Let's hope 2021 is better than 2020. A Very Happy New Year!

BRADWELL SPRINGS

Cast your minds back several years to the decision by the then Newburgh Engineering to sell off their unused factory land for development. In order to ensure that the land was developed in a way which was in keeping with the wishes of the community, a Neighbourhood Plan was created and approved in 2015, with one of the key elements being to define how the land should be developed. The final result of this work, which included extensive discussion between the parish council and Peak District National Park Planning Authority (PDNPA), was agreement with a developer to build 55 houses on the land, twelve of which would be given to the newly formed Bradwell Community Land trust to be used as affordable rental properties. Now, after many months of clearing and preparation work, building of the new houses at what is now called Bradwell Springs is well underway, with the first batch of houses almost complete. The very first new occupants are Sheree and Jonny Doyle and their twin 3-year old girls. Sheree is a Bradwell girl and is deputy head of Dobcroft Junior School. Jonny is from Hathersage, is crew manager for Hathersage fire station, works at Severn Trent’s Bamford facility and also supports Bradwell fire station. Their twins, Ivy and Darcey are starting at Bradwell Pre-school after Christmas. Handover of the keys took place on Monday 23rd November and we were able to capture this photo of the small handover ceremony. Sheree and Jonny looked around quite a bit before settling on the Bradwell house, which they love. They say they are delighted with house and the quality of the finish and have found Camstead a good company to work with. We wish them all happiness in their new home.

Thank you

Many thanks to all the various organisations in the village who contributed to the St Barnabas Christmas Tree Festival. Especially Bradwell Infant and Junior Schools whose imaginative and touching artwork helped to get us all in the festive spirit during this challenging time. We are also grateful to Margaret, Keith and Colin for the fabulous star outside church that helped to make Bradwell so bright and welcoming this Christmas. Everyone at St Barnabas wishes you all a peaceful, happy and healthy 2021.

ADULT EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

New exercise equipment for adults has been installed on Town Bottom playing field and all residents are now able to use it. Please take the usual Covid precautions when doing so. Councillor Peter Higgs cut the tape to formally declare open this new addition to our facilities.

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 call Paul (623941), Andy (623483) or Debbie (621731). You can also leave handwritten copy at the Post Office. For questions on advertising please call Caroline (623485) or e-mail carolineston37@gmail.com

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Shoulder of Mutton

Well, at the time of going to press we are still closed.

Like everyone, we are hoping for better in 2021 and we wish all our friends, customers and residents A Very Happy New Year

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The next part of our piece on pubs.

The Green Dragon

It is not easy to verify the history of this pub in the directories. Perhaps some editors never visited Bradwell, merely copying from other directories and therefore also copying their errors, or perhaps (having supped too much) they could not read their notes when they got back to base! The Green Dragon was on Towngate near the corner where it is joined by The Gutter on one side and Hungry Lane on the other. The area is known as ‘Helfire Corner’. Writing in 1912 Seth Evans commented that it was by that time two cottages. This is what we know about it and the licenses.

1820 Joseph Bocking was granted a license at the Quarter Sessions in this year. But in those days the pub was not named. A year later Pigot’s Directory calls it the George & Dragon. In BAM page 75 Seth Evans recalls that Joseph Bocking kept the Green Dragon ‘some 80 odd years ago’ i.e. in c 1830.

1833 According to the Petty Sessions he now officially kept The Green Dragon.

1835 Benjamin Wain

1837 Thomas Bamsley

1838 Benjamin Middleton

1838 Isaac Middleton, and was still there in the 1841 census and also in 1845 according to Bagshaw’s Directory.

1858 Slater’s Directory shows Mary Middleton at the Green Dragon.

1860 Michael (Micah) and Ann Hall. In a poem by Adam Hill Cooper reproduced in BAM on page 59 Michael and Ann Hall are described as cooking a goose in the Green Dragon. It was brought from Callow Farm (near Hathersage). In the Petty Sessions of 1868 Micah Hall appears as the landlord of the Green Dragon. In later accounts he is using the name of Michael which was given to him when he was christened in Hope in 1830. (His grandfather’s name was Micah).

1868 Ellis Archer. 1876 Charles Eyre. 1878 Francis Roe

1800 Rueben Bingham. The Green Dragon closed in 1882. To Be Continued...............

POPPY APPEAL 2020

Even though there were restrictions in place as to what we could do the village of Bradda has pulled together again for the Poppy Appeal! Thank you to all the generous folk of Bradwell for donating to this year’s Poppy Appeal with a magnifi- cent total of £1294.92 being collected. I would particularly like to thank Ian Hancock for his help, also the ladies who again organised and raised money with the Lamport Poppies around the village, they looked superb! Keith Brett, Appeal organiser.
**BRADDA LOTTO**

With this issue of The Bradwell News you will have received our info leaflet for next year’s Draws (April 21 - March 22). More application forms are available from The Post Office. It was outside the Post Office where we held the BIG DECEMBER DRAW, and recorded it on the Memorial Hall’s Facebook page. Thanks to the Post Office and also many congratulations to Robin Baker, winning £600 with number 130, and also to Esther Gillott, winning £300 with number 174. We still have three Draws to hold before our LOTTO New Year begins in April, and applications are now being received. If you wish to retain your current number then please apply prior to 31st January. New members are welcome to take part and all applications should be with the Promoter, with your £25 subscription, prior to 31st March 2021. All rules and regulations can be seen in your Bradda Lotto Leaflet. Finally the Bradwell War Memorial Hall wish to thank you all most sincerely for your support, especially with the LOTTO, and we hope you all have a Happy New Year.

