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## Don't Forget to Move Your Clocks Forward on 28th. Spring is here!

#### **EVENTS**

Tue 16: Historical Society: 8pm by Zoom. "The Peak Park in the 1950's" by Tim Knebel.

#### ST. BARNABAS CHURCH Virtual Auction of Promises - Lent 2021

We have now received all the promises for our Auction of Promises and many thanks to all our donors. You can find a list of all items for auction on posters around the village, on the Facebook page for Bradwell Hope Valley Community Forum and on http://www.achurchnearyou.com. Please bid either by email to gillian.nowell@ gmail.com or by completing a form which can be collected from the back of Church (Wednesday and Sunday) or from the Post Office, the Bakehouse or High Peak Heating. Your bids can be left in the box at the back of church or in the Post Office, the Bakehouse or High Peak Heating. Please place your bids before Sunday 21st March. We hope you will all be generous as we have some really interesting promises, such as various lessons and activities on zoom, baking, afternoon tea and many more. All funds raised will be split between Zink and the Church. We will notify the highest bidders at the end of March and in each case put them in touch with the donor of the promise. Payment can be made online or by putting the donation in an envelope in the wall safe at the back of church. Please have fun with this and help us to raise much needed funds. Any queries or for more information please contact: Gillian Nowell 620471, Lynn Lawless 620329 or Jane Dalrymple 621172

### DOGS - Again.....

Time and again we have placed a short plea in these page for a little social responsibility. We know that the vast majority do care and always do the necessary, but it only takes a couple who don't......Many of us have really benefited from the company of our dogs over the last year, but for the enjoyment of others, please remember to clean up after your dog. There are many dog bins provided around the village.

#### A FARMER'S REQUEST

Also, if you choose to exercise your dog in any of the surrounding fields please do remember that if stock are in the field you MUST have your dog on a lead at all times. Remember that farmers are within their rights to shoot dogs if their stock is threatened.

#### WILDFLOWERS IN THE VERGES?



Following January's article on "Wildflowers in the verges", a group of us in the village are following up Derbyshire Dales Biodiversity Group's proposals for naturalising grass verges/spaces in the district. Working closely with the Parish Council, our first tasks are to identify potential sites and then carry out

wildflower surveys in a few different areas of Bradwell. We hope in the long term this project will result in more wildflowers and encourage wildlife such as bees and butterflies in our village. If you would like to get involved please contact Melanie Musman at: wildflowers@bradda.org

#### **LENT 2021 at St. BARNABAS**

Lent runs this year from Weds 17th February to April 4<sup>th</sup>. Our Lent theme is "Being Thankful" and we'd like you to take part. Each week will have a different theme represented by a different coloured ribbon. We will erect a cross in front of the church and ask people to tie a ribbon to the cross each week in Lent to represent their Thankfulness Prayer. You might have seen the posters around the village and the themes are: Week 1- Local people who have kept our communities going through the pandemic

Week 2 – Teachers, school staff and people who help us and children to learn

Week 3 - People who care for our health and those who support people in their own homes

Week 4- People who nurture, encourage and challenge us Week 5 - People who are dear to us personally We also have a fun children's activity for you to do at home, around "Growing with God" and growing a bean! Watch out for the posters around Bradwell.

### **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@paulandliz.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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## SHOULDER OF MUTTON 01433 620427

At the time of writing the snow is falling and it's difficult to imagine that Spring is just around the

But the days ARE getting a little longer with each passing week and soon we will be changing the clocks and looking forward to warmer weather.

Life will return to normal, the pubs will open and all will be well with the world.

Lynne



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#### **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

Moss Rake Quarry: A number of residents attended the council meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> February to express concern about the motocross and trail bikes using Moss Rake Quarry for offroading. The concerns were excessive noise, damage and COVID-19 lock-down related. These quarries are privately owned and the parish council has no authority over them, but we agreed to support the residents by writing to the landowners and various authorities to see if the quarries can be made secure so these activities cannot take place.

Grass cutting: Derbyshire County Council have said they will not give the parish council funds to cut the grass verges in the village. So council has decided not to pursue the idea of taking over cutting the verges, but rather to pressurise the existing responsible party, Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC) into performing the job for which they are paid. DDDC are aware that they have failed to deliver a satisfactory service for the last two years but District Councillor Furness has agreed to work with the appropriate personnel in DDDC to hopefully give Bradwell a better service this year.

S137 Grant Fund: Council awarded a grant of £150 to St Barnabas Church for the service of the church clock, as in previous years. There is still some money available this year, so if any village organisation wishes to apply for financial help towards a project please contact the Parish Clerk.

Annual parish meeting: The Annual Parish Meeting is the opportunity each year for the parish council to report to residents on the past year. The APM this year is on Tuesday 24th April, starting at 7:00p.m. This year the meeting will be held via Zoom online due to Covid restrictions. If you would like to attend the meeting please contact the Parish Clerk. This is a village meeting for Bradwell residents to meet council.

