



# Bradwell News



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## EVENTS

- 3 Jan:** Joint Covenant Service: Methodist Church - 10:30am  
**5 Jan:** Next meeting of the Bradwell Against the Newburgh Development committee - 7:30pm  
**13 Jan:** Rebellion Knoll WI Christmas Meal - Samuel Fox  
**26 Jan:** Orchard Group - 7:30pm at Honeysuckle Cottage, The Stones, Hungry Lane

## NOVEMBER WEATHER

Highest Temp	55F on 1st
Lowest Temp	32F on 10th
Highest Daily Rain	1.07ins on 23rd
Rain for the Month	9.11ins (highest since Nov 2000)
Days with Rain	29
Rainfall year to Date	38.83ins

## REBELLION KNOLL WI

At a packed last meeting of the year **Wendy Weston** gave a really memorable talk entitled **'Memories are made of this'**. Wendy was the Superintendent Registrar for Rotherham until the bill entitling outside venues to apply for marriage licences came into force, when she decided to hang up her boots. She has maintained an active interest in her work as her numerous newspaper clippings showed. Wendy delighted us with numerous stories and anecdotes, some humorous, some thought provoking and some really moving. Registering Births, Marriages and Deaths only became compulsory in 1874 but only just recently the post of Registrar General ceased to exist and there is now no Central General Register Office. At last month's WI AGM the following officers were elected/re-elected. Gillian Nowell - re-elected President, Rosy Smith - Secretary (many thanks to Lyn Lawless for stalwart work over the previous years), and Helen Gilham - Treasurer. A minute's silence was held in memory of Dot's husband, the Rev Ian Hawkins, who had sadly passed away.

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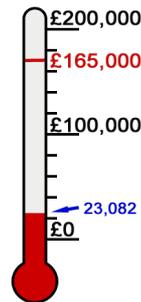
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**Next Issue Out: 3rd Feb**

## WELL DONE AGAIN - 'THE DADS'

Thanks a million, Bradda Dads. You did it again! A most enjoyable 'old folks' lunch today. Also thanks to the children of the Junior School for their participation. The Bradda Dads and their wives worked hard today and we geriatrics really appreciate it. June and Vic Poke

## ST BARNABAS' CHURCH ROOF APPEAL FUND



The total raised so far for the Fabric Fund continues to grow. The Christmas Tree Festival raised **£580.50** and including other donations and fund raising the total now stands at **£23082.74**.

Thanks to everyone who is helping and please watch for continuing fund raising activities during the coming year.

## BRADWELL JUNIOR SCHOOL

Mrs Attwood and everyone at Bradwell Junior School would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who has supported us over the term. A special thank you to FOBS and Bradda Dads who have been very generous in both time and money and to the members of the community who come into school to help. Everyone's efforts are really appreciated by both the staff and the children. We would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and look forward to another successful term!

## CENTENARY PLAYERS

The Centenary Players and Storybag Community Theatre have been successful in a joint funding bid for shared new equipment. Thanks to the Foundation for Sport and the Arts the two companies now jointly own a new electric keyboard, a portable PA system and some portable staging. We would like to acknowledge the help and advice of Richard and Diane Chester and also Fox Electricals with this project. The new equipment will be having its first outing in the 2010 pantomime, Hansel and Gretel which runs from February 20th - 23rd at the Memorial Hall. Storybag Theatre will be using the equipment at various venues across Derbyshire in their popular 15 minute shows and Reminiscence theatre. They will be appearing at next year's Bakewell Show. Alison Benefield



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## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

**Parish Precept:** At our December meeting, it was agreed to submit a precept request of £51,861 to District Council. This represents an increase of 2% over last year. As in recent years, the precept includes a contribution of £10,000 to the sinking fund, which mostly exists to pay for new and replacement playing field equipment.

**Carnival:** The PC Carnival committee invites village groups to apply for concessions to make street collections or to manage the car park on Carnival day (July 31st). Proceeds can be retained by the group or donated to a charity. Interested parties should contact the Parish Clerk (tel 620329) asap. The Carnival parade starts at 2.30 pm and will have a 'circus' theme. Float entrants will be encouraged to reflect this theme. A carnival budget of £3800 was agreed by the full council and some of this will be spent on circus-related performers.

