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EVENTS

- Sat 2 Dec:** St Barnabas Church Christmas Fair: Memorial Hall: 10 - 11:30am.....Meet Father Christmas
- Mon 4 Dec:** Rebellion Knoll WI Carol Service. 7:30pm St Barnabas Church
- Sun 10 Dec:** St Barnabas Toy Service - 11:00am
- Sun 10 Dec:** Abney Carol Service, Community Hall, Abney 7pm
- Wed 13 Dec:** Rebellion Knoll WI Christmas Meal
- Thur 14 Dec:** Carol Singing around the village - BROWNIES
- Sun 17 Dec:** United Carol Service, St Barnabas Church - 6:00pm followed by mince pies and coffee
- Mon 18 Dec:** Carol singing around the village from 6:00pm by members of the Methodist Church and friends
- Sun 24 Dec Christmas Eve:** Communion: Methodist Church - 5:00pm
- Sun 24 Dec Christmas Eve:** Crib Service: St Barnabas Church - 6:00pm
- MIDNIGHT MASS** - St Barnabas Church - 11:30pm
- Sun 25 Dec Christmas Day**
Christmas Service, Methodist Church - 9:00am
Holy Communion, St Peter's Church, Hope - 9:15am for the United Benefice of Hope, Castleton and Bradwell
- Sun 31 Dec:** Holy Communion, St Edmund, CASTLETON - 9:15am United Benefice Service
- Wed 3 Jan:** Ladies Christian Fellowship: St Barnabas Church - Rev K Osborn
- Wed 10 Jan:** Rebellion Knoll WI: Sports Pavilion - 7:30pm - Laura Darricot, Jewellery

SEND US YOUR NEWS

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A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Christmas; let me shed some light on the subject. Over the next few weeks most of us will be decorating with lights, trees and probably anything else that does not move. Why? Is it some primitive instinct which, in the dark days of winter urges us to lighten up our world? Or is there some connection, however tenuous with Jesus' claim to be the light of the world? In the bible passage read from John's Gospel at least once every Christmas in churches, the writer introduces us to Jesus. He describes him first as the living word and then changes the metaphor to light, a light that can never be put out. Quite a surprising image when you consider the fragility of a new born baby, especially one born in a stable. Quite a surprising image when considered in the light of Good Friday. But for Christians the light has never been put out and John was writing some years after the resurrection. His message was that the Jesus born in such fragile and meagre conditions was none other than God himself, 'incarnate', made human.

As you put your lights up this Christmas, and get the candles out, be careful not to cause a fire, and be careful to think about the God who came to bring light into this dark world.

May I wish you and all your family a very Happy Christmas.

With best wishes - Revd Keith Osborn

BRADDA CAROLS

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BRADWELL TRADITION? We are a small group of people trying to resurrect Carol Singing in the White Hart on Christmas Eve night and Christmas Day dinnertime. This tradition has gone on for years, but numbers have dwindled and we fear many of the old carols will be lost forever as there seem to be fewer people who know them. If you are interested in carrying on this tradition, we plan to meet Saturdays in December (2, 9, 16, 23) in the White Hart at 6.00p.m., for one hour, to rehearse. Please come along and join us - the more the merrier. We hope to raise the roof. Contacts: Janet - 621415, Janet - 620803, Janet - 621459

FOUND

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Parish Precept

Early indications are that an increase will not be necessary next year. Reserves are now at a satisfactory level and we expect a small surplus this year, which should almost cover the projected deficit for next year.

Village Caretaker

Julian has indicated that he wishes to relinquish some of his Caretaker duties, due to the expansion of his private work. We are therefore looking for someone to take over the picking and disposal of litter, in both playing fields, and the daily locking and un-locking of the toilet block. Anyone interested in doing this essential work should contact the Parish Clerk tel 620329, email stevelawless@supanet.com, to discuss hours and rate of pay.

Flood map

We had three visitors from the Environment Agency on November 2nd to discuss their current flood plan, which we believe does not take into account the flood-alleviation work which has been carried out since 2000. The Parish Clerk and I took them around the areas which are blighted by the map and pointed out the anomalies. They agreed to look again at their calculations and to make sure that the improvement works are factored-in. They said that if the flood-threat was still evident, they would consider a scheme for a culvert under Softwater Lane. In respect of the weed-growth in the Brook, they still maintain that removal of the weed would only be an Environment Agency responsibility if the weed itself could be demonstrated to be a flood hazard. It seems likely, therefore, that Parish funds will continue to be required for its removal.

Scout Building

We, and David Wilson have been chasing the Scout Association for 6 months over the future of the old chapel in Charlotte Lane, which is showing signs of dilapidation. It has been out of use for about 8 years and we think that if the Scout Group cannot be re-formed, the building should be renovated and made available for other community purposes. After much pressure the County Scouts Commissioner, John Queening, attended our November PC meeting where he was closely questioned by Councillors and residents. He pointed out that the building belongs to the Peak District Scout Council and that it is their policy for it only to be used for Scout activities (not Guides) and no hiring will be considered for other purposes until the Scout Group has been re-formed. He surprised Councillors by stating that the building had recently been surveyed and declared to be in good condition. He said he had not seen the letter sent to the Scout Council by the Peak Park listed buildings inspector, and copied to the

PC, expressing concern over the state of the building and listing necessary repairs. We hoped that as a result of the meeting, the Scouts Council might review its rules but a subsequent letter from Mr. Queening appears to indicate that it will not.

