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And so we lose another Bradda Lad. Rest in Peace, Alan.

EVENTS

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

NEWS FROM THE CO-OP

Carolyn, the Co-Op pioneer has been talking to the Co-Op and to Bakewell and Eyam community transport since before lockdown about running a shopping service from around the valley up to the shop each week. The good news is that, as from 16th September this service will begin!
At first (because of COVID-19) it will be running on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. If this arrangement is a success it will hopefully become more frequent. Pick ups will start at 11am and there will be a 3 hour slot for you to book onto. Once booked a route can be arranged and you will be notified. A maximum of 8 passengers at a time are allowed and face coverings must be worn. Hand sanitizer will be available on the bus and at the Co-Op. If you wish to use the service, please register as a B&ECT passenger by ringing 01629 641920. The fare will be £5 but we have had a very generous donation from two ladies in Bradwell which will mean some free journeys will be available. Once at the co op there will always be the friendly staff to help with anything they can. We do hope you will take this opportunity to shop locally.

And in other Co-Op news, Vanessa and the Team would like to let Bradwell residents know that they we have taken it upon themselves to raise the money required for the "Village Vouchers" money usually raised by the Wells Dressing Committee (but which due to Covid has been near impossible this year!). There are a series of fundraisers: masks are for sale in the shop, a raffle, sponsored walks and much more. Please also mark 24th October in your diaries for their "Fun Day". Raffle prizes would be very welcome. Thank you to everyone for any support you can give.

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: paul@bradda.org or call Paul (623941), Andy (623483) or Debbie (621731). You can also leave hand written copy at the Post Office. For questions on advertising please call Caroline (623485) or e-mail carolinepreston37@gmail.com
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HOPE VALLEY SHOPPING INITIATIVE

During the "difficult period" since March this year a number of residents have made increasing use of our local shops. This is partly due to the numbers of people unable to get to the shops as normal during lock-down, but also due to the numbers of people shielding from the virus. The resultant increased demand on our local shops required them to respond rapidly to increased stock requirements and also, in some cases, to a need to provide home deliveries. Almost without exception they demonstrated that they were equal to the task, and they proved how important they are not only to the residents, but also to the local economy. A group of Hope Valley residents decided that it would be a good idea if this demand inspired response could be converted into a longer-term initiative, recognising the value that local businesses could continue to provide. How would it be if, instead of people shopping on-line at the larger supermarkets they were able to shop on-line at their local shops in the Hope Valley? And so was born "Hope Valley Vendors" – a community venture which will allow residents to shop from home, selecting products from their local suppliers, and having those products delivered to their homes using all-electric vehicles, instead of the less environmentally friendly petrol and diesel vehicles used by the supermarkets. The group are in intensive talks with a number of local suppliers and are setting up the premises, facilities and transportation required for this all to work. Things should be up and running by November, with a good range of products from local suppliers, who have some fantastic products. We will initially be running the service with volunteers. If you can spare a few hours to help, please get in touch with Mike Joseph, or email hvgreenventures@gmail.com. We will be following up this article with more detailed information on how to use the service. You can follow us on Facebook at [hvgreenventures](https://www.facebook.com/hvgreenventures), where you can also find a sign up form for our newsletter. We are grateful for the support we have so far received from a number of sources, specifically Bamford Parish Council, our High Peak Borough Councillors Charlotte Farrell and Joanna Collins, Derbyshire County Council and High Peak CVS. and High Peak CVS.

METHODIST CHURCH GRAVEYARD

We have to inform you that as we have used the graveyard since 1864 there is no longer any room for burials. However, we can open an existing grave and also cater for interment of ashes. For any information please contact Mary Oldfield (620462).

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Sign on church wall: Council have arranged gained permission from St Barnabas church for a No Parking sign to be placed on the church wall near the entrance to the infant school. The sign is to discourage people from parking their cars on the footpath, forcing pedestrians into the road.

Car parking at Gore lane: Council have previously advised that they are looking at the possibility of creating some car parking at the bottom of Gore Lane, behind the bus stop. Meetings with residents have been delayed due to Covid-19 but two outdoor meetings with them have now taken place at which there was an exchange of views. Some ideas resulted which require further investigation.

