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# BRADLEY NEWS

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**What a great community spirit there is in Bradley.** In this issue the Parish Council would like to thank all those who have given so much of their time, energy and expertise over the last year to help their neighbours and village. In the centre pages you can see photographs of some of the children who were nominated for their good deeds and who are now sporting their medals and certificates.

Our thanks also go to Michaella Anderton, Michelle Clowes, Lindsay Ramsden, Katie Naisbitt and Jennie Moore who have set up a just giving page to raise funds for new picnic tables and benches at the Amenities area by the canal. They have raised a fantastic £1,000 so far to go with the £1,200 granted by Cllr Patrick Mulligan from his NYCC and CDC grant schemes. Their next fundraiser is an Easter trail, see page 5 For details.

Thanks to Matt and Laura Childs who have created the new Village Hall sign from the winning design made by Finn Beggan. Finn and his brother are also mentioned on the centre page as they were nominated for their good deeds around the village.

The playing field has been empty during the last year when all sports were suspended during lockdown, but thanks to Richard Webster of the Cricket Club and Kelvin Whiting who volunteered to cut the surrounding grassed areas, the recreation ground has continued to look its best. We look forward to the return of the Cricket and Football matches later this year.



The FA honoured nine stalwarts of Craven football with a 50 Year Long Service Award including our own David Spencer of Bradley Football Club in recognition of his contribution to the grassroots game in the district. David Spencer began playing the game in Bradford, and then made the short trip to Bradley FC in 1976 and never looked back. He retired in 1994 but has been a committee man since 1980 and became secretary in 1982, a role he continues today.

## Update from the Parish Council Chair

1<sup>st</sup> February 2020. That was the date the Parish Council held a drop in session at the Village Hall. The place was packed with displays, people and enthusiasm. As a village it showed us at our best and many plans were made to recruit, involve and improve. Despite our privations and everything being on hold since then, I think the pandemic has reinforced, not lessened, that community spirit. Who can forget the old bus shelter decorated with fairy lights, cushions -socially distanced, chalk to write messages, and the dog treats? Thank you, Lies!

At the Village Hall, the trees at the back have been taken down, the stumps reduced and Bradley in Bloom group is merely waiting for the starter's whistle to get going with landscaping and planting. At the front we have a stylish new sign, courtesy of its designers Laura and Matt Childs from an original idea by Finn Beggan. The bench has been beautifully refurbished by James Ramsden and Garry Topper.

At long last the canal side car park has been finished. We had a £5000 contribution from the Canal and River Trust towards the cost. The PC owes Councillor William Barron a well deserved thank you for supervising all the works there.

The cost of cutting the grass in the village has become the biggest single item on the PC's budget at nearly 25%, ever since NYCC removed the funding a few years ago. We are grateful to the volunteers helping to keep those costs to a minimum. We have renegotiated our arrangement with the cricket club to maintain the playing fields, and have decided to let the area of trees near the beck to be left to grow wild.

There will be no change to the Bradley Parish Council Precept [local council rates] for the coming financial year. Detailed financial statements are posted on the PC website.

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Wooler's have laid kerbstones alongside the grassed area near the new houses on Matthew Lane. Councillor Andrew Slade keeps an eye on all things green. Please contact him if you have suggestions or concerns.

Personally, I think that our online Parish Council meetings have been a great success. We have had excellent and well informed participation from many residents which I hope continues when we return to face to face sessions. We always welcome good advice and opinion at any time.

David Cohn - Chairman, Bradleys Both Parish Council



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**EXTRACTS FROM HISTORIC**  
**BRADLEY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

***18<sup>th</sup> October 1939 special meeting***

It was decided to ask three ladies to join the Parish Council to help to arrange the reception of London evacuees expected to arrive on the 21<sup>st</sup>. It was decided to post notices asking for the cooperation of householders and announced from the chapel and church pulpits. It was decided to call a further meeting on Sunday night.

***26 May 1943***

The question of the delivery of telegrams deferred from the last meeting was again discussed. It was proposed by Mr Green, seconded by Mr Topham that the Clerk write to the Postmaster at Keighley asking that telegrams arriving at Cononley be sent up with the least possible delay.

## BRADLEY IN BLOOM UPDATE

This spring we are concentrating our efforts on the village hall car park and hopefully by the summer we will be nearing completion. It won't be too long before the car park will be a beautiful space for everyone to enjoy and that will benefit wildlife. We are including a community food garden to the rear of the car park where vegetables, fruit and herbs will be planted.

We are very grateful for the financial support received so far from our sponsors and would warmly welcome further sponsorship for the village hall project and future projects. Sponsors would be mentioned on our Website, in publicity and on signs displayed in the village. We are also extremely grateful for the kind donations of a water butt, some of the timber needed for the raised beds and two compost bins – all will be used at the village hall. They will make a huge difference, thank you so much.

