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HISTORICAL SOCIETY New Venue

Following the sad closure of the Methodist Hall, Bradwell Historical Society is grateful to St. Barnabas Church for allowing us to hold our next three meetings in the Church itself. The first meeting will be on 16th September. We would also like to thank Bradda Dads for the terrific way that they helped us to move our heavy Archive material into the Church. The Dads really are a village organisation of which to be proud!

ST. BARNABAS CHURCH

Pews

We are hoping to remove 5 pews from the balcony area of the Church, as they are rarely used and their removal would allow the balcony to be used more than at present. Should you wish to make comment on this proposal, please contact Jane Dalrymple at churchwarden.stb@gmail.com

Community Café

The next Community Café at the church will be on **Saturday 4th October** from 10 to 11.30am. The local group we will be supporting is FOBS - Friends of Bradwell Schools. Please do come along and support FOBS and your local village church; the usual delicious cakes, raffle and friendly faces will be there to welcome you!

Godparents and Godchildren are Special

On Sunday 7th September at 11 am, St Barnabas will be holding a special service to celebrate and say 'Thank you' for the special role godparents have. Everyone welcome to join us, whether you're a godparent, a godchild, both, or neither.

CREATING SAFE ROUTES FOR HEDGEHOGS

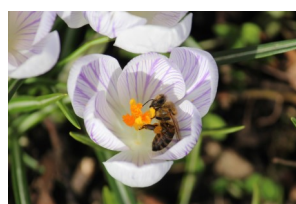


We have had over 40 Hedgehog sightings in and around Bradwell. To try to reduce the number of Hedgehogs run over on the roads we now want to create safe "Hedgehog Highways". So, please consider whether you might be able to make a 5 inch gap (12 centimetres) in

your boundary to join up gardens and help provide safe routes for Hedgehogs to use around our village. As Autumn approaches also consider creating a quiet corner with log piles and leaves. Maybe if you are really lucky it will then get used by a Hedgehog as they search for somewhere safe to hibernate. Please continue to send your Hedgehog sightings or repeat sightings to : hedgehogs.bradwell@gmail.com

WILDFLOWER GROUP

One great way to help pollinators in your garden is to plant spring bulbs. Snowdrops, Crocus and Daffodils flower early before much else is in bloom. Their nectar and pollen are valuable food for bees and give them a head start at the beginning of the season. Crocus can elevate the temperature inside the flower by a few degrees on cold days. Their petals are shaped like cups and they trap air inside, which then heats up due to solar radiation. The warmth inside the flower encourages nectar production making it more attractive to pollinators. Crocus flowers close at night or when the temperature



falls below freezing protecting the flower parts, nectar and pollen from frost. It was lovely to see so many bees feeding at Dale End in early March of this year. In this picture you can see the bee inside the flower gathering pollen.

CARNIVAL 2025

Another super carnival and Wakes Week, blessed this year by wonderfully sunny weather. The Friday evening was again a highlight, and thanks to everyone who helped to create such a great evening. We hear the bar sold out of beer (always a good measure of enjoyment level) and the additional day look likely to become a permanent feature of Carnival. This September edition of *Bradwell News* contains the usual two sided flyer of photos from the day, and we hope it will bring back memories for you. The Saturday parade was well up to standard and the larger fairground rides added to the general atmosphere on the field. We changed the field around this year, with stalls on the western boundary and the bar next to the main tent. We think it worked well. A lot of people had to work very hard for long hours to put on the event and to all of them we say a hearty "well done" and many thanks to all of you. We hope to see you all next year!

SEND US YOUR NEWS

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PC NOTES

Carnival: Council is pleased that another year has seen a successful carnival and Gala week. Once again Carnival Eve proved very popular, with the addition this year of reusable cups and glasses which massively reduced plastic waste. The celebrations didn't pass without incident though, as on the Friday night one of the rides was damaged by people messing about on it after dark. This puts a dampener on a great event and the volunteers who work incredibly hard to put on these events. However, the sun shone brightly and there were lots of visitors for the Saturday parade and events on the Beggars Plot field. We would like to thank the village for everything you do to make Gala a success. It really wouldn't happen without your support. The carnival committee is always looking for extra helpers and fresh ideas to make next year's events even bigger, so if you would like to get involved, please come along to the next meeting on August 28th at 7:30pm in the library at the memorial hall.

