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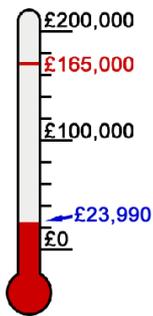
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EVENTS

Feb 10: Rebellion Knoll WI: Methodist Hall - 7:30pm. "A British Family Growing Up Between the Wars" - Stewart Trickey

Feb 16: Bradwell Historical Society: Methodist Hall - 8pm. Project Meeting. Visitors welcome - cost £2

Wed 17 - Sat 20: Centenary Players' Pantomime: 'Hansel and Gretel' by Alison Benefield. £5 (£4 concessions) incl tea/coffee



BRADWELL ST BARNABAS PCC

The PCC is delighted with the response so far by residents of Bradwell to our Church Roof Appeal. Fund raising activities will continue apace in 2010. If you would like to donate you can do so please to Sheena Darwent, 8 Bradwell Head Road, Bradwell, Hope Valley, S33 9HD. Please make any cheques payable to 'St Barnabas Church, Bradwell' and Sheena will ensure they are transferred to the Fabric Fund.

Many thanks, Claire Saunders - Treasurer

DENIS (GEORGE) AVEY



You might remember that last year we carried a 90th birthday greeting for Bradwell resident, Denis Avey. Well some of you might be aware that Denis, now 91 years young, has been in

the news because of his activities while being held in the Monowice POW camp, adjacent to Auschwitz. It was here that Denis met a young Jew who was interred in the main Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp. The pair were working together in a factory when Avey convinced the young man to give him his ID badge and striped concentration camp uniform so he could see for himself conditions in the Auschwitz camp. He also managed to send a letter to the man's sister, who had escaped to England and to smuggle him cigarettes and chocolate which were used to bribe the guards. These goods ultimately saved his life because they paid for his boots to be resoled before the notorious "death march" when all the prisoners were marched out of the camps as the Allies approached. During this march anyone who stumbled was shot. Denis told me he had kept quiet about this for a long time but had recently been persuaded by a friend to speak about it. He feels that by speaking out he might just make a difference and help avoid such things happening again. His actions, all those years ago mean he is being considered by the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem for the title of "Righteous Among the Nations", an honour reserved for those who helped Jews during the war. It is only presented to non-Jews and other recipients include Oskar Schindler, the German businessman who saved more than 1,000 Jews by putting them to work in his enamelware and ammunitions factories, and inspiration for the film "Schindler's List".

Denis lives in Bradwell with his wife Audrey, 77, and only recently learned the full name of the young Jew he helped all those years ago, Ernst Lobethall. He also only recently learned that Ernst survived the death march to go on to live a full life in the USA after the war. Denis says he is pleased to finally tell the story and would be very humbled if the award were to happen, but what he and Audrey really want is to look forward, not backwards, and enjoy their lives in 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: bradwellnews@yahoo.co.uk or paul@paulandliz.org. Or call Paul (623941), Vanessa (623053) or Carol (621425).

You can also leave hand written copy at the Post Office.

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Snow and Grit

Those of us who remember the Bradwell winter of 1947 thought we recognised similarities this year - and feared the worst. Fortunately we've so far been spared the quantity of snow experienced that year, but it's been bad enough. The Council has taken account of the lessons to be learned and authorised the Parish Clerk to acquire up to ten more grit bins to increase our total stock of salt. We've asked County Highways to include the Lumb, Brookside and Bridge Street on their gritting schedule and hopefully that will enable First Buses to continue serving the village if the snow and ice return. First Bus had blamed double parking of cars on Brookside and the risks involved in reversing buses as reasons for by-passing Bradwell or terminating services at Gore Lane. We've heard many stories of mothers with young children and elderly persons having to walk from the Travellers because a bus driver decided not to turn for Bradwell. Highways have agreed to review the practicality of changing the route, before next winter, but say that the number of cars parked overnight (when gritting is done) might make it impossible. The gritter lorry currently travels north through the village and would have to travel south to avoid excluding Church Street. We had filled all the grit-bins before the snow arrived and the parish clerk re-ordered salt immediately when it did. The salt, which is supplied by County Council, was just not available in the quantities required and the bin-fillers could not get through to some of them. It seems there is some doubt about the ownership of the two small bins on Wortley Court. We now know that they are actually filled by Dales Housing and that the salt is solely for the use of their tenants. To resolve the situation we plan to acquire a large Parish bin for the Wortley Court - for the use of all residents in the vicinity. The salt in parish bins is not for use on business premises. Highways have now started using local farmers and contractors to clear and grit minor roads and we hope that this will be more in evidence in Bradwell if the bad weather returns.

Transport Information Guide

Two years ago the PC received a grant of £1000 to produce a visitor guide to the village in the form of a board to be positioned in the centre of the village. The work done by a volunteer group is now coming to fruition and they hope to have it ready for placement later this year. An illustrated plan of the village is being produced by Ellie Dunn and Keith Brett, with all the buildings hand-drawn, and Alan Hearsom has agreed to the inclusion of some of his Bradwell pictures.

