

# Bradwell News

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**Wildflower Walk. 11am on Sat. 13th April. Meet opposite Fire Station.**

## EVENTS

**Tues 20:** Historical Society: 8pm in the Methodist Hall: "The Farms and Mills of Brough" by Joan Clough  
**Community Coffee Morning: 2nd March:** Methodist Hall from 10 to 11:30am. All donations are for Centenary Players.

## A LOVELY SURPRISE

Recently we had a lovely surprise with a knock on the door from a 'Trustee' of the "Ebenezer Bradwell Bequest". A box of biscuits for my husband, Richard (Titch) Houchin) was gratefully received by him (...and also, of course me!), as a Get Well gift, after his pneumonia and sepsis bout before Christmas. "Thank You"....What a lovely gesture that was, from this fabulous community we have.

(PS. Titch is recovering brilliantly....so well in fact, that I've sent him back to work!

## COMMUNITY LAND TRUST (BCLT) NEWS

### Carnival Beer Tent

Bradwell Community Land Trust will be running the carnival beer tent again this year. Last year we donated the bar profit (nearly £500) to the Centenary Players for the panto. BCLT are looking for a new partner/beneficiary for the 2024 Carnival. Any village organisation can apply, all we ask is that you help out on carnival day. Contact Andy Johnston on [andyjohnston@outlook.com](mailto:andyjohnston@outlook.com).

### Salt Spreader

We have all suffered from the treacherous state of Bradwell's roads, especially the steep side roads, in icy conditions. Derbyshire County Council's Highways Department usually looks after the main road, but the side roads are left to our snow wardens, who do their best with grit from the bins, and there's only so much that can be done by hand. One of the key aims of BCLT is to fund projects which are of benefit to the local community, and an opportunity has arisen to acquire a small, mechanical salt spreader which can be attached to a tractor or suitable car fitted with a tow hitch. The CLT has therefore decided to fund the £1,500 cost of purchasing this equipment so that the Bradwell Parish Council snow warden team can use it to treat side roads and areas not treated by County. Cllr Zach Harrison has kindly agreed to store, manage and maintain it on behalf of the Parish Council and the PC will procure supplies of grit. The CLT welcomes any suggestions for similar projects for the benefit of Bradwell community.

## BRADWELL PRE SCHOOL

Bradwell Preschool is run by a committee made up entirely of volunteers, for the benefit of the community and the village as a whole. Preschool helps give our youngest residents the best start in life. The Committee has lost a few members recently, but is experienced and supportive. We are seeking new members to help us ensure that the nurturing environment preschool creates can continue into the future – without the committee the preschool can't continue. We have a meeting each half term, which means about six meetings a year and there is the occasional weekend to help with fundraising activities as well. If anyone is interested, please email Sherry Siddall, the preschool's manager on [supervisor.bps1@gmail.com](mailto:supervisor.bps1@gmail.com).

## NEW HOURS AT BRADWELL PO

We have been asked to advise you that, with effect from 12th February the post office will be open at the hours shown below. Please direct any questions to Rob or Sally.



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New opening hours for Bradwell Post Office		
This branch will be changing its opening hours as of		
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2024.		
The new time will be :-		
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Saturday	7.30am-11.30am	
Sunday	Closed	

## SEND US YOUR NEWS

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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**Retirement of parish clerk:** The parish clerk retiring and council are recruiting her successor. The Job Description and details on how to apply can be found in the "Latest News" section of the council website – [bradda.org](http://bradda.org).

**Grass cutting in the village:** There was a meeting in the village to discuss the grass cutting schedule for this year. The meeting was attended by the Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC) green and clean team, District Councillor Nash, a representative from Bradwell Parish Council, representatives from the Wildflower group and the Parish Clerk. For the last two years the piece of grass adjacent to Elliott Avenue has been left uncut until September as it was classed as an "Area of Biodiversity." This attracted a lot of complaints from residents as it made the village look unkempt and affected visibility when exiting Batham Road or Elliott Avenue. DDDC have recognised this problem and are recommending to Derbyshire County Council (DCC) that this area be cut as per the rest of the village. The same decision has been made about the area close to the primary school as the uncut grasses in this area affected the health of some children last year. The group identified other areas in the village which could be trialled as "Areas of Biodiversity" – a small strip of grass on Town Lane adjacent to the area in Beggers Plot Playing Field looked after by the Wildflower group and an area on Church Street close to the Peace Gardens. DCC will make the final decision.