Patrick and Carol McGowan are growing tomato and vegetable plants to sell and raise funds for Bradley In Bloom. They are short of small plant pots and would appreciate donations of any you might have spare. In particular they are looking for 3" to 5" plant pots.

Later in the summer the four entry points into the village, therefore, the grass verges at The Heath; Ings Lane; Crag Lane and Jacksons Lane will be addressed.

Responsibility for the wooded area at the canal side will be taken over by Bradley In Bloom with the intention of planting English Bluebells and other suitable native woodland bulbs and plants.

At The Heath the large grass verge would have a path mowed for pedestrians and a mowed strip of approximately one metre at the roadside. The rest of the grass wouldn't be mowed regularly but when it is, the grass clippings would be removed. The unmown area would be planted up with species Daffodils, Snakeshead Fritillaries and other native bulbs, followed by perennial wild flowers. A similar regime would be adopted to the large grass verge at Ings Lane, Jacksons Lane and Crag Lane.

We have been discussing our plans with Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, who are keen for us to implement the changes outlined above. They have started **Bee Together Project** which aims to:

“...address the urgent need to stop the decline of many of our wild pollinators. The State of Nature report 2016 shows 60% of our native pollinator species are in decline, including half of our bumblebee and solitary bee species. The most significant reason behind this is the loss of wildflower-rich habitats...”

Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust want to create a “B-Line” corridor of linked habitats between Leeds and Lancaster. Bradley is ideally positioned to contribute towards this invaluable corridor for pollinators and we would love your views on this very exciting project. How would you feel if your village has “wilder” grassy areas that are not mown regularly and that are full of flowers that will attract pollinators and create vital habitats for other wildlife? **You can leave your comments either by contacting [secretary@bradleyinbloom.com](mailto:secretary@bradleyinbloom.com) or by sending a direct message to our Facebook Page, Bradley In Bloom**

## Canalside Seating Area Improvements

A small group of Bradley residents have been planning to revamp the seating area at the canalside by the swing bridge.

As most of the benches are in need of some TLC, we would like to get in touch with residents or the families of these, to explain what we are trying to accomplish.

Please see contact details below.

We have set up an online funding page and will be planning fundraising events to help us achieve our target.

Use the link below or scan the QR code on your phone to donate

We would appreciate any donation you can give and are always on the look out for raffle prizes!

Updates and announcements are made through the Bradley Village Community page on Facebook



If you wish to get in touch or would like to know more info, feel free to contact Michaella 07872 388674

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/bradleysbothfundraisingpage>

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## **Easter Hunt**

Easter weekend

Decorate your windows and gardens in an Easter theme

Check out Facebook and the posters around the village for all the info, where to pick up your map and how to win a special Easter prize





## Bradley Children - Recognition of Good Deeds

At the end of 2020 we asked residents to nominate children who had done good deeds in the village. Some had helped their families during lockdown, others raised money for various charities by baking or running. COVID19 and lockdowns have been hard on everyone, but especially for the children who have had their school life disrupted and not being able to see their friends. The Parish Council handed out certificates and medals to those nominated and a selection of photos are on these pages along with the names of all those who were nominated.



