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## OK Bradda, it's Autumn. Where did Summer Go?

### EVENTS

Due to the Covid emergency most regular events and meetings have been postponed or cancelled.

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Those responsible for managing the Methodist Hall have decided that they cannot sensibly meet the Government requirements for operating the hall during the Covid emergency. They have therefore decided that the hall will remain closed at least for the remainder of this year. This means that the Historical Society will not be able to hold the rest of their talks scheduled for this year. Some thought was given to meeting in the Memorial Hall instead if that were available, but the committee feel that as things are so uncertain we should just draw a line under this year and hope for better next. Next year we will not charge a membership fee to those who paid for this year. Sadly, Brian Gillham.

### THANKS

Andrew and Jenny Chadburn would like to thank everyone on Hallgate view for a super time at the Hallgate celebrations which were held on the w/e of 1<sup>st</sup> August. Also, many thanks to family and friends who made my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday such a lovely day. Jenny Chadburn

### BRADDA LOTTO

The August draw took place with a visit to the Bowling Green Public House. The winning numbers were: **£60 winner - number 49; £30 winner - number 30**. Congratulations to those two winners, and many thanks to the Bowling Green for their hospitality. You are welcome to join us for the next draw which will take place on Weds. 9th September at 8.30pm in The Shoulder of Mutton. All results are on the notice board outside the Memorial Hall. Thank you for your support.

### MESSAGE OF THANKS

Following the passing of my wife, Pamela Middleton, Roy and all the family wish to thank all our Bradwell friends who kindly offered help in so many ways during Pam's illness. In particular we thank the Evelyn Medical Centre and Weston Park hospital, who cared for Pamela and where she passed away peacefully and with family around her. Thank you so much for the many, many cards and also to Paul Tanfield, Lynne at the Shoulder and Methodist Minister, Julie Letts.

### BRADWELL SURGERY

Bradwell Surgery now has new opening hours. We are open for medication collection 9am - noon Monday to Friday. Please knock at reception door and wait until the receptionist arrives. **Please be patient**, as our receptionists are often on the telephone dealing with urgent calls. If you are asked by the GP or Reception to visit the surgery for an appointment; please ensure that you wear a mask. Thank you

### MINI CARNIVAL

Covid19 played a massive part in the cancellation of the Bradwell Carnival and many of its events this year. However, Hallgate View were not to be deterred and, following all guidelines a Mini Carnival was held on Saturday 1st August, with great fun, laughter, excitement and competition. Many of our 13 Scarecrows, following the carnival theme of "Children's Television", took part in a Wheelbarrow procession passing all houses which had been generously decorated. A Tennis Ball race and, would you believe it, our own innovative "Duck Race" was held (view this on face book - you'll be amazed). Following afternoon tea, mid-way through the fun and frolics we held our "Ministry of Silly Walks Egg and Spoon Race" with over 20 competitors taking part. It was hilarious watching so many emulating the famous John Cleese's Long Legged Walk, and we concluded the afternoon with 2 games of Bingo. There were prizes galore, which had been purchased in Bradwell, and we would like to thank our invited judges (local celebs from Bradda) for judging our scarecrows. Small donations from the houses on Hallgate View were made and following the purchase of prizes and other small expenses an excess of over £30 was made for Edale Mountain Rescue. This event brought our small street community together but did not replace the real thing, so we look forward to August 2021 when hopefully the REAL Bradda Carnival and Well Dressing's will resume.

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To return to a little normality we will have a "socially distant" **Fish & Chips Night on Friday 25th September**. Two sittings at 5.30pm and 7.30pm. Book early to avoid disappointment! The Eat Out To Help Out scheme has been a huge success but we wish the pub was twice the size so we could accommodate all those who wished to come! Stay Safe Bradda! The Shoulder needs you!

