



Bradwell News



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First Birthday

Bradwell News will be 1 year old in July. Let's make it a really good issue - we need your comments and letters.

Please continue to send your contributions and adverts to Martin at: martin@thedialstone.fsnet.co.uk or tel.621276. Alternatively, speak to our roving correspondent Joyce Emsen on 621865.

This month we've included an e-mail from the USA (Seattle), from a man whose roots are in the Bradwell area. Another was from a man whose great great great grandfather preached in the Primitive Methodist Chapel in Bradwell in 1825!!

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Martin Cliffe, Joyce Emsen, Liz and Ian Fullilove.

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

Bradwell's First Film Night

Well 'Bend it like Beckham' was considered a hit at Bradwell's first film night. Over 40 people, young and not so young, turned up to see the film in the Memorial Hall a few weeks ago. And if you missed it then unfortunately the next one isn't until the autumn:

Shipping News (15)

Wednesday 24th September 7.15 for 7.45 pm

Last Orders (15)

Wednesday 29th October 7.15 for 7.45 pm

Look out for posters and reminder in Bradwell News!

EVENTS

Thur 5th June 'Little Stars' in Church

Fri 6th June Junior Football Presentation, White Hart. 7.00pm

Food available. Tickets £2.00 from Ruth, Clare or Debbie

Sat 7th June St Barnabas Church Fete 2.30 Vicarage lawn

Sun 8th June PENTECOST DAY-

10.00am St Barnabas Church family Communion

10.30am Methodist Church service

3.00pm Whit Walk start Methodist Church. All the Valley Churches join together to celebrate Whitsun with band, banners and balloons, street theatre, Whitsun hymns, and ending with bring and share picnic on Vicarage lawn.

Tues 17th June Historical Society Pauline Tindle and others on **Wells Dressing** Methodist Hall 8.00pm. All welcome

Wed 25th June WI Members Evening

Sat 28th June - WASTE COLLECTION

Mon 30th June-Wild Flower Walk 6.00 Softwater Lane(see p.3)

Garden Party to be opened by Mr and Mrs John Simpson at the Vicarage, on Saturday 7th June at 2.30pm. Lots of stalls, raffles and games. Delicious home-made teas. Special attraction: "Andy The Clown". Everyone welcome

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Fri 6th June

Junior Football Club
Presentation

Fri 13th June Steak Night

Sat 14th June LIVE MUSIC

Fri 20th June Pie and Peas

Sat 28th June LIVE MUSIC

Meals, bingo, quiz as usual

Can you help Bradwell Luncheon Club?

I would like to renew the appeal I made in October 2002 for members and helpers for one of Bradwell's oldest clubs.

Bradwell WRVS Luncheon Club meets every Wednesday in the Sports Pavilion: a pleasant spot to swap stories and the odd bit of gossip with friends, many going back to childhood days, over a good hot meal, sweet and a drink. The club also arranges an interesting monthly coach outing, including a meal. Door to door transport is provided.

Apart from a small County Council subsidy, the club is self-financing. It depends on members and volunteers to survive. However membership is dwindling and we need new members to be viable.

We also need more volunteers for our rotas, particularly drivers (for ½ hour) but also catering helpers (for 2 hours) every fourth or fifth Wednesday.

If you would like to become a member or volunteer, you can help keep a vital service going for Bradwell folk who have done a lot for the village in their time.

Please ring Audrey Avey (620868) or call in at the club one Wednesday.

The Brownies lend a hand

On Saturday 10th May the sun shone and so did the coins: Bradwell Brownies helped raise money with a mile of pennies outside the Memorial Hall. We raised a total of £27.28. We thoroughly enjoyed raising money for Christian Aid.

From Vanessa Mary Morgan

The Teddy Bear Club welcomes all old and new parents/carers with their babies and toddlers. The fee has unfortunately risen to £1.50 a session because numbers have dropped. Please note revised times:

Tuesday and Friday, 9.30 – 11.15.

Contact Ruth Allen, Secretary on 621785.

