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## EVENTS

- Wed 3 Jan:** Ladies Christian Fellowship - St Barnabas Church, 2:15pm. Rev K Osborn
- Wed 10 Jan:** Rebellion Knoll WI - Sports Pavilion, 7:30pm: Laura Darricot - "Jewellery"
- Tues 16 Jan:** Historical Society - Methodist Hall, 8pm: AGM
- Wed 7 Feb:** Ladies Christian Fellowship - St Barnabas Church, 2:15pm: "History of Quilting" - J. Gould
- Wed 14 Feb:** Rebellion Knoll WI - Sports Pavilion, 7:30pm: "Living Without Kidneys" - Gillian Nowell

## A NEW YEAR MESSAGE

In this bumper first Edition of the *Bradwell News* for 2007 we send very best wishes to all our advertisers, local business sponsors and readers. We wish you all the very best of success in the coming year. This newspaper could not exist without everyone's support, particularly our advertisers and sponsors, and our New Year message to you all is exactly the same as last year, "Please Support Bradwell News by Supporting Local Businesses". Particular thanks to our delivery team and regular correspondents, and a Happy New Year to you all!

## PLEASE WATCH YOUR SPEED!

Once again we have been asked to publish a request for drivers to avoid speeding in the village. This request is specifically for Michlow Drive and Michlow Close, where young children often play out on the front. But wherever you are driving in Bradda, please remember this is **your** village. Show how much you care for it by driving everywhere with great care.

## SEND US YOUR NEWS

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**Deadline For Next Issue: January 29th, 2007**

**Next Issue Out: February 8th**

## THE SIXTH ANNUAL PENSIONERS' LUNCH

On 6th December, 138 people sat down in the Methodist Hall to a lunch of home-made savoury pie, followed by trifle or Christmas pudding. They were also treated to drinks at the White Hart before and after the meal. Entertainment was provided by the Junior School, and the Head Teacher took video of the children and audience.

Bradda Dads organised and paid for the event. The Dads took time off from their normal work to set up the room, serve the food and clear everything away. Their better halves were also working hard to make this event a great success.

Their guests did not go away empty handed because the Parish Council sent packs of light bulbs which had been given to them by P.C. Doug Eyre.

A lot of careful planning went into this event, including arranging Community Transport, cooking by Jeanne, and the school who trained the children. The church made no charge for use of the hall. Many thanks are due to all involved.

## PENSIONERS' CHRISTMAS VOUCHERS

The pensioners received their Christmas vouchers, thanks to the generosity of Bradwell Well Dressing Committee, Mrs J. Helliwell's raffle, donations from the Car Treasure Hunt, St Barnabas Church, Methodist Church and Carnival collections. These vouchers, of £7.00 (one person) or £10.00 (couple) can be spent at Bradwell shops and hairdressers. The vouchers have replaced the Christmas food parcels which were previously given to pensioners.

The well dressers work hard. They then sell raffle tickets, sometimes standing outside on cold days. Finally they organise the delivery of a Christmas card containing the Bradda Dads lunch invitation and their voucher.

Please join us in thanking everyone involved for their time and effort during 2006 and also in past years.

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## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

**Bradwell Dale**

As I reported in a previous newsletter, the PC Rights of Way Committee met with representatives of the Peak Park 'Vision Project' team to discuss a possible plan of action for the Dale. The recommended plan was presented to the Council meeting on December 5th and agreed unanimously. The overall long-term aims of the plan are -

1. To enhance the landscape of the Dale by opening it up - by the selective removal of trees, scrub and Japanese Knotweed.
2. To conserve and enhance the historic, geological and wildlife features.
3. To develop footpath access into and through the Dale - encouraging people to explore the local heritage and use the Dale for informal non-motorised recreation. To link the new access to the public rights of way network further up the Dale.
4. To provide on-site interpretation of the archaeology, geology, history and wildlife of the Dale.
5. To encourage Bradwell residents to become involved in surveying, monitoring and conservation in the Dale.

The Parish Council owns part of the Dale, but there are also three other landowners whose co-operation will be necessary to make this whole project viable. The 'Vision Project' officers have agreed to contact them all initially and we look forward to working with them for mutual benefit.

