

Biographical sketches of Servicemen visiting Bradwell in World War I

Using the resource of newspaper cuttings collected between 1914 and 1918 reports of servicemen visiting Bradwell were collected. The visits were largely made by soldiers, but there were a number of aircraft men and two sailors. The biographical details supplied for the servicemen come from the newspaper cuttings themselves, from family recollections and from Ancestry (online military and census records). Many of the men paid several visits home but it was only their first visit that has been recorded. The pieces were initially published in the *Bradwell News* and the dates shown represent the Month and Year they appeared

No. 1 December 2014

1. M2/076178 Private (later Sergeant) Len Coupland Royal Army Service Corps. Len had been Bradwell's first scout master and was living at Ryecroft, Bradwell in 1911.
2. 240073 Private (later Sergeant) John Needham Dakin 1/6th Battalion Notts & Derby Regiment. John's name is not included in the 1911 census returns for Bradwell.
3. KP/243 Ordinary Seaman Richard Taylor Bell. Richard was living at Town Bottom in 1911
4. 15402 Private Percy Bradwell 9th Battalion Notts & Derby Regiment (Sherwood Foresters) . In the 1911 census Percy's address is given as Dialstone, Bradwell.

No. 2 January 2015

1. Trooper Harry Lee Queen's Own Yorkshire (Yeomanry) Dragoons. Harry, who was 30 years old, lived in Smalldale with his wife Edith who was also 30. Harry was a general labourer (Navy).
2. Private Charles Plummer 2nd Battalion Notts & Derby (Sherwood Foresters) Regiment. Charles, who was 34 years old, lived on Smithy Hill with his wife Polly who was 28. They had three children living at home in 1911: Phyllis 9, Albert 7 and Jack 6 (all ages as in 1915). Charles was a painter.
3. Private Francis Hall 2nd Battalion York & Lancaster Regiment. Frank, who was 34 years old, lived at Hill Head with his wife Gertrude. They had four children living at home in 1911: Sarah Elizabeth 11, Mabel 9, Elsie 6 and Frank 5 (all ages as in 1915). Frank Hall was a general labourer.

No. 3 February 2015

1. 47849 Sapper Charles Bradwell Ashton 1/2nd West Riding Field Company (Royal Engineers). Charles, who was aged 21, was unmarried at the time. The 1911 census shows him living at home in the Hills with his father George and mother Elizabeth Ann, with his brothers Jonathan Leslie and George and sisters Amy and Doris. Charles' occupation is given as working in a Warehouse at a Cotton Mill although after the war Charles was to follow his father's calling of stone mason. Charles is said to have carried his fiddle with him at the front.

No. 4 June 2015

1. 4530 Private Harry Hallam 14th London Regiment (London Scottish). Harry was born in April 1894 and was the son of Benjamin and Barbara Anne Hallam of Town Bottom. In 1921 Harry Hallam married Hilda Hall. Hilda's mother Hannah started making ice-cream in Bradwell a trade taken on by Hilda's younger sister Nellie. Harry was shown as a pupil teacher in the 1911 census. The 14th London Regiment was in action at Ypres in October 1915.
2. 26665 Private Stanley Bradwell 16th (Chatsworth Rifles) Sherwood Foresters. Stanley was born in 1895 and was living with his widowed mother Nancy in Church Street in 1911 when his occupation was given as Mill Worker but he had joined the police by the time he enlisted. Stanley had a distinguished war career being awarded the DCM as a sergeant and the MC following his commission as 2nd Lieutenant. (The circumstances surrounding the award of the MC are described in After Seth p224.) The Chatsworth Rifles arrived in France in 1916 and played a prominent role in the Battles of the Somme. For his bravery Sergeant Stanley Bradwell received the DCM.
3. 3655 Private Stephen Middleton 4th (Hallamshire) York & Lancs Regiment. Stephen was born in 1892 and was living with father Samuel and mother Alice in Hollowgate in 1911. When he enlisted on 4th March 1915 he was married and living in Hope having married Frances Hadfield of Chapel-en-le-Frith in 1914. His visit home must have come shortly before leaving for France at the end of June 1915. In 1916 the 4th (H) York & Lancs Regiment were also in action at the Battles of the Somme.
4. 17000 Corporal William Bough 8th York & Lancs Regiment. He was born in 1891 and first joined the Regiment as a reservist in 1913 but fully enlisted in April of the following year. He was living in Bamford in 1911 working as a blacksmith for the Derwent Valley Water Board. His wife Muriel was born in Cornwall. The 8th landed at Boulogne in August 1915 and were in action at the Thiepval salient on the Somme front early the following year.

No.5 July 2015

1. 52638 Private Charles Stuart Ross 2nd Btn. Durham Light Infantry. Charles, who was aged 20 was the son of William and Julia Ross of Ivy Cottage, Hollowgate (later Hill Head). In 1911 his occupation was given as labourer. As part of the Army 23 Division Charles probably left for France in August 1915 and may have been engaged in the Battle of Loos fought that year. Charles lost his life on 12th July 1917.
2. 24725 Gunner Oswald Ashton Howe Royal Field Artillery. Oswald, who was aged 19, was born in Edale to Walter and Martha Howe and was recorded as living with them in Bradwell in 1911 (but not where in the village). He had been a grocery shop assistant before he enlisted.
3. 15402 Private Percy Bradwell 9th Btn. Notts & Derby (Sherwood Foresters) Regiment. Percy, who was aged 20, was the son of Willoughby and Emma Bradwell of Dialstone. He was listed as a horseman in a limestone quarry in the 1911 census. The 9th Btn. left Liverpool for Suva Bay in Gallipoli early in July 1915 and were evacuated to Egypt in December of that year.
4. 10/1097 Private John Darneley Petty. Jack, who was aged 28, enlisted in Hull into the 10/13th (service) Btn. East Yorks Regiment (known as the 'Pals'). Hull

was his home where his father Mortimer and mother Sarah Hallam were living but his family also rented Kinder Cottage on the Hills. Prior to enlistment Jack had been a teacher of mathematics at Pontefract Grammar School. Jack had been posted to Egypt by the end of 1915 and was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant the following year. He was seriously injured in 1918.

5. 13989 Private Gilbert Caterer King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Gilbert was aged 21 and would have been visiting his mother Florence who kept the Newburgh Arms. The 7th Btn. KOYLI landed in France in July and was followed in succession by the 8 and 9/10 Btns. in the next few months.
6. Captain Robert William Jenkins 10th Corps Cycle Btn. (5th Btn. Yorks & Lancs. Regiment). Robert was gazetted Captain on 9th September 1914. His home address was given as Netherside, Bradwell by Sheffield.
7. 1426 Private Walter Hall Notts & Derby (Sherwood Foresters) Regiment. Walter, who was aged 28, was living with his sister Mary Young and her husband George at Far Hill in 1911 when his occupation was given as cotton mill worker.
8. 6586 Private (soon L/Corp) Charles Elliott 10th Btn. Notts & Derby (Sherwood Foresters) Regiment. Charles, who was aged 37, was living in Great Hucklow with his wife Emma and their 4 children in 1911. His occupation then was given as limestone quarryman.
9. Private Thomas Humphreys Royal Welsh Fusiliers. Thomas, who was aged 19, was from Merthyr Tydfil and was probably visiting his sister Annie Harries who was living at Moorbrook off Granby.

