



# Bradwell News



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## EVENTS

- Sat 29 Nov:** Methodist Christmas Fair - Memorial Hall, 10 - 11:30am. Coffee/Mince Pies and RAFFLE
- Sat 6 Dec:** Carol Singing at the White Hart, 6 - 7pm. Rehearsal for Christmas Eve
- Sat 13 Dec:** St Barnabas Church Christmas Fair - Memorial Hall, 10 - 11:30am. Meet Father Christmas. Tombola, Raffle, Mince Pies, Cake Stall
- Sat 13 Dec & 20 Dec:** Carol Singing at the White Hart, 6 - 7pm. Rehearsal for Christmas Eve
- Sun 21 Dec:** United Carol Service - St Barnabas Church, 6pm, followed by coffee and mince pies. EVERYBODY WELCOME
- Thurs 25 Dec:** CHRISTMAS DAY. 9am Bradwell Methodist Church - Rev Keith Osborne
- Wed 7 Jan:** Ladies Christian Fellowship - St Barnabas Church, 2:15pm. "More Memories" - Wendy Weston
- Wed 14 Jan:** Rebellion Knoll W.I. - Methodist Hall, 7:30pm. "Colour Me Beautiful".

## CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Holy Communion	9.15am
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Joint Carol Service	6.00pm
24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Crib Service	6.00pm
24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Midnight Mass	11.30pm
25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Holy Communion at Abney	8.00am
25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Joint Benefice Service at Hope	
	Holy Communion	9.15am
28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Holy Communion	9.15am

## SATURDAY WASTE SKIP DATES

13th December 31st January

## CO-OP CLOSURE

If, like us you do as much of your shopping in the village as possible and don't give those supermarkets all your business (Support Your Local Shops!), you will need to be aware that our Co-Op is going to be refurbished, and will actually be closed for a short period. The work will start on 17th November, but the shop will still be open, although there will be an element of de-stocking, so don't expect everything you normally buy to be available. At **6:30pm on 28th November** the shop will close, and it will not re-open until **Thursday 4th December**. The work should give us a better shop and so Co-Op management ask that you bear with them while the work is done.

## THE END OF AN ERA

Following many years of hard work on behalf of the Bradwell Village Action Group and the Bradwell Newsletter, Michael & Joyce Emsen have decided to stand down and enjoy some well earned rest. Without embarrassing them by recounting just how many years they have been involved, suffice to say that the Newsletter in particular would never have got off the ground, let alone become the success that it undoubtedly has, were it not for their efforts. On behalf of the committee, we wish them all the best for the future and offer our sincere thanks. They will be a hard act to follow, but that is exactly what we need to do. We urgently need new team members in all areas, including deliveries, because the remaining volunteers cannot take on any more than they are now doing! We thank, for their generous support over many years, those who have now left us, but we need news gatherers, couriers, distribution and advertising organisers and a Treasurer (since Michael is Treasurer).

If you want to see this newsletter continue beyond January 2009 and are willing to take on any of these jobs, then please contact me or Joyce, Michael or Paul. Peter Hodges (Chair)

## BRADWELL POST OFFICE

We have now been officially informed of the decision by Post Office Ltd that Bradwell Post Office is to remain open. Additionally, the government's long awaited decision on the Post Office Card Account has now been made in favour of the Post Office. This is obviously good news for the whole village and a huge relief for Anne and me. Peter.

## PICKING THE LITTER

At this festive season, we send a special Thank You to the many people who, during 2008 have helped to keep Bradda looking neat and tidy. A lot of us try do our bit, but no-one has done more than Janet Maskrey's gang of stalwarts. We thank you for everything you have done, and wish you all a litter free Christmas and 2009.

## SEND US YOUR NEWS

Please note the views expressed in this Newsletter are not necessarily those of the editorial team.

Please continue to send by e-mail items of news for inclusion to: [bradwellnews@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bradwellnews@yahoo.co.uk) or call Joyce on 621865 or Paul on 623941.

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## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

### *New Councillor*

We had two excellent applicants for co-option to the Council to fill the one vacancy, so a selection process was necessary. The successful applicant is Sophie Nunn, who lives on the Hills and has resided in Bradwell for 25 years. Sophie is the Junior School Secretary and also a member of its Governing Body. Until recently she was also a Governor (Chair for 4 years) at Hope Valley College. Sophie was sworn in at our November PC meeting and immediately agreed to fill the vacancy on our Rights of Way Committee. She has offered to attend all other Committee meetings to decide where she feels she could best serve the village.