**Planning Policy**

By a very narrow majority, we have agreed to drop our policy of automatically objecting to major extensions to ex-Council or ex-Housing Association houses. We set this policy three years ago because we wanted to preserve the 'affordability' of these properties for future generations. However, the 'flood' of applications we feared might result from soaring values, has not materialised and we will now treat them in the same way as other applications. Just for information - we don't have a Planning Committee and we don't discuss applications at Council meetings. Planning application documents are circulated to each councillor - who then gives his/her opinion to the Parish Clerk. The Clerk then establishes the majority view and passes this to the Planning Authority together with any relevant comments. We feel this method eliminates any danger of intimidation of individual Councillors.

**Beggars Plot Shelter**

We are aware that this project has some detractors, but the PC is solidly supportive and has agreed for it to be sited on Beggars Plot. In case there are any misconceptions about its funding, I will re-iterate that it is not funded from Parish reserves. All the funding has been raised by the Police and Derbyshire County Council Youth Service, from various grant

bodies..

Planning permission is not required, but we sent the design drawings to the Peak Park Authority for comment and they, as we expected, said they would have preferred something more traditional. Our experience of vandalism to the old traditional shelter in Town Bottom field makes that option unacceptable, and it would not satisfy the requirements of teenagers - or the Police. The new shelter will be transparent, illuminated by solar panel/batteries and fitted with a police-controlled closed-circuit music radio (low volume) for entertainment. Once installed, the shelter's future will be determined by the attitude of the teenagers themselves. They have made it very clear that this is what they want and we hope they will make good use of it - at the same time respecting the rights of other users of the field and the privacy of nearby residents.

**Affordable Housing**

The needs survey which we were promised, by DDDC Housing Dept., for November has obviously not materialised. We will now press for it to take place in February.

Chris Furness

**BRADWELL FOOTBALL**

Bradwell continued their unbeaten run after the disastrous start against Hayfield. They drew 2-2 with Whaley Bridge Reserves, (Martin Riley and Dom Crooks the scorers). Next was the visit of Baslow in the Cliff Ellis Trophy the score a massive 12-2 win for Bradwell, (Paul Partridge 4, Martin Riley a hat-trick, Dom Crooks 2, Ben Robertson 1, Richard Eades 1 and Mark White 1). Bradwell then visited the division leaders, The 'Blazing Rag' at Buxton and overcame them 3-2 in difficult conditions and in a vigorously contested match. Mat Hunt scored 2 and Martin Riley the decider. The spirit and camaraderie has re-appeared within the team and with continued support from the regulars and from newcomers alike, we are sure success is within our grasp. So come on down and give us a shout!!!

Assistant Manager

**MORE FOOTBALL NEWS**

Bradwell Rovers Under 8's and under 10's have had a successful first half to the season. The Under 8's have won all three games they have played while the Under 10's, although they have drawn four of their games, have yet to register their first victory. Both teams are always looking for new players, and anyone interested should contact:

Under 8's: Lee Bradbury (621202)

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We wish all our supporters a Happy New Year, from all the players at Bradwell Rovers.

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QUIZ NIGHT FRIDAY

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shirley and Stan Blantern would like to thank friends and neighbours for their good wishes and cards during Stan's recent illness. He is now making a good recovery.

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Earlier in the year I won the age 7-8 art competition run by the Rebellion Knoll WI where I had to draw a picture to celebrate the Queen's 80th birthday. The prize was 4 tickets to see Disney on Ice at Sheffield Arena. On Saturday 11th November 2006 me, my Mum, my Nan and my friend Mollie Archer went to the Arena to see the show. It was brilliant and we all had a fantastic time. My favourite characters were Mickey and Minnie mouse and the seven Dwarfs from Snow White. Thank you again! Ben Ollerenshaw age 8

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**HEIDI GRACE PEMBLETON**, born on 25th September. A beautiful daughter for Jeanette and Darren and a sister for Phoebe, Megan and Harvey. A great, big THANK YOU from Jeanette and Darren to family, friends and neighbours for all their help both before and after Heidi was born, and thanks for the lovely cards and presents.

