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The Parish Council meetings are held in the Methodist Chapel school room at 7.30pm on the third Tuesday of each month, with a summer break in either August or September. All are welcome to attend. Agendas and Minutes can be found at bradleyvillage.org and in noticeboards at the village playing field and village hall.
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BRADLEY NEWS

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Chair's update

The arrival of Storm Bert has caused widespread disruption across the country and is a timely reminder that weather-related events of this type are likely to become more common with the progress of global heating. It is also increasingly apparent that the extent to which communities such as our own can rely on central and local government will be limited in the future: quite simply, neither have unlimited resources. Your Parish Council firmly believes that local communities should, so far as possible, try to make their own arrangements to provide support and assistance with both disruptive events and with at least some of the day-to-day business of looking after our village.

To this end, the Parish Council has launched a volunteering initiative led by Councillor Veronicka Dancer in an attempt to harness locally available skills to the benefit of all of us. You will find details elsewhere in this edition of Bradley News but the Parish Council would urge all its readers to pause and consider the areas in which they might be able to assist. Our ability to deal with major national events such as Storm Bert will, of course, be limited but every bit of local effort can, potentially, make a difference.

Other local news includes the welcome promise that RN Wooler will shortly re-start their long-delayed work on the canalside development. Other planning issues include the development of the Skipton Road site. RN Wooler's planning application to develop the site is currently still under consideration by North Yorkshire Council and, no doubt, a decision will be made before long. In the meantime, central government has almost doubled the number of new houses it expects to be built in North Yorkshire despite cross-party protest from North Yorkshire's councillors. Clearly, planning and house building is an issue which is going to remain with us for some time to come.

The Parish Council was saddened to learn of the demise of the Bradley Football Club. It is to be hoped that the club can be revived in some form or other in the near future but, like the volunteering initiative, that will require local support. The playing fields were given to the Parish Council by Harold Green in 1976 to '... use as a playing field and area of public recreation in perpetuity for the inhabitants of the... Parish.' They form a valuable resource for the community and the Parish Council would like to see the fullest possible use of them by and for the benefit of the village.

That will include, in particular, the reconstruction of the playground – a subject which attracted much lively comment at the village open day in October – but that will come at a significant cost and will necessitate a considerable fund-raising effort by the Parish Council and the community at large.

That leads on to the Parish Council's budget for the coming year, 2025/26, which is now under active consideration. The annual precept received by the Parish Council is around £22,000 and constitutes by far the largest part of our income. It is spent in large part on the maintenance of property owned by the parish council including, in the current year, the repair of damage caused to the cricket pavilion by a water leak (approx. £3,000), Yorkshire Water's bill for the water used during the leak (£4,000, although we have secured a reduction) and the replacement of one of several lamp posts owned by the Parish Council in High Bradley Lane (£1,500).

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THANK YOU

Thank you to all the groups who attended the Parish Council Open Day on Saturday 19th October in the Village Hall.

The day was well attended with lots of information shared between the groups and residents, and to those who volunteered to join various groups—thank you.

Thanks also to the Village Hall for freely hosting the day.

Bradleys Both Parish Council

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

The Parish Council is compiling a free A-Z directory for local residents to be able to contact local tradespeople. If you would like to add your details to the directory please get in touch.

Email: bradleysbothparishcouncil@gmail.com

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Volunteering initiative

If you have a skill/talent that could help the Community and you would like to volunteer your services please get in touch on bradleysbothparishcouncil@gmail.com put FAO of Cllr Dancer in the subject line and let us know how you can help.

These are all 'one-off' items of expenditure before one comes to the costs of simply running the Parish Council (clerk's salary, IT costs, printing and stationery and so on). Thus our limited financial resources are pretty thinly spread: a consideration which makes the use of volunteer effort all the more important.

Finally, the Parish Council would like to thank all those who made presentations at the village open day on 19 October 2024. It was a lively event which demonstrated the high level of community awareness in the village. Let us hope that will continue into the future and find an expression in some of the initiatives mentioned above.

Cllr Edward Coulson, Chair

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Art Exhibition and Table Top Sale in Bradley Village Hall 11-4pm Saturday 7th December

Andy's Man Club, Skipton opens Monday 2nd December 7pm –9pm at Unit 2, Marton Mills Business Unit, Sawley Street [#AndysManClub](#)

St. Mary's Bradley—Carol Service Sunday 8th December at 5pm

Be a Part of Our Playground Redevelopment!