### *Newburgh Development*

About thirty residents attended the reconvened referendum meeting in the Memorial Hall on November 7<sup>th</sup> and voted by a large majority to agree the revised referendum question as suggested by District Council. The PC is now in a position to request District to arrange the referendum as soon as the Newburgh planning application is lodged with Peak Park. However, we heard from Newburgh last week that there has been a further delay with their Environmental Impact Assessment Report and the application will therefore not now be ready for submission until the end of November. We cannot arrange a referendum date until the application is lodged and this will unfortunately be after the publication deadline of this newsletter edition. We also need to give District 3 weeks notice, which could take us into the Christmas holiday period. It would therefore appear sensible to arrange the referendum for January, although this might be difficult to fit within the consultation period. Whatever the outcome we will endeavour to give as much advance publicity as possible of the referendum date. John Keeley, head of the Peak Park Northern Planning team, attended our PC meeting on November 4<sup>th</sup> and we put the requests to him which were made at the previous referendum meeting. He promised to speak to the Authority Chairman and Chair of Planning about the possibility of holding the Planning Committee meeting in Bradwell. He also said that he would suggest to Newburgh that they produce a 3 dimensional model of the proposed development and that they hold a drop-in Saturday surgery in the village to display their plans and answer questions. He declined, however, to commit Peak Park staff to attending the surgery.

### *Moss Rake East Quarry (previously Star)*

This is owned by Netherwater Environmental Services and is currently closed as the result of a permanent stop-notice issued by Peak Park. The PC supported an application by Netherwater to extend the life of the quarry but this was refused and the stop-notice was then imposed. Netherwater are appealing against the application refusal and we are supporting that. They are also appealing against the stop-notice

and following a tour of the quarry by six Councillors and the Parish Clerk we agreed to support that appeal too.

Netherwater's application was for permission to extend the quarry life for three years and they gave an assurance that by the end of that time they would have fully reinstated the site to a profile acceptable to Peak Park. We made it a clear condition in our letter of support for the planning application that we would expect much more rigorous control of dust emissions if the quarrying continues. Our concerns with the current situation are that at least 12 jobs will be lost and the site will not be properly reinstated if the quarry does not re-open. We understand, however, that there is a bond of about £120k in existence which could at least be used to make it safe.

Chris Furness

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

### 2008 POPPY APPEAL AND REMEMBRANCE DAY

We wish to thank everyone, yet again, for their generous support of our Poppy Appeal. The total sum raised this year was **£1,477.85** which is a wonderful response. Grateful thanks must be extended to all our Poppy Sellers and the local businesses that willingly displayed poppies for sale. The number of people attending our Remembrance Day Service at St Barnabas Church, followed by the Committal at the War Memorial, was a remarkable illustration of the importance of this date to Bradwell residents. This year the number of Remembrance Wreaths laid was sixteen and representatives from Junior Organisations laid many of these. It is so encouraging that our younger generation are prepared to readily acknowledge the supreme sacrifices made by so many men and women in the past, so that we may live in a free country. For various reasons the membership of our Bradwell Branch of the Royal British Legion is dwindling and the average age of the current members is high. New and younger members are urgently needed, in order for our long tradition of Remembrance Sunday to continue in the future and to support one of the leading, worthwhile Charities in the UK. Anyone can become a member; there is no requirement of having served in the Armed Forces. If you are interested and would like further information, please contact our Membership Secretary, Wendy Weston on 620354. Thank you.

### SEE US ON THE WEB on [www.bradda.org](http://www.bradda.org) DID YOU KNOW?

There is a new Discussion Forum on the Bradwell website. It gives anyone with access to a computer the chance to comment on any aspect of village life, or to respond to anyone who has already posted a question or comment with which you agree - or maybe disagree. Questions already posted include opinions on the new "Samuel Fox" and the proposed closure of Brough Lane to motorised vehicles. If you would like to make a comment on any aspect of village life, or ask a question of the village in general, or simply take a look at some of the discussion threads already running, why not log in and have a look.

