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Happy New Leap Year!

MEMORIAL HALL XMAS MARKET



The Christmas market in December featured an excellent performance by a ladies' group called "Sugar Free". They are a quartet who sing unaccompanied four part harmony and their members are Carole, Olly, Danuta and Janice. They are all members of a larger choir called Sheffield Harmony but have been singing as a quartet for about 8 years. Carole moved to Bradwell 2 years ago and loves being able to share her love of music with people in the Hope Valley. Part of Sugar Free's purpose in singing together is to raise money for charity so they were delighted to be able to sing a mixture of Christmas songs and some of their favourite songs at the Christmas Market to raise money for Assist, a Sheffield based refugee charity.

TOWN BOTTOM TOILETS

Good people of Bradwell, it is happening again. After a long, trouble free period we are now experiencing some vandalism in your toilets. A couple of youngsters have taken to hiding in the ladies after dark and generally making a mess and causing some damage, which of course has to be cleaned up and which costs you, the resident money to put right. When the Parish Council bought these toilets several years ago we stated at the time that we planned to keep them open 24 hours a day, subject to there being no abuse. This proved to be a good decision and our facility has become known as somewhere people can rely on to be open at all hours. So this is a plea to the youngsters involved and to any parents or guardians who suspect they might know who it is. Please respect this icon of openness and keep the trust and faith of those who work so hard to keep the toilets open. If the trouble continues we will have to close them, and everyone loses.

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BRADDA LOTTO

Applications for the next round of the Bradda Lotto are now being received. Look out for your application form or pick one up from the Post Office. The lotto is still only £25 for the year and as well as fantastic monthly prizes it really is a great way to raise funds for your Memorial Hall. With your help we've upgraded our fire alarm system and had the hall completely repainted. Terms and Conditions apply and all applications must be in by March 31st, 2024. You've got to be in to win it!

CENTENARY PLAYERS

Bradwell Centenary Players are egg-cited to announce that they are returning this coming February with a traditional pantomime production of 'Humpty Dumpty'. With lots of egg based jokes, great songs and well known characters, it's sure to be a hit with all the family. Tickets will be available from 22nd January and can be purchased in person from Bradwell Post Office or online. More details to follow in the next issue!

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

The next Community Coffee morning in the Methodist Hall will be on Saturday 6th January between 10am and 11:30am. So if you'd like a post-Christmas chat over a cuppa, why not come along to the hall. All donations are for the benefit of Bradwell Bowls Club.

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 Precept 2023/24: The Council Precept must be calculated and submitted to Derbyshire Dales District Council by the end of January 2024. At the December meeting of Council a proposal from the Finance Committee that the precept should be increased by 2% to £54,615 was approved. This figure was calculated by reviewing and updating the five-year rolling financial plan used by the Parish Council.

The precept is the amount of money requested by the Parish Council to operate its responsibilities for the village. It is collected from you by the District Council (DDDC) as one of a number of charges (e.g., Police, Fire) which are included in your overall council tax.

Strips of land behind Michlow Close: The unused strip of land owned by Guinness Homes (between Michlow Close and Earls Path) has been transferred to the Parish Council. This means it can be used for some purpose instead of lying unused. The adjoining strip of land, owned by Derbyshire Dales District Council was transferred to the parish council earlier this year. Now both strips of land are owned by council the clearing of rubbish and possible uses will be planned.

Drainage grid on the Dumbles: A drainage grid has been installed on the Dumbles, which is the unpaved lane at the bottom of Softwater Lane. This is to assist with draining into the brook water that collects there. Pedestrian plates are still to be installed and more work is needed to level the area and deal with the water which is still collecting there. One issue faced by Parish Council is the large amount of water running off the fields at the top of Softwater Lane and then down the lane. Until we have managed to deal with this water it will be difficult to keep the area dry.