**Grit spreader:** Council have purchased a grit spreader using a grant from Bradwell Community Land Trust (CLT). It will be used to spread salt in areas around the village which Derbyshire County Council do not cover. Many thanks to the CLT for the grant and thanks to the Snow Wardens for volunteering to spread the grit when required.

**Vandalism at toilet block:** It was reported previously that there had been some vandalism at the toilet block. We are glad to report that the culprits have been identified and spoken to about the damage they are causing. It is hoped that the conversations that have taken place will stop any recurrence.

**New Zip wire:** An order has been placed for a new zipwire on Town Bottom Playing Field. It will be similar to the existing, 20 meters long with two platforms. The barked area under the zipwire will also be replaced with new shuttering and bark. The installation is expected to take place in mid-April 2024.

**Carnival 2024:** Carnival Saturday this year is on 3<sup>rd</sup> August. The first planning meeting will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Gallery Room of the Memorial Hall. Please do join the team if you have any ideas or would like to help.

**Public Participation:** Residents continue to attend council meetings to raise matters of concern directly with Council. We welcome members of the public at both the main council and all committee meetings. Council meetings are held at 7.30 p.m. on the first Tuesday. See the parish notice boards (on the side of the Memorial Hall and in the Peace Gardens bus shelter) for meeting announcements and agendas.

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## BRADWELLS ICE CREAM A History - Continued

*Concluding our history of Bradwells Ice Cream.*

### Appendices Continued

#### Quality Assurance

Before any new product / flavour is manufactured extensive research was carried out which involved closely working with suppliers and test production runs. Suppliers are involved to ensure the safety of their ingredients (e.g. no nuts or other allergens) and that the ingredients perform well with taste, texture and colour, and, if appropriate, to suggest alternative ingredients. Besides the more than 60 combinations of flavour / container sizes, some experimentation / R&D was carried out on new products which were not successful and discarded e.g. a non-dairy range and a low sugar diabetic range. Production of either of these two examples would have created problems in segregating the required ingredients.

Especially for sales to supermarkets, they require specific documentation for every flavour / container size bought. This documentation will include, for example, temperature control and storage information, timings of the product being held at specified temperatures especially during shipping to the supermarket. Hence temperature / time charts are required.

All machinery / vehicles involved in the production / delivery of products needed to be inspected and serviced to agreed standards. In addition, the calibration of the chart recorders themselves needed to be checked at least on an annual basis. As before, all products would have been subject to laboratory testing before being released for sale.

#### Source of Ice

Nowadays it is almost accepted that ice is readily available as we all take fridges and freezers for granted, but at the start of the twentieth century ice was mainly available to landed gentry who were able to construct ice houses in their grounds and to collect and store ice under straw & bark from their lakes for use during warmer months. This ice was generally of such a poor quality that it was never actually put in food, it was only ever used for cooling drinks, making water ices and 'iced creams'. For the general population, ice was used across the country mainly for food preservation, 'iced cream' making and for medicinal use. Ice was therefore imported. The USA, Canada and Norway were the three main exporters and by 1860 to 1900 Norway dominated our supply. In Norway ice was cut from frozen lakes with special saws, moved with special metal tongs and transported on ice slides to the ports, from whence it was exported. At its peak, Norway exported 340 thousand tons per annum. Ice was shipped into London and other major ports and taken in canal barges down the canals, to be stored in ice houses, from where it was sold to ice cream makers. This burgeoning ice cream industry, run mainly by Italians, started the influx of workers from southern Italy and the Ticino area of Switzerland to England. After 1900 ice manufactured in factories competed with imports. One of the biggest UK ice factories was at Grimsby which was built in 1901. This factory was to provide crushed ice to preserve fish stored in fish



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stores at Grimsby sea port which was the biggest fishing port at the time. This factory operated until 1990 and produced 1,200 tons daily using ammonia compressors powered by steam from boilers.

