



Bradwell News



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Keep them coming!

Well we are on our 8th edition of Bradwell News. Thanks to all this month's contributors and our volunteer deliverers!

Please keep those letters, articles and adverts coming in – any comments, articles, pictures, letters, event dates to:

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Bradwell News is now delivered to over 700 homes.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bradwellwood?!

Well it's not quite 'Centertainment' but the big screen is coming to Bradwell! The District Council has been successful in bidding for some money to bring films out to villages such as ours. Bradwell will be in the 'trial area' and we hope the first film will be:

"Spiderman"

on 26th March at the Memorial Hall

Look out for more information on where to buy tickets etc in the next edition of Bradwell News.

Lent Lunches at St Barnabas

This will be the third year for the Lent Lunches which are now a very popular event. The dates for your diary are **10.3.03, 17.3.03, 24.3.03, 31.3.03, 7.4.03** We have previously supported in 2001 Christian Aid (Indian Earthquake Appeal) £143.85, Weston Park Young Persons Unit £143.85 and in 2002 The Children's Society £177.85 and The McMillan Nurses £177.85. If you would like to help with soup making or can help at any of the mornings we would be pleased to hear from you. There will be rotas in the church meeting room, and lastly but most importantly we need your support and look forward to seeing you.

NETWORK ANNUAL JUMBLE SALE
at the Methodist Hall

on

Saturday, 8th February 2003

10.00 - 11.30am

Admission 50p to include coffee & biscuits

Jumble accepted on Friday, 7th Feb.

between 2.00 & 4.00pm

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Q Is the Town Bottom Playing Field Roundabout safe to use.

A Apparently not.

We were advised by ROSPA that it does not meet current safety standards and should be immobilised. This was done for us by Severn Trent when they returned it to its original position.

Sadly, the steel ground anchor, which Severn Trent's contractor welded onto it was smashed off by vandals and Severn Trent have refused to replace it.

We are now considering refurbishing the Roundabout to a safe condition, and Councillor Reg. Davies has kindly offered to crane it onto a lorry at his own expense so that it can be taken for sandblasting and repair cost assessment.

This may have happened by the time you read this, but otherwise please advise your children not to use it until we have declared it to be safe

Q I've heard that the Parish Council makes 90th birthday presentations to residents.

A Yes, we like to send our congratulations to established residents by way of a card, with flowers for the ladies and a bottle for the men.

If you know someone who is approaching this age, please let Councillor Joyce Emsen know (tel.621865). They will probably already be on her list, but there's no harm in a double check and we don't want to miss anyone.

Appointments:

Last Summer Gareth Storey was appointed Village Caretaker on a three month trial basis and this became a permanent appointment in November.

He is responsible for litter picking and basic repair and maintenance of equipment in both playing fields, and for tidying other Parish owned areas. He also maintains the main Parish footpaths, and repairs other Parish property, such as seats, when necessary.

If you know of any of the above which you feel are in immediate need of attention, please contact the Parish Clerk - Richard Jarman.

Parish Councils are now required to employ an Internal Auditor and we are very pleased that Mrs. Gillian Nowell is joining us in this capacity.

Gillian needs no introduction to most residents - she is a qualified Chartered Accountant with many years commercial experience and is currently developing her own private practice.

Snippet from the Archives

At the Parish Council meeting held on Feb. 8th 1916, the following motion by Cllr. Shirt seconded by Cllr. Walker was carried unanimously - "In consequence of the nearness of the recent Zeppelin raid, we should obtain 400 leaflets and have them distributed to each house, warning the inhabitants when darkness comes to extinguish all lights or shade them so as not to attract attention"

Chris Furness

Events

Saturday 8th February

NETWORK Jumble Sale

10 - 11.30 am Methodist Hall

50p including refreshments and cake stall (jumble accepted Friday 7th 2pm - 4pm.)

