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EVENTS

Advance Notice:

The annual Arts and Crafts exhibition runs from Saturday 5th August to Saturday 12th August in St Barnabas Church. To display your work bring it to church on Friday 4th August.

ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION

The exhibition during Gala week is from Saturday 5th August to Saturday 12th August, from 10.30am to 4.30pm daily. It will feature local arts and crafts, with teas and delicious homemade cakes available in the church. People come from far afield to see the exhibition and always comment on the wonderful talent there is in Bradwell. We very much welcome anyone who would like to display their work, whether or not you have displayed it before. Please bring items to the church on Friday 4th August between 10am and 5pm. Space will be allocated on the day. If this time is not convenient and you wish to reserve a space, or for any other queries please ring Lynn (620329) or Jane (621172).

STEAM RALLY



Many residents will be aware of the traction engines which came through the village on the weekend of 10th/11th June. Although it was all a lot of fun, there was a serious side to it as they were collecting donations in support

of several charitable causes, including C.R.Y. with which residents will be familiar due to local publicity.

It was amazing to watch the drivers of these splendid machines manoeuvring in tight spaces, and the highlight must have been when this little fellow reversed into a parking space in front of the Shoulder and popped inside for a pint or two. One of the children travelling with the group was heard to ask why they were stopping at the pub, and was told that the engines didn't seem to be able to pass a pub without needing some kind of adjustment.



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COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

PEAK District
Rural Housing Association

Homes for local people on Bradwell Springs Four homes available from July 2023

Bradwell Community Land Trust and Peak District Rural Housing Association are pleased to announce that the next four, new 2 bedroom houses will be available to rent from the end of July. Tenants for these homes will be selected via Derbyshire Dales' "Home Options" system. It is important that anyone interested in renting these properties should register with Home Options as soon as possible. Go to www.home-options.org or phone them on 01629 761311. You will then be able to bid on the properties during the advertising period.

The properties will be advertised on home-options from 19th June, 2023 to 16th July, 2023.

If you have any questions, please call Philippa Osborne on 0300 1234 009.

NEW FOOTBRIDGE

One of the unfinished pieces of work at the Bradwell Springs site was installation of a footbridge to allow pedestrians to exit the estate onto Softwater Lane. As of mid June the bridge framework has been installed and the wooden decking is finished. Paths will be constructed leading to the bridge from both sides. This bridge will allow access to the infants school for children, without them needing to go anywhere near the main road. The Parish Council, which owns the land at the bottom of Softwater Lane will be working to clean up and drain the area. Steps are also being taken to make sure it is safe for pedestrians, especially parents and children to exit onto the lane.

Completion of this bridge, followed by final surfacing of all the estate roads marks the end of what has turned out to be a really positive development for the village after a period of 15 years since the original development proposals were made.

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 Steve (620329). 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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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Council Finances: The council's 2022/23 accounts have been produced and approved by the internal auditor. Council has approved the overall Governance and Accounting Statements and these will be posted onto the council website for residents to read. The same external auditor as in previous years, PKF Littlejohn have been appointed and they will conduct a review of the accounts. The forms required for this process have been completed and it is expected that the audit will be completed by the end of September.

Town Bottom Playing Field: The zip wire at Town Bottom Playing Field is not in operation as it needs to be replaced. A number of companies have been contacted for quotes for a new zip wire which is the same size as the existing. The play and gym equipment on both playing fields have been through the annual inspection and everything has been passed by the inspectors.

Carnival: It is getting close to Carnival time on **Saturday 5th August**, and the organising is going very well. Road closures have been applied for and all premises along the carnival route will be advised of the road closure nearer to the date. We are still looking for people who can help in a number of ways on the day, specifically with the road closure. Please contact the clerk if you can assist for maybe an hour. The committee would like to remind everyone that dogs are never allowed on our playing fields and no dogs will be allowed on the field on carnival day itself.

Pedestrian bridge from Bradwell Springs: Installation of the bridge is almost complete. The structure has been installed but the approaches and surrounding areas need more work before the bridge is available for use. Council are planning to install a drainage grid close the bridge which should alleviate some of the flooding in this area during and after heavy rain.

Allotments: For many years Council have been trying to find space for allotments in the village, and we believe we may have found one. However, before any work is done we need to determine if there is still a demand. Therefore, if you would like an allotment please could you please email or call the parish clerk to register your interest. Please be aware that this is the start of a process, and the area identified has still to be confirmed.

S137 Grants: Council has a fund of money available to award as grants to village groups / organisations and will always consider applications for financial assistance. If your group would like to apply for a grant, please contact the Parish Clerk for information.

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. 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 cllrdowning@bradda.org

BRADWELLS ICE CREAM

A History

Residents will remember with sadness the recent closure of one of our longest running businesses, Bradwells Ice Cream. We felt it important to document the history of this treasured village business, and our roving reporter, Steve Lawless has been working hard to create what we hope you will agree is a super record, and in future editions, subject to space we will be serialising the story. We sincerely hope you enjoy it.

