



# Bradwell News



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## All Change !

Many thanks for all your comments about Bradwell News. We are having a change round in the editorial team. E-mails and attachments should be sent direct to Martin at:

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The Editor reserves the right to edit or hold over copy to another issue. Views expressed are not necessarily those of the editorial team.

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DUE OUT 3 APRIL**

## MARCH EVENTS

**3<sup>rd</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> Fair Trading Fortnight**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> - Women's Spring Coffee Morning** (with stalls) 10 - 11.30 am small meeting room Memorial Hall

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> As Near as Glam It** Blue Circle Club 8pm tickets only.

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> - Lent Lunch at St. Barnabas** (for Brazilian Street Children and Muscular Dystrophy).

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 3.00- 4.30 pm also Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 9.30-11** **FREE FOOD TASTING** outside CO-OP (Late Shop) organised for Fair Trading Fortnight.

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> - Lent lunch at St. Barnabas**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> - Historical Society** Bradwell Fire Brigade Pictures and research Frank Cooper 8.00pm Methodist Hall

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> - Bradwell Bowls Club AGM** Pavilion on the Playing Field 7.30pm everyone welcome

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Network Spring Buffet** speaker Deacon Margaret Home speaking on China (Network is the Methodist National Organisation mainly for ladies, raising money for various charities and overseas missions) tickets £3.50 Raffle

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - Lent lunch at St. Barnabas**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> Film Night at the Memorial Hall** 'Spiderman' look out for adverts

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Women's Institute** "Queen Elizabeth I" Canon Lacey

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Mothering Sunday** 10.am Village Praise at St. Barnabas - flowers given out for all mums, carers, grans and nans.

**10.30 Morning Worship** Bradwell Methodist Church

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> - Lent lunch at St. Barnabas**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> - Hope Valley Flower Club** - slideshow on Chelsea Flower Show, Hope Methodist Hall 1.45pm - **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April WI Group Meeting** - Herb Cooking

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## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Many questions have been asked about the Town Bottom Playing Field Shelter since its demolition, so I'm devoting this month's report to three answers, which will hopefully cover all the questions.

**Q. Was demolition absolutely necessary - wasn't there any way of avoiding it?**

**A.** The Council was unanimous on this, with no dissension whatsoever. Our clear and urgent duty was to ensure the safety of children who used the Shelter.

In the last financial year we spent over £1000 replacing tiles, under-drawing the roof with timber and replacing the bench.

All of this was quickly vandalised again, and just as we were contemplating further repairs, the vandalism was elevated to a new dimension when 4 large concrete building blocks were knocked out of one wall and there were clear signs of attempts to remove more of them.

For all of us, it was the final straw - no one could recommend spending more ratepayers money on the shelter, and we could not leave it as it was after the vandalism - we had to make it safe or demolish it.

**Q. What do you plan to do with the site now?**

**A.** We have no plans for development - simply to leave the concrete base as it is rather than commit to expenditure on a new surface.

We've heard suggestions that the basketball court could be extended over it, or that seating could be fixed on the base. These are possibilities - but we would need to be convinced that any development would be properly used and not vandalised, before we considered how it might be funded.

**Q. How old was the Shelter?**

**A.** It was built in 1931, together with the original toilet block, by Mr. Fred Evans & Co. at a joint cost of £189 (multiply this by around 120 for today's equivalent). There were two other tenders, from Mr. G. Bancroft and Mr. J. Elliot - both in excess of £200.

The roundabout and swings etc. were installed in the same year, and these and the two buildings were totally funded by a grant of £308 from the Carnegie Trust.

The search for a playing field began in 1926 when the Parish Clerk received a letter from Mr. Mortimer Petty offering £105 towards one.

Three other sites were also considered before agreement was reached with Mrs. Elsie Eyre in 1928 to purchase Town Bottom field (then known as The Orchard) for £300, with the help of a £200 mortgage from Derbyshire County Council and a gift of £25 from Earle's Cement.

A public enquiry was held, by the Ministry of Health, before the Playing Field could be opened to the public.

