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EVENTS

Wed 12: Rebellion Knoll WI: 7:30pm in the Methodist Hall.
"My Spiritual Journey" by Linda Southwick
Tues 18: Historical Society: 8pm in the Methodist Hall.
"Women's Suffrage in Sheffield" by Marcus Newton and Julie Charlesworth

NO PLACE LIKE HOLMES!

HADIT are busy rehearsing their comedy whodunnit *The Game's Afoot*. William Gillette, a (real life) 1930's actor famous for his portrayal of Sherlock Holmes, finds himself faced with a real murder (a fictional event) at his Connecticut mansion over the Christmas holidays. Who better to attempt to solve the crime? There will be four performances at Hope Methodist Hall from Wednesday 10th to Saturday 13th May. Tickets (£10) are available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/hadit or ring Carolyn on 01433 620665.

WAR MEMORIAL HALL

Our exciting improvement scheme continues, thanks to the kind bequest of William Rowland we now have new curtains in the Main Hall, installed just in time for Panto. We extend our gratitude to William's family for making this possible. The next step is to redecorate throughout this summer when the schools are not using the Hall for their PE lessons. This will make a huge difference and really brighten up the hall. We are also looking at several other projects including kitchen improvements, better access to the projection room and other ways to make your Hall work better for you. You can rest assured that your Lotto money is being well spent. Anyone interested in seeing what we are doing or helping with the thankless task of choosing new paint colours, our next meeting is April 19th at 19.30. New prospective committee members would be made very welcome .

BOWLS CLUB

Bradwell Bowls Club's playing season starts/started at the beginning of April and runs through to mid-September. Situated at the Sports Club opposite the Samuel Fox, the club runs mixed teams in three local leagues, playing on Monday evening, Tuesday evening and Thursday afternoon most weeks. Wednesday afternoons/evenings and weekends are devoted to 'Social Bowls' and/or internal competitions. With currently 40 playing members the club has room for more, regardless of playing experience, and beginners are welcome. For more information, and/or to join, contact Andy on 07715 173816.

BRADDA PANTO

Panto 2023 explored a possibly different ending for Cinderella and incorporated lots of political and local references, plus very successfully mixing current technology into the storyline. It's always great to see the way pantomime integrates all age groups and full marks to the performers, the musicians, the authors and the backstage crew.



OPEN GARDENS

This year's Open Gardens will be held as usual on the final Saturday of Gala Week - August 12th. Jane Dalrymple will soon be contacting those who kindly opened their gardens last year, however, should you too be interested in opening your garden in 2023, please contact Jane on 621172, or email her at: churchwarden.stb@gmail.com. Last year was a fabulous day for the village, brought many visitors to Bradwell and helped raise invaluable funds for our graveyard repairs.

SEND US YOUR NEWS

The views expressed in this Newsletter are not necessarily those of the editorial team. Please send news by e-mail to: paul@paulandliz.org or call Paul (623941), Andy (623483) or Steve (620329). You can also leave hand written copy at the Post Office. For questions on advertising please call Caroline (623485) or e-mail carolinepreston37@gmail.com
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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Annual Parish Meeting: The Annual Parish Meeting is the opportunity each year for the parish council to report to residents on the past year. The APM this year is on Tuesday 26th April in the Memorial Hall, Netherside starting at 8:00pm. Wine and cheese refreshments will be available. If your group would like an opportunity to raise any issues with the village, then please contact the Parish Clerk. This is a village meeting for Bradwell residents, so you are all warmly invited to attend.

King's Coronation Celebrations: Council are planning to provide a complementary Hog Roast with soft drinks to help celebrate the King's Coronation on Sunday 7th May. The event is currently being planned and it is hoped to have music with a DJ and a bouncy castle. The event will be from Noon to 6.00pm at Town Bottom Playing Fields, Brookside. More information will be shared via posters on the village notice boards, Facebook and in the next edition of Bradwell News when the plans are finalised.

Youth Activities: Council are pleased to advise that the Bradwell Youth Activities group is restarting in April 2023. The activities are available to all Bradwell young people in school years 6 to 11. The activities will include caving, abseiling, night hikes, orienteering, weaselling, archery, rock climbing, and raft building. We feel these activities provide a safe and thrilling experience whilst allowing young people to revel in and explore their own countryside. Cllrs Martin Salisbury and Alison Taylor will be running the program in conjunction with the Youth Hostel Association. There are twelve places available for each activity and there will be one activity per month on a Thursday evening. The dates will be published when available. If anyone would like to participate or would like any more information, please contact the parish clerk.

