

## BRADWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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A Happy New to You All  
And in memory of Desmond Tutu who years ago exchanged a blown  
kiss across the miles with Juliet Berry.

### Up-coming events

The main event this month is the AGM. Unfortunately as this is being written it is not certain that the meeting will be able to take place face to face. It may be that we will have to repeat the exercise of last year and conduct the voting via email. We will let you know as soon as possible. We have however taken the step of posting some of the papers relating to the meeting: reports by the chairman and treasurer and the programme for the coming year on our Website. You can view them by going to [www.bradwellhistoricalsociety.org.uk](http://www.bradwellhistoricalsociety.org.uk) and after selecting the 'about' option go to [AGM 2022](#). This will also save on paper if we should be able to meet. An agenda for the 2022 AGM will also be posted in the same place .

### Renewing your membership of the Bradwell Historical Society

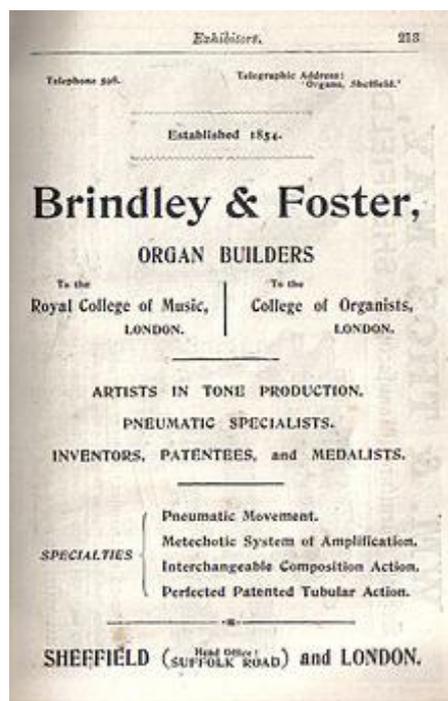
Now would be a really good time to renew your membership of the Society. The membership fee will remain at £10 for the coming year. Once more the most convenient way to pay will be a BACS bank transfer. The payment should be made to the Bradwell Historical Society and the details are as follows - *Sort code:* 16-15-15 *Account number:* 10004599. Please make sure when you make the transfer that you are clearly identified as the person who is making the payment. Should this not be suitable for you the Treasurer will accept cash ((preferably) or a cheque.

### 'Playing of the Merry Organ and Sweet Singing in the Choir'

In his history of St Barnabas written in 1967 the then vicar Robert S Caney gave the history of the Church Organ:

One of the early big occasions in the life of the church was the occasion of the Dedication of the ORGAN in 1869. A full account of the happenings of that day would need more space than is available here to record, - but this is part of an eye-witness' view of proceedings as recorded in a local newspaper of the day "Tuesday last was a great day at Bradwell. Sir Wm. Jackson, the late member for north

Derbyshire (late as an MP, he died in 1876) having presented the church with an organ, built by Mr C. Brindley of Sheffield, the formal opening took place on this day. The Rev W.J. Webb, the curate left no stone unturned to make the opening successful. The choir of the parish church Wigan, and the organist, Walter Parrat, Esq., most kindly volunteered their services." [Editor: The Rev W. J. Webb had previously been a curate at Wigan parish church. Walter Parrat Esq., was later knighted and became organist at St. George's Chapel, Windsor and was appointed Master of the Queen's Music.] The account continues:- "The Bishop of Lichfield, whose absence in New Zealand prevented him from consecrating the church in October 1868, was good enough to promise to preach in the morning, and the Rev. F. S. Bolton B.D. vicar of Salt, Staffordshire offered to do the same in the evening. Other friends more or less connected with Bradwell, came from great distances to lend what aid they could by their presence and good wishes. The weather was fortunately very fine' The Bishop preached a very excellent extempore sermon, and took for his text , Ephesians 5 v19 (*Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord*). After the sermon the offertory was collected and amounted to £27.0.7½., which was devoted to extra charges incurred in the erection of the organ, and the more complete furnishings of the church. The evening service commenced at 7 p.m. The sermon was preached by Rev B.S. Bolton B.D., Vicar of Salt and Prebendary (*an honourary canon*) of Lichfield. His text was Psalm xvii v3 (*'Thou hast proved and visited Mine heart in the night-season'*). The church was positively crowded and everyone returned much pleased with the services of the day. Great thanks are due to the Wigan choir in coming so far and rendering such effective service. The Bradwell choir also sang their best. The evensong collection amounted to £15.11.1d. The total amount collected during the day amounted to £44.11.8½. We may add that that the organ, though not very large is one of considerable power and sweetness of tone, and is an instrument calculated to add much to the already high reputation of Mr. Brindley as an organ-builder.



The case is of oak, and the centre pipes are plain. The stops in the great organ which run from CC to G are: open diapason, 56 notes; lieblich gedeckt, 56 notes; dulcimer 44 notes, grooved; principal 56 notes; flute, 56 notes; twelfth, 56 notes; fifteenth, 56 notes. In the swell, which runs from CC to G, there are open diapason and vox angelica, both of 44 notes with stop bass to CC; principal 56 notes; and oboe 56 notes. The pedal has a bourdon stop of 29 notes and the couplers run from swell to great, swell to pedal, and great to pedal." So much then for the installation of the organ, the cost of which was £200.