No. 6 August 2015

1. 2999 Company Quartermaster Sergeant Walter Moorhouse 10th King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Sergt. Moorhouse was formerly a tram conductor in Sheffield having joined up on September 3rd 1914. He was visiting his wife Mrs (Fanny?) Moorhouse who was residing on the Hills. In 1917 he received severe wounds, shrapnel having penetrated his left knee. It was possibly for this action that he was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal (DCM). The citation reads 'For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed great courage and determination throughout. Later although partially buried for 3h he remained at duty.'
2. 1263 Pte (later Signaller Corp) Oswald Darneley East Riding Yeomanry (ERY). 'Ossie's' home was in Hull where the family were builders, but they had a house in Bradwell. On the 27th October 1915 he embarked at Southampton for Salonika but en route was diverted to Alexandria in Egypt. In 1916 120 officers and men from the ERY were detached to serve under T E Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia) but it is not known whether 'Ossie' was one of these). In December 1916 the ERY were moved to the Suez zone to form part of an ANZAC mounted division and took part in three battles in Gaza in 1917. He was injured when his horse was shot from under him and left Egypt for England on 12th January 1918. He was medically discharged on 29th March 1918 and was issued with a blue serge jacket to identify him as a returning injured soldier. This he wore to identify him and prevent him receiving a white feather (a token of cowardice). After the war he met and married Isabella Thomson and they had three children Jean, John and Alison. Alison still lives in Bradwell in the house called Dale End.

3. 38989 Pte George Elliott 9th York & Lancaster Regiment. George who was 31 in 1915 was living at home in Smalldale with his parents William and Marina in 1901. His occupation in 1901 was given as railway labourer.
4. 1449 Pte William Elliott Notts & Derby Regiment (Sherwood Foresters). William who was aged 28 in 1915 was living with parents on the Hills in 1901. His occupation in 1901 was given as apprentice shoe maker.
5. 10/1097 Pte John Darneley Petty. Jack had also been on leave in July 1915.

No. 7 September 2015

1. 2nd Lieutenant Alfred Hallam Petty 5th Notts & Derby Regiment (Sherwood Foresters). 26 year old Alf Petty, like his brother Jack, was born in Hull. Also like his brother Alf had been a school teacher, teaching for a while at Chesterfield Grammar School. Their father Mortimer ran Eton House School in Hull but the family had strong ties with Bradwell and when Mortimer received word in July 1916 from the British Red Cross that his son had been wounded it was addressed to him at Kinder Cottage, The Hills. The message said that Alf had been wounded in the thigh during the advance and had crept into a shell hole. Another wounded soldier had managed to crawl back from the hole to report that Alf was wounded but was unable to move. Alf was considered to be too close to the German lines for rescue and so was taken prisoner of war to be transferred to a German hospital. Mortimer's hopes must have been raised when he received a note from a Lieutenant Theodore Downman dated 15th July. The note in part said Alf was being well looked after. His wounds were not necessarily serious but would keep him in bed for some time. After this reassurance it must have come as a hammer blow to Mortimer and his wife Sarah Hallam Petty when they learned on the 9th September that their son had died in captivity just 2 days after Lieutenant Downham's encouraging note. In 1924 Alf's body was re-interred in St Souplet British Cemetery near Cambrai, France.
2. 7823 Private Lionel Middleton Notts & Derby Regiment (Sherwood Foresters). Lionel who was aged 21 would have been visiting his father Thomas Middleton in Church Street. Lionel's mother Isabella had died before the war. In the 1911 census Lionel's occupation was given as apprentice joiner. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission record shows that Lionel died on 24th October 1916 of wounds received fighting with the 6th Northumberland Fusiliers in the Battle of the Somme. Not surprisingly in view of the confusion that must have reigned at the time the War Diary of the 6th Battalion shows Lionel as being wounded one day later on the 25th October. Lionel is buried at Dartmoor Cemetery, Belcorderel-Belcourt, France

No. 8 October 2015

1. M2/021529 Private William Hill Revell Royal Army Service Corps. When he enlisted on 7th December 1914 William was 42 years and 4 months of age. He was Bradwell-born and was living at the Cycle Depôt, Netherside with his wife Esther and children Roland, Elizabeth and William Charles in 1911 (Pattie Revell was born in 1912). His occupation given in the 1911 census was that of

cycle repairer and dealer but on enlistment he was described as a blacksmith. His army record includes a letter of recommendation signed by John Hall. The letter head reads 'All kinds of Machines repaired and supplied, Maker of Palisades, Picks, Hammers and modern work in Iron and Steel – 5 per cent interest charged on overdue accounts'. The letter says that William had worked well for John for 3 years and is dated Nov 15th 1895. By 1919 when he was demobilized William was in 406 Motor Transport Corps and was stated to be sober, reliable and intelligent.

2. 18726 Private Wilfred Eyre 2nd Battalion York & Lancaster Regiment. Wilfred Eyre was christened in Hathersage on 4th December 1892 and his parents were Samuel and Fanny Eyre of Mill Farm Abney whose other children were James and Benjamin, Rose and Ruth. By 1919 Rose had married William Bramhall and was living in Smalldale. Wilfred had been living in Bradfield when he enlisted in February 1915. By 23rd April 1916 he had been killed in action and his memorial is in the Essex Farm Cemetery, Belgium and of course on the Bradwell War Memorial. (In an earlier publication on the war dead Wilfred Eyre was confused with another Wilfred Eyre of Little Hucklow. Since then recently released correspondence between the Army and Ruth Eyre of Mill Farm Abney make it clear that it was her brother Wilfred Eyre who had died.)
3. 24701 Driver William Henry Ash Royal Field Artillery. Willie Ash who aged 23 was the son of Joseph and Sarah Elizabeth of Heatherfield, Jeffrey Lane. Joseph was a Cutlery Manufacturer and his son was employed in his father's company. In 1920 the King of the Belgians awarded his country's Ordre de la Couronne to Joseph Ash for his work with the Belgian refugees who came to live in Bradwell during the recent war.
4. 28006 Private (soon to be Lance Corporal) Ernest Bower 3rd Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Ernest was aged 19 and living at 199 Crookes Valley Road, Sheffield when he enlisted in 1915. He was living on The Hills, Bradwell in 1911 with his mother Ada (née Ash) and brother Stanley Arthur, his father having died in 1909. His mother's occupation was grocer and provision dealer and Ernest was her assistant. Both Ernest and his brother Stanley Arthur are listed in the roll of honour kept in St Barnabas Church.
5. M/347048 Private Charles Wilson Royal Army Service Corps. Charles was aged 22 in 1915 and had been born in Bamford. In 1911 he was shown as helping his father Abraham on a farm at Offerton, Hathersage. He may have been visiting his cousin Reuben Wilson at New Nook. Reuben was listed as a yeast dealer in 1911. Both Abraham and Rueben had been born in Thornhill.