#### War Time Rationing

War Time rationing was introduced in January 1940 due to the shortage of essential items of food, clothing and fuels. Coupons in ration books were the only legitimate way of obtaining essentials. Ration books were issued to each man, woman and child. Items rationed included sugar, meat, fats, bacon, cheese all of which required coupons, and housewives had to register with particular retailers. Other items such as tinned goods, dried fruits, cereals and biscuits were rationed on a points basis. Eggs and milk were prioritised to those most in need, e.g. children and expectant mothers. Fruit & vegetables were not rationed but were very scarce, even after the introduction of the 'Dig for Victory' campaign. Certain other key commodities were also rationed – petrol in 1939, clothes in June 1941 and soap in February 1942. The end of the war saw additional cuts. Bread, which was never rationed during wartime, was put on the ration in July 1946. In April 1949 sweets were de-rationed causing long queues, especially of children. It was not until the early 1950s that most commodities came 'off the ration'. Meat was the last item to be de-rationed and food rationing ended completely in 1954.

#### WILF PALFREMAN

*We often receive interesting village related tales, and one such arrived recently from ex-Bradwell resident Dennis A Davis. It has been edited to fit. Dennis writes:*

Recently, I read on Facebook that a young lady was asking about Wilf Palfreman, who she described as a lonely old man; that is not how I remember him. We moved into Sunnysbank about 1936/37 and I would observe Wilf going about his farm. He was always singing or humming some song or tune. He lived alone and as I grew older I used to go over to his cow shed on a winters night while he was milking. In summer we would bring his cows in from one of his fields on Granby and after milking lead them back. I often walked with one hand round the neck of one of the cows. It was Wilf who taught me how to milk by hand. At haymaking time we would go round helping various farmers and Wilf would come and shout over the wall, "Art doin owt sirrah lar, couldst gie us a hand in t hay. When I was about 11 or twelve he asked me to go up to Elmore Hill farm to help with the threshing. I didn't get paid, but there was always something to eat which meant a lot at this time of rationing. Wilf would stick a hay fork in the ground and sing to it like it was a young lady. "Where is my wandering boy tonight, the boy of my loving care" or The Windmill Glee, I still remember 3 verses of it but there was more, but I have not found anyone who knows them. Wilf made his own butter in a small glass churn, so we would have Bread and Jam and sometimes Rhubarb and Custard. He used to talk to me about his

younger days; "I was only a catch crop" he said. He was the youngest of the family. He would show me photographs, one of a young lady, but he never told me who, although she reminded me of somebody in the village. He never married and it was said he had been jilted at one time. Wilf had fields down Kiln lane which he cut part for hay and for grazing young calves. His other fields were on Granby (where Matty Erwin built his bungalow in later years), another as you turned down to Smithy hill and a further two up on Wyndy above where the Quarry was. They were later lost to the quarry in the same way as Coats Green had been lost to Earles Cement Works. One year he grew potatoes in one of the fields and gave me a row in payment. We had to go round by New Nook as the road up to Wyndy was too steep for the horse and coming down a metal slipper was put on one of the wheels to hold the cart back. I used to go muck spreading for pay - 1 Half penny per heap, but I always got my tea as well. At one time Wilf had been a Cobbler and his shop still sits at the start of Kiln Lane. The upper floor had a hay chopper, used to cut up feed for the horse and the floor below was full of old boots and shoes that had never been collected. On a Saturday night, Wilf would get dressed in his best knee britches and leather leggings and go down to the Bowling Green for a pint and then attend the old time dances.

"Saturday night is my delight and so is Sunday morning. But Sunday night it comes too soon and so does Monday morning". Another of Wilfs favourites. I left Bradwell and joined the Army in Sept 1948 and the next time I saw Wilf was in Nov 1951 when I returned from Hong Kong. I went round to visit him and found his eldest sister had come to live with him. I never saw Wilf again until the 1960s when I came home to visit my Mother I found him in the hay field all on his own I felt that I just had to go and help him for old time's sake. I hope this brings back memories for others who knew him.

