

# Bradwell News

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## Bradda Lotto Draw: High Noon on 8th July - Outside Memorial Hall.

### EVENTS

Due to the Coronavirus emergency all events are either postponed or cancelled. This service will resume when social restrictions are lifted.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Your editor was browsing through a book by Peter J. Naylor entitled *Celtic Derbyshire* and he came across the following interesting snippet:

"The Castleton Morris dance is performed in the market place to a tune similar to the Cornish floral or furry dance. Furry is derived from the Celtic *feur* or festival. The words are:

*Aa dunna know, Aa dunna care,  
What they do in Bradda,  
Piece o'beef an an old cows yead,  
and a puddin baked in a lantern."*

The things you find in books.....

### BRADWELLS ICE CREAM



One of the more iconic businesses in our village has to be the ice cream factory, and sadly they have not escaped the business impact of the lock-down due to CV-19. When most "non-essential" businesses were told to close they lost most of their clients overnight because, whatever you might think ice cream is not identified as an essential business. During the lockdown the factory has been kept ticking over by a skeleton staff, but now they are going to have to handle the potentially sudden surge in sales demand as their retail outlets come back to life and begin trading again. We wish them well as they begin to ramp up their production to meet this demand.

When Betty Bradwell sadly passed away her house, including the "little shop on the corner" was placed on the market. The Covid crisis would not have allowed the shop to re-open anyway, and Bradwells have pointed out that their ice cream is still available from the post office or the Co-Op or direct from the factory. It is also possible to buy cones and "make your own", but somehow it was rather nice to be able to pop into

the shop with the grandchildren and buy your choice of ice cream in a cone. So, some people in the village are investigating ways to bring cones-for-sale back to the village, and Bradwells Ice Cream are very supportive of these ventures. Keep watching the pages of this newsletter and if any of the ventures bears fruit we will let you know.

One very important additional piece of news is that, after working at the factory for more than 30 years, Jane Bownes has bought the business, and we wish her all success as she continues to promote this wonderful village tradition.

### SWIFT PROJECT UPDATE



The final phase of installing swift boxes in the village was successfully achieved on May 22nd when local roofer Chris Ridgeway and Mark kindly and generously put up a further 7 boxes for free on properties that could only be accessed with ladders. We hope that these boxes will be 'prospected' by young birds who are looking for nesting sites next year. We are very pleased to have achieved this aspect of the Project, in spite of the lockdown, and look forward to continuing with other plans in the

future. In the meantime we are all noticing the swifts flying overhead on these beautiful days and Delphine is really eager that you send her any sightings of swifts, house martins and swallows, especially if you spot any nesting sites. Please send these records to Delphine at [bradwellswiftreports@gmail.com](mailto:bradwellswiftreports@gmail.com). Thank you to everyone who has supported this project to preserve and enhance the presence of swifts in our village.

### SEND US YOUR NEWS

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As each day passes, we edge ever closer to our expected re-opening date of July 4th. At the time of writing the government still haven't confirmed a plan for pubs to move from lockdown, but what we do know is that we are all going to see massive changes in the way The Shoulder operates. You will see more use of outdoor space, social distancing, new safety practices and ever more diligent cleaning. So please be patient if we ask you to use the pub in a different way from before. With patience and good humour on both sides, we will hopefully make this work!"

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### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**Caretaking Resource:** The Parish Council invites tenders from suitably qualified persons to carry out a range of caretaking and routine maintenance tasks on behalf of the council. Applicants would ideally be able to carry out routine DIY tasks e.g. painting, would own their own basic tools and equipment (any other equipment would be provided), and would be responsible for their own tax and insurance. This is an ideal opportunity for a Bradwell resident. If you are interested in applying for this opportunity please send your application (contact details, experience and hourly rates) to the parish clerk at [parishclerk@bradda.org](mailto:parishclerk@bradda.org) or call 623485.

**Council Committees:** Council manages its business via committees. We have reviewed all committees and decided that the Finance and Administration committee be split into two – one for Finance and one for Administration and Training. This will allow both committees to dedicate enough time to all items. As with all meetings members of the public and press are very welcome to attend and participate. Time is allowed at the beginning of every meeting for public participation. Notifications of the meetings are posted on the village notice boards in advance of the meeting.