Your MP: On Thursday 31st July, John Whitby, MP and his team held a surgery in the gallery room of the memorial hall. The surgery was well attended and was very significant for the village. John is aiming to visit all villages across Derbyshire, with us being one of the first he visited. While here he popped into the main hall where a well dressing was taking place and even had a go at petalling. Prior to the surgery Parish Council members met with him to discuss numerous issues affecting the village, such as the need to dredge the brook, parking and bus obstruction issues on Brookside. The meeting was friendly but informative and very productive and we look forward to other surgeries like this in the future.

Traffic Speed Indicator: Parish council are pleased to announce that they have secured a licence to install a speeding indicator device in the village. The device has been purchased, and should be in place before the end of the month. It will measure speed, tell you how fast you are going and will also provide data regarding how many vehicles have passed it. The device will be working in conjunction with the village speed watch group, which is still catching speeders through the village.

ANPR Cameras: We are waiting for an update on installation of ANPR cameras in the valley. Bradwell, along with several other parish councils contributed around £1,500 towards the cost of two cameras to be situated in the village. The valley will then be 90% covered for the recording of car registration plates, greatly helping the police to track down criminal activity and prevent local crime.

Softwater Lane Improvements: Council has recently improved drainage and installed a tarmac surface on the area near the footbridge to Bradwell Springs. More work is planned but we believe this improvement has improved the area.

Council Meetings: The August council meeting was held in the memorial hall and residents are asked to note that for the foreseeable future this is where we will meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm. Unfortunately, due to the absence of several councillors there will be no September meeting. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 7th October at 7:30pm but in the meantime please direct any questions to the parish clerk: parishclerk@bradda.org

OPEN GARDENS 2025

A huge thank you to all those who opened their wonderful gardens and showed the village at its best to our visitors; such a lot of work is done beforehand, as well as on the day. We are also very grateful to those who helped to publicise the event, sold tickets on the day and kept our visitors fed and watered, making them feel so welcome. The day was even more popular this year with, we estimate some 400 people attending, and Bradwell as a whole was buzzing! Funds raised will go to the upkeep of St Barnabas, the churchyard and projects that we support throughout the year. THANK YOU!

BRADWELLSTREET NAMES

We begin here a series of articles put together by our roving reporter, Steve Lawless on how some of the streets around the village got their names.

1 Introduction

This series of articles is intended to provide some background to the origin of some of the more unusual names of the places, streets and lanes in and around the Peak District village of Bradwell. The original request for this investigation came from residents new to the village who were curious about the unusual names they had seen here. Some of the information may well be incorrect, and we would be more than happy to receive suggested corrections or additions from readers.

2 Summary

Some of the more unusual village names are given below. The investigation highlighted the fact that many of these streets were named centuries ago and it has not proved possible to obtain any records as to the origins of names. Over time, due to lack of documentation, various theories have evolved, some of which are contradictory. However, the 'best guess' at the origins is given below but, as you would expect, these should be treated with a large pinch of salt. My thanks to the residents who have contributed and who have shared their memories of growing up and living in this fascinating village.

3 Bradwell Places and Streets

- Batham Road – This road was named after the Roman road which runs from the fort at Brough to Buxton.
- Bessie Lane – The origin of the name is not well documented but is probably named after a personal name or a local figure associated with the area.
- Bradwell – The first written mention of Bradwell occurs in the Domesday Book (1086 CE) where it is recorded as 'Bradewelle'. The name is thought to mean 'Broad Stream' (brad – broad; waella – the old Anglo-Saxon word *waella* meant spring (rather than a well) in reference to Bradwell Brook on which the settlement stands.
- Charlotte Lane – This lane was alternatively known as Fox Lane. The origin of the name is not readily available information but is probably named after a personal preference or association with a local figure or family, perhaps even Charlotte Fox who also lived in Fox Cottage.

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ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION

A big Thank You to all who helped with the Arts and Craft Exhibition at St Barnabas Church during Gala Week. The support from our church and village community was amazing - from the people who baked the many delicious cakes to those who helped sell the refreshments and steward our exhibition. The display of workmanship and talent was outstanding yet again and everything was greatly appreciated by our many visitors. Everyone enjoyed the display from Hope Valley Photographic Society- hope you managed to vote for your favourite photographs. It was also lovely to see the display of photographs from the archives of nurse Joyce Gould who used to be the local area midwife. Thank you to her son, Simon, for these.