Greenery needed for flower festival

During Carnival Week there will be a flower festival in the Methodist Church. A lot of greenery will be required in order to select suitable pieces for the church decoration. Please contact Monica Taylor (620166) if you can help in any way.

Gardens Open Day

Many thanks to those who have offered to open their gardens, and to all those out there who are still thinking about it – just give Peter (621459) or John (0114 237 7336) a ring.

Whitehall 2003

In March a group of children from Bradwell Junior School went to Whitehall Outdoor pursuits centre near Buxton. Our first challenge was to put our duvet in its cover we managed it eventually. The activities we did include Caving, Rock scrambling, Rock Climbing and Abseiling. We did lots of different night activities. There is a big zip wire there which Jack fell off – with no injuries. Hathersage School went at the same time and we worked in groups with them which were really good but in our dormitories were just children from Bradwell. We had lots of games of football against Hathersage and of course we beat them every time! The food was definitely not the best bit we had quiche on the first night – luckily we had taken lots of "supplies". We had jobs to do like setting the table, we all missed our mums but don't tell anybody.

By Ben Brown, James Sowerby & Jack Weston.

Victorious Bradwell

On Wednesday the 14th May Bradwell J F C Under 12's played Bamford in the final of the Hill Trophy at Baslow. After two league wins against Bamford the final was never going to be as easy.

Both teams started well with Greg Moseley opening the scoring for Bradwell. An excellent all-round team performance saw Bradwell two up at half-time after Moseley slotted the ball home for his second. After the break, Bamford stepped up a gear and pulled one back before Adam Karlsons struck twice to put the game beyond Bamford. Greg Moseley was awarded Man of the Match for his superb performance. Bradwell captain Sam Brown lifted the trophy for Bradwell, the first time we have won it since 1984.

The team were also presented with their trophies as league runners up. Yet another successful season for managers Brown and Karlsons; well done to them and to all their players.

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News in brief

Hope Valley Darts and Dominoes League awards went to the White Hart for the team dominoes knockout, second in the Darts league and second place in the team Darts knockout. A very enjoyable evening saw Steve (Rug) Lawson hypnotised, to the great amusement of his teammates.

The New Bath came second in the Darts Pairs knockout which was won by Shoulder partnership Paul Baker and Pete Burnyeat. Paul Baker also won the pub game of darts.

Births

Harrison - On Saturday 17th May to Francesca and Michael, a daughter Lauren. Congratulations to proud parents and grandparents.

Bradwell Environment Group

The group will next meet on Tuesday 10th June at 7.45 pm. Topics discussed range from wild flowers surveys to allotments. Everyone welcome to drop in. If you want to know more ring Liz on 621643.

Go Wild in Bradwell

Did you know that Bradwell has some of the best hay meadows in the Peak District?

On Monday 30th June there will be a Wild Flower Walk around Bradwell. One of the National Park's ecologists will lead the walk, and for those of you who are really keen there will be the chance to learn how to get involved with plant surveys - to help log and protect some of the more important species.

Just turn up at 6.00 pm on Monday 30th June at Softwater Lane.

Greetings from Seattle

What a nice website. I've been searching Peak District sites because my father was from around there and I recall being taken to the area as a child. It's a great way to learn about a place. That 3D map is very good. Best regards, and thanks for the good website. Bob Wild.

Best joke winner

There was a hat and a scarf and the scarf said to the hat, "you go on a head and I'll hang around."

From Robert Thompson age 9.

Robert receives a voucher for £10.

Dear Editor,

After recently talking to another mother, I was interested to learn that there is a plaque near the tree planted for the Millennium (near the New Bath pub) listing all those children born in the year 2000.

She was explaining that her daughter's name had been missed off and that the Parish Council were planning on putting another plaque up with additional names.

Yours sincerely,
Ruth Allen

The Older Peoples Advocacy Project is a registered charity active throughout the High Peak and Northern Derbyshire Dales, supporting vulnerable older people to be heard, and involved in decisions that affect their lives. We have an excellent team of volunteer advocates, and regular referrals from throughout the area.

We can assist someone to speak for themselves and make sure their voice is heard. Sometimes all that is needed is some support to ask relevant questions, make a complaint, or help to find out what choices are available.