**AUCTION OF PROMISES**

We are looking forward to 2021! As Covid struck at the beginning of Lent in 2020, at St Barnabas we were not able to complete our Lent Lunches in aid of Zink Employability. Lockdown has meant that none of the other fundraising and social activities of the Church could take place either. With your help we intend to hold a Virtual Auction of Promises which will take place during Lent 2021. We are raising funds to be split equally between Zink Employability (which includes the High Peak Food Bank covering Hope Valley) [http://www.zink.org.uk/][1] and our own Church funds [http://www.achurchnearyou.com][2]. We invite all Bradwell residents to offer promises for this virtual auction. The promise you make could include cake baking, car washing, gardening, language lessons, going for a walk with someone or any other service or activity which can be delivered in a socially distanced manner. If you are able to offer a service or goods to be auctioned would you please collect a form from the back of Church, Post Office, The Bakehouse or High Peak Heating, or look on Facebook and achurchnearyou.com. The Church is open Wednesday and Sunday. Please let us know what you can promise before Sunday 17th January. A list of all the promises for auction will be posted in February on [http://www.achurchnearyou.com][2] and Facebook, Bradwell Hope Valley Community Forum and on posters round the village, to invite everyone to bid on them. Any queries or for more information please contact: Gillian Nowell 620471, Lynn Lawless 620329 or Jane Dalrymple 621172

**BRADWELL PRE SCHOOL**

A Big Thank You to all who supported our Christmas Raffle. We sold over 800 tickets which not only raised enough to take the children on an educational visit later in the year, but also to update some of our resources. Our raffle would not have been a success without the businesses and organisations who also supported it which include Alpkit, Bradwell Co-op, Bradwell Fish and Chips, Bradwells Ice Cream, Bradwell News, Bradwell Post Office, Chatsworth Farm, Edale Bookworms, High Peak Heating, Hope Chest Deli, Peak Preserves, Rachel Burton Body Shop, Rustic Fearn-iture, The Bakehouse, The Nailroom and Treak Cliff Cavern. A very special thank you to Greg and Richard (organisers of the Tours of Bradwell) for their generous donation.

**BRADWELL JUNIOR SCHOOL**

Come and join us at Bradwell Junior School! It is the time of year when parents of Y2 children need to apply for a junior school place for their child. We would love you to come and join us at Bradwell Juniors! If you would like to find out more about who we are and what we do, please have a look at our school website www.bradwelljuniorschool.com or call us on 01433620473 for a chat. If you would like to look around the school we can arrange a COVID secure tour. Applying for a place is easy, visit the Derbyshire County Council website and search for “Admissions” where you will be able to “apply for a place”. We are looking forward to meeting you! Many thanks Kim Attwood (head teacher) and all at Bradwell Junior School.

**BRADDA DADS**

The Dads would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, 2021!
**Personal announcements**

**Sue Staples**

Sue died suddenly at home on 6th November, 2020 aged 61. She was born near London and spent her childhood years in the area. After a successful career in sales, she retrained and began work as a counsellor for NHS staff in Portsmouth. In 2011 Sue moved to Bradwell where she soon made some good friends and was very happy. She was involved backstage in village pantomime productions and was a member of The Bowling Green quiz team. She enjoyed taking part in Gala Week activities with her grandchildren. Sue leaves daughter Kelly, son George, grandchildren Abel and Jasmine and partner Paul. A funeral service took place at Grenoside Crematorium on 19th November 2020.

**A plea to parish councillors**

*We have been presented with this amusing piece which dates back to the 1950’s. (On a water shortage in Smalldale)*

And Councillors in Bradda, when abed, Shall toss and turn, uneasy, in their sleep, And wonder why their poor disquieted ‘yed’, Cannot its tryst with Somnus nightly keep.

Perhaps a little understanding light Has penetrated to the PC’s brain? Can they be dreaming of poor Smadda’s plight Of which they’ve been reminded, once again?

Can even they, in dreamy visions see Good folks of Smadda rising in dismay, Arrayed in garments (not the derniere cri) That our French neighbours call deshabille?

Can they see shades of Leslie (Cresswell Knoll) And even of Wilf Palfreryman I think, Of Billy Bradda and of Mrs Hall All busy drawing water from the sink?

They know that only ‘tis through their mishaps That dwellers on this high Olympian plane, Cannot drinking water from their taps Except at midnight, then ‘tis but a drain.

Why should they sleep, these fortune favoured pests, Who over all rate payers hold such power Who, while they slumber in their cozy nests, Cause others unrest at the midnight hour.

Awaken, Parish Councillors, from your sleep! Awake, and all the precious water keep! And pump it up with all your main and might And let the folk of Smadda sleep at night!

Attributed to Charles Bradwell Ashton and Harry Ashton

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