BOWLS CLUB RUBY ANNIVERSARY

Bradwell Bowling Club would like to thank all who attended the family fun day and ruby anniversary celebration during Wakes Week. We had about 100 people come down to enjoy a taste of crown green bowls, and we really hope attendees had as much fun as we did on the day. We would love to see you all again down at the green and can arrange free taster sessions for adults and kids. Anyone who wants to bowl is welcome, whether you're young or old, new to the sport or returning after some time away. Contact our secretary Nick Cook for more info: n_cook@hotmail.co.uk Here are some photos of the event.

**DEPUTY EDITOR**

If you have any publishing skills the *Bradwell News* team are seeking a person to act as deputy editor. Working alongside the editor you would receive full training and eventually would be given full responsibility for editing our monthly newsletter. If you are interested or would like additional information, please message Paul, the editor: contact details on the front page.

**BRADDA DADS**

The Dads failed to send me anything to print this month, which is hardly surprising because everywhere I looked during Wakes Week I saw a Bradda Dad doing something. Whether it was helping with the wells or putting up tents or running the carnival bar you can bet your life there was a Dad in there somewhere! It's been said numerous times, but let's say it again - this village is blessed to have an organisation like this to do all the "stuff" which helps everyone else to have fun. So on behalf of Bradda, Thanks so much guys for all you do, and enjoy a well deserved break.

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MAURICE SLATER



Maurice was born on 21st September 1933 to George and Hilda Slater. He had an older brother Gordon, a younger sister Pamela and Maurice became the middle child after the death of his younger brother Colin at the age of nine weeks. The family lived at Church View, Church Street, Bradwell. After leaving Bradwell Church School aged 15, he began maintenance work on the railways. In 1952, National Service took him to Hong Kong, a big adventure for a 19 year old

"Bradda Lad" with little travel experience. On his return, he started working at Earle's Cement, remaining there until the time when the company adopted the continental shift pattern, when Maurice took retirement. He then became part-time caretaker at Bradwell Junior School until the age of 65. In 1962 Maurice married Patricia Wain from Hathersage at Hathersage Church. Their first marital home was Crown Cottage, Smithy Hill where their two sons were born, Alan in 1966 and Shane in 1977. Here they enjoyed many happy years before moving to 1, Church Street, Maurice's third and final home in the village. At each of these 3 homes, he was blessed with exceptionally good neighbours. Maurice was a hard -working family man who always put his family first. In 1997 he and Pat welcomed their first grandson, Ayrton. After Pat sadly passed away in 2001, Maurice helped to look after Ayrton and an early, strong and lasting bond developed between the two of them. In 2020, came the joyous news of the

birth of a second grandson, Finlay. However, 2020 also brought great sadness – his sister Pamela died, followed very closely by the death of his beloved son Alan at the age of 54. Despite the heartbreak, Maurice kept his spirits up and always had time for a cheery chat on his daily walks. Although walking was his passion, he was well-known for sitting outside in his deckchair, reading and chatting to passers-by. He enjoyed many coach holidays with Pam and her husband Roy and he loved his Mediterranean cruise with Alan, Andrea and Ayrton. St. Barnabas Church and churchyard were special to him. From the age of 8, he used to help his uncle to stoke the fires of the church boiler. Over the years, Maurice took care of many of the untended graves, belonging to families no longer around, but remembered by Maurice. Until recently, he regularly and unobtrusively helped to keep the churchyard looking tidy. Maurice died peacefully at home on 28th July 2025. He was nearly 92 and had only ever been ill during his final 4 months. He was a quiet and unassuming person and might not have realised just how popular and respected he was in the village. He will be missed by many. He leaves son Shane, grandson Finlay, daughter-in-law Andrea, grandson Ayrton, Kate and Erin. The funeral took place at St. Barnabas Church on 20th August 2025. Afterwards Maurice's family and friends gathered at The Shoulder of Mutton to celebrate a life well-lived in the village he loved.

AFTERNOON TEA AT THE GREEN

There will be an **afternoon tea** at Ye Olde Bowling Green between 2pm and 5pm on **Saturday 13th September**. The event is raising money for "Breast Cancer Now" in memory of David Elliot's daughter in law who they sadly lost to breast cancer last year. If you can spare a little time to go long and support this very worthy cause it would be so much appreciated and you just might help save a life.

St. Barnabas Church: September 2025

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14th	09:30	Communion
21st	10:00	Benefice Service (Hope) - Together @ 10
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