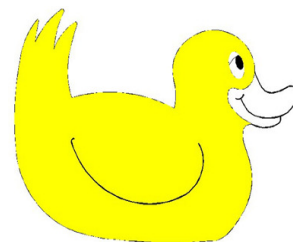




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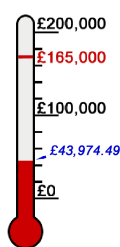
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## EVENTS

- Sat 4:** Rebellion Knoll WI coffee morning: Memorial Hall - 10am. Various stalls.
- Wed 8:** Rebellion Knoll WI: Methodist Hall, 7:30pm. "Notable and Notorious Women" - Joan Ward
- Sat 11:** St Barnabas Church Garden Party: 2:30pm in the Vicarage Garden.
- Thur 16:** Helen and Richard Plant "At Home" fundraiser for the Children's Society. 11am to 4pm with refreshments.
- Tue 21:** Bradwell Historical Society: Methodist Hall, 8pm. "The Medicinal Use Of Plants" - Patrick Harding
- Sat 25:** Network Lunch: Ploughman's Lunch - Methodist Hall from noon to 2pm
- Mon 27:** Bradwell Community Orchard Group - Hay Meadow Walk: Meet at the bottom of Gore Lane, 6:30pm

## CHURCH FABRIC FUND



Margaret Morley is running another Lottery to raise money for the Fabric Fund. The lottery will start on 18th June and if you contribute £1 a week for 40 weeks there's a possibility you could win £50 on the weekly draw and £1,000 on the final draw! The more who join, the more money we will raise. The fund total is about the same as last month - but we will all be working hard to push it higher during the months of summer!

## BRADWELL'S 'MICHLOW ORCHARD'

Have you seen the orchard that we have planted this winter? There are 40 trees; apples, plums, pears, cherries, all different varieties. If you go along the Michlow Lane bridleway, you will find it on the right-hand side after about 300m. A guided tour is on offer this month. The orchard will be included in the Evening Hay Meadow Walk, which will be led by ecologist Rebekah Newman. Ellie Dunn, Bradwell Community Orchard Group

## SEND US YOUR NEWS

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## MEMORIAL HALL - HELP NEEDED

We are seeking new members for the Committee. Can you help? The Committee only meets 2 or 3 times per year and we are in need of new members to help manage the Hall and encourage people to use it to keep this amenity up and running for years to come. We have been fortunate recently in having a complete new heating system (boilers & radiators etc). We have also installed a bright, modern kitchen which was funded via a grant given to the Pre School Group. The Committee has purchased place settings for 100 and it would be a shame not to use this Hall to its full potential but we do need a committee to help. The Memorial Hall was built to remember the lost lives of village young men in the first world war and it would be very sad to lose this facility because of shortages of members to help on the Committee. The Constitution of the Bradwell Memorial Hall states that each village community group, whether they use the Hall or not, needs to be represented to help with the running of the Hall for the village. It also says that a certain number of village residents can be 'elected' on to the Committee. A number of groups already have representation on the Committee for which we are grateful but if your group is not represented or you would be willing to be an 'elected' member, perhaps you could contact one of the committee members. We do look forward to hearing from you. Just a few hours each year could be so beneficial in the support of our local village hall of which we should be proud.

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## THE PASSING OF FRIENDS



Doubtless much will be written in the coming weeks, but for now the *Bradwell News* notes with great sadness the passing of two great village characters. Shirley Archer and Peter Ormerod are sadly no longer with us and we extend our best wishes and sympathies to their families.

## SATURDAY WASTE SKIP DATES

25th June                      30th July

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## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

**District Council Election:** Janet was elected with a majority of 66 – she polled 430 votes against my 364 votes. The turnout was over 50% which is very high for a local election and I'm sure Janet will join me in thanking everyone who took the trouble to register their vote. I think the size of my vote gives me a mandate, and possibly an obligation, to question some aspects of District Council policies and governance. I will be putting these questions to Janet, in future newsletters, and I'll give her sufficient advance notice to enable her to respond in the same issue.

