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EVENTS

Wed 10: Rebellion Knoll WI: 7:30pm in the Methodist Hall: "Resolutions Meeting"

Tues 16: Historical Society: 8pm in the Methodist Hall: "Queen Victoria's State Visit to Sheffield" by Ted Hancock

Tue 16: Centenary Players AGM in the Small room of the Memorial Hall at 7 pm

3rd June: St Barnabas Summer Fayre: 2 - 4pm at the church.

BEAUTIFUL BRADWELL

Spring is a good time of year, with everything bursting into life after winter. This year is no exception and it is a good time to remind ourselves of those who work in the background to keep Bradwell looking lovely. Grateful thanks to the **Bradwell Litter Pickers** for keeping the streets free from thoughtlessly discarded packets, papers and cans, and also to members of the WI for the flower tubs and the spring flowers. Life would be so much more drab without the fruits of your labours.

WAR MEMORIAL HALL

The War Memorial Hall is a registered charity, with a charter. It was intended that it should be available for use by all village organisations, and the charter states that the Trustees will be representatives from each of those organisations. So, groups like Bradda Dads, FOBS, the schools, etc. have historically appointed a representative to participate in the running and maintenance of the hall. However, what has been happening over recent years is that the number of village organisations sending a representative has dropped, the remaining committee members have had to shoulder more and more of the burden of keeping the hall going, and as of today only a small group remains. Use of the hall has also been dropping off, and income no longer covers costs.

The remaining group decided to smarten up the place to improve usage and a grant was obtained last year to develop plans for complete refurbishment. The costs for the various repair and refurbishment options are significant and a lot of fund raising and planning work would be needed. The group has therefore decided that, because so little interest in either using or managing the hall has been shown by the village it is not sensible to embark on such an ambitious plan. Instead, we have decided to raise a smaller sum, and use it to make essential repairs, alterations and refurbishment of the interior

to make a brighter, warmer, more inviting facility which people will want to use. To help us do even this we need help from anyone prepared to donate some of their time. If you can spare any time at all, then we need people who can help decide what needs to be changed and what needs to be repaired, and also who can participate in obtaining quotations for work. In the first instance please either call Linda on 620416 or send an e-mail to linda_granger1895@hotmail.com or paul@bradda.org. Make no mistake, residents must show some interest or it is likely that the hall will have to be closed.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES



Bradwell youth activities went on their first adventure during the night of 24th April. It took 30 minutes for them to get into their suits, a two person job, with lots of laughter, to boot!. They all had a great time and met every challenge set by the youth leader. They returned absolutely filthy but still with lots of laughter. The next activity is **abseiling on Monday 15th May**. Picking up from the Sports pavilion, meeting there at 6.30pm. Please wear comfy clothing and trainers!

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@bradda.org or paul@paulandliz.org. Or call Paul (623941), Vanessa (623053) or Debbie (621731).

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PC NOTES

Community Resilience committee: Now that the new secure storage facility near Town Bottom has been installed it will be stocked with supplies (e.g. sand bags / flood sacks).

Car Parking committee: The car park on Soft Water Lane has now been completed and half the bays have already been licensed. If you are interested in renting one of these spaces, please contact the Parish Clerk. At the recent committee meeting it was agreed to investigate a number of other possible parking opportunities around the village and to discuss these with DCC Highways.

Carnival 2017 committee: Planning of Council's contribution to Carnival (the parade and the fair on Beggars Plot) is proceeding well. Initial planning for the bands, queens and stalls is well underway. If you would like to become involved (new members, ideas and suggestions would be very welcome), then please contact the Parish Clerk for details.

Playing Fields and Open Spaces committee: A number of different projects are presently being considered - at the Peace Gardens, Rose Garden and on the 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 many trees (c. 100) on council property and these need to be properly managed. A PDNPA tree surgeon has been commissioned to produce a report giving their present condition and a proposed work programme to manage them. This work has been delayed and we are pressing PDNPA.

Toilet Block at Town Bottom: As part of a drive to make savings, District Council intends to reduce the £460,000 per annum it spends on public toilets. Four different options have been proposed to Council: a) closure of the toilet block, b) transfer to the Parish Council or a community group, c) commercial sponsorship and d) charging for their use. The PC has indicated that it is prepared to engage with DDDC to discuss the options and a meeting for this will be arranged.

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, they based themselves at a number of different points, not just near the Fire Station as previously. The speed monitoring will continue.

Working with Partners & Other Organisations: The parish council continues to work closely with its partner authorities and other organisations / businesses that can impact on the wellbeing of the parish. Recent meetings have included PDNPA, Peak Park Parishes Forum and the Police, whilst future meetings will include DCC & DDDC. Concern was raised at the delays with DCC acting on requests to fix faults e.g. street lights & pot holes. Council is working with the relevant authorities to have all reported faults rectified.

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COMEDY NIGHT Breaking News!!

