



# BRADWELL NEWS



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## EVENTS

**Sat 30 July to Sun 7 Aug:** St Barnabas Church Exhibition - celebrating 400 yrs of King James Bible. 1030 - 1730 daily

**Sat 6:** 15 Minute 'West Country Side Story'. The Bowling Green Car Park. 2:00, 3:30, 5:00

**Wed 10:** Rebellion Knoll W.I. - Summer Event. Methodist Hall, 7.30pm

**Tue 16:** Bradwell Historical Society - Project Evening Methodist Hall, 8.00pm

## TEDDY BEAR CLUB

Bradwell Teddy Bear Club finished this term with their summer party. We had lots of nice treats, the bouncy castle and some games. A fun morning was had by all. This was also my last session as chair of the Teddy Bear Club. I have been chair for just short of 2 years and have enjoyed it. I would like to thank everyone who has supported us and donated money or sponsored a child on our walk. Without your generosity we could not continue. Colette Holden takes over as chair and I wish her all the very best. Next term Teddys will no longer run on Friday mornings. Over the last two years we have seen a big decline in numbers on this morning and have come to the decision to finish this day. However, on a positive note we are going to open on Thursday mornings 9.30 - 11.30 for a trial period until Christmas. Next term we will also be having our annual coffee morning and grand raffle which is our main fund-raiser of the year. Look out for more details. For further details about the Teddy Bears group please call Colette on 07835 800477. Esther Burton (ex Chairperson!)

## CHANGES AT "THE SHOULDER"

At the end of July some changes took place at The Shoulder of Mutton, with a new face behind the bar. Lynne Smith, whom some of you will already know from her 16 year stint running the Social Club at the Cement Works, is looking forward to an exciting new challenge at The Shoulder, welcoming friends old and new. For Gala week, there is a free Giant Bouncy Castle for the kids all afternoon on Carnival Day, so Mums and Dads can enjoy a drink in peace, whilst the little ones are kept busy! In the evening, entertainment steps up a notch with "Cortez" from 9pm, singing all your favourite chart hits from the 60's right through to present day. The ever popular Quiz and Bingo on Sunday nights with free supper will kick off at 9pm and mid-week there is a Junior (under 14's)

Pool Competition on the Tuesday night from 6pm with the champion taking a £25 prize. On the Thursday the Adult pool players (over 14's) compete for a £50 1st prize (not £25 as in Gala programme) so give us a ring (620427) or email: [theshoulderofmutton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:theshoulderofmutton@hotmail.co.uk) or call in the week before, to register your place. Entertainment for the final Saturday night is in the process of being arranged so watch out for news of what is happening to wind up Carnival week in style! A refurbishment of the kitchen means that by the end of September an interesting new food menu will be introduced, but in the meantime The Shoulder is available for private parties and family functions, which are Lynne's area of expertise! Fundraising events, working hand in hand with local groups and charities are already on the cards and we hope to create an inviting atmosphere for everyone to enjoy. So call in during Carnival week and beyond - you'll be sure of a decent pint, a warm welcome and a friendly smile.

## A NEW VILLAGE PLAN FOR BRADWELL

The first Bradwell Village Plan was completed and distributed to every household in 2003. The plan was based on the wishes of those village residents who either attended the village meetings or those who completed questionnaires. A large number of people assisted with the formulation of individual projects and carrying them forward to action, and it is thanks to those people that the plan was so successful. In the intervening years. Much of that original plan has been implemented and many of the village groups have been able to benefit. Indeed, this newsletter is a product of that plan. Eight years have now passed since the plan and, with particular regard to potential major developments in the village, it has been decided to update the Village Plan. A fledgling committee has been formed but additional members who would be willing to help are being sought. If you feel that you could assist in some way then please get in touch with interim secretary for the initiative, Liz Downing (623941) or interim Chairman Ian Jarvis (621425). Peter Hodges

## SEND US YOUR NEWS

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## BOWLING GREEN INN

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Events for Carnival Week - open for food as normal  
**Sat 30 Jul:** Giant Jungle Slide £2 each from 3pm +BBQ  
**Sun 31 Jul:** Hot roast sandwiches/chips: 1 to 6pm  
**Mon 1:** Country & Western night with local band (7:30)  
**Tue 2:** Our popular quiz (9pm) and bingo night with fun and prizes galore. Hosted by Mr. Graham Riley  
**Wed 3:** Family Fun Disco with Keith's Party Magic and Disco - 6:30 to 8:30pm  
**Thu 4:** Bradda Treasure Hunt starts and finishes at the "Green" with food from 6pm  
**Fri 5:** The landladies' big 50th Birthday night with Lee Bradbury disco and BBQ 6pm onwards  
Best wishes to Carnival Committee & hope all goes well

