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## A Very Happy Christmas, Bradwell

### LOTTO NOVEMBER DRAW

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It's "The Big One" in the December draw. Good luck!

### TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION



This year the Bradda Dads bonfire was preceded by a torchlit procession around the village, starting from the Brook Cafe and ending at the bonfire field. Well over 100 children and parents made the walk,

led by the Blackbridge Farm pink tractor on a cool but thankfully dry evening. Estimates of the crowd numbers at the bonfire were in excess of 400, which is probably a record. They were treated to a great fire plus burning sculptures which had been designed by the schoolchildren. The fireworks were brilliant and the photograph shows the procession forming up on Towngate. Well done the "Dads" and well done to the Marshalls who shepherded the procession whilst it was on the road. Let's hope for kind weather again next year and another record crowd.

### ST BARNABAS AT CHRISTMAS

**Saturday Dec 7<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Fair from 10 to 11.30am** at Bradwell War 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. Entry free for children.

**Friday Dec 13<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Tree Festival.** Runs until Tuesday 24th December. Open Monday to Friday from 3pm to 4.30pm, Saturdays and Sundays from 11am to 5pm. Come and see the church looking lovely and festive, and be amazed by how many groups, businesses and organisations we have here in the village!

**Friday Dec 6<sup>th</sup>: 7.30pm.** Tideswell Band Christmas Concert.

**Sunday Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>: 3pm. St Barnabas Carol Service** with traditional carols and readings. Please contact the churchwarden if you would like a lift.

**Christmas Eve: 2.30 pm.** Nativity/Crib Service. An informal Christmas service for children and parents.

**Christmas Eve: Midnight Communion** at 11.30 pm. Welcome in Christmas, as it's always been done.

### INFANT SCHOOL

We would like to thank some local people for the wonderful transformation of our learning space at Bradwell CE Infant School. Richard and Greg, from Tour of Bradwell, kindly funded the construction of four large wooden display boards and a shelf, for us to showcase children's work. James Fearn, a local parent and business owner of 'Rustic Fearn-iture' designed and expertly built the boards and shelves from scratch. The display boards have greatly improved our learning environment, giving children opportunities to talk about their work and to recap and revise prior learning. There have been several parts to this project over time, the first being a new library last year, then a history display board in the school entrance and now our corridor installation, which completes the work. The children love their new corridor space and they proudly show visitors the topics they have been learning, opening up discussion and developing children's communication and language skills. Everyone who has seen the corridor this term has been surprised and amazed by the transformation. We now have a fully working, practical, calm and attractive learning space, in addition to our classrooms. This is something for which we have been striving, little pods where individual children and small groups can work quietly on specific skills and activities. We are all very grateful and appreciative to Richard and Greg, from Tour of Bradwell, and James Fearn, the skilled joiner who generously gave up his time in the summer holidays to build these for us.

### CHRISTMAS CAROLS

It's Christmas Carol time, and we will be singing at the White Hart on the following dates:

Practice nights are

**Sunday Dec 8<sup>th</sup>** from 6 to 7pm

**Saturday Dec 14<sup>th</sup>** from 6 to 7pm

**Sat Dec 21<sup>st</sup>** from 6 to 7pm

**Christmas eve** carol singing will be from 8pm

All are welcome.

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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**Dog Mess - Again:** Unfortunately, once again we have to report dog faecal matter on the pavements. It's always been a problem with just one or two owners, but recently there have been reports of it from all over the village. It seems that everywhere you walk now the paths are littered with it. Not only is it disgusting, but it can contain harmful bacteria such as E-Coli and other infectious material such as worms which, if swallowed can cause toxocarasis. Although this is rare it can cause serious problems. With two schools and a pre school in the village there are a lot of little feet and prams travelling up and down every day, so it is inevitable it will get stepped in, which isn't very nice at all, especially if it's then trailed into a house. Council have been looking at ways to help, and there will be additional signs going up, including some lovely ones made by the children at Bradwell Junior School, who are also not happy having to endure this on their route to and from school. We will be putting some poo bags in the post office (free of charge) so if you do find yourself short of a bag, **please** make use of them. Whilst we try to do all we can to eradicate the problem, as a dog owner it is YOUR responsibility to pick up after your dog. If you are walking in the early hours of the morning or late at night, take a torch and keep dogs on leads so you know exactly when they've stopped. Whilst there are a few who spoil it, we also acknowledge that there are many who are responsible so to those we say thank you for your efforts to keep our village clean. It is appreciated.

