Bradwell News

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EVENTS

Sat 3rd Dec: Christmas Fair - St Barnabas Church, Memorial Hall: 10:00 to 11:30 am

Wed 7th Dec: Ladies Christian Fellowship, Christmas Lunch

Sun 11th Dec: Carol Service: Abney - 7 pm

Thurs 15th Dec: Carol Singing round the village by the BROWNIES

Sun 18th Dec: United Carol Service, Bradwell Methodist Church: 6:00 pm followed by mince pies

Mon 19th Dec: Carol singing around the village from 6:30 pm by members of the Methodist Church and friends

Sat 24th Dec: Christmas Eve: Crib Service - St Barnabas Church: 6:00 pm

Midnight Mass - St Barnabas Church, 11:30 pm

Sun 25th Dec: Christmas Day: Holy Communion - ABNEY: 8:00 pm

Christmas Service: Methodist Church, 9:00 pm

Holy Communion: St Peter's Church, HOPE: 9:30 pm

Sun 1st Jan: Holy Communion, St Barnabas Church: 9:15 am

Wed 4th Jan: Ladies Christian Fellowship, St Barnabas Church: 'Peak Cavern' -Tony Marsden: 2:15 pm

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A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

In this bumper Christmas Edition of the *Bradwell News* we send the very warmest seasonal greetings to all our advertisers, local business sponsors and readers. We wish you all the very best of success in the coming year. This paper could not exist without everyone's support, particularly our advertisers and sponsors, and our Christmas message to you all is, "Please Support Bradwell News by Supporting Local Businesses". Particular thanks to our delivery team and regular correspondents. A Merry Christmas to you all!

AN ITEM RECOVERED

Thanks to the 'power of the press' (the *Bradwell News*), I have had the Bossingham Cup returned to me and will be returning it to the family. Thanks to everyone for their interest and help. David Wilson

BUT ONE STILL MISSING

Sadly, Dot Crookes' appeal for the return of her well dressing books has not yet produced the books for her. These books are a unique record going back over 50 years, during which time Dot has "lived" for well dressing.

If you have any information at all about this and can possibly help her recover these personal treasures, please phone Dot on 620192 or Joyce on 621865

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - Bradwell Branch POPPY APPEAL 2005

The following amounts were raised in Bradwell this year:

| Total | £1,256.88 |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Collection in Methodist Chapel | £145.56 |
| Sale of Wreaths | £229.50 |
| Sale of Poppies | £881.82 |

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Michlow – new Affordable Housing

This development of 12 three-bedroom houses is now under way and the first house completion is expected by April. At our recent meeting with the developer, Northern Counties Housing Association (NCHA), we agreed to arrange a joint launch presentation in the Memorial Hall in February. Full details will be given in the next issue but those interested in renting or part-purchasing one of the properties should register that interest with NCHA or Derbyshire Dales Housing Department and come along to the meeting. At present the plan is for three of the houses to be for sale (maximum 75% ownership) and nine for rent, but that mix could change if a greater demand for purchase is demonstrated. A combination of gifted land and Housing Corporation grants means that the full sale price will be around a notional £80,000 (£60,000 for a 75% purchase, with the other 25% covered by a rental agreement). The purpose of schemes such as this is to give local people, who might otherwise be forced out of the village by high prices or non-availability of suitable properties, the opportunity to continue living here, or to return to the village. Obviously, the needs of some are greater than others, but don't assume you wouldn't qualify. If you feel you can prove a strong need for an affordable three-bedroom house, you should apply. If it can be demonstrated, by the number of applications, that more than twelve are needed, it is possible that they may be provided in the near future.

Precept

At our October meeting we agreed a provisional budget, for 2006/7, which will require no increase in precept, not because we wish to curry favour with tax-payers but because after six years of fairly substantial annual increases we have now achieved a satisfactory balance of income against necessary expenditure. All our costs, liabilities and depreciation provisions are now fully funded and we are able to make appropriate grants to those voluntary village organisations, which contribute to the pleasure and well-being of residents. That's not to indicate an end to precept increases but hopefully, from now on, they will be no greater than general inflation.

Bowls Club

At our October meeting the PC decided to support a Bowls Club application for a grant towards the refurbishment of their premises. It was felt that as an important village institution, which is open for membership to all residents, we should assist in its enhancement and a donation of £625 was therefore agreed (half the estimated cost).

