



# BRADWELL NEWS



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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

The production team at *Bradwell News* wish a very happy and prosperous New Year to all our readers. Thanks to everyone for your help and support during the more than nine years we have been running, and are looking forward very much to working with everyone as we "Leap" into 2012.

## THAT ROOF

The November Brunch at Richard and Helen Plant's raised **£180** for the St. Barnabas Church roof repairs. This brings the total amount raised by Richard and Helen and their helpers to **£2,557**. In addition they have raised **£65** from donations for extra glasses of wine provided at their Christmas lunches. As well as financially benefitting church funds, these events have been very successful social functions for the village. Well done, Richard and Helen, and all who have supported.

## THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

The village is indebted to a small group of people who once again gave up their time and a considerable amount of energy to provide us with our splendid Christmas tree. Grateful thanks to David Sidebottom for donating a tree again this year, and to him, Reg Davies and Steven Eyre for battling through muddy fields to locate a suitable candidate, felling it, hauling it to Beggar's plot and erecting it. Many thanks also to Reg Davies and Jonathan Walker for decorating the tree. On behalf of the village - thank you, gentlemen!

## VILLAGE PLAN UPDATE BRADDA'S FUTURE IN YOUR HANDS

Thanks to everyone who has completed and handed in their questionnaires. A very good response so far, but please if you haven't handed one in, do so now. It is so important that we are able to show that the expressed wishes from the survey are truly representative of all the village. Questionnaires are online at [www.bradda.org](http://www.bradda.org) and available at the P.O. or phone 623941 or 623053

We have received some comments that this is actually only about the proposed Newburgh development. Please note that this is not the case. The survey and the Village Plan are part of a much broader initiative, so that when our village develops a Neighbourhood Plan, Bradwell will be able to take advantage of the opportunities of the newly passed Localism Bill.

## BRADWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### *The Peak Park – what it is and what it does*

John Riddall, the speaker said that although an appreciation of the beauty of the countryside had for long been reflected in English literature, for example in Chaucer, Shakespeare and Wordsworth, and in painting, for example in Gainsborough and Constable, it was not in England but in the USA that the first National Parks were created, Yellowstone having been established by President Grant in 1872, there now being 70 National Parks in the USA and nearly 7,000 worldwide. In England, the movement for National Parks ran parallel with the movement which sought access for the public to the moors and hills, the movement which culminated in the Kinder Trespass in 1932. So it came about that, when legislation was introduced by the post-war Labour government under Clement Atlee, the two objects were combined – in the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949. The Peak District was the first National Park to be created, the necessary work entailed in preparing a proposed boundary having been undertaken by the CPRE in the 1930s. John then explained the structure and organisation of the Park – its members, committees and staff. He spoke of the workload of planning staff and the importance of appeals. He concluded by giving examples of some of the Park's successes, the most recent being the opening of the tunnels on the Monsal Trail, and of what he regarded as some of its failures, for example Hathersage Station, the agricultural centre in Bakewell and the refusal by the authority to use the legal powers available to it to deal with problems caused by recreational motorized vehicles on green lanes and similar other tracks.

## STORYBAG THEATRE

On 17th December the village was hugely entertained by this excellent group of players. The "15 minute Grease" was zany and exhausting to watch, the "Sound of Music" encouraged much audience participation, and the "Very Brief Encounter" was frankly inspired. A very fitting tribute for Janet.

## SEND US YOUR NEWS

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### PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

**District Council by-election** – It's all over and done with - without many people noticing. I was the only candidate so I'm officially described as "elected unopposed" although I won't actually be sworn in or commence duties till January 12<sup>th</sup>. In May I stood as an Independent candidate, but for this by-election I was asked by the District Council leader, Lewis Rose, to stand for the Conservatives. I have never been a member of any political party but I considered it would be best for Bradwell to have a voice within the ruling group, where decisions are effectively made, so I agreed. I will concentrate my efforts on ensuring that Bradwell gets its fair share of District services, and I will do my best to resolve individual residents' disputes with DDDC. I will be arguing for the re-opening of our public toilets and for the return of our Saturday skip. There is no current planning application from Newburgh, at the moment, on which to take a position.