Adult Gym equipment: This project has resumed and a number of quotes from different suppliers have been reviewed. One supplier has met with some members of council and the clerk, a site review completed and a quote is being finalised, which will include suggested positioning of the equipment. We expect the quote in time for the next council meeting, and if approved the equipment will be installed in Oct/Nov this year.

Playing fields and Public areas: Maintenance work identified by the review of the parish owned property continues. All benches and picnic tables are being painted, the hedges in the Peace Gardens have been trimmed, with additional work planned for autumn, the trees in Beggar Plot and Town Bottom playing fields have had a crown lift with any damaged branches removed and the paved area in front of the toilet block has been cleared of weeds and moss.

Grass cutting: The parish council continue to express displeasure to Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC) over the very poor service provided by them regarding maintenance of grass verges in the village during the last two years. We have asked them to tell us how much council tax funding is allocated to this work as we intend to explore whether it is financially viable for us to appoint our own contractor to do the work, keeping it more under our direct control.

Hedge between Softwater Lane car park and Wortley

Court: This hedge has now been cut by the contractors of the housing association who manage Wortley Court

Parish Council Vacancies: There are currently two vacancies on the Parish Council, so if you are interested in joining us please contact the Council Chair Cllr Downing, or the Parish Clerk. This is a great opportunity to join a proactive council and new team members would be very welcome.

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 prior to the meeting so you can be given 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.

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THE STORY OF OLD BENNY

Concluding the story from the September edition.

It is possible that the census takers of 1851 and 1861 found Benny difficult to locate, because no individual called Benjamin Giles of the correct age and origins can be found for those years. Perhaps they didn't look in 'a small chamber behind some lead smelting works'. When looking in the 1841 census the most likely Benjamin Giles mentioned was 40 years old and living in the hundred of Bisley in Painswick, Gloucestershire. (The 1841 census tells us that Benjamin was 'born in the same county' but not where in Gloucestershire this was). He was married to Elizabeth (née Pierce) aged 43 and they had three children: twins James and Sarah aged 15 and Mary a 10 year old girl. A second girl Dorcas Giles was baptised at the same time and place as Mary (a twin?) but is not listed in the 1841 census. Elizabeth seems to have died in 1870 in North-leach, Gloucestershire making Benjamin a widower as shown in 1871 census. Two points about Benny's early history merit comment. His marriage to Elizabeth Pierce appears to have taken place in 1816 at Stonehouse in Gloucester when he was barely 16 (she was about 20). Secondly, if Seth's account is accurate, he seems to have abandoned his wife and children in 1843. But why?

As far as Benjamin's finances go the probate record for 1883 shows:

10 December.

The will of Benjamin Giles late of Bradwell in the County of Derby Pedlar who died 16 February 1883 at Bradwell was proved at Derby by Edward Miller Wass of Lea near Matlock in the said county Esquire the sole executor. Personal estate £350.

The main body of Benjamin Giles' will adds a little more to this. It reads:

This is the last will and testament of one Benjamin Giles residing in the parish of Bradwell, Derbyshire. I give devise and bequeath all my real and personal estate whatsoever and wheresoever situate (after payments of any just debts) unto Edward Miller Wass – Esquire of Lea near Matlock in the same County. And I hereby appoint him sole Executor of this my will. Dated this first day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and eighty three. Benjamin Giles his X mark.

Signed with his mark by the said testator (he being unable to read or write) in the joint presence of us, present at the same time, who at his request, in his presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses the alteration. First day of January One thousand eight hundred and eighty three.

Henry Thornton Dudley MA, Vicar of Bradwell
Charles Middleton, Butcher, Bradwell.

(Note that all of this is written in the same hand, including the signatures of the vicar and the butcher. The fact that Benny appears to have been illiterate seems at variance with the appearance of a signature for (by?) Benjamin Giles appearing on his 1816 wedding certificate, whereas Elizabeth Pierce simply

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made her mark.)
When the will was proved it was recorded that the Gross value of the Personal Estate was £350. The Net value of the Personal Estate was £344 17s 10d. 'Extracted by F and H Taylor, Solicitors, Bakewell'.