Town Bottom Playing Field

At our January meeting it was agreed that the PC Playing Fields committee should investigate the feasibility and cost of establishing a fenced all-weather sports area on the Town Bottom field. They will be discussing the proposal with other interested parties with a view to this becoming a joint-venture. Chris Furness

HOPE VALLEY ADVENTURE FILM FESTIVAL

Hope Valley Adventure Film Festival (HVAFF) is an all day package of outdoor adventure and entertainment, with two 'Best of ShAFF' film packages (selected from Sheffield Adventure Film Festival 2009), an evening lecture by Ian Parnell, two youth adventure film programmes, art and photographic displays and activities with an outdoor adventure theme. Venue is Hope Valley College on 27th February. Tickets will be available from safariQuip and Hitch'n'Hike.

FLOWER FESTIVAL

A Flower Festival with the theme of "Celebrations" will be held in St. Barnabas Church from 29th May to 6th June 2010 to raise funds for the essential repairs to the roof and tower of the church. We will be inviting individuals, companies and organisations to sponsor this event; however, if you wish to be a sponsor you do not have to wait to be invited. Please contact Peter on 621459 or Joan on 620115. The amount of sponsorship is not fixed but is up to you. Please do support this event. For it to be successful it needs to be well advertised to bring in people from outside the village, and of course flowers are not cheap. Making the displays is very time consuming and the arrangers will be donating their time and abilities free of charge.

LENT LUNCHES



St Barnabas Church on Monday 22nd February and every Monday for 6 weeks. Noon to 2pm. All proceeds in aid of the church fabric fund.

LENT STUDY GROUP

The Cross of Christ is central to Christianity, yet Christians do not follow a dead Saviour but a Living Lord. Jesus said, "I have come that you may have life and have it to the full". (John Ch.10 v.10). The theme of the Lent Course 2010 is "When I survey...Christ's cross and ours". The study offers a short time out from the material world and an opportunity for reflection. It raises questions concerning, for example, a suffering world, despair, and hope. It is also an opportunity to explore the Christian way and the challenge of living as followers of Jesus when Christianity is no longer mainstream. The Course will be held for five weeks on Wednesday mornings from 10am - 11am, starting on February 24th.

The sessions are:

- Darkness at Noon - Feb. 24th
- Into Great Silence - March 3rd
- The Child on the Cross - March 10th
- Outside the City Wall - March 17th
- Touching the Rock - March 24th

The Study is not "stuffy": it will be interesting and stimulating, affording thoughtful discussion in a relaxed, non-judgemental and friendly atmosphere. Do come - everyone is more than welcome. Doreen Cameron-Murphy

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THE CULTURAL HERITAGE OF BRADWELL

As promised in the last edition, here is the next episode of Brian Gillham's review of the cultural history of our village:

Last month we were looking at the project entitled 'A Vision of Britain Through Time', which provides key data on the population, number of houses, number of houses built, numbers of rooms per house (and the number of people per room) of Bradwell. These data take us up to 1961. Local information extends this data set up to the present. The picture which emerges when these data are set alongside information on the working history of Bradwell is as follows:

As early as 1801 the population of Bradwell stood at 955 and by the middle of that century this had risen to 1334 (the 2001 census of Bradwell shows a population of 1423!). The village at that time had 301 houses. An idea of the occupations of these inhabitants comes from an 1870 Gazetteer that states:

BRADWELL, a township in Hope parish, Derby; under the Peak, 2 miles SE of Castleton. It has a post office under Sheffield. Real property, £2,622. Pop., 1,304. Houses, 297. Some of the inhabitants are cotton-workers; but more are employed in lead and calamine mines.

In fact, in 1851 there were some 280 people who gave their occupations as lead-mining related (of course lead mining in Bradwell has a history going back before Roman times). No doubt some of those 301 houses had been built to accommodate those miners, but lead mining was a failing industry and by 1891 there were only 5 mines or lead smelters. This fall had been compensated in part by the advent of the railways, the growth of quarrying and the expansion of the activities of Bamford Cotton Mill. Nevertheless, by 1901 the population had fallen to 1032 with 295 houses to meet their needs (more than enough, because some 50 were unoccupied). The empty houses would have proven useful when the next surge in population occurred. By 1911 the inhabitants of Bradwell numbered 1325 and houses 373. Once again the increase in house numbers and population appear to be related to the jobs. The official commentary on this increase tells

The large increase in the population of Bradwell CP is attributed mainly to the presence of workmen engaged on the construction of the Derwent Valley New Water-works.

It may well have also noted the effect of the installation of the new engine at Bamford Mill (contemporary accounts note the carriage that took cotton workers from Bradwell to Hope – in 1901 they numbered 24). The opening of the G&T Earle Cement works came in the 1920s and by 1931 the total number of houses in Bradwell had risen to 397. Then, in the 1930s Earle's stepped up their production. The consequences in terms of population and houses is difficult to assess systematically because there was no census in 1941. Local oral history tells of men arriving to work at Earle's, taking lodgings

in Bradwell (and Hope), eventually finding houses to live in and then sending for the families. The next major employer to come to Bradwell was Newburgh Engineering and the date over the entrance of the works is 1939 (it should perhaps be a year earlier). In the early years they took on, and trained when necessary, engineers from the village and the valley. As the business grew the immediate surroundings could not supply the needs of the growing firm and a company bus collected workers to bring them to the factory. But, as an enlightened employer Newburgh both bought houses in the village for their employees and also built 22 houses in Springfield Road. This is a perfect example of houses following jobs.

