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A Very Happy Christmas from your Bradwell News Team

EVENTS

Sat 2: St Barnabas Xmas Fair: Memorial Hall. 10 to 1130am

Fri 8: Tideswell Band Christmas Concert: 7:30pm in St Barnabas Church.

Sun 17: Carol Service in St Barnabas Church. 2:30pm.

Tue 19: Historical Society: Christmas Meal.

COFFEE MORNINGS

St Barnabas church holds coffee mornings throughout the year, where we like to support local charities or organisations. The coffee mornings are held on the first Saturday in the month in the church and we alternate with the Methodist Church. The refreshments are usually provided and manned by church volunteers but help from the charities represented would be most welcome. There is also the opportunity for you to run a raffle or a stall to raises funds for your charity. If you support such a charity and would like to be considered in 2024 then please contact Jane Lowther at Janelowther365@gmail.com by 31st December.

BRADDA LOTTO

The November draw winners were:

£60 Number 112

£30 Number 103

£15 Number 36

Plans are afoot to hold the big, Christmas December draw at the Bradda Dads pensioner's lunch in the Memorial Hall. Three lucky people will win £600, £300 and £150, so fingers crossed for your number!

BROOK CAFÉ

Hi, my name is Lisa Elliott, and I'm very excited to announce I am the new owner of the Brook Cafe. I hope you can all join me for my **grand opening on Sat. 16th December**. I will be serving:

- Tea and coffee
- Hope Valley ice cream
- The Specials of the Day
- Home made cakes

And not forgetting treats for our furry friends

Opening Hours:

Wednesday-Sunday: 9am - 4pm

Extra hours to be added for seasonal and special events.

I am looking forward to sharing my love of baking with you all and being a part of the Bradwell community.



YOUR MEMORIAL HALL NEEDS YOU!

We still require more committee members to join us here at Bradwell War Memorial Hall. The hall belongs to you - the village, but we need your help to operate and maintain it, both for now and into the future. We need your help to make decisions on what is important to you, and the users of the hall. We only meet a few times a year so the commitment is not that onerous. If you can spare just a little time to help we would be very grateful. Our AGM is at 7:30pm on January 10th, in the hall library so please join us if you can.



Our October production of *Vintage Hitchcock – A Live Radio Play* by Joe Landry was postponed due to Covid. We are pleased to announce that we have rescheduled this for Wednesday 10th to Saturday 13th January at Hope Methodist Hall, Edale Road. Time is 7.30pm and Tickets (£10) can be obtained from www.ticketsource.co.uk/hadit or ring Carolyn on 01433 620665, which is also the number for more information.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Your War Memorial Hall is holding a **Christmas Market** on Saturday 9th December from 10am to 4pm.

Along with numerous stall including Homemade Cards and Crafts, Usborne Books, Jigsaw Puzzles, the Little Flower Shop and Peak Preserves, Avalon Designs and Sew Simple there will be entertainment from the Ladies' Choir, Children's Choir and a Junior Soloist from Lodge Moor.

This is a fund raising event to benefit Ashgate Hospice, the Memorial Hall and your village Library. Do please support.

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

Flooding: Following the flooding in the village in October your Parish Council are working with the Derbyshire County Councillor and Derbyshire Dales District Councillor to put pressure on the Environment Agency to conduct a full review on why Bradwell suffered from so much flooding this year. Sincere thanks to all volunteers in the village who helped residents when their homes were being flooded. Thanks also to S & F General Store, who provided their stock of bags of sand, at cost, when councillors were looking for sandbags to protect houses. Can the owners of the houses which were protected by the bags of sand please return them to outside of the toilet block so they can be cleaned and stored for future use.

Please do not just leave them at the end of Softwater Lane. Several residents have volunteered to be flood/snow wardens to assist with putting out barriers and sandbags to try and prevent the water getting into houses and to help with snow clearing / gritting activities. More volunteers are needed to help with these tasks in bad weather. Council have set up a WhatsApp group to aid communication when help is needed. If you are interested in joining this team, please contact the Clerk for further details.

Christmas lights: As per last year some residents are hoping to create a display of Christmas lights on trees on Town Bottom playing field, powered by a micro hydro-electric scheme in the Brook. The lights will be low powered and illuminated during the evening for several days at Christmas. Council is also looking to see if some lights can be installed in the trees on Beggars Plot Playing Field.

Change of electricity supplier Town Bottom Playing Field:

The supplier of electricity to the toilet block at Town Bottom Playing Field been changed to British Gas Lite. This has saved 22% on unit charges and 24% on the standing charge.

S137 Grants: Council has awarded £2,000 to Bradwell Sports Club to help provide better access for disabled and restricted mobility users to the pavilion and £600 to Bradwell Bowls Club towards the costs of repairs to their mowers.

Council Precept 2023/24: Council has begun considering what its precept requirement should be for the coming year. This will be reviewed at the next Finance committee meeting and a decision made at the December parish council meeting.

Streetlights: During the darker evenings it is important that all village streetlights are working properly. Faults can be reported to Derbyshire County Council on their website. They require the location or the light number to log the fault.