No. 9 November 2015

1. C/6063 Private Cyril Evans Hallam 18th (Arts & Crafts) Battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps. Cyril was 13 and at school in 1911. He was living with his father and mother Benjamin and Barbara Anne at Town Bottom. His older brother Harry, who was a pupil teacher in 1911, had been home on leave in June 1915. The Arts & Crafts battalion had been formed in May 1915 and was moved to France in 1916. They took part in two battles on the Somme that year, were moved to Italy in 1917 but returned to France the following year.
2. Private Joseph Daniel Notts & Derby (Sherwood Foresters) Regiment. Joseph was the son of James and Elizabeth who were living in Church Street in 1911.

Joseph was born at Brampton but was christened on 3rd May 1891 at Eyam. Joseph married Selina Hall in 1920 just one year before Harry Hallam married her sister Hilda.

3. 613322 Private William Brickwood Bradwell 19th Battalion London Regional Royal Army Ordnance Corps. In 1911 Brickwood was aged 15 and living with his father Nathaniel and mother Florence Lily at 2 Faranden Road, Darnall, Sheffield where he was working as a boot repairer at the Brightside and Carbrook Co-operative Society. He enlisted in Sheffield on 16th August 1915. In visiting Bradwell in November he could well have come to see either of his two grandfathers: William Bradwell who lived in Hugh Lane or William Brickwood Prisk who lived on Towngate. (William Prisk's father John had come to Bradwell from Redruth, Cornwall in the middle of the nineteenth century when he changed his trade from copper to lead mining.) In December 1917 a brief report states that Brickwood Bradwell had suffered 'shell gas poisoning (mustard)' while fighting in the Battle of Cambrai in the Nord Département of France. After treatment in Rouen he was transferred home and left the army in August 1918. He married Jane Clay in 1925 and died in 1960 when he was buried at St Barnabas Church.

No.10 December 2015

1. Lance Corporal Frank Dawson-Smith Hallamshire Rifles (later commissioned Lieutenant in the Oxford & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry). In 1914 Frank married Lavinia Dakin (sister of John Dakin mentioned above) of Netherside, Bradwell when he was a school master at Derwent House School, Bamford. He was the son of Rev Charles and Mrs Katie Dawson-Smith of Nash Rectory, Stony Stratford which may explain the regiment he finally joined. Frank was still serving in the Army in 1920 as an officer in the 5th African Rifles in Jubaland (now part of Somalia) when it was reported that the troops he was commanding mutinied and murdered him. Accordingly Frank's grave (which is now in Wajar Cemetery, Kenya) is noted by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission as among those of the war dead. News of Frank's death appears to have arrived too late for his name to be inscribed on the Bradwell Memorial. Nevertheless when the memorial was unveiled by Colonel Herbert Brook Taylor Lavinia placed a posy in memory of her husband. Another newspaper report stated that Frank included in his ancestors the Governor of St Helena when Napoleon was held there.
2. 26697 Driver William Goddard Royal Engineers. In 1911 William was a 33 year old widower living in Calver with his three children his wife having died soon after the birth of their third child. By 1915 he had remarried and was living on Church Street, Bradwell. His occupation in 1911 was said to be 'cab proprietor' and a newspaper report of 1915 said he had been a driver for Drs Lee and Brooks of Eyam before enlisting. In 1916 his second wife Margaret (née Hoskin) received a copy of letter to him by Major-General William Lambton commander of the British 4th Division in France which said 'Your Commanding Officer and Brigade Commander have informed me that you have distinguished yourself by your conduct in the field'.

No 11 January 2016

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Mitrailler (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 the 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.

No 12 February 2016

1. 65412 Gunner Hedley Kay Royal Garrison Artillery. In the 1901 census Hedley, who was then aged 8, was listed as living in Dialstone with his parents John and Sarah Ann and his 6 year old sister Gladys. All were Bradwell born. In the 1911 census the occupation of both Hedley and Gladys was given as comb cutters (probably at Stretfield). Father John was a jobbing gardener. The family appear to have moved from Dialstone at some time after 1901 because the address given by Hedley when he enlisted in 1915 was Hugh Lane (appearing in his army record as 'Yew' Lane). Hedley left for France from Southampton in May 1916. He was wounded in the hand in 1917 and more seriously in May 1918 when he spent time in the West Bridgford Military Hospital near Nottingham before leaving the Army later that year.
2. 42827 Guardsman Alfred Edward (Teddy) Randles 3rd Btn. Grenadier Guards. In 1911 Teddy (who was Bradwell born) was living in Brook Building (where the family had moved from Smithy Hill). He was aged 15 and was a grocer's assistant. His father, George Joseph Randles, was the Head of St Barnabas' Church School from 1894 until 1923, and his mother was Julia. Teddy enlisted in 1915 and must have rejoined his battalion in Flanders near Ypres in March of 1916. Later in the war, in 1918, Teddy was in action east of Amiens in France when his company came under heavy shelling. The poison gas filling some of the shells caused him to be evacuated to hospital at Boulogne. He recovered and left the Guards in 1919. His son Robert (Bob) Randles is still living in Hope.

No. 13 March 2016

1. The enlistment of 20 year old 203491 Private (later Lance Corporal and then acting Sergeant) Cheetham William Fletcher 3rd, 4th and then 1/5th Battalion

Notts & Derby Regiment (Sherwood Foresters) on 7th September 1914 is described in 'Cheet's' own words in the book A Bradwell Man produced by his grandsons Barry and Bill Fletcher. He left behind him his parents John and Annie and he later wrote 'My parents didn't know anything about my going, I just vanished'. He finally saw active service on 24th March 1915 and was in action at the Battle of Hohenzollern Redoubt (part of the Battle of Loos) later that year. In his army record it is stated that he suffered gunshot wounds in the back and shoulder on 22nd December (Cheet in his diary says it happened on the Christmas Eve). He was back in England recuperating a month later and had recovered sufficiently to visit Bradwell in March. On the 13th June we read that he, a bachelor of Hill Head, married Grace Pember Bough spinster also of Hill Head. Cheet's occupation was given as joiner and wheelwright. Cheet left the army on 8th February 1919 when his address was given as Brier Cottage. Cheet was serving in the Home Guard in October 1943 when he 'went to sleep and didn't wake up'.