The Parish Council is excited to announce plans to update and replace the playground area and equipment, creating a vibrant, safe and fun space for our community's children.

We are at the early stages of this exciting project, with estimated costs of around **£60,000**. To achieve this, we're exploring grants and plan to consult with the school to ensure the children's ideas and preferences are included in the final design.

But we need **your help** to make it happen!

We're forming a group of enthusiastic volunteers to assist with fundraising efforts. Whether you have experience in fundraising, great ideas to share, or simply a passion for supporting the community, we'd love for you to join us.

To get involved, please contact the Parish Council and let us know you'd like to be added to the group:

Email: bradleysbothparishcouncil@gmail.com

Together, we can create a playground that our children will remember for years to come!

Bradley In Bloom

The work on the development of the community orchard at Sweet Croft meadow, below Bradley Cemetery, continues.

Volunteers have cleared around each fruit tree and applied compost to give the trees a good start next season. Over the next few years fruit will be available to Bradley residents.

Members have decided to rename Bradley in Bloom in order to better reflect the broad nature of its purpose, which includes protecting the biodiversity of the parish.

Over the coming months the new name will be used. We will call the group: **BRADLEY ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP**

We now take care of six small areas in the parish as meadow land. These areas are becoming rich with wild flowers and insects, which will not only be attractive, but support our bird and small mammal populations.

We are currently discussing with Bradley Parish Council the possibility of setting up a community garden hub (hut) building near the existing community garden to the rear of the village hall. This would be a large enough to provide the following:

Meeting hub for Bradley Environmental Group volunteers.

Friendship hub for our community.

Talking space for small gardening & environmental groups.

Workshop space for small groups of children and adults.

Potting up plants and swapping seeds /plants.

Community events, including apple press days, providing apple juice to the village.

Notice board of upcoming events, available produce & recipes.

This proposed project is designed to provide a focal point for the maintenance and protection of our fragile environment, support endeavours which beautify our village and activities which allow community spirit to flourish.

Our District Councillor, Andy Brown, has already pledged his support, subject to Bradley Parish Council's approval.



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BRADLEY FOOTBALL CLUB

After 53 years Bradley Football Club has had to disband. The current club was formed in 1971. For two seasons now the team has played away from Bradley whilst efforts have been ongoing to improve the playing surface at the playing fields. The Parish Council had secured a Football Foundation Grant, and a contractor had been selected to carry out works in Spring 2025 which would have enabled the team to return home for season 25/26. It is, therefore, even more regrettable that the Club has been unable to survive long enough to see this long-awaited return.

At this level of football there are two essential elements. Firstly, there must be an organising committee & officers, secondly there must be sufficient players registered to ensure that you are always able to field a team despite injuries and unavailability. For the last 10 years we have been restricted to one team. Despite the pandemic, the feeling within the club was optimistic for the future. However at the end of last season we lost 6 players who had been consistently available. During the summer we recruited new players and on paper we had at least 18 to 20 players who you would expect to be available most weeks. However, by late September/early October it was becoming apparent that we were struggling with availability. We had a further meeting and decided that this was not sustainable financially and without commitment from players, the second element of running a football team at this level, we would have to withdraw the team from the League. It was with great reluctance that this decision was taken.

I would like to thank all those who in recent times have helped the Club. In particular Ben Ramsden & Andrew Waite for their efforts in the face of the difficulties. I also would like to thank The Parish Council for their support, and Richard Webster of the Cricket Club.

David Spencer - Bradley FC Chairman

Bradley Methodist Church Christmas Events and Times

Regular worship Sunday 10.30am Sunday School meet at the same time (children are welcome to join us from 10.15 onwards in the schoolroom) As usual we are decorating our Church windows for Advent and Christmas, we invite any of the village groups to decorate a window, representing your group with our theme for this year "A Winter Wonderland"

Christmas Carols and switch on of the village tree lights **Sat 30th November 6.00 pm** (first chance to view the church windows)

Soup and Sandwich lunch **Tuesday 3rd December**, This continues the first Tuesday of each month in the New Year

Coffee Morning and sale of crafts, (another chance to view the church windows) **Saturday 14th December** the usual first Saturday of the month Coffee Morning will resume in January.

