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Happy Easter, Bradwell

EVENTS

Mon 3: Last of the Lent Lunches from Noon in the church.

Wed 12: Rebellion Knoll WI: 7:30pm in the Methodist Hall. "ACWW", presented by Sam Hall

Tue 18: Historical Society: 8pm in the Methodist Hall. "The History and Future of Local Government in Bradwell" by Chris Furness

FRIENDS OF BRADWELL SCHOOLS

It is the Friends of Bradwell Schools (FOBS) Easter Fair on Wednesday 5th April. This is one of our main fundraising events of the year. This term the money we have raised has been used by both schools to pay for transport to take the children on trips to the Chestnut Centre, Treak Cliff Cavern and the Urban Studies Centre in Chesterfield. The Easter Fair is held in the Infant School's playground (or in school if it is wet) after the Easter service and usually starts around 3 pm. There will be a variety of stalls including a treasure hunt for the children, decorating biscuits and egg cups and a cake stall. We will also draw our very popular Easter raffle. Please come along and support us if you can. We are also organising a Bag2School collection on Thursday 27th April. If you have any good quality clothing, paired shoes, handbags, other bags, hats, scarves, ties, jewellery, lingerie, belts or soft toys which you would be willing to donate please collect a bag from either school or call Susan Boxall on 620301. Bags need to be left at the top of the Junior School's drive by 9 am on Thursday 27th April. If you would like to help but have difficulty delivering a filled bag to school please call Susan and we will try to help. Thank you in advance for your donations.

BETHLEHEM GRAVEYARD

As we approach Spring we have a special request. Please could all wreaths be taken off your graves before Easter Sunday so that the grass can be mown!

This is to prevent the wire becoming tangled in the mower blades, and also so that the greenery in the wreaths does not start to grow.

One additional request, if possible could you please take the wreaths home with you for disposal. Last year I cleared over seventy old wreaths from the graveyard and had to dispose of them in my household bin.

Many thanks for your help. Dorothy Ollerenshaw.

INVITATION TO NEW CARD PLAYERS

Two Hope Valley card playing groups invite new players to enjoy an evening of card playing, whilst meeting new friends from the surrounding area. If you enjoy a game of "Solo" head to Caroline Court, in Hope, on a Monday night from 7pm. For only £1 you can have a fun evening, including refreshments. Also, Bamford whist group would love to have new players join them on Wednesdays at 7:30pm. Meet at Bamford Village Hall. Entrance is £1.50, including refreshments. Beginners are encouraged and all ages are welcome. Further information from Peter Scanlon (670390) or Pam (652188).

SOFTWATER LANE CAR PARK



The Bradwell Parish Council car park is now open for business and the first rental agreements have been signed. Bradwell residents interested in securing a space should call the Parish Clerk on

620329. Spaces are £25/month, payable by standing order.

METHODIST CHURCH - COMING EVENTS

The Methodists' Easter Breakfast will be at the Methodist Hall on Monday 17th April from 8am - 9.30am. Tickets are available from Betty Bradwell (621766) at £4.50 per person.

There will also be a Men's Meat and Potato Pie Lunch at the Methodist Hall on Saturday 22nd April at 12.00 noon. Tickets are available from Stan Bradwell (620410) at £7.50 each.

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PC NOTES

Community Resilience committee: Following the inaugural meeting of the new committee to help address emergency situations that might arise within the parish, Council has agreed the funds necessary. A small secure storage facility near Town Bottom to provide equipment for use in emergency situations has been installed and will be stocked with various items of equipment (e.g. signs, barriers, sand bags) to mitigate problems from the time they arise until the arrival of the responsible authorities.

Car Parking committee: The car park on Soft Water Lane has now been completed and the bays are now available for residents who have expressed an interest. To rent a space please contact the Parish Clerk for more information. This committee also continues with its work surveying the village to identify other parking problems and possible solutions.

Carnival 2017 committee: Planning of Council's aspects of Carnival (the parade and fair on Beggars Plot) is proceeding well. The initial planning for bands, queens and stalls has already started and this work will continue over the coming months. If you would like to be involved in the planning and running of carnival (new members and ideas would be very welcome), then please contact the Parish Clerk.

Playing Fields and Open Spaces committee: A number of different projects are being considered around the village. The work required is being scoped and quotations obtained for the Peace Gardens, Rose Garden and Town Bottom playing field. Once the scope and cost of each project has been defined Council will consider whether to proceed with them. There are a large number of trees (c. 100) on council property which need to be properly managed. An independent tree surgeon has been commissioned to produce a report on the present condition of the trees and a proposed work programme to manage them over the coming years.

PDNPA Enforcement Issues: Council members met recently with senior PDNPA officers to discuss a number of monitoring and enforcement issues around the village. The objectives of the meeting were to better understand what PDNPA could and could not do in certain circumstances and also to raise specific issues for consideration. The meeting was very useful and PDNPA took away a number of actions.

Traffic Speed through the Village: Council continues to work with the Police to ensure that vehicles respect the speed limits through the village and to keep our roads safe. When the Police last attended the village, 40 speeding offences were recorded in less than four hours.