2. 10057 Lance Corporal (later Sergeant) Anselm George Hallam 2nd Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment. In 1911 Anselm was living with his parents Stephen and Mary Anne probably in Smalldale which was the family's home in 1901. Anselm was a cotton doubler in 1911, his first army posting coming in September 1914. In January 1915 he wrote a surprisingly detailed description of the action he had seen near the French village of Radinghem south of Armentières. Unlike his elder brother Thomas Edwin Hallam George came safely through the war and died in Leeds in 1963 aged 70.
3. 14562 Private (later Sergeant) John Howe 10th Battalion Notts & Derby (Sherwood Foresters) Regiment. John Howe was born in Edale in 1892 but was living in Smalldale in 1901 with his father Walter, a railway ganger, and mother Martha Elizabeth. By 1911 John was working as a railway labourer and still living at home with his younger twin brothers Oswald Ashton and Harry. Throughout March 1916 the 10th was in action near Armentières and in the month the Battalion lost 18 men killed, 81 were wounded and 3 were listed as missing with heaviest of the casualties coming towards the end of the month.

No. 14 April 2016

1. 80412 Gunner Parker Davies Morton Royal Garrison Artillery. In the 1911 census Parker was living with his father Luther and mother Hannah and sisters Violet and Lily in the family shop on what was then Water Lane. Parker, who was 26, was helping in the shop and the address soon became Church Street (the shop is now the private house Anvil Cottage). Parker enlisted in the RGA in May 1916 and by the end of the year he was at the Anti-aircraft training Depot and then he was posted number 33 AA Company. He left the Army in 1919 and married Esther Elizabeth Hudson of Pickering in 1922. He was living with Esther at Dailstone when he died in 1933.
2. Gunner John Dixon Royal Garrison Artillery. The only Dixons listed as living in Bradwell in 1911 were farmer Robert and wife Ann both aged 65 of Brookside. None of their sons was called John and so the connection of John Dixon with Bradwell remains to be established but his name is inscribed in the Roll of Honour kept in St Barnabas Church.

3. T4/058315 Driver Robert Elliott Royal Army Service Corps. In the 1911 census Bradwell born Robert Elliott aged 29 is listed as a farmer's son living at New Nook with farmer Thomas, whose wife Jane had died earlier. No further information about the military career of Robert Elliott has been found.
4. Private John Middleton 3rd Lincolnshire Regiment. Although there were number of Middletons listed as living in Bradwell in the 1911 census none of them was a John Middleton, nevertheless the village Roll of Honour does list a John Middleton. Nor does a John Middleton serving with the Lincolns appear in any of available lists of soldiers who served in WWI not even the fairly comprehensive lists showing medals awarded.
5. Mitrailleur Leon van Egeren, a machine gunner with the Belgian Army. His family were among the Belgian refugees who came to live in Bradwell during WWI, often whilst the father was fighting in Belgium. There were at least six houses in the village opened to Belgian families but it is not clear where the van Egerens were accommodated. A fuller account of Bradwell's Belgian Refugees was given in the June and August issues of the Bradwell News for 2014.

No 15 May 2016

1. 12/533 Private John Alfred Truman 1st (Sheffield) Battalion York and Lancs Regiment. Alf Truman was born in Arnold, Nottingham in 1887 and he married Mary Fox Jeffery of Nethercotes Farm Bradwell in 1909. At that time he was a hairdresser. He enlisted in September 1914 when he was living in Woodhouse but his later Army papers show his address as Fern Bank, Bradwell. He appears to have contracted malaria serving in Salonika in 1917 and thereafter he was in and out of hospital until he left the Army in 1919. He died when living in Nethergreen Road, Sheffield in 1965.
2. 482119 Sergeant Walter J Harrington Royal Engineers (T). Walter is one of those soldiers whose name appears in the Bradwell Roll of Honour but for whom it has not been possible to find a connection with the village. Harringtons are listed as living in Baslow and Edale in the censuses but none of these was a Walter.
3. 56560 Private St Anton Stenton Hickinson 2nd Battalion, Royal Welsh Fusiliers. Stent was born in Bamford in 1889 and his first job was working at Castle Gate Farm, Eyam where he looked after the horses. By 1906 he was employed as a labourer at Brough Corn Mill where he continued until enlisting in 1914. Sadly Stent did not survive the war losing his life on 28th September 1917. He is commemorated at the Tyne Cot Memorial in Belgium.
4. Private George Walker Notts & Derby (Sherwood Foresters) Regiment. The 1911 census shows two Bradwell born men with the name George Walker living in the same house on the Hills. One was a 14 year old grocer's errand boy living with his father Albert Henry and mother Lavinia. The other was George Abner Walker who was a cotton doubler lodging with his brother Albert. But it has not been possible to determine whether the uncle or his nephew was visiting.
5. 28934 Private Charles Kendal Bradwell 27th Reserve Battalion 2nd Manchester Regiment. Ken Bradwell was born in Tideswell in 1896. By 1911 he was living with his father Alfred (a tailor) in Coplowdale where he was working as a farmer labourer. When he enlisted in 1916 he was living in Church Street and

his occupation was given as cab driver. He was posted abroad for a year in 1916 -17 and then for the whole of 1918. His record shows that he received a gunshot wound to the wrist in December 1918! He left the Army in 1919 and married Fanny Liversidge of Smalldale with whom he had two sons Charles Kenneth and Sydney. Sydney was born in 1922, the year Ken died at the age of 26.

