with the sad loss of Sheila. It has been a great comfort to us that so many of you considered her to be the true loving and caring lady that she was. So many of you put those words into your cards and letters. We are truly humbled and grateful. Colin, Grace, Caroline, Douglas and families.

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

DDDC Council Tax: By now you will have received your 2013/14 Council Tax demand from District Council and doubtless you will have noticed that among the changes is a reported increase of 16.8% in the Parish Council's precept. Please be aware that the parish council increased its precept for 2013/14 by 8.0% only (as explained in the December issue), the rest of the increase being mainly due to changes by central government over which we have no control.

Bradwell Neighbourhood Plan (NP): Neighbourhood Plans were introduced in the Localism Act 2011 and are designed to help communities influence planning of the area where they live and work by a) developing a shared vision of their neighbourhoods, b) deciding where and how many new homes, shops, offices and other buildings should be built, c) identifying and protecting important green spaces and d) influencing what new buildings look like. The Bradwell NP must be led by the parish council but with the involvement of the whole community. The council's application for Bradwell Parish to be defined as the Bradwell Neighbourhood Area was approved at the PDNPA Planning committee meeting of 8th March 2013. This is an important first step but preparing the plan itself will be an onerous undertaking requiring much work by councillors, residents and probably some paid consultancy. Once it has been developed and has been accepted by the PDNPA, there will be a village referendum to vote on it. It is hoped that this referendum can be included as part of the 2015 local elections. A working party of councillors has already been established to start working on this.

Newburgh Planning Application: No new information is presently available, although members of Council continue to meet with Peak Park officers. It is now believed that planning committee meeting of the 17th May is the earliest that the application could be considered, with the meeting being held at the Agricultural Business Centre in Bakewell. Council will keep you informed of on-going developments through the Bradwell News and on the village website.

Youth Club: PCSO Boswell has obtained a grant of £500 from the Chief Constable's fund to enable the YC to continue to operate. The YC committee continues to seek ways to enable the club to become self-funding. It is now hoped to reopen the YC after Easter for around 4 weeks.

Annual Parish Meeting: The meeting will be on 7th May with a new format, including contributions from village organisations and a more informal atmosphere. We will also be seeking the opinions of attendees on a number of matters such as the future of the former Royal British Legion site and the provision of senior exercise equipment. District & County representatives, Peak Park and the Police will also be invited to attend and answer questions from residents.

Bus Services: Council had received complaints from residents about the First Group 272 service by-passing Bradwell in adverse weather. It is claimed that the main problem is the difficulty in navigating Brookside due to snow and inconsider-

ately parked cars. A site meeting was held in the third week of March with First Group management to assess the possibility of buses coming to the village as far as the Gore Lane bus stop and turning round there. After some clearance work arranged on the spot by Cllr Davies, First Group agreed to implement this plan and has posted notices on some village bus stops to this effect.

HOPE VALLEY MEDICAL AIDS FUND

During 2011-2012 we have continued to serve the Hope Valley community by means of both loaned and gifted equipment such as wheelchairs, commodes, walking aids, etc. Sue Malley and Pat Cook have retired as Trustees and we would like to thank them both for many years of loyal service. Phyllis Burton is our new treasurer, relieving Kate Stanyon who had kindly stepped in temporarily. A priority task is to find new members for the committee and to restore the number of Trustees to seven. We are asking for volunteers, preferably with a health-care background to join our friendly committee. This entails three meetings per year plus discussion by email re purchases etc. Please call Shirley Parkin on 651408 if you can help.

REBELLION KNOLL W.I.

Final preparations were made for our **Coffee Morning on Saturday April 6th** (please see Events for details). Along with tea and cakes there will be an exhibition of crafts, a display of our own WI Archives, a book stall and a children's biscuit decorating competition so please come and join us for fun, frivolity and friendship! This month's talk is by **Thelma Griffiths** on **'Longshaw as a hospital'** which should prove really interesting, a bit of contemporary local history. Last month's talk on **Elizabethan Cosmetics** was an 'eye-opener' in more ways than one. **Maureen Taylor** came, dressed for the part, in full Elizabethan costume and soon had us feeling distinctly queasy with tales of Elizabethan women plastering their faces and chests with a toxic concoction of lead and sulphur bound together with egg white and oil of figs and discovering that they bound their dyed hair (they used ammonia from urine and sulphur) with lard, sleeping with a cage on their head to guard against rats in the night. The lips were made bright red by painting them with a pigment mixed with mercuric sulphide and the bright eyes were realised by using eye drops containing belladonna. But, as someone noted, do we really know what we are putting on our faces today?

