

# Bradwell News

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## Including the 2023 Carnival Photo Supplement

### EVENTS


**Saturday September 2nd:** Community Café at St Barnabas Church from 10 to 1130. Raffle, fabulous cakes and refreshing tea and coffee, all in aid of our local community. Do come along and support our local causes!

### COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Unfortunately, due to the Memorial Hall being internally decorated your Community Library will be closed for two weeks from Monday 7th August, re-opening at 10am on Monday 21st August. We are having to completely clear the Library room for this, so if there are any willing helpers to assist with removal of the books and shelves, and to then replace them when the project is completed please contact Ray B on 07494426563. We need you on the following dates: Mon 7th Aug; Sun 13th Aug; Mon 14th Aug; and Fri 18th Aug. The start time for all these dates is 10am. Your help would be really appreciated.

When we are open during the School Holidays we will be offering a programme of activities for children on Wednesday mornings. Further details can be found on the Memorial Hall notice board.

### OPEN GARDENS

 A day not to be missed! This year the **Bradwell Open Gardens** will be on Saturday August 12th. It's always a delight to see those tucked-away gardens in all their glory, and we have many hidden gems to be proud of here in the village. Tickets will be on sale from 10am on the day, outside the Post Office and inside St Barnabas Church. Tickets are £5 per person – **cash sales only please**. Under 11s are free and the price includes a route map and extra information. All proceeds raised will go to church funds. Do tell your friends and family!

### SWIFT WALK

A fantastic crowd of nearly 50 people attended our village Swift walk in July. Everyone on the walk saw Swifts and hopefully went away inspired to help the survival of this special bird. The sad facts are we have lost 60% of Swifts in the UK between 1995-2020 (BTO) and expert Edward Mayer from Swift Conservation estimates we are losing around 5 % every year. So if we are to continue to enjoy the sights and sounds of Swifts in the summers to come, we do need to work together to help them. If you find a Swift in trouble please immediately contact Chet Cunago who is a specialist carer for Swifts Tel 07850799891.

### BROOK CAFÉ NEWS

Your "café in the park" will be operating extended opening hours during the school holidays. From 24th July, in addition to Friday, Saturday and Sunday the shop will be open on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Operating hours will also increase, from 11am to 4pm. We've been asked to point out that, if the weather is very poor on any particular day, then there is a possibility that the café will not open, but every effort will be made to keep to this schedule. Like us, we do hope that you are enjoying the delights offered by the café.

### WAR MEMORIAL HALL

We are still in desperate need of volunteers to help run our Bradda Lotto. Unfortunately, without people to help we will be unable to continue running and this will be the last year of the lotto. Why is this important? Well, the War Memorial Hall was built for you, the village and it is run and maintained by a small group of volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure it keeps going. We need the money from the lotto to allow us to make vital repairs to an aging building, and a building that will be celebrating its 100 years anniversary in November. So please could one or two people please step up to help us. Thank you

### A PLEA FROM YOUR SPORTS CLUB

We are sorry to report that we have suffered from acts of vandalism on and around the sports field over the last few months. Our Dugout is beyond repair and we have had various other items around the pitch and the pavilion damaged. We have just been awarded a grant towards installing CCTV to deter these people who seem to have no respect for the facilities we have in Bradwell for the wider community. Any help in stopping these mindless acts would be very much appreciated. You may speak to any of the committee, in confidence, if you can help in any way. Contact Debbie on 07805 473202 or Hilary on 07813 734366. It's sad we have had to bring this to your attention. The police have also been made aware of each incident. Thank you.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:carolinepreston37@gmail.com)  
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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

## Village Flower Tubs

A team of councillors, working with a resident have been re-planting and replacing the flower tubs in the village. The Rebellion Knoll W.I. used to undertake this task on behalf of the village, but sadly it was decided recently that they would no longer meet and so a different solution for the flower tubs in the village had to be sought. Having been replaced and planted however, means they will need to be watered throughout the summer. So, if you live near them, maybe you would consider watering them occasionally during dry weather.