Edward Miller Wass died three years later and the 1886 probate record shows:

2 June

The will of Edward Miller Wass formerly of Lea but late of Matlock Bath in the County of Derby Esquire who died 9 March 1886 at 56 Grosvenor-street in the County of Middlesex was proved at Derby by Thomas Buzzard 56 Grosvenor-street Esquire MD and Thomas William Denman Relford in the County of Nottingham Gentle men the executors. Personal estate £22,733 3s 11d. Re-sworn October 1887 £26,723 7s 0d ... and again in Dec 1888 as £266 (or 9, it has been changed) 98 13s 7d ... finally Feb 1893 as £29,439 18s 11d.

The 1881 census shows 54 year old Edward Miller Wass living at the house of his mother, Anne Wass in Lea Green. Anne's occupation is stated to be 'Principal of the Firm of Wass & Sons Lead Smelters and Lime (illegible)' as is that of Edward Miller, who is also stated to be a Justice of the Peace for Derbyshire. Anne was born in Nottingham and Edward Miller at Crich Parish, Holloway. The same situation applied in 1871 but at that time Anne's daughter Isabel Buzzard was at the house. Isabel was a physician. Isabel's 8 month old daughter Louisa was also present. Louisa had been born at St George's Hospital, Hyde Park Corner, London. The household also consisted of a housemaid, Phebe Waterfall and parlour maid Elizabeth Waterfall. In 1878 Anne Wass bought land from Florence Nightingale (among others) in Lea.

Sadly Edward Wass' will does no more to clear up exactly what were Benjamin Giles' intentions when he left his money to him. All of Wass' money was left to his brother and sisters and their children, with no specific directions as to how it should be spent.

However, the UK Genealogy archives state of St. Barnabas: 'erected in 1868, is a small building of stone, in the Perpendicular style, consisting of chancel, nave, vestry, organ chamber, a small turret, at the junction of chancel and nave, containing one bell, and an embattled tower, in the Decorated style, at the south-west angle of the church, erected in 1889, at a cost of £1,004, and containing one bell and a clock, placed by the executors of the late E. M. Wass Esq.: in 1895 the church was re-seated throughout, and now affords 220 sittings.'

MESSAGE FROM SHARRON HIX

I would like to thank everyone for all the kind messages and good wishes received from so many lovely people of Bradwell. I have had some beautiful flowers, gifts and cards which have really cheered me up. As many of you know I had a breast cancer diagnosis in July and am currently having treatment, which is going well. I remain positive with the help and support of my lovely husband, Bruce and the rest of my amazing family and friends. I would like to give a special mention to my neph-

ew, Greg and his partner Rachel (Fitness with Phil) who have arranged a fantastic raffle, with all proceeds going to Breast Cancer Research. The total raised so far is a massive £3,910. Thank you to all the members at Fitness with Phil who donated raffle prizes and to anyone who bought tickets. You can't hide from Elsie when she's on a mission.

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday September 6th was our first Sunday service in Church since early March, and it was with great anticipation, given all the necessary safety measures, that we resumed celebrating Holy Communion. Gillian Nowell played the organ for us so we were able to hum to the tunes, Louise served the bread to each of the congregation individually, and it was a real joy to be able to resume a certain level of "normality", despite the face masks, hand sanitiser and social distancing.

POPPY APPEAL UPDATE

Now that things are a little clearer for the Poppy Appeal, there will be collecting boxes in a few of the shops in Bradwell, so that people can buy paper poppies and perhaps poppy pins and crosses. There will also be advice coming out soon about donating by mobile phone and using a QR Code. Unfortunately, there will be no new lamp post poppies available this year, but if people have some left over from last year and want to decorate the village with them, that would be brilliant - anything to help the charity in these difficult times! Thanks, Keith PAO

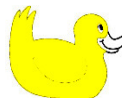
BRADDA LOTTO

The September draw took place with a visit to The Shoulder of Mutton Public House. The winning numbers were: **£60 winner - number 86. £30 winner - number 69.** Congratulations to those two winners, and many thanks to The Shoulder for their hospitality. You are welcome to join us for the next draw which will take place on Wednesday **14th OCTOBER** at 8.30 pm. All results are on the notice board outside the War Memorial Hall. Thank you for your support.