Grants

If you are a member of a voluntary village organisation, which,

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you feel, could improve its service to the community, with the assistance of a grant from the Parish Council - please contact the Parish Clerk.

Compliments of the fast-approaching Season to you from all your Councillors.

Chris Furness

Bradwell News

BRADWELL FOOTBALL UNDER 8's MATCH REPORT - 16th Oct

In an entertaining game, Baslow came from a goal behind to win 2-1. Molly Archer put Bradwell ahead with a great finish after good team play, only for Baslow to equalize at the end of the first half. An even second half was played in great spirit and just as a draw looked the fairest result Baslow scored the winner with only seconds remaining.

UNDER 10's MATCH REPORT - 16th Oct

Bradwell got on the score sheet within 5 minutes through a lovely volley by Joe Thompson. This lead was short lived as Baslow's number 8 scored within a minute of the restart. Bradwell won a free kick which just went over the bar. Baslow went ahead on 15 minutes and could have extended their lead by a shot taken from the half way line but Shay Hancock made a great save. A well taken corner on the 18 minute saw Baslow go 2 goals ahead and Bradwell were unlucky not to score in the final 2 minutes of the 2nd half through some nice one-two passing between Jack Turner and Joe Thompson and an individual effort by Matthew Smith. Bradwell battled throughout the second half with Richie Morgan and Megan Harby both playing well in defence and Shay made another good save. The final score was Bradwell 1, Baslow 3. Well done Baslow

RESULTS SO FAR

| Under 10's | Bakewell 2 | Bradwell 5 | |
|------------|---|------------|--|
| | Bradwell 4 | Bamford 2 | |
| | Grindleford 1 | Bradwell 7 | |
| Under 12's | Bradwell 6 | Baslow 7 | |
| | Hathersage 2 | Bradwell 5 | |
| | (First Round of the Hill Trophy - in the semis) | | |
| | Calver 3 | Bradwell 1 | |
| | Bradwell 3 | Bamford 2 | |
| | Bakewell 7 | Bradwell 3 | |

Under 14's Bradwell U14's have had a good start to the season with 3 league victories and only one defeat, and a

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Sunday: 12:00 to 3:00 Xmas Eve, 24th: Raine Russell, Female Vocalist

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BRADWELL FOOTBALL—Continued

convincing Palmer trophy 1st round performance at Calver resulting in a 1-6 win

| Under 16's | Bamford 4 Bamford 1 Bakewell 3 | Calver 3 Hathersage 1 Bamford 2 | |
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| Under Eights | | | |
| 4th Dec 2005: | Bamford v Bradwell | | |
| 11th Dec 2005: | Bradwell v Calver | | |
| Under Tens | | | |
| 4th Dec 2005: | Bamfo | ord v Bradwell | |
| 11th Dec 2005: | Bradw | ell v Grindleford | |

F.O.B.S. NEWS

A few big 'thank you's' to start with this month, firstly, to Liz at the New Bath Inn for her donation of £100 towards our funds. Your generosity is much appreciated. Then to Alf & Christine at the Shoulder, our hosts for the annual 'Tingo Bingo' event, which once again was well supported. Also our 'Bingo Caller' Chris Baker for an excellent job. We raised a magnificent £415.16. These funds will be put to good use, paying for the Christmas parties at both the Infant and Junior Schools and for a coach to take the Infants to see Jack & The Beanstalk at the Buxton Opera House. Our recent fundraising activities have paid for Halloween prize draws at both schools and the Children's very own Bingo evening with prizes and refreshments provided. A great evening was had by all the children.

Andrea Slater

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Children at the Junior School have been busy recently.

Football: On Thursday 10th November, two teams from the Junior School took part in a 5-a-side football tournament against the other Hope Valley primary schools. The "B" team had a tough draw and were knocked out of the league, al-though they never conceded more than one goal in a match. The "A" team won their league and went through to the "Champions League" against Hathersage and Bamford's "A" teams. They were beaten 1-0 by Bamford (the eventual winners) but showed great spirit and beat Hathersage 3-0. Josh Mosley and Daniel Smith were the scorers. As a result, the "A" team came a creditable second in the competition.