Parking on Grass Verges: Council has yet again had representations from residents concerned about the damage to grass verges caused by vehicles driving or parking on them. This can cause considerable damage and great inconvenience to other residents. Council asks again that residents please respect the grass verges and not park on them.

Public Participation: One member of the public attended the

last PC meeting to question the lack of DCC repair work around the village and to discuss rules and fees for the new Car Park. Council always welcomes members of the public.

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BROUGH ROMAN FORT

A New Perspective by Chris Furness - in 2 parts Why was it called Navio, what was its purpose and how did it affect the local native population?

The Roman Fort at Brough is generally known as Navio (pronounced Narvio). The name and Roman spelling is verified by a Roman signpost, unearthed in Buxton, which indicated that the Roman road nearby came from Navio (ANAVIO). We can't be certain what the Roman pronunciation would have been, but the most likely is "nowio". This suggests an association with the river Noe, which skirted round 3 sides of the original fort site. This association becomes firmer in Burdett's 1791 Map of Derbyshire, where the river Noe is clearly spelt "Now". Burdett always recorded names as they sounded, so we can be sure this was how it was pronounced in the eighteenth century. It's reasonable to assume, therefore, that the Romans gave the river its name, NAV (Now), and then incorporated it into the name of the new fort NAVIO (pronounced Nowio). Navio was the longest occupied of all the known Roman fort sites in Derbyshire. The others were at Derby (Derventio), Chesterfield and Glossop (Melandra). There could have been one at or near Buxton, although no evidence exists. A Roman Villa was discovered at Carsington, during reservoir construction, suggesting there was a fort nearby – possibly to police and administer lead mining in the Wirksworth area. The Romans first arrived in the Hope Valley around AD 80, nearly 40 years after the invasion of Britain had begun, and used the plentiful local supply of timber to construct a wooden fort for the usual cohort of 480 legionaries. It was one of a string of wooden forts supporting the invasion and subjugation of Brigantian northern England. The wooden Navio fort was in use until 120AD, when it was carefully dismantled to prevent it being used by enemies. The whole site was then covered in 12 inches of clay to preserve and hide the foundations. Perhaps by then the area was so well assimilated into the Roman Empire that a fort was no longer necessary. However, the Northern situation deteriorated around 150 AD and Emperor Antoninus Pius launched a new offensive against the Brigantians which culminated in the construction of the Antonine Wall in Southern Scotland. He also ordered the construction of a network of stone forts, mostly on the former wooden fort sites, and Navio was one of these. It wasn't on the same footprint, being further back from the river, perhaps due to erosion, and it was somewhat smaller than the original. An archaeological dig in the 1960s revealed stables for 25 horses, which suggests the presence of auxiliary cavalry. *Continued Next Month.*

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BRADWELL PRE SCHOOL

We are now located at Bradwell Infant School, having moved in September, and we have settled into our new surroundings extremely well. The Staff and children have a feeling of belonging and all the children love their new surroundings. Since moving we have been very busy enjoying sessions at Hope Construction forest area and Bradwell Fire Station (learning about Bonfire night and how to stay safe). We held a Hamper Raffle & Coffee Morning in November, and raised £798 for preschool funds and applied for the Co-op Local Community Fund to raise funds for new books and equipment. We also celebrated Diwali, Chinese New Year & Christmas which included a special visit from Father Christmas.

Our topics for Spring term are SPACE, ROAD SAFETY, SPRING and EASTER. The children have learnt all about the moon, and are current looking at the planets, stars and making rockets and aliens. On Sunday June 25th we will once again be running the Bradwell Hill Billy www.bradwellhillbilly.co.uk.

Big Thank You's to Bradda Dads for their generous donation towards the cost of the shed for our equipment and Bradwell Parish Council - £1,000 from their S137 grant.

Preschool places – Parents with preschool children please be thinking about the number of hours you might like to send your 2, 3 & 4 year old children in September. We will be open for 21 hours and if both parents are working 16 hrs or more and earning less than £100K you should be entitled to free child care. We operate on a first come first served basis, so contact Mrs W Riley asap to avoid disappointment as places are filling up fast. Call 07856 236563 or supervisorbps1@gmail.com

HOME ON LEAVE

The servicemen to visit Bradwell in the next group included: **48391 Private William Wych Middleton** 1st Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. In 1911 Willie who was born in Bradwell in 1898 was at school and living in Church Street with father Joseph Allen and mother Ethel Harriet. Father Joseph was listed as a white lead worker. A note indicates that Willie left the army in 1917 when he received the British War Medal and the Allied Victory Medal but not the 1914/15

Star, suggesting he enlisted in 1916 or later. He married Eveline Thorp in Sheffield in 1921 and died there in 1963. **408109 Private George Middleton** 2nd Battalion Alexandra, Princess of Wales', Own Yorkshire Regiment (Green Howards). George was born 3rd November 1898. In 1911 he was living in Rock Cottage on the Hills with parents George and Ann. (George's son Roy is now living in the same cottage.) That year George received from the Derbyshire Education Committee a Labour certificate for half-time exemption from school for over 12 year olds. The document was signed by Allen Bradwell the school attendance officer. On 19th October 1916 he had enlisted although he wasn't yet 18 years of age (the minimum age for joining up). He was on active service from 24th March 1917 and posted missing 21st September 1918. His time as a prisoner of war in Germany is recounted on pp228-9 in *After Seth* but due to the misreading of a post card George sent as dating from 1916 (it was actually dated 1918) it was suggested there that he spent longer as a prisoner than was the case. He was repatriated as a Prisoner of War on 23rd December 1918. George married Edith Annie Hawksworth of Baslow in 1928 and died on 1st Jan 1965.