This year's CLT **Comedy Night** on the second Saturday of Carnival Week (**12th August**) has just signed **Tom Wrigglesworth** as our headline act. Tickets will be on sale soon so keep the date in your diary.

BROUGH ROMAN FORT

Continued from Last Month.....

Many of the new stone forts, including the others in Derbyshire went out of use over the next 200 years, but Navio remained active until at least 350 AD and probably right to the end of Roman rule in the early 5th century. Its longevity could be attributed to the importance of lead to the Romans. It is likely the Romans first traded with local miners and then gradually took over management of mines and introduced more efficient extraction methods. Navio could then have more of a commercial support and protection facility, with legionaries policing the workers/slaves in the lead-mines and the cavalry escorting the lead and silver to river ports. This is evidenced by the substantial capital investment in improvements and rebuilding around 200 AD and then again around 300 AD. By 180 AD, Derbyshire appears to have been fairly peaceful. The forts at Glossop and Chesterfield were abandoned and Derventio (Derby) had become more of a de-militarised customs post than a fort. It is probably no coincidence that the cohort manning Navio originated in Aquitania in Southern France – an important mining area for copper, silver and lead in Roman times. No doubt many of the legionaries were ex-miners or from mining families, whose knowledge could be put to good use in developing Peak District mines. The local native population, when the Romans first arrived at Brough, would have been mostly Celts originating from Northern Europe, as evidenced by the contents of the Hazlebadge burial mounds. Those who opposed the Romans would have been driven out, killed, or enslaved and put to work in the mines. The wealthier would have been offered Roman citizenship in return for payment of taxes and the rest would have had to make the best of it. Having said that, the benefits of having a Roman fort on your doorstep were considerable. The 500 or so legionaries and support staff were well paid and needed lots of local services. For this purpose a village (vicus) of some 20 acres developed at the front (east side) of the fort, stretching 500 metres up the hillside on the Shatton side of Brough. Many locals would have moved there, to work in the fort or set up service businesses, and done very well out of it. The decision to close the fort in 120 AD must have had a disastrous effect on the local economy. It's re-establishment, in stone, in 150 AD, must have been greatly welcomed.

I would welcome comments on the above and any alternative theories you may have.

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HOME ON LEAVE

The servicemen to visit Bradwell in next group included:

120593 Corporal Charles Stephenson Waterhouse No. 4 Battalion Special Grade Royal Engineers. In 1911 18 year old Charles was living at Stanley Lodge, outside Great Hucklow with his parents Benjamin and Harriet (née Eyre). Father Benjamin was a joiner and a Wesleyan lay preacher. In 1911 Charles was a pupil teacher at the Bradwell Council School but when he enlisted in the Army Service Corps, Aldershot in February 1915 his trade or calling was stated to be 'chemist's assistant'. Later the same year he was transferred to the Royal Engineers in Chatham. There appears to have been no official record of his transfer to Chatham and this later resulted in a blizzard of Army correspondence demanding to know who authorized it. In these later records Charles is referred to as being a 'Pharmaceutical Chemist' working for Hancock & Co. His role in the Royal Engineers was that of a 'Depot Chemist'. In his 1917 visit to Great Hucklow he apparently overstayed his leave, being back at 5.15 pm rather than at 6.15 am for which he was 'reprimanded'. Later in 1917 he was wounded in the back by shrapnel when stationed with the Gas Shell Section of the Royal Engineers near Ypres. On leaving the Army in 1919 with rank of Acting Sergeant he married Mary Oldfield of Chapel-en-le-Frith. They were living in Crewe when he died in 1971.

104347 Air Mechanic 2 Fitter Arthur Daniel Royal Flying Corps. In 1911 Brampton born Arthur was living on Church Street, Bradwell with parents James and Elizabeth (née Knowles) as was his brother Joseph who was mentioned in the piece for November 1915. In 1911 Arthur, who was 15, was working as a Grocer's Assistant. The military details of members of the RFC in WWI are generally difficult to come by. Arthur married Millicent Jones in Rotherham in 1921. They were living at 11 Batham Road, Bradwell when Arthur died in 1987.

T/293738 Driver Reginald Hall Army Service Corps (Motor Transport). In 1911 Reg, who was 24 years old and a Mechanical Engineer was living with his parents John and Hannah Hall. Reg Hall married Hilda Daniel in 1919. Hilda was the sister of Arthur and Joseph Daniel.

REBELLION KNOLL WI

This month's meeting is our AGM, and we will also be discussing the WI's national resolutions. This will be followed by a friendship supper.

Last month we listened to a very informative **Sam Hall**, Derbyshire WI's representative for **ACWW**. ACWW stands for Associated Country Women of the World and originally was born out of the start up of the WI by Madge Watt in 1929, originally relying on Pennies for Friendship for its funding....when, of course, a penny could buy a lot more than it can today! It is now an internationally acclaimed non-governmental organisa-

tion recognised by the UN.