Toilet block: It was reported previously that a working group of councillors were investigating whether part of the toilet block could be used for a different purpose. After review it has been decided that extensive remodelling would be too expensive, so a lower cost option has been chosen. The area which formed the gent's toilets, and which is now unused will be cleaned out, sealed and decorated and used for another as yet unidentified purpose. Any usable equipment removed will be stored as spares for the other toilets. It has also been agreed that the toilets will be painted to freshen them up and keep them in good condition.

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, currently online via Zoom. 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 Council Chair (623941) or paul@bradda.org

#### THE PUBS AND PUBLICANS OF BRADWELL For the Years 1577 to 1940

Continuing the story of Bradda pubs in the early days: The New Bath

Val Hall gives no preamble concerning the New Bath Hotel. In BAM page 77, and writing about 1813, Seth Evans observes that the Bridge Inn and the Bath Inn 'came into existence as public houses some years afterwards'. An account of its much later history can be found in 'After Seth' p 141. This is what we know about the licensees in the intervening years:

1845 James Maltby could have been the first licensee

1865 John Wainwright

1868 Sam Longden appears as publican and farmer keeping the Eden Tree Bath Inn in the 1871 and 1881 censuses

1885 Robert Baxter

1887 Sam Longden appears in the 1891 census, but only as a farmer of 20 acres

1896 Robert Redhead

1901 William Jackson Eyre is listed among the subscribers to **BAM in 1912** 

Henry Higgs 1913

1920 Mary Ellen Higgs

1920 Frank Greaves

1923 Robert Siddal Wild

1923 George Ashton

1926 Charles Pemberton

1934 Lesley Clapham

1940 Ethel Green

The following pubs were originally listed as beer houses.

#### The Bridge

The origin of this pub seems again to be with the Kenyon family. In the 1841 census William, Hannah and Edwin lived there and the Tithe summary of 1843 tells us that they rented a 'homestead' from the Earl of Newburgh. In the 1841 census William Kenyon was listed as a 'beer seller'. The use of the term 'beer seller' suggests that he may have held a 'beer only licence'. White's Directory of 1857 tells us that William Kenyon was still a beer seller and now also a cooper. In 1869 Michael Hall seems to have moved to the Bridge from the Green Dragon as a full licensee. This would appear to have been a good move on his part. He was the son of Isaac Hall who is listed as a salt carrier in 1851. His mother, Hannah's family (Wildgoose) had also for many years been salt carriers. Michael carried on the trade of carting from the pub for 25 years up to 1896. The business was carried on alongside his acting as a publican although this occupation is not mentioned in the later censuses. In 1896 John Glover took over to be followed by Albert Quince in 1898, Albert Sugden in 1906 and Alfred Lessons in 1909 (prosecuted for watering his whisky). George Downes took over in 1915 and finally Fred Storey in 1916 the year the licence became extinct. (The events leading to George Downes taking over the licence are described on page

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138 of 'After Seth'.) In 1913 250 villagers had signed a petition that fewer licences be granted in Bradwell which might have helped to accelerate the extinction of the licence (also that the building was said to be 'overrun by rats'). Some people may remember it as a café until the late 1950s.

#### The Shoulder of Mutton

This pub also started life as a beer house. John Hall held the licence in 1867 and in 1875 Reuben Hallam took over. This gentleman, according to BAM page 71 was 'a most entertaining character' (as is the present incumbent). He was followed in 1877 by Abraham Hall, Samuel Wright and John Hall both in 1888, Harriett Hall in 1890, Albert Wright in 1903, Peter McGricken in 1908, Jane Hucknall Lomas in 1910 and Charles Boulton in 1914. When Charles Boulton died in the early 1930s his wife Lily took over the licence and ran the pub with her two sons Frank and Sydney. During Lily's time as publican the pub that was originally on the west side of Water Lane (later called Church Street) moved onto the other side of what became the main road into Bradwell from the Dale. The move of the pub went on in 1937 alongside the road improvements and these are described in 'After Seth' p 140. The original Shoulder of Mutton is now known as Lyndale House. To Be Continued.....

#### **VINCENT STANISLAW MIDDLETON - Continued.**

After ten years in Bradwell, the family moved to live in Sheffield. In 1976, Vincent left Newburgh Engineering and found employment with Lockwood and Carlisle, a company which supplied parts for large marine diesel engines. Here his suggestions for improvement and innovation were rejected, so he left and with a loan from his mother, in 1980 he took the risk to set up on his own with a company he called Veeanco and he created a successful business. In 1988, when he and Anne were between house moves, he invested most of their money in a company called Barlow Clowes which collapsed, and they were back to being homeless for a while. When eventually they got most of their money back, they bought a bungalow near Clumber Park. In 1993 Vincent and Anne divorced. Some time later, whilst on a driving holiday in the USA, he met Thelma, a middle- aged English lady who was on holiday with friends. On his return from the States, he moved in with Thelma at her flat in Poole. He rekindled his interest in boating and joined Parkstone Yacht Club, where he kept an offshore power boat. He fitted an automatic helm, which he interfaced to a satellite navigation system and he and Thelma used to sail down the coast to Cornwall or over to France. They also went on holidays to exotic locations all over the world. In 2014, Thelma was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease and Vincent looked after her for 6 years as her condition advanced. During lock down in early March 2020, she was taken into care and died in late April. Vincent, who had never liked being alone, survived her by only a few months. He died peacefully at his home in Poole on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021, shortly after his 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