Anyone wishing to express a view on this matter should write to Mr. Queening at 89, The Green, Hasland, Chesterfield, Derbyshire. S41 OLW, with a copy to the Parish Clerk, Steve Lawless, and perhaps to the President - Sir Richard FitzHerbert, at Tissington Hall.

Ice

Just a seasonal request to consider walkers - and avoid washing cars on the street/footpath when a frost seems likely.

Your Parish Councillors wish you all - **A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

Chris Furness

SOME "THANK YOU" MESSAGES

Ivy, Clive and Angela Allen would like to thank everyone for their cards, presents, flowers, visits and good wishes on the occasion of Ivy's 90th birthday. It was a thoroughly memorable day, enjoyed by all.

I have on the wall by my front door a stone trough which was hand carved for me for my sixtieth birthday by a relative (now dead). In the early summer it was stolen one night, despite a security light 2 metres away. Thanks to the continuing efforts of the local police, and P.C. Doug Eyre in particular, it was returned on 8th November. It has great sentimental value for me, and I had not expected to see it again. I am grateful to the police for its return. K. Chapman

Thank you so much to everyone who has filled a shoebox. This year more people have become involved and the number of boxes has increased. We cannot 'change the world' but we will have made some children very happy this Christmas. In addition to the usual shoeboxes for children up to 14 years, we have sent 10 shoeboxes to Belarus for girls in prison. Doreen Cameron-Murphy

I would like to thank everyone who sent me cards to wish me well in my new home. I shall still visit Bradda as I have a lot of friends here, but time marches on, and we have to march with it. Happy Christmas to you all. Dora Wilson

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New Year Eve - Tony Page (Male Vocalist)

Christmas menu available £13.95

Bookings Necessary

QUIZ NIGHT FRIDAY

BRADWELL RAINBOWS

Bradwell Rainbows celebrated their 10th Birthday on Saturday 7th October. We were joined by Rainbows from Tideswell who celebrated their 1st birthday in September. The girls enjoyed a variety of party games, and thoroughly enjoyed their tea. Thanks to all the parents/grandparents who prepared and served the food, Mrs Allen for decorating the cake and our anonymous benefactor's donation which went towards special celebration badges for the girls to wear on their tabards. It was lovely to see past Rainbows who joined us for a drink & a piece of cake at the end of the party. A good time was had by all! Finally - Mrs Jill Ford, Division Commissioner arrived at the end of the party to present Claire Brown with her 20 year Long Service Award in Guiding. Well done Claire.



BROWNIES

In October we took 14 Brownies on Pack Holiday for a weekend to Whiteley Woods, Sheffield. We did many planned activities including a treasure hunt, torchlight ramble, nature collages, mask making, outdoor adventure course, junk modelling and puppet making. They devoured a small mountain of food and did far too much talking, especially at 5 o'clock on the Saturday morning! All the Brownies had a fantastic time and are looking forward to the next holiday. Sincere thanks go to Helen Balmforth, Pam Garmory and Hannah Keable (of Bamford Brownies) for all their hard work before and during the weekend. On Thursday 14 December we will be Carol Singing around Bradwell and hope to visit as many houses as possible. So please keep an eye out for us. We would like to take this opportunity to wish every Bradwell resident a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

HOPE VALLEY COLLEGE

TERM 2: COLLEGE CLOSES 19th Dec
 TERM 3: COLLEGE RE-OPENS 3rd January 2007

NOTES FROM OUR BEAT OFFICER

Speeding in Bradwell! Please watch your speed when driving in or around Bradwell. I recently carried out speed checks on Stretfield and a high number of local drivers were caught. On this occasion I chose to tick off the drivers, but be warned – speeding will not be tolerated.

I have obtained £300 for a basketball post and net for Beggars Plot, thanks to Peak Park having access to E.U. funds.

Hallowe'en passed fairly quietly. A window was smashed in the Memorial Hall. I hope the youngster who was involved will do the right thing (fingers crossed)

Cars are congregating around St. Ives bridge and the telephone box at Town Bottom. The noise from exhausts, stereos and wheel spinning is not acceptable and I expect to take measures to combat the problem.

Finally, have a great Christmas and all my best wishes for the New Year.