Grit and Grit Bins: An audit has commenced of all the grit bins in the village. The bins are owned by either Derbyshire County Council, or the Parish Council and they are refilled when needed. Many thanks to the residents that have been in touch to advise which bins need filling with grit.

To avoid excessive use and wastage the grit/salt should be spread manually using a shovel or a scoop. Ideally it should be spread before snow falls or after an area has been cleared. Grit does not work well when laid in piles on the road surface or thrown on top of lying snow.

Please note that the grit in the bins is provided for roads and pavements and not for private driveways.

S137 Grants: At the December council meeting Bakewell and Eyam community transport were awarded a grant of £300 to subsidise trips out for lonely and isolated older people.

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.

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Council Chair (623941) or cllrdowning@bradda.org

BRADWELLS ICE CREAM A History - Continued

Continuing our history of Bradwells Ice Cream.

8 Reasons for Closure

The main reasons for closure are given below. If each of these reasons had arrived at different times then it may have been possible to save the business, but as they all arrived in a short space of time the combined effect was overwhelming.



* **COVID** was a massive problem, as customers stopped buying ice cream during and after lockdown, staff were furloughed, service industry premises (e.g. Trafford) were closed, so there was no point in making ice cream as there was no market for it. However, the costs associated with maintaining the business still had to be paid.

* **Loss of the Trafford franchise** was a significant blow. The contract had run satisfactorily for 20 years and an excellent bid was submitted for the franchise to continue. Unfortunately Trafford wanted a new supplier and for Bradwell's Ice Cream to make a competitive bid would not have been financially viable. Hence, this bid was not successful and this important business outlet was lost.

* **BREXIT** was another main contributing factor. Changes to trading arrangements with European suppliers resulted in the costs of goods and packaging increasing significantly. Also, the cost of goods from UK suppliers increased substantially as these suppliers themselves struggled to manage rising costs.

* **Cost of Living crisis / Ukraine war / Increase in Fuel costs.** All UK businesses suffered problems arising from these issues. An example of the rising costs incurred by Bradwell's Ice Cream is the fact that the cost of butter (one of the main ingredients in the ice cream) quickly increased from £3,000 per tonne to £7,000.

A marketing guru is recently quoted as saying "When consumers are under pressure, because ice cream is more discretionary, that item gets dropped from the basket".

* **Rental charges on the Wortley Court factory** were incurred as the factory was not included in purchase of the business from Lawrence Woskow.

APPENDICES

Bradwell's Ice Cream Flavour / Size Range

At the time when the business was wound up, the full range of products made at Wortley Court is given in the table below.

Classic Range

Vanilla

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Bridge Street Barn

This building deserves special mention mainly to avoid any confusion regarding the use made of it. There are photographs available showing a water wheel fixed to the brookside of this building. The wheel was constructed by Nellie's brothers Reg & Ned to generate electricity. This electricity was used to charge accumulators and possibly to power the freezers in the barn. These accumulators (essentially early electric batteries) were used to power the radios of residents as mains electricity was not available at Dale End until 1938. These were the days when communication was much more difficult than today as there was no TV, no internet and no mobile phones and people relied on newspapers and a very basic radio service to keep in touch with news. And so the radio was important to keep aware of the news of the day and also for entertainment like music, comedy shows and quizzes. These domestic accumulators were roughly 5" x 5" x 9" in size and produced an electrical supply of 9V DC. The other use of this building was for making ice lollies as the walls of the barn were quite thick and ideal to retain the cold and there was room for the big, old-fashioned freezers stored there for the making and storage of the iced lollies. The lolly mixture was poured into trays of molds which were then immersed in a tank of saline mixture to freeze the lollies. The lolly sticks were inserted once the required consistency was reached (too soon and the sticks fell over, too late and the sticks could not be inserted). A resident remembers that the flavours available from these times were orange, banana, and blackcurrant, each of which were sold for 3d. A previous resident of the village made some notes many years ago stating that in 1937, when the wheel was no longer required, a man came and took it away, trundling it through the village like a giant hoop.