We will shortly be offering our next four sessions of training for new volunteers. If you would like to make a difference, have an hour a week to spare, and would like to train to become 'a friend with a purpose', please contact Ann Young or Ivan McLeod on 01298 73765 for a chat. Alternatively if you or someone you know could benefit from this service, please call us.

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Congratulations

- from all Parish Councillors to Janel Goodison, on her election as Chair of Derbyshire Dales District Council. It's nearly 50 years since a Bradwell Councillor last held this position.

Congratulations also to the Head and Staff of Bradwell Infants School for again winning a School Achievement Award from the Education Ministry for substantial improvements in their results over the past 3 years

Village Caretaker

Gareth Storey has reluctantly tendered his resignation, because of other commitments, and we are therefore urgently seeking a replacement.

The work involves some maintenance and litter picking in both playing fields: the Peace Gardens and behind the ice cream shop. Also tending flower tubs and strimming and tidying footpaths and Council owned land.

It would be useful if applicants were also able to repair stone boundary walls and wooden public seats.

A competitive hourly rate is offered, and further details can be obtained from the Parish Clerk - tel. 621874

Road Damage

Q - Some of the roads in Bradwell are in appalling condition and yet we have received none of the special funding recently reported in the Derbyshire Times. What is the Parish Council doing to get some of this money for our roads.

A - The special funding was for specific projects which had been identified by Highways as urgent, but not previously included their budget. I understand that it has all now been allocated.

We are not privy to the mechanism by which these projects are selected nor are we consulted about the relative urgency of road improvements in Bradwell as compared to other parts of Derbyshire.

Over the past few years we have reported road damage to Highways on a regular basis and then pressed them to carry out the repairs. Some of their work has appeared to be of a temporary nature and has quickly deteriorated.

We discussed this with them recently and it was agreed that if we would carry out a survey of the condition of all Bradwell roads they would make the village a high priority and would arrange to do all the agreed repairs at the same time and to a satisfactory standard.

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Parish Councillors are currently completing this survey and it will shortly be delivered to Highways. Once it has been costed and positioned on their priority list we will be pressing them for urgent action.

Chris Furness

PLAN TO ACTION

So the village plan is finished. There's lots of good stuff in there. Many groups out there with plans and dreams and perhaps less time and money than you'd like to achieve them.

Do not despair. There are grant pots available. One relatively easy pot to access is the Peak District Community Planning Grant. This comprises money from Europe and the National Park Authority. There is also money available from your village agent via Single Regeneration Budget 5 and Europe.

These grants are very local, few villages are eligible for them, and they are specifically intended to help villages that have worked hard to produce village management plans.

The Authority (and the Derbyshire Rural Community Council for village agent money) administers the grants and it is very easy to access if your project is right (this grant cannot fund pure sports projects). The forms are easy, the decision time is short for sums up to £6000, and the grant is specifically aimed at satisfying village needs as included in the village plan. I can get an application pack to you quickly and help you fill it out if needs be.

Other villages in the National Park have already had some of this (Peak Forest, Parwich, Tissington, Youlgrove, Bamford.) These and other villages are eligible for this years' money. The grants will not be around for ever and there is up to £10,000 total grants that could go to Bradwell if groups can get projects done by the end of December. Also, if our grant doesn't fit the bill, there are other sources of money we can put you on to.

Interested? If so get in touch as soon as possible

Ian Fullilove (resident and action group member) 01629 816375 (work) or 621643 (home)

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Obituaries

Mr Charles Robert Bland of Wortley Court died in Newholme Hospital aged 86 on Good Friday April 18th. He was born in the village and had three sisters, Margaret, Eileen and Marjorie. Apart from a short time in Sheffield and his army service during the war, he lived in the village all his life. After leaving the church school, he worked at a poultry farm at Thornhill, then in Sheffield before returning to drive for Mr Eidson. He joined the army in October 1939. During the retreat to Dunkirk he got separated from his battalion arriving during the last days of this evacuation. He spent his 21st birthday on the beach at Dunkirk, being taken off the following day, a few hours before the end of evacuation. He rejoined his battalion at Yeovil a week after the rest of them.

