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## Community Coffee mornings - 3rd and 10th in Memorial Hall

### EVENTS

**3 & 10 Sept:** Community coffee mornings in Memorial Hall  
**Weds 10:** Rebellion Knoll W.I.: 7:30pm in the Methodist Hall. "I'll Be The Judge of That" - Jo Elliott  
**Tues 16:** Historical Society: 8pm in the Methodist Hall. "Malta - It's History Leading to the George Cross" - Ian Gazzard  
**Thurs 2 Oct:** Neighbourhood Plan update meeting: 6:30 pm in the Memorial Hall.

### JOHN RIDDALL—A DOUGHTY CAMPAIGNER

With the recent loss of John Riddall, Bradwell, the Peak District and the UK has lost one of the brightest minds engaged in planning issues and rights of way law. His reputation also spread far beyond Derbyshire, where he was known nationally as the co-author of the definitive book on rights of way – the 'Blue Book' or even 'Blue Bible' as it is known (though John might have found the latter nickname rather sacrilegious). On one occasion, his opinion on use of paths and village greens helped turn a case in the House of Lords and it still stands as a powerful precedent since.

Closer to home he was a valued trustee at the Sheffield branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (now Friends of the Peak District) and worked closely with its founders, Ethel and Gerald Haythornthwaite, on many vital cases and campaigns. In the past twenty years, he took a strong interest in quarry issues, especially around Bradwell, and applied his knowledge of law with customary tenacity as he sought to question dubious operations and poor planning decisions. He always got to the nub of the issue and asked uncomfortable questions of both operators and the Peak Park Board alike.

He took particular exception to a decision, taken without reference to members of the Authority, to allow the widening of the calcite quarry at Moss Rake East. The result was huge landscape damage and he took a case for maladministration (against the PDNPA) to the Ombudsman and won. The proper restoration of that site and the re-establishment of the footpath along the rake (now diverted to Green Dale) would be a fitting tribute to his one man campaign.

All this work would not have been possible without his beloved wife, Lilian. We will miss them both.

Andy Tickle, Director, Friends of the Peak District

### WHO CARES ABOUT BRADDA?



Well the answer, based on the super fun everyone had during Gala Week and the complete absence of vandalism and bad behaviour is, "We All Do!". Sadly, we appear to have a few though who seem to think everyone else will clean up after

them. I am tired of having to pick up plastic beakers, bottles and wrappers which have escaped the eagle eyes of Janet and the Litter Pickers. Now, we seem to have somebody who thinks it's OK to dump an old TV set next to the brook. Come on people, whoever you are. Why not join the rest of us and have some respect for your village?

### THANK YOU

Pauline Tibenham would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped to make her fund raising day on 12th July such a huge success. **£1,000 was raised** for the Alzheimer's Society. Pauline and Paula would also like to thank Philip and Carol for their hard work in making the bench which was presented to Bradwell Sports Club at the Festival of Football in memory of David Eyre, Nicky Johnson, Pat Tibenham and Alan Holland - four great blokes who worked tirelessly for the club.

### REBELLION KNOLL W.I.

This month's meeting was mysteriously entitled 'I'll be the judge of that' and we now know that **Jo Elliott** from **Jo's Pantry** in Hope will be coming to judge our jams, cakes and chutneys. No pressure then, let's hope we can rise to the occasion! Last month we had a treat when we visited the back stage of the Buxton Opera House and afterwards had a thoroughly enjoyable high tea at No.6, a much deserved feast following our marathon tea and cake stall on Gala day.

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## PC NOTES

**Neighbourhood Plan (NP):** Workshops for writing policies are making good progress. The required policies are being identified and initial versions drafted for the areas such as Housing, Transport and the Local Economy. Once all drafts are complete they will be passed to a planning expert to refine level of detail. This work will continue over the summer period and the final versions will be presented to residents at another Public Meeting, for their agreement, prior to submission to the PDNPA. The final NP will ultimately result in a legally enforceable document that will define the wishes of Bradwell residents and ensure that these wishes are protected.

