



# Bradwell News



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## EVENTS

**Tue 21 Feb to Sat 25 Feb: BRADDA PANTO** (see article)  
**Tue 21 Feb:** Historical Society - Methodist Hall - 8pm - The Black Death - John Monohan  
**Wed 1 Mar:** Ash Wednesday - 7pm St Edmunds Church, Castleton  
**Wed 1 Mar:** Ladies Christian Fellowship - 2:15pm - St Barnabas Church (Speaker to be Announced)  
**Fri 3 Mar:** Women's World Day of Prayer (prepared by Christian Women of South Africa) - 2pm - St Barnabas Church  
**Sat 4 Mar:** Methodist Spring Fair - 10 to 11:30am - Mem. Hall  
**6 Mar - 13 Mar:** Fairtrade Fortnight (see article inside)  
**Mon 6 Mar:** Lent Lunches start (see article inside)  
**Tue 7 Mar:** Lent Study Course begins (see article inside)  
**Wed 8 Mar:** Rebellion Knoll W.I. - 7:30pm - Pavilion: Working with Victims of Youth Crime - Mark Ward

**For Your Diary**  
**Sat 8 Apr:** St Barnabas Spring Fair - 10 to 11:30am - Bradwell Memorial Hall

## OBITUARY - DAVID FARNSWORTH

David, of Brookside, Bradwell sadly passed away on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December aged 50 years. Born in Wirksworth on 8<sup>th</sup> January 1955, David attended University in Derby, qualifying as a Mechanic and Transport Manager. He bought his own lorry and worked out of Laporte Minerals for 25 years, expanding to include JCB's, Dumpers and other Machinery in use throughout the UK. In 1989 David met Jayne. They built their home, "Rock Bottom" in 1990 and were married in 1992. David was a great husband to Jayne and father to Charles, Lee and to Zoe who was born in 1993. Some of his great passions in life were Boxing, Clay Pigeon Shooting and Snooker, and he played for Blue Circle in the local Snooker League. In 2001 David and Jayne took over the Post Office in Hope and while there David, itching to get behind the wheel again, bought a Fire Engine. He just loved to hear the sound of the engine.

A thanksgiving service was held at St Barnabas Church on 19<sup>th</sup> December, accompanied by Castleton band, and followed by drinks at David's favourite Wednesday night watering hole, the White Hart. The family would like to thank everyone for the hundreds of cards, flowers and donations. David will be sadly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

## BRADWELL PANTOMIME

The panto this year is *Sleeping Beauty* by Norman Robbins and is playing from Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February to Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February. There is a matinee performance on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm. Tickets will be on sale at the Post Office – please see posters for the date when they will be going on sale.

This production will be a good, old-fashioned show, with Goodies and Baddies to cheer and boo, and of course there will be a chorus of delightful junior dancers at whom we can "OOH" and "AHH". The principals are excellent, as ever, and the senior chorus will be fantastic. So do please come along in your thousands and support us. Pantomimes involve lots of people and are surprisingly expensive to put on, so your support and attendance is really valuable if we are to keep live theatre in Bradwell.

Better still, why not consider joining us? You might be surprised how much you would enjoy it, and your skills would be very welcome, no matter what they are!

## HOPE VALLEY COLLEGE

**Term Three:** 17th Feb: Y7, Y8, Y11 not in College  
 Y9 Options Day  
 College Closes  
**Term Four:** 28th Feb: College Re-opens

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## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

**Affordable Housing**

Anyone who doubts that there is a need for more social housing in Bradwell should have been at the exhibition at the Memorial Hall on Friday and Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. A constant stream of hopefuls came to enquire about and stake a claim on one of the final batch of houses on the Michlow estate. The total number of eligible candidates far exceeds the twelve houses on offer and Northern Counties Housing Association (NCHA) is now looking for other sites in the village to help satisfy the apparent demand. Before they proceed to a planning application, NCHA has agreed to commission a thorough independent survey in the village to accurately quantify the need. What is certain, however, is that any future development will be more expensive to rent or part-purchase than the Michlow houses. The Michlow development is being built on the last available Parish/District Council owned land in Bradwell. Any new development would have to be on private land and the compensation paid to owners would therefore be incorporated into the rent or price.

Assuming the needs survey proves to everyone's satisfaction that more 'Affordable Housing' is needed here, the question will then be – are Bradwell residents willing to see such new developments in their locality? If not – can we then accept the inevitable consequence of young people having to move away from the area to find accommodation?

This dilemma has recently faced the residents of Baslow, where planning permission for a proposed Housing Association development of nine houses was refused by Peak Park Planning Committee last month. Planners had received 116 letters of objection from residents, even though a Derbyshire Dales District Council survey had indicated that fifty such houses were needed in the area.

What is particularly heartening is the expressed desire of young people, who were born and raised here, to stay in or return to this village, from which they face being excluded by market prices. For many of them, establishing a home in Bradwell seems to be an impossible dream. But without these young families, what is the future for the village and its schools and social structure?