**Councillor vacancies** – Richard Harrison has tendered his resignation, which means we now have two vacancies. If you are interested in helping to manage the Council's properties and responsibilities and can spare one evening per month, please contact the parish clerk, Steve Lawless on 620329.

**Lafarge** – At the community liaison committee, held at Hope Works on December 13<sup>th</sup>, manager Ashley Bryan reported on one of the most successful years in the Works' history, with efficiency at an all-time high. As part of the company's compliance with the requirements of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, the Works was put up for sale earlier this year together with its main rail depots at Theale and Dewsbury. However, they have now been taken off the market and it is possible that they may be allowed stay within the ownership of the proposed Lafarge/Tarmac combine. The Commissioners' recommendation on the proposed merger is expected around May 2012. A new alternative fuel is to be tested in the kilns in 2012. It is made from flammable waste which cannot be recycled – such as old sofas and cardboard. There will be a public exhibition of the proposal at the Works in February. Exhibition dates will be published in the Lafarge magazine which is distributed to all residents.

**Hathersage Swimming Pool** – At the request of Hathersage parish council, we agreed to support their plea to DDDC not to further reduce their grant for maintaining the pool. In 2007 their grant was £32,275, but it is now £25,000 and is under consideration for further reduction. It was agreed that our clerk would write a supporting letter to DDDC.

**The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons celebration** – We have been asked to participate in this national event by funding a beacon in the village. It was agreed to ask Bradda Dads if they would be prepared to make the arrangements.

**Playing Fields** – Councillor Higgs presented his comprehensive survey on matters relating to the management of the playing fields. His recommendations included risk assessments, documentation of the caretaker's weekly inspections

and the playing fields committee's quarterly inspections. It was agreed that all documentation should be held by Councillor Higgs, as Chair of the playing fields committee.

**Christmas decorations** – It was agreed that Councillor Davies should arrange for a tree to be provided, installed in Beggars Plot field, and decorated, and that up to £200 should be available for this purpose.

**Next meeting** – It was agreed that there would be no meeting in January, due to a combination of Councillors' holidays and the Clerk's workload. The next PC meeting will therefore be on February 7<sup>th</sup> in the Methodist Lounge. Chris Furness.

### HOPE VALLEY RAILWAY USERS GROUP

Come to the AGM on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 8pm in the Lawrence Room, Memorial Hall, Hathersage (opposite the car park). Having just won our first improvement to the Valley rail timetable in over twenty years please come to our AGM to help us decide our next campaign, and tell us what improvements you would like to see to our train services?

### REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Regular readers will remember that last year DDDC stopped issuing waste collection calendars, but that a downloadable file was available. The same service applies to 2012. If anyone would like a 2012 waste collection calendar you can request one from [paul@paulandliz.org](mailto:paul@paulandliz.org) or the DDDC website.

### WINTER PRUNING APPLE AND PEAR TREES

After a bumper harvest for most in 2011 it's time to plan ahead to keep trees healthy and fruitful for the coming year. Planning ahead means getting tools out and pruning! It's often felt to be a complicated business, and although there's lots of advice available, the tree in your garden never looks quite like the one in the book. Don't let it put you off having a look at your tree between now and the end of March. If you have a young tree you can (quite literally) nip any wayward tendencies in the bud. Narrow forks often develop at the top of the tree as 2 branches compete to be the leader, and it is important to remove one of the two branches. This is because it is a weak junction, rather like a wish bone, where one of the branches may well rip off when it carries the weight of fruit in the future. Look also at the tips of the branches, you should be able to see how much has grown in the previous year. Cut off a third of this growth to an outward facing bud. This will encourage the side buds to grow, forming more branches and more fruit buds, and generally making the framework more sturdy and well balanced. If you don't do this you may end up with long lengths of unproductive wood. With any tree if you find crowded or crossing branches you can be confident that removing them now will let air and light into the tree. Airflow reduces a tree's susceptibility to disease and sunlight ripens and colours the fruit. All are welcome to join Bradwell Orchard Group in pruning its young trees on Feb 12<sup>th</sup> and Mar 11<sup>th</sup>. Ellie Dunn, Fruit Tree Care, 621672. Bookings for private work taken for Feb & Mar.

