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REMEMBRANCE SERVICE



This year's village remembrance service will be held at St Barnabas Church on **Sunday 8th November** commencing at 10.15am, followed by the act of remembrance at the village cenotaph at 10.45am everyone is welcome to attend.

A coffee morning at St Barnabas Church for the Royal British Legion will be held on **Saturday 7th November** between 10.00am and 11.30am. Your support is greatly appreciated, and everyone is welcome to attend.
Ian Hancock, RBL Poppy Appeal

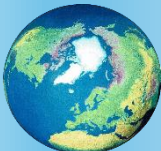
BRADWELL COMMUNITY ORCHARD

Due to the exceptional weather this year, all the apples in the orchard ripened a month or two earlier than usual. Apple Day is normally around 20th October, but most apples had finished by then. There was a reasonable harvest during August, and we even had apples to sell for Gala Day, but most apples were small and quickly dropped. The wildlife has enjoyed the windfalls that we did not manage to clear during our work parties and the birds have gorged themselves on those left on the trees.

In the coming years it is likely that we will need to hold Apple Day in September. Fingers crossed for next year.
Bridget Stewart



THE PEOPLE'S EMERGENCY BRIEFING



Come to watch this 50-minute non-political film presenting the latest evidence on the Climate and Nature Crisis. It explains the serious risks and the positive solutions that could help solve these problems.

**Friday 27th November 2026 at 7pm
in the Memorial Hall**

Light refreshments. Everyone is welcome.
Recommended for age 16 and over.

To book your **free** place scan the QR code or go to:
<https://www.nebriefing.org/screening-map>



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PICKLEBALL

Bradwellness is excited to announce our first activity project - Bradwell pickleball. With the support of members from Bamford Tennis Club, we're hoping to bring pickleball to the village and get everyone involved. Unlike tennis, which can be a little intimidating for anyone new to the game, pickleball is easy, fun and low impact making it a great activity for beginners and something that can be enjoyed by people of all ages.

Fancy having a go? Pop along to our free open afternoon on **Saturday 7th November** at the Memorial Hall between 2pm and 5pm. All ages are welcome, entry is free and no experience is necessary. All equipment will be provided but please wear comfortable clothes and sturdy shoes.

This project would not have been possible without the help of a local community grant from Andy Nash at Derbyshire Dales and we would like to sincerely thank Andy for enabling a donation of equipment to the village to get us up and running.

We hope to see you there. Any questions please get in touch on bradwellness@hotmail.com.
Vanessa Ball



THANK YOU

The Bingo season is now over, and we can report that Memorial Hall funds are now £1,078 better off.

Our thanks to Ray, Bridget, Dave, and Stephen for their efforts, and to our players who make it all possible and worthwhile.

Brian Salisbury

WINNING LOTTO NUMBERS

The winning numbers in the October Lotto are:

196 - £60; 30 - £30; 166 - £15

SEND US YOUR NEWS

It is **free** to place an article in the Bradwell News, so please send news about your events, activities and groups by email to: bradwellnews@gmail.com or call Nicky (620688) or Steve (620329). You can also leave handwritten copy at the Post Office.

For questions on advertising please contact Paul (623941) or email paul@paulandliz.org.

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The Brook: The warm summer has resulted in low water levels in the brook and growth of weed in the riverbed. There are concerns that, once water levels rise the weed will impede a steady water flow and possibly cause flooding. The Parish Council is in contact with the Environment Agency to remove the weed but these discussions can be difficult. Whilst we had hoped that dredging might become an annual activity this unfortunately does not appear to be the case. We will keep pushing for a result. Although we can't be sure how wet our winter is going to be, the Council has replenished our sandbag stocks, which are available to residents at risk of flooding. Visit www.bradda.org to access our Flood Plan and advice on what to do in the event of a flood. Also, the Environment Agency has launched a free Flood Warning Service to give people valuable time to act if flooding is expected. Residents can sign up at www.gov.uk/get-flood-warnings to receive warnings by phone, text, or email. Further information can be found at www.gov.uk/browse/environment-countryside/flooding-extreme-weather.

