

# Bradwell News

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## Happy New Year, Bradda. Here We Go Again!

### EVENTS

**Tues 21:** Historical Society: 8pm in the Methodist Hall. AGM and viewing of archival material.

### BRADDA DADS XMAS LUNCH



Yet another brilliant Bradda Dads production! Around 100 senior residents gathered in the War Memorial Hall on Friday Nov 29th to celebrate an early Christmas. The drinks flowed, the conversation never stopped, and

the food was the usual outstanding tasty offering. The Infant and Junior schools entertained everyone with a selection of Christmassy songs and carols and finally, as you can see, the Dads sang. They still have a little way to go to reach the children's standard, but they did try! Well done children, Dads and Mums. It is almost worth getting old so that you can qualify for this fantastic event! The draw for the December Lotto prizes took place between eating and singing and three lucky residents won an early Christmas Present.

### COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Whist we hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas, may we invite you to join us in the library on **Tuesday 7th January** from 6:30pm for a glass of mulled wine to celebrate the New Year, and also to toast the future now that your library is well into its third year. All volunteers, members of the library, and also those who have not yet joined are invited to come along on. Just pop in - the wine is **free** and you can be assured of a very warm welcome. Also, whilst on the subject of the Library, may we also ask anyone who would be interested in joining our team of volunteers to please let us know in the New Year. A Very Happy New Year to you all!

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY



The first anniversary of the opening of the excellent "Brook Café" on Town Bottom happened to be on one of the coldest, dampest, windiest days of winter so far. A lot of planning and preparation had gone into the day, and even Santa popped in to a special grotto to say hello to local children. An excellent ladies choir Decibels, entertained by singing carols and Lisa and Jen provided soup, coffee, cakes and all their usual yummys. Well done to everyone who helped, sang, munched and generally helped this super little enterprise celebrate the first of what we hope will be many birthdays.

### THAT PANTO



Bradwell Centenary Players are excited to be performing Jack and the Beanstalk during February half-term. With players aged 8 to 80 on stage this is a real traditional family panto, full of singing and dancing and silly jokes. The show runs from Wednesday 19th to Saturday 22nd February, with a matinee as usual on the Saturday. Tickets cost £9/£6 and are available from

[www.centenaryplayers.org/shows](http://www.centenaryplayers.org/shows)

We will also be selling tickets at the Co-op from 9am until midday on Saturday 8th February.

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## PC NOTES

Your Parish Council had a fairly quiet December with no major problems. We held a surgery in the Memorial Hall on November 30<sup>th</sup> along with District Councillor, Andy Nash and County Councillor, Alasdair Sutton. We thank them for their support for the village and will be holding additional surgeries in the future. After a rocky start to the year with issues over public transport, and the road closure at Brough, things have calmed down and positive things have been happening in your community. A speed watch group was introduced, we had a very successful carnival, a new zipwire was installed on Town Bottom, along with some new safety matting. Next year we will take a look at possibly replacing some of the older play equipment.

**Carnival 2025:** If anyone would like to work with us this year to create yet another great carnival please contact the clerk. You can join the carnival committee or simple volunteer a few hours of your time to help make a difference. The first planning meeting will be in March on a date to be confirmed.

**Xmas Lights:** Council invested in some new Christmas lights this year and, with the help of the Happy Tree Company we lit up a tree on Beggars Plot and one at the Pennine Workshop. We also installed additional lights on the Christmas tree opposite The Shoulder Pub. At the Brook Café's first birthday celebrations the Hydro lights were turned on, to give the village a lovely festive twinkle.

**The Brook:** Our efforts to encourage the Environment Agency to dredge the brook continue to fail. The excuses this time are not wanting to work during the fish spawning season and the usual "insufficient resources". The EA will be trying to identify households that were and are affected by flooding and will be organising a drop-in meeting sometime in the new year. If anyone has been affected but hasn't had any contact from the EA, please contact the clerk who will forward your information on to them. We would like to remind residents that we are in no way affiliated with The Environment Agency and any decision of theirs hasn't anything to do with parish council. We will help residents out where we can during events and emergencies such as flooding, and we do urge any vulnerable residents, if you need assistance at those times to please contact the clerk so your details can be passed onto our community resilience team.

**S137 Grants:** A reminder that there is still grant money available for any group in the community needing some extra financial assistance. To apply for a grant you will need to be a not-for-profit group and to have a bank account. Any eligible group should contact the clerk for more information and for details on how to apply.

Council would like to take this opportunity to wish all Bradwell residents a very successful and hopefully prosperous New Year in 2025.