ACWW supports and connects women in rural locations throughout the world. Women themselves need to make the application for funding (although men can help deliver the project once funding has been obtained) and the project needs to be self sustaining and contain an element of self perpetuating education. Many projects centre around the delivery of fresh water to communities – a recent project in Cameroon, for example, cost £4,000 to sink a well and establish 3 standpipes – but other projects vary from making banana leaf plates, supporting a Domestic Violence Refuge in Romania to growing mushrooms. The project for 2017 is starting a dairy co-operative in South East India for the Dalit women (those in the lowest caste system in India); 15 widows would be responsible for 1 cow (including its veterinary care, fertilisation, feed and welfare), they can sell any milk they do not consume, sell the dung and any male calves that are born; any female calves have to be passed on to the next group of women. Sam stressed the need for continued support for ACWW, taking part in walks, tea parties, recycling stamps, old jewellery, donating old currencies and, of course, continued support of the Pennies for Friendship where, as well as pennies, silver and even the odd gold coin would be very welcome nowadays!

MEDWAY CENTRE

Bakewell's Medway Community Centre are holding their annual Grand Garden Plant Bonanza on Saturday 3rd June from 11am to 4pm and Sunday 4th June from 11am to 2pm. There will be a great selection of Garden Centre quality plants, from annuals and perennials, herbaceous plants, shrubs and trees all at bargain prices. Come along and buy everything you might need to complete your garden this summer at this fundraising event. A scrumptious cafe is also available and entry is free. All proceeds raised on the day will go towards the upgrading of the facilities at the Centre. For more information contact Margie or Fiona on 01629 813638, email enquiries@medwaycentre.co.uk or visit the website at www.medwaycentre.co.uk

ST BARNABAS SPRING FAYRE



The event raised **£366.36**. A big thank-you to everyone who helped with teas and coffees, baked cakes and donated raffle prizes and to everyone who came along. A special thank-you to Margaret, Zoe, Colin, Marilyn, Joan, Dot x2, Jane and to June who baked 3 beautiful Simnel cakes.



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THE DOROTHY FOX EDUCATION CENTRE

Dorothy Fox (nee Walker) was born in 1917 at Dale View, The Hills. Together with her parents Mr and Mrs Henry Walker and elder brother Donald, she later moved to The Mount. After her marriage to Oliver Fox she lived in Sheffield, where both she and her husband worked on the staff of "The Sheffield Star". She died in January 2014 and left a house in her will to the Sheffield Botanical Gardens Trust. The legacy was sufficient to fund much of the development of the new Dorothy Fox Education Centre, which has a library and three classroom areas. The Centre will host talks, demonstrations and courses, putting Sheffield on the map as a major venue for horticultural education in the north. It aims to transform the use of the gardens into an educational resource for people of all ages. The building was officially opened on March 15th by the Duke of Devonshire, a Trust patron.

THIEVES ARE AROUND

Be on the lookout everyone, because some individuals seem intent on stealing what other people have worked hard for. On the night of 11th April James Sowerby's van was broken into and a leaf blower, strimmer and radio taken. James has a secure lock-up, but on this one night he didn't use it and left a few tools in the van. Just after 3am neighbours witnessed two men, one very tall and very thin and the other short breaking into the van and making off in a small silver car, possibly a Peugeot. If you have any information which could help, please call 620060 or call the police on 101.

LENT LUNCHES

Thank you to everyone who supported Lent Lunches in Church this year. We raised **£388.10** for Blythe House Hospice at Home.

BRADWELL CARNIVAL ROYALTY

Bradwell Carnival is looking for royalty for this year's event. We welcome girls or boys aged between 4 and 16 years old. If you would like further information or to express an interest please contact Sarah on 07808235684

BRADWELL OPEN GARDENS

Please Support This Popular Event

This year the popular Open Gardens event is once again being organised by the Bradwell Community Land Trust (BCLT). Proceeds from the event will be used towards essential funding for providing the affordable homes for local people being built on the Newburgh Engineering site. Residents will know that the CLT is a non-profit organisation initially created to manage these houses, but it is going to cost about £4,000 to engage solicitors to carry out the legal part, and frankly the CLT don't have it. So, please support the event either by opening your garden or by helping in some other way. This is your opportunity to help make sure that these houses are built and managed for the ongoing benefit of local people in need of affordable housing.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN SUPPORT

Following the success of our Bradwell Neighbourhood Plan, a group of Councillors are meeting in May with Saddleworth Parish Councillors to explain what we did and how the village worked together to achieve our goal. The meeting is being facilitated by Peak District National Park Authority.

CENTENARY PLAYERS

Our AGM is on **16th May** in the small room of the Memorial Hall. We are meeting at 7.30pm so do please come along and support us. Please note that we are also looking for a new Chair, Director and Producer. For further information please call Julie Mackenzie (620744).

	7th May	14th May	21st May	28th May
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