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EVENTS

Sat 11: Bradwell Wildflower Group: Wildflower Walk around the village. Starts 11am at Beggar's Plot.

Tue 16: Historical Society. 8pm in the Methodist Hall. "The History of the Sheffield Gangs" - Martin Rowley.

COMMUNITY LIBRARY

2023 was certainly a busy year for Bradwell, Hope Valley Community Library. The doors were open for 27,600 minutes throughout the year, a total of 230 sessions. During 2023, 242 children and 1,355 adults visited the library, a total of 1,597 book borrowers. There are currently 417 members plus all the children at Bradwell Infants and Junior schools who are members and visit the library once every three weeks during school hours, in addition to our normal opening times. I feel very honoured to be Coordinator of the library and I am so proud when I hear positive comments about the service that we provide. This service wouldn't be possible if we did not have a team of willing volunteers sorting, cataloguing, making refreshments, looking after members and providing book recommendations, to name but a few of the jobs we do! The team of 27 volunteers, of all ages from 16 to mid 80's, give up their spare time to ensure we can open this wonderful facility not only to Bradwell, but also the wider Hope Valley Community. Regular Fund raising events are held, including the quarterly market days that take place in the hall. Refreshments are provided by the library volunteers and it is on these Saturdays that the Library is also open. We also have our resident Book Sale in the Library entrance, together with the community library diary, listing the dates of all events happening in the village. This is always out during Library sessions.

If you would like to find out more about how to get involved in volunteering or becoming a member then please contact Rachael on 07846 075746 or pop down and have a chat with one of our volunteers. Our next meeting is Monday 15th April at 10.30am and anybody is welcome.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ

The Community Café will be held at St Barnabas Church on Saturday April 6th from 10-11.30. As ever we will have delicious home-baked cakes on offer, coffee and tea, our popular raffle, as well as excellent company and the chance to catch up with friends old and new. Donations will go towards supporting Bradwell Historical Society. Do come along to this real community event!

THAT PANTO



We are egg-static about the success of this years pantomime production of Humpty Dumpty and would like to express our thanks to all of the cast, support crew and volunteers that made it so fantastic! Of course, we'd also like to thank all the people who attended and joined in so enthusiastically with the songs and jokes - you make it all worthwhile and we are truly grateful for your support.

We plan to run two fundraisers later this year.

- ◆ a **Murder Mystery Night on 10th August** and
- ◆ a **Casino Night on 9th November**

So we hope to see you all again soon and there will be more information to follow.

SEND US YOUR NEWS

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

New Parish Clerk: Vanessa Ball has been appointed as the new Parish Clerk. See separate announcement in this issue.

Carnival: Carnival date is Saturday 3rd August. We are still looking for people who can help on the day with the road closure – please contact the clerk if you can help for an hour. The committee would like to remind everyone that dogs are **not allowed** on the playing field, including on carnival day. Applications are invited from village organisations who would like to benefit from the street collection during the parade. You would need to provide your own team of collectors, but this can raise essential funds for your organisation. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk.

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 30th April in the Memorial Hall, starting at 7pm. Wine and cheese refreshments will be available. If your group would like to raise any issues with the village please contact the Parish Clerk.

New Zip Wire: A new zip wire has been ordered and is planned to be installed week commencing 8th April. It is a double platform unit like the old one. Thanks to Cllr Harrison and colleagues for removing the old unit. This has saved a significant sum of money for removal and disposal.

New entrance to Town Bottom Playing Field: For some time people have been using an unofficial entrance into Town Bottom Playing Field through the car park of Church Mews which is managed by Nottingham Housing Association. Council contacted Nottingham Housing Association to seek permission to make the unofficial entrance to the field through their car park into a safer entrance/exit to the field. Permission has been granted and a staggered gate is going to be installed.

Proposal for a Pump Track at Town Bottom Playing Field: Council have been approached by some residents requesting permission to install a pump track on Town Bottom Playing Field. Council have also been approached by residents objecting to the pump track due to concerns about changing the structure and function of the field as well as concerns about increase in noise and possible anti-social behaviour. Council have agreed that a public meeting is necessary so all parties can voice their opinions and concerns. Please watch for notices on village notice boards and the Council Facebook page.