**Play equipment:** The annual inspection of the play equipment took place in the last few weeks. Council were advised that there is some damage to one of the cross beams on the Zip wire and have removed it from use. We will be replacing the whole assembly as this is the most popular item in the playground. Three quotes are being obtained as required by our procedures. Although the equipment will then be replaced, government guidelines during the Covid-19 crisis require us to keep all play equipment in both Town Bottom Playing Fields and Beggars Plot Playing Field closed until the government advises it is safe to reopen them to the public.

**Grass verges:** Unfortunately, the grass verges in the village are very overgrown. Council has been in touch with Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC) and have requested that the grass is cut as soon as possible. The parish council did cut some areas but DDDC have advised that due to Covid-19 restrictions they cannot tell us when the verges will be cut.

**Car parking:** There are four spaces available to rent at Softwater Lane Car park. The cost is £25 pcm or £300 annually. If you are interested in renting any of these spaces, please contact the parish clerk

**Public Participation:** During lock down all parish council meetings are taking place electronically using Zoom. If you would like to participate in the public part of the meeting or listen to the meeting please contact the parish clerk prior to the meeting for joining instructions. See the parish notice boards for meeting announcements and agendas.

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Council Chair (623941) or [paul@bradda.org](mailto:paul@bradda.org)

### BRADWELL SPORTS CLUB Scores with Funding Success

There's good news for Bradwell as Bradwell Sports Club have been awarded a £1,500 Pitch Preparation Fund grant from the Premier League, The FA and the Government's Football Foundation. The Pitch Preparation Fund was set up in support of the game, which is currently facing unprecedented challenges because of the COVID-19 outbreak. The Fund is providing grants to clubs that have lost out on normal revenue streams during this difficult period. The funding will enable Bradwell Sports FC and Bradwell Rovers JFC, who play in the Hope Valley FL and Derwent Valley JFL to prepare their football pitches so that they are match-fit for when it is safe to play football again, following Government advice. They can use their grant towards helping to pay for the cost of materials, work such as verti-draining, chain harrowing, rolling, over-seeding, fertilising, weed-killing and routine preparatory work such as grass cutting and the setting out and line-marking of pitches. Clubs and other organisations are also being given access to the Football Foundation Groundskeeping Community. This is a free online resource which the Foundation developed with the FA and the Grounds Management Association, containing advice and guidance. Anyone in Bradwell can sign up at <https://thefa.hivelearning.com/groundskeeping>.

Bradwell Sports said: "The grant from the football foundation will enable us to get our pitch match fit for when we can start playing football again at all ages. We are all looking forward to our weekends of football, we hope to see you all down at the Club soon" **More information from:** Bradwell Sports Club - [bradwellsports@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bradwellsports@yahoo.co.uk) or Football Foundation Communications Team at [events@footballfoundation.org.uk](mailto:events@footballfoundation.org.uk)

### DOWN MEMORY LANE

Resident Iain Greenhalgh has created a private group on Facebook which allows contributors to share old photographs and memories of Bradwell. The group is for use by residents of Bradwell, past and present and their family and friends. If you would like to be included in this group you need to go to Facebook and state your connection to Bradwell.

The direct link is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/282489536213480/?ref=share>

### WAR MEMORIAL HALL: BRADDA LOTTO

We are pleased to announce that our first draws of the **New Bradda Lotto** will take place on the forecourt of the War Memorial Hall on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 12 noon**. You are cordially invited to attend this, our first ever Draw, at which four monthly draws will take place at the same time. These are the draws for **April, May, June and July**. Please come along – You might be one of our first winners. Please still respect the social distancing rules (currently 2 metres apart). We are pleased to be finally getting this new initiative moving,

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## APPRECIATION FROM ROY WESTON

