

Bradwell News

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EVENTS

Tue 18: Historical Society: "Transport Pioneers in and Around Derbyshire" by Paul Hadley. By Zoom.

Wed 19: Bradwell Wildflower Walk: Meet at 7pm by Beggar's Plot, opposite the fire station.

MANCHESTER HOUSE LIVES AGAIN



So we are ready to go at last! In April 2019 we purchased a very run down but beautiful building! Dating back to 1844 it definitely needed a lot of work - probably a lot more than we first anticipated. The good news is that after a few set-backs we have finally restored this amazing building and have welcomed our first customers. It's been hard work, especially for Steve and many others, but we are excited to be able to carry on our **Mirror Mirror Hair Design** business from this new location. There are so many thanks to send to everyone who has helped us achieve our dream and I look forward to seeing all my lovely clients - and perhaps some new ones as well. Kerrie and Steve

YOUR CHANCE TO SAY THANK YOU

During the past year we have all struggled a bit. Some have struggled a lot, but in the background we have seen a network of people working hard to help, to minimise the trauma and to provide a taste of normality in these strangest of times. We wanted to give everyone a chance to identify and thank their own life-savers, and so in the next couple of months we will be using this space to publish your comments. All you need to do is send a brief email to paul@bradda.org and tell us who you would like to thank. If you wanted to add any special reasons why then that would be fine too. Let's all help to say a big thank you to all the individuals, groups or businesses which have helped us through the worst of Covid.

ROY MIDDLETON

Following the passing of our Dad, Darlene, Paul and family wish to thank everyone for the many lovely cards and kind words which have meant so much to us. Thanks also for the £340 donation to Evelyn Medical Centre and a special thank you to Paul Tanfield and his team, Minister Julie Letts and Sandra Furness. We appreciate all the support we have had.

GIVE NATURE A CHANCE

During May, Swifts will be returning to our village from Africa. Last year, as part of the Swift Project nearly 70 new nesting sites were created in Bradwell. However, one way we could all help Swifts is by attracting more insects into our gardens. If you have a lawn why not consider letting part of it grow in May. You might be surprised by the flowers it contains and then the insects that come to feed on the pollen. Swifts feed solely on insects so please do whatever you can to make a positive difference for them. Sally Pereira and Delphine Sayre

1ST BRADWELL SCOUTS



We are thrilled to be back meeting together from Friday 23 April. Some beavers are moving up to cubs so we have some spaces for new beavers - boys or girls aged 6 and 7 - with exciting activities planned including a days and campsite adventure challenge, building robots, and woodland campfires. Contact roger.cotes@gmail.com if your child might like to join.

AUCTION OF PROMISES

A huge thank you to everyone who donated promises or made bids on them in our recent Lent and Easter Auction of Promises. To date we have raised just over **£400** which, in these difficult times is a great success. We hope that everyone who made bids for promises has been able to arrange and enjoy the items or activities which they purchased. We hope that we will soon be able to hold face to face events, which will allow us to both enjoy sociable events and also raise money at the same time. In the meantime, if you would like to make a donation to this fund it is still open. 50% of all money raised will go to Zink and 50% to Church funds.

Many Thanks

Gillian Nowell on behalf of St Barnabas Church, 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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As we gear up to re-open we look back with mixed emotions. We remember how hard it was to slow down and enjoy leisure time, find new ways to celebrate special occasions, understand how our business would face huge challenges, lose loved ones. We are ready now for a new start and, fingers crossed our much loved village pub will be back with a full bar, kitchen and accommodation service on 17th May! Safety measures will remain in place for now but the welcome will be as warm as ever!! We are SO looking forward to continuing the journey with you!

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Safety barrier: We had a request from some residents for a barrier at the end of Springfield Close where it joins Bradwell Head Road due to the increased traffic on Bradwell Head Road. Council have requested Derbyshire County Council install a barrier suitable for all users. The hope is that it will slow down people enough to prevent any accidents.