No. 16 June 2016

1. 476280 Sapper Jonathan Leslie Ashton Royal Engineers (T). In 1911 Leslie and brother Charles and four of their brothers and sisters were all living on the Hills with father George (a stonemason) and mother Eliza Ann. At that time Leslie was working as a labourer for the Derwent Water Board. Leslie's role as the secretary of the Old Bradwell Brass Band before the war is described in After Seth p159. After the war Leslie established himself as a builder and it was said that in his building 'He would make a cathedral of a closet'. He married Louisa Miller in 1934 and then for second time in 1955 to Hilda Morton (née Darneley) and he died in 1962 by then living at Ryecroft at the end of Bessie Lane on the Hills.
2. 180929 Sapper Allen Bradwell Royal Engineers (Railway Division). Allen Bradwell was born 1885 to John and Nancy and was living with his mother in Water Lane in 1901, his father having died in 1896. He married Ethel Priestley of Ashopton in 1909 and by 1911 his address is given as Station Road (later Netherside) Bradwell and his occupation was school attendance officer. His army career began in 1916 and the record shows that he spent two periods in hospital, the second on Malta, suffering from malaria. After the war he returned to Bradwell but was living in Hope when he died in 1956.
3. 89353 Private John Thomas Bradwell 4th Battalion Notts & Derby (Sherwood Foresters) Regiment. John Bradwell was born in Whaley Bridge in 1888 to William and Mary Bradwell. In 1912 he married Violet Ward and they lived in Peak Dale where he was employed as a limestone quarry man. By this time father William was living at Coplar Knowle on Smalldale. John enlisted in 1915 but was not posted abroad until 1917. He was killed in action on 19th March 1918 and is commemorated in the Favreuil British Cemetery in the Pas-de-Calais Department of France.
4. 140559 Gunner Ernest Chapman Royal Field Artillery. Born in 1897 Ernest was working on his father Alwyn's farm at Brough Lea in 1911. He enlisted in December 1915. He was posted to the 4th Army School of Mortars in 1917 and later to the 157th Brigade of the RFA. He left the Army in April 1919.
5. Private John Fletcher Notts & Derby (Sherwood Foresters) Regiment. In the 1911 census 15 year old John was living with his father John and mother Annie. He was the brother of Cheet Fletcher mentioned previously and his occupation was given as apprentice joiner.

No.17 July 2016

1. 201057 Lance Corporal Clement Pierce Dix 4th (Hallamshire) Battalion York and Lancs. Regiment. Clem Dix was living at 33 Clinton Place, Sheffield when he enlisted in November 1914. The following year he married Mabel Andrew in Ecclesfield. His military record shows that he died in hospital in Boulogne

on 18th of March 1917 of wounds received in action. He is commemorated on the Boulogne Easter Cemetery. His widow by then was living in Ecclesfield. A later report states the Clem had lived at Moorbrook View, Bradwell.

2. WR279526 Sapper Johnson Evans Royal Engineers. Two Johnson Evans are listed as living in Bradwell in 1911 they were uncle and nephew and were both residing with father and grandparents Hiram and Emma respectively. Johnson Jnr's parent William and Mary Matilda were also living in Bradwell at Hollowgate. It seems likely that it was uncle Johnson who was visiting home on leave. In 1911 Johnson was aged 25 and working as a railway labourer. When Johnson enlisted at the end of 1915 he was living in Smalldale. With his background he joined the Railway Troops of the Royal Engineers as a platelayer. By the end of 1916 Johnson had been wounded and was in hospital in Boulogne and did not return to active service until January 1918. He married Eleanor Haigh in Rotherham in 1924 and was still living there when he died in 1961.
3. 203848 Private Percy Robert Hallam Eyre 2nd/6th Battalion Notts & Derby (Sherwood Foresters) Regiment. Percy was a Stocksbridge-born farmer living with his wife Harriett Ann (née Gibbon) at Hill Head in 1911. He enlisted at the age of 34 at the end of 1915. He was posted in France for most of 1917; was home for Christmas that year and was back in France in January 1918. Two months later he was killed in action and is remembered at the Arras Memorial in France.
4. 38505 Second Air Mechanic (Rigger) Jessie Eyre Royal Flying Corps. Fifteen year old Jessie was living at Knowle Gates Farm Castleton in 1911. He was working for his father Andrew and mother Mary Ann (née Furness). No further details of his military career have been found
5. Lieutenant Alec Ewart Glassey 15th (Service Battalion) Highland Light Infantry. In the 1911 census Normanton born 23 year old Alec was living in Sheffield with his wife Mary Eleanor. Alec's profession was stated to be Professor of Elocution. By the start of the war Alec and Mary were living on the Hills. There are numerous newspaper cuttings describing the concerts given by both for a wide range of charities. In October 1916 shortly after his visit home Alec was back in France when his wife received a message that he was in hospital suffering from shell shock. Later in the war after he had returned to the front he was in hospital once more this time suffering from gas inhalation. But he survived and died in Poole, Dorset in 1970 having lived for some time in Jamaica.

No.18 August 2016

1. Lieutenant (later Captain) Sylvanus Noble Dixon Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. Before his father Joseph Noble Dixon moved Bradwell to in the 1880s he had been Her Majesty's Inspector of Light Houses in the Bahamas. Two of his sons fought with British Empire Armies in WWI. Sylvanus was with the Canadians and brother Innis with the New Zealanders (12/994 Private Innis Noble Dixon Auckland Infantry Regiment 1st Battalion). Both were Bradwell born and had lived at Woodcroft before emigrating. Sylvanus was the luckier of the two brothers because although he was wounded in 1917 he did survive the war. Innis was also wounded but at Gallipoli two years earlier. By 1917 he had recovered and was in France when he was killed in action.

He is commemorated at the Caterpillar Valley (New Zealand) Cemetery in France, on the Bradwell War Memorial and at the Auckland War Memorial Museum. He left a wife Esther Daisy and a son George in Auckland. Sylvanus also fought with the Canadians in the Boer War and was awarded the Queen's Medal with 5 clasps.

2. 16324 Private Ernest Lee Coldstream Guards. In the 1911 census 18 year old Ernest was living in Station Road Hathersage with his widowed mother Annie. His occupation was given as Tempering in Pin Works.
3. 1227 Private Stephen Middleton 5th Battalion Notts & Derby (Sherwood Foresters) Regiment. In 1911 19 year old Stephen was at home with his parents Samuel and Alice and his occupation was given as general labourer. He had joined the Foresters as a reservist one year earlier when his address was given as Hollowgate. His Army records show him as a learner driver in 1917; he left the Army in 1919.
4. 28508 Private Fred Dobson 2nd Battalion South Staffordshire Regiment. In 1911 22 year old Fred was living at Stretfield with his parents Robert and Sarah. His occupation was that of horn comb maker. Fred's name is one of those inscribed on the Bradwell War Memorial having died in action on 5th February 1918. He is commemorated at Metz-en-Couture Communal Cemetery British Extension France.
5. 50177 Private Robert Elliott South Staffordshire Regiment. In 1911 39 year old Robert was living in Foolow with his mother Elizabeth where he was working as a spar labourer.