On leaving the army he went to work at the cement works, first in the quarry, then the packing plant and then on the lorries.

For many years he raised money for SWFC. In 1963 he started raising money for the Sports Club and largely through his efforts over £5,000 was raised which eventually enabled the purchase of the field at Stretfield. He was a founder member of the Bowling Club and its Secretary from 1983-1994.

A funeral service followed by interment took place at St Barnabas Church on May 2nd.

Mrs Terry Spring on April 28th of Miners Cottage, The Hills, peacefully in Calow Hospital. She was the widow of David who died almost eight years ago. Son Adrian, daughter Fiona, grand daughters Hannah and Emily and grandson Haw survive Terry.

Born in Sheffield, she married David in 1944, and in 1970 moved to Grindlow and then to Bradwell in 1989.

Terry was involved with the Children's Well, designing and drawing the picture. She would ask the school children to draw pictures using their own ideas. She had great patience when showing the children how to stick on the petals.

She was a wonderful artist designing book jackets, wallpapers, design for cotton printing, calligraphy, and featured in "Past Times" magazine and others.

A founder member of Gt Hucklow and District WI, she was vice-president at the time of her death.

Terry will be greatly missed by family, neighbours and many friends, who showed their respect for her at Huddersfield Wood Crematorium.

Jonathan Bradwell and family would like to thank everyone for their sympathy and support after their recent bereavement.

To the Editor

I am writing in response to an article in the last edition, regarding the suggestion of a public car park in a field off Town Lane. I am strongly opposed to the idea. I am not keen on the encouragement of tourism to Bradwell generally as I feel it has a genuinely special "local" safeness to it which I think has been lost to other local villages which are swamped with tourists.

I would be interested to know how our crime rates vary, particularly in car thefts. I think that it would be a real shame if our parks were over run with strangers at the weekend, like Bakewell for example.

In my opinion Bradwell's main downfall is the amount of traffic which passes through, so why encourage more?

If we really must look at ways to boost tourism, why not do it to the mutual benefit of locals, e.g.;

1. Provide bus services to surrounding villages such as Eyan. Improve on existing services to Buxton, different areas of Sheffield. Or perhaps even a link to Hope station.

2. Sign posting and keeping clear public foot paths / rights of way. In particular ones which link us to other villages.

3. Improving on general amenities like an outdoor pool like the one at Hathersage. Or perhaps a community based café.

A car park on Town Lane would do nothing for the people of Bradwell, it would be in the wrong place to be beneficial to residents who have problems finding somewhere to park. Also the corner of Town Lane and Main Road is already tricky for pedestrians and drivers.

I admit that this is also a case of "not in my backyard!" as part of our garden joins with the proposed field.

Since we moved in three years ago we have witnessed a vast array of wildlife from pheasants, birds of prey and bats, to butterflies, dragonflies, toads and hedgehogs, not forgetting the visiting polecat last autumn.

I am extremely concerned how tarmacing the field next door would change my garden and the wildlife which lives within it. The thought of swapping the tranquil sound of bird song to the noise of engines, alarms and car stereos. And of course then there is the litter, which I'm sure wouldn't take long to blow all over the garden, the lack of privacy, not to mention the safety of my children and our belongings.

As a possible alternative, how about using part of the grass verge on Main Road which runs alongside the park. At present it is used only as a dog poo area and is less likely to suffer from car crime as it is more visible to passers by.

Can anyone tell me how encouraging tourism would boost the economy of Bradwell, and how it would benefit local people?

Yours sincerely, Josie Bland.

Bradwell Bowls Club

We started the season 2 weeks early this year as the weather was so good. Our 4 league teams are all doing well and our club night on a Monday is well attended.

We are about to start our club competitions and our Charity Day this year will be held on June 29th. Charities this year will be both the Methodist and St Barnabas churches.

If you would like to join us, come for a visit on a Monday evening from 6.30 onwards.

And finally, please note that the next issue (July) will be distributed on the 10th July (copy date 30th June). In the meantime, please keep your contributions coming and help us keep this publication interesting and varied for all Bradwell residents.