**Youth Club:** We continue to seek alternative premises for the club close to the centre of the village. A number of possibilities are being investigated and consultations with interested parties are progressing. Hopefully it will be possible to find some premises to allow the club to meet in the next academic year.

**Additional Bus Stops:** Following the notification to DCC of the council's opposition to the request for new bus stops in the village, the council has been advised that DCC will no longer be pursuing this request at the present time.

**DDDC Dog Control Orders:** At the invitation of DDDC the Parish Council is considering proposing that the Beggars Plot, Town Bottom and Peace Gardens recreation grounds be included in its Dog Control Order. This will mean dogs are totally excluded from these areas. In addition to local enforcement, DDDC Dog Wardens will be available to monitor the situation and issue penalties as appropriate. Other forms of control are also being investigated.

**Bradwell Carnival 2014:** Council involvement in the Carnival was reviewed, e.g. the parade and events on Beggars Plot on the first Saturday. This was considered to have been, yet again, a great success. The weather was kind and the appreciative crowds greatly enjoyed the occasion. Grateful thanks go to all those whose hard work and preparation over many weeks contributed to making this event a success. The full eight day Carnival was also without doubt yet another great success with many records being broken.

**Parking of Cars on Grass Verges:** Council has received numerous complaints from residents about parking of vehicles on grass verges. The concern is mainly the dangers caused by obstructing the view of the highway at busy junctions and damage caused to the verges themselves. Council has now decided to take some initial steps to improve the situation.

**Road Signs:** The council is maintaining its dialogue with the DCC Highways department in order to protect Bradwell village and its immediate surroundings from inappropriately large vehicles. Over the past year, new signs have been installed which have improved the situation, but there are still occasions when lorries and caravans follow their Sat-Navs into narrow and steep parts of the village where they get into difficulties and cause damage to property.

PC Chair (623941) and Parish Clerk (620329)

## LILIAN RIDDALL - 26/9/27 to 26/5/14

Lilian, although not born in Bradwell, had five generations in the Chapel yard, was proudly a Middleton and had a relative mentioned in Job's will, so was accepted. It was not until she came to live in Bradwell in 1959 that life really began to matter. She was very close to her sister Joan and enjoyed her love of the Judge family. Sadly, her son John died tragically in 1960 followed shortly afterwards by her Mum, who died of cancer. Lilian met John and her marriage to him changed her life. They moved to Leeds but Lilian longed to return to Bradwell and after 12 years she returned to her beloved Bradda. It would be totally impossible to list all the village activities in which Lilian participated. She especially loved the Methodist Church and her involvement with the friends she made. A void is evident to everyone that has been privileged to know her. Lilian will be sadly missed for so many reasons including her sense of humour, her forthright opinions and the no-nonsense method of expressing them. Her family and close friends will miss her kindness and support.

## JOHN RIDDALL - 7/3/28 to 21/7/14

John grew up in Northwood, Middlesex. At the end of the garden was a footpath marking the boundary with Hertfordshire. Little did he know what a big part footpaths were to play in his life! He went to school in Somerset, then to Trinity College, Dublin where he studied History. After graduating he joined the National Coal Board and while working there he took up gliding at Hucklow where he met Lilian, who was the stewardess at the club. Their friendship grew and they were married. John had now left the NCB and after taking further qualifications was lecturing in Law at Leeds University. They lived in Leeds for 13 years, going to the Gliding Club at weekends. When John retired they moved back to Bradwell. He wrote various books on Law and on local subjects including, with John Trevelyan, what has become a leading text on rights of way. He loved the Derbyshire countryside and was involved with various organisations in this field including The Ramblers Society. John loved Derbyshire, he loved Bradwell and he and Lilian loved their life together at Spring View. Those of us who knew John well and loved him, know that there was far more behind the man who walked around the village late at night with his little bobble hat with his hands behind his back. He fought many battles for this village and helped to keep Bradwell the lovely country village it is. He was responsible for the lowered road signs all over Derbyshire making them more visible to drivers and less visible on the landscape. Whatever John took on, he did with enthusiasm and grit and he had new interests and projects right to the end. His sense of humour was marvellous. He was going to write a new book entitled "A thousand and one things to do with a walking stick". He was also a loving, caring man. He loved to educate himself and to help educate other people which he did right until the end - just ask the Historical Society. He especially loved his wife Lilian - she was his rock and he missed her very much, just as we will miss them both.