Derbyshire Dales Housing Department will make the final decision on which applicants get the new Michlow houses and I don't envy that responsibility. But concern was expressed at the exhibition about their allocations policy, which gives priority to need rather than locality. This means that an applicant from Tideswell, for example, who can demonstrate greater need than a Bradwell applicant, would get preference for a Michlow house. The converse also applies of course, but applicants generally want to stay in the village where they

have friends and relations. We (the PC) have had several discussions with DDDC Housing officers about this ruling and they have now agreed to establish a joint committee with us to discuss their policy and how it might be adapted to better suit Bradwell residents.

**Hat Factory?**

In *Bradwell Ancient and Modern* (1912), Seth Evans claimed that there used to be many hat factories on the Hills, but that even they had all long since been demolished or converted to houses. However, a respondent to a planning application to extend Vaughan and Lynda Jackson's old house on Bessie Lane, has suggested to planners that a small building on the corner of the site could have been one of these and should be preserved or at least properly recorded. It is not a listed building, but Peak Park archaeologists have agreed to carry out a full survey if there is any evidence of a connection with hat making. I have been asked to request that if anyone has such evidence, they report it to Sarah Whiteley at PDNPA (tel. 01629 816319).

Chris Furness

## PLEASE HELP YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL

Bradwell Infant School has recently launched a free mobile phone collection campaign called "Fones4Schools". By joining the Fones4Schools campaign the school gets:

- £300 for every 200 phones collected
  - Access to educational materials based on the National Curriculum
  - Information on the environment and online recycling resources
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- In the past year Fones4Schools has:

- Diverted over 100,000 Kg of toxic waste away from landfill sites
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If anyone has any mobile phones of any condition whatsoever, or knows where there are any lying about in cupboards and drawers, please bring them to Bradwell Infant School, or contact Debbie on 01433 620409 who will arrange to collect them. If you would also like to know a bit more about mobile phone recycling please take a look on the Fones4Schools web site at [www.fones4schools.co.uk](http://www.fones4schools.co.uk). I hope you will be able to help our school with this campaign. Thanks. Debbie

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## INFANT SCHOOL NEWS

The school Nurse is coming to school soon to talk to the year 2 children about medicine safety. The Infant school collects used printer cartridges to recycle and raise money for school funds. Any used printer cartridges can be dropped off at school and will be much appreciated. The school is also planning to collect old, used mobile phones in any condition to raise money for school funds. Keep a lookout around the village for more information soon or contact Debbie Hobson at the school.

The Infant School finishes on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February for Half Term and re-opens on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

## FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

Fairtrade Fortnight this year runs from 6th to 20th March. The Hope Valley Fair Trade initiative is applying to the Fairtrade Foundation for the Hope Valley to have the status of Fairtrade Valley. This means we would be an area where Fairtrade produce is available from local outlets and where awareness of the issues surrounding Fairtrade are promoted. In due course we shall be publishing a list of businesses who support Fairtrade in the Valley. Our thanks to the people of Bradwell for their tremendous support. Please keep up the good work. Watch for the logo in local shops and supermarkets and make a positive choice for Fairtrade. We now aim to encourage local businesses to use Fairtrade tea and coffee in the workplace and appreciate any help that individuals can give in encouraging their employers in this regard. For further information contact Gillian on 620471. Events for the fortnight are being planned. At the present time we have no firm details available. So watch this space.....

## BAGS 2 SCHOOL IS BACK

Last October your bags 2 School raised an incredible £193.50 for F.O.B.S. So many of you have requested another opportunity to clear out all your unwanted clothing, shoes etc, that we are happy to announce that the next date for your diary is Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February, please take you bags to the Junior School on this day only. Lets see if we can top Octobers total. Look out for more F.O.B.S. news in the next issue.

## REWARD

A reward of £100 is being offered for the name or names of persons who killed and maimed hens in Michlow Lane Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2006. Please Ring Malcolm on 620060.

## BRADWELL WEB SITE

[www.bradwell.org](http://www.bradwell.org)

## OBITUARY

Edith Shaw sadly passed away in her sleep on 31<sup>st</sup> December at Gernon Manor Bakewell. Edith suffered with Alzheimer's disease for many years, and had made Gernon Manor her home since the loss of her husband, Gordon. She was 90 years old. Born on 9<sup>th</sup> November 1915 in Hull, Edith was the eldest of six children. She left school at the age of fourteen and after several jobs she worked at G & T Earle's, where she learnt the art of making cement bags. Some time later she was offered a transfer to Hope works doing the same job. She met her husband, Gordon at G & T Earle's (now Lafarge Cement) and they had three children. Edith had several jobs in the village while her children were growing, and she had many interests in the village, including the British Legion, Women's Co-op Guild, Ladies Fellowship and St Barnabas Church.

Later in their life Edith & Gordon had a caravan at Hornsea on the East coast, which is where Edith used to go from Hull as a young girl. Both Edith and Gordon had many happy hours at their caravan. Edith was received into Church on Sunday evening before cremation at Hutcliffe Wood on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> January, followed by a Thanksgiving at St Barnabas. She will be sorely missed by her family and friends.