THANK YOU

Doreen, Edwina and Julie would like to say a big thanks for all the cards and donations we received after the sudden death of Bill, who will be sadly missed by everybody. Special thanks to Paul Tanfield and Sally Sharron.

Peter and Jean Thorp would like to thank all their family friends and neighbours for the lovely cards, presents and kind wishes for their Golden Wedding anniversary in March.

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TEDDY BEAR CLUB



Teddy Bears are Bradwell's group for mums, dads, carers, babies and toddlers. We meet during term-time on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9.30am to 11.30am in the Methodist Hall, opposite the White Hart. We charge £2 per family per session, which includes refreshments for the grown-ups and children. For more info, contact Colette Holden - 01433 623838, 07835 800477, colette@coocom.co.uk.

THAT CROSS

By the time you read this, the plan was if you looked up to Rebellion Knoll you would see a cross on the skyline. The snow might stop us, but I thought that a word of explanation this year would be a good idea. My hope is that as people see it up there, they will be reminded of what Easter is truly about. How on the first Good Friday, Jesus Christ – after a life of doing nothing but good – was crucified on the hill of Calvary, but rose from the dead on the Sunday. As it says in the old hymn: "He died that we might be forgiven, he died to make us good. That we might go at last to heaven, saved by his precious blood." Last year, most reports I heard of people's reactions to the cross were positive, but a small minority displayed a very strong negative reaction – even to the point of one of them cutting it down! And yet the cross is a reminder of the ultimate example of self-sacrificial love. In this day and age, standing in the streets of Bradwell and preaching the love of Jesus probably wouldn't have the effect that it did for John Wesley (the founder of Methodism) in the 1700's. But my hope is that somehow, by putting that cross up there over Easter, that love may touch people's hearts, and you may know that it was for you he died. The cross will always be taken down the weekend after Easter. Rev. Richard Towle (Methodist Minister).

BRADWELL 100 YEARS AGO

Towards the end of March 1913 there is an article praising a Mr Revell of the 'Cycle Depot' Bradwell for his work as a guide to Bagshaw Cavern. The author of the piece gives a detailed account of the various grottos that could be visited. These included 'The Giant's Footprint', the 'Elephant's Throat', the 'Chandler's Shop' and 'Calypso's Cave'. Much earlier, in 1809 John Hutchinson of Chapel en le Frith described his visit to Bagshaw Cavern in his 'Tour Through the High Peak', indeed the full title of his book included the words 'A Beautiful Crystallized Cavern Lately Discovered Near Bradwell'. Unfortunately he otherwise gives Bradwell short shrift in his account being very rude about one of the natives. A total of 14 candidates contested the seven seats available of the Parish Council on Saturday 12th April. The results were announced by Council secretary Mr Z Walker to a 'large crowd' assembled in the play

ground of the County School. Mr BS Shirt was top of the poll, for which he warmly thanked his supporters. The Parish Council met on the following Tuesday when Mr William Eyre and Mr R Tanfield were nominated as 'overseers of the poor'. Several of the newly elected councillors were kept very busy because a few days later they were attending a meeting of the Coronation Band Committee when secretary Allen Bradwell announced that the Band had £7 10s in hand.

MRS SHEILA MARGARET BIGGIN

Sheila Biggin died in the Northern General Hospital on 25th January aged 76 years. Born in South Kensington she was the daughter of Edward and Kathleen Pilkington. During the war she was evacuated to Morecambe. After her father's death and her mother's remarriage she remained in the north until eventually moving to Norton-on-Tees. She joined the Royal Signal Corps and while stationed in Northern Ireland she met Colin, who was serving the same unit. On leaving the army she came to Bradwell, staying with Mrs Bromage on Bessie Lane until she married Colin. During this period she worked in the office at A F Hancock in Bamford. Sheila and Colin set up home at "Eastbourne" on The Hills before moving to a new bungalow, "Windy Ridge" in 1968. They then moved to the premises on Towngate previously occupied by Tom Bradwell, who ran his grocery and butchery business there. Colin set up in the joinery business whilst Sheila ran the hardware shop, which they continued to do until retirement in 2001. Sheila was a founder member of the Centenary Players and secretary to the Parochial Church Council. She enjoyed singing with the Peak Singers and she and Colin were later members of the Baslow Choir. She was a member of the Ladies Christian Fellowship, was a keen gardener and a dog lover. For over 20 years she and Colin had a boat in which they cruised the canals from Macclesfield or the Trent from Shardlow. They also towed the boat to places as far apart as Loch Lomond and the Caledonian Canal and southern Cornwall, where they cruised the Fal, Helford and Tamar rivers. Sheila leaves her husband Colin, daughters Grace and Caroline, son-in-law Duggie, five grandchildren and brother John. The funeral was at St Barnabas Church on 6th February.



