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EVENTS
Tue 19: Historical Society AGM: 8 pm in the Methodist Hall
17th to 20th Feb: Bradwell Pantomime - Babes in the Wood:
Memorial Hall. Tickets available from Post Office or call
Kenneth Mackenzie on 620744

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PC NOTES

Newburgh Planning Application: The latest information provided to PDNPA by the prospective developer was not sufficient for PDNPA’s needs and will have to be resubmitted. Once received, officers will decide if the information is sufficient to proceed with the application. If it is, then it will consider all responses from consultees, together with all comments sent by residents, before coming to its decision.

Council Precept: The council precept is the amount of money requested by the parish council to run its affairs and is collected from you by the District Council (DDDC) as one of a number of charges (e.g. Police, Fire) included in your overall council tax. At the last Finance committee meeting it was decided to propose an increase in council’s precept by 5% to £43,577 for the next financial year. This proposal was unani mously accepted at the last parish council meeting as it is in line with council’s long-term financial plan designed to smooth year-on-year changes and to ensure that funds are available for both on-going maintenance and for a number of planned village developments.

Bradwell Youth Club: The club is presently closed for the Christmas break and will re-open in January until the Spring half-term. This will be extended until the Easter break if sufficient grants can be obtained.

Bradwell Dale Quarry Piece: The council is still minded to dispose of the Bradwell Dale Quarry Piece. If you, or anyone you are aware of, is interested in purchasing the quarry, please contact the Parish clerk who will be pleased to provide further information and to record your expression of interest. Council intends to continue to advertise the disposal of its Quarry with a view to considering sealed bids in March 2016.

Playing Fields and other Open Spaces: Repairs to sections of dry stone walling around the playing fields have begun and will continue into January until the worst sections have been repaired. DDDC has now mothballed its toilet block at Town Bottom for the winter months and it is expected to be re-opened in time for Easter. The council is in need of someone to carry out caretaking tasks, so if you are interested in this work, please contact the Parish Clerk for further details.

Bus Service: Following complaints received from a number of residents, council discussed the problems with the new bus routes, pick-up points and timetables. It was decided that letters of complaint should be sent to both SYPTE & the First Group to highlight council’s concerns.

Parish Council Contacts: The names and contact details of all our parish councillors, the parish clerk, representatives on the PDNPA, DCC and DDDC together with many other useful phone numbers are available on the Residents Information Sheet. This Information Sheet is posted on the council website or, if you don’t have access to the website, a copy can be obtained from the Parish Clerk.

Parish Council Meetings: At the last PC meeting, residents raised the issue of the repeated damage caused to their property by HGVs inappropriately accessing the village on their way to a local quarry. They explained the history of this problem and asked for the council’s help in resolving it. Council is now in discussion with DCC Highways to seek a solution.

Contacts:-
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HOME ON LEAVE

Continuing the stories of visits of soldiers to Bradwell in December 1915:

70815 Driver George Slater Royal Field Artillery. George was born in Eyam in 1893 and was living with his parents Alfred and Jane on Church Street, Bradwell in 1911. He was working as a butcher’s assistant in 1911.

3846 Trooper Alfred Lessons Household Cavalry 15th Life Guards. Alf was born in Bradwell in 1897 and in 1911 was helping his father who was the licensed victualler in the Bridge Inn. His mother was Martha and his sister Ida.

7079 Private (later Sergeant) Sidney Brown 10th Lancs Fusiliers. The only Brown family listed as living in Bradwell in 1911 was that of PC Thomas Brown and if Sidney was visiting them his relationship is not clear. However the Bradwell Roll of Honour kept in St Barnabas’ does include the name of Sidney Brown. In November 1915 the 10th Lancs Fusiliers were stationed in Sanctuary Wood near Ypres.

Mitrailleur (Machine Gunner) Leon van Egeren Belgian Army. The story of the arrival of Belgian Refugee families in Bradwell was recounted in the June/July 2014 issues of Bradwell News. In most cases the family lived in Bradwell whilst the husband was away fighting in his own country and so the visits described in the newspapers of the time were treated in the same way as those of native Bradwell men. Leon had been fighting on the banks of the River Yser where the German advance into Belgium had finally been halted.

