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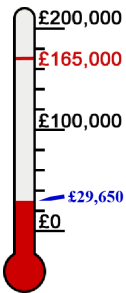
EVENTS

- 10 Jun:** Rebellion Knoll W.I. - 7:30pm Methodist Hall: "How Does Your Garden Grow?" - Lucy Wright
13 Jun: St Barnabas Church Garden Party - 2:30pm in the Vicarage Garden. To be opened by Mrs Helen Smith
16 Jun: Bradwell Historical Society - 7:30pm Methodist Hall: "Chapels of the Peak District" - David Frith
20 Jun: Bradwell Methodist Church Ladies Network Committee: Ploughman's Lunch at Bradwell Methodist Church hall: Noon to 1:30pm
 Teddy Bear Club meets every Tuesday and Friday at the Methodist School Rooms - 9:30 to 11:30 am

ST BARNABAS

This years Garden Party will take place on Saturday 12 June at 2.30pm in the Vicarage Garden. It will be opened by Mr Geoffrey Wharton, head teacher of the infants school. There will be stalls, raffles, attractions and afternoon teas. New this year will be a coconut shy. The St Barnabas Challenge is taking place at the same time. Have you been saving your silver coins? We are again going to try to put a line of silver coins around the church (94m; 309ft) during the garden party on 12th June. In 2008 the line was 19m (62ft) long. Last year it was 56.6m (186ft), a great achievement but lets try to do even better this year. So please save your 5p, 10p and 20p coins and bring them to the garden party and add them to the line. Watch the line grow. Can we get right round the church this year? Can you help meet this challenge?

CHURCH ROOF FUND



The Fabric Fund total for June is £29,650.82. However, the recent Tower repairs cost £10,686.62, so this has reduced the amount available to £18,964.20. But there is Good News! The PCC has accepted an offer from English Heritage of £15,000 towards the Development costs (investigatory work to determine the roof construction and condition), and £27,000 towards the cost of the roof repairs.

1ST HATHERSAGE SCOUTS

Hathersage Scouts are getting on their bikes again. This time it's in fancy dress, as their annual sponsored bike ride takes place round the beautiful Derwent dams on Saturday 12th June. Group leader John Hutchinson says "The annual ride has always been a great opportunity for our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to bring their families and friends for a fun day out in fantastic surroundings and raise money for our group". Last years ride saw riders from Witches to Scooby Doo and 4-person bikes circling the dams, and this years event should see much of the same.

Start time is 9.00 am at Fairholmes car park. Everyone is welcome to join in, all for a small donation/sponsorship of a minimum £5 per family, however large. There are different routes for riders of all abilities, with routes around 6, 12, or 18 km that can be taken. If you need any more information about the ride or our group please call John on 01433 651889. See our website: www.hathersage-scouts.org.uk

MAUREEN OLLERENSHAW

No, it wasn't the shelves that were creaking
 No more will strong men turn pale.
 No more will weaker men turn tail
 No more caustic comments
 No more apprehensive moments
 No more? - No Maureen!
 After 48 years behind the News counter
 The Blonde Bombshell has retired.
 Her amiable and courteous manner will be greatly missed
 It is understood that English Heritage is contemplating
 Putting a preservation order on her.....
 We wish Maureen and long and happy retirement.
 (By the way, it was 28 years, not 48 - it just seemed like it).

SEND US YOUR NEWS

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Wortley Court – We've recently received complaints from residents of Wortley Court and The Crescent about damage caused by vehicles mounting grass verges. Some time ago we also received a petition requesting additional parking space on Wortley Court. We passed these to County Highways together with photographs and a request that some action be taken to repair the damage and stop further encroachment. The replies we've since received are not encouraging. Highways say that this is a county-wide problem and "is due to the increasing number of vehicles without off-road parking" and that they "do not have the necessary resources to deal with it because of the extent to which it occurs". Apparently they've been advised by their Highway Care Manager that the grassed areas will regenerate over the summer. If you wish to send your views to Highways, the contact is - Ian Stephenson, Strategic Director, Environmental Services, County Hall, Matlock, DE4 3AG.