Cross-country: The following week, on Tuesday 15th, 16 children from the school entered a Hope Valley cross- country competition at the College. The Year 3s and 4s battled 1000m through the mud and although Mollie Archer was 1st of the school runners, the team was unable to gain a place. In the Year 5 and 6 1500m race, the boys ran a great race and 3 out of the 4, who made up the team, came in the first 10 and gained second place overall for the school. Joe Thompson (5th), Daniel Smith (6th) and Rory Mackenzie (10th) will now go on to represent the Hope Valley at a regional event.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Over the past few years, at Christmas time we have held several events that anyone is welcome to attend. This year is no exception.

Christmas Concert: We are planning to have a musical evening in the Memorial Hall. We hope to hold it on Tuesday 6^{th} December but, at present, the date has still to be confirmed. If you would like to see the choir and musicians of Bradwell Junior School, then look out for posters around the village to check the date and time.

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS—Continued

Carol Concert:

As usual, the Infant and Junior Schools will be holding their annual Carol Concert. This year, it will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday 15th December in the Methodist Chapel. You will be most welcome.

BRADDA GHOST WALK

The by now famous Bradda Ghost Walk took place, this time on Halloween. Lesley dressed in her witches finery and paraded a bedraggled group of followers around the village in the pouring rain, entertaining us all with tales of days gone by. She reminded us of earlier times when life in the village was very different from how it is today. Some very life-like acting by young contributors was so real that at one point we felt like returning to the pervious spot, just to check that the body was not still lying there in the mud.

Thanks to all who helped to put on this excellent event once again, and well done Lesley, who carried on and retained everyone's attention in spite of the rain, the noise from passing vehicles, and a squad of police challenging and escorting home a group of lads across the road.



Lesley Prepares the Next Tale

BRADWELL PRE-SCHOOL

Bradwell Pre School's Christmas activities will include a trip to Chatsworth Farm where the Children will perform a Christmas Nativity, sing carols, hopefully be able to experience some small animal handling and also a craft session to make reindeer head gear! There will be a Christmas Party in the Memorial Hall with music, dancing, games, food and Father Christmas appearing to give them all a small gift.

Bradwell Pre School is OFSTED Regulated, with qualified staff and currently has places available for children aged 2 1/2 upwards with free funded places from 3 years (the term after their 3rd birthday). If you would like further information or to come for a taster session please telephone Jackie.

We are also still searching for the elusive site in Bradwell for a purpose-made porta-cabin (which would be so much more suitable for the children) after the proposal for Soft Water Lane was put on hold indefinitely. If anyone knows of a good plot of land they could buy/rent could they please contact Jackie Byrne 01433 620975 or please e-mail

secretary@bradwellpreschool.co.uk

OBITUARIES

MR. SIDNEY LEONARD HARRISON of Towngate, Bradwell, died at home on 12 October, aged 71 years. Born in Doncaster, the son of Harold and Elsie Harrison, Sidney came to Bradwell when he was very young. He was educated at Bradwell Council School before going to work in the laboratory at G. T. Earles Cement Works. He spent all his working life there before taking early retirement due to ill health. Sidney did his National Service in the Duke of Wellington Regiment and served in the Korean War. He received a medal from the United Nations and the Korean Service Medal which was presented to him by the Queen in Gibraltar. He married Dorothy Clayton, of Tideswell, and they set up home in Bradwell. Being interested in most sports he served as Chairman of the Junior Football Club for many years and was also involved in the Annual Gala Day activities. He leaves his wife Dot, daughters Diane and Elaine, sons Trevor and Michael, sons-in-law Gary and Paul, daughters-in-law Tracie and Fran, grandchildren Daniel, Martin, Sarah, Chloe and Lauren , brothers Tommy and Ronnie and sister Connie. Cremation took place at Hutcliffe Wood followed by a Thanksgiving Service at St. Barnabas' Church on 21 October.