**Weather:** Luckily, we haven't experienced much rainfall yet this year, but council have been making emergency preparations behind the scenes, and thanks to our volunteers we now have a fresh batch of sandbags available for public use should there be the need. Please note these are to be used only if there is a real flood emergency and should be put back after use if they have not been exposed to flood water. In community resilience committee meetings, we have been updating the flood plan and looking at ways your council can help with emergency situations, we will always try to help where we can but can't do this without volunteer input too so if anyone is interested in becoming a flood or snow warden please contact the clerk.

**Vandalism:** We've been looking at ways to deter vandalism on Town Bottom Park and have decided to improve lighting and instal CCTV. The toilet doors have been repaired and the toilets are open again for residents and visitors. However, for the time being we will be locking them in the evening whilst we implement the additional measures. Council does appreciate that there is not much for young people to do in the village in the evenings, but there surely must be better places to 'hang out' than the toilets. It also worth reminding you of the youth activities scheme, run by Cllrs Taylor and Salvage. This is open to all 11-16 year olds and is reported to be great fun.

**Council Meetings:** The next council meeting is on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1930pm in the Methodist Lounge, Towngate. You are welcome to attend and ask questions of councillors. Remember that you can also direct village questions to the parish clerk at any time using [parishclerk@bradda.org](mailto:parishclerk@bradda.org). She will do her best to assist you, or point you in the direction of the relevant person or responsible authority.

## PANTO



Rehearsals are well under way for the next Bradwell Centenary Players pantomime. Jack and the Beanstalk is a classic family panto, stuffed full of big songs, dances and well-known characters. The show will run in half-term from 19th to 22nd February at the Memorial Hall, with a matinee on the Saturday.

Watch this space for ticket details.

## POPPY APPEAL 2024

### Fantastic Effort Again, Bradda!

The service and laying of wreaths on Remembrance Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> November was very well attended again and organised by Ian Hancock, with bugle being played by Jan Whitelaw. This was followed at 11am. Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> November (Armistice Day), with a gathering of the school children laying a wreath at the cenotaph. Thanks to Ian, Jan and Debbie Hobson for organising this event and for raising awareness to our youngsters in Bradwell of the sacrifices made by so many people over the generations. 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 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 an amazing £421.25. and 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 Poppy Appeal can only continue with all of the above happening, with many other people contributing, besides. The total collected for this year's Appeal was £2830.45 As many people know, after 14 years I am stepping down from the position of Poppy Appeal Organiser.

If you would like to volunteer as organiser for Bradwell then please contact me for more information:

**Keith Brett**, Poppy Appeal organiser. 07540 659587

## SEVERN TRENT COMMUNITY FUND

Severn Trent have a Community Fund which is designed to improve community wellbeing and which focuses on three areas: supporting the wellbeing of the communities served by Severn Trent, creating better places in which to live, and looking after the environment and water. The fund offers three grant sizes ranging from £2,000 to £200,000 depending on the project size and duration. To learn more, you can join a Zoom call on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 10am, where Sue Heyes, Severn Trent Community Fund Officer for the Derbyshire Dales area, will take you through the fund criteria and answers any queries you may have. Derbyshire Dales CVS are hosting this 'Meet the Funder' event to help you assess whether the Fund could support your group or organisation, and explain how to apply. More detail on the fund and what has been supported so far is available on the Severn Trent Community Fund website. Please book your place with Polly or Sarah at Derbyshire Dales CVS – Tel 01629 812154



