



Bradwell News



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Martin Cliffe leaves the News

We are sorry to report that Martin Cliffe has resigned from the Village Action Group and also as leader of the Communications Group.

Since the start of this paper, Martin has used his computer skills to collate and edit the articles and advertising to fit onto four pages ready for printing. This was always a balancing act to try and fit a quart into a pint pot. Martin also saw to the printing arrangements. He has put a lot of time and effort, sometimes in difficult circumstances, into ensuring that deadlines were met and the paper worth reading.

Martin also played his part in the production of the Village Action Plan and as leader of the Communications Group. Like all V.A.G members, he gave up his time freely to do something which he felt was important for Bradwell. He will be a hard act to follow and we all owe him a debt of gratitude. Thank you Martin.

Marjorie Bolton had been helping Martin by typing up articles for the paper and has decided she no longer wishes to do this. Our thanks also go to Marjorie for her assistance.

The resignations of Martin and Marjorie leave the production team very depleted. We shall do our best to keep the paper going but we urgently require new members, particularly those with computing skills and a little time. If you feel you can help and would like to know more then please call Peter Hodges (620309), Michael Emsen (621865) or Spencer Cooke (621658)

Peter Hodges
Michael Emsen

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- Sat 27th Nov. Methodist Church Christmas Market, Memorial Hall, 10:00 till 11:30. 50p admission, includes coffee and mince pie, plus childrens bran tub.
- Mon 29th Nov. FOBS meeting, 8pm, White Hart.
- Thu 2nd Dec. Little Stars Christmas Party and Activities, 2:15 St. Barnabas Church.
- Sat 4th Dec. St. Barnabas Christmas Fair, Memorial Hall, 10:00 till 11:30am. Free admission and father Christmas.
- Wed 8th Dec. Rebellion Knoll W.I. Christmas Meal.
- Thu 9th Dec. Junior School Christmas Musical Evening, 7:00pm, Memorial Hall. See page 3 for details.
- Tue 14th Dec. Pre-School Nativity, Memorial Hall, 10:00am. 50p admission including coffee and mince pie.
- Tue 14th Dec. Historical Society Christmas Meal.
- Thu 16th Dec. Pre-School Christmas Party, Memorial Hall 10:00am, Pre-School closed for Christmas.
- Fri 17th Dec. The Teddy Bears Club Christmas Party, Memorial Hall.
- Sat 18th Dec. +++Waste Skip Collection++++
- Sun 19th Dec. Churches Joint Carol Service, 6:00pm St. Barnabas Church.
- Mon 20th Dec. Carol singing around the village, meet Bradwell Methodist Hall 6:00pm.
- Tue 21st Dec. Hope Valley College Closed for Christmas.
- Fri 24th Dec. Christmas Eve. St. Barnabas Church, Crib Service 6:00pm. Midnight Mass 11:30pm.
- Sat 25th Dec. Christmas Day. Bradwell Methodist Church 9:00am
- Sun 26th Dec. Boxing Day. Holy Communion St. Barnabas Church 9:15am.
- Wed 15th Jan. Hope Valley College re-opens.

Bradwell News

The views expressed herein are not necessarily those of the editorial team. Thanks to all of the volunteers who make Bradwell News possible, from collection of articles, layout, printing and delivery to the homes of Bradwell. Particular thanks to Peter Hodges and Peggy Attwood for this issue. New members of the team are always welcome, in whatever capacity you wish to offer help.

To submit news and articles for the next Bradwell News, email to bradwellnews@yahoo.co.uk, or call Joyce on 621865. For advertising, call Micheal on 621865.

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Newsletter Editor

Martin Cliffe has decided to resign. His contribution to the provision of information in the village has been vital. Firstly by development and maintenance of the Bradwell website and then as a founder and editor of this excellent Village Action Group Newsletter. The Parish Council appreciates his achievements.

Many thanks to Cllr. Spencer Cooke, who, as a member of the VAG, has agreed to take over the role on a temporary basis.

Christmas Lights

We'd like to place some seasonal decorations on Netherside this year, as well as illuminating the Peace Garden tree. Funding has been agreed and we'll be having discussions with interested shops and getting quotes from electricians. Hopefully, we can get it all together in time. On behalf of the Council, may I wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Approaching 90?

We try to keep a record of residents nearing their ninetieth birthdays, so that the Chairman can present our congratulations and a gift at the appropriate time. But we would still like you to remind us, in case you, or someone you know, are not on our list.

TV film

RED, the producers of 'Dead Man Weds' are donating £250 to P.C. funds. We will decide how to use this at the next meeting. Reminder - first episode Jan. 5th, 10pm.