**New Councillor:** Mrs. Rose Stevens of Hill Head joined the council, by co-option, at our May meeting. This brings our numbers up to seven members and our male/female ratio to 4/3. Any other ladies willing to join - to tip the balance?

**Bradwell – a model for Europe:** I was invited to represent Bradwell at a stakeholder workshop in Bakewell on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Bradwell had been chosen to represent the UK – in a case-study for road-testing a new European Union modelling tool. Two other communities, one in Germany and another in France are also being studied. Newcastle University are carrying out the UK research on behalf of the EU. Other delegates included officers from Derbyshire Dales and High Peak District Councils, Derbyshire County Council and Peak Park. The purpose of the project is to improve the quality of information available to those who develop policies, by taking more account of what happens in communities which are at the centre of local networks. Newcastle University first picked out the East Midlands region and then focused in on Bradwell as the centre of a ward network which most closely fitted their requirements. The network includes all the nearby communities for which Bradwell provides employment and services, and those on which Bradwell itself depends for services and employment. In the last scenario we were asked to consider a possible future change which might affect the balance of the network. As the Newburgh development had already been discussed, I suggested the theoretical possibility of the closure of Hope Works – should the proposed Lafarge/Tarmac merger go ahead. It was agreed to consider this as a possible exercise.

**New recreational facilities:** Now that the MUGA is completed and the Town Bottom Playing Field (TBPF) equipment in place, I would just like to express our appreciation for the efforts of Alan Slater and Jenny Lawson in bringing these projects to fruition. Alan was heavily involved in the planning and negotiations, with contractor Lightmain, for the TBPF works and acted as project manager for the duration of the MUGA works. Jenny, as chair of the PC Playing Fields committee, took the lead role in researching equipment and children's preferences, and determining the new layout of TBPF. There is still some surface work to be done on TBPF and we are considering some additional features. The old roundabout, which is the last survivor of the original equipment installed in

1931, is in storage pending a decision on possible refurbishment and installation as a fixed seat – but in a different location. We are also considering installing picnic tables, 5-a-side goal posts, and additional steps up the Assault Course near the Slide.

**Carnival – Saturday July 30th:** It's now on Facebook! The parade starts at 2.30pm and the theme for floats and fancy dress is 'HEROES' – to reflect the national appreciation for our armed forces. The carnival committee is hoping to have representatives from the forces in the parade and on the field. The street collections will be carried out jointly by the Teddy Bear Club and the Orchard Group – with proceeds going to benefit their own funds. Car-parking will be supervised by Bradwell Bowls Club – with fees collected going to the Club. Lafarge have again agreed to supply helium and balloons - which will be given out free to children on carnival day. The field opens at 12 noon and, amongst other attractions, there will be a bar; a climbing wall; the same children's entertainer; a stilt-walker; Malcolm's dogs and ducks; the Billarettes and St. John's Band confronting each other again - and many stalls and other entertainments. Don't go away!

**Newburgh:** At the suggestion of Peak Park officers, the PC has entered into ongoing discussions with Newburgh directors regarding their proposed development. Newburgh are saying that if their plan is refused by Peak Park, they will appeal and the decision could then be made at Government level. Our objective in these discussions is therefore to keep in touch with Newburgh's intentions and to maintain pressure on them to reduce the size of their proposals. Peak Park officers say that their recommendation will be influenced by residents' opinions – particularly those expressed in letters. But wait till the new planning application arrives before putting pen to paper.

**Severn Trent:** The parish clerk is to write to Severn Trent regarding reported problems with water supply to some dwellings and sewage disposal from some areas. Our question is - If Severn Trent's networks are inadequate for current purposes, how could they cope with any proposed Newburgh development?

Chris Furness

## ST BARNABAS CHURCH

**Celebrating 400 years of the King James Bible**

There will be an exhibition on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August from 10:30am to 5:30pm. It will be interesting and stimulating both for adults and children, featuring:

Local Arts and Crafts.

Flower Arrangements.

Displays relating to the theme, including a display of unusual King James Bibles.

Displays of children's work.

