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EVENTS

Tue 16: Historical Society: "The History of Astrophotography"
- Paul Downing. 8pm by Zoom on-line.

JOHN JUDGE



John was born in Sheffield on 22nd March, 1921. He was the youngest of three, having two older sisters to whom he was always "our little brother". He was educated at technical school and on leaving school found employment in the motor trade, working for Kennings Garages. Two days before the outbreak of WW2, John and his best mate joined the R.A.F. and within days started their training. He trained as an aero-engine fitter and

served in that role for the duration of the war. He served for quite a while in India and Burma and one of the few things of that time that he talked about was travelling across India by train, on which the only "facilities" was a hole in the floor of one of the carriages. He emerged in Bengal as the only man in his compartment not to go down with malaria. One of his duties while out in Burma was going into the jungle to recover any parts from crashed aircraft and where Japanese jungle fighters used to wait in ambush.

On returning John resumed employment with Kennings, where he met Joan who was initially not very impressed with this brash young man who was always joking. However, their feelings for each other grew and they were married in 1948. They went on to have three children of their own and many foster children including Glyn who is still in the family. John and Joan moved to Bessie Lane in Bradwell in 1952 and stayed, having made a very happy home there. John continued to work in the motor factor trade, becoming branch manager for both Edmunds Walkers and Telamite. He then opened his own motor spares shop on Crookes in Sheffield which he ran for many years, employing both Andrew and Beth as part time Saturday workers. He eventually sold the shop and took a job as storeman at the cement works, where he worked until his retirement.

John took a very active part in village life. He was one of the early members of Bradwell Ten involved in many activities

around the village including organising the annual "It's a Knockout" Competition in Bradwell Wakes Week. He played for most of the local hostilities in both the darts and dominoes leagues and the pub quiz league. His Sunday afternoon drives to the local swimming pools were legendary, with as many kids as could be squeezed into a Morris 1000 traveller (the days before seatbelts!!). John loved family holidays, with particular memories of arriving home from work on a Friday evening, packing the car and then driving to Cornwall to arrive Saturday morning, no mean feat in the days before the motorway network was in place! His kids have fond memories of having an extra playmate on the beach, building sand castles and sand traps for the unwary. On a family holiday to Florida, when he was in his 80's, he rode every white knuckle ride he could in the theme parks, when other members of the family were feeling decidedly queasy.

He will be sadly missed, by his wife, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, for not always taking life too seriously and always being ready with a terrible joke. John died peacefully at home on Christmas day three months short of his 100th birthday. A service was held at Hutcliffe Wood on 12th January. It is hoped to have a Memorial Service and Wake in Bradwell when the situation allows.

THANK YOU

Joan Judge and family wish to send thanks for all the love and care received from so many people, both before and after John's death. It is wonderful to live in a village like this and to know so many people here are kind and thoughtful.

AN ANONYMOUS THANK YOU

We would like to say a very big thank you to the very kind person who left a surprise package for us on Christmas Eve! You helped to make our Christmas extra special, thank you so much whoever you are!! Xxx

SEND US YOUR NEWS

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

New Councillor: At the last Parish Council meeting an applicant for the council vacancy was interviewed. The council were able to co-opt this applicant, but it still leaves one vacancy. The new councillor is Rachel Holloway who moved to the village some years ago and lives on Bessie Lane. We would like to welcome Rachel to the team as our new Councillor and hope she enjoys her time on Council.

Grit and Grit Bins: A survey has been completed on all of the grit bins in the village. A number were identified as requiring a top up of grit which has been ordered and the bins refilled.

Just a reminder that the grit in the bins is provided for roads and pavements and not for private driveways. Please do let the parish clerk know if any bins need refilling.

Review of council policies: This year it has been decided that all council policies should be reviewed on a monthly basis prior to the annual meeting of the parish council in May. This may mean that some of the policies are amended or in some places combined. The latest versions of the policies are available on the bradda.org website.

Grass cutting in the village: The parish council are still working with both Derbyshire Dales District Council and Derbyshire County Council on a review of the grass cutting in the village. The parish council want to make sure that the grass in the village is cut when required and that the village is not left looking a mess as has happened during the last two years.

Wildflowers in the verges: It was reported previously that Derbyshire County Council Bio-diversity working group has been formed recently and the parish council have expressed interest in how it is planned to work and which verges will be chosen to have the wildflowers planted. A village group is also now being formed to participate in the discussion on where and how the wildflowers should be grown.

Adult Gym Equipment: The last piece of gym equipment was installed in Town Bottom Playing Field just prior to Christmas. Unfortunately, the latest Covid-19 restrictions mean that the equipment is not allowed to be used as the government restrictions mean that outdoor gym equipment must be closed. The equipment has been cordoned off with barrier tape and notices posted in line with government restrictions. It will be made available for use as soon as the restrictions are lifted.