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Elsie Repton would like to thank everyone who sent her cards, flowers and gifts following her operation. It was very much appreciated.

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Emma and Peter are very happy to announce the birth of their son, **Angus Charles William Wallis**, on 2nd Dec. We want to say a huge thank you to all who have sent congratulations. With our own families so far away it means so much to be living in such a friendly and supportive community.

## FOBS

We raised an amazing £550 from the recent Tingo Bingo night. Thank-you to all who donated prizes and those who came along on the night. A big thank-you to Alf and Christine at the Shoulder of Mutton and to Chris Baker for being the caller. The money will go towards the children's Christmas Party.

## THE TEDDY BEAR CLUB

Thank-you to everyone who supported our coffee morning and raffle - we raised £333 which goes towards the children's Christmas party. Congratulations to Debbie Kirwin who won the luxury hamper.

## WASTE COLLECTIONS

Saturday 27th January, 2007

Saturday 24th February, 2007

## YOGA ON WEDNESDAYS

A yoga class is held at the Methodist Hall from 7:15pm to 9:00pm each Wednesday during term time. The group would welcome new members.

## SOME VIEWS ON THE YOUTH SHELTER

*A Letter sent to Bradwell Parish Council*

On viewing the site plan of the Community Youth Shelter, the proposed site gives me cause for concern on the following :-

- The plan shows the proposed site to be on the south side of the Beggars Plot adjacent to the busy B6049 road and across from the junction of Bradwell Head Road.
- I note that a basketball net is to be erected next to the structure, therefore ball games will be encouraged to be played next to this busy thoroughfare, which is used by H.G.V's travelling to and from the local cement works.
- The Bradwell Head Road junction to the B6049 consists mainly of council residences for the elderly.
- I consider the proposed site to be unsafe for children, whatever their age, to use as a play area especially for ball games and especially in the dark winter months. I am sure that you are aware of the recent fatality on this same road not far from the proposed site.

I propose that you consider an alteration of the site either to the opposite side of the Beggars Plot adjacent to the Gore Lane which is a road used by the minimum of traffic, or to the area behind the current goal posts at the top side of the football play area where there is more surrounding space which would allow for misplayed balls to go astray in safety. Your consideration will be appreciated. *Name and address provided.*

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*And a Letter in Support*

I can't see why anyone in the village would be opposed to having a purpose built shelter on Beggars Plot. The proposed shelter could be used by all ages from the village and not just the teenagers. A lot of people seem to look on the negative side thinking that the children will wreck a new shelter straight away. The shelter would be surrounded by houses and the children know they can be seen I would think this would deter any bad behaviour. As the shelter would be visible from the road it would make it easier for the police to keep an eye on it as they drive through the village at night. If you are in favour of the shelter why not show your support by writing to Bradwell News. Jeanette Jewell.

*Please note that while we welcome comments on any subject, shortage of space does not always allow us to publish everything we receive - Editor*



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## MR FRANK MILLS

Frank Mills died at Broomfield Hospital, Chelmsford on 27th November aged 80 years. Born in Sheffield, the only son of Joseph and Beatrice Mills he was educated at Hope School, as the family moved from Sheffield, firstly to Bamford and then to Hope. In 1935 Frank won a scholarship to the London Choir School, where he remained as a boarder until the age of sixteen. During the war the school was evacuated to Seal Chart, in Kent. In 1943 he joined the Fleet Air Arm, training in Canada and The United States. On leaving the forces he came to live at the Bowling Green Inn, which his parents had taken over during the war. In 1948 he married Audrey Bradwell of Bamford and they lived in the village until moving to Essex earlier this year. Frank worked at Ferodo and Midland Ross (Cambion) as personnel officer, and finally as managing director. He took early retirement in 1986 due to ill health.

He loved music and was a member of various choirs. For 20 years he was a member of the Peak Singers, of which he was also Chairman. For a number of years he was honorary President of the junior branch of the St John Ambulance Service, based at Hope. He was one of the leading members of the team which carried out the alterations to the Parish Church in the early nineties. During the last few years he suffered from Alzheimer's Disease, and earlier this year he and Audrey moved to be near their daughter. He leaves his wife Audrey, daughter Lindsay, grandsons Alex and Chris and great-grandson Brandon. His sister, Joyce pre-deceased him. The funeral took place at St Lawrence Bay on 11th December, followed by cremation. A memorial service, followed by burial of ashes will take place at St Barnabas Church on 25th March.