New Councillor: Council welcomes our newest councillor, Ben Morley. Ben brings a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm, and we are confident he will make a valuable contribution to Council business and village matters. He also has some great plans and ideas to boost business in the village.

Parish Council Elections: An early reminder that elections for parish councillors will take place next May. Please ensure you are registered to vote so you can take part when the time comes. Voting is one of the most effective ways to influence who represents you. If eligible, you may also consider standing as a candidate. Your ideas, experience and commitment could make a real difference. Local decisions shape the services we use, the streets where we live, and the amenities available to residents.

Mini Switzerland: Council are in direct contact with the steering group for this project. Our responsibility is to make sure that residents, including those without access to social media are aware of the latest facts, so that any circulating rumours can be checked for accuracy. To this end we have placed some printed FAQs relating to the project in the Post Office. If you can't find one or would like a copy by e-mail, please contact the Clerk.

Grant Funding: We remind village groups that applications remain open for the Section 137 Grant Fund. The process is straightforward: complete the application form, attach a bank statement and recent accounts, and attend a parish council meeting, if possible, to support your case. We particularly welcome applications from new groups or those who have not applied before. For more information, please email the Clerk or visit www.bradda.org where we recommend reviewing the S137 Grant Policy to ensure eligibility.

Council Meetings: Residents are welcome to attend council meetings to raise issues, put forward ideas or to simply observe. The next meeting is on **Tuesday 3rd November** at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall. For assistance or village related queries you can contact the Clerk on 07730370759 or parishclerk@bradda.org.

NEWBURGH HALL

This is the fourth instalment from the report by Steve Lawless.

In 1961 the offices moved from the lower floor of the Hall which was then converted into a bar. Newburgh Club then opened which was used as a private members social club for workers and anyone else that wanted to join. This Club was an extremely popular entertainment venue in the village with the bar downstairs and modern dances such as the Quickstep, Waltz, Foxtrot and Jitterbug being held upstairs.



Isaac Middleton acted as doorman and played records on a record player. A glitter ball was installed for added effect. Bingo evenings, film shows, Saturday cabaret evenings, comedians and live bands were all staged here. Workers from the NEC shop floor were variously employed as stewards to run the Club. For a long while Roman Catholic services were held in one wing of these premises helped especially by Isaac's wife Mrs Lin Middleton. The Hall was also used for occasional medical surgeries by local doctors and midwives. However, this Club eventually closed in August 1997.

Most of this building was then used as an Antiques Emporium with an associated café. Full-time staff were employed to manage the business while many antique dealers exhibited their antiques and collectables there over the two floors. The Emporium was well known beyond the immediate area with visitors coming from afar. However, after a few years it was decided to close the Emporium in 2007, which then left the Hall vacant for a while.



BRADWELL WELL DRESSING COMMITTEE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 23rd November 2026

at 7pm

in Bradwell Memorial Hall

Everyone is welcome to come along!

Rosemary Earl



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GENEROUS COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Bradwell Infants and Nursery would like to send their heartfelt thanks to several families, friends, local businesses and community organisations whose generous donations and support have helped enhance the learning environment for the children over the past year. The school has benefited from a number of valuable contributions that are making a real difference to pupils' experiences both inside and outside the classroom.

Among those recognised are **Frank Cooper Senior** and **Maureen Kirkland**, whose generous donation of an interactive whiteboard and laptop has provided the children and staff in the nursery with access to enhanced digital learning opportunities. The Infants would also like to thank **Mister Carpet** for donating a rug for the Year 1 classroom. The new addition has helped create a comfortable and welcoming learning space for pupils. Further thanks go to **Breedon**, whose support enabled an upgrade to the school gates, improving their appearance and security. Their generosity has helped us improve our facilities and resources, providing benefits that our children will enjoy every day. On behalf of all the staff, pupils and governors at Bradwell Infants and Nursery, we would like to offer our sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed. The school hopes that publicly acknowledging these acts of kindness will highlight the positive impact that community partnerships can have on local schools. Bradwell Infants and Nursery remains committed to providing the best possible learning environment for its children and is grateful for the continued support it receives from the wider community.