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## TEDDY BEAR CLUB



Teddy Bear Club held its annual Christmas party on 13 December. The children played pass the parcel, shared a buffet lunch, and had a very special visit from Father Christmas, who kindly gave every child a new book.

Teddy Bear Club is Bradwell's group for mums, dads, carers, babies and toddlers. We meet during term-time on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9.30am to 11.30am in the Methodist Hall, opposite the White Hart. We charge £1.50 per family per session – this includes a cuppa and biscuits for the grown-ups, and snacks and squash for the little ones. Come along and encourage your children to socialise and at the same time make new friends in the area. We welcome new members from Bradwell and the surrounding villages.

If you're nervous about coming to your first session, please email or phone and we'll arrange for somebody to go with you to show you the ropes.

We start back after Christmas on Thursday 5 January. For more info call Colette Holden: 01433 623838 / 07835 800477 or email [colette@coindacomunications.co.uk](mailto:colette@coindacomunications.co.uk)

### BRADWELL SPORTS CLUB

To raise funds to maintain our newly built multi use games area we are excited to invite you to our:

**CHARITY SPORTSMAN'S DINNER 2012** at the Barcelo Palace Hotel, Buxton on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2012. Start time is 7pm, with special guest speaker, **Mr. Peter Shilton O.B.E.** This event promises to provide a value for money package without compromising on style or standards. Dress code is evening wear. You will enjoy:

- A red carpet reception with welcome drinks
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Please join the fun and help us make this, our first "big bash" a night to remember. We very much look forward to enjoying the pleasure of your company. For more information or to book please contact us at [bradwellsports@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bradwellsports@yahoo.co.uk)

Thanks. Bradwell Sports Club Committee

### REBELLION KNOLL WI

January's meeting will be our annual Christmas dinner to be held this year at the Rising Sun.

The tubs along the main road have been planted with spring bulbs but the rather warm weather in November has seen many of these already pushing up above the soil – just hope we don't get a repeat of last year's poor showing in the spring. The land at the entrance to Town Bottom has also been cleared and planted with bulbs and the planting of shrubs will begin in earnest in the spring.

Our speaker this month was our very own **John Monahan** who gave us a captivating talk on **Alfred the Great**. Apart from the inevitable 'burnt cakes' topic (there is no historical record of this event!) there were a number of interesting facts John was able to regale us with. Alfred, experts now agree, almost certainly suffered from Crohn's disease for most of his life. He obtained the accolade 'Great' from his innovative approach to governing a combined kingdom, introducing laws and a legal system the basis of which we still use today, imposing taxes and using the revenue for the poor and for education, and he is credited with being the founding father of our Royal Navy. The first compulsory purchase of land was recorded during his reign in our neighbouring village Hope and did you know that there has been a Monday market at Bakewell since the year 913 (ok, so Alfred died in 899, but I still thought it was a fascinating local fact!)

If you would like to know more details about joining our fast growing village group then please contact Vanessa Horstead on 623053.

### WILL HITCH

Helen and Michael would like to thank everyone who has given messages of support and good wishes for William while he is serving in Afghanistan. Will is currently in Camp Bastion recovering from a gunshot wound to his arm but is hoping to be back in action at his compound the next 2 weeks. Anyone wishing to contact Will during his tour, please call 621388 and we can pass on his details.



### BRADDA DADS



Duck Race: Thank you to everyone who supported our Boxing Day race, particularly those who helped sell tickets ~ Maggie, The Post Office and bread shop staff.