Public Participation: Residents continue to attend council meetings to raise matters of concern directly with Council. We welcome members of the public at both the main council and all committee meetings. Council meetings are generally held at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of most months in the Methodist Lounge on Towngate. 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 PUBS AND PUBLICANS OF BRADWELL For the Years 1577 to 1940

Continuing the story of Bradda pubs in the early days:

The Rose and Crown

Robert Morton was granted a licence in 1805 but we don't know the name of his pub or where it was. Pigot's Directory of 1822 says that he kept 'The Rose Tree' and Glover's Directory says he was still there in 1835, but for 1818 Seth Evans on page 32 of BAM lists the Rose and Crown (kept by Robert Morton) and The Rose Tree (kept by William Bradwell - but should it have read Bramwell?) as separate places. Seth also commented that William Bradwell's house lost its licence 70 years back i.e. c.1840. This is confusing because there are grounds for believing that George Bramwell Jnr. changed the name of the Rose Tree to the Bowling Green in about 1846 and the Bramwells (with variations in the spelling of the name) continued to run it as such until 1902. Returning to the chronology of the Rose and Crown on page 76 of BAM we read 'some 80 odd years ago Robert Morton kept the Rose & Crown i.e. about 1830. It seems likely that the confusion between the Rose and Crown and the Rose Tree came about as the result of inattentive directory editors of the type referred to earlier. At the Petty Sessions of 1833 Robert Morton is recorded at the Rose and Crown and he stays there until 1853. However in the 1841 census Robert is 65 and said to be an auctioneer (perhaps one occupation was enough for that census taker at that time). It is only in the 1851 census when he was now 74 that he is described again as an innkeeper. Clement Morton took over in 1853 having been described as a mineral agent in the 1851 census. In 1859 the licence passed to John Archer (who quickly moved on to the White Hart), to Joel Elliot in 1860, then to Abram Morton in 1865 and to Anthony Middleton in 1867. Writing about the year 1868 poet Adam Hill Cooper (in BAM page 58) describes how three men left the Rose and Crown at closing time where the landlord was Anthony Middleton. One of the men fell into a heap of manure in the Gutter. Two years later Anthony was fined 5 shillings (the nature of his offence is not clear). The licence lapsed in 1872. With so many comings and goings and overlapping of some dates it is difficult to know how many pubs there were with Rose in the name but it is almost certainly two with the Rose Tree becoming the Bowling Green. It seems highly probable that the Rose & Crown itself would have been where Crown Cottage is now on Smithy Hill and Seth Evans in BAM page 59 comments in writing about the year 1912 that two cottages then stood where the pub had been. So it seems likely that the pub might have included what is now Mead Cottage next down the hill.

The Newburgh Arms

According to BAM page 75 the Kenyon family built the Newburgh Arms and it is recorded as an inn in Pigot's Directory for 1821. By 1835 the licence was held by George Bradwell who appears in the 1841 census but no occupation is given and his

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address is 'Town Street'. George remained as the licensee until 1866 when George Jnr. took over, followed by John and Mary Bradwell in 1883. This family was reputed to have been wheelwrights and carriers. In 1889 Abraham Wilson Needham became landlord and stayed there until 1897, when ill health seems to have caught up with him and it is recorded, in red ink, in the Petty Sessions records that when he was found unconscious in the bar he was not drunk. Poor chap he must have taken a lot of stick over that. In 1897 Mark Holmes took over briefly, followed by Thomas Marshall and then by George Walker Jenner, all in the same year. Charles William Marshall held the licence from 1903 to 1907 followed by Gilbert Caterer in 1907 and Florence Caterer in 1910. In the 1901 census Gilbert (age 44) was living in Bradwell as a butcher with wife Florence (age 36) and with them were their children Gilbert (age 7) and Florence (aged 4). Gilbert Snr. died in 1910. Florence Caterer is listed in 1911 census as keeping the Newburgh Arms and as a subscriber to BAM in 1912. In 1922 the Liberals purchased the estate including the Newburgh Arms and following Florence Caterer's departure for the Bull's Head the building was converted into a temperance hotel and boarding house. Later this was to become the Newburgh Engineering Club.

To Be Continued.....

LOCAL ON-LINE SHOPPING

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BRADWELL HYDRO PROJECT



Bradwell was once again illuminated at Christmas by the excellent Hydro Project lighting display. This year we extended the display for an extra month to try and add a bit of cheer during difficult times. In total this year the wheel has completed over 6 million revolutions, the equivalent of cycling over 8,200 miles. It has produced 40 kWh of electricity to illuminate over 3,000 LED's each night - and it has even been on the BBC! A big Thank You to all our supporters,

