

# Bradwell News

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## EVENTS

**Tue 15:** Historical Society: 8pm in the Methodist Hall. "Local Carols" by Joanna and Peter Mackey

## THANKS

Many thanks to everyone who donated to our collection on carnival day for our float, and to the campers on Eden Tree Caravan Park for taking part in our raffle. We raised £420 for Bradwell pre-school. Thanks again. Steve and Maureen

## CENTENARY PLAYERS



A good time was had by all at the Bradwell Centenary Players first ever murder mystery evening "Some Anniversary!" which was performed in the Memorial Hall on the last Saturday of Wakes Week.

Tickets sold out well

in advance and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the performance, quiz and a fabulous pie and pea supper. One table even accurately guessed whodunnit! Raffle tickets were sold throughout the evening with a promise that at least 50% of the proceeds would be given to the local branch of CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young). As the overall profits from the evening exceeded our target to raise money for the next village panto, we are very pleased to announce that we were able to give ALL of the proceeds from the raffle to Ian Hancock who works with CRY to organise heart screening for local young people aged 14 to 35 in memory of his son Kyle. Carole Hall and Brent Storey from the Players presented Ian with a cheque for £360. We would like to thank the local businesses who provided us with our fantastic prizes including Bradwell Co-op; Sickleholme Golf Club; Sheffield Wednesday; The Shoulder of Mutton; Ye Olde Bowling Green; Christa's Hair Design; The Brook Cafe and S&F General Store. We are trying to find out who won the Sheffield Wednesday tickets as these need to be requested from the club by Ray Burton. If that's you please email Carole Hall on [j\\_youle@sky.com](mailto:j_youle@sky.com). We've had lots of requests to put on another murder mystery next year so watch this space!

## MARRIAGE: WILSON - MIDDLETON



The marriage of Jade, daughter of Julie and Taz Wilson of Sheffield and Wayne, eldest son of Jayne and Paul Middleton of The Hills, Bradwell, took place on August 24<sup>th</sup> 2024. The ceremony and reception for almost 100 guests, were held at Whitley Hall Hotel, Sheffield. The bride was accompanied by sixteen bridesmaids, the couple's son, Luka, was a pageboy and the groom's younger brother

Mark, was best man. The weather was kind throughout and celebrations continued into the evening with a disco and entertainment. The honeymoon was spent in Great Yarmouth and the newlyweds have made their home in Sheffield. The whole of this amazing day was enjoyed by everyone. Many thanks to family and friends for helping to make it so special and memorable.

## COMMUNITY LIBRARY

We are quickly approaching the 3rd birthday of your Community Library. From all our volunteers may we thank you for your support, and also appeal for new volunteers to help with the project. We need individuals who can help on a regular basis, as well as others who could volunteer for Stand-By to cover holidays, illness etc. We do find that volunteering for a project of this nature is so rewarding and is also a way to meet many people from our village and surrounding area. If you think you can help and want to know more please contact Rachael: **07846075746**.

Library opening times are:

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 10am - Noon; Tuesday 6pm - 7pm; Thursday 3pm - 5pm.

Closed One Week over Christmas and All Bank Holidays.

## SEND US YOUR NEWS

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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Now that the excitement of carnival and the Brough road closure has calmed down, council are looking at other pressing matters in the community.

**Speed Watch:** The campaign, led by our dedicated volunteers is working well. There have been several sessions at different points in the village and the general report is that motorists are driving sensibly and within the speed limit. However, we are aware that this may be a show for the camera and council are still looking at options for a fixed sign that records speed and data. Council would like to give thanks to these volunteers who give up their time for this initiative.

**Breedon:** Council thanks Breedon, whose employees have been doing some wonderful voluntary work within the community over the summer. The War Memorial Hall had a fresh lick of paint on its doors, the Infant/Pre-school outside play areas had a huge clean up operation in its playgrounds and the Junior School even had a brand-new wooden pirate ship built for the children to play on! If any community group is in need of assistance with maintenance or jobs, please contact Louise Saxon at Breedon: [louise.saxon@breedongroup.com](mailto:louise.saxon@breedongroup.com)

**Town Bottom:** Not such good news that we once again have reports of vandalism at Town Bottom Toilets and Brook Café. After a great Carnival Saturday the scarecrow that was outside the cafe was damaged beyond repair. We appreciate that people want to have a good time, but this was a careless and cruel act of vandalism, with a lot of hard work ruined. On separate occasions, the toilets have also been left in a mess and chairs have been thrown into the brook. Council are discussing ways to help eradicate these problems, but we would also appreciate your help in reminding your children and teenagers that it is their village they are damaging. If the toilets have to be locked in the evenings this will spoil things for many people.

**Dogs:** There are also reports coming in about dog faeces on the footpaths of the village. The paths in the middle of Bradwell are used daily on the school commute and young children and those with prams are stepping in it. It is unpleasant for residents to have to clean your dog's mess from wheels and feet. Please be responsible and considerate to others and ensure you are cleaning up after your own dog.