Bradwell Edge footpath/bridleway – For several years we've been trying to get County Highways to agree to drain and repair the two boggy stretches on this path across the Edge towards Rebellion Knoll. Five years ago they said they would do so if the PC would re-align the lower footpath with the actual right of way. The village caretaker carried out this work at PC expense, but Highways then said they didn't have the money to complete their part of the agreement. Last year we were given a written assurance that the work would be carried out last summer – but it wasn't. After much correspondence, the new DCC Deputy Leader and Chair of Highways, Chris Johnson and County Councillor Judith Twigg agreed to meet three of us on site on May 24th to see what was required. The meeting went ahead and Councillor Johnson confirmed that he would discuss the path with DCC officers and get back to us. We also discussed the dangerous condition of Dale Road and winter gritting arrangements for Bradwell. Chris Furness

THE ENCLOSING OF BRADWELL COMMONS

A meeting which was held at the Woodroffe Arms in Hope, on 18th May 1805, started a process which would eventually change the physical and communal landscape of Bradwell forever. All landowners within the Manors of Hope, Bradwell, Thornhill, Aston and Castleton had been invited to attend the meeting and they would no doubt have had to run the gauntlet of land-less protesters gathered outside the Woodroffe. The stated purpose of the meeting was to consider steps which might be taken to effect the general enclosure of the Commons and Waste lands and to arrange exchanges amongst owners whose lands were intermixed within the Manors. Bradwell's Commons and Wastes comprised the great majority of land within the parish and totalled around 1,350 acres. They included all Bradwell Edge, Bradwell Dale, Bradwell Moor (west of a line between New Nook and Farcoates) and Nunley. The Commons themselves were huge open fields

which were communally farmed on a rotational basis. Some were divided into individually farmed ridge and furrow strips for arable cultivation and traces of them are still evident around the parish, whilst others were purely for pasture. Individual farmers owned strips and grazing rights in various locations and these holdings would be consolidated into privately owned fields at enclosure. The Wastes were open moorland areas which had previously been considered unsuitable for cultivation or pasture and were used mostly for collecting wood or peat for fuel, and wild food (rabbits, birds, fruits, nuts etc). The open field system was managed by the village Vestry Committee (fore-runner of the parish council) who decided the crop rotations and the numbers of animals which individual farmers were permitted to graze on the Commons. They had powers to collect rents and charge fines for breaking Commons rules. The notion of dividing these open fields into privately owned enclosures was attractive to landowners for many reasons. It gave them total control of their own land and livestock and usually doubled the value of land itself. However, enclosure was a costly business and, for this reason, Bradwell, with its steep slopes, came in at a late stage in the enclosure process in England - when food prices were relatively high. The Woodroffe Arms meeting obviously ended in agreement because in the following year, 1806, a Private Act of Enclosure was presented to Parliament and was duly passed, without opposition, by both houses. Since Parliament was essentially a gathering of major landowners, this was not surprising. It was, however, just the start of a process which would rumble on for 13 years before the enclosure plan was eventually etched onto the Bradwell landscape. The benefits of enclosure were clear for landowners, and the more land they owned before enclosure, the better off they would be afterwards. For those who owned little or no land, enclosure meant the loss of valuable traditional Commons rights. They greatly resented this legalised theft, but unfortunately they did not have a vote so could only protest – and they did. For many years it would have been the main topic of conversation in the village ale-houses and the big landowners would have been very unpopular.