To Be Continued.



VILLAGE PUBS

When your editor first moved to the village back in 2001 there were four pubs: The Shoulder (The Valley Lodge at that time), The White Hart, The Bowling Green and the New Bath. The New Bath closed many years ago and became the Samuel Fox - not really a pub but more a bistro/restaurant - but now the Fox has closed for good. The White Hart has had a series of landlords, and surges of popularity. It is a very conveniently located pub, in the middle of the village, and has been bought by Bradfield Brewery. It has only been open occasionally during recent times but the good news is that local resident, Pauline Fletcher has been appointed landlady and we are told by her that she plans to have the pub open before Christmas. So by the time you read this it should be possible for you to pop in for a pint. It's really good news that Pauline has taken this on and we wish her well in restoring the Hart to its former glory. Moving on to the Bowling Green it has also seen a number of landlords through the years, but has recently been taken over by Samantha and Richard. Samantha is an experienced front of house manager, and Richard is an experienced Head Chef. They have already made a significant change to the look and feel of the pub and residents who have had a meal there report a high standard of excellent food. We welcome Richard and Samantha to the village and wish them well in their new venture. Last, but by no means least is The Shoulder of Mutton, which has continued to serve the village throughout. The value provided to the village by this excellent and stable facility without a break through all the troubles of the past few years is impossible to overstate. So it seems we are back to three good pubs again and our only challenge is going to be supporting them all.

XMAS TREE FESTIVAL

A big thank you to all the schools, businesses and organisations who set up their trees this year. It was a fantastic display and much admired by the visitors, some even saying it was better than Castleton! It is a wonderful way of showing visitors the large number of village organisations and the creativity of our residents. Would all those responsible for taking down the trees try and do it between Jan 3rd and 6th. The church is open every day from 10am to 4pm, so you are welcome to come when you can. Any trees left up will be placed on the balcony for you to collect. Thank you.



BRADDA DADS



Thank you to everyone who helped make the Pensioners Lunch a huge success.
 Thank you also to everyone who turned out for the duck race. Any uncollected prize winners please see Rob at the post office.
 We hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and would like to wish you all a Happy New Year!

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HAPPY NEW YEAR NEWS



It's been a wonderful year for our family. Both wedding days were amazing, firstly the wedding of Ben and Rebekah Maskrey at Hathersage Church and a stunning teepee reception overlooking the beautiful Grindleford valley and then four weeks later Charlotte's wedding to Mike Parker at Bradwell Church, followed by a fantastic reception at the Maynard. It was lovely to celebrate with so many local families and friends. We feel really blessed, and to cap it all off becoming grandparents to Ada and Ava at the beginning of the year. Claire Brown

KEREN BARLEY



After some years of suffering from ill health, Keren Barley died peacefully at home on the 27th November. All the family, right down to Gwen, our four-year-old great-granddaughter, were there. She was buried in the woodland garden of the house in Wales where she was born - Llys Tanwg. We began with words and messages in the room where she was born in 1942, and then we went out to the grave and read messages from friends and family, and sang her favourite hymn (The Day thou gavest, Lord, is ended) from her childhood. The icy rain did not dampen our gladness knowing that Keren will lie in the place that had always been her spiritual home.

WARM SPACES

Following on from last year's Warm Spaces initiative we are running a "Community Drop In" from the beginning of January. There will always be a warm welcome, plus free hot drinks and biscuits. Whilst there you can do what you like: work, read, chat or play games. Jigsaws were very popular last year. Just turn up whenever you like. In addition to some company it will be warm. The venues are:

St Barnabas Church, every Tuesday 12.30 – 15.30 from 5th Jan

War Memorial Hall, every Friday 12.00 -15.00 from 8th Jan

Both sites have wifi.

If you have any questions, or would like to help, please call **Andy Nash 07891136555**.

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