#### WAR MEMORIAL HALL

We are looking for a Secretary to join our small but friendly committee at Bradwell War Memorial Hall. The main tasks would be to agree the agendas, write the minutes and organise the meetings. You would need to be organised and have good communication skills. We have about 4 meetings per year but do a lot of communication via email. If you want to help shape the future of the hall, please email: [bradwellwarmemorial@gmail.com](mailto:bradwellwarmemorial@gmail.com) or ring/message 07730370759 for more information.



## BRADDA DADS



#### Wolf's Pit Fell Race - Sunday 10th

**March 2024, Mother's Day** - Entry via Fabian4 is now open on our website ([braddadads.wordpress.com](http://braddadads.wordpress.com)) and Facebook. It looks like we're going to have full numbers this year, so anyone who is interested in marshalling a fell race, your help will be very much appreciated! Please contact Stu on 07590 047104

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## PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### JAQUELINE (JACKY) MARY ALCOCK



After a short illness, Jacky passed away very suddenly on 23rd December, 2023 at the Northern General Hospital surrounded by her loving family. Born on 7th December, 1939 to parents of the late William (Jack) and Ellen (Nell) Shaw in Greenhill, Sheffield she was educated at Abbey Lane school, Sheffield and when leaving school went to work at Firth Browns, in the typing pool.

Jacky was a swimmer and diver at the Mill-houses swimming club and progressed onto county and national standards, winning everything. She was approached by the Australian Olympic swimming team, to coach in Australia to Olympic Standard but turned that down to get married to Peter Alcock, which she did on 22nd March, 1958. They lived in various addresses in Sheffield and had three children, Christopher, Debbie and Mitchell before moving to the little shop in Towngate, Bradwell where she took over from her mother, Nell and continued to run it for 17 years. Jacky worked for a short spell at Cambions in Castleton before moving onto Brookfield Manor in Hathersage. After Brookfield Manor she moved to Hope Valley College as a midday supervisor until she retired. Due to her husband, Peter's poor health they had to leave Towngate and moved to 8, Michlow Drive in Bradwell. Sadly, Peter passed away in 2006 and Jacky remained at 8, Michlow Drive until her passing. Jacky loved to travel and enjoyed her gardening and watching snooker and tennis, as well as her trips out and visits from her family. She

will be sadly missed by her children, son and daughters in law and her six grandchildren and five great grandchildren, plus one on the way who she will sadly not meet. Greatly missed and always in our hearts.

### FREDA MARY YEARDLEY

8th July 1925 to 6th December 2023



Aged 98, Freda was the oldest "Bradwell - born" resident in the village. She was born at Yard Head, Hugh Lane, the eldest child of Hugh and Elsie Bradwell. Her three siblings Jean, Marjorie and Gerald predeceased her. Freda attended both Bradwell schools before starting her working life at the age of 14 at Bamford Cotton Mill where she made many life-long friends.

During the years of the Second World War, she enjoyed going to local dances in nearby village halls and it was here that she met William Yearley from Hope. Freda and Bill married in 1948 and lived with parents on Main Road for a short time before moving to The Crescent, where they raised their daughters Susan and Jeanie. They were happily married for 60 years and enjoyed nothing more than a quiet homelife with family and trips to the seaside, most often to Cleethorpes to visit sister Marjorie. Freda had a passion for baking and her five grandchildren and six great grandchildren always loved sampling the delicious treats she made for them. Thanks to the love and care of family, Freda was able to stay in her own home and retain her independence to the end. She was a devoted mother and grandmother and will be dearly missed by all her family and friends. A funeral service was held at St. Barnabas Church on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

### St. Barnabas Church: March 2024

3rd	11:00	All Age Worship
10th	11:00	Mothering Sunday Service
17th	10:00	Benefice Communion (Bradwell)
24th		Palm Sunday Benefice Procession (Castleton). See noticeboard
	16:00	Said Communion (Castleton)
31st	06:00	Dawn Communion at Odin Mine. 11:00 Easter Communion

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