Deborah Hobson, Business Manager

FRIENDS OF BRADWELL SCHOOLS

We are delighted to share that, thanks to the incredible generosity of our community, over £1,100 was raised for our schools at our Mini Circuit on 23rd September! The children took part in a fantastic range of fun activities, including the challenge of walking through baked beans!

We would like to say a huge and heartfelt thank you to every single person who sponsored the children and supported this event. It truly wouldn't be possible without you. Your generosity makes such a wonderful difference to our children's education and experiences. Thanks to this support, FOBS will now be able to fund the transport for the children at Infants to enjoy an exciting trip to see a play at Christmas!

As a committee, we really value our strong community ties and work hard to provide our children with enriching and memorable experiences. We are always grateful for support, whether that's financial or volunteering your time.

If you would like to help FOBS, we do have a JustGiving page, or for anything else please email us at bradwellfobs@gmail.com.

Finally, our amazing Christmas Raffle will be back! Keep an eye out for us selling tickets in November and December. There will be some fantastic prizes to look forward to!

Thank you once again for your incredible support. We really couldn't do it without you!

FOBS Committee

STEP OUT TOGETHER: Walking in your community



Walking with other people is good for us in more ways than one. It's easier to keep going with company, and conversation comes naturally side by side. This autumn, Hope Valley Climate Action is offering two ways to get out walking with others.

Why does walking make a difference?

Regular walking is one of the simplest things we can do for our health. It strengthens the heart, helps with joints and balance, and improves sleep. Just as importantly, it lifts our mood. Time outdoors and a friendly face can ease stress, anxiety and loneliness, especially through the darker months.

Walking in a group also builds confidence. If you've been unwell, lost your nerve after a fall, or simply got out of the habit, going out with others can be the first step back. Many people find that a regular walk soon becomes a trip to the shop, the bus stop, a café or church, and with it a chance to see familiar faces and stay connected to village life.

New wellness walks with Evelyn Medical Centre

Thanks to Move More funding, we're working with Evelyn Medical Centre in Hope to run fortnightly wellness walks. They're gentle, friendly and open to all abilities. Nobody gets left behind, and there's always time to stop and chat. Walks start at the Evelyn Medical Centre every other Tuesday, 11.30- 12.30 pm. The route is 0.6km, wheelchair-friendly and takes roughly 20 minutes, then we return to the surgery for complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits. Free to attend, no need to book, just drop in. Upcoming dates are: **10th and 24th November** and **8th and 22nd December**, then we start again on 5th January 2027.

Litter picking: a walk with a mission



If you would like a slightly longer walk and one with a purpose, join one of our litter picks. We provide all the equipment. It's a satisfying way to get moving, meet neighbours and care for the valley we all love. Please check our website for dates.

For more information, contact us at info@hopevalleyclimateaction.org.uk

or visit www.hopevalleyclimateaction.org.uk

Emily Gait, Move More Community Engagement Lead, HVCA



BRADDA DADS



Bradda Dads Bonfire – remember, remember **7th November!**

Pensioners Lunch - Friday 4th December. Please fill in and return the enclosed slip or let Rob at the Post Office or another Bradda Dad know if you wish to attend!

Christmas Card - Please complete the enclosed slip or use our new online QR code to be included in this year's card. This is a great way to save waste and wish everyone in the village a Merry Christmas, while helping support Bradda Dads.

Boxing Day Duck Race - Tickets will be on sale at the Co-op on **Saturday 12th December.** More information nearer the time.