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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**Grass cutting:** Council continues to put pressure on Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC) to cut the grass verges in the village. They have also complained that the pavement edges have not been cut back and in places the grass is now encroaching onto the pavements. Some of the councillors cut the grass at the beginning of the month as DDDC still hadn't come, but they have now been for the first time this year.

**Sign at the junction of B6049 and Tophole Road:** As reported previously, throughout the Covid-19 shut down there has been a marked increase in traffic using Tophole Road/Jeffrey Lane to find the entrance to the Peak Park or Thor's Cave. This includes a number of incidents involving large motor homes and lorries, which has resulted in vehicles having to reverse back up Hungry Lane. The Parish Council have asked for the help of Derbyshire County Councillor J Twigg and have asked her to speak to the Highways department at Derbyshire County Council to request a large sign be placed at the junction of the B6049 and Tophole Road stating that the road is not suitable for large vehicles.

**Council policies:** Council have conducted a review of all policies and procedures which will be published on the village website.

**Benches and picnic tables:** Council have approved refurbishment for all benches and picnic tables council owns. This work will be carried out by a local contractor over the next couple of months. This will mean that some of the benches and picnic tables will be out of use for a short time whilst the work is completed.

**Gym equipment:** This project has resumed and a number of quotes from different suppliers have been reviewed. There will be a site meeting soon to finalising the leading quote and positioning of the equipment. For more details or to have input please come to the next Parish Council meeting.

#### Hedge between Softwater Lane car park and Wortley Court:

The housing association which manages Wortley Court cannot commit to cutting the hedge at the moment so Council has decided to do it. Once the work is scheduled users of the SWL car park will be asked to temporarily move their cars to the front of their parking spaces.

**Car parking:** There is now only one space available to rent at Softwater Lane Carpark. The cost is £25 pcm or £300 annual. If you are interested in renting this space, please contact the parish clerk

**Public Participation:** The parish council are continuing to conduct all meetings via Zoom. If you would like to participate in the public part of the meeting or listen to the meeting please contact the parish clerk for joining instructions. See the parish notice boards (on the side of the Memorial Hall and in the Peace Gardens bus shelter) for meeting announcements and agendas. Contacts:

Parish Clerk (623485) or [parishclerk@bradda.org](mailto:parishclerk@bradda.org)

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## THE STORY OF OLD BENNY

*In the last edition there was a mention of the Bradwell clock winders. Now this from by Brian Gillham.*

On p.70 of Seth Evans' *Bradwell Ancient and Modern* (BAM) we read:

#### Strange Character's Money Buys Church Clock

Benjamin Giles, known throughout the peak as 'Old Benny', for the greater part of his lifetime travelled the country as a hawker of small articles which he dragged about up hill and down dale on a handcart. The old gentleman's life was a mystery, but it was said that he was a London merchant who lost every penny by misfortune, and the rest of his life was spent in the manner indicated. His home – if home it could be called – was a small chamber behind some lead smelting works on Bradwell Hills, where the Overdale Houses now stand, and when on his round he never lodged at houses, but was allowed to sleep at outhouses at the lead smelting works belonging to Mr E M Wass, a wealthy mine owner near Matlock. He lived (Benny) to be more than eighty years of age and when he died in 1883 he left a large sum of money - £150 to £200 (in fact nearly £350 see later) – to Mr Wass, who returned it to Bradwell in the shape of a public clock, which he placed in the church tower at a cost of £150, and erected a monument over the grave of this strange character, which is noticed elsewhere.

On p.73 of BAM Seth Evans adds:

On a headstone near the entrance to the vestry:

'In memory of Benjamin Giles, a native of South Wale (in fact he came from Gloucestershire, see below)) but for 40 years a hawker of this district and resident at Bradwell, who died February 16<sup>th</sup>, 1883, and was buried beneath this stone February 19<sup>th</sup>, 1883, aged 81 years. Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth ... but lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven. For where your treasure is there will your heart be also.