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## HOPE VALLEY CLIMATE ACTION

Ever since it was established five years ago, Hope Valley Climate Action has sought to operate at three, complementary, levels: Awareness raising; local Action; and Advocacy. Awareness raising because unless we are all aware of the causes and consequences of climate breakdown we will not take the necessary personal steps to reduce our environmental impact, and we will not support the necessary changes that have to be made at societal level. Local Action because we need to work both individually and collectively to make some of the changes we need to see in the Valley: better low carbon transport; making our homes more energy efficient; planting trees and hedges, etc.. But also because if we show how we can change things locally we can argue more authoritatively and effectively for change elsewhere. Advocacy because the big changes have to come from systematic change to our economy and society. Politicians at all levels of Government have to make the policy changes – on transport, on housing, on industry, on energy generation etc. – that are essential if we are to decarbonise. So, we need to be advocating for those changes. Our advocacy is so much stronger if we can point to successful local action, and it is built on awareness raising. In November, our advocacy took the form of a robust submission to the Peak District National Park's consultation on its Local Plan Review. Their Local Plan will set the framework for the way they respond to planning applications through to 2045, so it is important! The climate emergency demands that they become much more open to measures to increase renewable energy generation locally, measures to make housing more energy efficient (and warmer), to improving public and low carbon transport and to increased carbon sequestration, among other things. We argued that an appropriate response to finding ourselves in an emergency is to take emergency actions. We are willing to share our response with anyone, on request (email [hopevalleyclimateaction@gmail.com](mailto:hopevalleyclimateaction@gmail.com)), and as always, if you want to find out more about our activities, or to sign up for our newsletter, please visit our website:

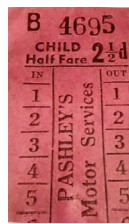
[www.hopevalleyclimateaction.org.uk](http://www.hopevalleyclimateaction.org.uk). Meanwhile, we wish everyone all the best for the festive season, and hope that 2025 will be the year of decisive action to address the climate emergency! Jeremy Wight, HVCA Chair  
[www.hopevalleyclimateaction.org.uk](http://www.hopevalleyclimateaction.org.uk)

## WILLIAM EDWIN PASHLEY

The following piece was originally written by Chris Furness who also supplied most of the photographs. The text was later expanded somewhat by Brian Gillham (based on Ancestry searches, documents in the possession of Andrew and Jane Dalrymple, and newspaper cuttings). The photograph of the Pashley garage was taken by Keith Hall.

Bill was a strange person in many ways but an integral character in the fabric of Bradwell village life. He was the proprietor of a bus service which was licensed by the railway between Sheffield and Manchester to deliver passengers from

Bradwell to Hope station and vice versa. You can find a personal account by Joyce Emsen of a journey with Bill to and from Hope Station on p43 of 'After Seth'. Bill had no time for passengers who only used his service when the weather was bad and told them so. He also provided a touring bus for groups going elsewhere as well as a taxi service. Embedded



next to this text is a child's Pashley bus ticket. Bill was born in Rotherham, in 1890, where his father George owned a department store. George also owned stores in two nearby towns and a drapery store in Windsor. The family home was a large house in Rotherham but in 1905, his father decided to move to Castleton. He sold all the shops and the family house and bought the Nags Head Hotel, which he proceeded to operate. He also

took over a taxi business, which comprised several taxis.

Here is a photo of one of his taxis with "Nag's Head Hotel" on the side. In the 1911 census for Castleton Bill is described as a draper's assistant but he was soon employed by his father's new business until he joined the



3rd (King's Own) Hussars in September 1914. His stay in the Army was a short one with a difficult-to-read fragmentary record suggesting he was suffering from urticaria(?) and was discharged in December of the same year. Nevertheless he must have recovered by 3 1917 when he re-joined the Army as a driver in the Royal Army Service Corps (RASC). This photo is of Bill Pashley with what seems like a Royal Army Service

Corps cap badge. *There is more to this story and it will be continued in the next edition.*



## BRADDA DADS



Bradda Dads would like to wish everyone a very merry festive season!

