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## All Best Wishes for 2023

### EVENTS

**Tue 10:** St B's Baby Group restarts. 10 to 11:30am in St Barnabas Church.

**Wed 11:** Rebellion Knoll WI: 7:30pm in the Methodist Hall. Play Reading with Gillian Nowell.

**Tue 17:** Historical Society: 8pm in the Methodist Hall. AGM and 10 minute talks by members.

### POT HOLES AND BLOCKED ROAD GRATES

Using the Derbyshire County Council website to report road and footpath faults is really easy and I want to encourage everyone in Bradwell to start to report problems more often. I have reported many potholes and blocked drains and they are normally sorted within the week. Here's what to do:

1. If you spot a problem go to <https://my.derbyshire.gov.uk/MyServices>
2. Login in/Register, as the site then remembers your details and adds them to the report automatically
3. For road issues select 'General highway issue'
4. For blocked grates and flooding select 'Drainage, flooding and ironwork'
5. For issues with pavement select 'Pavements and cycleways'
6. For missing fingerposts or problems on paths and bridleways select 'Public rights of way'
7. Navigate the map to the correct location and click on the map to centre a Pin on the site
8. Select the road or path involved in the list below
9. Add a photo or two if you can
10. Add the date and a description of the problem
11. Then SUBMIT

If Derbyshire County Council don't know about a problem then they cannot mend it. If we can get into the habit of reporting then the roads, paths and bridleways should start to improve. Good luck, and thanks. Richard Patton

### PRE-SCHOOL

There will be a **Coffee Meet** in the Methodist School Rooms on Saturday 7th January from 10 to 11:30am. There will be coffee, cakes and a raffle and everyone is welcome. All proceeds to Bradwell pre-school.

### BRADDA LOTTO

December was THE BIG ONE and the lucky winners were:

**Number 110**            **£600**  
**Number 161**            **£300**  
**Number 54**              **£150**

Congratulations to those three lucky people, and many thanks to all our participants this year. We wish you all a very Happy New Year.

With this edition of Bradwell News you will have received an invitation to participate for a further year in your BRADDA LOTTO. Applications are now being received during January, February and March, with the first draw for 2023/24 being held on the first Wednesday in April 2023. BE IN IT - TO WIN IT and to help you decide, here's a photo of our lucky BIG WINNER for this year - Dorothy Ollerenshaw. The Bradwell War Memorial Hall thanks you all, most sincerely for your continued support. New Members are always welcome.



### SEND US YOUR NEWS

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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**New councillor:** Following the resignation of Mike Joseph there is now a vacancy for a councillor to join the parish council. As per legal requirements the vacancy has been advertised on the village notice boards for fourteen working days and as residents have not requested an election the Parish Council can fill the vacancy by co-option.

If you are interested in joining council, please contact the Council Chair Cllr Downing at [cllrdowning@bradda.org](mailto:cllrdowning@bradda.org) or the Parish Clerk at [parishclerk@bradda.org](mailto:parishclerk@bradda.org). This is a great opportunity to join a proactive council and we look forward to a new member joining the team.

The parish council would like to thank Mike for his participation whilst he was a councillor.

**Grit and Grit Bins:** An audit has commenced of all of the grit bins in the village. They are owned either by Derbyshire County Council or the parish council and will be refilled with grit as soon as required. However, whilst we try to ensure that we keep the bins topped up with grit they are sometimes emptied within days of filling. In order for the grit to be used effectively it should be spread evenly over the surface area using a shovel or scoop. It is recommended to use 10 – 15 grams of rock salt per square metre but please be aware that grit does not work at its best when laid in piles on the road surface.

Please also note that the grit in the bins is provided for roads and pavements and **not for private driveways**. Please do let the parish clerk know if any bins need refilling.

**Salt spreading on the pavements:** Council have purchased a salt spreader and powered barrow to assist with spreading salt onto the pavements. This work is carried out by volunteers, some of whom have been doing it for many years. As some members are unable to continue due to their health or advancing years we need more volunteers to carry out this important task. If you can help please contact the Clerk.