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## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

**Bingo** – we have a full house of Councillors. At our June PC meeting we were delighted to co-opt Sarah Ridgeway to the council. At 19 years of age, Derby University student Sarah could well be the youngest ever Bradwell parish councillor. She brings us back up to our full complement of ten councillors, substantially reduces our average age, and improves our male/female balance to 6/4. Councillor Ridgeway will take over as chair of our Carnival Committee for the 2012 Carnival. Recently co-opted member, Councillor Richard Harrison, has agreed to chair our Youth Club Committee.

**Parish Council election** – A contributor to the village website 'political forum' has described Bradwell parish councillors as 'unelected'. In case others share this view, I would point out that those councillors who stood for election in May are officially designated 'elected unopposed'. This is also the case in 82% of the 91 parish councils in Derbyshire Dales District and in fact seven current Derbyshire Dales District Councillors, including the Council Leader, are likewise designated 'elected unopposed'. Before co-option the parish clerk advertises these 'casual' vacancies and invites calls for an election. If there are no such calls, councillors are able to co-opt qualified applicants.

**Waste Management** – District Councillor Janet Goodison attended our PC meeting on July 5<sup>th</sup> to tell us about the changes to the waste management policy. She said they had been agreed unanimously by DDDC's Communities and Environment Committee (which she chairs) on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Councillors were surprised to hear that the Saturday skip service will be discontinued from September 1<sup>st</sup>. At the Annual Parish Meeting, on April 20<sup>th</sup>, Councillor Goodison had suggested that it could be 18 months before it was discontinued, but we now understand that the final Bradwell collection will take place on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Councillor Goodison also spoke about the consultation process regarding the future funding of village toilets. She also told us that, on advice from the District Council, she could not answer questions on District Council policies and governance and that any such questions should be addressed directly to the District Council. At an additional PC meeting, on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, it was agreed that the clerk should write to DDDC complaining about the loss of the skip service and expressing our concern over the fly-tipping, garden fires and extra expense for residents which could result. Also - the lack of consultation on this and other changes to the waste management service.

**Town Bottom Phone Box** – In last month's article I reported that Councillors had declined an offer from BT to sell the box to the PC for £1. We had assumed this would involve us in funding the phone service, but we have since heard from BT that they are removing the equipment anyway and the offer is just for the box. It was therefore unanimously agreed that we should take up the offer.

**Village Guide/Map** - By the time you read this the new guide

board should have been installed in Town Bottom Playing field. The grant funding for this came from fore-runner of the Hope Valley and High Peak Community Rail Partnership. Our thanks again go to all who have helped with this – particularly Keith Brett, for the graphics, and Alan Hearsom for the village pictures.

**Town Bottom Playing Field** – The two new picnic benches have now been installed – just in time for the Carnival and the school holidays. The cost is being shared equally between Bradda Dads and the PC. Chris Furness

## LETTER FROM COUNCILLOR JANET GOODISON

I am delighted to be able to represent the views and interests of the Bradwell area for another four year term on the District Council. Thank you to everyone who voted for me. I am appreciative of your support and will do all I can to represent the best interests of the area. You can come to me for help, support or information and I am here to represent all resident's views, whether you voted for me or not. I am currently Chairman of the Council's Community and Environmental Committee. I also represent DDDC on Dales Housing, Derbyshire Sport and the National Park Authority. I am keen to get feedback good or bad, on the District Council's services so you can help shape what we do and how we do it. Tel: 01433 621415 or e-mail: [janet.goodison@derbshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:janet.goodison@derbshiredales.gov.uk) You can also come along to any of the District Council meetings to just observe or to ask a question. [www.derbshiredales.gov.uk](http://www.derbshiredales.gov.uk) for further information. Yours, J.R. Goodison