Christmas Messy Church **Friday 20th December 2024 3.30 - 5.30pm**

Family Nativity Service, presented by the Sunday School cafe style, **breakfast served from 10.15 am Sunday 22nd December**

Carol and Christingle Service **Sunday 22nd December** 6.00pm

Christmas Day service 10.30am bring an unwrapped gift to open with us.

***Everyone is welcome at any of the services and activities,
The Methodist Church wish to extend blessings
and wishes of goodwill to one and all***



Bradley Cricket Club

Looking forward to the 2025 season

Following on from the Second Division title win in 2023 the first team maintained their place in the First Division in 2024.

The Second XI won the Craven League Division Four and were runners up in the Cowling Cup, They are promoted to the Third Division in 2025.

Harry Andrews won the League four batting average and **Luke Watson** won the league bowling averages.



Your Bradley Environmental Group has ambitious aims. At October's Bradley Open Day several residents came forward to volunteer, which is very encouraging. If you would like to volunteer and join our group to help look after your parish, do contact us by

email:

info@bradleyinbloom.org

or mobiles: 07823 347561 / 07840 548336



VILLAGE HALL NEWS

It has been another busy period at the hall. We have just launched a new system making it much easier and quicker to make and manage bookings online. Scan the QR code below and select the '**bookings & availability**' tab to find out more. The new BVH Facebook page is now live and upgrades to our kitchen facilities have commenced.



Our regular groups continue to provide a great variety of activities so take a look at the calendar on our website to discover what's on offer. At the end of the year we will be saying goodbye to Will and Gemma from Theatre Works Academy. They have had a very successful year at BVH and we are thrilled to have been able to help them grow their youth theatre classes. They now require a bigger venue and so we wish them every success for the future.

Finally we would like to wish all of our users and the wider Bradley community a very **Happy Christmas!**



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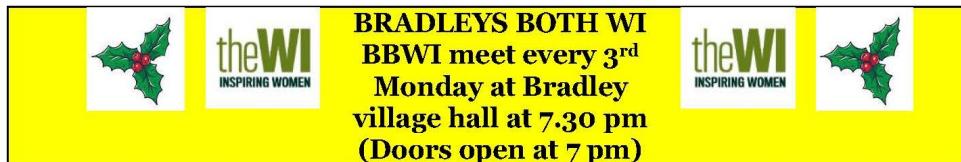
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SEASONS GREETINGS FROM ALL OF US AT BRADLEYS BOTH WI

2024 has been a busy year for your village WI. We have enjoyed a full and varied programme of monthly meetings with activities including T'ai Chi, Japanese paper crafting and even our very own WI Olympics. We have welcomed speakers who have talked on topics such as travels to Everest and, closer to home, the history of Bradleys Both village boundaries. In October and November we hosted 2 local businesses; Herd and Hive and Fusion Artisan Chocolate – we would highly recommend the fantastic products that both of these companies produce on our doorstep. Our summer outing was to beautiful East Riddlesden Hall and for our festive social we are visiting The Tempest Arms. We have also launched the BBWI Book Group, which meets once a month and enjoys a wide variety of titles.

The Women's Institute is a national organisation split into regional Federations. BBWI are part of the North Yorkshire West Federation. Through our links with NYWFBI we are able to offer our members a variety of trips, activities and learning opportunities on top of what we provide right here in Bradleys Both. We also join the WI nationally in campaigning for important social issues such as Clean Rivers, An End to Modern Slavery and Tackling Climate Change. Each year we vote for a special resolution to champion; this year is DENTAL HEALTH MATTERS, a campaign aimed at saving NHS dentistry. For more information on this vitally important issue, please visit the WI website. You can also sign a petition that will be presented at 10 Downing Street once 250,000 signatures have been received. Get online and get involved! Every one of us deserves access to an affordable, local dentist.

For 2025 we are planning another exciting and interesting programme of events for our members and guests. Please keep an eye out in the village shop, village hall, methodist chapel and on Bradley Facebook page for our new programme, which we hope to share in December.

So, from BBWI, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We would like to thank our committee, our members and everyone who has supported our WI this year. We are a very friendly bunch at BBWI – we'd love to welcome you in 2025.

If you have questions or would like further information on BBWI, please contact secretarybradbothwi@gmail.com