Mr. Petty performed the opening ceremony on November 2<sup>nd</sup> 1929, but village children still had 2 years to wait before the play equipment and facilities were installed.

**Chris Furness**

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Tuesday 1st April @ 7pm - Members of the public are invited to attend and to submit to the clerk of the Parish Council items for discussion at the meeting. Venue: Methodist Schoolroom, Towngate  
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Ivy Cottage, The Hills, Bradwell

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### Dear Editor

In early January I wrote to South Yorkshire Transport Executive and Mainline Buses about the need for an 8 am bus to Sheffield. The 51A service now comes through Bradwell and leaves the village at 7.40 am. Can you spread the good news through your paper? Kind regards  
Michelle Porter

### Bradwell Badminton Club

Come and join us. We meet on Wednesday mornings 10.00am to 12.00 noon, and Thursday evenings 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm at the Memorial Hall. Cost is approx £10 for 6 weeks or £2.50 a session. We're very friendly and would love to meet you. Just call in.

### FOBS Easter Event

We will be holding an Easter Bingo at the White Hart on 11<sup>th</sup> April starting at 8pm. Come along and perhaps win some prizes or just enjoy the Bingo! Donations would be greatly appreciated with an Easter theme. Please bring to either the school or a committee member.

### Eyam Tea Rooms

The Square  
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## BRADWELL'S PEACE VIGIL

Saturday, 15 February 2003

A small group met weekly in church for a vigil during February, limbering up for Lent Lunches. With only 2 days' notice, we suddenly decided to act in solidarity with the London march. We stood with placards in sunshine by the Peace Gardens, with a few passing cars giving supportive toots. Despite briefly displayed posters, many people were disappointed not to know or with other fixed plans, or in London themselves.

In the event we numbered about 32 people, including 2 small children and 2 babies. Most were members of local churches, merging with humanitarians, plus 3 seasoned campaigners. Eric Chapman (represented by his wife) has been a life-long struggler for peace, and we were partly motivated by his example. Almost certainly, none of us favour appeasement and we see the urgency for firm confrontation with Iraqi leaders.

An estimated number of 10 million protesters world-wide, with many more present in spirit (even if this gives Saddam scope for propaganda) should surely convey respect and goodwill to Muslims, most of whom are peace-loving. The anthropologist Margaret Mead said, "Never doubt that a group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world – indeed it is the only thing that ever has".

So might Bradwellians wish to join together in a similar demonstration during the coming weeks or months?

Juliet Berry

NB Other participants may vary in their views

### **Women's World Day of Prayer "Holy Spirit Fill Us".**

Service compiled by the Christian women of Lebanon

Speaker:- Mrs Jane Farley

Come and join us on March 7th. in Bradwell Methodist Church

### **Lent in Bradwell**

Starting on Monday, March 10th, there will be a series of discussion groups entitled "Who do you say I am?"

These will be held in the Church Room at St Barnabas' Church, running from 7.30pm until 9.00, and continuing through the rest of the Mondays in March. Members of any Church or none will be very welcome to join us.

### **VACANCY FOR PART-TIME CLERK BAMFORD WITH THORNHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

We are looking for someone with an interest in community affairs who is prepared to give approximately six hours a week for £1,517 p.a., as recommended on the current pay scale, plus expenses for mileage and telephone calls. At the monthly meetings the clerk takes minutes and afterwards carries out any decisions taken by the Parish Council by letter or telephone. He or she also keeps financial records which have to be prepared for an annual audit.

Please contact the Chair on 651406 for further details, and a full job description.

## Fairtrade in Hope Valley?

Q *What's this about becoming the first 'Fairtrade Valley' in England?*

A Already there are several Fairtrade towns (such as Stockport) and our newly formed group is planning to be the first FT Valley

Q *What exactly are you proposing and how will it affect us?*

A To become part of a much bigger movement across the country – and world – that aims to tackle poverty by enabling farmers and other producers to receive a better and fairer deal for their produce. All we have to do is use our powers of choice and spending on our trips round the shops.

Q *I've seen the Fairtrade Foundation logo on things like coffee and tea – is it connected?*

A Yes. There are over 100 brands of coffee, tea, chocolate, bananas, sugar and honey that carry the Fairtrade mark (the patron is George Alagiah) and these are precisely the products we are aiming to promote.