On my 90th Birthday I was completely overwhelmed by the number of people who contacted me in so many differing ways to offer their congratulations. A large number of gifts and special cards with personal greetings written inside, friends arriving and shouting their congratulations to me, telephone calls continually during the day and a sweet rendering of "Happy Birthday to You" played by two renowned Trombonists. Thank you everyone for making my 90th Birthday so very special and memorable. **ROY WESTON**

## A BIG THANK YOU

Having lived all my 54 years in Bradda it never ceases to amaze me. Many will know I had emergency brain tumour surgery just recently. I had intended to keep it quiet but unfortunate circumstances led it to being made public. I and my Family have been overwhelmed by the messages of support, gifts and good wishes we have received from the local community. It's much appreciated and shows that true Bradda spirit still thrives. I'm on the way to recovery now. Thanks again to one and all for everything. Alan Slater & Family.

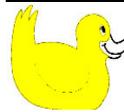
## A MISSIONARY'S TALE

*Local Historian, Brian Gillham has come up with another lovely Bradwell related story for your reading enjoyment.*

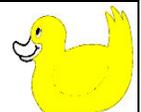
In searching through the 1917 newspaper cuttings for Bradwell I came across a brief mention that Lieutenant Victor Stanley Goodyer RFA had been mentioned in dispatches by Douglas Haig. In an attempt to find where in Bradwell Victor had lived I looked at the 1911 census returns. His name did not appear in the list of Bradwell residents but he was shown as living in Dronfield with two of his brothers, he was aged 26 and had been born in Jamaica. Working forward in time from 1911 the records show that in October 1914 he was attached to the Royal Naval station HMS President 2. His service number was AA314 and rating AB. Now HMS President 2 was what was known as a 'concrete frigate'. This was a shore base (this one was beside the Thames) that played an administrative role, for example as a pay master for sailors with special jobs in London. Then why did the newspaper report indicate he was in the Royal Field Artillery (RFA)? His serial number suggests that he was assigned to one of the few Anti-aircraft Batteries protecting the capital. These batteries were manned either by sailors or soldiers. He may even have crewed the 6 pdr gun mounted on the Admiralty roof to protect the capital from Zeppelins! During the war he moved around being attached at one time to the Royal Naval Air Service and was commissioned Second Lieutenant. At the same time he clearly remembered his connection with Jamaica because as late as 1939 he was recorded as arriving back at Avonmouth on his return from that island. By now he was a company director living in Sheffield. By looking in the other direction at the earlier census of 1901 we find Victor Stanley's connection with Bradwell because we

see him listed as living on Netherside with his father Samuel, mother, two brothers and a sister. Samuel's occupation is given as Wesleyan Methodist minister. In fact Samuel was minister in Bradwell from 1898-1902. His career both before and after 1901 can be found in the gateway website called Mundus which contains the records of missionaries from this country. The biographies associated with these missionaries are fairly extensive and here we discover the Goodyer family association with Jamaica. Samuel was with the Methodist Missionary Society in the island from 1873 until 1886. The Society came into being in 1813 following a meeting at the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel in Leeds known as 'Old Boggart House'. This assembly was instigated by Rev Dr Thomas Coke who sadly died the following year. Mundus traces Samuel Goodyer's association with the church. He was born in Bulkington, near Coventry in 1846. His parents were devout Calvinists, but he became connected with the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel in Warwick Lane, Coventry. Joseph, his father was a ribbon maker by trade. By 1861 Samuel was an apprentice tailor still in Coventry. But in 1870 he became a candidate for ordination and for the next three years he found himself training in the Wesleyan Theological College on Richmond Hill in Surrey (now closed). The 1871 census shows him as a 25 year old Theological Student (an intrusive 'a' had been inserted into his surname!) in the College. On his graduation in 1873 he was sent by the Methodist Missionary Society to Jamaica. By 1876 he had been joined by Elizabeth Ellen Ireland and they were married in Mandeville, Jamaica on 9<sup>th</sup> August of that year. Elizabeth's occupation in Coventry in 1871 was that of 'ribbon blocker' suggesting that she met Samuel via his ribbon-maker father Joseph.