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## TEDDY BEAR CLUB



Teddy Bear Club meets every Tuesday and Friday during term time [from 9.30am until 11.30am](#) (£2). However re-start date TBA, - likely October. We meet in the Methodist Hall opposite the White Hart and welcome all mums, dads, grannies, granddads, carers with babies and young children. We also welcome pregnant ladies who would like a cup of tea and a chat before their little one comes along. New friends are welcome with open arms, so we look forward to seeing you there (1st visit complementary)! Call Kristin [07814 456519](tel:07814456519) for more information.

## CARNIVAL COLLECTION

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the street collection at Carnival this year, helping to raise a fantastic **£654.40!** This will be split equally between Bradwell Pre-School and Bradwell Beavers. Special thanks go to Glyn whose bucket contained £115.86. Both Beavers and Pre-School are very grateful for the continued support offered to them by the residents of Bradwell, many thanks again.

## YOUR COMMUNITY - YOUR HOUSING

For many people, buying a home in the Peak District can be a real challenge. The District Council's corporate priorities are to enable new homes for local people and support the local economy. We can deliver on these priorities by working in partnership with Bradwell Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Planning Group. We have a strong track record of building small developments of sensitively planned homes within the Peak District National Park Authority. You can see examples at Elton, Calver, Bakewell and Tideswell which are all occupied by people with a strong local connection to those villages and towns. The District Council is concerned that there have been limited opportunities to build affordable homes for local people in Bradwell recently. However, before any options are considered, we need the community to help us identify what the housing need is. We're calling on local residents to tell us about their housing issues through this survey form. We are particularly keen to hear from young people interested in setting up a home for the first time, families needing a bigger home, people struggling in high cost rented homes and older people who may have a need to downsize. You can fill out our short online survey form to establish a need (follow the web link on the postcard in this edition of 'Bradwell News') or ring my colleague Chris Atkinson in the Housing Team on 01629 761311 before the deadline of **Sunday 28 September 2014**. Thank you very much for taking the time to respond. Isabel Frenzel: Phone 01629 761256 Rural Housing Enabler Derbyshire Dales and High Peak Derbyshire Dales District Council Email: [Isabel.Frenzel@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:Isabel.Frenzel@derbyshiredales.gov.uk)

## A GREAT PERFORMANCE

Thank You & Congratulations to all involved in the latest "Story Bag Production". What a well written, respectful, poignant and tactful show. Very well done and here's to many more shows to follow! Liz & Phil Granby

## ST BARNABAS CHURCHYARD

You will have noticed that work has been progressing in the Churchyard with weeding the old graves and gravelling some of them. This is being done by a small group of volunteers who feel that it is important to keep the graveyard looking tidy and well cared for. We would love to welcome more people willing to help. We work on Wednesdays - early evening, from 4pm. Please come and join us. To raise funds for this work, we are having a coffee morning at St Barnabas Church on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 10.30am**. There will be a raffle and a table top sale.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The plan is progressing well and we are keeping to the planned timeline. Many of the initial drafts of the policies have been written and the body of the document is taking shape, including a brief history of the village and how it has developed over time to reach the situation we have today. The next key step is to present the plan to the village for final acceptance prior to sending it to Peak Park for their comments. This presentation will be on 2nd October at 6:30 pm in the Memorial Hall. The evening will begin with a drop-in session to discuss the "Built Area", which defines where we primarily want future development to take place, followed by cheese and wine at 7:30pm and a presentation of the Plan. This is an important meeting and one of your last chances to make input or changes, so do please make sure you come along.