Saturday 15th February

AUCTION OF PROMISES

Bradwell Carnival Committee,

Shoulder of Mutton

Tuesday 18th February

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

'Bradwell Photographs' 8.00pm Terry Wakelin

Methodist Hall

Tuesday 18th - Saturday 22nd February

PANTOMIME 'BRADDA KNIGHTS'

Memorial Hall

Tickets on sale at the Post office

Feb 26th Women's Institute

'History of the Derwent Valley' - Malcolm Thorpe

Saturday March 8th

WOMEN'S SPRING COFFEE MORNING (with stalls)

10 - 11.30pm

Small meeting room Memorial Hall

BRADDA KNIGHTS -

A pantomime with a difference. Rehearsals are now well underway for the Centenary Players latest production which is due to be performed in the Bradwell Memorial Hall Tuesday 18th and each evening through to Saturday February 22nd at a cost of £4.00 adult and £3.75 children and Pensioner tickets (available from the Post Office) Curtain up at 7.30pm and 2.30 pm for the Saturday matinee.

This year's production has been written by Alison Benefield, who is also appearing in the show. Hopefully you will recognise most of the cast.

The action centres around the Court of King Arthur at Camelot, and his wicked step-sister Morgana's Castle. However, we mustn't give too much away.

Please try to find time to come along and support this village organisation. They have been practising twice weekly since November to make sure they give their usual polished performance.

F.O.B.S

A big Thank you to all who donated to our recent funding events.

Infants sponsored walk raised £364,

Tingo Bingo £430

Annual subscriptions, tea towels, Weggie's Bungee Jump and the Junior's sponsored Walk.

Obituaries

Mrs. Hilda Eales (nee Rowland)

Mrs. Eales of Woodland Nursing Home and formerly of Connolly Court, Brampton died on December 10th. She was the only daughter of Arthur and Zoe Rowland and, until her marriage, lived at Lumford Cottage, Church Street.

She married Ernest, who lived at his parents newsagents shop, (now Clematis Cottage), but at the time was serving with the RAF. She started work as a telephone operator at Tideswell and then at Chinley. Later she worked at the Chesterfield telephone exchange as an operator and finally as a supervisor.

She leaves a daughter Wendy, a son Peter, three grandchildren, a great grandson, and a brother George.

A service was held at Saltergate Methodist Chapel followed by cremation at Brimington on December the 18th.

Mrs. Lilian Hallam (nee Andrew)

Mrs. Hallam of Gernon Manor and formerly of Ynot Cottage, Church Street, Bradwell, died on December 12th in the Chesterfield Hospital aged 92.

Until moving to Gernon Manor four years ago she had spent all her life in Ynot Cottage where she was born.

She was the youngest child and only daughter of Isaac and Mary Andrew. For many years she kept a sweet shop previously run by her mother. After its closure the sweet shop was converted into part of the cottage. She was the widow of Herbert and leaves a daughter Nancy, a son John, and two granddaughters.

A service and cremation took place at Hutfcliffe Wood Crematorium on December 19th.

The Church Clock

Dated 1886, the clock was installed in the church by the makers John Smith Clockmakers of Derby with money left by Benny Giles. Benny was a hawker who was buried in 1883 in a grave by the vestry.

It chimes on five bells, four for the quarters and one for the hours, commencing its chiming at 5.15 am and stopping at 11pm. This is regulated by a notched and pegged wheel set on a shaft from the pendulum to the hands and controlling levers.

There are two drums at either end of the clock on which is wound the wire supporting counterweights. On the drums there are pegs both on the surface and the inside. These pegs activate levers connected to the bell strikers and connected to the drums are vanes, which act as a brake to keep the drums revolving at a given speed.

The whole clock is controlled by the pendulum as in smaller clocks, ticking once a second and is somewhat similar to a grandfather clock.

I wind the clock every three days. You have to climb two ladders of thirty nine steps before inserting the winding handle which is some two foot long. It takes about 80 turns for the hour drum and seventy turns for the quarters. These counterweights weigh in the region of two hundredweights, and finally the pendulum weight which at some twenty five pounds and twenty five turns is a doddle.

The clock has two services a year by a specialist and this is paid for by the church with occasional donations from the Parish Council. They have recently helped with costs towards renewing and re-conditioning the rods and levers from the clock to the bells.

This is a brief description of the workings of the church clock and if this sparks your interest in becoming an assistant winder (unpaid) please contact me - Donald Ashbury.