BRADDA DADS



This years Wolfspit Fell Race was our biggest success so far. The weather was good and nearly 300 runners turned up. We would like to thank all the landowners who gave permission to cross their land, the residents of Shatton, the High Peak Garden Centre for the use of their car park and finally Neil McAdie for the Rab goodies. Mick Archer was first local male, Zoe Procter first local female and Cameron Green achieved first local in the Juniors.



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MR ARTHUR GEORGE ROWLAND

George Rowland died in Calow hospital on 18th February aged 89 years. Born in Bakewell, the only son of Arthur and Zoe Rowland he lived in Bradwell and attended the Council school and the church school before working at Earle's cement works upon leaving school. During the war he joined the Home Guard and then the RAF, serving for nearly 2 years on the Isle of Barra in the Outer Hebrides. He then followed the advance into Europe, serving in France, Belgium and Holland and was finally stationed in Germany. After the war he returned to Earle's before taking early retirement in 1985. George married Joan Allcock of Hope and they lived for a short time in Bamford before moving to Town End and then Main Road in the 1960's. George was a talented sportsman and was the "Victor Ludorum" for 3 years for Hope Valley schools athletics. He played football for Bradwell, Earle's and New Mills, continuing to play into his fifties. In his sixties and seventies he played tennis at Bamford, also acting as groundsman for the club. He enjoyed gardening and his garden was always immaculate. He leaves a son Michael, daughter Diane, four granddaughters and three great grandchildren. His wife Joan pre-deceased him. The funeral followed by burial was at St Barnabas Church on 27th February.

MR NOEL FLETCHER

Noel Fletcher died at home on 23rd February aged 89 years. Born in Bradwell the youngest son of Jack and Betty Fletcher he went to the church school before joining the family joinery business on Netherside. During the war he served in the Home Guard before joining the Royal Navy. He served aboard HMS Serapis, mainly on the Arctic run escorting convoys to Russia. He married Freda Goddard of Stoney Middleton and they lived initially in Smalldale before moving to the bungalow next to the workshop. In 1987 they moved to Hope. On leaving the navy Noel returned to the family business, eventually leaving it to spend the last four years working in the joinery shop at the cement works. Noel and Freda enjoyed many

holidays in this country, those on the Norfolk Broads being a particular favourite. Whilst at Hope Noel enjoyed cycling and walking in the local area, a favourite walk being up Win Hill. His wife Freda pre-deceased him, as did his brother George who died of wounds received at Arnhem in 1944, aged 22 years. The funeral service was at Hutcliffe Wood on 7th March, followed by cremation.

MR WILLIAM ANDREW


Bill Andrew died in Calow Hospital on 12th February aged 83 years. Born in Hope, the only son of Charles and Alice Andrew he soon moved to Riding House Farm, Castleton from where he went to school in Castleton. After school he worked for his father on the farm for a while, running a milk round before becoming a shot firer at Hoveringham Quarry. He subsequently returned to farming, working at the Twitchil and Highfield farms, and finally for 14 years in the quarry at Blue Circle before taking early retirement. He married Doreen Bradwell and they lived with her mother on Bessie Lane before moving to Barnstone Cottage at The Green. In his younger days Bill was a keen footballer, playing for Castleton and Bradwell. He was in the darts teams of most of the Bradwell pubs. Although keen on most sports his principal interest was always Farming and he kept a flock of sheep until a few months ago. Bill leaves his wife Doreen, daughters Julie and Edwina, sons-in-law Michael and Pete, grandson Martyn and sisters Margaret and Doris. His sister Alice pre-deceased him. The funeral service was at the Bradwell Methodist Church on 22nd February, followed by burial.

THAT TV PROGRAMME

Numerous people were spoken to and filmed recently by Blast Films as part of their investigation into Bradda possibly featuring in a series about life in an English village. Latest news from them is that the tape has been shown to the BBC and they are thinking about it. If we hear anything we will let you know, but the initial signs are not encouraging.

	21st April	28th	5th May	12th	19th
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