**Warm space initiative:** Council, together with St. Barnabas Church have opened a warm space in the church where people can meet and warm up. The space is open from 6th – 23rd December on Tuesdays from Noon to 3pm and Thursday/Friday from 1030am to 1pm, with plans to continue into January and up to the end of March. Many thanks to Derbyshire County Council and Derbyshire Dales District Council who have both provided grants for the project, and also to the Co-Op, who have donated refreshments.

**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 generally 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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Council Chair (623941) or [cllrdowning@bradda.org](mailto:cllrdowning@bradda.org)

## DERBYSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST

Derbyshire Wildlife Trust has launched a new initiative aimed at bringing landowners, local communities and project leaders together to inspire and implement a nature-led approach to Nature's Recovery. The Wild Peak Network is aimed at anyone wanting to help nature recover, using nature-based solutions and re-wilding principles in the Wild Peak region, from home gardeners and landowners of any size, to community groups, schools and Parish Councils. It will allow like-minded people to seek advice, share experiences and learn from others with the aim of supporting as many people and organisations as possible to engage with the Trust's [Wild Peak project](#) and change the County's landscape for the better. The network will provide a place for people to share actions that they take away, but will also serve as a hub for useful guidance and resources, collated by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, to support people on their re-wilding journey. The Trust will also be hosting regular workshops and knowledge-share events to encourage collaboration between the region's diverse range of stakeholders. Other services available through the network include advice from experienced ecologists on what might be possible on people's land, information on key funding schemes, assistance with management plans and delivery assistance, long-term partnerships with Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, and possibilities for keystone species reintroduction projects. You can find out more at:

<https://www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/join-wild-peak>

## COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Your Community Library recently held its First Birthday celebrations and those attending all had a wonderful time. Thank you all for your support, at what we felt was a very special occasion. The Library will continue to be open at the usual times but will close during Pantomime week, which is the School Half Term week in February. We do sincerely hope that you all have a Healthy and Happy 2023. Finally if anyone would like to become a volunteer in the Library then just pop in and let us know - you will be made most welcome.

## WARM SPACE

It's been advertised elsewhere on notice boards, on Facebook and at various places in the village, but this is to remind everyone that a warm and welcoming space has been established in the St. Barnabas church foyer. Hot drinks and snacks are available for free and there are games, or quiet corners and places to just sit and relax. One of the most significant things on offer is a chance to meet other residents, many of whom will be in a similar situation, maybe cold, maybe lonely, and lots of those attending have just wanted to have a chat. The facility is open on Tuesdays from noon to 3pm, and Thursdays and Fridays from 10:30am to 1pm. We are planning to have it open all the way through January, February and March, so if you fancy a chat, or a cuppa and a little something to eat why not wander along and enjoy the company.



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## HYDRO PROJECT

For several years now a small group of people has provided the village with colourful lights in the trees at Town Bottom, using a small wheel in the brook to generate power. The project even featured on BBC TV. Sadly, loss of key personnel means this will be the last year we will enjoy the lights - UNLESS! The technology is all documented and full training and handover can be given, but we need enough people who are prepared and able to keep the project going, The skills and abilities required are an understanding of electronics (to maintain the mini-computer driven lights), practical construction skills to maintain the mechanical side of the water wheel and parts, and an ability to install the scaffolding, sluice and wheel in the brook, which involves standing in fast moving cold water for some time. It will also require somewhere to store the equipment - it can be outside but must be undercover. The electronic controller will need to be kept inside and dry. If you are interested in putting yourself forward for this project, which has become so well liked in our village at Christmas time, then in the first instance please contact the *Bradwell News*.

## THE GREAT BRADDA TRACTOR RUN



Sunday 27th November was the date of the Bradwell Charity Queen Tractor Run. Almost 60 machines took part on a cool but thankfully dry day including a 1950 Allis Chalmers, driven by our Charity Queen Marie Sherratt. The run took them through Bradwell to Hope, via Eccles to Castleton and back via Aston and Shatton, passing Malcom Ollerenshaw's farm to pay their respects, and then back home. The Shoulder of Mutton provided warmth and refreshments for the drivers to relax and refuel. Marie was crowned Bradwell Charity Queen and Thea, the children's Hospital mascot posed for photographs with young and old. The event raised £1,600 to be shared by Bradwell War Memorial Hall and Sheffield Children's Hospital. Very well done to Ann and Megan Harrison, their families and friends for organising this fun spectacle with great results. Can we do it again ????