**Hope Valley and High Peak Community Rail Partnership**  
I represent Hope Valley Parish Councils on this partnership and for several years we've been trying to get Northern Rail to add a 6.14pm train from Sheffield to the timetable. Northern's excuse has always been lack of rolling stock, but at our last meeting they said that they now hope to resolve this problem in time for the next timetable revision, from March 2010.

**Dale Quarry:** The Rights of Way and Common Land Committee has held two site meetings recently, with Peak Park officers, to consider the works and funding required for developing the old quarry (which is registered as common land and owned by the PC) into a managed nature reserve. The ideal situation would be to have it as part of a footpath walk and we are discussing this possibility with owners of the land between the quarry and the village.

**Grit/Salt Bins:** All PC bins should now have been re-filled for the winter. Please contact the parish clerk if you know of one which still needs filling. Please be aware that the salt is provided for roads, drives and paths in the immediate vicinity of the bin and re-fills cost the PC £64 per time. Please cooperate by not using vehicles to remove salt from the vicinity of the bin. We can consider applications for new bins where there is proven need and a suitable site. At our last meeting we agreed to a request to install one at New Nook.

**Lafarge:** At the December Lafarge/PC liaison committee meeting, works manager Ashley Bryan gave us a view of the current state of the cement market. Lafarge, nationally, is faced with the difficult task of matching cement production with a drastic reduction in demand. Hope is likely to be less affected than other works with a predicted 30% cut in production in 2010 (Dunbar 50%, Aberthaw 40%). The aim is to work with unions to retain as many existing staff as possible by reducing contract work and introducing half-pay lay-offs of up to 18 weeks if necessary. The downturn is expected to continue until 2012 or 2013. The Hope works PFA (power station fly-ash) trial, in the raw mix for the kilns, has reduced emissions and improved kiln stability and throughput. PFA has now

become Lafarge's top investment project for the UK. The trial has increased the number of lorries visiting the site but the intention is to import PFA by rail if permission is granted for its use in the process. Quarry manager John McGough is taking early retirement this month and his replacement is Jeremy Elvins who is currently the National minerals manager. 300 people attended the bonfire and fireworks display on November 20<sup>th</sup> to celebrate 80 years of cement manufacture at the works. Hope Valley primary schoolchildren were invited to design a Hope works Christmas card. The winner was Jacob Bacon of Bamford, with Christopher Green of Bradwell in third place. The winning card was reproduced and sent out to staff and customers. Chris Furness

## WELL DRESSING CHRISTMAS NUMBERS RAFFLE

The Judy Helliwell Christmas Numbers Raffle was drawn on 15th December and the winners were :-

£50: D. Harrison – Number 49

£30: Shirley Archer - Number 123

£20: J. Saxon - Number 32

The prizes were kindly donated and the raffle raised £300, thank you to all who supported.

## ODE TO THE BRADDA DADS

I pen this little note to you, to thank you all so much  
For entertaining us to lunch - a truly festive touch.  
The room was welcoming and warm, with decorations bright  
The tables looked so inviting, and were a pleasant sight.

You served us veg., with shepherd's pie a-topped with  
creamy spuds,  
Then offered sherry trifle sweet, or fruity Christmas Puds.  
A cup of tea or coffee next, with chocolates and mince pies,  
All served by dashing Bradda Dads with bright and jazzy ties.

School children came and sang for us, their voices sweet and  
clear,

It's a treat that we appreciate this festive time of year.  
They sang about sweet chiming bells and Bradda's own an-  
them,

That really did impress us all, so 'Special Thanks' to them.

Now this year proved quite different - an uninvited guest  
(who appeared to be VERY old and was most strangely  
dressed)

Came, and she needed lots of help to settle in her chair.  
She then had to adjust her skirt and tivate her hair!!  
She drank up all our orange juice and then she asked for  
more!

She really did embarrass us - was nothing but a bore.  
She fiddled with her jewellery and rummaged in her bag.  
Then she revealed that she was just - a Bradda Dad in  
DRAG!!!