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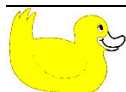
The workshop has been printing your Bradwell News for many years, and they have asked us to run this appeal. Greenaway Workshop in Darley Dale is putting out an SOS for more people to help run and support it. The workshop, which has been running for 30 years, provides therapeutic help for up to 20 adults and offers a high-quality furniture restoration service in cane, rush and sea grass together with printing services from its premises in Old School Close. The charity has an allotment where users are encouraged to plant and grow vegetables and it offers a range of crafting sessions. It also has ambitious plans to expand its services to offer independent living skills (ILS) for learning disabled adults. Trustee, Helen Marsh said: 'We are in desperate need of more people to step up to fulfil vital roles on the board of trustees which manages the workshop. We employ a manager and have a small cohort of dedicated volunteers and while currently financially stable we will shortly be losing both our secretary and treasurer. With plans for our new ILS sessions well underway we would also like to attract more volunteers to help with these. The workshop is currently closed due to the Covid pandemic but we are hoping to utilise the time to re-energise the organisation and attract new blood. Trustees are meeting monthly via Zoom at present.' Helen added: 'The workshop is a calm and restorative space with the most glorious views over the surrounding area and countryside, all of which is hugely beneficial to users and anyone visiting the workshop. We have trustees from all walks of life including those with management, media and legal skills along with our latest recruit, a university student volunteer who has now become a trustee. We are a friendly bunch and would greatly value those with secretarial and financial know-how to join us. This is a critical time to try to cement the charity's future and we would ask anyone with some time to spare to please e-mail us at greenaway-workshop.org.uk.

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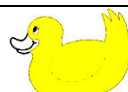
There is a new Home and Garden maintenance business in the village. Lee Wakeham is open for business from 2nd January and is available on 208993 or 07472 544529.

ST. BARNABAS CHURCH

Our Lent theme this year is Thankfulness, focusing on the things we are thankful for, even in difficult times. We hope you will help us cover a cross in the churchyard with ribbons, each ribbon representing a 'thankfulness' prayer.



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PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

STUART MORTON



Stuart was born on 29th December 1918 in Grindleford. He was the youngest of five brothers and the family home was the village post office. The property, now converted back to a dwelling house, still belongs to the Morton family. Stuart was called up at the outbreak of WW2 and

went on to serve in The Eighth Army under Field Marshal Montgomery, spending much of the war in N. Africa. On his return he married and set up home in Bradwell. A few years later he became sole parent to Stuart, his 3 years old son, whom he lovingly raised at Cherry Tree Cottages, Smalldale. For a short time he worked with his brother, mining fluorspar on Bradwell Moor. However, it was as "The Man from the Pru" that Stuart will be best remembered. He spent all his working life until retirement employed as an insurance agent for the Prudential Insurance Company, visiting many homes in Bradwell and throughout the Hope Valley. He was very interested in local football. As a young man he was a team player and in later life, as a supporter, he took a keen interest in the performance of local football teams. Fishing gave him a lot of pleasure and he was a member of the angling club at both Earles and Newburgh Engineering. At the age of 70 Stuart remarried and he left Bradwell to live with Joyce in Buxton. They were very happily married for 32 years until his death on 16th November, a few weeks short of his 102nd birthday. A funeral service was held in Macclesfield on 1st December, 2020. He

leaves wife Joyce, son Stuart, two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

JEAN MARY FISHER (WILSON)



Jean was born on the 28th July, 1926 at Brough Lee, Bradwell, the first daughter of Joe and Dora Wilson. She was educated in Bradwell Schools and won a scholarship, travelling every day to New Mills Grammar school by train from Hope. When WW2 broke out she had to return to work on her father's farm at Bridge End Farm Brough and helped with her sister Eileen doing the milk round in Bradwell. She told nephew

Ian Hancock many stories of the many times she would end up on her arse delivering milk in winter, especially on Charlotte Lane, Hungry Lane, Towngate and Hollowgate. During the fierce winter of 1947 a tunnel was built through the snow on Hungry Lane so they could deliver the milk and Ian believes there is a poem about it somewhere called "Joe Wilson's Bonny Lass". Jean married Rev Fisher in 1947 and became a housewife and mother to Gill, Sally and Michael. They moved to Sheffield and lived at several addresses. In the mid 2000's she and Rev moved to Edinburgh to be near their eldest daughter Gill. Sadly, Rev passed away and in 2015/6 Jean suffered a stroke and was moved to a care home near Lichfield, close to her daughter Sally. On Xmas Day 2020 Jean passed away and Ian remembers her fondly as they shared a love of Glenn Miller.

ST BARNABAS CHURCH

We have temporarily suspended Church services (except funerals) at St Barnabas due to recent Covid 19 infection rates and to help ease pressure on the NHS. Louise will continue to hold ZOOM Sunday services at 10 o'clock and Evening Prayer at 5.30 pm, using the following link:

ID link: 613 948 112 PASSWORD: 888888. Do try and join us.

The Church will remain open on Wednesdays and Sundays 10-4 for Private Prayer. Please wear a mask and use the hand sanitiser as you enter and leave the church.

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