A particular complication associated with the enclosing of villages like Bradwell was the existence of lead-mining rights. These were allocated by the Barmote Court and held precedence over land ownership rights. The exchange and re-allocation of land which contained lead veins would have been controversial and protracted. Many enclosures in other areas were effected quite quickly and two years between passing an act and completion of the enclosure was not unusual. So Bradwell's thirteen years was an unusually long time for an agreement to come to fruition. One particularly difficult issue was the construction of new roads and diversion of others to give access to the newly enclosed fields. The costs of all this together with the new fencing (hedges or walls), the legal costs, and the Surveyors' and Commissioners' fees and expenses were borne by the beneficiaries. In

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August 1809 the Enclosure Commissioners revealed the new and existing public and private carriage roads, bridleways and footways which would give access to the newly enclosed fields. At the same time they decreed that all other roads and paths which presently crossed the Commons would be 'stopped up' at enclosure. One of these was the old Holloway which traversed Bradwell Edge and is currently being restored by County Highways. All that then remained to be agreed was the allotment of the new fields – a process which would take a further ten years! Finally, in 1819, the Commissioners were able to announce their decisions on the award of enclosed fields - and the construction of roads and fences could begin. It was at this time that the Dale Quarry was awarded to the parish 'for the getting of roadstone' – and we still own it. It's difficult now to imagine the impact that enclosure had on the residents of Bradwell in 1819, but at least they had plenty of time to prepare for it. The jobs of the Vestry Commons officials (field viewers, cattle letters, haywards and pinders) would disappear. For many, the loss of free grazing and gleaning rights and free access to the natural produce of the Commons and Wastes would lead to poverty and reliance on Poor Law relief. Customary annual rituals associated with the Commons, such as 'walking the parish boundary' would cease. Enclosure enabled larger farmers to use modern methods and equipment, and efficient drainage to increase productivity, efficiency and profits - and with a reduced labour force. Farmhouses and buildings, prior to enclosure, had all been situated within the village envelope. This was because their landholdings were scattered and being at the centre of them was the most convenient location. However, the enclosure awards were arranged in complete blocks of land which necessitated the creation of new farmhouses and buildings outside the village. There are no records, for Bradwell, of the sort of riots and vandalism which accompanied enclosure in other parts of the country and it may have been that the availability of alternative local employment in mining and quarrying helped to mitigate the effects. However, enclosure removed a support system which had sustained the community for centuries and had been the basis of its social culture. Bradwell would never be the same again. Copyright (2010) – Chris Furness

REBELLION KNOLL W.I.

Last month's meeting concentrated on the national WI resolution, which this year is for mandatory food labels to include the point of origin for all meat, fish and poultry products. Supported by Which? Magazine and the National Farmers Union amongst others, you would be forgiven for thinking that this would be a fairly simple law to draw up and implement. It would help to highlight the UK's higher welfare standards and shoppers might be more encouraged to buy meat (and meat products) whose source was the EEC rather than the Far East. It could also support the possible causes of climate

change, for example by discouraging farmers from clearing rainforests to raise beef. This law would also apply to all the ready meals and pies sold over the counter – a huge business in any supermarket; and if those ready meals and pies contain meat, fish or poultry from multiple sources then the label could well run to almost wrapping itself around the product! If the source of the meat, fish or poultry changed on a month by month basis – or even a week by week basis – then the labels would have to be changed to reflect this, adding, understandably, to the overall cost of the product. Think, too, how this would affect market traders and restaurants. The good news is that at least some laws exist at the moment – they're just not robust enough – and there is an EU Commission already debating the subject, although how long they will take to come to a decision is anybody's guess. For next month's meeting we have a highly recommended speaker, Dr. Tony Bethell, who will give us a talk on the remarkable charitable institution 'The Jerusalem Eye Hospital'. A charity that can trace its origins back to the 12th century and to the Order of the Knights of St John, based in Jerusalem, it provides ophthalmic care to all, regardless of race, colour, creed, social class or ability to pay. The meeting is open to all so please come to what promises to be a fascinating evening! 7.30 pm: Methodist Hall: Weds 9th June.

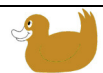
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Hope with Aston & Brough

Following our meeting in April, we discussed how we as a group could increase our membership. We have representatives from Castleton, Bamford and Hope, but would be so pleased to welcome anyone from Bradwell, Hathersage or Edale. If you are not sure why it's important to join the Neighbourhood Watch for your village, it is a way of knowing what's happening in your community, of being aware of any criminal activities and keeping in touch with your "Safer Neighbourhood" Police Team. Our meetings - six per year - are supported by your local Police Officers with visiting speakers from a wide range of Police organisations. Our next meeting is Wednesday 16th June at Hope Clinic, Eccles Close, Hope (7 – 9pm). A visiting speaker is being arranged. If you would like to know more, please contact J Coates on 620656



BRADDA DADS



RACE NIGHT ~ Bradda Dads would like to thank all the sponsors, those who generously donated money, everyone who came to the event and finally FOBS for their raffle and help with the very successful and enjoyable evening. The proceeds were divided between both organisations. Bradda Dads have made a donation of £500 towards the fund for the Multi Use Games Area in the village.