**Other Issues:** Council appreciates that problems do occur in the village and whilst we can fix some of it, unfortunately there are many things that are out of our control, including pavements, highways, verges, trees not on council land and problems with local transport. However, did you know that there is a portal on both the Derbyshire Dales District Council and the Derbyshire County Council website where you can report and log a whole number of issues. Please visit them on [www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk](http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk) and [www.derbyshire.gov.uk](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk).

**Parish Clerk:** The parish clerk is contactable via: [parishclerk@bradda.org](mailto:parishclerk@bradda.org) or 07730 370759. If you have questions or concerns about any village issues please contact the clerk. Council meetings are still held on the first Tuesday of every month at 1930pm in The Methodist Lounge, we welcome all residents to attend. Look for the agendas and meetings for all meetings online at [bradda.org](http://bradda.org), and on the noticeboards.

## A 70th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



Bradwell Springs resident Marie-Claire Bellas celebrated in style her 50th anniversary of being in the UK and her 70th anniversary of being on the planet. Master-minded by her family and French and English friends they hired the Memorial Hall and put on a party of which they can all be proud. We join

with the family in wishing Marie-Claire many more years of good health and happiness.

## H.A.D.I.T

### THE THREE MUSKETEERS – LE PANTEAU!

Baguettes, a giant snail and a majestic quiche. These are just some of the wilder (but very French!) elements in this pantomime take on *The Three Musketeers*, a swashbuckling panto for adults and older children. We follow farm boy D'Artagnan as he navigates the streets of 1650's Paris trying to thwart the evil Cardinal's plans to destroy the honour of the Queen of France. However, with his overprotective Auntie in pursuit, can our daring hero and his new musketeer friends undo the sinister scheme before it's too late?

Performances will be at **Hope Methodist Hall on Wed 27th to Sat 30th November, 7.30 pm nightly.**

Tickets (£10 /£8 Under 16s) will be available from 23rd October from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/hadit](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hadit) or ring Carolyn on 01433 620665, which is also the contact number for further details.

## BRADWELL INFANT SCHOOL



The children at Bradwell Infant School have developed their gardening skills at an after school Gardening Club, and used the money they received from selling the plants they grew, to support some local charities. Helped by a

group of school staff they learned how to sow seeds, water and tend them over the Spring months and then, when they were grown, sold them in the playground, before and after school over a number of weeks. They then decided they wanted to use the money they made from the plant sales to help other people. They sponsored a hearing dog and made contributions to various charities. They particularly wanted to support charities which were started in Bradwell and so have donated money to C.R.Y. (Cardiac Risk in the Young) and the 'Ebenezer Bradwell Bequest Fund', two very worthwhile recipients. We all enjoyed growing flowers, fruits and vegetables to raise money for charities and to give back to our local community and are looking forward to doing more of these projects in the future.



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## A C.R.Y. OF THANKS

Sincere thanks from the Hancock family to all at Bradwell Centenary Players for their most kind and generous £360 donation to Cardiac Risk in the Young and the Kyle Hancock Memorial Fund. The next screening day at Bradwell Memorial Hall will be on 17th April, 2025.

## DEFIBRILLATOR AWARENESS SESSION

You are invited to attend a free defibrillator awareness session which is being held at 7pm on 10th October in the Hope Sports Club Pavilion. The session will last around an hour and a half and refreshments will be served from 6:30pm. Do come along. There are a number of defibrillators located throughout Bradwell and the information and understanding you receive could help you save a life!

## MHA COMMUNITIES

MHA Communities Derbyshire Peaks and Dales is a new community scheme which sets up services and social activities for people aged 55 and over, in the local area. The scheme has recently set up two "Love to Move" sessions - every Tuesday in Bakewell Town Hall from 10am - 11.30am and in Hathersage Memorial Hall every Thursday 11am - 12.30pm. Both sessions are followed by refreshments. The Love to Move programme was developed by the British Gymnastics foundation to help support cognitive function and mobility in people living with dementia. The gentle chair exercises are all set to music and are great fun for everyone. From October MHA Communities Derbyshire Peaks and Dales will be running the already popular dementia support group "Forget Me Nots", previously run by Derbyshire Dales CVS. The sessions aim to link people living with dementia and their carers to others in similar situations, creating support networks, providing useful information and light hearted activities. There are three sessions each month, the first Wednesday of the month at Bakewell Methodist Church 2 - 4pm, third Wednesday of the month at Hathersage Memorial Hall and last Wednesday of the month is a group walk from various locations. For more please call 07934 603926 or email [derbyshirepeaksanddales@mha.org.uk](mailto:derbyshirepeaksanddales@mha.org.uk)

## BRADWELL MISCELLANY

*Beginning a series of short pieces from Chris Furness.*

### WATER

Glaciation meltwater created lots of rivers and streams south of Bradwell, draining the water and forming several valleys. These all converged and were trapped by what is now known as Hazlebadge. This was originally a coral reef in a tropical sea. The rivers combined to form a lake, the water from which flowed from north west to south east across Hazlebadge where the river bed can still be seen. Over thousands of years the water in the lake dissolved its way through the rock towards Bradwell, creating caves which eventually collapsed to form a valley - Bradwell Dale - where the water continued to run till the glaciers in the area were completely melted away.