*To Be Continued in August.....*



## BRADDA DADS



Bradda Dads continue to wish everyone well. With no carnival float to build this year we will instead be forced to channel our creative powers in different (welcome?) directions. As a start, an ode to the fastest clock-winder in Derbyshire. Apologies to Betty Bancroft for dragging down the usual high standards of poetry in Bradwell News...

*There once was a runner named Pete  
whose pace no one ever could beat  
So fast moved his legs  
his shoes were in shreds  
and could barely keep up with his feet*

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## PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NIGEL BALL Lifetime Caver and Explorer



Born in Buxton on 2nd June, 1958, Nigel grew up in Bradwell with parents Bernard and Maureen. As a teenager his primary interest was caving and from the age of 14 he and cousin Tony were guides at Speedwell Cavern. After leaving Hope Valley College he went to teacher training college in Darlington. He began his 30 years teaching career

in London, travelling north to go caving most weekends. His other interest was computing, the first of his many businesses being Format GB. Nigel was a caver trainer and assessor for the British Caving Association. He chaired the Cave Instruction Certificate Panel and, over the years spent time with many different organisations. He particularly enjoyed his work with the Scouts, High Adventure in Cowling and with the military in Ripon. Many people, in their tributes to Nigel have said that it is due to his encouragement and enthusiasm for the sport that they are now cavers themselves. He was an accomplished cave photographer and also had a great interest in cave science. His caving took him to the Caucasus, Ukraine and New Mexico and he caved extensively in Derbyshire, the Yorkshire Dales and S. Wales. He had a particular interest in the Castleton karst in general and the Peak-Speedwell System in particular. Information from the research which he initiated is part of a world-class data set which is still being analysed. 25th July, 2020 marks the first anniversary of his death. He leaves wife Gill, children John and Tessa and stepchildren Rik

and Kate. His father, Bernard still lives in Bradwell. His mother, Maureen (nee Marsden) died in December 2017. The family wish to thank all those who travelled far and wide to attend the funeral at Hutcliffe Wood Crematorium and thank Lynne and staff at the Shoulder of Mutton for the hospitality.

### WHITLOCK



Paul died on 20<sup>th</sup> February in Bakewell Cottage Nursing Home, aged 84. Born and raised in Sheffield he attended Darvall C of E and Bents Green Schools. He spent all his working life in the steel industry, starting off at Samuel Osborn Steelworks. In the 80s, when steel was in decline he was made redundant 3 times but as a skilled turner he always managed to

find employment with other companies. At the age of 65, he retired from J.W. Lewis, Rotherham. For many years he was a Union Rep. Paul loved outdoor activities and in his late teens he had hiked around Europe. He enjoyed holidaying abroad and in the UK, especially on the South Coast. Other interests included music, gardening and D.I.Y. As a child he had accompanied his father to Sheffield United matches and became a passionate and lifelong supporter of the club. Both Paul and Jean had been widowed by the time they met in 1995. They married the following year and had nearly 24 happy years together in Bradwell, with Paul becoming a devoted stepfather and grandfather to Jean's family. The funeral took place at St. Barnabas Church on 9<sup>th</sup> March, followed by burial. He leaves wife Jean, her son Mark, two wonderful daughters-in-law, six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and a brother. His stepson, Paul predeceased him.

### THE BENEFICE OF HOPE, CASTLETON and BRADWELL

We are very pleased to announce that we are planning to open Saint Barnabas church for **private prayer** (dependant on Covid risk assessments from the Diocese) from Tuesday 23rd June. The church will be open every Tuesday afternoon from 2 - 4pm and every Saturday morning from 10am to Noon. Confirmation and further information, as the situation continues to develop will be placed on the Church Notice Board, so do please keep an eye on that notice board.

Hope Church will open Wednesdays and Sundays 10am - Noon, Castleton Church Thursdays 10am - Noon and Sundays 2 - 4pm.

Zoom services will continue every evening at 5.30pm and 10 am on a Sunday. The link is: 613 948 112, password: 888888. Please contact Jane Dalrymple ([churchwarden.stb@gmail.com](mailto:churchwarden.stb@gmail.com)) if you have any queries.

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