No. 19 September 2016

1. 38633 Private Joseph Taylor Randles Highland Light Infantry. Joseph is one of three brothers mentioned in the Bradwell Roll of Honour for WWI. An earlier visit home by brother Teddy was reported in this series in the Bradwell News for February 2016 when the family details were reported.
2. 67523 Private Alfred Eyre Machine Gun Corps attached to the South Staffordshire Regiment. In the 1911 census 13 years old Hope-born Alf was shown as living with his parents William and mother Mary Ashton at the New Bath Hotel where William was the licensed victualler. Alf enlisted in May 1916 at which time his occupation was given as Assistant Grocer.
3. 185333 Private Leonard Bradwell Machine Gun Corps. When 20 year old Leonard enlisted in October 1916 he was living in Tinsley but for his next of kin he gave his Aunt Eliza Ashton who was living at Green View Cottage on the Hills. Leonard was posted in Salonika in 1n 1917. When he left the Army in 1920 he gave his home address as that of his aunt.
4. 44605 Air Mechanic 1 (Fitter) Hedley Spencer Bradwell Royal Flying Corps. Hedley was born in Bradwell in 1892 to Spencer Joshua and Nancy Frost Bradwell. By 1911 Hedley was a student at Sheffield University, where he later graduated B.Eng. with honours in Mechanical Engineering. Hedley also shared the prestigious Mappin Medal with Premiums in Engineering with a fellow student. It is not surprising that when he joined up he did so as mechanic in the RFC. Hedley married Nellie Hall in 1930. Nellie was carrying on her mother's (Hannah Hall) ice cream business which then became Bradwell's Ice Cream and the name N. Bradwell seen on the shop stands for Nellie Bradwell.

No. 20 October 2016

The month of October 1916 saw a very special visit home for three Bradwell soldiers: Private Allen Bradwell, Sergeant Stanley Bradwell and Gunner Parker Davis Morton. They were there because Louisa, the sister of the two Bradwell brothers, was marrying Thomas Frost Bradwell. Apart from Parker (who played the organ) and Carl Smith who was the best man (and born in Switzerland) this was very much an all Bradwell affair because the bridesmaids were Louisa's sisters Moressa and Myra. The bride was given away by her brother Stanley because their father John had died in 1896 but mother Nancy was at the ceremony. Other servicemen visiting Bradwell included Private Horatio Cooper and Private Alan Boyes.

1. 106363 Private Horatio Wught Cooper 3rd Battalion Notts & Derby (Sherwood Foresters) Regiment. In 1911 Horatio was living with his wife Martha (Patti) on Meersbrook Road in Sheffield. Four years later they were both living in South View Little Hucklow when Horatio enlisted in the Army. Horatio came safely through the war but sadly the same did not apply to his son Wilfred. In WWII Wilfred had followed his father by joining the Sherwood Foresters. He was wounded at Dunkirk and although he was brought home he never fully recovered from his injuries and died in March 1943. Wilfred is buried in the Primitive Methodist graveyard on Hugh Lane with his parents.
2. 19176 Private Alan Leuty Boyes Coldstream Guards. When he joined the Guards in 1915 Alan was living in Gainsboro but his father George and mother Jeanne Ann were living in Woodcroft, Bradwell. Alan sailed from Southampton for France in March 1917 where he joined the Guards 7th Division. He was hospitalized in Boulogne by July that year and transferred to England in the following month. He didn't return to his division until December 1918 and he then spent a brief time in France before demobilisation in 1919. Alan married Dora Hartland from Middlesbrough in 1924. He died in Doncaster in 1958 leaving Dora as a widow.

Number 21 November 2016

1. 476930 Sapper James Henry Knowles Royal Engineers. James was born in Eyam in 1896. By 1911 he was living in Bradwell with his father John and mother Annie. John was landlord of the White Hart from 1908 to 1916 (and the pub was in the family for the next 50 years). James was working as a grocer's assistant in 1911. In 1916, the year he probably joined the army he married Annie E Ibbotson in Sheffield.
2. J64807 Able Seaman Samuel Middleton, Royal Navy. In 1911 12 years old Samuel was living with his widowed mother Mary Ellen in the top cottage of those called Ingleside in Smalldale (father George having died in 1900). When he enlisted in the navy in 1917 he was working as a doffer in the Bamford cotton mill. He served at one shore training base and on board three destroyer flotilla depot ships. The shore base was Vivid I the Seamanship, Signalling and Telegraphy School at Devonport. The three sea-borne postings were to depot ships: Pembroke in support of the 10th Destroyer Flotilla based at Harwich,; Hecla support for the 2nd Destroyer Flotilla based at Chatham and Dido with the 3rd Destroyer Flotilla also at Harwich. He left the navy in 1919

and the next year he married Eva Lavinia (Vinie) Cooper. In the 1920s 'Sailor Sam' was a prominent player in the all-victorious Bradwell football team (see After Seth p 108).

3. T-7163 Private Cyril Evans Notts & Derby (Sherwood Foresters) Regiment. In 1911 spar worker Cyril was living with his father Dennis, mother Felicia, and two brothers Fred and Maurice at Town Bottom. Cyril started the collection of newspaper cuttings that have been so helpful in providing information about visits to Bradwell by servicemen (his brother Maurice kept the cuttings while Cyril was serving with Foresters). By the 1920s all three brothers were heavily engaged in building houses in Bradwell and beyond, building at least 75 houses and shops in an area from Sheffield to Dove Holes. The work of the Evans brothers is described in greater detail in After Seth p194.
4. 24416 Private Charles Hallam Army Veterinary Corps. Although the name of Charles Hallam is to be found in the Roll of Honour in St Barnabas Church his connection with the village has not been established.

Number 22 December 2016

1. Mitrailleur (Machine Gunner) Norbert Selhorst Belgian Army. Norbert had served in the Belgian Army since the bombardment of Liege. He was visiting his wife who was sharing Hill Head Cottage (the lower of the two cottages of the same name?) with Mme Vermaelen. This was not to the liking of the Bradwell Belgian Relief Committee because in their minutes the arrangement was questioned and the reason appears to have been financial. Mme Selhorst had already moved from her lodging in Moorbrook on Moorbrook Lane. The owner of the property, Mr Harries, had written to the Relief Committee to inform them that the lady was no longer his responsibility (with what sounds like a sigh of relief). Later in the war Mme Selhorst was lodged with Mrs Nancy Bradwell on Church Street. Mme Selhorst appears to have been an ongoing thorn in the side of the Committee because later their minutes show questions being asked as to who ordered an ambulance to bring the lady back to Bradwell from hospital in Sheffield (it appears that she had been in a road accident in the city) before the bill for the vehicle could be paid. Sadly later minutes make only an indirect reference to the affair when it was minuted that Mr Craig, the Committee Treasurer, was asked to seek a reduction of the ambulance fee 'in the circumstances'. So perhaps it was Mr Craig who ordered the ambulance but there is no evidence whether a reduced or full bill (or indeed no bill at all!) was paid.
2. 45995 Air Mechanic 2 (Fitter) Levi Peck Royal Flying Corps. In 1911 14 year old Dewsbury born Levi was living with his father George and mother Mary Ann on Batham's Farm. Levi was given as working as a farmer's son.
3. 45115 Lance Corporal Stanley Benson 7th Field Ambulance Royal Army Medical Corps. In 1911 21 year-old Stanley was living with his parents Michael and Amelia and his brothers Alfred and Harold in Urmston, Lancashire. Stanley was working as a banker's clerk in Urmston. In May 1917 Stanley Benson was wounded and taken to the 19th Casualty Clearing Station in France where he died. He is commemorated in the Duisans Military Cemetery in France. Stanley's visit to Bradwell was to visit his aunt Mrs Benson who lived on the Hills.