## MR ALAN MARSDEN

Mr Alan Marsden died on 5th December at Moorland House, Hathersage aged 72 years. Born in Bradwell, the only son of Ronald and Edna Marsden, he was educated at Bradwell Council School. He spent most of his working life at the cement works, initially in the packing plant and later as a locomotive driver on the line between the works and Earless Sidings. His career was interrupted by National Service, most of which he spent in Malaysia as a dog handler. Alan married Margaret Lowe and lived in Bradwell until their divorce some years later.

He was a keen walker and walked the Pennine Way with the Bradwell Walkers. He leaves sons Anthony and Stephen, grandchildren Elysa, James and Shaun, and his sister, Maureen. The funeral was at St Barnabas Church on 20th December, followed by cremation.

*The family of the late Alan Marsden wish to thank friends and neighbours who attended the service for Alan. Many thanks for the cards and messages of sympathy received for their sad loss. Donations in memory of Alan will go to the Devonshire Trust Fund, Chesterfield Royal Hospital, Calow. Special thanks to the Rev Ian Davis for his kindness and the lovely service, to Ted Noutch and staff and also for the catering provided at the Methodist Hall.*

## MRS DAISY BIGGIN

Mrs Daisy Biggin of Morval, Bradwell died on 5th December at the Hallamshire Hospital aged 88 years. Born at the Station Cottages near Hope Railway Station she was the youngest daughter of John and Frances Jackson. Daisy was educated at Hope County School and then went into domestic service, firstly at Hope and then Hathersage, before marrying John Brown and going to live in Hope. In 1946 she moved to Bradwell, was married again in 1950 to Arthur Biggin and they lived at Rockside, Ruthavon, Oswald House before moving to Morval in 1960. She enjoyed gardening and painting, was a member of the Bradwell Women's Institute for over 40 years, a supporter of the Conservative Party and a dog lover. Daisy leaves a son Roger, sister Rene, stepsons Arthur, Colin and Derek, and grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A funeral service took place at St Barnabas Church on 19th December, followed by burial.

## MR GEORGE BRAMMAL

His many friends throughout the valley will have been shocked and saddened by the sudden death of George Brammal. George died at the end of a carol concert given by the children of the Castleton School on behalf of the Old Folk. He worked in the welfare department at the Blue Circle cement works for many years and will be missed for his ever cheerful, ebullient nature. A crowded church for his funeral on 22nd December was a testament to the affection in which he was held.

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### THE GROWN-UP CAROL SINGERS

Just before Christmas, four men and six women set out from the Methodist Hall at 6pm. They could still be heard, although a little tired and weary, over four hours later singing "Hark The Herald Angels Sing". Their only break was to sit down with home-made mince pies, mulled wine and fruit cup, and to serenade their host with "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer". Then, it was up and away after the much appreciated refreshments, because they had Gore Lane and The Hills to cover before they could finish and go inside for that hot soup and supper.

The weather wasn't too cold or wet and they collected £195, which will be shared between Alderbrook Day Centre, Chinley and the Teenage Cancer Unit at Weston Park, Sheffield. Very many thanks to those who fed the singers, to everyone who gave so generously and also well done to one of the group who was singing for the 68<sup>th</sup> year. The average age was a bit high, but they hope to carol sing again next year. So, why not put the date in your diary and come along and join them?

### FATHER CHRISTMAS

Once again Father Christmas was spotted up to his usual antics in Bradwell, at Spring View, Netherside. Young and old alike were reported to be walking to Town End to take a look.

Thank you, Mr Ruddall. You gave a number of people a lot of pleasure, and we look forward to seeing you in December 2007.