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MRS RUTH ABBOTT

Ruth Abbott died on 21st April at Orsett House, Bardlestones, Staffs., aged 93 years. Born at Hillhead, Bradwell she was the daughter of Clarence and Mary Walker. Later living at New Nook she attended the Church of England School before moving on to do clerical work in Sheffield. In 1942 she married Harry Abbott and they lived in Castleton for five years before moving to Kent, and finally in 1960 to Bramhall, Cheshire. Ruth enjoyed walking and reading. She leaves a son Michael, daughter Dorothy, five grandchildren and sisters Jessie, Dorothy and Nancy. Her husband Harry, brother Joe and sister Alice pre-deceased her. A funeral service took place at St Edmunds Church, Castleton, followed by cremation at Hutcliffe Wood on 5th May.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We have received this letter from Jacky Alcock & Family on the subject of the article on Joyce Gould we ran last month: Could I please add my congratulations to Mrs Joyce Gould on receiving the Easter Maundy Money from the Queen. Our village should be very proud to have living amongst us such a wonderful lady, who has given her life and love for the benefit of others. I and my family are honoured to call her our friend. God Bless, and thank you "Florence".
From Jacky Alcock and Family

ARMED FORCES DAY

The Bradwell Branch of the Royal British Legion wish to draw the attention of Bradwell residents that Saturday 26th June 2010 has been declared "Armed Forces Day" throughout the United Kingdom. If you wish to "Show Your Support" for our dedicated Service Men and Women and their truly amazing acts of bravery and sacrifice, about which we read so frequently, then please proudly fly your flags, from your homes, shops, businesses etc. on this special day to demonstrate your desire to support them. Flags will be flown from buildings everywhere in our country, so hopefully we can willingly and readily join in and fly ours? Thank you.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT - PACE & DANIEL

Rake and Sally are pleased to announce the safe arrival of "George Evan" born 20th April and weighing 5lbs 8ozs. Congratulations from both families.

APRIL WEATHER

Highest Temp	64F (18C) on 28th
Lowest Temp	28F (-2C) on 22nd
Highest Daily Rain	0.41ins (1.04cm) on 1st
Total Rain for Month	1.42ins (3.6cm)
Rainfall Year to Date	10.42ins (26.5cm)

"AT HOME" DAY

Richard and Helen Plant invite you to an "at home" day in aid of The Children's Society on Thurs 1st July at Stoney Ridge, Granby Road, Bradwell. 11am till 4pm. Tea or coffee £1. Light Lunches, Raffle, Tombola. Hope to see you.

NEW WEBSITE


A new website has been launched to help keep Derbyshire residents prepared and informed before, during and after major incidents such as severe weather and flooding. The site is called 'Derbyshire Prepared' and will include up-to-the minute information about ongoing incidents, useful contacts and advice for residents and businesses. It has been developed by members of Derbyshire's Local Resilience Forum (LRF) - the police and emergency services, Derbyshire County Council, city, district and borough councils, health agencies, the Environment Agency and Highways Agency. These groups already work together to manage incidents like severe weather, flooding, large fires, chemical spills or explosions but the website will allow residents to check information quickly and easily in one place.

The website features a range of information including:

- Safety tips and advice to help residents be well prepared for an emergency
- Advice and support for businesses on preparing business continuity plans
- Information for anyone organising a large community event
- The emergency plans Derbyshire has in place to deal with any major incident
- How to sign up to a community messaging service which can send residents text or e-mail alerts about incidents in their post code area
- Useful contacts and links to other relevant websites

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