1 Introduction

This article was requested by the Bradwell News committee to create a record of the history of this much-loved village institution which was known and appreciated across the Hope Valley and far beyond for over a century. Unfortunately, there is no archive for the business so all information gathered and presented in this article is taken from the memories of family members, former employees and Bradwell residents.

Grateful thanks to Jane Bownes, the last owner of the business, and to Carol Molyneux, Noel and Betty Bradwell's daughter, for sharing their memories and their memorabilia. Thanks also to the many village residents who willingly shared their memories during preparation of this article.

While reading, if you become aware of any discrepancies or have any additional information or anything you feel should be included, please contact us as we would be more than grateful for any contributions you might be able to make.

2 Summary

It is widely accepted that ice cream was first produced in Bradwell in 1899 as simply an additional commodity to the existing range offered in the shop, run by Hannah Hall. This shop stood at the corner of Netherside and Bridge Street and was a confectionery shop, tobacconist and newsagent. Hannah was keen to widen the range of products sold and expanded the range to include meat paste and ice cream. Hannah ran the shop throughout the first World War until 1930, when it was passed to her daughter Nellie and son-in-law Hedley. Hedley and Nellie ran the shop through the second World War until their son, Noel Bradwell took over around 1960. The shop continued as a going concern over this period and it is thought that the ice cream side of the business ticked over nicely, taking advantage of new refrigeration and freezer equipment as it became available.

Noel and his wife Betty joined the business around 1960 and had many ideas to expand, both in terms of the range of flavours on offer and of the customer base. Noel bought the barn on Wortley Court and moved manufacturing there. He also brought in more modern Italian machinery and was keen to expand sales all around the Hope Valley and far beyond. He even had a 'stop me & buy one' van, with chimes in which he and his staff used to drive around Bradwell and surrounding villages. He was keen to keep up to date with new initiatives in the ice cream industry and attended conferences and other industry events in Harrogate, London and Sheffield.

Noel sold the business and the Wortley Court barn to Lawrence Woskow in 1992. Lawrence was keen to add the busi-



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ness to his growing empire, and he retained Noel as an advisor and consultant and Jane Bownes as general manager. Under Lawrence, Jane and Noel the business was expanded in terms of product range, number of employees and retail outlets. At its peak the business employed 11 staff and sold 1.2 million litres of ice cream in over 60 combinations of flavours and container size. Lawrence negotiated installation of sales booths at sites including Meadowhall in Sheffield and the Trafford Centre in Manchester. The contracts for these booths were for 20 years, so this gave the business a stable platform for operating.

In late 2019 Lawrence sold the business (but not the barn) to Jane Bownes who had worked with Noel and Lawrence since 1991. Jane had worked in many roles in the business over the years and was a company director and general manager when she bought the business. However, due to the severe impact of a number of adverse circumstances all hitting the business at the same time (i.e. Covid, Brexit, Ukraine War), Jane reluctantly decided to wind up the business in 2022.

WILDFLOWER GROUP



2023 is our project's third growing season and we are very pleased with progress on our six sites. At the sites at Dale End and next to the Peace Garden *yellow rattle* is now establishing well.

This is an important plant that is semi-parasitic on grass and you will see the patches of yellow flowers and the consequent reduction of surrounding grasses. Meadow saxifrage,

crosswort, red campion, buttercup, cowslips and daisies, amongst other wild plants are also increasing. We monitor the sites regularly, e.g. early in the season. The bright yellow dandelions are attractive to pollinators but later we remove some seedheads to restrict their spread, as well as cutting back the most vigorous grasses. At Beggars Plot snowdrops are now spreading and later the cuckoo flowers put on a beautiful show. These two sites are cut and raked off in June/July in readiness for Carnival. We have been working with the children from the Infant School, who are developing a little wildflower plot next to the church. They are becoming enthusiastic wildflower spotters and gardeners. On August 5th we will have a stand at Carnival when we hope to circulate information and chat to local people and visitors about our project. We have a dedicated team of volunteers and are supported by the DDDC and Bradwell PC. If anyone would like to support us and/or help in managing our sites, email Melanie or Sally at: bradwellwildflowers@gmail.com or visit our stand on August 5th at Beggars Plot.

TOWN BOTTOM TOILETS

Residents will be aware that several years ago, faced with the prospect of District Council closing our toilets at Town Bottom your Parish Council decided to buy them and take over their operation. It was a gamble, but one which has certainly paid off. The old gents' toilet has been turned into a nice café, and the toilets have been kept in tip-top condition by the excellent work of A & J Cleaning Services, run by Ann Harrison. A drinking water facility was recently added, and we have now received this very nice email from a happy visitor.