## Mowing of Grass Verges

Following a meeting with the Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC) green and clean team, District Councillor Nash and Cllr Downing reached an agreement that DDDC would cut the verge area adjacent to Elliott Avenue and would keep it cut according to the mowing schedule for the rest of the year. On behalf of protesting residents Council had been asking for some time that the area be cut along with the rest of the village verges, but DDDC insisted that it was an important part of their "rewilding" programme. Leaving it uncut was causing problems with visibility for drivers leaving Elliott Avenue and Batham Road as well as making the village look very untidy. DDDC have agreed to discuss with the parish council any future plans for grass cutting before any decisions are made. This includes identifying any other areas for biodiversity in the village.

## Pump Cycle Track

A resident approached council requesting permission to install a pump track at Town Bottom playing field. Council is in support of the project but have concerns with access to the area as cycles are not allowed on the field. An alternative access point exists, but it is not owned by council. We have opened a discussion with the owners and this is ongoing.

## Allotments

A good response has been received to the request for people to register their interest in having an allotment in the village. Now we know there is definitely a demand we will continue negotiations for a possible site.

## Planning Applications

The parish council is routinely consulted on planning applications submitted to PDNPA by residents of the parish and it responds to PDNPA by giving its view on each application. The council's responses are posted to the PDNPA website for public inspection.

## 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](mailto:parishclerk@bradda.org)  
Council Chair (623941) or [cilrdowning@bradda.org](mailto:cilrdowning@bradda.org)

BRADWELLS ICE CREAM  
A History - Continued

Continuing our history of Bradwells Ice Cream.

3 John Hall & Hannah Hall nee Pearson



Hannah (1858 – 1930) was the daughter of Stephen Pearson (1834 – 1859) and Selina Middleton (1838 – 1920). She married John Hall (1857 – 1911), a blacksmith who worked at the forge / workshop now called the Old Smithy near the shop on Netherside. It is worth noting that a number of items made by John are still in situ around the village, e.g. railings outside some houses on Netherside. John also turned his hand to plumbing when work was available. Sadly, he died quite young following a stroke.

John and Hannah lived together in a cottage called Ryders Point, on Bridge Street in Bradwell and together they had five children, namely Reginald (1887 – 1957), Edwin (1889 – 1970), Selina Ann (1892 – 1988), Hilda (1895) and Nellie (1897 – 1979). A small shop had been built at some point on the corner of the house at the corner of Netherside and Bridge Street and this shop was essentially a confectionery / newsagents that sold, tobacco products, shampoos, Bakewell puddings, newspapers and greeting cards and had a wide selection of large sweet jars to tempt the village youngsters (and adults?). The shop was open for 6 days a week. Hannah was an enterprising & ingenious lady who wished to expand the range of products for sale in the shop. She made her delicious and much appreciated meat paste for sale on Monday mornings (when it's gone, it's gone) and then ventured into selling ice cream, which was made in her kitchen. Bearing in mind that as mains electricity, refrigerators or freezers were not readily available at this time, the only way to achieve the temperatures required to make ice cream was to buy ice commercially. The ice, probably in hundred weight blocks (approx. 50kg), was obtained from Sheffield, transported by train to Hope station, then carried by horse and cart by a local carter into Bradwell. (See Appendix for more information about the availability of ice). The ice cream, once made had to be quickly sold as it could not realistically be stored for any length of time. Ice cream was made by churning the ingredients (milk, butter, sugar) in a flask held within a container which con-



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tained a mixture of ice and salt. Temperatures as low as minus fourteen degrees Celsius could be achieved using this technique. Hannah would have had to continually churn or stir the mixture by hand to ensure the required smooth consistency. It is thought that flavouring (e.g. vanilla) was not available in the very early days, so the mixture would probably have tasted like iced custard, but in later years vanilla and strawberry (in season) flavours would have been available. In other words, the ice cream produced at this time would have been **iced cream / custard**. The first World War would have had a great impact on the ability to make ice cream as supplies of the main ingredients would have been difficult to obtain. However, it is reported that Mrs. Hall displayed items of war memorabilia in the shop window. In 1915 these included a complete 37mm German 'pom pom' shell, the nose of a 77mm German shell, brought to the village by a Belgian refugee and also two German helmets brought by Sgt Major Moorhouse. The shop was probably rented at this early stage as the deeds show that Hannah bought the premises in 1922.