Charlotte Malin  
Helped raise £800  
For The Alzheimers  
Society



Finn & Aran Beggan for  
picking up litter around the  
village



Lottie & Isabella Hepworth  
Who helped to keep their  
elderly relatives safe

## WELL DONE TO THE CHILDREN OF BRADLEY



Max Lampkin helped raise  
**£800** for Alzheimers Society



Millie Naisbitt, for raising money for  
Blue Cross & helping Grandma



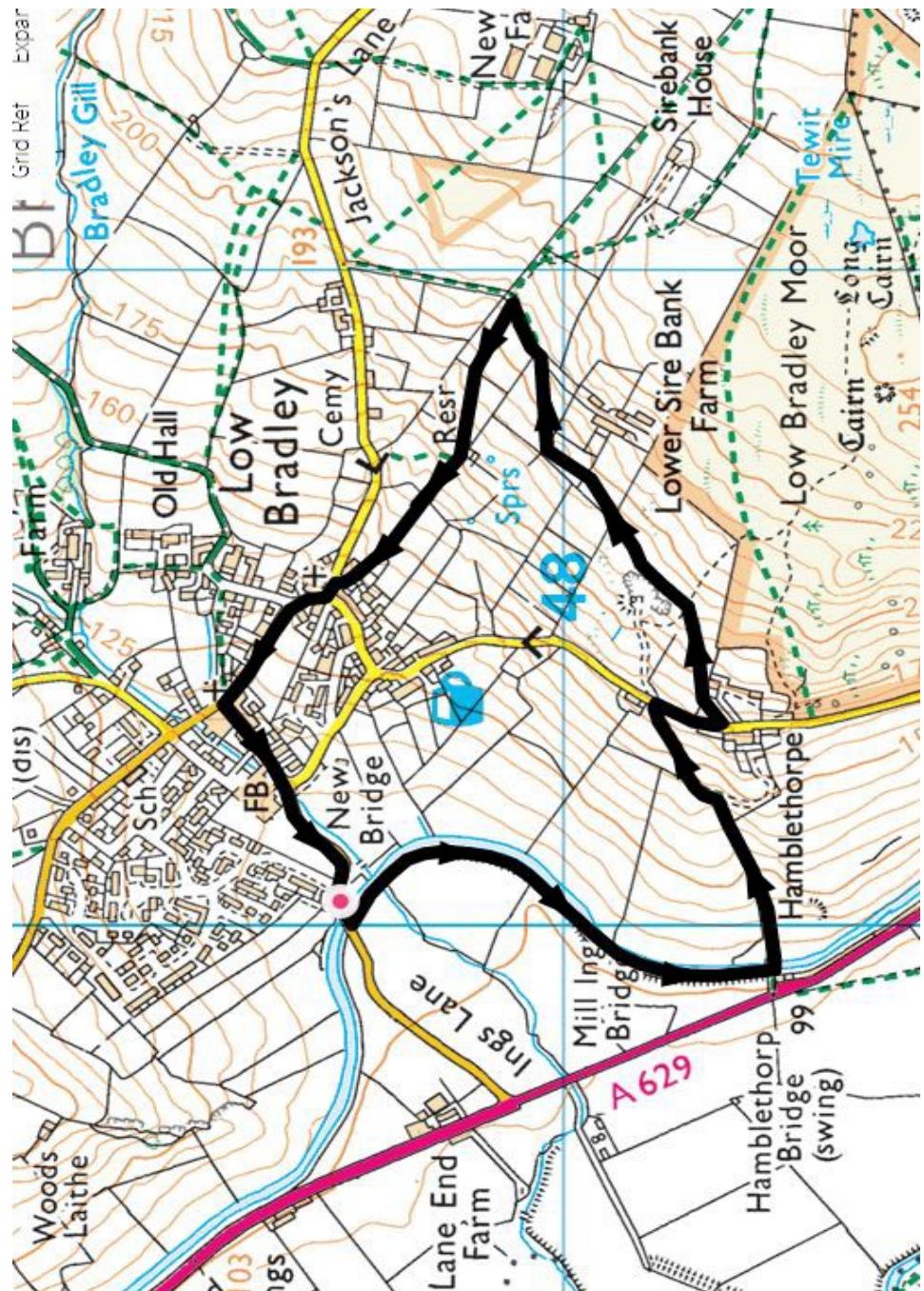
Chloe & Jamie Osborn. Helping their  
family and being extra brave & strong



Emily Daw  
Selling her  
toys for 'The  
Love of Scrubs  
& making  
cakes for her  
neighbour.

### Also awarded certificates and medals are:

Chloe & Erin Townend - for cheering up their Great-Grandad all year.  
Erin Ward—for helping at Bradley Rainbows Isabelle Richmond—helping at Bradley Beavers  
Charlie & Rosie Coughlin - for organising the Easter Trail. Evie Snowden for being kind and helpful to Mum and Grandma. Jaya & Kimmy Kaur—For delivering the Bradley News



**SPRING IS HERE and the Footpath Committee have highlighted a 3km village walk. Full detail are on the website at [bradleyvillage.org](http://bradleyvillage.org), at the shop**

**Or copy and paste this link:**

**<https://bradleyvillage.org/index.php/bradley-polish-memorial-ramble-3km/>**

### **Bradley & Polish Airmen Memorial Ramble (3km)**

**Distance:** 3.1km

**Elevation Gain:** 100m / Medium Gradient

**Surface:** Fields and Track

This 3km ramble (map opposite) begins at the canal-side car park with a gentle stroll along the towpath to the Polish Airmen Memorial at Hamblethorpe Bridge. A steady 100 metres of climb weaves you up through the fields above Bradley where you can take in views of the village and beyond. Enjoy the final descent as you amble through the fields leading you back into the village and return to the start.

#### **PLEASE FOLLOW THE COUNTRYSIDE CODE**

- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- Park carefully so access to gateways and driveways is clear
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Follow paths but give way to others where it's narrow
- Leave no trace of your visit, take all your litter home
- Don't have BBQs or fires
- Keep dogs under effective control.
- Where livestock is in fields, keep dogs on a lead.
- Dog poo - bag it and bin it
- Plan ahead, check what facilities are open, be prepared
- Follow advice and local signs and obey social distancing measures

Council leaders from Craven, Harrogate, Richmondshire, Ryedale, Scarborough and Selby are urging people to have their say in a Government consultation on the future of local government in North Yorkshire and York.

