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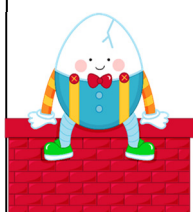
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EVENTS

Sun 1: HARVEST FESTIVAL: 10am in St Barnabas Church. Non perishable foodstuff donations welcome.

Tues 17: Historical Society: 8pm in the Methodist Hall. "In Pursuit of a Peak District Pensioner Criminal" by Tim Knebel

CENTENARY PLAYERS



We are eggcited to announce the 2024 Pantomime production will be the eggcellent **Humpty Dumpty**. Readings will take place in the Memorial Hall on 5th and 12th October at 7:30pm. If you are interested but unable to make these dates, or wish to get involved in any of the off-stage scramble please contact us by eggmail at

bradwellcentenaryplayers@btinternet.com or

poach a member of the Players who will whisk you to the right direction. There are more eggy jokes in the henhouse waiting to be cracked open so come along and join in the fun.

WAR MEMORIAL HALL



We have been very busy here at your Memorial Hall this year. We've replaced the curtains and given the walls a beautiful fresh lick of paint. We couldn't wait to share the finished result with you so here it is. We hope you agree it looks so much better. Don't forget we are here for your every function need from birthday parties, meetings, corporate events and weddings. For more information please email Esther our

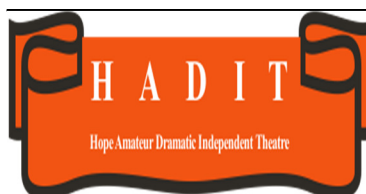
hall manager at bradwellwarmemorial@gmail.com and she'll be happy to help with your enquiries, or alternatively find us on Facebook or Instagram.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Harvest Service will be at St Barnabas at 11am on Sunday October 1st. Your gifts of non-perishable foodstuffs and toiletries would be greatly appreciated. If you are unable to come to the service they can be left at the back of church up to October 15th, after which all goods donated across the Benefice will be passed on to the Grindleford Food Bank, which is co-ordinated by the Chesterfield Food Bank. Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

TOOL SHARPENING SERVICE

There is a new service in the village, courtesy of our lovely hardware shop. As from Monday 11th September S & F general store will be offering a tool sharpening service. Prices start from only £5, but it depends on the size and condition of the article. Drop the items off in store and collect next day, although items in poor condition might take a bit longer.



This October, turn your clocks back to 1946 and tune into HADIT's Radio Theatre as we bring to the air *Vintage Hitchcock: A Live Radio Play* by Joe Landry.

Spies, intrigue, murder and

other Hitchcock trademarks will come to life on stage in the style of a 1940's radio broadcast of three of the master of suspense's earlier films, including *The 39 Steps*. Complete with vintage commercials sung by our jingle singers and live sound effects from our 'foley' artists, our troupe of 'radio' actors will be taking on over 60 parts between them! Performances are at Hope Methodist Hall, Edale Road from Wednesday 25th to Saturday 28th October at 7.30 pm. Tickets are available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/hadit or ring Carolyn on 01433 620665, which is also the number for more information.

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

New Councillor:

At the last Parish Council meeting an applicant for the council vacancy was interviewed and Council decided to co-opt this applicant. The new councillor is Eve Lake, who lives at Bradwell Springs. We would like to welcome Eve as our new Councillor and hope she enjoys the role.

Allotments:

Progress is being made in setting up allotments in the village. The field owners have decided that they will work directly with the allotment holders to set up and run the allotments, and they are planning to set up an allotment holder's association. Planning permission for the erection of sheds and greenhouses has been applied for and there are still some spaces available. If you haven't registered your interest but would like an allotment, please contact the parish clerk and you will be added to the allotment list.

Toilet Block:

In 2018 Bradwell Parish Council took over ownership of the toilet block at Town Bottom Playing Fields as the facility was planned for closure by Derbyshire Dales District Council, as part of their public toilet closure program. Bradwell Parish Council strongly believed that the toilets were a very important facility for the village, and so decided to take on the day to day operations. We believe that this has turned out to have been a good decision.