#### **BRADDA LOTTO**

Due to COVID regulations the January and February draws were postponed. However, we are hopeful to hold three months draws on **Wednesday 10th March** to conclude our first successful year of the LOTTO. The organisers wish to thank you all for your continued support and understanding. **Please Note**: Applications for the next 12 months membership, from April 2021 are now being received. Closing date for these applications is 31st MARCH 2021. Additional forms are available from Bradwell Post Office.

#### **WAR MEMORIAL HALL**

The Memorial Hall Management Committee are seeking an assistant treasurer due to retirement of the existing incumbent. The essential services provided for your hall are:

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- Liaising with the auditor

The invoicing, record-keeping and accounting are currently done and controlled on Excel spreadsheets so familiarity with Excel is essential. Attendance at Management Committee meetings would be welcomed but is NOT essential. The non-accounting treasurer will attend these.

If you can help us please contact Brian Salisbury on 621168 or email salisbury586@btinternet.com

#### APPEAL FOR OLD LAPTOPS

The Hope Valley Rotary Club are supporting a Rotary project to recycle old laptops and tablets and supply them to local schools for use by pupils who do not have a computer for home based lessons. Rotary will arrange to have the devices cleaned to remove any personal data. So, if you have a laptop or tablet which is no longer needed it could still be very useful. As long as the device is functional, the age is not critical as any devices not suitable for local schools will be recycled to other charities which can make use of them.

If you think you can help please email Rotarian Tim Sheppard at Tim@Sheplan.eu for more details and to arrange a socially distanced handover.



### BRADDA DADS



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#### PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **VINCENT STANISLAW MIDDLETON**



Vincent was born to Isaac and Lin Middleton in "Gartsides" cottage, Dialstone, Bradwell on 29<sup>th</sup> December 1927. His older sister Margaret was also born there. He spent his childhood in Bamford where Isaac ran a business, charging radio batteries for people without mains electricity and Lin had a sweet shop and did clothing alterations. Lin was a committed Catholic, so Vincent was en-

rolled as an altar boy for two masses and a benediction each Sunday. Another sister, Rosalind and a brother, Peter, were born in Bamford. Isaac had a four seat, 3-wheeled Morgan and one day when the Middleton children were playing in it, one of them released the hand brake and it set off, with them still in it, down Bamford hill. Fortunately, it crashed before it built up too much speed. In 1938 the family moved to Newburgh House, Bradwell where Isaac started an engineering company and another brother Michael, was born. With the outbreak of WW2, Isaac secured work for the Royal Ordnance Factory in Nottingham and the business started to grow. During the war years, Vincent attended New Mills Grammar School. At this time, Isaac had 2 horses called Jimmy and Kitty. Vincent would sometimes ride Jimmy to Hathersage swimming pool, but the horse was frightened of

the yellow Earles cement lorries and it once bolted, with Vincent hanging on for his life. Isaac showed Vincent how to use a plough with Kitty and whilst he was ploughing, he found a gold half sovereign.

After taking O Levels, Vincent started a craft apprenticeship with Markham & Co.in Chesterfield. On completing his apprenticeship, he returned to Newburgh and started working for the family firm in earnest. In order to win contracts from blue chip companies, it was necessary for the firm to have robust control of quality, so Isaac set Vincent the task of creating a fit for purpose quality control department. The success of Vincent and the small team around him, enabled the company to get involved in the manufacture of nuclear components for the newly set up Atomic Energy Research Establishment at Harwell and the subsequent roll out of nuclear power stations. Probably due to his involvement in the nuclear work. Vincent was excused National Service. In 1950, at a dance at the Pavilion Gardens, Buxton, Vincent met a Leek girl called Anne Day and they were married the following year. They rented a cottage on Michlow Lane and started their family with Anthony. They moved to another cottage on Hugh Lane and then to Hathersage, where the family expanded to include Julian, Jane, Lynne, Nicholas and Matthew. In 1963, they bought their first house, a large property with nine bedrooms and a paddock in Smalldale, Bradwell, that was still in the original condition from when it was built in 1902. Vincent spent a year modernising the house, which they named Birch Trees, and in 1964 they moved in. As Isaac stepped back from running the company, Vincent became managing director, then chairman and joint managing director with Peter. Continued on page 3

#### ST BARNABAS CHURCH

We shall continue to suspend services in church (except funerals) until the end of March and look forward to re-opening as soon as it is right to do so. 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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