### BRADWELL JUNIOR SCHOOL

We are proud to announce that, thanks to our hard work saving energy and water, composting, growing vegetables, running a fruit tuck-shop, encouraging wildlife and recycling everything we can think of, we have now earned a Silver Award from ECO Schools. We also had to create our own ECO Code to remind everyone of our aims:

- Be eco-friendly**
- Reduce, re-use, recycle**
- Antarctica is melting: stop dumping rubbish**
- Down with cars! Walk, cycle, bus, train, when you can**
- Don't leave energy users on – lights, computers, etc**
- Attract wildlife to our school and surroundings**
- Eat healthily**
- Compost all your fruit and vegetable waste**
- Only put litter in a bin – never on the floor**
- Care for our world and everyone in it**
- Open your eyes: stop polluting the earth**
- Do what you can to save the planet**
- Each of us can make a difference!**

We have exciting plans for next year, which include sowing a hay meadow in our field; extending the willow den; restoring the hedge round the pond; growing more vegetables, and holding our second ECO Day. We might even achieve our Green Flag Award!

Finally, please note that we will be collecting Christmas cards in January to be recycled – please send yours in to school if you wish, and we will make sure they are taken to a collection point.

Happy Christmas to all from the ECO Council: Mia Balmforth, Ben Ollerenshaw, Mollie Archer, Siko Sitthiya, Charlie Jepson, Nathan Townsend, Ben Mason, Joe Thompson and Ms Mayfield.

### PC DOUG EYRE

My thanks, and I feel the thanks of many Bradwell residents are due to Bradwell's Beat Officer, Pc Doug Eyre. It is a long time since we have had a local officer taking an interest in our village, and I feel he deserves all the help we as residents can give him. He has dealt with local speeders with a fair yet firm hand, using initiative which did seem to have been a thing of the past. He is talking to the youth of the village and hopefully gaining their trust, and indeed gaining funds for the basketball post. As an active past member of the Special Constabulary I do appreciate what a difficult job he is doing. Lets all get behind this man, we do not want to lose something that we have been saying we need for a long time. Best wishes to Doug and his family.

*Name and address supplied*

### BRADWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

#### 2007 PROGRAMME

|          |                                                                          |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 16th Jan | A.G.M                                                                    |
| 20th Feb | Project Meeting                                                          |
| 20th Mar | David Frith - " <b>Roman Roads of Britain</b> "                          |
| 17th Apr | John & Carole Mortin - " <b>Alison Uttley - A Derbyshire Childhood</b> " |
| 15th May | Anthony Poulton-Smith - " <b>Derbyshire Place Names</b> "                |
| 19th Jun | Rhoda Payton - " <b>Thebes, City of 100 Gates</b> "                      |
| 17th Jul | Vivienne Milburn - " <b>Valuation of Antiques</b> "                      |
| 21st Aug | Project Meeting                                                          |
| 18th Sep | David Shaw - " <b>Bagshawe and Bradwell</b> "                            |
| 16th Oct | Dr James Barton - " <b>History of the Order of St. John</b> "            |
| 20th Nov | John Monahan - " <b>Alfred The Great</b> "                               |
| 18th Dec | Christmas Meal                                                           |

### BRADWELL BROWNIES

A big "thank you" for all the generous donations of money, chocolate and chips which we were given whilst carol singing around Bradwell on 14th December. We all had a fantastic time and managed to raise a total of £52.50, which will go towards paying the insurance in the New Year.

The Brownies have recently written, performed and filmed their own play entitled Harry Potter, The Boy Who Lived and have gained their Watch It! badge after a year of different activities based around film, video and television.

In the New Year we will be welcoming two new Brownies which will boost our numbers to 22.

### BRADWELL GUIDES

In the last issue of Bradwell News I appealed for an Assistant Leader and any girls aged between 10 and 14 years who would like to become Guides. Since then 9 girls have come forward and Ness Crockford of Far Hill has kindly volunteered to be Assistant Leader.

Therefore, I am delighted to report that Bradwell Guides will definitely be starting up in February and will run on Tuesday evenings at the Sports Pavilion.