The first parish council meeting of 2025 will be on January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Methodist Lounge, Towngate. All residents are welcome to attend to ask questions or to observe, but in the meantime any queries can be directed to the clerk at [parishclerk@bradda.org](mailto:parishclerk@bradda.org).

## HYDRO PROJECT AND XMAS LIGHTS



For several years now Bradwell has enjoyed the super Christmas lights which illuminate the trees on Town Bottom playing field. What residents might not realise is that a small group of dedicated people give up a lot of their time and endure some pretty demanding conditions in order to instal the structure holding the wheel and generator. This involves standing in icy, fast flowing water and working high in the trees to distribute the lights. After Mike Joseph, originator of the concept left the village the work was taken up by a core team of Andy Nash,

T.J.Hornsey, Richard Patton, Peter and Angus Wallace, ably assisted by contributions from Vanessa Ball, Martin Salvage and David at Pennine Workshop, with aerial acrobatics by the Happy Tree Company. This year the lights have been expanded to include other trees in the village. And residents might have noticed that the water wheel is now a much more substantial construction. Learnings from previous years have shown that making the wheel from old bicycles parts wasn't strong enough to withstand the forces generated by the water flow down the brook during a Bradda winter. Grateful thanks to the intrepid Hydro team for turning parts of Bradwell into a winter wonderland and for helping us all enjoy a glittery Christmas.



## THANK YOU

Laura, Lyn, Anthony and Connor would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported Matty Horan's Charity Golf Day, 2024. This special event helped us raise an incredible £3,500 for Ashgate Hospice and it wouldn't have been possible without the help of the Hope Works golf secretary, the generous donations for the raffle and auction prizes, the ladies who sold raffle tickets outside the co-op and, of course, everyone who came along to support the event/evening. Thank you also to Sarah and Tony at Earles Club who provided the excellent food. A fabulous time was had by all and the amazing amount of money raised will help Ashgate Hospice to continue to provide their essential care to the community.



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## WILLIAM EDWIN PASHLEY

*Continued from last month:*

When he was discharged again, in 1919 Bill was recorded as being 'fit'. After leaving the army he re-joined his father's businesses. At that time the Bradwell to Hope Station service was operated by the Caterer family, who rented the Newburgh Arms from the Duke of Rutland. Then, in 1922 the Duke, perhaps to pay taxes, decided to sell the estate properties in Bradwell and these included the Newburgh Arms and much land. The Bradwell Liberal Club decided to bid for it all and issued a prospectus for the creation of a Temperance Hotel, Social Club and some sports facilities. They were successful in raising sufficient cash from Bradwell residents to be able to buy the Newburgh Arms and the land. These new owners gave notice to the Caterers because they did not want a bus around their newly-acquired premises. George Pashley heard about this and made a bid for the bus service and bus, and the Caterers accepted. The bus service was to be run by Bill. He, of course, needed a garage for the bus and made applications to build one in various places in Bradwell. His first application proved unsuccessful, when applied to the group that had acquired land with the intention of building the War Memorial Hall. Part of their newly acquired land lay on the opposite side of Netherside (then referred to as Station Road) near where the Waining Garage later came to be built. It was on this land that Bill wrote for permission to build a garage but this was turned down. As a temporary measure he seems to have been able to use part of the land beside the bridge over the Brook for a while. With George Pashley's record of acquisitions it is not surprising that he bought property



consisting of a 'dwelling House, or Tenement, with barn, stable and garden' on Brookside in Bradwell (now the Cottage and Brook Barn of the Dalrymples). By 1938 George had retired to Cleethorpes and he gave this property to his son, who was already living there. What had been the barn was later converted into the garage for which Bill had been searching. By this time Bill had also started his own taxi service. Bill Pashley had a taste for disputations concerning his business. In 1928 a fracas arose between Bill and Frank Boulton whose parents were the then licensees of the Shoulder of Mutton. As was mentioned, Bill had a franchise to carry passengers to Hope Station and back to Bradwell, but the Boultons were offering a rival service. In October 1928 Frank summoned Bill for Common Assault and the matter ended up in court in Chapel-en-le Frith. Frank's claim