*Our thanks to Betty Bancroft for this contribution. Betty adds  
that she hopes Mike won the wager.*

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## THE CULTURAL HERITAGE OF BRADWELL

*The planned demolition, by Newburgh Estates, of the core of our village and the building of 148 new dwellings has caused one villager to reminisce on Bradwell's past, and in particular how and why the village has grown through the years. Brian Gillham has been looking at how our village came to be like it is, and in particular how and why it grew. With Brian's kind permission we are publishing his article in full, although for reasons of length it will be serialised. We hope you enjoy it, and that it helps you gain a clearer understanding of why Bradda is the way it is today:*

In its Vision Statement for the years 2006-2011 the Peak District National Park Authority states that its aim is for:

"A conserved and enhanced Peak District where the natural beauty and quality of its landscapes, its biodiversity, tranquillity, cultural heritage and the settlements within it continue to be valued for their diversity and richness."

It is right then that we in Bradwell and the Park Authority be very clear on the cultural heritage of the settlement that is Bradwell. For if we (and they) don't know that then how can we (and they) hope to conserve that cultural heritage?

The people of Bradwell have to hand two excellent reminders of the cultural history of their village. The first is the book *Bradwell Ancient and Modern*, by local polymath Seth Evans. The second was published by the Bradwell Historical Society in 2008, with the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund and is called '*After Seth - Bradwell into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*'. In his book, published in 1912 Seth gives a description of the Bradwell he saw:

...steep, winding streets - if streets they be called - and all sorts of queer, out of the way queer places running in and out in all directions - break neck, skew tilted, beginning everywhere, heading nowhere ...

This picture is easily recognisable to today's inhabitants of the village. Seth Evans' book establishes clearly the heritage of Bradwell as a *Working Village*. Nor is it by chance that the first and keynote chapter (after the Introduction) of '*After Seth*' is entitled *Bradwell at Work* (in another chapter there is an incisive review of building in the village in the 20<sup>th</sup> century). The fact that a recent reprint of '*Bradwell Ancient and Modern*' had itself to be reprinted indicates the interest in the village and beyond in the history of the village. It is easy to assert that Bradwell's history has been that of a *Working Village*, but what is the evidence. Having marshalled the evidence we can then begin to answer a crucial question; 'How has the working nature of the village influenced the building of houses in the village?' On carrying out this exercise it becomes evident that housing provision in the village has generally followed the jobs, not the other way round. The other driver of building has been the desire to provide homes for the elderly. The project entitled 'A Vision of Britain Through Time' provides key data on the population, number of

houses, number of houses built, number of rooms per house (and the number of people per room) of Bradwell. These data take us up to 1961. Local information extends this data set up to the present. The picture that emerges when this data is set alongside information on the working history of Bradwell is interesting and will be in the story which continues next month.

## VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Hathersage Village Centre Group is looking to recruit a volunteer Project Manager to help progress improvements to the landscape and environment of Hathersage village centre. Having successfully lobbied the local authorities and obtained agreement in principle to continue our work, we are now at a crucial time in the project, raising funds and seeking landscape architects to lead a community design process. We would be interested in hearing from anyone who would like to join our friendly team of volunteers, especially if you have some free time and experience in project management and bidding for grants. Please contact Deanne Markham on 650236 or Adele Metcalfe (Peak District National Park Authority) on 01629 816375

## FIREWOOD

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## DERBYSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

The role of a Fire Fighter on the Retained Duty System, like that provided already by some people in Bradwell, is an important and exciting one. If you would like to be part of a team in Bradwell that is committed to helping others and making your community safer and you have some time to spare, then why not contact Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service on 01332 771221, or contact the Officer in Charge of your local Fire Station and find out more. Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service. Making Derbyshire Safer

## TEDDY BEAR CLUB

Thank you to everyone who supported our coffee morning and raffle on 6<sup>th</sup> November. We raised **£394** which went towards the children's Christmas party, held on 11<sup>th</sup> December. We would like to say a huge "thank you" to Tina and Corky at The Shoulder for letting us use the pub for the Children's Christmas Party. Without their kind generosity we would have had to cancel the party due to the Methodist Hall being double booked. The children really enjoyed the party and all left with gifts from Father Christmas who made a surprise visit. The Teddy Bear Club will re-open in the new year on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