4. Mitrailleur (Machine Gunner) Auguste van Achteen, Belgian Army. Although a visit by Auguste to Bradwell is noted in a newspaper cutting in 1917 it is not known who his wife was or where she was living.

Number 23 January 2017

1. 242452 Private Percy Ashmore 10th/11th Battalion, Highland Light Infantry. In the 1911 census Percy and Marshall Elliott were both shown as living with Marshall's father John who was also Percy's Uncle. Percy's sister Mary Hannah was also living with them. They were all living in the cottage at the bottom of Smalldale (Smalldale End Cottage). In 1914 17 year old Percy played the part of Dick in the village production of Dick Whittington. The 10th/11th was heavily engaged in the Battle of Vreaucourt in France when Percy was killed in action on 22nd March 1918. He is commemorated on the Arras Memorial in France.
2. 67794 Private Marshall Elliott 16th Battalion Yorks and Lancs Regiment (later 449589 Drummer King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry). Marshall was born to John and Susannah Ann Elliott on 1887. He was living with his cousin Percy Ashmore on Smalldale in early 1911 but married Lily Holmes in August that year and moved to Yard Head. He was working as a comb maker when he enlisted with the Yorks and Lancs in January 1917. Marshall was well known as a musician in Bradwell and he can be seen with his bugle in a photograph taken in 1911 (After Seth p47). With his musical interests it is not surprising that when he transferred to the KOYLI he did so as a drummer. For many years after the war Marshall played his bugle at the Remembrance Service in November. (It has been said that after his death in 1964 Marshall's ghost appeared at the top of the stairs in Smalldale to play the Last Post.)
3. 240876 Private Samuel Middleton 2/6th Battalion Notts & Derby (Sherwood Foresters) Regiment. In 1911 17 year old Samuel was living with his father Lewis and mother Rose Christianna in Hollowgate. Samuel was working as a farm labourer at that time, He came safely through the war and on 1st October 1919 he married Frances Wilson in Hope. When Samuel died on 8th June 1949 he was living at Hill Head.
4. 74460 Driver (later 157301 Sergeant) George Charles Bland No.5 Reserve Brigade Royal Field Artillery. When 29 year old George enlisted in 1915 he was living on Smalldale with his wife Eliza, who he had married in March 1913. He left for France the same year and served until February 1919.

Number 24 February 2017

Although there were no new visits by service men to note for early 1917 it is worth looking at a newspaper cutting stating that Lieutenant Victor Stanley Goodyer Royal Field Artillery (RFA) had been mentioned in despatches by Sir Douglas Haig. Victor was the son of Samuel and Elizabeth Goodyer and had lived in the Manse on Netherside, Bradwell from 1899 until 1901, the period Samuel served as the Wesleyan Methodist minister in the village. The indication that son Victor served in the RFA caused a little confusion because no other direct documentary evidence of an Army background seemed to emerge. On the other hand naval records show AA315 Victor Goodyer had enlisted on the 28th October 1914 'for the hostilities' (i.e.

until the end of the war), but in April 1915 he was re-assigned to the Royal Naval Air Service (RNAS). The 'AA' serial number gives a clue about what had probably happened because it suggests that Victor was the member of an anti-aircraft crew and early in the war anti-aircraft cover was provided jointly by the Army and the Navy. It has been stated by AV Hill that early in the war the only anti-aircraft cover for London was provided by a single 6 pdr gun mounted on the roof of the Admiralty so perhaps Victor was a member of the crew manning that gun (his naval record shows he was 'in London'). Victor's record also indicates that he was assigned to HMS President II which was known as a 'concrete frigate' – a building on the banks of the Thames where the pay for men in units too small to have their own paymaster was administered. Victor's naval papers show that he had been a steel merchant before enlisting and had been born in Jamaica in 1885. At that time Samuel and Elizabeth Goodyer had been Methodist missionaries in Jamaica. Some of Samuel's writings from his time in the West Indies survive and in one of them he describes giving the first 'tickets' (into Methodism) under a 'good shady mango tree'. Elizabeth died in 1913, Samuel in 1927 and Victor in 1977.

Number 25 March 2017

1. 46749 Sapper George Frederick Bamford, First Durham Fortress Royal Engineers. In 1911 24 year old Fred was working as a joiner and wheelwright. He was living with his widowed mother Mary Hannah at what was then Water Street but when he joined the Durhams on 10 December 1915 his address was then Church Street (Water Street having become Church Street in the meantime). By 1918 he was listed as Private 305927 in the Tanks Corps. The following year he married Annie Ashmore of Chesterfield. Fred died in 1947 when they were living in Dore.
2. 313434 Lance Corporal William Henry Shirt Royal Engineers. In the 1911 census 13 year old Bill was at school in Chesterfield but in 1901 he had been living with father Benjamin Somerset and mother Ada Shirt in the family draper's and tailors 's shop on Towngate. Bill was attached to three different Army units in his military career. He joined the Army Service Corps and then was attached to the Machine Gun Corps before being transferred to the Signals Corps of the Royal Engineers. He married Nellie Hancock in 1923 and his various roles in the village (including as choir master) are vividly recorded in After Seth. Bill died in August 1978.
3. 24725 Bombardier Oswald Ashton Howe Royal Field Artillery. 15 year old Edale born Oswald was living in Bradwell with his parents Walter and Martha Elizabeth in 1911. His occupation was given as Grocery Shop assistant. Towards the end of the war he was listed as 619589 Pioneer Driver.
4. 29758 Private Ernest Bower Loyal North Lancashire Regiment. The records show that Ernest enlisted in the North Lancs in November 1915 and was wounded and left the Army in July 1917. Although both Ernest and Sydney are listed in the Bradwell Roll of Honour it has not been possible to establish their connection with the village. The 1911 Census Summary Book shows a Mr Bower with a lock-up shop in Bamford.

Number 26 April 2017

1. 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. Joseph was listed as a white lead worker. A brief 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 (or Evelyn) Thorp in Sheffield in 1921. He died in Sheffield in 1963.
2. 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 still 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. 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 although 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 23rd December 1918. George married Edith Annie Hawksworth of Baslow in 1928. George died on New Year's Day 1965.
3. 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 his 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 had been employed by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. Perhaps Archie had recently been fighting in the Battle of Vimy Ridge fought in April 1917 when it is said that Canada came of age as a Nation (with terrible loss of life). It seems that Archie came safely through the war because his name is included in the Canadian Census of 1921 as are those of his father and mother.