I am writing to thank the Parish Council for the excellent public toilets provided in the park. I used them today (12/6/23) and found them to be open, free (no charge), with soap, toilet paper and a working hand drier. In addition I was able to secure my bike to railings whilst I used them and there was drinking water provided which, with the weather as hot as it was today was very welcome. You have certainly done the village proud. Best wishes. Bob Morgan

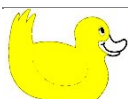
WELLS DRESSINGS - An Appeal

Due to ill health and lack of people to help with the Smalldale Well this year the Committee is appealing for help with drawing the picture and also petaling, making tea (very important!) and generally helping out. If you can help in any way please contact Emma 07815 735157, Rosie 07702 834940 or Joan 07740 948289 for more information.

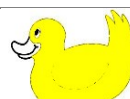
So come along all you artistic folk, please step forward if you can and help to preserve this wonderful tradition within Bradwell.

ELECTORAL REGISTER

We have been asked to let you know that the annual check on the accuracy and completeness of the electoral register is about to start. District Council will be sending around 21,000 canvass letters to households and 15,000 emails to electors for whom they hold an email address, and these will start to arrive from 12th July. The email will come from electoral@derbyshiredales.gov.uk. If the form or email you receive states that a response is required or the information held is incorrect you are asked to respond as soon as possible. If there are new electors in your household their names should be added to any response. Please remember to add the names of any 16 or 17 year old's, as they can and should register to vote (but can't vote until their 18th birthday). If you are unsure what to do or need help please phone the District Council (01629 761335) or email.



BRADDA DADS



A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped run the Hillbilly Cycle Sportive. It was a great success. Results and photos will be available shortly on www.bradwellhillbilly.co.uk. Next up is the Bradda Dads Family Fun Day this summer holiday, Tuesday 1st August in Town Bottom park, get the date in your diary and watch this space for further details. Our next meeting date isn't agreed yet but keep an eye on our Facebook page!

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PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

VINCENT THOMAS DOLPHIN - "TOM"
24.08.1950 – 30.03.2023



Tom was the only child of Katherine and Thomas Dolphin. He was born in Darnall, Sheffield into a close-knit family of aunts, uncles and cousins and the family used to enjoy many happy outings to the seaside together. After leaving school he did an apprenticeship at English Steel as a Marker Out. Here he made many lifelong friends and enjoyed playing pranks on his work mates.

Tom met Erica on 23rd April, 1971 at the Marquis of Granby. They married at St. Barnabas Church, Bradwell on 2nd February, 1974 and went on to have a long and happy marriage. They lived in Handsworth and Tom started work as a bin man to enable him to get his HGV licence. Erica longed to move back to Bradwell which they did in 1978, living at Town Bottom, where they had their children, Anthony and Sonia, before moving to Cross Lanes. Tom embraced village life and played in the local darts and pool teams. After a short spell at Ladywash Mine, he became an HGV driver at Blue Circle Cement, where once again he made many friends. He was a kind, loving and fun father who enjoyed helping his children with DIY projects and car repairs. He saw them both happily married, Anthony to Kate and Sonia to Chris. He also became very fond of Chris's children. During the hard times of lockdown, Tom fought hard against lymphoma and won his battle to overcome it. It was also during this time that he heard

the joyous news that he had become a proud Grandad to Georgia. His many hobbies included shooting, fishing, walking, gardening, DIY, quizzes and socialising with friends over a few drinks. Tom and Erica thoroughly enjoyed travelling, from family holidays in Cornwall to further afield destinations such as Thailand, Brazil, Malaysia, the Caribbean and Mexico. After Erica retired they fulfilled a lifelong shared ambition of making a 6wk road trip round Australia, starting in Sydney, flying to Brisbane, then driving 1,500 miles up the Gold Coast.

THANK YOU

Erica and family would like to thank their friend Paul Tanfield of Nouth Funeral Directors for his personal help, which was such a comfort at this sad time. Thanks also to Lynne, Nick and the staff at The Shoulder for the lovely buffet and for being so helpful with the accommodation etc. We were overwhelmed by the number of people who came to show their last respects at Tom's funeral at Hutcliffe Wood Crematorium on April 24th. The amount raised for Cancer Research UK was £867. Thank you for your generosity. Erica.

I would like to thank all my wonderful friends family and neighbours for the gifts cards and flowers that I received after my knee replacement surgery. It was so lovely of you all and very much appreciated. Love from Debbie Moseley. Xxx

I would like to say a huge thank you to all who sent me beautiful flowers and cards, and also made phone calls during my recent stay in hospital. I am very pleased to say my operation was successful and I am getting back to normal. I am very lucky and grateful to have a great family and good friends who have made things easier for me. Janet Broome

St. Barnabas Church: July 2023

2nd	11:00	All Age Service - St Barnabas
9th	10:00	Benefice Service - St Edmund's, Castleton
16th	09:30	Parish Communion - Bradwell
23rd	10:00	Outdoor Benefice Service. Details on church noticeboard
30th	10:00	United Gala Sunday Service - Bradwell

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