## SATURDAY WASTE SKIP DATES

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## JOHN ASHTON WILSON

John Wilson died on 24th November at the Northern General Hospital, aged 73 years. He was born at Town End, Bradwell on 8th March, 1936 the third son of James and Doris Wilson. His middle name, Ashton was his mother's maiden surname. John attended Bradwell Church School, and upon leaving he worked for T E and D Firth, hauliers, based at Town End. For several years he worked with Harry Sammans, covering Sheffield and surrounding areas. At age 18 John was called up for National Service, which he served in the Army Catering Corps. On returning to civilian life he was employed at what was then G & T Earle, the cement works. On revealing one day in which branch of the services he had served, one of his mates remarked; "Your lot killed more soldiers than the Germans!" John maintained that the A.C.C. provided a 'balanced diet'. He married the love of his life, Maureen on 20th October, 1962 and they lived at Steps Cottage, approaching The Hills. Their daughter, Adel was born at Steps Cottage. John had loved singing since he was a boy and had been head choirboy of St Barnabas Church choir. His association with the church lasted all his life, being involved over the years with grass cutting, cleaning the church surround and as an adult member of St Barnabas Singers when they were formed several years ago. John's other interests were anything to do with nature, bird watching, Wild and cultivated flowers, fish in Bradwell Brook and newts. He even managed to persuade the cement works management to protect an old clay working that had become a pond, and where a rare newt thrived. His love of singing extended beyond the church. For years he and his two brothers and wives sang carols at the White Hart and the George Hotel in Castleton. This was where the 'Castletonians' were asked to stand up and face Bradwell when they sang the Bradda anthem, 'Peace O'er the World'. John and Maureen moved to Wortley Court and in later life, when John retired from work he helped Mark and Adel with their house at Wardlow whilst keeping the area around his own bungalow immaculate.

As a husband, father, brother and friend to many people in the village, he will be sadly missed. His funeral, on 11th December in St Barnabas was a testimony to the many people with whom he had associated during his life. He leaves his wife, Maureen, daughter Adel, son-in-law Mark and brother David. His brother Ben pre-deceased him.

## MRS MARGARET DANIEL

Margaret Daniel passed away suddenly on 1st December 2009 in The Royal Hospital, Chesterfield, aged 83 years. Born in Cudworth, Barnsley the middle child of Robert & Florrie Judkins she moved to Sheffield at nine where she lived until being evacuated to her Aunt, Elsie Reptons at the beginning of the war. Margaret ran for Yorkshire when younger and always loved sports of any kind. She worked as a clippie on the trams, sundries at Lafarge (Earles) and lastly at Austin's Electrical shop (now the bread shop). She married Trevor Daniel (deceased) 3rd son of Arthur and Millicent Daniel, on 4th March 1950 and lived in many areas of Bradwell during her married life. They eventually moved to Dale End 44 years ago and have lived there ever since. Margaret loved holidays going to many far flung places Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Canada and taking cruises. She leaves a daughter Denise, son-in-law David, grandson James and his wife Samantha. Her older sister Joan and younger brother Eddie both pre-deceased her. The funeral took place at St. Barnabas Church on 11th December and after at Hutcliffe Wood Crematorium Sheffield followed by a funeral tea at the Wesleyan School Room.

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Denise, David, James and Samantha would like to thank everyone who showed kindness and sympathy to them by words and cards on the death of Margaret Daniel. Thanking especially Sharon Hix, Roy and Wendy Weston, Elsie Repton, Michael Boyes and Doreen Burns. Also Rev. Ian Davis, Ted Nutch and Paul Tanfield for a caring and professional service. Not forgetting the ladies who put on a wonderful tea.

## A BIG THANK YOU

May I take this opportunity to wish all the "Bradda Litter Pickers" a very Happy New Year! Thank you for all the hard work during the past year. I am sure you will agree there is a definite improvement in and around the village, so well done everybody! I do have another request. No matter how many people (and there are three at the moment) pick Netherside, due to heavy pedestrian traffic it is hard to keep on top of the litter problem. Therefore I am looking for another volunteer (either new or existing) to help with Netherside on a regular basis. If interested please contact me on 620803. Thanks again for the hard work and support. KEEP PICKING! Janet

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