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**The Blessing of the Wells will be on Sun 31<sup>st</sup> July at 7pm**

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## ST BARNABAS EXHIBITION

If you have art or craft work you wish to display in the Church Exhibition, please bring it into Church during Friday 29<sup>th</sup>. July from 9.30am. People come from far afield to see this exhibition and they always comment on the wonderful talent that there is in Bradwell. If you need any help with transportation, speak to anyone on the PCC and we will arrange it.

## BRADWELL 100 YEARS AGO

As part of the 'After Seth' Project Mary Bradwell made available to the Bradwell Historical Society a collection of newspaper cuttings made by her uncle Cyril Evans. The cuttings were taken from local newspapers between 1911 and 1951 and describe events in and around Bradwell throughout the period. There is no direct indication of which newspapers were involved, but many of the cuttings appear to come from papers such as the *Derbyshire Times*. The pages of the cuttings books have been photographed or scanned by the Society and have been stored in the form of picture files (jpeg files). The collection is divided up into folders with each folder containing all the cuttings for a particular year. Thus the Society has DVDs containing the images of all the cuttings, consisting of some 1200 files pages. In addition copies of the cuttings for some years have been printed. These may be viewed by arrangement with the Officers of the Bradwell Historical Society (see <http://www.bradda.org> for the names of the Officers). Because the collection began in 1911 it seemed appropriate to begin a series in the *Bradwell News* entitled 'Bradwell 100 Years Ago' drawing on the cuttings. For every year except 1911 the dates of the cuttings are carefully recorded but for the first year dates occur only occasionally. It seems that Cyril Evans began collecting sometime in the Spring of 1911 when much was being made of preparations for the Coronation of George V on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1911. The first (extended) article in the cuttings is entitled 'Bradwell's Old Mines' and focuses on the recollections of Robert Evans who was then in his eighties and one of the few surviving Bradwell miners. There is a photograph of Robert who also appears in a photograph taken 40 years earlier, which can be seen on page 34 of 'Bradwell Ancient and Modern'. Robert describes how men, women and children were all engaged in working at the various aspects of lead mining. He also recalls other industries such as silk making in what are now Brook Buildings. Robert had married one of postman John 'Shaver' Middleton's daughters and they lived in the house on Town Gate that had been Bradwell's first Post Office. Another cutting records the departure for Saskatoon, Canada of Charles Bradwell on board the *Empress of Britain* sailing from Liverpool. The Bradwell Minstrel Troupe consisting of Messrs Croft, A. & N. Bradwell, Milhench, Tanfield, Morley, Beach and Wood performed concerts in Bradwell and Little Hucklow with Mr Croft astounding the audience as the 'Wizard of Bradwell'. A cutting from this time also shows the Bradwell Ladies Choir resplendent in their dresses and hats as perform-

ers (and prize winners) at that year's Buxton Music Festival. Mr Revel of Netherside and Mr A. Bradwell as guides led a party of 20 children from the Council School in a visit to Bagshawe Cavern and there is a vivid description of what they saw. This section of the cuttings culminates in an article entitled 'How We Celebrated the Coronation'. There were several marches (one shown as a frontispiece in *After Seth* and one by torchlight) and a fancy dress competition for which there were more than 100 entries. The names of the winners and runner's up in every category are included with a description of their dress. There is much to learn about family history and the history of Bradwell in these cuttings.

## REBELLION KNOLL WI

In May's meeting we discussed the Resolutions that our delegates, Gillian Nowell (our Chair) and Rosy Smith, will be voting on in the upcoming National Federation of Women's Institute AGM in Liverpool. The two resolutions concerned Mega Farms and the possible imminent closure of our Local Library Service. The local library issue was not in contention as many of our residents rely heavily on the Local Library Service coming to our village nearly every Wednesday not just to borrow books but also to obtain help and information. We then had a lengthy and informative debate around the issue of Mega Farms. Final arrangements were made for our coffee morning on 4th June. There will be cakes and buns and a display on what we have done, and hope to achieve, this year so please come and join us. Further arrangements were also made for our tent on Beggars Plot during Gala Day (one little known fact - the bunting around our tent is all hand made!). We are busy clearing out the tubs on the main road (apologies for the poor display this spring, the inclement winter weather got the better of the bulbs) ready for their summer replanting and we have tackled the border leading into Town Bottom Playing Field. This will be replanted once our new Village Map is installed.