Private Samuel Archibald Adams Canadian Armed Forces. Archie was one of several members of the Canadian, New Zealand and Australian armed forces that chose to spend their leave in Bradwell from whence they had earlier emigrated. A 5 year old Archie was shown as living with parents Ebenezer and Ann Adams on the Hills in 1901. The family had left Bradwell for Canada in about 1910. Before he enlisted with the Canadians Archie was employed by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. Perhaps he had recently been fighting in the Battle of Vimy Ridge in April 1917 when it is said that Canada came of age as a Nation (with a terrible cost in lives). Archie came safely through the war as his name is included in the Canadian Census of 1921 with those of his father & mother.



BRADDA DADS



The weather was sadly not kind to us for this year's Wolfspit Senior and Junior Fell Race. However, the rain and wind didn't deter most from coming; we had a record Junior turn out. A massive thank you to Malcolm Sowerby for the exclusive use of his land, lambing marquee and vehicles to set up, particularly since we've turned large areas of his field to mud! Thanks also to Shatton residents and land owners that let us have access, the High Peak Garden Centre and EPB for the use of their car parks. Prizes were kindly donated by: Neil Mcadie (Rab/Lowe Alpine), Accelerate, Carbolite Gero, In-trepid Brewing Co Brough and Safety Fabrications. Without sterling work from dozens of hard working non-Bradda Dads volunteers the event would not happen ... a huge thank you to all concerned.



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PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



GEOFFREY GORDON WHITE

Geoffrey was born in Macclesfield on 28th September 1929. Together with his two brothers and two sisters he moved to Bamford where he was educated at the village school. He worked at Earles for a short time before doing National Service with the RAF at various airbases in this country, after which he embarked on a long career at Newburgh Engineering. He married Josie, from Hope, in 1954 and they

lived at Hillhead for a while, eventually moving to the Newburgh houses on Springfield Road. After Geoff's retirement they settled in Bradwell Head Road. He was a very keen fisherman and enjoyed many salmon-fishing holidays in Scotland as well as local competition matches. Despite being diagnosed with cancer in 2007 he was Josie's carer for many years. The funeral was on Friday 28th October 2016 at St Barnabas Church, where Geoff had been church warden. He leaves wife Josie, three children (Tony lives in Kenya, Wendy in Florida, Christine in France), & sister Maureen from Eyam.

A TOUR DE FARCE!

HADIT are at Hope Methodist Hall from Wed 26th to Sat 29th April at 7.30 pm nightly with Michael Frayn's hilarious comedy *NOISES OFF*. This follows a touring company of third-rate actors performing a fourth-rate farce (aptly entitled "Nothing On") as they stumble from the dress (or undress) rehearsal to the final week of its tour. Tickets (£8 including refreshments) are available from Watson's Farm Shop or through Carolyn on 01433 620665 or carolyn.garwes@tinyworld.co.uk.

THANKS

Thank you for the many cards, flowers and kind wishes from so many people. It helped to make my 90th birthday a most memorable and happy occasion. Dot Hawkins

REBELLION KNOLL WI

This month our **ACWW** representative is coming to talk to us. ACWW stand for Associated Country Women of the World and the organisation, of which the WI is an affiliated member, supports women in rural communities worldwide. Their objective is to help improve their standard of living; and this is where your monthly collection of Pennies for Friendship goes. This should prove to be an interesting and hopefully thought provoking evening. Last month Elizabeth Holloway talked to us about "Life on a Narrowboat". Having worked for a number of years for a national aid agency Elizabeth and her husband decided to radically change their life and lifestyle. They sold their house, moved into a friend's granny flat, and waited, patiently, for their new 'home' to be built – the initial quote of 3 months proved to be slightly optimistic but the following Easter saw them take possession of "Snecklifter", which became the star of a much followed blog, and off they went. The main part of Elizabeth's talk was about all the different places they visited interspersed with amusing anecdotes of incidents along the way. How to deal with 2 dogs when marooned by floods? They crossed their 'legs' (the dogs that is!) and stoically waited for the waters to subside! Attach your keys to a large piece of wood, difficult to carry but at least they float when accidentally dropped overboard. A 35 litre rucksack = a 'medium' wash load. (Elizabeth bought a book very early on detailing the location of every launderette within walking distance of your mooring). In the end, they found the life to be too physically demanding (heavy gas canisters and foul-water cassettes) and made the transition back to dry land – but with many fond memories and lasting friendships.

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