MR. THOMAS BRIAN McVEIGH of Wortley Court, Bradwell died on 10 October at Ashgate Hospice, aged 64 years. Born in Sheffield, the eldest son of Thomas and Martha McVeigh, he spent his early years in Bamford and was educated at the Hathersage Roman Catholic school. He first worked at Hancock's Garage at Hathersage and then at Mackenzie and Shand (later Morrison Construction) at Rowsley, where he worked for 40 years, until prevented by illness. In his youth he played football for Bamford and was a keen supporter of the club when his playing days finished. He was a very sociable man and had many friends in the village. He married Rona Savage and although having no children of his own, he enjoyed the company of his step-children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He leaves his wife, Rona, mother Martha, step-children Melvyn, Carol, Stephen and Ian Carl, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, brothers and sisters. The funeral service took place at Bamford Roman Catholic Church, followed by interment on 17 October.

MRS. MARY FLAHERTY of Michlow Drive, died in Calow Hospital on 8 October, aged 62 years. Born in Bradwell, the youngest daughter of Harold and Eva Gregory she was educated at the Church of England school and then worked at Hancock's grocery shop until starting a family. She married Joseph Flaherty of Bamford and they lived in Bradwell the rest of their lives, apart from seven years in Nigeria, when her husband was working there for Blue Circle Cement Company. She enjoyed needlework and similar activities and she was keen on poetry. She leaves daughters Joanne, Sarah and Katy, son Richard, son-in-law Christopher, daughter-in-law Dill, grandchildren Abbie and Daniel and brothers Bobby and John. Her sister, Betty pre-deceased her. Cremation took place at Hutcliffe Wood followed by a Thanksgiving Service at Bradwell Methodist Chapel on 19 October.

MR. GEOFFREY BRADWELL of Harpur Hill, died in Buxton Cottage Hospital on 15 October, aged 76 years. Born in Bradwell, the youngest son of Mrs. Fanny Bradwell he was educated at Bradwell Council School. He spent most of his working life at the Blue Circle Cement Works, starting in the sundries department and later moving up to the quarry prior to retirement. He had moved to Buxton where he lived the rest of his life. For a number of years he was assistant projectionist to Mr. Brown, who showed films on Tuesdays and Thursdays until the Fifties, often taking over when Mr. Brown was 'incapacitated'. He was briefly married to Mavis Andrew an leaves his partner Lena, brothers Ken and Sid and nephews and nieces. His twin sister, Betty, predeceased him. The funeral service and committal took place on 21 October at Macclesfield Crematorium.

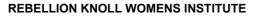
MR ROBERT CLIFTON TANFIELD of Hawthorn Villa died at home on 16th October aged 69 years. Born in Bradwell, the only son of Lionel and Madge Tanfield he was educated at the council school. Upon leaving school he went to work at the family joinery firm, T.H.Tanfield and Son, founded by his great grandfather. Apart from two years National Service in the R.A.F. he remained in the family business until taking early retirement due to ill health. In 1962 he married Joyce Mahoney from Hope, and they set up home in Bradwell. In his youth Clifton was a skilled footballer, being a member of the sports club 'under 18' cup winning team in 1952. He enjoyed watching all sports, especially cricket, football and rugby, was a keen gardener and loved the family holidays at Southport. He was very supportive of his family, who returned this support during his long and painful illness, which he bore with great fortitude and good humour. He was an inspiration to all. He leaves his wife Joyce, daughters Jayne and Julie, son Paul, son-in-law Paul and Paul, daughter-in-law Katie and grandchildren Wayne, Marie, Mark, Adam, Gavin, Jack and Emma, and his sister Muriel. The funeral and interment took place at St Barnabas Church on 24th October.

MRS HILDA EDITH FISCHER

Hilda Edith Fischer was born on 10th November 1907 in Enfield, North London, where she spent her early childhood with parents Percy & Edith Fischer and her two brother's Bernhard and Allan. When she was 11 years old, the family moved to Bradwell, where Percy's Father had secured a job at the Brough Lead works. For many years they lived next to the Junior School, enjoying the peace and freedom of Bradwell in contrast to life in North London. After leaving school, Hilda qualified as a teacher and taught in Hayfield for 3 years. In 1929 she returned Bradwell where she taught (most of the village at some stage of their lives!) until her retirement in August 1967. Although Hilda never married she placed great value on family life and was a devoted daughter to her parents. The same devotion extended to many of the family and she was always there for them, always supporting, always the school teacher!