#### What now can we add to the story of Old Benny?

In the 1871 census a 70 year-old Benjamin Giles was shown as a resident in Water Lane (now Church Street) as the head of a household, but with no other residents listed. Benjamin is recorded as a widower and a hawker and is said to have been born in Tetbury, Gloucestershire. It seems therefore that by 1871 Benny's itinerant days were over. Benny was still resident in Water Lane in the 1881 census that shows him aged 80 living as a lodger in a house that was probably next door to his 1871 residence. The head of this household was Aaron G Howe, lead miner. His wife was Harriet and there was another boarder whose name was Thomas Andrew. Benjamin seems again to be described as a widower (but difficult to read) and his profession as that of hawker. Benjamin is now said to have been born in Badminton, Gloucestershire (Tetbury is very close to Badminton).

*This story will be continued in the October newsletter. Ed.*

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## HOPE CEMENT WORKS



Hope Cement Works is holding a public consultation exercise this autumn on a proposal to bring additional alternative raw materials to the site by train.

To make cement the works uses local limestone and shale, along

with imported shale replacement material. For the past 10 years the shale replacement has been a by-product from coal power stations called 'pulverised fuel ash' or PFA. This material allows the works to achieve the best blend of raw ingredients and keeps sulphur dioxide emissions low during the cement making process. PFA is currently brought to Hope by train and the current planning permission allows the site to import up to 250,000 tonnes of it each year. Of course, the UK is moving away from coal for power generation so the availability of new PFA is declining. To maintain the right blend the works has been trialling alternative raw materials such as historic piles of 'conditioned' (or wet) PFA, slate quarry fines, fire-clays, marl and other low-sulphur shales. All of these alternative raw materials have a higher moisture content than PFA (up to 30% water) which is driven off in the production process so the works would need to import a much bigger quantity to maintain its supply of cement to British construction. At the same time, the site team is keen to limit the use of the local shale (which has increasing amounts of sulphur the deeper it is quarried) to reduce sulphur dioxide emissions and achieve the latest emissions targets.

The proposal therefore is to use the existing rail link to bring in the additional material. Rail is much more efficient than road and has a lower impact on people and the environment. To make this work some new facilities would be needed for unloading rail wagons, conveying the material across the site and storing it indoors until it's needed. This will require planning permission from the Peak District National Park Authority including full environmental assessments, plus associated permits and conditions. During September a team at the works will be starting consultation with people in the surrounding villages, including public exhibitions (both face-to-face subject to suitable control measures and online).



More information about the proposals will also be shared as it becomes available via the works website [www.hopcementworks.co.uk](http://www.hopcementworks.co.uk).

## POPPY APPEAL 2020

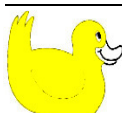
I am very sorry to say that following numerous emails and conversations with the local Community Fundraiser and Head Office, there will be NO house to house or collecting tins for the Poppy Appeal this year, as I can only order wreaths. This is due to the restrictions regarding COVID -19 imposed on everyone and the potential risk of volunteers putting themselves and/or the general public at risk. However, I am hoping that there will be a Remembrance Day wreath laying service of some nature taking place and that the various organisations within the village will be able to lay their wreaths as usual. I have taken the liberty of ordering these on the same basis as last year and that I would ask for payment by way of a cheque only please, as the British Legion would prefer to not handle cash. I will be distributing the wreaths around Sept/Oct time as usual. Thank you, Keith Brett PAO

## OLD CHAIRS - NEW HOME

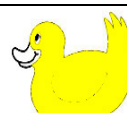


Residents will recall that, just in time for panto, our old plastic chairs in the War Memorial Hall were replaced with plush new ones. Since then they have been stored in the unused part of the toilet block at Town Bottom. After some work by the

hall manager a buyer was found, but when he arrived to collect and pay for them we discovered that he is a trained nurse from Zimbabwe and working in the Sheffield hospitals. His name is Lawrence Zwide Dumani and he is planning to ship the chairs to Zimbabwe, where they will be used in his old school, where at the moment the children have to sit on the grass floor for lessons. As soon as this information came to light the hall committee agreed to return his money and donate the chairs to the school, in return for a photo of the children using them when they have arrived at their destination. If you have a map, the school is the Balule Primary in a town or village called Nkunzi Tsholotsho, Zimbabwe.