The Government has said local government in North Yorkshire and York must be reorganised to form one-tier, unitary authorities – and has now launched an eight-week consultation on two separate proposals that have been put forward.

The six district and borough councils of Craven, Harrogate, Richmondshire, Ryedale, Scarborough and Selby have joined together to propose a balanced, East & West model of local government. Craven, Harrogate, Richmondshire and Hambleton would join together to form a unitary council in the West, with a population of 363,000, and Selby, City of York, Ryedale and Scarborough would form a unitary council in the East, with a population of 465,000.

North Yorkshire County Council has submitted a proposal to form one council across the whole of North Yorkshire, with a population of 618,000, leaving York as a separate, small unitary authority with just 211,000 residents.

For more information about the East & West bid, go to [www.get-chang-right.com](http://www.get-chang-right.com)

To take part in the consultation go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposals-for-locally-led-reorganisation-of-local-government-in-cumbria-north-yorkshire-and-somerset>



To my fellow residents of Bradley and to visitors to our lovely village, I would like to draw attention to those of you who don't have your own off road parking or have more vehicles in your household than you have parking space for. When your vehicle is parked on the highway with two wheels on the footpath this causes an obstruction for pedestrians who then have to venture into the road to circumnavigate your vehicle. For someone with limited mobility or a parent/carer with a small child in a pushchair this puts them at risk from passing vehicles. There is also an ongoing issue on Main St where I have personally witnessed the gritting lorry not being able to get through due to vehicles being parked on both sides of the road, even though NYCC have put up priority gritting route signage.

Ask yourselves what would happen if this was the fire crew attending an emergency situation? I know the answer 'Life comes first' if your vehicle is blocking their route it would either be bumped out of the way by the team or trashed by the fire tender as they would drive straight through the limited gap. Please let's be considerate to each other. We are having a tough time at the moment but let's all look out for our neighbours and fellow villagers where we are able to.

From a resident



## **USEFUL INFORMATION**

### **Your Parish Councillors:**

**David Cohn, Chair ~ Andrew Slade, ~ William Barron ~ Sam Berry**

**Derek Booth ~ Veronicka Dancer ~ Steven Wood, Vice Chair**

At present Parish Council meetings are being held remotely by Zoom conferencing at 7.30pm on the third Tuesday of each month. All are welcome to attend. The agenda is placed on the village notice boards the week before. To access Zoom meetings download the app and follow the instructions.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9456963862>  
pwd=NDhjam5ZVkJuV3hSV1d2MzJCWGpRQT09  
Meeting ID: 945 696 3862  
Passcode: 814278

Agendas and Minutes can be found at [www.bradleyvillage.org](http://www.bradleyvillage.org)

See us on Facebook: Bradleys Both Parish Council

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**COVID 19 – Roadmap out of lockdown.**

By the time the newsletter is dropping on your doorstep we will have just gone into Step 2 of the easing of lockdown following the successful return to school on 8<sup>th</sup> March. If things go to plan, the following dates will see more easing of restrictions.

**From Monday, 29 March you will be able to:**

- meet in groups of 6 people outside, including in a private garden meet in groups of 2 households.
- Outdoor sports places will open up again, like tennis or basketball courts, and open air swimming pools.
- You should still stay at home as much as you can.
- You should work from home if you can. You won't be able to travel abroad.
- You should still keep 2 metres away from people.

**No earlier than Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

- Shops will open, including: hairdressers and nail salons, libraries and community centres, zoos and theme parks drive-in cinemas, campsites and holiday cottages.
- Indoor gyms will open up - but you have to go on your own or with people in your household.
- Restaurants, cafés and pubs will be able to serve people sitting at a table outside. You should keep to your household group or bubble.
- You can have up to 30 people at a funeral and up to 15 people at a wedding, or an event to remember someone.
- You should still keep 2 metres away from people.

**No earlier than Monday 17 May**

- You can meet who you like outdoors, but you can't meet people in a group of over 30 people.
- Government will look at whether it is OK to be closer to people and whether it is OK to hug people.
- Restaurants, cafés and pubs will be able to serve people sitting at a table inside.
- Other indoor places will also open, like cinemas, children's play areas, hotels and bed and breakfast places.
- Some larger outdoor sports and shows will be able to have people watching.
- Up to 30 people will be able to go to weddings, funerals and events to remember someone.

**No earlier than Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

- We hope to remove all the remaining rules that are stopping people from getting together.
- Nightclubs will open and large events will be able to take place.

**UNTIL THESE DATES PLEASE FOLLOW GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES SO THAT EVERYONE CAN ENJOY THE SUMMER SAFELY.**