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## BRADWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Many of you will know that 'High Peak Heating' in Towngate was at one time 'Shirt's drapery shop'. John Shirt has written to us from Canada, and his letter reads as follows:

*Greetings,*

*I recently received via David Wilson a copy of 'After Seth' and I have also read Seth Evans' 'Bradwell Ancient and Modern'.*

*To introduce myself, my name is John Shirt, I was born in Towngate, Bradwell in 1928 and spent the first twenty years of my life in Bradwell before leaving for University, the army, working in the UK and, for past fifty years living and working in Canada. I am writing to congratulate you on the wonderful job you have done in producing 'After Seth'. The 272 pages are attractively presented, well illustrated and are packed with a huge amount of information covering a broad range of subjects. The work is very well organised and written in a way that is pleasing to read. I am very interested by the research that has gone into many of the topics, particularly those describing activities in the first fifty years of the period covered. I am thinking of such subjects as the Bradwell water supply, schools and education, health services, Bradwell's contribution to the two world wars and sports and musical activities. I am surprised at the amount of detailed information and photographs you have been able to uncover from so long ago! You have produced a very valuable historical document, not just for Bradwell but I am sure for anyone interested in the history of Derbyshire and British rural life. Social historians will be reading the book for years to come! The Heritage Lottery Fund certainly received a good return for the grant money they made available to you.*

*With best wishes to the Society, Sincerely, John Shirt*

Copies of 'After Seth' are still on sale at the Post Office or from the Society. I think they would make good Christmas presents.  
Michael Emsen Chair, Bradwell Historical Society

Bradwell Rovers Under-16 side were augmented by several players from last year's team when they took on the Greig City Academy Under-17 side, in a **'Kick racism out of football'** friendly match. The game was in Bradwell on Sunday 9th Nov. at 12.30 pm, beginning with a two minute silence. Mr. Kevin O'Neill officiated, with linesmen from each club helping; then all enjoyed an after-match buffet in the Bradwell Pavilion. The game was good spirited and close fought throughout, with a score of one-all at half time. The football was free-flowing with the dozens of spectators appreciative of quality moves created by both sides. The Londoners eventually won by a clear margin, but the sides then showed that they valued the game more than the score by gathering for joint team photos, with the referee invited to take his place in the centre of the front row. The visiting team were on a field trip to Derbyshire and had been staying at Castleton, a far cry from the inner-city environment of their homes in the Enfield and Tottenham area of North London. Their manager, John Holt, had proposed the friendly. The Bradwell manager, Ken Mackenzie, had accepted the challenge. He thanked John for the opportunity to play a team from a different and far-off community and, through football, to see how much we all have in common. "We were also pleased to be able to show solidarity with the 'Kick racism out of football' cause", said Ken. The Londoners left in good spirits with additional supplies for their journey back down the M1. Bradwell players had received pennants and badges from the visitors as mementos of the match. As they parted, the managers agreed that with such a happy atmosphere arising, a similar match should be arranged for next year. Thanks are due to Julie Mackenzie for the home-made cakes and to Debbie Hobson and Claire Brown for preparing the hot-dogs and serving the buffet. Most of all, of course, both teams and the officials are to be congratulated for making it an excellent afternoon. The Bradwell team comprised: Ben Brown (Capt.), Josh Underhill, Dan Houchin, Adam Karlsons, Aaron Tilbury, Dan Tilbury, Kee-lan Boyle, Robert Eyre, Calum Mackenzie, James Cooper, Robert Thompson, Gavin Karlsons, George Wilson-Bland, Nathan Hobson, Levi Leuty. Rory Mackenzie Linesman).

## BRADWELL ROVERS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



## POLICE REPORT

During Halloween there were 2 cases of criminal damage in Bradwell. On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October some glass panels were broken in a telephone box on Towngate Bottom. An offender has been identified and is awaiting a charge decision from Crime Prosecution Service. On 7<sup>th</sup> November around 2200 hours the bus shelter on Gore Lane was damaged when electrical wiring and lights were pulled out from the roof of the shelter. We are still looking for witnesses to this crime, so if you did see anything or would like to give some information please call 0845 123 3333 quoting crime ref 69744/08. If you are interested in any security advice or would like a Ringmaster application form, contact P.C. Phil Whitehead or Anthony Boswell. Police Call Centre: 0845 123 3333. In case of emergency dial 999. Thank you all - P.C Phil Whitehead.