Boxing Day Duck Race! - 26th Dec @ 10am. Build a model raft to enter the race at 10:30am, prizes for all! Ducks away 11am. Tickets available on the day or in advance at the Co-Op on Sat 7th and 14th Dec: 10am - 2pm, or from the Post Office. Cash prizes! 1st £50, 2nd £30, 3rd £20. Come and join in a fun festive morning!

Bradda Dads Christmas Cards will be delivered soon. Delivering them to every house in the village is a big shared logistical effort and we occasionally get our ducks in a tizzy and miss one. In the unlikely event we miss you, please accept our sincerest apologies and pick one up from the Post Office where there will be spares available.

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## JAMES BENJAMIN FOX (JIM)



Jim was born in Stoney Middleton on 11<sup>th</sup> December 1927. He had a younger sister, Rosa, who passed away in 2021. He was educated at Stoney Middleton School and worked at a local quarry, both before and after he was called up for National Service. He then became a lorry driver for Eyam Quarries. He was a regular at the dances in Bradwell where he met Lilian and they married at the Wesleyan Chapel, Bradwell in July 1951. Their first home was a cottage in Eyam, where their son, Brian, was born. In 1955, they moved to Bradwell to live with Lilian's parents and in 1958 they moved to 4, Batham Road where they lived for 40 years. Jim took up employment with G & T Earle where he worked as a driver for 30 years before taking early retirement in 1987. He then took a part time job delivering new cars for Kennings of Bamford. In 1999 Jim and Lilian moved to Underbank, Hugh Lane, Bradwell. After Lilian died in 2015, Jim continued to live there until 2023, by which time he needed full-time care and he moved into Moorland House Care Home in Hathersage. He was an animal lover and had a dog by his side for most of his life. He was a great Derby County fan and was a season ticket holder for many years. Jim was a loving and caring husband to Lilian and leaves son Brian, grandchildren Ben and Becky, great grandchildren Tillie, Ralph, Oscar and Bailey. Jim passed away in Chesterfield Hospital on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

## RODGER MALCOLM BROWN

30th June, 1937 to 28th September, 2024



Rodger knew from a very early age that he wanted to be a farmer. After leaving village schools in Hope and Bradwell he joined the Hope Valley Young Farmers Association gaining experience working on farms in the Aston area of Hope, and at age 17 began a course at Broomfield Agricultural College near Derby. On New Years Day, 1956 he met Diane at a dance in Eyam and they married at Eyam Church on 28th March, 1959. He was 21 when he took up the tenancy of Within House Farm, where the couple were to live for the rest of their lives and where they brought up their three children, Paul, David and Lorraine. Rodger never retired, working the farm for almost 65 years until his health deteriorated. He was a loving and devoted husband to Diane and, even after his stroke continued to care for her at home until her death in 2022. Rodger was a practical man, always able to turn his hand to most things, especially working with stone or wood. He enjoyed photography and genealogy and he and Diane travelled the country researching their family history, but his greatest interests were the farm and his family. A service to celebrate Rodger's life was held at St. Barnabas Church, on 22 October 2024.

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Peter and Sylvia Higgs, who have moved southwards, would like to wish a very happy Christmas and New Year to everyone who knows them.

### St. Barnabas Church: December 2024

Contact Us: churchwarden.stb@gmail.com

1st	11:00	All Age Worship. Advent.
8th	10:00	Benefice Communion.
15th	09:30	Communion.
22nd	10:00 15:00	Outdoor/Indoor Service. Carol Service.
24th	15:30 23:30	DIY Nativity. Midnight Service.
25th	10:30	Benefice Christmas Communion (Hope).
29th	10:00	Covenant Service (Edale).



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