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BRADWELL CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



St Barnabas will again be hosting the village Christmas Tree Festival from **11th – 24th December**. It is a great opportunity to showcase your village group or business. If you haven't displayed a tree before and are interested, please contact me, Jane Dalrymple, on tel. 621172 for more details. The church always looks beautiful, refreshments will be available during the weekend opening times, and our visitor numbers are growing year on year. I will shortly be in touch with everyone who displayed trees last year, and if you'd like to volunteer to steward a one or two-hour slot that would be greatly appreciated; rota sheets will be placed at the back of church nearer the time. Thank you.

Jane Dalrymple

ST BARNABAS CHRISTMAS FAIR

A date for your diary, **Saturday 5th December**, 10am - 11.30am in the Memorial Hall. Festive fun with Father Christmas in his grotto, lots of stalls and lovely refreshments.

Jane Dalrymple

THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR 2027

You are invited to join a group from Bradwell, Hope and the Valley to celebrate the 50th anniversary of this extravaganza of non-stop singing, dancing, music, humour and variety. Travelling with Andrew's of Tideswell on **Monday 8th November 2027** from Bradwell, Hope or Hathersage. The package includes: coach travel; 3 night's/4 day's dinner, bed and breakfast at The Knights Hill Hotel & Spa, King's Lynn; a performance of The Christmas Spectacular and a day excursion (to be arranged).

Price: £491 per person, excluding admission cost for the day excursion. A deposit of £50 is required to secure a booking.

To book call Rachel Croft on tel. 07814 404713, or for further information call Ray Burton on tel. 07494 426563.

Ray Burton

HAIL BRADDA!



Join friends and neighbours for an evening of festive singing at the White Hart again this year on **Thursday 24th December** between 8.30pm and 11pm. Traditional and local carols.

Practice sessions at 6-7pm in the White Hart on **5th, 12th and 19th December**. Everyone welcome!

Rosemary Earl

EVENTS IN NOVEMBER



Details of regular weekly events can be found at <https://bradda.org/village-organisations/>.

- Tuesday 3rd** Parish Council 7.30pm in Memorial Hall
- Wednesday 4th** Lotto draw 8pm in the Shoulder of Mutton
- Saturday 7th** Community Café 10 – 11.30am in St Barnabas
Pickleball 2 – 5pm in Memorial Hall
Bradda Dads Bonfire 5.30pm on Micklow Field
- Tuesday 10th** Wellness Walk 11.30am Evelyn Medical Centre, Hope
- Tuesday 17th** Historical Society 'The Old Shoulder' by Katrina Lancaster 8pm in St Barnabas Church
- Monday 23rd** Well Dressing AGM 7pm in Memorial Hall
- Tuesday 24th** Wellness Walk 11.30am Evelyn Medical Centre, Hope
- Thursday 26th** Mobile Library 1.30 – 4.20pm at Trent Garage car park
- Friday 27th** People's Emergency Briefing 7pm in Memorial Hall

LATE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

The Bradwell News Team are sorry for the late delivery of the October edition. This was due to an error by the printers which was picked up after the copies were dispatched. Printexpress apologised for this oversight and promptly arranged a reprint and courier delivery.

The Editor

CHURCH SERVICES November 2026

	1 st	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Barnabas, Bradwell
	8 th	10.15am	Remembrance Service at St. Barnabas, Bradwell
	15 th	10.00am	Together@10 Benefice service at St Peter's, Hope
	22 nd	10.00am 4.00pm	Celtic Worship at St. Barnabas, Bradwell Said Communion at St Edmund's, Castleton
	29 th	10.00am	Benefice Communion at St. Barnabas, Bradwell
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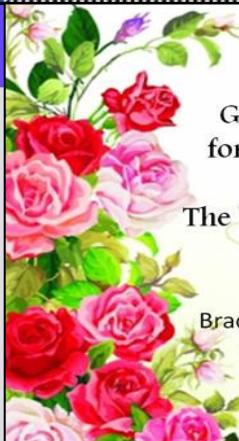
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