Pensioners Christmas lunch: This was our 11th lunch and a good time was had by all. Thank you to both school choirs for providing a beautiful 'choral backdrop' for the event that everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

Christmas card list: A big thank you to everyone who participated in this now very popular fund raising activity. Did you spot who the man on the card is? We'll tell you who it is in the February edition.



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### MRS DOROTHY (DOT) CROOKES

Dorothy Crookes died at Calow Hospital on 9th November aged 85 years. Born at Ches-terfield, the daughter of William and Doris Marriott, she was educated at Newbold Church School and then Violet Markham Secondary Modern School. On leaving school she worked as a dressmaker for various shops, including Colledges and Voc-es. During the war she served in the

women's land army. She met Ernest through their mutual in-terest in hiking. They married at Newbold Church and lived with Ernest's parents in Spital. When Ernest started work at Newburgh Engineering they moved to Great Hucklow and then Bradwell, where they lived in Hugh Lane until moving to The Orchard, where they remained until Ernest died. After his death, Dot moved to Eyam to be near to her son, David. She was artistically gifted, as best exemplified by her work on the Church Street well dressing. She also did flower arranging and made corn dollies for the church, giving demonstrations of both activities. Dot was also a keen photographer. She leaves sons David and Michael, grandchildren Louise, Dominic and Martin, great-grandchildren Heidi and Ellis and her brother John. Her husband Ernest and sister Joan pre-deceased her. The funeral was at St Barnabas Church on 24th Nov, followed by cremation at Hutcliffe Wood.

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### MRS BARBARA BRADBURY

Barbara Bradbury died at Thornhill House on 16th November aged 92 years. She was born in London, the youngest daughter of Charles and Eugenie Hawley. They moved to Sheffield and in 1928 they came to Tor Top, the house built for them by Fred Ev-ans. Barbara was educated at Abbeydale Primary School and then Bradwell Church

School. She worked on the family smallholding, keeping poul-try and Angora Rabbits. She married Charles Bradbury in 1947 and they lived in Ceylon (Sri Lanka) until Charles com-pleted his service with the Royal Navy. They then moved to Denton, Manchester where Barbara worked as a seamstress. They returned to Bradwell in 1950 and fostered a boy, Mi-chael, for three years. Barbara worked as a playground assis-tant at the church school and then as a phlebotomist at Jes-sops Hospital until retiring in 1978. She enjoyed baking, cooking and listening to classical music. She was a member of the Christian Fellowship and enjoyed singing with the church choir and with the Peak Singers. Another interest was the breeding of Corgies. She leaves daughters Christine, Margaret and Elizabeth, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and sister Eugenie. The funeral was at St Barnabas Church on 29th Nov, followed by cremation at Hutcliffe Wood.

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### MRS BEATRICE HANCOCK TOPLEY

Beatrice Topley (nee Gregory) died at Stepping Hill Hospital on 26th October aged 96 years. She was born at Stoney Mid-leton and lived there until marrying William (Bill) Topley. They lived in Bradwell, first in Smalldale, then Bessie Lane and finally 1, Main Road. She spent her last few months in the Argyll Residential Home in Buxton. She was a member of the Christian Fellowship and enjoyed knitting, walking and coach holidays, especially to Scotland. She leaves sons Roger and Nigel, daughters-in-law Janice and Christine, granddaughters Leane and Erica, and grandsons Daniel and Nicholas. Her husband Bill, two sisters and two brothers pre-deceased her. Cremation was at Hutcliffe Wood, followed by a service of thanksgiving at the Methodist Chapel on 11th November.

### 80TH BIRTHDAY THANKS

Tommy Harrison would like to thank all friends and relatives for cards and presents on his 80th birthday.

|                     | 1st                 | 8th                   | 15th                | 22nd                                   | 29th                        |
|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| <b>ST BARNABAS</b>  | 0800 No Service     | 1100 Family Communion | 0915 Morning Prayer | 0915 Holy Communion<br>Christian Unity | 1000 United Service at Hope |
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