## NETWORK COFFEE MORNING

There will be a "Network Coffee Morning" on Saturday 25th March in the Methodist Hall between 10:00 and 11:30 am. Stalls etc. 50p entrance fee includes coffee and biscuits.

Susan Monahan - Bradwell Methodist Network

## MANY THANKS

**Sid Harrison:** Dot and family would like to thank family, friends and everyone, for all the lovely cards, flowers, gifts and help on the very sad loss of Sid. The generous donations received (£850) have been given to the Heart Foundation and the new surgery at Tideswell. Thanking everyone concerned for the loving care and treatment they gave to Sid for many years; also thank you to Rev. I. Davis for the very comforting service, and J. E. Nutch and Paul for the funeral arrangements.

Dot Harrison

## And MORE THANKS..

Thank you very much to everyone for the cards, gifts, flowers, prayers and good wishes received after my recent operation.

Mary Cottrill

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Mark Ward

Teas: Marjorie & Molly

**JUNE 14th**

“A Trip to Bhutan”  
Jean East

Teas: Gillian & Carolyn

**JULY 12th**

Members Evening  
“Holly Trinity Handbell Ringers”

**APRIL 12th**

“Bradwell’s Ice Cream”

Jane Bownes

Teas: Dot & José

**AUGUST 9th**

Walk and Meal

**MAY 10th**

Resolutions Meeting

Faith Supper

**SEPTEMBER 13th**

“Romania with Love”  
Joan Newton

Teas: Sally & Jean

Some Bradwell babies will be celebrating their 80th birthday this year. However, although well connected they are not eligible for the Royal Birthday Party because they share the year but not the day. We hope they are not too disappointed and that they enjoy their celebrations. It might be embarrassing to reveal names, so let’s just say that the first cake will be cut for a Birthday Boy in March. Hope the weather holds out (that’s a clue!).

## MISSION TO PLUTO

It’s been on, it’s been off, but finally NASA has found enough dollars, put together a spaceship and it has blasted off in the general direction of the farthest reaches of the solar system. It is bound for the small, icy and enigmatic world of Pluto. Seems a long way from Bradda, doesn’t it? Let’s investigate just how far it is.

Pluto was only discovered in 1930 and there has been much discussion in astronomical circles about whether or not it is even a planet. The problem is that the scientists who are supposed to define these things have yet to decide exactly what a planet is, but for now Pluto keeps it’s status, I suspect mostly because it was discovered by an American and they don’t want their discovery downgraded!

Only 1,470 miles across, Pluto is smaller than our moon. It is so far from the sun that the temperature is even lower than Bradda - around minus 230 C and it takes 248 years to go round the sun once. The spacecraft just launched, even though it will be flying at tens of thousands of miles and hour, will not arrive until the year 2015. It will loop around Jupiter on the way - in February 2007 - to get a gravity ‘boost’, and when it finally arrives at Pluto it will take pictures and send all sorts of other data back. So stick around, and I’ll be posting some of the information for you in July 2015.  
Ed.

## PETER ALCOCK

PETER ALCOCK of Michlow Drive, Bradwell died peacefully, surrounded by his family in the Northern General Hospital on 7th January 2006 aged 70 years. Born in Barnet, Peter moved to Sheffield as a young boy. He completed his National Service in Bielefeld, West Germany and came to live in Bradwell with wife Jacky and their children in the summer of 1970.

Peter worked at Jack Froggats in Bamford for a couple of years, then at Blue Circle Cement where he made many lasting friends, especially in the Packing Plant and later as a Loco Driver. Peter liked to help Jacky run the little shop in Towngate and also spent many a happy hour behind the Shoulder bar.

Cremation took place at Hutcliffe Wood on 18th January followed by a celebration of Peter’s life at St Barnabas Church, Bradwell. He leaves his wife Jacky, children Christopher, Debbie and Mitchel, grandchildren Hayden, Liam, Eleanor, Demi, Kyle and Shay and son and daughters-in-law Ian, Shirley and Patsy.

## BRADWELL GROVE

Bradwell Grove is the Cotswold Wildlife Park and garden just south of Burford, and it is a great place for a family day out, but did you know it has a connection with Bradwell? The park estate is actually called ‘Bradwell Grove’ and was bought in the late nineteenth century by William Fox, the son of Samuel, the *Umbrella King*. Like his father, ‘Squire’ William was a generous man, funding a new church for Holwell, the neighbouring village and setting up an estate cricket team.

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He eventually became High Sheriff of Oxfordshire. After his death the estate was bought by Colonel Heyworth-Savage, whose grandson set up the wildlife park in 1970. There are tropical birds where the conservatory used to be, and also rhinos and zebra.

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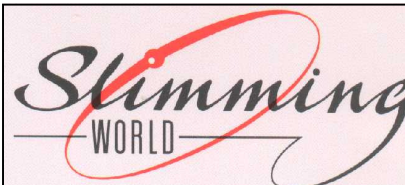
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