For interest, on Netherside between the ice cream shop and the Old Smithy, there used to be a garage on the plot now called the Parish Council Rose Garden. This garage was run by Hannah's brothers Reginald and Edwin (Reg & Ned) and it was there that they serviced and maintained cars and undertook sundry engineering work. Together they built a car from scratch and then drove it down to London.

*To Be Continued.....*

### CONTACTING THE POLICE

The police have asked for our help in publishing the following ways in which you can contact them. They ask that you please continue to report suspicious behaviour using the following contact methods.

- Website – use the online contact form
- Facebook – private message to the Facebook page
- Twitter – contact centre via @DerPolContact
- Phone – call the police on 101



SWIFT WALK

### COMPLETION OF BRADWELL SPRINGS

You will have noticed that the Bradwell Springs housing development is nearing completion, with the footbridge onto Softwater Lane installed and the last residents moving in. An important part of this final phase is completion of the second six affordable houses which are being gifted to the village via the Bradwell Community Land Trust (BCLT). Four of the houses have already been advertised on Home Options and prospective tenants were interviewed during July by Peak District Rural Housing, who are managing agents for the properties. The planned move-in date for these four houses is yet to be finalised but is likely to be in August. Of the two other properties, one will be used as a show house for a short period so that residents can have a look inside. If you are interested in having a guided tour during August please contact the *Bradwell News*. At the beginning of September this show house will then be offered to a suitable family via the Home Options process. The final property, which is currently serving as a site office for the builder, will be available during late summer. It is exciting to be nearing completion of this significant project, both for BCLT and for the village. It is hard to believe that the first tenants will have been in residence for two years in August.

### CRAFTY CHATTERS - Knit, Craft and Natter.

We are a group of people who like to meet to knit, crochet and do other crafts like card making and cross stitch while having a good, friendly chat, exchanging ideas and helping each other. We meet at Bradwell sports pavilion on Monday afternoons between 1pm and 4pm. There is a nominal charge of £3 a week to cover costs, which includes a free tea or coffee. We have members from Bakewell, Hope Valley and surrounding areas and are open to anyone who wants to join us. New members always welcome. For more information contact Jenny (620079) or Angela (07840148747).



## BRADDA DADS



It's the Bradda Dads Family Fun Day on **Tuesday 1st August** from noon to 5pm on Town Bottom Park. Free Entry!! Free Ice Cream!! Bouncy Castles, Gladiator Jousting. Bring your water pistols and battle the Dads!! BBQ 12:30-1:30pm. The Dads would like to wish everyone a great Carnival and Wakes. Our float this year should be obvious! Rumours abound of mysterious water bomb Carnival incidents in the valley this year, we will come prepared! As long as someone remembers to fill the buckets...

The Bradda Dads Very Round Duck Race is on **Monday 7th August** starting at 5pm, outside The White Hart. Tickets will be on sale from 5pm and balls released at 7pm. Inflation busting fun at only £1 per ticket! £50 first prize!! Tickets available in advance from the Post Office and outside the Co-op on 22nd/29th July 10-2pm.

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A new storage container for the Bradwell Wells was placed in position on 26<sup>th</sup> June, courtesy of Breedon at the Hope Cement works. The old container had been leaking for years and the wells were rotting away, with the prospect of repair and or replacement being inevitably needed within a couple of years. Breedon, in conjunction with Alphaweld and Banner Ltd., lifted out and took away the old container. They then cleared the site, put down new sleepers and put the new container in

place, levelling it up and finally presenting the keys to the Wells Dressings Committee. The committee are very grateful to all individuals and companies involved, particularly Trevor Harrison from Breedon for his hard work in organising and communicating with all involved and simply "making it happen". The Wells Dresser's next fundraising efforts will be to raise the funds for the wells to be repaired and eventually replaced. Thanks again Breedon for your gift, and for all that you do for the local communities in the Hope Valley!



St. Barnabas Church: August 2023			Contact Us: churchwarden.stb@gmail.com	
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13th	10:00	Benefice Service - St Peter's, Hope		
20th	09:30	Parish Communion - Bradwell		
27th	10:00	Outdoor Benefice Service. Details on church noticeboard		
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