

BRADWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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Up-coming events

It will be a great pleasure this month to welcome one of our members as the speaker on Tuesday 19th October at 8 pm in the Methodist Hall. Louise Vincent will be telling us of the history of the Snake Pass. Louise has provided the following synopsis of her talk:

If Thomas Telford was a passenger in one of the thousands of cars that now traverse his Snake Pass every day he might wonder at the mere half hour it takes to travel from Ladybower Reservoir to Glossop. He might also wonder whether, in our everyday haste, we might miss the glorious views and fascinating history visible on this infamous trans-Pennine route.

Come and enjoy a guided journey along the Snake Pass in this talk by Louise Vincent, accompanied by a slideshow of her own photographs.

Memories of Bradwell in the 1930s

This month we reproduce some recollections by Brian Wharton of his early life in Bradwell. These were posted on 9th August this year on Facebook 'Down Memory Lane' by Brian's son Rob who lives in Australia with his father. By way of explanation Rob wrote: This contribution is at the request of my father, Brian Wharton. He's 87 and doesn't own a computer however looking through the content of Bradwell Down Memory Lane together has brought the memories flooding back for him.

Dad was born in Church Street, the 'nipper' of a family of nine, and despite having spent over 25 years in Australia, he still considers himself very much a Bradda-ite.

Sadly, Dad is rapidly approaching the end of his journey, and has moved into palliative care, however he managed to jot down a few memories of growing up in Bradda in the 1930's which he asked me share. The

eyesight is failing but his memories are good ones and a testament to much simpler times.

I hope it's of some interest and prompts others to reminisce.

Sadly shortly after this post Brian Wharton passed away.

Memories of an old Bradala Itc

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Watching the little water voles swimming in
Bradda book as it flows through its Gomers'

Catching Bullyheads, Minnows and sometimes Baby
trout in that same Bradda book.

Bowling anything circular by hand or that can
be ~~hand or stick~~ pushed along by hand or
stick the 'Pills Party' being a blow up
bicycle wheel.

Playing 'In Turkey' in church street

Billy Andrews well stocked sweet shop later
run by Lily Hallam her daughter

Ernest Eales Paper shop in church street.

Ernest Pearson cutting hair in his cobblers shop
on a Friday night (that lovely smell of leather)

Polly Blood who lived with her brother Waller
(Postman) all pins needles bobbins of cotton and
anything to do with ~~the~~ sewing from her front
room.

Emptying our outside toilet through the house every
other Wednesday.

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Hedley Bradwells home made ice served in your own dish with wafers biscuits

'Roberts' home made pies and gravy and lovely home made cakes served from their little shop latterly Alwyn Daniels betting shop at the bottom of 'The Town'

Headmaster ? Mallards came on a Monday morning

Mrs. ^{Wildey} _{Gibson} rules any day of the week.

all the older boys following for Dorothy Eyer
the infant teacher

Trying to knock the horse harness off the
horses too early when it got to cover person

Seeing who could make the best paper plane or
kite

The floods in Church Street when the grates in
Spencer's bridge blocked up by the extra flow of
water and debris from Blowby Mine,

Rowland quit large shop at ^{the} end of Church St.
over Martins valans of tea butter sugar etc.

The team driven long they used when building
the new main road that by passed Church Street