.....To be continued next month

ASSORTED THANKS

Our wonderful Christmas tree this year was supplied free of charge by David Sidebottom - grateful thanks to David for this. Also to Parish Councillors Steven Eyre and Alan Slater who organised installation of the tree and lights.

It has been a snowy start to 2010, so a vote of thanks also to all the shopkeepers who have struggled to keep us supplied and to those residents who have helped keep the village moving by clearing and gritting footpaths etc. Doug and Joyce Middleton in particular have asked us to thank all their friends in Hungry Lane for their kindness and offers of help during the cold weather. A big thank you to Alan, who cleared the lane so they could get out. Well done everyone.

BRADWELL CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

It's that time of year again! Bradwell Carnival Committee are looking for 2010 Royalty. Queen, Junior Queen, Princess, Rosebud and Petal. Any enquires welcome please contact: Emma (620621)

SATURDAY WASTE SKIP DATES

27th Feb

27th March



BRADDA DADS



We need your help – is there anyone out there who could audit our accounts? If so, please call Darren Pembleton (treasurer) 620982.

Thanks to the kind permission of farmers and landowners Bradda Dads is holding the Wolfspit fell race again on 14th March at 11.00am. For further info visit:

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Also, we would especially like to thank those who donated money and gave their time at the pensioners Christmas lunch.



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SORRY WE WERE LATE!

For those of you who await "Bradda News" with bated breath, and I know there are lots of you out there, please accept our apologies. When road conditions are poor we usually mail it to Bradda from the printers, but the January Newsletter had a fairly traumatic time, travelling to Bradwell via Parcelforce's Nottingham, Romford and Norwich Hubs before finally arriving back at the Two Dales Post Office from whence it began its journey. Hands up all those who knew that there were so many Bradwells in the country. We finally received it here on Monday 18th January. You can't say that we aren't well travelled! Given, the truly horrendous state of the pavements in Bradwell, and the injuries sustained as a result, it would have been remiss of me to ask our intrepid volunteers to attempt delivery during that period, so I guess that the news sheet wasn't much later than could reasonably have been expected. Peter Hodges, Chair, Bradwell News

mittee has established that the development is not dependent on Charles' garage being relocated. John Riddall

APPEAL FOR PICTURES

Do you have any pictures of Bradwell? If so, we are looking for high quality images to be included in a local 2011 calendar to raise much needed funds for St Barnabas Church Fabric Fund. Please send all photo or enquiries to emma30@ymail.com by Friday 9th April 2010.

THOUGHTLESSNESS

Why do people only think of themselves when parking their vehicles during spells of bad weather, such as we are experiencing now. The buses cannot get round the Lumb because cars and vans are parked in places that leave the road too narrow. There is a verse from a poem by Isaac Hall (Poet Laureate of Bradda) that goes:-

*We're aw afloat i' same awd boat
Aw bound fa' same awd spot
We munna try to push one out
Theer's room for aw the lot.*

This is just as true now as when it was first penned.

David Bennett

Editor's Note: We have also been asked to point out that the two parking spaces at the front of the Coop are for people shopping, and not for vehicles to be left unattended all day. Please be considerate.

BRADWELL AGAINST THE NEWBURGH DEVELOPMENT

From letters that the Peak Park has received from residents, from the opinions expressed at the two public meetings and from the objections expressed in writing by the Parish Council, the Peak Park can be in no doubt as to the opposition within the village to the construction of a housing estate on the Newburgh site that would bring in 300 to 400 new people to the village. However, in view of the negotiations between the developer and Peak Park and the numerous amendments to design details made at the request of the Park, it is clear that the authority officers seem likely to recommend to the Planning Committee that the scheme should be approved. If this recommendation is made, the only thing that can prevent the scheme from going ahead is if the members of the Planning Committee can be sufficiently convinced of the drawbacks of the present scheme to vote against its approval. Members of the public are allowed 3 minutes to speak at meetings of the Planning Committee. As it is vital we get our case across, BAND has been preparing a list of people willing to speak at the meeting, each on a particular aspect. If this is done, if there is a clear and cogent case made at the committee meeting, and if we can show popular feeling by having a large number of residents attend, there is a chance that the Committee members might be persuaded to vote against the present application, and ask the officers to think again. The com-

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There are now envelopes in the Post Office and in the back of Church so you can recycle your old Mobile Phones and Ink Cartridges. For every item sent in these special **Freepost** envelopes (which are barcoded to identify that they are for St Barnabas Account) we will receive a donation to the Fabric Fund. So recycle and make us money. Please distribute the envelopes to friends, family and perhaps your place of work. If you want more envelopes just put your name and address on the outside of the envelope and you will receive a reply direct. Anyone wanting more information please contact Gillian Nowell on 620471

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