## SHIRLEY ARCHER

On Friday 6th May Shirley Archer passed away at Whitworth Hospital, Darley Dale, aged 76. Shirley was an active member of many village organisations and will be sadly missed by family and friends. The family would like to thank everyone for the cards, thoughts and kind words at this sad time. Many thanks, Mick Archer



## BRADDA DADS



Bradda Dads have helped towards the funding of the Bradwell Pre-School annual trip to Gullivers Kingdom in Matlock Bath this year. The trip is to say goodbye to those children who are leaving. We hope that the weather is good and everyone enjoys the day. We would like to welcome Tony Stirk to the ranks as he has recently joined 'The Dads'.



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## MRS MARY OLGA ILLINGWORTH



Olga Illingworth died on 12th April at the Hallamshire Hospital aged 97 years. Born in Bradwell, the only daughter of George and Eliza Bancroft, she was educated at Bradwell Council School and then at New Mills Grammar School. After leaving school she worked as a secretary at a steel works in Sheffield before moving to Cole Brothers as personal assistant to one of the Coles. In 1952 she moved to the Derwent Valley Water Board at Bamford where she remained until 1959. She married Ronald Illingworth and they lived at Purley until Ronald's retirement, when they moved to Dore. After her brother's death she moved to Bradwell for a short while before returning to Sheffield. Olga enjoyed walking, going to the theatre, doing crosswords, reading poetry and music. She leaves stepsons John and Lewis. Her husband Ron and brother Clifford pre-deceased her. There was a funeral service at Bradwell Methodist Church, followed by cremation at Hutcliffe Wood on 29th April.

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## MRS HAZEL ANNE MIDDLETON

Anne Middleton died at the Hallamshire Hospital on 13th April aged 79 years. Born in Leek she was the youngest of the three children of Percy and Hilda Day. At the age of eighteen she married Vincent Middleton and came to live in Bradwell. They moved to Hathersage for a time, before returning to Rose Cottage (re-named Birch Trees) in Smalldale. She then moved to Lodge Moor, then to Leek following her divorce, and

finally to Sheffield to be nearer to her family. Anne enjoyed gardening, cooking, holidays abroad and coach holidays in this country. She leaves sons Tony, Julian, Nicholas and Matthew, daughters Jayne and Lynne, 13 grandchildren and ex-husband, Vincent. A funeral service followed by burial took place at St Michael's Church, Hathersage on 27th April.

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## MRS GWENDOLEN CHATBURN

Gwendolen Chatburn died at Moorland House, Hathersage on 4th April aged 99 years. Born in Bradwell, the only child of George and Annie Thomas, she was educated at the Council School and then New Mills Grammar School. On leaving school she worked as a secretary for Sheffield firm until marrying Henry Chatburn, when she assisted him in his building business in Hope. She lived in Hope until moving to Moorland House. Her main interest was her family, but she also enjoyed foreign holidays and playing the piano. She leaves a son Axel, daughter Katrina, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Her husband pre-deceased her. Cremation was at Brimington, followed by a memorial service at Bradwell Methodist Church on 14th April.

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## MRS AUDREY WINIFRED WALKER

Audrey Walker died at the Brooklands Residential Home, Bakewell on 3rd February aged 93 years. She and her friend, Mrs Dawes came to the village in about 1983 and they lived in adjoining cottages at Elder Bank. Audrey lived there until a few years ago, then moving into a residential home. The funeral took place at Brimington Crematorium on 18th February.

	5th	12th	19th	26th
	Ascension/Easter 7	Pentecost	Trinity	Trinity 1/Corpus Christi
<b>HOPE</b>	0915 Sung Eucharist	1000 United Benefice Eucharist	0915 Morning Service/Mattins	1000 Wakes Service 1830 Evensong/1900 Well Blessing
<b>CASTLETON</b>	1100 Family Communion	1500 Whit Walk	0915 Morning Service	0915 Morning Prayer
<b>BRADWELL</b>	0800 Holy Communion 0915 Morning Prayer	1000 United Benefice Holy Communion	0915 Morning Service	0915 Holy Communion

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