REBELLION KNOLL WI

Helen Gillham welcomed 15 members to the meeting on Wednesday, 8 November. The business part discussed the Carol Service, members' Christmas Meal, spring bulb planting in Bradwell and the delegate's account of the Autumn Council meeting held this year at the Assembly Rooms Derby which was attended by the Lord Mayor of Derby, the Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire together with Sheila Taylor of 'Safe & Sound' a charity surrounding the sexual abuse of children and young adults in our area. Kate Adie of television news fame gave an account of the trials and tribulations of 'foundling' and adopted children (of which she was one) as well as a brief resume of her breakthrough from local radio to television news reporting. The business meeting was followed by the AGM which confirmed a busy and successful year with informative speakers, trips and events. Lynn Lawless nominated two new committee members following the resignation of Marjorie Bolton and Di Cosham. Nominees, Gillian Newell and Anne Ramsay were both duly elected. Helen Gillham will remain as Co-President with the support of the committee on rota as appropriate. Lynda Cliffe and Dot Hawkins were nominated to the Programme Planning Committee following the resignation of Betty Bradwell and Molly Brett. The meeting concluded with a general knowledge quiz, supported by a glass of wine and 'nuts and nibbles'. The WI Carol Service is at St Barnabas Church on Monday, 4 December at 7:30pm - do join us if you are able, you can be assured of a warm welcome. The next meeting is Wednesday, 10 Jan.



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MRS JOAN BATES

Mrs Joan Bates died at home on 21st October aged 83 years. Born in Bradwell, the daughter of Jack and Lucie Middleton she was educated at the Church School before going to work on her father's farm. She married Cecil in 1947, and they lived at the farm until 1952, when they moved to Priestcliffe, returning to the farm in 1959. Joan was a life member of the Centenary Players, a Friend of Buxton Festival, served on the parochial church council, was a member of the Christian Aid committee, of the Hope Valley Girl Guides Association and the Lady Manners Grammar School Association. She enjoyed playing the piano and bird watching. She leaves daughters Janet and Anne, a son, John, and grand-daughters Rebecca, Rachel, Diane, Donna and Dawn. Her husband, Cecil pre-deceased her. The funeral took place at St Barnabas Church, followed by burial on 27th October.

MR KENNETH KERNUR

Mr Kenneth Kernur died at home on 21st October aged 74 years. Born in London, he was educated at King Edward's School in Sheffield and served in the RAF from 1949 to 1952, most of the time in Hong Kong. On leaving the Air Force he worked in the Film Industry, moving into Entertainment and running cinemas and bingo halls before becoming manager of the Millstone Inn at Hathersage. In the 1980's he was Chairman and the Variety Club of Great Britain. Kenneth married Norma Berry and they lived in the Hope Valley for many years before moving to Bradwell seven years ago. He leaves his wife, Norma, sons Clive and Ashley, and grand-children Freddy, Emily, Cordelia and Rufus. The funeral took place at St Peter's Church, Hope followed by burial on 30th October.

MRS EDITH ELIZABETH CRESWICK

Mrs Edith Creswick died on 15th October in the Northern General Hospital aged 80 years. She was born in Belfast, the eldest daughter of John and Isabella Johnson, who came to Bradwell when Edie was 3 years old. She was educated at the Council School and New Mills Grammar School, and on leaving school she worked at the Cement Works, with part-time jobs in the Bowling Green and the chip shop in Church Street. Edie married Rex in 1950 and they lived at Hardhurst Farm,

where they had a son, Philip. After some years she returned to the cement works, to jobs in the time office. M.R.D. stores office and the main stores office., before retiring with a 35 years service award. On retirement Edie involved herself with the running of the farm and caravan site. She was also connected with many local organisations including the Hear Hear Club and the Bradwell Luncheon Club. Edie and Rex enjoyed holidays abroad, and latterly coach holidays in this country. She leaves a son, Philip, daughter-in-law, Sue, grand-children Sara, David, Thomas and Matthew, sister, Molly, brothers Des, Nicky, Terry and Franklin. Her husband, Rex and sister, Pearl pre-deceased her. The funeral took place at St Peter's Church, Hope followed by burial on 27th October.

Edie's family wish to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours who attended the service for Edie. Many thanks also for the cards, letters and messages of sympathy received following their sad loss. The donations in her memory will go to Eyam and District Community Transport and to Helen's Trust. Special thanks to Rev Ian Davis and David Wilson for the lovely service, and of course to Ted Nouch and his staff for all their kindness.

BRADWELL GUIDES

Bradwell has not had a Guide Unit for many years, which is a real shame for girls when they are too old for Brownies. This being the case, I would like to set up a Guide Unit in the village for girls aged between 10 and 14 years, but this is only possible if someone is willing to help run it with me. You would need to be available for one evening each week, be outgoing, friendly and hard working. As Brownie Leader for the past 2 years I can honestly say that it is the most rewarding and enjoyable job I have ever had. As the role involves contact with children and young people you need to be CRB police checked, which I can arrange for you. Also, if you are a girl aged between 10 and 14 years and enjoy challenges, days out, parties, etc. and want an opportunity to organise your own programme of activities and events then Guiding may be for you. If you would like to be considered for the post of Assistant Guide Leader or if you are a girl aged 10-14 years and you wish to become a Guide then please contact Debbie Rowland on 621719 or 07790 248 959 for further information.

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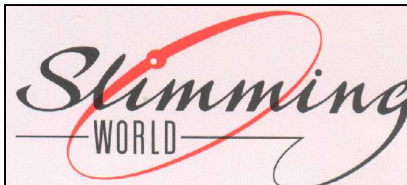
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