Q *Didn't you say something about local producers as well?*

A Yes. Everyone is aware of the severe problems faced by local producers and retailers. Many of our farmers have to work round the clock to supplement their income and retailers struggle to compete with the big supermarkets. Fair trade aims to get people buying more things locally, especially those coming from local producers.

Q *You've got me interested! Where do we start?*

A This one's on us! Come along to the free tastings outside the Co-op (see this issue's 'Events') where we'll be offering free samples and wine tastings. The first 2 weeks of March are designated nationally as Fairtrade Fortnight so you'll see (hopefully) promotions in the supermarkets – take advantage of their offers. Get yourself informed (pick up free leaflets, get on-line: [www.fair-traders.co.uk](http://www.fair-traders.co.uk), join the group) and keep your eyes open for more news.

Q *Thanks. I never say 'no' to a glass of free wine – see you outside the Co-op on the 14<sup>th</sup>.*

A At the risk of going on a bit, what we are really fighting for is TRADE JUSTICE which, although a gigantic task of changing grossly unfair trading structures, would really start tackling the root causes of poverty.....this will hit the news in June with a worldwide campaign.

Alison Bowles

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## Obituaries

Mr William (Bill) Eyre, the last corn miller in the Hope Valley and author of 'Goin down t' th' mill'. Mr Eyre of Bleak House died on the 13<sup>th</sup> January aged 86 year's old at the Royal Hospital Chesterfield after a short illness. He was the only son of Marmaduke and Kathleen Eyre of the Laurels Smalldale Bradwell. Apart from four years in the army, he spent all his working life in the family business based at Brough Corn Mill. Whilst in the army he married Zena the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Copeland who lived at Hill Style, Bradwell. He leaves a son Geoffrey, daughters Gillian and Jayne, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren. Interment took place at Green Drive Cemetary followed by a thanksgiving service at St. Peter's Church Hope.

Mrs. Poynton of Smalldale Hall Bradwell died on January 9<sup>th</sup> aged 86 years old. She was the daughter of William and Elsie Eyre of Bradwell. His work for the local cement company required him to move about the country. As a result, Mrs. Poynton lived at times in Kent, Sussex Devon and County Durham. Towards the end of her husband's career they came to live at Brough and finally Bradwell. Mrs. Poynton was chairman of the local Conservative Association for some years, a member of the Parochial Church Council, and a member of Sickleholme Ladies' Bridge Club. She was devoted to her family by whom she is greatly missed

Nb Mrs. Poynton and Mr. Eyre were cousins. Mrs. Poynton was born eight days before Mr. Eyre and died four days before him

## Fabulous 'Bradda Knights'

Keep your Lord of the Rings, Bradwell has King Arthur and 'Carry on Camelot'

This year's Panto 'Bradwell Knights' written in Bradwell by Alison Benefield and directed by Marilyn Harrison was a triumph. Witty, original and different. All the cast deserve praise and had clearly worked hard to master their parts. In particular, Linda Wain and Jim Ward, as we have never seen them before, the quick fire farce of Alison and Anni Tosh and the previously hidden talents of Doreen Wood.

The staging was good, the singing a pleasure and the costumes were wonderful. The youngsters sang and danced their hearts out and their joust was one of the highlights of the show.

It was good to see new faces, and old friends returning. The backstage and front of house team were clearly working well.

The Knights were bold to put on a show that was not traditional. It was refreshing, hilarious, and thoroughly good fun. The Memorial hall shook with laughter and if you didn't go you missed a treat.

## WI Outing to Lyceum

On the 22 April 2003, Rebellion Knoll WI are having a coach trip to the Lyceum to see **Fiddler on the Roof**, Paul Nicholas is in this production, the cost including the coach is £24.00. The coach will leave the memorial hall at 6.15pm. There are a few tickets left anyone interested please contact Margaret Morley



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Sat 8th Mar Live Music

Fri 14th Mar CHINESE BANQUET  
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Sun 16th March St. Patrick's Day Bash  
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