Financial Assistance

We have substantially increased our grants budget for local organisations this year. Projects we are sponsoring include Bradda Dads' Pensioners' Christmas Lunch; their Childrens' Bonfire and Fireworks display; the newly formed Youth Committee; Bradwell Allsports application for grant-funding for a new all-weather centre; St. John's Ambulance Brigade, and Bakewell and Eyam Community Transport. If you are a member of a charitable village organisation, which you think needs our support, please let us know.

No.10, Downing Street Delegation

On November 8th, we hosted a visit from two officials from the Prime Ministers Strategy Unit. The Government are considering delegating greater powers to Parish Councils, and Bradwell was one of four picked, at random, to give our views on what these new powers might be and how we would administer them. One Government suggestion, covered in the press recently, is for PC's to employ part time officials who could issue on the spot fines to offenders.

Councillors' Allowances

The Government's recommendations for the development of 'Quality Parish Councils' include the option for appropriate monetary allowances for Parish Councillors. We have already agreed to aim to achieve 'Quality' status, and our support of this newsletter is part of that process.

With regard to allowances, we have agreed to follow the guidelines for setting up an approved scheme, before making a decision on



Cllr. Cooke and Cllr. Furness with Mr. Bates and Mr. Maltby from the No. 10 delegation
Photo R. Jarman

whether or not to adopt it. This includes asking Derbyshire Dales District Council to prepare an appropriate scheme and recommend payment levels. Allowances would be paid from the Parish Precept. It's an emotive subject! Do you think Parish Councillors should join District and County Councillors in receiving allowances - or are they different? Please let us have your views.

It will be several months before we need to make a decision.

Dog mess

Sorry to have to mention this again, but we are getting complaints about the state of Charlotte Lane, Smithy Hill, Jeffery Lane and Granby. If you witness an offence in this area, could you please advise the owner that there is a dog-bin on Charlotte Lane and that doggie-bags are available free from the post office. If persuasion doesn't work, our only other option is to ask District to set up patrols by dog wardens who can issue instant fines. If you think more dog-bins are needed, please suggest locations to us.

Chris Furness

USE IT OR LOSE IT!

Bradwell News could not survive without the support of the local businesses who advertise with us or sponsor the paper. The greengrocery has now gone the way of the butchers, the electric goods, the drapers - and so on.

We are lucky in Bradwell with our remaining businesses. We can still buy one washer rather than a packet; still get good home-made sandwiches, reasonably priced greetings cards, our stamps and newspapers at the Post Office, fresh milk and more. The fish and chips and the pubs are good and the motor mechanics are expert, helpful and reasonable.

These things make the difference between a village and a dormitory. We should all wish them a Merry Christmas and make sure we use them.

Micheal Emsen.

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WELL DRESSING IN ART COMPETITION

Juliet Berry, one of several Bradwell people now living at Moorland House, was a member of a Bradwell well dressing team for 20 years - and loved it. She wondered if Moorland House could do its own Well Dressing for Hathersage Gala Week.

She borrowed a small frame from Bradwell Church and was given clay by Hathersage potters.

Then she and a group of fellow residents set to work. The Dressing picture was finished just as Gala Week started and was blessed by the Rev. Geoffrey Senior.

Methodist Homes for the Aged run a national residents Christmas Art Competition. Juliet had intended to put in some of her own work but decided that the group effort well dressing was more appropriate. She has entered a photograph of it in the competition.

We wish Juliet and her friends well.

BRADWELL RAINBOW GUIDES

Congratulations to Mia Balmforth and Lilli Fox who made their Rainbow Promise on Thursday 21st October. Their night was made special by all the Rainbows taking part in a Tropical Theme night. They each made a fruit monster, which was filled with different fruits and decorated with sweets and candles that sparkled, the night ended with a special tropical cocktail drink.

Rainbow Guides is open to girls aged 5 - 7 years. For more information, contact Debbie Hobson on 07866 139697 or Claire Brown on 01433 623037.

COULD YOU HOST A VISITOR FROM OVERSEAS?

Unusual people wanted! It's unusual to invite a stranger from another country to your home for a day or a weekend, or to share your Christmas festivities with, say, a Chinese person who may not know what Christmas is. It's not usual to answer lots of questions about British customs, while showing a guest around your locality, nor to be given insights into other parts of the world while teaching, say, an Indian person to make mince pies. It's pretty rare to contribute to international goodwill and understanding just by opening your home to an adult international student on a short break from studies at a UK college.

If you are unusual enough to be interested in this idea, HOST would love to hear from you. HOST is a national organisation, backed by the British Council and many Universities, which matches students with volunteer hosts for very short visits. Please see www.hostuk.org, or call our volunteer regional organiser.

BRADWELL BROWNIES

The Brownies will be carol singing around the village on Thursday 23rd of December from 6 to 8pm. We will be visiting Michlow Drive, Wortley Court and Bradwell head Road, amongst others. Brownies would like to wish all Bradwell residents a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ALLSPORTS UPDATE

The Bradwell Sports Club / Allsports project to develop the sports field has been ongoing for several years. Earlier this year, we approached Sport England for the balance of funding for the project. Unfortunately, this application was unsuccessful.