New benches: Three new picnic benches have been placed in Beggars Plot Playing field around the new play equipment. These benches now complete the area and hopefully will be used by all. Thanks to County Councillor Sutton and District Councillor Furness for the grants which were used to purchase the benches.

DC Furness: Council were advised that Derbyshire Dales District Council have completed a review of the clean and green services provided by them. One of the services they provide is grass cutting of the verges in the village. For the last number of years the service they have provided has been well below the standard expected. Unfortunately, they are still not going to be able to collect the grass cuttings as it is too expensive but have promised to provide a better service in 2023. They have also promised to conduct a bi-annual survey with all parish councils to review the service provided and see if there can be any improvements.

S137 Grants: Council has a fund of money available to award as grants to village groups / organisations and would be happy to consider applications for financial assistance. These grants are available to help support any organisation, club or society that operates on a 'not for profit' basis. The funding must be used for the benefit of the residents of the Parish of Bradwell, Derbyshire. Any organisation, club or society that

wishes to make an application for Grant Aid must submit a fully completed application form which are available on the Bradda.org website and submit it to the parish clerk.

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. Contacts: [Parish Clerk \(623485\)](#) or parishclerk@bradda.org Council Chair (623941) or cldrdowning@bradda.org

NEW BENCHES

Thanks to grants from both Country and District Councils your Parish Council has been able to provide three new benches on the Beggar's Plot playing fields. All we need now is a bit of sunny weather to enjoy them.



REBELLION KNOLL WI

The ladies of Rebellion Knoll got the new year off to a good start doing play readings at their January monthly meeting. Member Gillian had three for them to perform and everyone had a very enjoyable evening. The play entitled '10 Abbey Court' was the narrative of someone being shown round a flat for sale, where the previous owners had been murdered, possibly by the gentleman's mistress. The female prospective buyer seems to know too much about them and to be more than happy to move in with the gentleman's ghost. This somewhat creepy and mysterious script was really enjoyed. For something completely different February saw us watching a lovely selection of Peter Bull's wildlife photography, taken over a year in his garden and the surrounding Peak District. The patience he must have to wait for some of the bird pictures is quite amazing! During February several members served refreshments at Bradwell's pantomime. The Co-op had once again provided the tea, coffee and milk and donations were requested from those wanting a hot drink. These made a very welcome boost to our funds. Once again our President Linda had a starring role in the show – this time as Cinderella's stepmother. Sadly our March meeting had to be cancelled due to the weather. It was a last minute decision, but snow was forecast and had started to fall. In the end not much snow fell that evening but it certainly made up for it on the following two days! It is hoped our speaker, Helen Moyes, can come to a future meeting to show us all about dry needle felt-



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ing. This is a new craft for quite a few of our members so should be very interesting and who knows, we could be inspired to have a go ourselves. After all, it is supposed to be never too late to learn something new!

See our website under Bradda.org for details of all meetings on 2nd Wednesday of the month, normally at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Hall. New members/visitors are always welcome – just come along, especially if you are new to the village. It is a great way to meet people and make friends!

U3A HOPE VALLEY

Our table tennis group meets Wednesdays from 9.30 -11.30 in Hathersage Methodist Hall. It is run as part of Hope Valley u3a. The players are friendly, enthusiastic, and welcoming. We have the use of 3 tables and provide bats and balls. You may have heard the laughter as you've passed by! Do something different today and call in and have a go. For more info call 07495 625 339. Hope to see you soon.

APRIL CHURCH SERVICES

Sun April 2nd: 9.45am: PALM SUNDAY. Procession with donkeys from St Edmund's Castleton to Castleton Chapel.
Friday April 7th: 2pm: GOOD FRIDAY. Last Hour Devotion at St Barnabas.

Sun April 9th: EASTER SUNDAY. Dawn Communion at 6.10am at Odin Mine, Castleton.

10am Easter Sunday Communion at St Barnabas.

Sun April 16th: 9.30am: Parish Communion at St Barnabas

Thurs April 20th: 7pm: St Barnabas APCM in church.