Severn Trent Water have a settlement tank under the toilet block and a room which houses all their control equipment. As new building owners, Bradwell council felt that Severn Trent Water should lease and pay for this facility on an annual basis. Negotiations started with agents for Severn Trent Water five years ago, and last month a lease agreement was finally signed. This means that Severn Trent Water has a 100-year lease on part of the toilet block and 24/7 access. They have paid for the setting up of the lease and have paid rent from August 2108 to July 2024. They will pay an annual rent every August. This rent will be put towards the maintenance of the toilet block and will help to ensure they are kept operational for residents and visitors to the village.

Playground weekly inspections:

There is a vacancy for someone to conduct weekly visual inspections of the play and gym equipment in Town Bottom and Beggars Plot playing fields. The inspection takes about an hour a week. If you are interested in doing this, can you please contact the parish clerk to discuss the requirements of the job and pay rates.

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 - Continued

Continuing our history of Bradwells Ice Cream.

5 Noel Bradwell & Betty Bradwell (nee Thompson)

Noel (1932 – 2004) would have been 13 when the second World War ended. He then finished his schooling, was conscripted for National Service into the RAF (See Appendix for more details of National Service), and then worked at the Trustee Savings Bank before joining the family business from 1960. He married Betty Thompson (1938 – 2019) of Bamford in the same year and together they later had one child, their daughter Carol in 1963. Noel made the ice cream in a shed in the back garden and Betty sold it in the shop.



The demand for ice cream increased at this time and the very first 'retail' outlet was Mrs. Gillatt's sweet shop on Edale Road in Hope, followed by Mrs. Judy Hazney in Castleton. As demand further increased there was a need for more space to store ingredients and packaging, to make the ice cream and to store the finished products. The tiny room above the shop in Bridge Street was also used to store sweets and other confectionery. However, when the business started to expand more space was required. In order to satisfy these needs, around 1963 Noel bought the barn on Wortley Court from Mrs. Eyre and her son Bateman and moved all production and administration there. He modernised the site and brought in Italian machinery to allow new and more delicious flavours to be made. The ice cream at this time was made by loading the ingredients into a steel cylinder, which was held inside a cylindrical water jacket containing around 100 gallons of heated water. It could take up to an hour and a half with the gas boiler to ensure that the temperature was at the required level. The inner cylinder had a paddle/agitator, used to continually stir the mixture and the water jacket ensured that there were no hot spots to cause the mixture to become lumpy. This part of the process, pasteurisation and mixing, would take approximately two hours before the mixture was ready for the next phase. The mixture was then fed into the cooler which produced the final product ready for the freezer. The whole process ensured that the mixture was delightfully smooth. They also invested in 'continuous freezers' which meant that the production was quicker and flavours could be introduced and they invested in stainless containers in the shop to keep the ice cream for longer by packing ice around the vessels. During winter time they would make an excess of ice cream, and then hired freezers around Bradwell and the Hope Valley to store the ice cream until it was needed to supply the peak summer demand. During the summer time they would have to work late into the evening to meet this high demand and had to rely on the stored products to satisfy their customers. Noel & Betty used to attend events run by the Ice Cream Alliance (see Appendix for more details) in Harrogate. It was here that he won awards, prizes and certificates of which he was very



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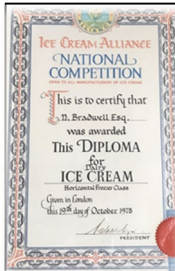
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proud. They also used to attend ice cream industry dinner dances in Sheffield. It was at these events that he was able to become aware of the latest developments in the industry in terms of new machinery, products & flavours. Noel was quite a character in many ways and had a soft top sports car that he liked to drive. He was always smartly dressed and greatly enjoyed his work. The work for Noel and his staff was hard, but Noel had the happy

