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EVENTS

Tues 18: Historical Society: 8pm in St Barnabas Church: "Geology and Landscape Evolution in the White Peak" by Dan Hamer

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE



The Remembrance Service this year will be taking place at **St Barnabas Church on Sunday 9th November**, starting at 10:00 am. The service will be followed by the Act of Remembrance at 10:45 am at the village cenotaph.

A village coffee morning will be held for the Royal British Legion in St Barnabas Church on **Saturday 1st November** from 10am to 11:30am. Everyone is welcome to both events.

BRADWELL WELLS DRESSING AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the wells dressing committee is on **Monday 3rd November at 7pm in the Gallery Room of Bradwell Memorial Hall**. Everyone is welcome!

BREAST CANCER CHARITY EVENT

At the Afternoon Tea held on Saturday 13th September at the Bowling Green to raise funds for the 'Breast Cancer Now' charity the figure for funds raised was a fantastic **£915.00!!!** Many Thanks to Everyone. The fantastic Bakers, the donors to the Raffle, the Volunteers, the wonderful People who donated and bought raffle tickets. I just cannot thank everyone enough. David Elliott

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Starting in November, Hope Valley Climate Action in partnership with Derbyshire Wildlife Trust are planning to plant 6,500 trees to create a new woodland at Overdale. If you are interested in getting involved please send an email to: land@hopevalleyclimateaction.org.uk

THE BROOK



Residents will have noticed all the activity around the brook, which was the Environment Agency clearing some of the debris from the river bed to help improve water flow and to reduce the risk of flooding during severe rain events. Reaction from residents has ranged from highly satisfied to mildly disappointed, but overall we seem to think that the work has made a significant improvement to what had become a river severely restricted by silt and rubble. But this didn't happen by magic. The Parish Council, supported by many individuals has toiled for years to raise the profile of our brook on the Environment Agency work list. They do have numerous other demands on their resources but finally, supported by our County Councillor and even a village meeting with our Member of Parliament, we have been able to get the work done. On behalf of Bradwell we thank the EA for a job well done.

SEND US YOUR NEWS

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PC NOTES

As we enter November council's thoughts are turning towards provision of resilience measures to help keep residents safe during the chillier times. The parish council salt bins should now be full of grit, and we have replaced some broken bins. We are looking into areas that may be missing a bin or could do with another, so if you feel your area is lacking in grit provision please tell the clerk so we can assess the situation. There is also a good supply of grit ready for Cllr Harrison, who does a fantastic job of keeping the roads gritted and safe for residents.

Brook Dredging: We hope that the recent dredging by the Environment Agency will help if there is a huge downpour. Whilst there have been mixed reactions and comments from residents, this job was not approached lightly, and a balance between desilting and maintaining the biodiversity of the brook had to be considered. For those of you who were observing the work carried out you will have noticed that a large amount of rubble and silt was removed, and it is pleasing to see the family of ducks and their feathered friends have returned to the water.

Youth Activities: Council are delighted to announce that the Youth Activities group have been chosen as a recipient of the Co-Op Community fund for the next year. This money will make such a difference to the group because, as we have said before, the group is run by Councillors, but is funded by donations and sponsorship. The youngsters who are benefitting from the group activities would be extremely grateful if any shoppers using the Co-Op chose the scheme to which to donate their dividend. More details can be found on the Co-Op web page. Youth Activities has already received donations from Breedon, Richard Patton and Greg Rimmer, District Councillor Nash, County Councillor Sutton and DDDVCS. Our grateful thanks to them all.

Hallowe'en: It is not too late to enter the best dressed house competition, led by council and sponsored by Jonathon Woodhouse. We look forward to seeing all the houses that have entered so far. For more information, please contact the clerk.

Speed Indicator: The speeding indicator device on Main Road at the junction of Gore Lane has been in place for a month, and the data are interesting. Despite a large amount of residents driving at speeds of 30 mph or lower there are still a high number of vehicles breaking the limit, with recorded speeds of more than 50 mph, which is very worrying. For those who have questioned why the device may show a different speed than your car speedometer, the device is accurate and calibrated correctly. Most car speedometers are slightly inaccurate. This is thought to be a safety measure on vehicles and something our speed watch co-Ordinator George is researching. We are hoping that the data from the device and the work of the speed watch team will help in our push to have a permanent speed camera in stalled.

The **next council meeting** is at 7:30pm in Bradwell War Memorial Hall on **November 4th**, and as always residents are very welcome to attend.

In the meantime for any village related questions or problems, please don't hesitate to contact the parish clerk on parishclerk@bradda.org.

BRADWELL STREET NAMES

Continuing our series of articles on how some of the streets around the village might have got their names.

3 Bradwell Places and Streets:

Hall Gate View – This name is intriguing as it raised the question as to which Hall it relates and where that Hall may be. It may well have been a manor house rather than a large hall. The book "Bradwell Ancient and Modern" gives the following information which could well be significant.