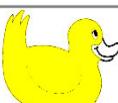
Sun April 26th: 10.00am: Outdoor Benefice Service, details on Church notice board.

4pm: Said Communion at St Peter's, Hope.

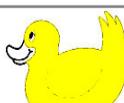
Sun April 30th: 10:00am: United Service in EDALE.

FOBS

Friends of Bradwell Schools are hosting an indoor "carboot" sale on Sat 29 April from 10am to 1pm in the Memorial Hall - with tables instead of cars. Come and find some bargains, grab a piece of cake and a brew in aid of our two village schools. Please book tables in advance (£8) - contact Colette Holden 07835 800477 colette@coocom.co.uk



BRADDA DADS



Bradwell Hillbilly is Sun 18th June. We'd love to hear from anyone who can help on the day as we're going to be a little 'short staffed' this year. Lots of different jobs at different times. Please email danplevey@bradwellhillbilly.co.uk or message on Facebook. The Family Fun Day will be back this summer! Weather dependant date is 1st Aug. Keep it free! The Dads are sponsoring the special hoodies for all the Junior school pupils leaving this year. Our next meeting is 18th April in the Shoulder. Anyone who like to come along and see what we get up to, and possibly get involved in building this year's carnival float, is very welcome.

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PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

BETTY BANCROFT

10 September 1927 – 16 January 2023



Elizabeth Christina Mackenzie was born at Hebburn-upon-Tyne on 10 September 1927. Betty's was a loving family, with parents, William and Alice, and elder brother Billy. The family moved to Castleton in 1930. It was a happy childhood with little money, strict schooling and Methodist Church activities. Every Spring, she would walk with her mother to Bradwell to buy new straw hats from Shirt's shop. Betty learnt typing and shorthand at the Gregg School in Sheffield and worked in the office at Metropolitan Vickers factory at Bamford, then at Hancock's Stores head office, also at Bamford.

One Sunday evening in 1948, Betty was walking over Pindale with her friend Barbara Gill, and they met three Bradda Lads, Cyril Bancroft, Charlie Bland and Walter Rowland. Cyril asked her out to a fireworks display at Belle Vue the next Saturday evening. They became engaged in 1949 and were married at Castleton in December 1951. They moved into Tynedale Cot-

tage on The Hills in Bradwell. Cyril worked at Earle's and was organist at the Primitive Methodist Bethlehem Chapel. David was born in 1954 and Elizabeth in 1957 and the family moved to a brand - new house at Main Road, Bradwell in 1962.

Betty was an excellent cook and baker. She started catering for funeral teas and other events, including making wedding cakes. She delivered Meals on Wheels for 37 years. Betty and Cyril were active in all the events of the Methodist Church calendar. Betty was an active supporter and committee member of the Bakewell and District Physiotherapy Service. She enjoyed friendship and rambles with the Bradwell Walkers Group, well into her eighties. Betty was also an active contributor to the Bradwell Historical Society. She worked for a time as sales assistant at ASD Jewellers in Castleton, located in what had been her childhood home.

Whilst on holiday in Italy in 1984, Betty discovered her ability to write in verse. She wrote hundreds of poems, gave readings, had two books printed and made CD's of Words & Music with Cyril playing organ pieces. The subjects of the poems included family, faith, village community, the changing seasons, journeys and British heritage.

Betty enjoyed family life and constantly loved and cared for Cyril up to his passing in 2005. She maintained independence and a lively mind up to the time of her passing at Chesterfield General Hospital on 16 January 2023. A wonderful Service of Thanksgiving was held at Bradwell Methodist Church on 28 February in celebration of a rich and beautiful life, characterised by kindness. She will be fondly remembered by David, Elizabeth, their families and many friends and relations.

St. Barnabas Church: April 2023 (also see Page 3)

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2nd	09:45	PALM SUNDAY. St Edmund's, Castleton (see panel on page 3)	
7th	14:00	GOOD FRIDAY. Last Hour Devotion - St Barnabas	A Church Near You: St Barnabas
9th		EASTER SUNDAY. Castleton and Bradwell (see panel page 3)	
16th	09:30	Parish Communion at St Barnabas	
20th	19:00	St Barnabas APCM in church	Rev'd Louise Petetham rev.louise.p@gmail.com Tel 621918
26th	10:00	Outdoor Benefice. 16:00 Said Communion at St Peter's, Hope	

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