For further information on becoming a Guide please contact Debbie Rowland on 621719 or 07790 248 959

## BRADDA PANTO

*Now that you've done with your Christmas cheer,  
You've eaten too much and drunk all the beer,  
Don't be downhearted, there's more fun to be had.  
The panto's a-coming, no time to be sad!*

*This year we start on the Wednesday you know,  
February 14th, it's not long to go.  
We know we compete with Saint Valentine  
So why not go a-woo-ing at Bradwell pantomime?*

Yes, it's true folks. We're having so much fun rehearsing Puss In Boots for you this year that we've decided to have an extra technical rehearsal. This means that we only have 5 shows this year, Wednesday to Saturday. Prices have been frozen from last year but at the time of writing this I don't know what they are! The Saturday matinee will start at 2 pm this year and not 2.30 pm. Please come along and support us. Everyone is working really hard to give you the 'best pantomime yet' - don't they say that every year? Oh no they don't - oh yes they do - oh no they don't - oh yes they do - oh no they don't - oh yes they do - oh no they don't - oh yes they do - oh no they do.....Alison



## NOVEMBER WEATHER

|                         |                |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| Highest Temp            | 53F on 15th    |
| Lowest Temp             | 26F on 3rd     |
| Average High Temp       | 45.9F          |
| Average Low Temp        | 37.8F          |
| Heaviest Daily Rainfall | 0.81in on 25th |
| Total November Rainfall | 3.49in         |
| Days with Rain          | 17             |
| Total Rainfall for 2006 | 40.19in        |

*To convert inches to centimeters multiply by 2.54. To convert degrees F to degrees C, subtract 32, and multiply by 0.55*

## THE CHRISTMAS STAR

We unfortunately ran out of space in the Christmas edition to run this article, but thought you might be interested in some of the modern theories about which astronomical events could possibly have caused the famous "Christmas Star" which guided the wise men to Bethlehem and the infant Jesus.

Much thought has been given to the possible causes of this

bright object and the main candidates are:

- A passing comet
- A supernova (a star which explodes with devastating force and brilliance and is visible even in the daytime sky)
- A conjunction of bright planets (Jupiter and Venus are both bright enough if they were close enough in the sky as seen from Earth)

As far as historians have been able to work out, the actual timing of Jesus' birth was between 3 - 7BC, and most likely in the month of September (and not the December date which we traditionally celebrate). Interestingly, when we look backwards in time we can see that several exciting astronomical events took place during that period.

Two **comets** were reported by Chinese astronomers, in 4BC and 5BC, but in those days comets were always associated with disasters and so it is felt unlikely that this would be our answer. There was indeed a **supernova**, visible for 2 months in March and April of 5BC, but although this is a possibility, supernovae do not move as the Christmas Star is supposed to have moved.

Which leaves us with a **planetary conjunction**, which is when two bright planets appear close to each other in the sky because their line of sight from Earth makes them appear to be in the same place in the sky. Amazingly, by tracing the planetary orbits backwards we can show that there was a very close conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2BC and indeed they were so close together that they appeared to merge into one very bright object. In addition, as they moved apart again it would indeed have seemed that the star was moving, and the illusion of movement would have continued from night to night as the planets moved apart again.

In all the time I have been an astronomer I have never witnessed such a close conjunction, and it must have been a quite spectacular event. So, maybe this object and event really was the "Star of Bethlehem". We'll never know the truth of course, and there remains the possibility that it was a truly divine event, with no Earthly explanation. Whatever the truth, I wish you and your families all the very best for the New Year as we slide gracefully into 2007. *Editor*

## YOUNG PEOPLE IN BRADWELL

This autumn and winter the police have received many calls from Bradwell residents about the activities of some young people in the village. There have been a few confrontations between villagers and the youngsters.

In my opinion the lads need occupying in the evenings so that their energy can be put to good use.

There some hope of a village youth club/scout group starting again. A local Councillor has volunteered his services but he will need help. Another resident has offered to help get computers for a youth club.

My request is for others to help with activities for the teenagers. In the first instance all that is needed is a willingness to help us. Please ring me on 07814 424194.

In the coming weeks the shelter on Beggar's Plot should be installed. I hope the youngsters will use it, rather than hanging round the Memorial Hall steps or the bottom of Towngate or outside the Co-Op.

Best wishes for the New Year.

PC Doug Eyre.