## FESTIVAL OF SPORT

On 9<sup>th</sup> July the rare summer sun shone for Bradwell's Festival of Sport to celebrate the opening of the long awaited Multi Use Games Area (MUGA). A total of £130,000 has been raised to build a top of the range games area with artificial turf play surface, floodlights and rebound surround so that sports can be played all year round by the community. It has been a 10 year dream by the local Sports Club to have such a facility and only realised by a small dedicated group of people persevering in raising sponsorship from various organisations. The facility provides open access for all ages and genders to play a variety of sports including tennis, netball, basketball, hockey and football. The official opening was by Paul Jenner from High Peak Radio, who mentioned the benefits this will have for the area and what a wonderful achievement it is for a small community like Bradwell. Very special thanks to some of our many sponsors - Community Spaces through Groundwork UK & the Big Lottery Fund, who contributed £49,999, Bradwell Parish Council, Derbyshire Dales District Council, Awards for All, Derbyshire Youth Opportunities Fund and all the local businesses and clubs who have contributed. Without your help and support this project would not have been possible – Thank You.

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## BRADWELL 100 YEARS AGO

Here is the latest in Brian Gillham's excellent series of articles: The major event for the next report in this series concerns the wakes festivities. The newspaper cuttings tell us the 'villagers of Bradwell abandoned themselves to revelry on Tuesday when the annual wakes were held at Smalldale'. At dusk a torchlight procession formed at Town Bottom and included a variety of masquerades in fancy dress. Large crowds gathered from surrounding areas and joined the villagers to witness the proceedings, with confetti being freely thrown along the route. On arriving at Smalldale the procession broke up when there was dancing to the Bradwell Brass Band. There were the 'usual merry-go rounds and coconut shies'. Earlier in the day sports were held in a field provided by Harvey Hallam. It has to be said that many of the events would find no place in modern sports meetings but they seem to have been enjoyed by all. The threading-the-needle contest was won by Nellie Hall (daughter of Hannah, who started ice cream making in Bradwell; Nellie married Hedley Bradwell). Jim Hallam was the victor in the sack race, F. Liversidge and H. Sidebottom were joint winners of the three-legged race and the potato race was won by Jennie Gregory. Of the more modern looking events the 120 yards race was won by J. Welburn; in clearing 4'8" Fred Kay won the high jump and the weight was putt furthest by B.S. Shirt. The race for over 60s was won by S. Hallam and the marathon by Joe Daniels. In the team events the men's tug-of-war was won by Hillhead, captained by Stephen Middleton and the women's event was won by the Married Women whose captain was Mrs Crofts. The Bradwell, Brough and Hazelbadge Horticultural Society held their 44<sup>th</sup> annual show at the C of E School. The area had been suffering from a drought but the entries maintained a high standard. On this occasion the music was provided by the Coronation Brass Band (Bradwell's other brass band of the time) and the conjurer Mr F. Crofts appeared. In the vegetable competitions the entrant with the most firsts was F. Harries and for fruit and flowers J.T. Kay was the most successful. Mr Kay was also judged the exhibitor of most distinction. The judges were later treated to teas at Mrs Quince's café. In cricket the Primitive Methodist CC, on their Gore Lane End ground, were visited by the Western Works team who defeated the home side in a low scoring match by 39 - 33. The death was also recorded of a prominent member of the Bradwell CC. Richard Kay of Smalldale. Richard was aged 63, had worked for Hall Bros (Contractors) of Litton and the funeral took place at St Barnabas Church.

## A QUIET DAY AT ABNEY

On Saturday 17th September at Abney Village Hall - guided prayer, meditation and reflection with Sister Grace OHP on the theme; "What are you looking for? Come and see!" 10am to 3pm. Please tell Josephine Barnes as soon as possible if you would like to join us. Tel: 621443 / [josephine.barnes1@btinternet.com](mailto:josephine.barnes1@btinternet.com)

## 15 MINUTE WEST (COUNTRY) SIDE STORY

Bernstein's music is bonkers so the 15 Minute gang have come up with a bonkers show to do the composer proud. All the old favourites (or chestnuts – depending on your point of view) have been squeezed in around the simpering Maria and Tony and the feuding Jets (Locals) and Sharks (Incomers) – and all in 15 minutes! This year we are being hosted by The Bowling Green Inn, Smalldale all afternoon. Show times are 2pm, 3.30pm and 5pm. Please come along and support us if you can. Most of the village will have heard us rehearsing so you might as well come along and see what all the fuss was about. Alison Benefield



## GALA PRAISE

Come and sing the hymns you love! **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August** from 2.30 to 3.30pm on Beggars Plot. Hymns, prayers, readings and puppets (In the Memorial Hall if wet).