The Marshall family were one of the oldest families in the locality and could boast an unbroken descent of over 600 years which included Elias Marshall de Butts in 1399 and Thomas Marshall a churchwarden of Hope in 1750. The principal seat of this distinguished family was at "The Butts" between Bagshaw Cavern and Outlands Head. Here, they had a large hall which was occupied up to 200 years ago but it was converted to farm buildings which were sadly demolished at the start of the twentieth century. The "Hall Barn" premises are located nearby. The Marshall hall could have been widely visible from a great area as Bradwell was devoid of trees until later in the twentieth century.

Hugh Lane – This lane was reputedly named after Mr. Hugh Middleton, possibly sometime during the mid nineteenth century. In the days before streets were surfaced with tarmac and were instead surfaced with stones and chippings, Mr. Middleton took the trouble to maintain the road surface around Yard Head and Hugh Lane, ensuring adequate drainage and filling the many pot holes caused by the heavy carts using the lane. In gratitude for his effort the locals elected, from the various suggestions made, that the lane be named after him. Around 1940 some residents remember this lane being called Yew Lane, presumably after a Yew tree somewhere on the lane, although there is presently no sign of this tree.

Hungry Lane – This lane is shown on the 1807 Plan of Land having Right of Common and was mentioned by name in the 1819 Enclosure Award, although it may have existed before this time. This lane is described as 'an ancient lane' on the 1820 Enclosure Award Schedule. One thought about the origin of the name is that it dates from the fourteenth century when, following a number years of poor climate, disease and famine it became necessary for the starving peasants to cultivate less fertile, less productive 'hungry' land. Other people think that the lane was named because it was used by lead miners returning hungry after their days work.

To Be Continued.....

AUDREY KIRWIN

Audrey was born in Bradwell on 14th January, 1933 the youngest of the six children of Harold and Sarah Elizabeth Mabbott, who lived at Hallgate View. After leaving school Audrey began working for G&T Earle where she met and married Thomas Kirwin, eventually leaving work to become a full time mum and looking after her six children at The Crescent, Bradwell until they were adults. She then took a position as dinner lady at Hope Valley College, staying there until her eventual retirement.



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Audrey passed away peacefully on 4th August, 2025 at the age of 92, and in the home she loved in Bradwell, where she felt most comfortable and where she was able to practice her passion for cooking and gardening. She leaves behind six children, eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren, and will be greatly missed by all. The family would like to send many thanks to relatives, friends and neighbours for all their kind words, cards and gifts following Mum's death, and also to Paul Tanfield and his team for their help in organising Audrey's final journey.

BAMFORD EVENTS

St John's church in Bamford will be ringing to the sounds of music during November, with two top-notch evenings of folk music. First, on **Saturday 8th November at 7.30pm** is the acclaimed kora player Josh Doughty, who has been playing the kora, a west African 21-stringed harp, since he was just eight years old. First learning from his father, Adam Doughty, Josh was then invited to study under Malian kora legend Toumani Diabate. Since then he has collaborated with leading musicians from Africa and Europe, including Sampha on his Mercury Prize winning album. In 2018 Josh was voted winner of the World Music Category at the Welsh Harp Festival. Two weeks later, on **22nd November, Irish folk band Whiskey in the Jar** play the same venue as part of a series of final farewell concerts, having played together for almost forty years. The four piece band feature fiddle, banjo, whistles and bodhran, as well as guitar and a wide repertoire of great ballads and traditional songs. Support on the night comes from the highly talented Seb Stone, who has been making a name for himself on the folk club circuit and at numerous folk festivals. Seb is an accomplished player of the Irish 'uilleann' pipes, as well as a fine whistle player. Tickets for both events from Ticketsource.co.uk, or Bamford Post Office. Further info. from Phil Taylor: 07958 332858.

SPEED CAMERA UPDATE

George Leeson and the speed watch team have been monitoring data provided by the device (SID) because it stores a record of the speed of all passing vehicles, which can be downloaded. First results show that approximately half of all vehicles approaching the village from Brough are breaking the speed limit at that point, and alarmingly the highest speed was 83mph in the early hours of the morning. We are working with the police to see if we can locate the offender.

HADIT YOU MUST REMEMBER THIS...

There are still seats available for HADIT's production of **Casablanca - The Live Radio Play** at Hope Methodist Hall, Edale Road from **Wednesday 26th to Saturday 29th November, 7.30 pm nightly**. Tickets (£10) via www.ticketsource.co.uk/hadit or through Carolyn on 01433 620665, which is also the contact number for further details.