£137 Grants: Council can make money available as grants to village groups/organisations. The funds are now available to 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 wishing to make an application for Grant Aid must submit to the parish clerk a fully completed application form, available on the bradda.org website.

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.

Contacts: Parish Clerk: parishclerk@bradda.org or Council Chair: cllrdowning@bradda.org

BRADWELL SWIFTS UPDATE



We are all looking forward to the return of Swifts to our village in May and this year there will be extra Swift nest boxes in the church tower at St. Barnabas. Thanks to funding support from Breedon, five churches in the Hope Valley at Hathersage, Bamford, Hope, Castleton and Bradwell will have specially designed Swift boxes. These will be made and installed in the church towers by Lester Hartmann from Peak Boxes, along with a Swift call system. This call system is crucial to aid Swifts, that can fly as fast as 69 miles/hour, to find the nest boxes. The sound of other Swifts encourages this colonial bird to slow down and go to investigate, and with a bit of luck the box may then get used by young Swifts searching for a new nest site. Swift numbers in the UK have declined by 60% since 1995. We can all help Swifts by putting up nest boxes, making our gardens and farmland insect friendly and being careful not to damage nests when we do up our homes.

Swift Box Inspection - The Results are in!

26 properties with Swift Peak Boxes were checked by working off ladders on 4th March, 2024 by Lester Hartmann up the ladder (Peak Boxes), Andy Broadhurst holding the ladder (Derbyshire Swift Conservation) and Sally Pereira (Bradwell Swift Project) to determine whether or not they had been used by the target species. The majority of the boxes inspected went up in March 2020. Sixteen Swift nests were found in boxes at nine properties in the village. Prior to this check, the owners of eight of these properties had no idea that they had nesting Swifts. In addition, at nine sites there was evidence to suggest that Swifts may have been inside the boxes "prospecting" the site, so they are locations to also keep a really close eye on to see if Swifts might return and nest at these localities in 2024. During the course of box checking twenty Sparrow nests were removed, one wasp nest and two bee nests. Seven other unidentified nests were observed and removed that may have been old Blue Tit or Great Tit nests etc.

PARISH CLERK

The Parish Council has a new Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer (RFO). Due to the retirement of Caroline Preston, who has worked in the role for several years, we are delighted to announce that Vanessa Ball will now take over the responsibilities. There will be a brief transition period while knowledge and procedures are transferred, but Vanessa will be full time in the role by May. We welcome Vanessa to the team and look forward very much to working with her. We also wish Caroline well in her future ventures and thank her for everything she has done whilst with us.



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CITIZEN'S ADVICE OUTREACH

If you need help filling in forms such as Attendance Allowance, Personal Independence Payments and Work Capability Assessments, **Andrew Foreshow-Cain** works for Citizens Advice as an Outreach Advice worker. He can also do benefit checks to see if people are claiming all that they are entitled to receive, advise on Council Tax, Universal Credit and disability benefits, and issues such as Powers of Attorney and Wills (although a will writing service is not offered). Andrew is in the area about every week on a Friday morning, alternating between Bradwell and Eyam and based at the local doctor's surgeries. You can book an appointment by calling the surgery number (01433 630836) and asking to see Andrew.

BINGO IS COMING TO BRADDA

For twelve evening sessions during the summer months, on a fortnightly basis, **cash bingo** will take place in Bradwell Memorial Hall. Commencing **Thursday 25th April until 26th September** "Bradda Bingo" will be the place to be to play for Cash Prizes, the value of which will be determined by how many people attend. If you're 18yrs of age or older you are guaranteed a fun evening whilst making new friends at the BBC (Bradda Bingo Club). Bring your own Wine/Beer as we are unable to provide a licensed bar. However, we will provide you with glasses, and Tea/Coffee and Biscuits will be available for a small donation. This is a massive fund raising activity to help with your Community Hall's ever increasing running costs. Please come and support us so we can retain this wonderful facility. Where else would you go to watch such spectacular Pantomimes, or participate in Yoga, or play Badminton to an Olympic standard (ah! ah!), and where would our children do their School indoor P.E.