Unsure of what was the best course of action following this decision, and on the advice of Cllr. Lawson, a meeting was arranged with Les Warren the Derbyshire Dales District Council Leisure Officer.

The meeting was very useful and the main point that emerged on the project would best proceed was for Les to include Bradwell as a site for a floodlit Multi-Use Games Area, or MUGA, in the revised Football Facilities Strategy for Derbyshire. We have just been informed that this has happened and Bradwell has been given priority status. The next step is to arrange a meeting with the Football Association to discuss the development of the project.

It is planned to make an application to the Football Foundation in the Spring of 2005.

CHILDREN'S COMPETITION RESULTS

We had a problem! Not many children and not all the age groups sent in entries. They were all good in different ways. The common feature was that they had all been prepared to put in time and effort. So we decided to give them all an equal chance by putting the Bradwell names in the hat and drawing two lucky winners who are:-

Infants Winner - Molly Archer (July)
Juniors Winner - Lee Ollershaw (September)

Congratulations, and thanks to Lafarge who gave the prize money.

BRADWELL JUNIOR SCHOOL

Christmas Musical Evening

Over the years, we have tried to put on musical events for the benefit of the parents and the community. This year is no exception.

On Thursday 9th December at 7:00pm in the Memorial Hall, we will be holding a Christmas Musical Evening. It will feature the school choir, but will also provide an opportunity for or budding musicians, who are learning instruments, to perform in public. Admission is free, although donations will be welcome, and members of FOBS will be serving mince pies and mulled wine at the end.

In order to cater for demand, tickets will be issued, and given in the first instance to parents and family members. Anyone is welcome to attend, but please contact the school on 620473 from December 6th to check availability of tickets.

Carol Concert

The Infant and Junior Schools will be combining on Thursday 16th December at 2pm in St. Barnabas Church for our annual Carol Concert. Everyone is welcome.

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The Jabez Bradwell Diary was brought to the attention of Lillian Riddall in 1995 by Ben Wilson. Written mainly in pencil on very small sheets of paper which had once formed part of a small notebook, the text was barely legible but was painstakingly deciphered by her. Some words have been inserted in this version when they have appeared obvious but where this has not been possible a blank has been left. Some words could be dialect ones and have been printed as written. The Diary has been transcribed by John Unsworth and the commentary is by David Wilson (the great nephew of the author) together with Lillian Riddall and John Unsworth who are descendants of James A. Cramond, the Bradwell tailor.

The Diary was kept by Jabez Bradwell in a 'free' form. He did not have the benefit of a printed diary, and kept notes as things happened or because he wanted to be reminded at a later date about something important that had happened in the village. Because of this, he sometimes made notes on successive days but frequently several weeks elapsed between entries. Dates are shown fully or just as a number.

The Diary contains a fascinating catalogue of domestic incidents and information about local inhabitants. It is interesting to note that the author speaks of local people visiting Buxton, Oughtibridge, Stocksbridge, Haddon Hall, Manchester, Southport, Blackpool and, of course, Sheffield.

First published in 1966 by Bradwell Historical Society, now reprinted and available from Bradwell post Office, Netherside, Bradwell at £5.00 per copy. Alternatively, by post from Mr. D. J. Wilson, 3 Bradwell Head Road, Bradwell, Hope Valley, S33 9HD, telephone 01433 620864, at £5.00 plus 75p post and packing.

Bradwell Infants School

School funds on-line shopping.

Give our School a boost this Christmas by simply shopping on-line! Via www.schoolfunds.co.uk, the Schoolfunds Reward Scheme involves all the leading retailers including Argos, Boots, Curry's, Kay's, Amazon, B&Q, Comet, Tesco, WHSmiths, Woolworths and hundreds more. Every time a person uses the schoolfunds directory to shop on-line, the school receives points which can be exchanged for educational equipment. There are no extra costs in using the scheme, so go on give it a try, it only takes a click, no forms, no passwords, no hidden costs, no catch!

Open Day

Look out in the New Year for details about an open day for the whole community, especially for new families to the village.

Contact the Bradwell Infants School on 01433 620409.

A MESSAGE FROM THE MANSE

So the rush is on, the shops are packed with presents and people, the TV has reeled out its' best adverts and every day another catalogue drops through the letterbox. The next few weeks in the run up to Christmas will be hectic, and if like me you find it hard to find time for reflection and prayer, try this little idea. As you write your cards and wrap your presents, just offer a prayer or give a little thought for the recipient.

God bless you this Christmas time and may your presents and your presence bring blessing to others.

Rev. Keith Osborn

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