## WELLS DRESSINGS 2023

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February the Community Café at St Barnabas will be holding a coffee morning from 10 to 11:30am, with proceeds going towards the well dressings. As well as coffee and cake, come and have a go at "petalling" – see what goes in to making the well dressings and how they are put together. No experience necessary!

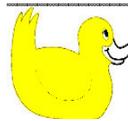
## NEW BEGGAR'S PLOT PLAY EQUIPMENT

As reported in this newsletter, your Parish Council have been busy installing new climbing equipment in the Beggar's Plot play area. On 12th December the new equipment was officially opened with the help of Bradwell Junior School. The school has been involved in the project from its inception, and the children had a big say in the design. They were very happy with their choice and lost no time in trying it out.

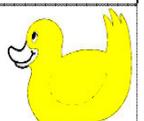


## WAR MEMORIAL HALL

On behalf of the Memorial Hall management committee we would like to give our sincere thanks to the family of William Rowland who sadly passed away earlier this year. In his will William kindly left a sum of money to the Hall. This generous bequest will enable us to replace the main hall curtains, which are in need of repair. We are very grateful to him for helping us to maintain and improve the hall.



## BRADDA DADS



Bradda Dads hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas! Thank you to everyone who turned out for the Boxing Day Duck Race. The pensioners lunch was a great success enjoyed by all, a huge thank you to everyone who helped on the day. Happy New Year!

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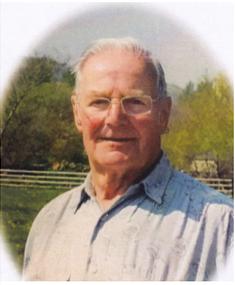
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## PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENT

### GERALD WAIN

27<sup>th</sup> December 1932 – 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022



Gerald was the second son of Wilfred and Eleanor Wain, brother to David and Oliver. He was born in Sheffield but called himself a Bradda Lad as he was very young when his parents moved to Hunters Green Cottage, The Hills, Bradwell. He left school at 14 and spent most of his working life at Earle's Cement, except for his time doing National Service as a military policeman in Hong Kong and Singapore. He was a very competitive darts player and played for all the Bradwell pubs at different times. When deteriorating eyesight put an end to darts, he took up bowling. He was a keen walker and enjoyed quizzes and doing a crossword every day. He was a good neighbour and friend. He looked after local footpaths and did a lot of work to improve the area at the bottom of Springfield Road where neighbours could sit and chat. Until a couple of years ago, he delivered papers to his friends in Wortley Court. Gerald's life was not without sadness and tragedy. His older brother David died tragically as a teenager. His mother died young while Gerald was away doing National Service and his first wife, Bet also died at the age of only 62.

A service to celebrate the life of Gerald was held at St. Barnabas Church on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022.

## MEMORIAL HALL

Bradwell War Memorial Hall in collaboration with Bradwell Community Library are pleased to announce that in 2023 they will be hosting a series of Local Craft Markets. These will showcase small local businesses, including cards, crafts, clothes and beauty products. Refreshments will be available and the library will be open. These will take place on the following dates so please make a note in your diaries

25th March  
10th June  
16th September  
9th December

## ST BARNABAS CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Fair was a great success this year, in no small part because of all the children who came along to see Father Christmas in his Grotto! There were lots of stalls, delicious cakes and refreshments to enjoy and a really lovely atmosphere. Many thanks to all who contributed in so many ways, including the Co-op who kindly donated to the refreshments.

## ST B'S BABY GROUP

We restart on **Tuesday Jan 10<sup>th</sup>**, and run every Tuesday morning from 10-11.30am. Meeting at the back of St Barnabas church, St B's Baby Group is for babies and toddlers and their carers. We are a relaxed and informal group with lots of toys for the children to play with, over coffee, fruit and a chat. Cost is £1 per family group. Do come along, and maybe meet some new friends too. For more details, phone Jane on: 621172 or 07910 949504

### St. Barnabas Church: January 2023

1st		No Service
8th	09:30	Parish Communion
15th	10:00	Outdoor/Indoor Benefice Service
29th	11:00	Plough Sunday
		United Service at Hope Parish Church

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