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**MR GERALD JOHNSTONE**

Gerald Johnstone died in Barnsley District General Hospital on 22nd September, aged 69 years. Born in Bradwell he was the only son of William and Elsie Johnstone. On leaving school he trained as a welder at Swarco in Sheffield, working on pipelines all over the UK and later in Russia, Croatia, Egypt and in the Arctic Circle. He

married Veronica Harns and after two years they moved to Thurlestone, living there for ten years before moving to Penistone. Gerald played football for his school and also for the village team. In his youth he enjoyed running and took part in the village Fell Race a number of times. He was a lifetime supporter of Sheffield United, enjoyed visits to America, especially Las Vegas and loved being with his grandchildren. After retirement he helped his son, Scott with his business. He leaves his wife Veronica, daughters Marie and Karen, son Scott, grandchildren Reese, Luke and Ava and sisters Heather, Gloria and Jeannie.

**MR DAVID WILLIAM JONES**

David (Dai) Jones died at home on 7th October aged 85 years. Born at Cefn Coed (near Merthyr Tydfil) he was the youngest of eight children, all of whom pre-deceased him. On leaving school he joined his brother Ted in Bradwell and spent all his working life at the cement works. He married Betty Hough and they spent all their married life in Bradwell. During the war, having been found not fit for military service, he served in the Bradwell Home Guard. Dai was a keen sportsman, playing rugby for his school and cricket for Blue Circle. In later years he played Bowls, Darts and Dominos, again for Blue Circle. He leaves daughters Ann and Jennifer, son-in-law Keith and grandchildren Emma and Gareth. A funeral service, followed by burial, took place at St Barnabas Church on 16th October.

**MR IVAN HERBERT RIDGEWAY**

Ivan Ridgeway died at home on 22nd October aged 79 years. Born at Eyam, one of the four children of Frank and Lizzie Ridgeway, he was educated at Eyam and Lady Manners before starting work at a Sheffield firm of chartered accountants. After National Service he worked at Glebe Mine

before moving to the quarry at the cement works. After marrying Margaret Andrew he came to live in Bradwell. In his spare time he kept goats and hens, helped his son on his farm and enjoyed watching football. He leaves his wife Margaret, son Alan, daughter-in-law Kit, grand-daughters Hannah and Sarah, sister Dinah and brother Steven. His brother Dick pre-deceased him. A funeral service took place in Eyam followed by burial on 30th October.

**JOAN MARY JOYCE: 1-1-20 to 14-10-08**

Joan was born on The Hills, elder daughter of Charles Bradwell Ashton and his wife Mary. She trained as a pupil-teacher at the Church School, then married engineer John Hall in 1940. Over the next quarter century Joan put in spells of supply teaching at the Church School, served on the PCC, and was organist at St. Barnabas Church in the late 1960s. Two years after John died she married Robert Joyce, Vicar of Hathersage. After being widowed for the second time, Joan moved to the East Riding of Yorkshire to be near her daughter Christine, and died there in October 2008.

About 8 years ago, Joan began to suffer from memory loss due to a series of small strokes. As her awareness of the recent past faded, memories of her youth in Bradwell intensified and became even more precious. Eventually she spent much of her time convinced, not unhappily, that she was in her beloved village. Readers of 'After Seth' will have been able to share some of Joan's vivid and humorous recollections, thanks to her cousin David Wilson who preserved the letters which she wrote to him. Joan never knew about the book, but would have been delighted to have contributed - she was a Bradwell woman through and through.

**WITH THANKS**

Margaret, Alan, Kit, Hannah and Sarah would like to say "Thank You" for the kind words and many cards following the death of Ivan. They are greatly appreciated. We also thank Mr Nutch for the care, help and support he provided at this sad time, and to Jeanne for the lovely buffet afterwards in the White Hart.

**MORE THANKS**

I would like to thank all for your prayers and good wishes over the last few weeks. They have been a great support for me. Monica Taylor

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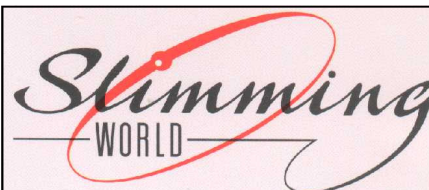
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