## BRADDA DADS



The Dads continue to wish everyone well and hope to resume activities as soon as possible. A big thank-you and welcome to the village to Linda Cairns who has donated £175 to us from the proceeds of a garage sale.

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## PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PAMELA MIDDLETON



Pamela was born 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1936. She lived in Church Street, Bradwell, with her 2 older siblings, Maurice and Gordon. Her father, George, died when she was only 5 years old, which left her mother, Hilda, with a worrying time bringing up 3 young children. She left Bradwell C of E School at the age of 14 and went to work at the button factory in Hathersage for a few

months. She then took up employment at the local cement works but what she really wanted to do was to work with children. She finally achieved her wish, when she became a school dinner lady at Bradwell Junior School, where she worked for 26 years, until retirement. Pamela met Roy in 1954 and they were both surprised to learn that they shared the same birthday but 1 year apart. They married 2 years later at St. Barnabas Church and went on to share 64 happy years together. They had many holidays abroad, including 2 trips to Australia but their favourite place was the Canary Islands, where they went many times. In 1978, they joined a beginners' dance class and continued to enjoy dancing for the next 40 years. It also gave Pamela an excuse to acquire many dresses, for which she was renowned. Pamela was well-known and very popular in the village. She was a cheerful and very friendly person and will be remembered for her lovely smile.

She died on 13<sup>th</sup> July and her family thanks all her friends who

turned out on 29<sup>th</sup> July to pay their respects. She Pamela leaves husband Roy, daughter Darlene, son Paul, son-in-law Neil, daughter-in-law Jayne, 5 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren and brother Maurice.

### LEONARD GREEN



Len was born in Sheffield, to Annie and James Green, on 21<sup>st</sup> August 1928. He lived in Bradwell for his entire life and worked at the Newburgh Engineering Company from his teens until retirement. Len met Effie, who at the time lived in Hathersage, at a dance held at the Newburgh social club and they later married, in September 1951. In July 1953 they welcomed their son Terry. Len enjoyed

motorcycling and the family would travel around using motorbike and sidecar before later buying a car. In the late 1960s they moved from The Crescent to a house on The Hills. Len had spent an enormous amount of time and effort skilfully renovating and doing building work at the house. In his younger days, he took part in fell racing. He was a long-standing member of Buxton Golf Club, a keen snooker player and took up bowls in retirement. Len and Effie loved living in Bradwell and had many friends. He was a devoted husband to Effie until her death in May 2018. He was a loving father to his late son Terry, and to his daughter-in-law Valerie. Len's three grandchildren, David, Louise and Nicola will fondly remember his great sense of fun and gentle and kind nature. He was a proud great-granddad to Francesca and Laurence. Len died peacefully on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020 in the house where he had lived for over 50 years, and which meant so much to him.

## THE BENEFICE OF HOPE, CASTLETON and BRADWELL

St Barnabas, and Castleton and Hope churches are, subject to circumstances at the time, planning to resume services in September. The pattern of services will be:

**1st Sunday in the month at Bradwell: 2nd Sunday in the month at Castleton: 3rd Sunday in the month at Hope**

The Communion services will all be at 10.00. The 4th Sunday will be a Zoom service, on the same login as of late.

We have really grown together as a Benefice over recent months, and hope to see members of each of the churches at our three church services.

**PRIVATE PRAYER:** From September, St Barnabas will be open all day Sunday and all day Wednesday. It is open for everyone, and is a peaceful, calm and welcoming place in which to find time for your thoughts and reflections.

Social distancing rules apply of course, and hand sanitiser is available at entrance to the church.

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