## A NOCTURNAL VISITOR

Bradwell resident, James Roberts has just moved here from "the Big City" and he rather likes the different way of life in the village. He likes the relaxed feeling and the view of the beautiful hills from his bedroom window. Of course, there's also all the lovely wildlife. One night recently he was alone in his lounge when he heard what he thought was a mouse moving around. A quick search found nothing it was left until the morning. On retiring to bed (directly above the lounge) he could hear the moving around even louder than before. It was in the bedroom! It was around midnight, and when the lights were turned on the noise stopped, so James used the light on his phone to look around. At this point he saw the reflection of two little eyes in the corner of the room. Thinking it might be a mouse or, perhaps worse, a rat he looked closer. The giveaway was when he saw spikes - it was a hedgehog! He managed to get it into a box and the next morning called the British Hedgehog Preservation Society. They told me that hedgehogs can very easily climb carpeted stairs. Luckily his son had made a hedgehog house a few months ago, so after dark the hedgehog was released alongside it, and it has not been seen since. So, keep an eye out for hedgehogs on Main Road.... and in your bedrooms.

## BRADWELL EVENTS PLANNING

Is your group or organisation intending to plan an event to take place during 2025? Do your group members feel frustrated to discover when, having planned their event another group has another event happening at the same time? Your Community Library are here to help! For a second year we will be keeping a **Bradwell Community Diary** in the foyer of the library. The 2024 diary has been available this year and has been used by some groups, but it could be still used much more effectively. Perhaps we can encourage you to make use of this Community Diary before confirming the dates for your proposed event. This is a wonderful asset for such a close-knit community, and the Diary for 2025 can now be found in the library during opening times. Please use it, in conjunction with the Community Notice Board to publicise your planned events - it makes sense for us all to work together. The 2025 Community Diary is now available, and our volunteers can also enter an event for you if it is easier.



## BRADDA DADS



**Bradda Bonfire + Fireworks is on Sat. 2nd November.** Entry is free but donations gratefully received. Venue is the usual field on Michlow Lane. A torchlight procession through the village to the event is being organised, so watch this space and the village Facebook for more info! **Pensioners Lunch is on Friday 29th November** - A lunch and afternoon of merriment in the Memorial Hall organised by the Bradda Dads, free for all pensioners in the village. Get the date in your diaries and fill out and return the slip in this Bradwell News if you'd like to attend.

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**JEFFREY PHILIP THOMPSON**  
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(Chunky) Jeff Thompson passed away suddenly at home on 11th August, 2024 aged 73 years. He was born at Jessops, Sheffield to parents Arnie and Evelyn Thompson, growing up and attending school in Bamford. Jeff lived in the Hope Valley all his life and more recently in Castleton. He retired from work two years ago, but continued to help others as he always liked to be busy. Most recently he helped his son, Steve restore the Wesleyan Sunday School building in Bradwell and it is a beautiful

building once again. Jeff had many hobbies, including cycling, which he did for many years with Bradwell Cycling Club, and golfing. He loved holidays abroad and socialising with his friends. Chunky leaves behind his three children, Steven, Sonia and Jeanette, grandchildren Sophie, Jessica, Phoebe, Ella, Megan, Harry, Harvey, Heidi and Jack. Also two step-grandchildren, Callum and Chelsey and great granddaughter, Matilda. His brother, David pre-deceased him. Jeff was a much loved Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad and a true friend to everyone. Our Dad will be greatly missed.

The family would like to thank Paul Tanfield and J.E. Nouch funeral directors for their wonderful service and support, and also Lynne and Nick at The Shoulder.


**EDWARD IVAN HALL**  
**Christening**



On Sunday 8th September at St Barnabas Church, Edward Ivan Hall the son of Jim Hall and Sarah Ridgeway was christened by the Reverend Lisa Price. The church was filled with friends, family and a number of children who were involved in many elements of the ceremony. Many thanks to Rev. Price for the lovely service, to Pearl for her special reading and to all those who attended for the cards, gifts and kind wishes for Edward's future. Edward will enjoy his first birthday in November.

**PANTO AUDITIONS**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. and Thurs. 3<sup>rd</sup> October 7:30pm** in Bradwell Memorial Hall. Our next panto will be **Jack and the Beanstalk**. If you fancy joining us and 'treading the boards' come along to one of our readings. We're a fun and friendly group and welcome everyone to join in, old and young (School year 7 onwards), experienced or not. If you don't fancy being on stage but want to get involved come along to either of the sessions to find out more. We always need help with backstage, scenery, props, costumes, lights and sound etc. Hope to see you there!!


St. Barnabas Church: October 2024			Contact Us: churchwarden.stb@gmail.com	
6th	11:00	All Age Worship - Harvest		<b>A Church Near You:</b> <b>St Barnabas</b>
13th	10:00	Benefice Communion (Castleton)		
20th	09:30	Communion		
22nd	10:00 16:00	Outdoor Service. Said Communion (Hope)		Rev'd Louise Petheram rev.louise.p@gmail.com om Tel 621918
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