Hilda was a great traveler. In her long career as a teacher she took many of the village children on trips to London, Cornwall and the Lake district, and long after retirement, on impulse, undertook a marathon trip to Australia and New Zealand to visit friend and relatives in that part of the world. A faithful church goer and supporter of St Barnabas, Hilda belonged to many of the church sponsored groups and organisations. Some of the kneelers in the Church are the work of her hands. In later years, Hilda's mobility and general health gradually deteriorated but thanks to the help of her many friends in the village, she was able to stay in her own home until well into her 90's.

It was with great sadness that at the age of 94 Hilda left her bungalow and became a resident at Moorland House in Hathersage. Although this was a dramatic change for her, Hilda soon settled into her new home where she remained until her final illness and death at the Northern General Hospital on Tuesday 25th October, 2005, just short of her 98th Birthday. In accordance with Hilda's wishes, the funeral service took place in St. Barnabas on Friday 4th November and after cremation at Hutcliffe Wood her ashes were interred with her parents in St. Barnabas churchyard. The family wish to express their thanks for the cards and messages of condolence and for the generous donations received at the funeral which are to be shared between Moorland House and St. Barnabas



The Rebellion Knoll WI held a short monthly meeting in the Bradwell Sports Pavilion on Wednesday, 9th November. The meeting was followed by the AGM. As there were no new nominations the Committee was re-elected en-bloc. Linda presented the Financial summary for the year, Lynn gave a brief outline of the year's activities, and Helen gave her first President's address. She said she has had had an enjoyable but busy year, and in 2006 we should look at ways to raise our profile still further. Di Cosham was elected to the Programme Committee, and Lynn Lawless resigned from same. The Meeting ended with a Buffet Supper and glass of wine.

The next meeting will be on the 11th January, 2006, the December Meeting being replaced by Christmas Dinner.

Marjorie Bolton, 01433 621581.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM REV KEITH OSBORNE....

I have a prize waiting at The Manse on Netherside for the first person over fifty who can tell me the names as recorded in the bible of the 'Three Wise Men' perhaps a second prize for anyone under fifty who can tell me which Gospel tells of the announcement of the birth to the Shepherds?

Now that you have picked up the bible and begun reading it, don't stop with the Christmas story, keep going, read about Jesus and the things he taught and read about how he was killed, murdered on a cross of wood. And when you have finished stop and ask your self why? People tell me they have problems with Christianity, not because of what it teaches but because of some of its practitioners. Well, for once do not concentrate on the church, concentrate on reading the bible; I suggest a modern version like 'The Message' or the very radical 'Word on the Street' and then invite the Jesus you read about to transform your life by his constant presence.

Under his influence, murderers became preachers, fishermen became evangelists and ordinary people found a reason for living, it is all there in the bible, why not buy one for Christmas and start reading one of the Gospels, you will not be disappointed.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas & a fulfilling New Year Rev Keith Osborn

.....AND ONE FROM REV. IAN DAVIS

"Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat, please to put a penny in the old mans hat..."; so goes the old carol that I remember singing as a lad in the 1960's.

Carols and Christmas go together, and I know various villages have their own traditional "Christmas anthems", which I think are important to our identity in today's modern world, where tradition is viewed with suspicion.

But what does Christmas itself really mean to us as we see some preferring terms such as 'winter lights' and 'Xmas'. What is the 'X' to you? Turkey, tinsel, presents, alcohol, overindulgence, silly season...etc?

The traditional, and real meaning of course is that God became human by being at a busy cross-roads in a smelly stable and was laid in a cold stone feeding trough. Christ shared our humanity and transformed it through his life, death and resurrection. Through simple trust in him we are touched by his love again as we experience Emanuel (God with us). Please come and share with us in church over CHRISTmas, that together we may know his peace in our hearts and homes.

I wish you all a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

EVELYN MEDICAL CENTRE

Welcome to our new receptionist, Samantha Hill.

We will be closed on the following dates:

Monday 26th December

Tuesday 27th December

Monday 2nd January

All other days will be normal hours, except on Fridays 23rd and 30th December when the surgery will close at 6pm.

Well Done Dr Adler!!

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WASTE SKIP COLLECTIONS

There will be no collections in December

January collections will be advised as soon as the list has been prepared and is available.