THANK YOU

We would like to extend our thanks to everyone for their support, kind thoughts, many cards and beautiful flowers. It really was both overwhelming and heart-warming. It is a great source of comfort to know that Alan was so well thought of in the village, which he loved so much. Thank you to both Paul and his team at J.E.Noutch - true professionals, to Reverend Louise Petheram for a wonderful service and to Lynn and her staff at the Shoulder. Lastly, we would like to extend our gratitude to all those of you who joined our family to pay your respects at St. Barnabas. Kind Regards, Andrea and Ayrtou.

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Nothing from the Dads this month.



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PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALAN RAICH SLATER



Alan was born on 26th January 1966 to Maurice and Patricia Slater. He grew up at Crown Cottage, Smithy Hill and was very proud of being the older brother to Shane, who was 12 years his junior. He attended Bradwell Infant and Junior Schools, before going on to Hope Valley College. The family moved to 1 Church Street, a former electrical shop, and it was from here in 1984 that Alan opened "Valley Video", which he ran as a very successful business for several years.

During this time, he also studied for a degree in finance with the Open University. He began work with the former Halifax Building Society and quickly advanced to management, with responsibility for running branches locally and further afield. In 2012, Alan did a further degree at Middlesex University, achieving the "Advanced Diploma in Retail Banking Practice". He never boasted about his achievements but at the end of his career, he was the regional supervisor of 5 Halifax branches in the Greater Manchester area. He thoroughly enjoyed his work and reluctantly retired in December 2019. Alan met Andrea in Castleton in 1986. Ever the romantic, he organised a Gretna Green wedding a few years later. Their first home together was Peak Cottage, Hollowgate before moving down the hill to Cranberry Cottage, where they raised their son, Ayrton. Alan always liked to be "involved" and he took a life-time interest in the community of Bradwell. He devoted a lot of time to local football, playing for both the Junior and Senior teams, latterly as goalkeeper. Later, he helped with team management and training and organised various fundraising

events for the club. As a member of the Sports Club Committee, he helped secure the funding for the village MUGA. Over many years, he helped organise and run the Carnival. As Chair of the Carnival Committee, the last event he organised was the highly successful Robbie Williams tribute act at the Newburgh Works. He was a long-standing member of Bradwell Parish Council, serving as Chairperson 2005-2008 and a governor at the Infant School. He was also Chair of Castleton Chamber of Trade, which organises the switching on of Christmas lights and spotlight illumination of Peveril Castle. Alan enjoyed many holidays and acted as his own travel operator. The most memorable was the itinerary he drew up for a trip to Hong Kong, Australia and Singapore. Sometimes he would organise a trip around a sporting event, such as the one when he and Ayrton travelled through 5 European countries in 48 hours to watch the England team play football. As a huge fan of F1 motor-racing, he attended lots of race venues and so great was Alan's admiration for Ayrton Senna, that he named his son after him. He also loved horse racing and enjoyed organising trips with friends to race meetings. As player and spectator, he had a passion not only for football but also for cricket and he played cricket for Hathersage. He enjoyed music and liked outings to concerts and the theatre. He loved socialising with friends over a pint in the pub and he also had a taste for fine-dining, especially if this provided a chance of meeting a celebrity, such as the time when he met Mo Salah over a casual Sunday lunch in Wilmslow. Alan was diagnosed with cancer in June 2017 but being a private man, he did not discuss his health problems. He had various treatments at Weston Park Hospital and at the Royal Marsden Hospital in London. He spent 2 weeks at Ashgate Hospice before passing away peacefully at home on 24th August 2020. A graveside funeral service was held at St. Barnabas Church on September 4th.

THE BENEFICE OF HOPE, CASTLETON and BRADWELL Church Services for October

4th October: St Barnabas at 10 am - Holy Communion

11th October: St Edmund's, Castleton at 10 am - Holy Communion

18th October: St Peter's, Hope at 10 am - Holy Communion

25th October: Zoom Service at 10 am - Holy Communion (ID 613948112, password 888888).

PRIVATE PRAYER: St Barnabas church is now 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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