## THAT NETHERSIDE AEROPLANE

We were pleased so many people passing by found the plane and pilot so amusing but we have to point out that Jo and Mark Quince of Tideswell made the plane, we just found the pilot lurking in our loft. He comes out once a year wearing a different outfit. Janet Twibell



## BRADDA DADS



August saw Bradda Dads involved in the Long and Half tour of Bradwell fell Races. Once again, this was successful and we would like to thank Richard and Charna Patton for their efforts in organising the event. We also received a donation from the people who put up the bunting for carnival week. Thank you! We enjoyed a bumper duck race this year, thanks to all who bought and sold tickets for us. Finally thanks to the Carnival committee for organising the events.



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## MRS GERALDINE WALKER

Geraldine (Gerry) Walker died in a Cambridge hospice on 6th June aged 74 years. Born in Cambridge the youngest daughter of William and Florence Winter, she was educated Soham infant and junior schools and then attended Ely High School for girls. She then went to Wisbech secretarial college before starting work at Pye Radio, the TV and radio manufacturers. She then worked at Soham Eastern Counties Lubricants before moving to Bradwell to marry Barrie Walker, who she met when he was on National Service in the RAF. They lived at Granby Cottage and Dale End before moving to the bungalow they had built on Brookside. After moving to Bradwell she worked for a Sheffield firm of chartered accountants, moving to Blakeley (Sheffield) in 1962 and remaining there until she left work to start a family. She returned to work after her husband left her in 1975. She worked firstly at Cambion and then in September 1976 at Blue Circle Cement Works, where she stayed in full time employment until retiring. On a visit to Soham to see relatives she met an old boy friend Mike, and 11 years ago she moved back to the Soham area to live with him. She enjoyed walking, gardening and car boot sales. She leaves her partner Mike, daughters Helen and Karen, five grandchildren and brother George. Her grandson Mark and sister Mary pre-deceased her. Cremation was at the West Suffolk crematorium on 30th June.

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## MRS AUDREY MILLS

Audrey, devoted wife of the late Frank, passed away very peacefully on 24th July, having recently celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. She spent the vast majority of her life in Bradwell, and it therefore seems quite fitting that she ended her days being very well cared for in a nursing home in Bradwell in Essex, where she lived for the last 2½ years of her life following a debilitating stroke. Audrey leaves a daughter, son-in-law, two grandsons and three great-grandchildren, and will be

sadly missed. A service will be held at St Barnabas Church, Bradwell (Derbyshire!) at 11 a.m. on Sunday, 14th September, followed by the interment of her ashes at approximately 12:15pm. A roast lunch will then be served at the Shoulder of Mutton, and Lindsay would be pleased to see as many of Audrey's old friends there as possible.

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## MRS DAPHNE VIGAR

Daphne Vigar died recently aged 99 years. Her husband, the Reverend Gilbert Vigar, was vicar at Bradwell from 1947 to 1952. They were greatly involved in starting the Bradwell pantomime. Mrs Vigar made many of the costumes, whilst her husband took part in the performances.


## WELL DRESSING

Very many thanks to all who helped with the Wells this year. We were grateful for those who turned up to fill the frames with clay. Coffee and biscuits provided by our ladies were much appreciated. Thanks to the guys with the transport and their helpers who carried the wells, erected them and took them down. It is such a great help. Much appreciation to the Scout Hut, Sports Pavilion and Dick's garage for allowing us to use their premises for petalling. All four wells were once again amazing and I would like to thank, very much, the petallers and the people who have drawn the wells pictures, panels etc. for working so hard, such talent! Special thanks to the Gala Committee for organising the Blessing of the Wells and to the Parish Council for marshalling the parade.

If you feel you can help or are interested in any of the above please get in touch. Do you need a 'yearly workout' putting the clay in the frames? Are you able to draw? petal? make coffee? paint/repair the frames? It would be lovely to see you. There is no discrimination.....All welcome and I do mean ALL!! Thanks, Jackie (Chair) 620769

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