Following the mention of the visit to Bradwell in July 1916 by Captain Robert Jenkins of the Army Cyclist Corps Mary Rogers has kindly supplied some biographical information about Robert. It seems that his grandfather, also Robert, started the company of Robert Jenkins and Co., Boiler Makers at what became the Ivanhoe works in Wortley Road, Rotherham. In the 1911 census the grandson was listed as a commercial traveller in boilers. When Robert enlisted he, his wife Lillie May and children Edna Hester, William Alan and Clarice Jean were living on Netherside. On leaving the Army in 1921 Robert took over the running of the family boiler making company. There is a record of at least one Bradwell man going to work for Robert Jenkins in Rotherham he was Alan Fischer.
YOUTH CLUB
The Youth Club had an “animal party” in December which went well. Year 6 pupils were invited, four attended and we are pleased to report that no insects were squished! The group learned about feeding and survival of all animals and held them all (not the chinchilla though because it kept jumping about). The owl flew to any person holding a piece of chick and grateful thanks to Hope Construction and Bradda Dads for helping to put on this event. The Club also decorated a Christmas tree for the annual St Barnabas event. Numbers attending the club are still low, ranging from four to eight per session but it is planned to keep the club running until February as adequate funds are available. PCSO Boswell continues to work hard to support the club and attended for part of this session.

ST BARNABAS XMAS FAYRE
Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Christmas Fayre such a great success. Please pass on the word of thanks to everyone you know who helped. We raised £843.32 for Church Funds, but more importantly there was a lovely atmosphere of children and adults enjoying themselves. Thank you Santa for coming to see us in spite of your busy schedule.

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CHURCH CONCERT
This proved to be an amazing evening. Thank you to all the musicians – you were marvelous. Thanks also to everyone who helped and made this evening such a success.

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HOPE VALLEY COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS
Four of the five responders now qualified will soon be responding for the Hope Valley CFR Team. Simon Hobson - 2nd left and Krissy Leaper 1st right - both live in BRADWELL. Well done to all of you!

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**Personal announcements**

**MRS LINDA SELLARS**
We are delighted to be able to announce that Bradwell resident Mrs Linda Sellars was 100 years young on 26th December, 2015. In December she attended a birthday party at Bradwell Methodist school room, celebrating her very special birthday with her family and friends.

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**THANK YOU**
I would like to say a big Thank You for all the sponsorship and support for my 10K marathon which raised £700.93 for Weston Park Hospital. This was for the treatment and care given to my mum, Doreen. It was the best. Scott Burns.

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A massive thank you to all the people who contributed to the Christmas tree festival this year. The Infant School had a beautiful service on Thursday 10th, and a very successful concert took place on 11th. If anyone could lend a hand with the organisation of next year’s festival, please contact Emma (norling@acm.org).

**HOPE CONSTRUCTION - UPDATE**
We reported on the planned acquisition of HCM by Breedon Aggregates in the last newsletter. Latest information is that the two companies dovetail into each other well, from both a geographic and product line basis (as an example Breedons do not have a cement works). Hope Construction directors will retain a 20% interest in the new company and it is hoped the HCM branding and name can be retained. Hope Works feel that this deal will make them a stronger business and believe that Hope works will be seen as "The jewel in the Crown". The sale should be fully finalized by April 2016 and you can read more detailed information about it on the Breedon website [http://www.breedonaggregates.com/](http://www.breedonaggregates.com/) if you click on the “Investors” link at the top of the page.

**HOLDING OUT FOR A HERO**
Musical rehearsals courtesy of the musicians from ‘The Sette Of Odde Volumes’ are underway for this year’s Pantomime ‘Babes In The Wood’ and include a few fab 80s hits. Robin Hood's trusty bow and arrows (and green tights) are at the ready for some great performances on Wed 17th-Sat 20th February, including a Saturday matinee. Tickets are on sale from Bradwell Village Shop/Post Office or from kenneth.mackenzie@hotmail.co.uk Tel 620744 You can also find us on Facebook [https://www.facebook.com/Bradwell-Pantomime-768408456587430/](https://www.facebook.com/Bradwell-Pantomime-768408456587430/)

**LENT LUNCHES 2016**
This is an advance notice to invite everyone to the Lent Lunches 2016. The lunches will be held on the 5 Mondays during Lent, February 15 until March 14 at 12.00 noon, in St Barnabas Church. Could anyone who would be willing to help with providing soup or serving on the day please sign up on the rota’s, which will be in Church from mid January, or contact Lynn on 620329 or Gillian on 620471. Thank you.

**MEMORIAL HALL CONCERT**
Many many thanks to all who helped in anyway towards the success of this concert on Saturday 5th December. The total raised after expenses was £929.66. Feed back from the audience praised everyone for a wonderful evening. They thoroughly enjoyed the Tideswell Band and their music, plus of course what they described as magnificent sandwiches (thanks to the butchers and fillers - Helen, Jackie and Linda Bowes). The delightful mince pies and chocolate biscuits were consumed in great quantities and so the village has enjoyed yet another enjoyable community event, enhanced with the appearance of the Hall decorated with Christmas tree, fairy lights, balloons and paper chains. It really did feel welcoming and sincere thanks to everyone who helped.

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