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 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 cllrdowning@bradda.org

BRADWELLS ICE CREAM A History - Continued

Continuing our history of Bradwells Ice Cream.

7 Jane Bownes



Jane joined the business in 1991 and worked in a wide range of different roles throughout the period until 2022 when it became ultimately necessary to close the business. She worked alongside Noel until 2004, joined the board of directors in 1999 and then worked alongside Lawrence until 2020, at which point, as the last business director, she bought the business from Lawrence.

Responsibilities

Some of the responsibilities Jane held during her period of employment included:-

- ◆ General Administration (e.g. rent, rates, transport, energy supplies etc.)
- ◆ H.R. covering all aspects of employment (e.g. recruitment, training, retention, payroll, pensions, furlough, redundancy)
- ◆ Sales and Marketing to new customers, provision of marketing materials
- ◆ Customer Management – including supermarkets
- ◆ Supplier Management – working closely with suppliers
- ◆ R&D – developing new product lines
- ◆ Regulatory systems – ensuring compliance with requirements
- ◆ Quality Audit – Ensuring Compliance

Marketing

With regard to her country-wide marketing activities, Jane was responsible for:-

- ◆ The provision of point of sale items for retail outlets – these included eye catching freezer vinyls for maximum effect / signage / flags / A-boards / labels / menus / cornet holders all of which were costly to design and produce
- ◆ The development of the company web site
- ◆ Liaison with distributors e.g. Cumbria, North East, Stratford
- ◆ Hosting factory visits by TV reporters, radio reporters and many individual visitors
- ◆ Personal appearances to village organisations, on the radio, at charity events and at Bradwell Carnival, pantomime, W.I. and schools.



Helen's got a cone of her own

NO prizes for guessing which flavour of Bradwell's ice cream eight-year-old schoolgirl Helen Jones chooses when she gets the chance of a cornet – her own!

Last year Helen, of Totley All Saints Church of England school, won a competition held by the Peak District company to come up with a new flavour for the Millennium. Her Millennium Monster is a raspberry based ice cream with mixed berries which is now on sale for the rest of the year. Helen has won free ice cream for her schoolmates and the new flavour is being sold at Meadowhall, the Trafford Centre in Manchester, the Metro Centre in Gateshead and Bluewater, Kent. You can also buy it in small independent outlets.

Monster smash:
Helen and her ice cream



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At the request of the Trafford Centre Jane developed the whole new Platinum range of ice creams in a 6 week period, including all the packaging. An astonishing achievement.

Supplies of Ingredients and other Items

The basic ingredients to make ice cream are milk, butter and sugar and then additional ingredients are added as required for each individual flavour. The milk used at this time was the dried powder form, whilst the 56lb (approx. 25 kg) blocks of butter and the sugar had to be sourced elsewhere. Depending on the required flavour to be made the other ingredients could be, for example, any of six different flavours of ripples, fudge, chocolate, coconut, honeycomb and rum & raisin or even fruits.

Latterly, difficulties arose as suppliers increasingly required a minimum order quantity for items e.g. 25 kg per pack. This condition caused problems when the shelf life of the ingredient was short and the flavour was not a fast moving one.

The recipes and the way the ice cream was pasteurised and frozen had not changed for many years but the legislation and required documentation had become extremely stringent. All this was audited during regular visits from the Environmental Health and Trading Standards agencies.

(See the Appendix for information about adherence to Health & Safety Regulations and the required quality HACCP & BRC standards). (Also, see the Appendix for information on the Quality Assurance processes demanded by many customers, mainly the large supermarkets). Besides the ingredients for the ice cream itself, many other items were required to be bought, managed and stored. This includes containers for the ice cream (125ml, 1L, 2L, 4L, 4.5 Napoli, and 10L), the labels to identify the flavours contained and the packaging to transport the containers. In 2020, as the economic climate became increasingly difficult, Jane was left with the unenviable task of deciding whether to wind the business up or to fight to survive. In autumn of 2022 she decided to wind the business up and to stop trading. Staff were informed and paid their redundancies, customers were informed, suppliers were informed and paid, the manufacturing machinery and remaining ice cream stock was disposed of and all required legal steps completed. A painful process for all involved.

To Be Continued.

PARISH SURGERY

There's been a lot happening in the village recently, especially with regard to the recent floods, and in order to allow residents to ask questions of your Councillors there will be a surgery in the Gallery Room of the War Memorial Hall from **10am to Noon on Saturday 9th December**. County Councillor Alasdair Sutton, District Councillor Andy Nash and members of Bradwell Parish Council will be there to answer your questions. You can either ask questions on the day, or you can send them in advance to the Parish Clerk (parishclerk@bradda.org) which will give everyone the best opportunity to prepare their answers. We look forward to seeing you there.

POPPY APPEAL 2023

FANTASTIC EFFORT AGAIN, BRADDA!