knack of making the work. It is remembered that on some days he would go to the factory and simply say 'Today I fancy making Raspberry Ripple' and then set off making that flavour. Ice cream was not made in the barn on Bridge Street, but ice lollies were. Here there were old fashioned freezers and the barn had thick walls to keep the area cold. These lollies were a single size but with a choice of flavours, e.g. banana, orange and blackcurrant. Bradwell residents remember buying lollies with their 3d pocket money. Noel was keen to expand the business and worked hard doing this, with great imagination. He sold to outlets in all the local villages. He bought a 'Stop Me and Buy One' van from an Italian business in Sheffield (Manfredi or Masserelli) that either he or an employee used to drive around, and then began to expand outside the immediate local area. During the Easter to September period, in the evenings the van was driven to Hope and Bamford (with occasional visits to King's Tree above the Ladybower reservoir), and then on alternate days to Castleton. He employed at least 3 people and carried out any and all repairs to equipment by himself, or with help from his Uncle Ned. Noel sold the business and the Wortley Court barn to Lawrence Woskow in 1992. Lawrence was keen to add this business to his business portfolio and then to greatly expand it. Although he was now not the owner, Noel was retained in a consultancy capacity and so maintained his involvement in the business. Lawrence is quoted in a newspaper article paying tribute to Noel "I could have made some bad mistakes without him. He looks after the technical side and we have lunch just about every day and taste a sample of that day's ice cream". One story heard about this time was of a pupil attending what is now the Junior School being given half a crown by his mother to pay for his weekly school lunches which at that time cost 2/3d, and he was then allowed to spend the 3d change for an ice cream as a treat.

To Be Continued.....



1994: Bradwell's Ice Cream.

THANK YOU

On 2nd September, at Hope Golf Club/Earle's Club there was a Charity Golf Day/ Raffle/Auction in memory of Matty Horan. It was held to aid Ashgate Hospice, and what a great day and evening we had!

Laura, Lyn, Ray and Anthony would like to say a huge thank you to all the local businesses, friends and people who generously supported the event. Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets, to those who just gave donations, and to everyone who joined us on the day/evening. We are proud to say that we raised a staggering **£6,226.80** in honour of Matty and for such a great cause. Ashgate were over the moon and so grateful for the donation. We couldn't have done it without the generosity and support of so many. **THANK YOU.**

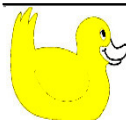


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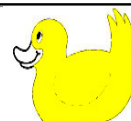


Would you like to try your hand at playing badminton? Our friendly group meets in the War Memorial Hall, Bradwell on Wednesday mornings and new members are always welcome.

We meet at 9.30am and play until noon. Equipment is provided, including racquets. All you need to bring is trainers (sensible footwear). We welcome any ability levels, from beginners to Olympians! For further information please call 01433623345



BRADDA DADS



Bradda Dads Bonfire and Fireworks will be on 4th November at 6pm, bonfire lit 6:45pm with fireworks shortly after. FOBS (Friends of Bradwell Schools) will be providing refreshments with all money raised going to the schools. See you all there!

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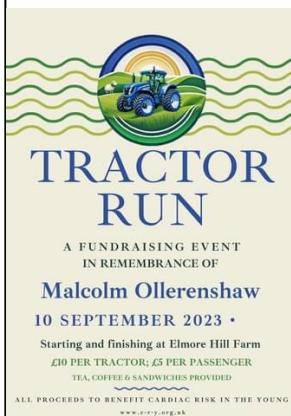
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TRACTOR RUN



On Sunday 10th September a tractor run was held in memory of Malcolm Ollerenshaw. It's a year since Malcolm was suddenly and tragically taken from us by an agricultural accident, another valley character who is so sadly missed. The Run started from Elmore Hill Farm Brough, where fifty tractors turned up. After sausage baps at the farm they left to run around the valley, taking in Castleton, Hathersage, Abney and then back to Elmore Hill Farm where hot pork and beef sandwiches were served to everyone. The run was also a fund-

raising event for Cardiac Risk in the Young to raise funds for heart screening days in memory of Kyle Hancock. It was a fantastic day, enjoyed by all and there was a raffle with many prizes. A magnificent £1,200 was raised for the cause.

A massive big thank you to Sally and Matt Ollerenshaw and to everyone who helped, contributed, donated prizes and attended. Well done everybody for supporting



such a good cause and it was a fitting tribute to Malcolm.



St. Barnabas Church: October 2023

Contact Us: churchwarden.stb@gmail.com

1st	11:00	All Age Worship - St Barnabas. Harvest Festival.
8th	10:00	Benefice Communion - St Edmund's, Castleton
15th	09:30	Communion - St Barnabas, Bradwell
22nd	10:00	Outdoor Benefice Service. Details on church noticeboard
	16:00	Said Communion - St Peter's, Hope
29th	10:00	United service with Edale at St Edmund's, Castleton



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