Damage to the curb near Peace Gardens: It has been reported to Derbyshire Dales District Council that the grass curbs are being damaged by the bin lorries. Council was advised that there is an issue where the lorries struggle to get past the parked cars and the only way to collect the rubbish is to drive over the grass area to access the bins. Based on this information Derbyshire County Council have been asked to investigate if the road could be widened slightly to allow access by the lorries without damaging the grass.

Alternative use of unused space in the toilet block: Work is continuing on the toilet block and the unused toilet area has been cleared out. Council is in the process of putting a planning application into Peak District National Park Authority to request a change of use for that section of the toilet block.

Microsoft 365: Council has decided to adopt Microsoft 365 for centralised document processing and storage plus the ability to hold electronic meetings.

Climate change audit: Council have set up a working group to conduct an audit of actions to date for mitigating climate change and nature problems and to identify any other areas of work needed.

S137 Grant Fund: Council has awarded a grant of £500 to Bradwell Methodist Church towards the cost of re-decorating the building.

Carnival: As previously reported council have decided to start planning a carnival for Saturday 31st July. The theme for the 2021 carnival is "Bugs". If anyone would like to help with planning or to offer new ideas, we would be delighted to hear from you. The planning has commenced with the understanding that the event will have to comply with any government restrictions that may be in place. We are still looking for village organisations who would like to benefit from the street collection during the parade. You would need to provide your own manpower but this can raise essential funds for your organisation. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk.

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 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 FARMING LIFE CENTRE

The Farming Life Centre is a charity which supports rural life in the Peak District, working with farmers and their families to help create more robust businesses and communities. Our services are aimed at improving wellbeing and resilience and all our support is free of charge, impartial and confidential. We offer **Social and health groups and projects:**

- Rural Social Group
- Rural Befriending Service
- Macmillan Rural Health Outreach Service
- Walking for Health

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- Advice on preparing for audits (e.g. Farm Assurance)
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To find out more about any of our services call us on 01629 810903 or email: info@thefarminglifecentre.org.uk. Visit our website at thefarminglifecentre.org.uk to keep up to date with the latest news from The Farming Life Centre. You can follow The Farming Life Centre on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



The Bradwell Neighbourhood Watch Scheme has been successful in our funding request to Derbyshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, Hardyal Dhindsa's Neighbourhood Watch Innovation Fund. Funding has been approved to allow us to provide NHW welcome packs to new residents moving into Bradwell Springs and all around the village and to arrange two in person Cyber Crime events later in the year (when it is safe to do so). We hope to invite the Cyber Protection Officer from Derbyshire Police and/or the Digital Police Community Support Officers to come and share their knowledge and experience with us. You will all be increasingly aware of cyber crime in your everyday lives and we suggest you never give out any personal details if you are contacted by text, phone or email. If you have a communication you are not sure is from the supposed sender you are advised to contact them using a known telephone number or email address. You can report suspicious activity to: Action Fraud which is the UK's national reporting centre for fraud and cybercrime (the service is run by the City of London Police working alongside the [National Fraud Intelligence Bureau](https://www.actionfraud.police.uk)). You should report if you have been scammed, defrauded or experienced cyber crime by telephone: 0300 123 2040 OR www.actionfraud.police.uk. Alternatively spam texts can be reported to OFCOM at www.ofcom.org.uk or by sending the text to 7726. Bradwell, NHW Co-ordinators, Stewart & Jayne

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A BARBER FAMILY OF BRADWELL

Continuing our series of historical articles about village people, during the coming months we will be serialising this interesting story describing the Barber family.