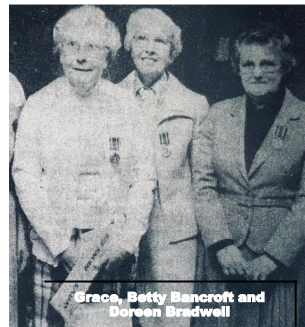


was that when he met the last train at Hope Station and delivered his passengers to catch it the defendant (Bill) compelled him to drive his bus into a wall. Following this there was an altercation when blows were struck, each man claiming that the other hit out first. The Bench dismissed the case binding both men over to keep the peace. In 1937 in trying to expand his bus service to allow him to make trips between Hope and Tideswell via Bradwell he had made an application to the North-western Travel Commissioners, who were based in Manchester and had the power to allow or deny the proposed journeys. In answer to his application he received a terse rejection consisting of a 'single slip of paper'. It wasn't long before Bill referred the matter to the attention of the Bradwell Parish Council who passed it up the line to the next layer of government, at that time meeting in Bakewell. Neither council could see the reason for refusal by the Commissioners but at the same time neither was prepared to support him and the matter went no further. In 1952 Bill married Grace Elizabeth Major. Grace was born near Guildford in Surrey in 1916. By 1939, in the data collection in preparation for the issue of rationing books, Grace is shown as living as a lodger with William Dawson, a window cleaner in Stoke on Trent. Her occupation was given as bank clerk. (The name Pashley has been inscribed above the name of Major in the 1939 record.) After their marriage Grace was often seen driving one of the Pashley taxis. This taxi service had the reputation of collecting those returning from a boy's night out in



Tideswell, for example. The challenge being how many revellers could be crammed into the vehicle (not driven by Grace?). Bill Pashley died on 2nd October 1972 and when his will was proved the following year all of his possessions were left to his wife Grace. Grace continued to live in their property until shortly before her death in a care home in 2006 at the age of 90.

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Grace, Betty Bancroft and Doreen Bradwell

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## BRADDA DADS



Thanks to everyone who participated in our splendid Boxing Day duck race. Nice to have all that water available to move the little fellas along!

The Dads hope everyone enjoyed Christmas and we send our very best wishes to you all for a Happy New Year and a very successful 2025.

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## SANDRA PAULINE SAMMANS (Nee Oxley) 28th November, 1946 to 30th October, 2024



San had a happy childhood, growing up in Yorkshire Bridge with her Mum, Dad and younger sister Pat. After leaving Bamford Primary School she studied at New Mills Grammar School, excelling in art and sport. Unfortunately, she was diagnosed in her early teens with the inherited, degenerative eye disease, retinitis pigmentosa, which restricted her future career. She confidently worked at Bradwell Infant School and Hope Valley College though, and also ran an after school arts class. San enjoyed doing commissioned pastel drawings, until having to stop due to poor sight. Teenage sweethearts, Sandra and Stuart married at Bamford Church in 1968 and they raised a family at Top of Steps, The Hills. San supported and encouraged her children, Mark and Rachel in all their interests and loved spending time with her four grandchildren, Megan, Anna, Isaac and Asa. She had great enthusiasm for Bradda Wakes Week, petalling the wells and decorating floats. She also enjoyed being a cub leader for many years. San was a popular member of Bradwell Badminton Club, battling with her sight to play in competitions and coaching the juniors. Many thanks for all the comforting cards and messages sent on Sans untimely death. The family would also like to thank Paul Tanfield and J.E. Nouch Funeral Directors for their wonderful service and support, along with Lynne, Nick and team at The Shoulder.

## RAY HORAN

28th September, 1952 to 5th October, 2024

Lyn and Anthony would like to thank everyone for their kindness and help over the last year after Ray was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in December 2023. The support we received during this time was phenomenal and it helped us get through yet another very difficult time of our lives. Special thanks to Dr Gaisgoine, Dr Lilley, district nurses, staff at Evelyn Medical Centre and Ashgate Hospice and Blythe House Hospice who made it possible for us to care for and keep Ray at home. The care and compassion from all was truly amazing. Thank you also to all our friends and neighbours for the lovely meals and cakes you sent us and for always being there for us. Ray passed away peacefully on 5 October. We were overwhelmed by the hundreds of cards and messages, which gave us great comfort. It was testament to the kind of man Ray was and how much he will be missed by so many. Thank you to Paul at J.E. Nouch for the funeral arrangements and also to Lynne and her team at the Shoulder of Mutton for the excellent catering and hospitality. Finally, thank you for all the donations which raised £1010 and is being split between Ashgate and Blythe House Hospices. Lyn Horan

### ST B'S BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

A big thanks to everyone who came along to our Christmas party, took part in craft activities and generally had a jolly festive time! Special thanks to James Fearn who donated the lovely hand-crafted wooden snowmen which the children decorated, and to Sue Cornish, without whom it wouldn't happen each week. Happy New Year - Jane Dalrymple

### St. Barnabas Church: January 2025

5th	11:00	All Age Worship. Advent.
12th	10:00	Benefice Communion (Castleton)
19th	09:30	Communion.
26th	11:00 16:00	Plough Sunday (Hope) Said Communion

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