Admission will be £10 per person which will include a full six games of Bingo, giving you 12 chances of winning **cash prizes!** The more people who turn up, the better the prizes will be. See you all at the BBC on 25th April. Doors open at 7.00pm with Eyes Down at 7.30pm.

FITNESS IN BRADWELL



A new fitness facility is now open on Outlands Road! Former British physique champion and strength athlete, Sarah Ridge-way has been providing personal training for over five years, and has now opened her own gym facility in the village specialising in resistance/weight training. Clients will use this new space specifically for fat loss and/or muscle gain, which are increasingly important as we get older and naturally lose muscle mass and become less active through less work and play. Sessions can be provided on a 1 to 1, 2 to 1, or group basis. Training and nutrition programming is also available, tailored to you with use of the gym studio. Each month a group program is begun for beginners and intermediates. Have a look at Sarah's Instagram or Facebook content for the latest programme start date, along with recent testimonials. Sarah can be contacted via the social networks above or by calling her on 07854 767054. We hope to see you soon!



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Many Thanks to everyone who helped out at the Wolf's Pit fell race. Very much appreciated!

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WILDFLOWER GROUP



This month's spring growth is well and truly in evidence now. On the Wildflower Project sites in the village look out for the appearance of daisies, dandelions, cowslips, cow parsley, germander speedwell and especially cuckoo flowers, known in the Midlands as 'Milkmaids'. These flowers all provide food for early bumble bees, hoverflies and other pollinating insects. Milkmaid in particular is the host

plant for the caterpillars of the orange tip butterfly. Yellow rattle may be starting to show now and it will be doing its work in weakening the grasses and thus allowing less robust flower species to grow. All this growth is building up to the peak time for our local wildflowers in May/June and will be providing food and shelter for insects, small mammals and birds, as well as putting on a lovely show for us all to enjoy. So how can **you** help our pollinators in your own garden? You might be looking for colourful bedding plants now, so look especially for those flowers with **open** centres, like cosmos, alyssum, sunflowers and open centred French marigolds. Tubular flowers like snapdragons and salvias are also very attractive to our bees. The right bedding plants will please both you and beneficial bugs, but unfortunately plants with double flowers, although looking good, give the bees and butterflies etc. no access to their nectar and pollen. And don't forget next month's 'nomowMay'!

Meanwhile, if you are interested in Bradwell's wildflowers come and join us for a **Public Wildflower Walk on Saturday 13 April at 11 am**. We will be walking a short circuit round the

northwest of the village spotting and identifying some of our local wildflowers.

Start point is Beggars Plot - at large gate opposite the fire station. Approximate time of walk 1hr 30mins. Please email braddawildflowers@gmail.com if you would like to come.

EYAM SURGERY PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

The group has been told that Dr Samantha Taylor is moving to Australia and has sold the Surgery Building and Business to DHU (formerly known as Derbyshire Health United) which is a not for profit, community interest company with long experience as a health care provider. The working arrangements with the current doctors and practice staff remain the same and DHU will look to recruit another doctor to replace Dr Taylor. At a follow up meeting of the Patient Participation Group on 28th February, Dr John Gilbert was elected as Chair of the PPG and Natalie Brown as Secretary. The formation of a small Steering Group including two further very skilled volunteers was approved by the meeting to take forward the work of the PPG on behalf of its members in representing all patients. The Steering Group manages matters raised by patients and PPG members and engages with the practice team and other agencies to find ways of addressing patient concerns. You can access the new PPG website via the NHS Website for Eyam Surgery <https://www.eyamsurgery.co.uk>. You can also use Facebook via the Eyam Surgery website. On the menu click on Facebook, then 'More' and scroll down to 'Groups', You will see Eyam Surgery-Virtual Participation Group. The next meeting of the Eyam Surgery Patient Participation Group (PPG) Members and Patients is on **Wednesday 24th April at 7pm in Eyam Surgery**.

St. Barnabas Church: April 2024

7th	11:00	All Age Worship
14th	10:00	Benefice Communion (Castleton)
21st	09:30	Communion
28th	10:00	Outdoor Meeting (Hope)
	16:00	Said Communion (Hope)

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