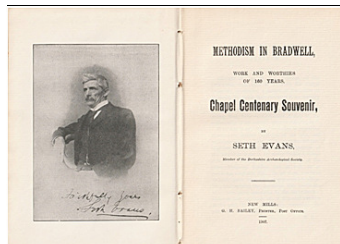
There is a large family tree associated with the Barbers of Bradwell. This includes a best-selling author, a past chief secretary of the Midland bank, a Baron and an RAF Flight Lieutenant. The subject of this piece is John (Jack) Barber and it is his three sons and their half sister who reached the positions of eminence. To begin at the beginning, John Barber was born in



Jack and Jimmy Barber and John Henry Hall

Bradwell on 14th October 1885. We can be reasonably sure that he is the Jack Barber who is the subject of this essay for several reasons. We have this old photograph of Jack, his brother Jimmy Barber and John Henry Hall, all three of them in their early 20s. Our Jack did have a younger brother named James

Page Barber (who wrote a poem called 'The Village Blacksmith' about another John Hall). Secondly, John Barber had a sister, Jessie Leech (for their mother's maiden name) Barber. A newspaper cutting from 1917 recorded that Annie Elizabeth Barber (née Leech) had been taken ill while visiting her son Jack at Hessle in Hull. A later report that year recorded Annie's death on her return home. Jessie Barber was at that time a school teacher and also the secretary of the Bradwell Belgian Refugee Committee. Through her illness Jessie (who was unmarried) had been caring for her mother when they lived together at Towngate. Following her mother's death Jessie resigned both her teaching post at Bradwell Board School and her position on the Bradwell Belgian Refugee Committee. The latter resignation deprived the village of the beautiful hand writing to be found in the minutes book of the Committee. A subsequent newspaper report recorded that Jesse's brother, Jack Barber of Hessle (Hull) had helped his sister to enrol as a trainee mid-wife in Edinburgh where she qualified and was certificated by examination with the Midwives of Scotland. By that time she was living in the house called Bornholm, Hessle, Hull. Bornholm is a Danish island off the coast of Sweden and as we shall see there is a strong connection between Jack Barber and Denmark. Subsequently Jessie's career took her to Doncaster. Jack is also known to have moved to that city. Jessie Leech Barber died in Doncaster in December 1935. When we try to trace the Barber family tree back through Jack's parents, grandparents and great grandparents a slight problem arises. Searches reveal that Jack's father was John Barber who married Annie Elizabeth Leech in 1868. They had five daughters Elsie, Maggie, Adeline, Annie and Jessie Leech and two sons, Jack and Jimmy. Jack's grandparents were Isaac Barber and Margaret Evans. In turn the great grandparents were Josiah Barber and Ann Middleton with Josiah being



born in Bradwell in 1775. The next step back takes us to Benjamin Barber and his wife Sara Cheetham. In his *Methodism in Bradwell* published in 1907 Seth Evans gave the opinion that Benjamin Barber was a 'Methodist Pioneer'. On p

15 of Seth's book he describes Benjamin as 'a principal stay of Methodism in those days of trial but also as the great grandfather of John Barber one of our trustees (in 1907)'. As we've seen this John was the father of Jack Barber. The days of trial included abuse and indeed physical injury at the hands of the villagers of Castleton. Castleton-born Benjamin (but by then living in Bradwell) had gone to Castleton with the preacher William Green of Rotherham to preach 'the word of life' in a 'commodious house'. What happened next is described by Seth, and you can find out in our next edition.

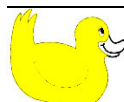
THANK YOU

Bradwell Bowls Club would like to say a big thank you to Bradda Dads for helping us to move our new shed from one end of the village to the other. Without your help this task would have been almost impossible for us. It is good to know that, whenever help is needed these chaps are willing and able to step forward. Thanks again - Bradwell Bowls Club Committee

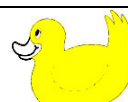
Many thanks to all those who took time to help decorate our Thankfulness Cross during Lent and for taking time out to reflect on all for which we have to be thankful, even in what can sometimes seem to be very dark times. We hope that after May we will be able to adopt our new trial schedule of services across the Benefice, details of which will appear in the June Bradwell News and on the St. Barnabas notice board. We look forward to welcoming you to our post-lockdown opening up of services here at St Barnabas.