News from the Carnival Committee

Bradwell Carnival committee held their first meeting for the 2003 event on Tuesday 14th January at the Shoulder of Mutton. High on the agenda was where would this year's event be held. For the past 2 years the event has been held on the Bradwell Sports Field, affording us the extra space needed to upgrade the event and stage the evening entertainment on the 2nd Saturday. There is no doubting the excellence of the facilities on the Sports Field, however many residents have expressed the view that the Carnival should be held in the centre of the village. We, the Committee have listened to the views and have taken the decision to move the 2003 event back to the Beggars Plot. Our whole-hearted thanks go to the Sports Club for allowing us to use their excellent facilities over the past 2 years.

To make this a truly village event this year we are looking for a theme for the week, Has anyone got any ideas? If so call into the Post Office, we need your help. It would be nice if we could see a significant increase in the floats in the procession, if you are interested we will be offering a trophy to the winning float together with a couple of gallons of beer to fill it with!!!

On Saturday 8th March at Blue Circle Club our old friends 'As Near As Glam It' are making an appearance, tickets are priced at £5 each and all proceeds will be in aid of FOBS. Tickets are strictly limited to 200, so get yours early. A coach will be provided should anyone require it, a small charge will be made to cover the costs involved. Please come along and support this event, it benefits your community. Tickets are available from any FOBS or Carnival Committee member, Bradwell Post Office or by telephone on 621004.

Alan Slater

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Introduction To Waist Watchers

Local men keen to improve their health are invited to come along to an **Introduction to Waist Watchers** session, to be held at Eyam Mechanics Institute on 5th February 2003 between 8pm and 10pm. Men from across the Peak District are encouraged to attend and are welcome to bring along their partners, friends and work colleagues to find out more about the scheme.

Supported by High Peak and Dales Primary Care Trust and run by the North Derbyshire Health Promotion Service, **Waist Watchers** is a project specifically designed to help men reduce the risk of heart disease, the leading cause of premature death amongst men in England. Studies have indicated that men aged between 30-60 with extra weight around their middle have an increased risk of developing heart disease and other illnesses, including strokes, diabetes and high blood pressure.

Participation in **Waist Watchers** is free to all and encourages workplaces and community sites across the district to form teams of men who want to reduce their risk of these illnesses.

The main intention of the scheme is to see a change in participants' waist-to-hip ratio through a mixture of education, support and exercise. Phase one of the scheme consists of tutorials, including sessions delivered by trained course leaders, on Fitness, Habits & Routines, Fat & Food and Stress & Relaxation, together with practical exercise sessions at an appropriate level for the group. Phase two sees participants enter into the **Waist Watchers League**, with the winning team receiving a health-related prize for their endeavours.

Anyone wanting further information about **Waist Watchers** can contact Paul Boshell, Programme Manager, on 01246 231255 or simply come along to Eyam Mechanics Institute on 5th February

Romantic Weekend in Bradwell !

There's a full programme of activities and something to suit everybody.

- Friday the 14th February VALENTINE DISCO at the "SHOULDER"
- Saturday the 15th. Chinese Buffet at the WHITE HART (limited number of tickets available)

Saturday the 15th Carnival Committee's Night – auction of Promises at the 'Shoulder' including meal for two – it's up to you to make it *romantic*!

Bradwell Historical Society

Those members who went along to the January meeting expecting Peter Slack to explain how politicians, economics, weather and disease have made the life of a hill farmer a misery were in for a surprise.

Instead Peter treated us to a very personal wry look at the idiosyncracies of ramblers, "townies" and hill farmers. All made larger than life, but in spite of the continuous laughter we could all recognise a bit of someone we knew, past or present, in his bravura performance.

Thank you Peter for making us laugh and think at the same time.

This month (February 18th in the Methodist Hall) Terry Wakelin will be bringing along the postcards and photographs of Bradwell places and people which the Methodist Church has collected in the last few years. It is a good opportunity for newcomers to the village to find out a bit more about what village life was like, have a good browse and chat with Terry.

If you have any interesting old photos or postcards please bring them along. All welcome.



BRADWELL
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COLLECTION
IS ON
FEBRUARY
22nd

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