Number 27 May 2017

1. 120593 Corporal Charles Stephenson Waterhouse No. 4 Battalion Special Grade Royal Engineers. In 1911 18 year old Charles was living at Stanley Lodge, 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'. But 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.

2. 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. At the time 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 when Arthur died in 1987.
3. 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.

Number 28: June 2017

1. Lance Corporal James Roberts Lee Army Service Corps (Mechanical Transport). James was living on Abney Grange farm with his father Herbert and mother Agnes in 1911. He had been baptised in Eyam on 21st June 1898. His occupation was given as a banker when he married Elsie Brooks (of Matlock) in Tideswell in 1925. When he died in 1969 they were living in Macclesfield.
2. Cadet Douglas Henry Middleton Officer Training Corps. Douglas was the son of Postmaster Thomas and Catherine. He was baptised in Bradwell in 1886 and was living on Smithy Hill in 1901. By 1911 he was a school master living in Taunton where he died in 1957.
3. 8766 Second Air Mechanic William Samuel Wright Royal Flying Corps. Sam enlisted in November 1915. It seems possible that he was visiting his aunt Abigail Marshall (née Wright) who was living on The Hills.
4. GS/95024 Private Arnold Middleton Hallam 4th Regiment Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment). Arnold's two brothers Cyril and Harry have previously mentioned in this series (in November 2015 and June 2015 respectively). Arnold was born on 12th April 1899. He married Ivy Clarke in 1933 and he was living in Sleaford when he died in 1970.
5. T2/017094 James W Lee (Army Service Corps). 20 Year old James was living in Sheffield with his then recently widowed mother Anne in 1901. By 1911 Anne was living in Hathersage and with her were twin sons Fred and Ernest Lee aged 11.

Number 29: July 2017

1. 8694 Private George William Sidebottom 1st Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment. George's biography proved difficult to trace because he was born

George William Sidebotham in Bradwell in 1887 but by 1891 the Sidebothams had moved to Saddleworth and the family name had been changed to Sidebottom. By 1911 father Charles Ellis (born in Brough) and mother Emma (née Bradwell, born Great Hucklow) had returned to Bradwell and were living on the Hills. By that time George was stationed in Hampshire having enlisted in the Lancashire regiment in Preston in 1906. Being a regular soldier he was over in France by 12th August 1914.

2. 2nd Lieutenant Thomas Chamberlain Levesley North Staffordshire Regiment (later of the Lancashire Fusiliers). Thomas was born in Ringwood Gloucestershire in 1891. His father was Sheffield-born Leonard and his mother Annie (born in Berkeley) were both living on The Hills when their son came to visit early in 1918. Thomas was living in Blackpool when he died in December 1963.
3. M/282956 Herbert Marrison Army Service Corps. Bert was born in Castleton in 1884 the son of Joseph and Hannah Marrison. Joseph was shown as living in Burrows Fold in Castleton when his occupation was given as rope maker. In the 1911 census Bert was shown as helping his father. Bert enlisted in Buxton in December 1915. He left the army in 1918 with a 30% disability benefit. He was stated to be suffering from myalgia brought on by exposure to what appears to have been a poison gas.

Number 30: August 2017

1. 265337 Corporal Charles Clarke Hallam 2nd Battalion Notts & Derby (Sherwood Foresters) Regiment. In the 1911 census Charles was listed as a 33 year-old rural postman living at Yard Head with his mother Emma (father John had died in 1896). Charles enlisted in February 1915. He left the army in 1919 a year after the death of his mother Emma. He was living on Netherside when he died in 1942. In the parish of St Barnabas' record of Baptisms for 22nd March 1878 his first name appears as 'Giles' but perhaps this is a transcription error.
2. 2nd Lieutenant Arnold Henry Mason 4th Battalion King's Shropshire Light Infantry. Perhaps Arnold could be considered to have had one of the most distinguished careers of all of the wartime visitors to Bradwell. His father William Henry Mason was the Primitive Methodist Minister in the Manse on Netherside throughout WWI. Arnold had been born in March 1885 in Birkenhead, then in Cheshire, where his father was minister; his mother was Elizabeth Ann (née Gerrard). By 1911 William's ministry had taken the family to Ludlow, but sadly Elizabeth had died in 1905. In the 1911 census Arnold's occupation was stated to be artist (painter). By the time he enlisted as a private in the Artist's Rifles (London Regiment) in November 1914 he had already acted as an assistant to Sir William Richmond in the internal decoration of the Old Bailey. But it was to be as a portrait artist that he made his reputation. One of his first portraits was completed in late 1918 when now as 2nd Lieutenant he was in hospital in Blackpool when he painted a portrait of Mrs Hearn, the wife of the adjutant. While in hospital and believing he might die he married his nurse Nora Settle to save her from being sent to the front. The marriage was destined not to last and divorce proceedings were begun in 1920. After the war he joined the Slade School in London and thereafter his reputation grew until he was elected to the Royal Academy (RA) in 1951. He

died in 1963 and a notice of his death and cremation in Mortlake crematorium appeared in the Times that year.

Number 31: September 2017

1. Lieutenant Wilfred Charles Ross Royal Flying Corps. Wilfred spent the Christmas of 1917 in the Manse on Netherside with his bride Constance Augusta. Connie was the daughter of Rev William Henry Mason the Primitive Methodist minister. The Rev Mason's son Arnold Henry was mentioned in the account of visits home published in the Bradwell News for August 2017. Wilfred was born in Leominster Herefordshire in 1896 where his father Ephraim was a boot manufacturer, a JP and a prominent Wesleyan. Wilfred's mother's name was Clara. Wilfred had joined the Royal Welsh Fusiliers as a 2nd Lieutenant but in 1916 Wilfred (actually then spelled with an 'i') received Royal Aviators Club Certificate No 3477 (the then equivalent of a pilot's certificate) and transferred to the Royal Flying Corps. In 19th February 1918 Wilfred was posted missing but was repatriated on 17th December the same year having been held as a Prisoner of War. A newspaper cutting in which the marriage of Wilfred and Connie in Ardwick in 1917 is described it is suggested that Wilfred had been studying medicine before he enlisted but no Dr Wilfred Ross is listed in the General Medical Council list of registered medical practitioners for the 1920s. He died in Hendon in 1979.
2. L/46598 Driver Alfred Edgar Bossingham Royal Field Artillery. Although the Bossingham family have had close connections with Bradwell no Bossingham was listed as living in the village in 1911, nor is Alfred's name included in the Roll of Honour in St Barnabas. 14 Year old Sheffield-born Alfred was living in Model Village Creswell according to the 1911 census. He was living at home with father and mother John William and Mary and was described as working below ground in a pit. He married Lillian Oldham in 1919 in Nottingham. Their daughter Mary E Bossingham was born in 1923, the birth being registered in Bakewell.