WILDFLOWER WALK

Find out more about the Bradwell Wildflower Project with a short guided walk around the village looking at the 6 trial sites on Wednesday 19th May starting at 7pm at Beggars Plot opposite the fire station.



BRADDA DADS



Life continues to be challenging for the Dads because we normally plan everything in the pub - and the pubs haven't been open - and there's nothing much we can plan anyway until we can all socialise. Like all of you we are looking forward to being able to socialise in May. We'll be back!!

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PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

BERNARD BALL

Born in Manchester on 7th July 1932, Bernard was the youngest and last surviving of nine children born to John and Hannah Ball. He grew up and went to school in Great Hucklow where the family home was Bank Cottage, near Mill Dam Mine. At the age of 18 he did National Service in Germany. For a while he worked as a pork butcher's assistant. However, much of his working life was spent at Hope Cement Works, latterly as water supply attendant, overseeing pumping facilities at old Wortley lead mine and Michlow well. His remit included minding the old clay pits down Eccles Lane. Hobbies enjoyed included carpentry, spending time in his workshop and discussing Bradwell Brook flooding with his son and nephew... a work still in consideration.

Bernard met Maureen Marsden, a local girl, at a village dance. They married in 1956 in Tideswell R.C. Church and enjoyed 61 happy years together. He was a well-liked, kind-hearted and gentle person. His stoicism helped him cope with the difficult times in his life, especially Maureen's death in December 2017, closely followed by the loss of his beloved only son Nigel in 2019. At such times he greatly appreciated the support of family, kind friends, very caring neighbours and housekeepers.

Bernard died in hospital on 25th February 2021. A funeral service was held at Hutcliffe Wood Crematorium on 22nd March. Grandchildren John and Tessa, and mum Gabby; step-grandchildren Richard and Kate and their mum Gill, survive Bernard. Nephew Anthony and his children Elysa and James also miss his wisdom.

MICHAEL BOYES

Michael was born in Sheffield on 15th August, 1936. In 1940 he moved to Bradwell with his parents Reg and Emma, and younger sister Maureen. He left Bradwell Church School at the age of 11 to continue his education at the Gregg School in Broomhill, Sheffield. Aged 18 he began his National Service in the Royal Army Pay Corps, serving his two years in Berlin. He was a staff member at Blue Circle Cement from 1958 to 1999, when he retired. Michael married Hazel Barber from Tideswell in 1966 and the couple lived at Edelweiss, The Hills, with their two sons Glyn and Richard. Michael loved hiking and walking with the Bradda Walkers, gardening, ballroom and sequence dancing, the music of Andre Rieu, and Sheffield United. In his youth he was a regular member of Bradwell football teams.

Michael died peacefully at home on 16th March 2021.

BRADDA LOTTO

The APRIL draw for your favourite Lotto took place on 15th April outside the Post Office. The numbers lucky winning numbers were:

- ◆ £60 - Number 199
- ◆ £30 - Number 154
- ◆ £15 - Number 124.

Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to you all for your support. We now have 207 members!

TUESDAY WALKERS

Our walks are restarting on 18th May. Anyone wanting to walk please turn up on Town Lane at 10am. Details from Andy Smith 620100.

2021	2nd May	9th April	16th April	23rd April	30th April
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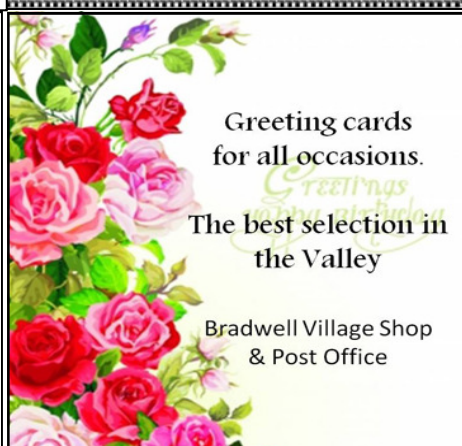
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