The service and laying of the wreaths on Remembrance Sunday 13th November was very well attended again and organised by Ian Hancock, with bugle being played by Jan White-law. Thank you to all the generous folk of Bradwell for donating to this year's Poppy Appeal. I would particularly like to thank the ladies (Thea Stevens and team) who again organised and raised money with the Lamppost Poppies around the village, they looked superb! Also, thanks to the Ladies who organised the coffee morning at St Barnabas Church, which raised a superb £408. And a big thank you to all the "House to House" Collectors (most of whom have been collecting for many years) and the businesses for having collecting boxes on their counters. The total collected for this year's Appeal was around about a magnificent £2850 with the exact amount to follow. The Poppy Appeal can only continue with all of the above happening and many other people contributing besides. If you feel you can help in any way for next year's Appeal please contact me.

Keith Brett, Poppy Appeal organiser.

Tel: 01433 621404 M: 07540 659587

A GIFT FOR CHRISTMAS?

Maxstoke Kennels is proud to deliver two free golden girls, Delores and Blanche (Chesadors) to two caring homes in Bradwell. Heritage is the St. John's water dog, water spaniel and newfoundland. If you would like to give a caring home to either, please call Peter or Jan on 07421 229286.

BRADWELL PRESCHOOL

Tickets for the annual Bradwell Pre-School Raffle are enclosed with this newsletter and should be taken to the Post office by Dec 14th. Proceeds will go to help purchase equipment and an educational trip for the children in the village.



BRADDA DADS



Pensioners Lunch 8th Dec - If you missed the booking deadline but would still like to attend, don't worry! We have space! Please let Rob at the Post Office know.

A huge Thank You to everyone who made the Bonfire a success, Ben and Alan for use of their land, Breedon and WM Eyre & Sons for the donations, Doug for the spectacular fireworks, and FOBS for organising refreshments.

Don't miss the World Famous Boxing Day Duck Race, 11am on Brookside. Preceded by the Crazy Craft Race, free entry for everyone and prizes to be won, so get building all you budding marine engineers!

With the support of our wonderful community, Bradda Dads have been able to make two donations this month, coach hire to allow the Guides to visit the Panto, and funding for t-shirts for Junior School students taking part in Young Voices.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas!

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PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

A SAD FAREWELL

Having taken the decision to live nearer to family, we sadly left this amazing village and its wonderful community at the beginning of November. We regret being unable to shake the hand and say cheerio to everyone who has been part of our lives for the past eighteen years; you and the village will be greatly missed. Peter & Sylvia Higgs. (new address: Apt 11, Oakingham Place, 54-58 Reading Road, Wokingham, RG41 1EH)

THANK YOU

Mrs Wakelin, of Gore Lane would like to thank everyone for their most welcome cards and phone calls while she has been ill. Everyone has been marvellous.

MARILYN HILARY SLATER



Marilyn was born on 21st March, 1941 in Bamford where she grew up with parents Geoffrey and Kathleen Priestley and siblings John and Anne. After leaving Hathersage R.C. School, she worked with her mother at the Marquis of Granby Hotel and later at Bamford Cotton Mill. She loved dancing and regularly came to dances held in Bradwell War Memorial Hall and in the Newburgh Dance Hall

where she made many lasting friendships. She was involved with the Bamford Players, mostly backstage, and the group occasionally used Bradwell Memorial Hall for performances. Marilyn had 6 children and spent most of her adult and married

life living in Lincolnshire but returned regularly to the Hope Valley to visit family. She always wanted to come back to live in the area and, in November 2022 she moved to Bradwell to live with her eldest son and daughter-in-law, Ronnie and Cheryl Boulter. Although not in the best of health she managed to attend some WI meetings and enjoyed helping with the dressing of the Wells in Gala Week. Marilyn died 10th October 2023. She was grandmother and great grandmother to a large family and is survived by her six children. A celebration of Marilyn's life was held at Bradwell War Memorial Hall on 31st October, when friends gathered to reminisce and share memories.

ST BARNABAS AT CHRISTMAS

2nd Dec: Christmas Fair: 10 - 11.30 at Bradwell Memorial Hall. Father Christmas in his grotto, festive stalls and delicious cakes to buy. £2 entry for adults which includes a hot drink and a mince pie. Children free.

9th to 23rd Dec: Christmas Tree Festival. Open Mondays - Friday, 3 - 4pm, Saturdays and Sundays, 4 - 5.30pm. Come and see the church look lovely and festive and see how many groups, businesses and organisations we have in the village.

8 Dec: 7:30pm: Tideswell Band Christmas Concert.

17 Dec: Carol Service at 2:30pm with traditional carols and readings. Please contact the churchwarden if you need a lift.

23 Dec: Christmas Eve Nativity/Crib Service. 2:30pm in the church. An informal Christmas service for children and parents.

23 Dec: Midnight Communion. 11:30pm. Welcome in Christmas as it's always been done.

St. Barnabas Church: December 2023

Contact Us: churchwarden.stb@gmail.com

3rd	11:00	All Age Worship
10th	10:00	Benefice Communion (Stephen Byers talk on Bradwell wildlife)
17th	14:30	Carol Service
24th	14:30	Family Nativity Service. 23:30 Midnight Communion
25th	10:30	Christmas Benefice Service at St Peter's - Hope
31st	10:00	Covenant Service at Edale



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