## THANKS

The luncheon hosted by Richard and Helen Plant in their home on the 7<sup>th</sup> July raised £238-50p in aid of the St. Barnabas Fabric Fund for the church roof repairs. Thank you to all who supported the event, and donated raffle prizes, and a special thank you to Richard and Helen for a superb lunch and their kind hospitality. It is proposed that their next events will be a brunch in October and one in November, look for details in the Bradwell News and in posters around the village nearer the time. Peter and Janet Kobayashi



## BRADDA DADS



Thanks to everyone for supporting the duck race this year. This is a crucial fund raising event for us and your generosity is much appreciated. Bradda Dads have donated a picnic table, supplied and installed by Chris Strong, that can be found in the brand new play ground. We hope it will be enjoyed by all! We felt this was a much needed and (semi) permanent reminder of the financial support of our fund raising ventures that we have received over the years.



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## BRADWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Notes from the June 2011 meeting of the Society, describing "The Medicinal use of Plants" by Patrick Harding

Patrick started by emphasising that although his talk would focus on the history of the Medicinal use of Plants this was very much a living subject of much current interest.

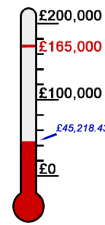
A useful place to start the historical enquiry about Medicinal Plants is by asking 'how did we come to know which plants might be useful?' It seems very likely that early knowledge came from the observation of animal behaviour. For example it is well known that the Orang-utan eats the bark of forest trees which relieve gastrointestinal upset (probably those caused by parasites). But eventually human would have to resort to trial and error to find what plants were efficacious for them. Of course this led from time to time to extreme errors leading to the death of the experimenter. At this stage nothing was written down and so knowledge of remedy depended on memory. This led to the specialists (herbalists, 'sorcerers' and their apprentices) who passed on the art of herbal medicine. One of earliest records of the medicinal use of plants comes from the ancient Greek's use of Coltsfoot to suppress coughs and relieve sore throats. We now know that one of the active principles of Coltsfoot is mucilage. Patrick then recalled the plea of the barren Rachael (in Genesis) to her sister Leah for Mandrake roots (known to be an aphrodisiac). In England the physical resemblance of Bryony to Mandrake led to its use for the same purpose, but this was very ill-advised because Bryony is extremely toxic to the kidneys.

Pedanus Dioscorides the 1<sup>st</sup> century CE Greek physician was the first to put herbal medicine on a sound footing in his five volume encyclopaedia 'Regarding Medicinal Materials'. *De Materia Medica* as it became known in its Latin translation provides a wealth of information on the wide range of plant preparations being used in Dioscorides' time.

In bringing Christianity to the British Isles the monks also brought with them a range of herbal remedies. Patrick pointed out that although Ellis Peters' brother Cadfael was a fictional

character the books featuring him were very well researched on the then current use of herbal remedies. Although not strictly a remedy the use of extracts of Monkshead on the tips of arrows to kill wolves may be regard as a 'cure' for attacks by the animals. In fact extracts of Monkshead may be used as an anaesthetic but naturally the dose is all important! Christianity having reached these isles it wasn't long before British knights were being called to defend their faith in the Holy Land. Returning crusaders brought back with them Meadow Saffron which was (and is) useful in treating gout (but once again the correct dose is all). In another area of herbal medicine the Christians known as Jesuits played a vital role. On their mission to South America they became aware of the use of the bark of the Chinchona tree for treating malaria and when the remedy reached Europe it was known as Jesuits' bark. The barks of trees have provided a range of exceptionally useful drugs not least the Willow for aspirin and the Yew for the anticancer drug taxal. Coming more up to date Patrick mentioned the prescription by Queen Victoria's physician of cannabis as an analgesic for his patient, a practice stretching back 4000 years. In 2002 David Blunkett announced the reclassification of cannabis as a class C drug meaning that it could once more be prescribed for medicinal purposes.

## CHURCH FABRIC FUND



As of 30th June the Fabric Fund stands at £45,218.43. This figure includes some profit from the lottery so far. A further payment of £3,321 in connection with the Development Grant has also been received from English Heritage but is not included. Please don't forget to come to the "400 Years of the King James Bible" exhibition at St Barnabas which runs up until 7th August.


## SATURDAY WASTE SKIP DATES

27th August

24th September

	7th	14th	21st	28th
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AUGUST SERVICES	0915 Morning Prayer 1500 Gala Praise - Beggars Plot			

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