SMITH - MASKREY



The wedding took place at Bakewell Registry office on Friday 22nd August of Lauren Smith and Mark Maskrey of Crossland Rd. Hathersage. Mark works for JJR Haulage as a lorry driver and Lauren works at The Shoulder of Mutton, where her mum, Lynne, is landlady. Their daughter, Laura Rose was the bridesmaid and brothers Chris and Shaun Ridgeway were best men. On Saturday 23rd, a party for over 85 family and friends

was held at The Shoulder to celebrate the marriage. Music, dancing and an all day barbecue ensured guests were fully entertained! Particular thanks



COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Another year has passed and your Community Library has now been open for **four years**. We are inviting everyone to come and join us to celebrate our 4th birthday anytime (when the Library is open) during week commencing 17th November. You are welcome to bring a friend, whether you are a member or not, and you may also invite your friend to bring a neighbour - the more the merrier. You will most certainly be given an extremely warm welcome, and we will be offering, totally free, a hot drink and a **Birthday Bun**. What more could you want? The library is open at the following times:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 10.00am-12noon;

Tuesday: 6.00pm-7.00pm;

Thursday: 3.00pm-5.00pm.



BRADDA DADS



Bonfire and Fireworks - 1st Nov - Join us on the usual field opposite the community orchard down Michlow. Free entry, donations very welcome! Refreshments available. A procession to the field accompanied by Castleton Brass Band and Bradwell Royalty will start from the Brook Cafe (open for refreshments). Meet 16:30 for departure at 17:15. Bonfire lit at 18:00. Fireworks at 18:30.

Pensioners Lunch - 5th Dec - Get your slips in. If you've missed/lost the slips and would like to attend, please ask Rob at the Post Office.

Bradda Dads Christmas Card 2025 - Delivered to every resident in the village. Please support this wonderful waste-saving fundraiser. See the slip in this issue. Any missing/lost slips please register your interest with Rob at the Post Office.

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MAUREEN KIRKLAND



Born on 19th August 1954 in Chapeltown, Maureen grew up and went to school in the High Green area of Sheffield. She went on to enjoy a career in the NHS, working with children with special needs. In her leisure time, equipped with her "one-man" tent, she would go camping in the Peak District. This is when she discovered Bradwell and Eden Tree Caravan Park and immediately fell in love with what she found there. She made lots of friends and often told them how she planned to buy a static caravan and make Eden Tree her permanent home. Maureen took the plunge in 2010, sold her house and bought a static on Eden Tree. She had "green fingers" and made her pitch into her own lovely secret garden, with a beautiful red acer tree taking pride of place. She met Steve, the site warden and together they bought a motorhome in which they travelled throughout the UK, France, Spain and Portugal. Maureen was very sociable and would often go out with "the girls" for a meal. She enjoyed Quiz Nights at the Shoulder of Mutton and as she often went to gigs, she was always knowledgeable on music questions. She loved Bradwell Carnival Day, always dressing up in costume and taking part in street collections for Bradwell Preschool. She put much effort into fundraising for the Preschool and would organise raffles and coffee and cake days on site. Over the years the caravan community has raised hundreds of pounds, allowing the school to purchase valuable resources for the children. Maureen passed away on 30th September 2025, aged 72. She was a much loved member of the local community and will be missed by her many friends and cherished family. She leaves a son, 2 daughters, 4 grandchildren, a brother and her partner, Steve. The funeral service was at Grenoside Crematorium on 28th October. Donations in memory of Maureen are for Bradwell Preschool.

BRADDA FLOWER POWER



Our flower pots on the way up to the Dale have been spectacular this year. For this we all owe thanks to George Leeson and his waterers who have kept them looking great through all the dry weather. We could do the same at the Sports Club end if we had some volunteer waterers. Anyone interested please let us know.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

St Barnabas will be hosting the village Christmas Tree Festival from Dec 13th - Dec 24th. The church looks beautiful, refreshments are available during the weekend opening times, and our visitor numbers grow each year. It is a great opportunity to showcase your village group or business, so if you haven't displayed a tree before and are interested, please contact Jane Dalrymple on 621172. I will soon be in touch with everyone who displayed trees last year, and volunteer stewards are greatly appreciated. Rota sheets will be placed at the back of church nearer the time. Thank you.

ROPE MAKING WORKSHOP

On **Sunday 23rd November in Edale Village Hall** there will be the last Rope Making and Knot Tying workshop this Autumn. This is an exciting opportunity to learn a new craft using natural fibres and led by local artist, Hanna Varga. There are morning and afternoon sessions, 9am to Noon for families and 2 to 5pm for curious adults. New things will be taught which have not been taught in previous sessions, so please come again if you have attended before.

St. Barnabas Church: November 2025

2nd	11:00	All Age Worship
9th	10:15	Remembrance Service and War Memorial
16th	09:30	Communion
23rd	10:00 16:00	Celtic Worship Said Communion
30th	10:00	Advent Sunday - Rev'd Simon Cocksedge

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