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> For further details phone 01433 651996

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SHOEBOXES

Gifts for Children at Christmas

"Last year, at Christmas Simone was given a shoebox. She is confined to a wheelchair and lives in terrible conditions in an orphanage in Azerbaijan. The contents of her shoebox made Simone's smile grow bigger and bigger, and the hat and scarf just thrilled her - truly love in a box.

(Operation Christmas Child Report, 2004)

We live in an uncertain world, but of one thing we can be certain this Christmas, when children open their Shoeboxes, joy will be written on their faces.

Many, many thanks to all who have given shoeboxes.

Doreen Cameron-Murphy

GOLDEN WEDDING

Congratulations to Tommy and Jean Harrison of Jeffrey Lane, who were married at Tideswell Church on 17th December, 1955

HOPE VALLEY COLLEGE

Term 2

13th Dec: Carol Service - Hope Church: 2:00 pm

20th Dec: College Closes

Term 3

4th Jan: College re-opens

DID YOU KNOW

Continuing our series of mini science stories, did you know that when the Universe was first formed at the "Big Bang" only Hydrogen and Helium gas were formed initially - both light gases. So all the solid things around us every day, all the rock and the metals etc must have come from somewhere. Well, actually these heavier elements are made by nuclear reactions inside stars, and they are then distributed around the Universe when old stars either explode or throw off their outer layers at great speed - happens all the time out there. Whether a star explodes or simply throws out material depends on how big it was to begin with, but this process has been going on for billions of years. The ejected heavier material then mixes with more hydrogen (the Universe still has lots of hydrogen) and over time this new mixed gas condenses to form new stars and planets. The hydrogen makes the stars and the heavier elements which, remember were manufactured millions of years before inside other stars, condense to form the planets. The really fascinating thing is that everything of which we are made, our skin and bones etc, were once made inside a star - so we can truly say that "we are star - stuff!" Editor



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| Friday: | 6:30 to 8:15 | |
| Saturday: | 6:30 to 8:15 | |
| Sunday: | 12:00 to 4:00 | |
| Sat 10th Dec: The Great Gabbo:Male Vocalist | | |
| Fri 23rd Dec: Blast From The Past | | |
| New Year's Eve PARTY NIGHT | | |

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QUIZ NIGHT Sunday 9pm - Free Supper

PANTO NEWS

The Centenary Players are gearing up for "Sleeping Beauty", which will be staged from Tuesday 21st February to the following Saturday. They would particularly welcome volunteers for the adult chorus and a variety of backstage jobs, including scenery painting. This is a great opportunity to do your bit for the village. Enthusiasm is as valuable as experience. If you are interested please speak to Donald Ashbury on 621049 or look in on a Monday or Wednesday night rehearsal in the Memorial Hall.

INFANTS SCHOOL NEWS

December is a very busy month at the school with the children having lots of festive fun. The children will be enjoying their Christmas school dinner on December 14th. The Infant school will be joining the Junior school for a Christmas concert at the Methodist Church on Tuesday 15th December at 2pm. The children are having a Christmas party on December 16th which is being organised with the help of FOBS - Father Christmas may pop in ! The children are going to see "Jack

and the Beanstalk" at Buxton Opera House on Monday 19th December. School closes for the Christmas holidays on Tuesday 20th December performing a sing-a-long nativity before they break-up. School re-opens on Thursday 5th January 2006. Jane Richardson

WEATHER STATISTICS - OCTOBER

| Highest temperature | 65F | 14 October |
|--------------------------|---------|------------|
| Lowest temperature | 37F | 9 October |
| Average high temperature | 54.97F | |
| Average low temperature | 47.48F | |
| Heaviest daily rainfall | 1.14in | 24 October |
| Total rain for October | 4.81in | |
| Days with rain | 16 | |
| Total rain for 2005 | 29.59in | |
| | | |

October was the wettest month this year.

COUNCIL TAX: VALUE FOR MONEY?

Have you ever wondered how your Council Tax is used? Do service providers, Councils, the National Park Authority, the Police and Fire Service provide value for money? This is your opportunity to tell them what you think.

To find out more you are invited to the third 'Hope Valley Area Forum' on Wednesday 14th December, 7-9pm at Hope Valley College. For further details contact Bob Young at the Peak District National Park Authority on 01629 816297 or Email bob.young@peakdistrict.gov.uk

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