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Wildflower Walk: 17th June at 6pm. Details next month.

EVENTS

Sat 3: Community Coffee Morning: Methodist Hall: 10am to 11:30am. All proceeds to the Bowls Club.

Tues 20: Historical Society: 8pm in the Methodist Hall: "Women of Antarctica" by Andy Smith

Bradda Lotto: £60 - No.107; £30 - No. 174; £15 - No. 60

LOOK UP TO THE SKIES



The first Swallow and House Martins returning to Bradwell this year were spotted on 1st April by Bertie, who lives at the Post Office. Will Bertie be the first person to spot the first Swift arriving back from Africa in May again, or can anyone else in the village beat him?! Please send your reports for Swifts, House Martins and Swallows to: bradwellswiftreports@gmail.com or chat to

Delphine or Sally on our Swift walk around the village on Saturday, 28th June. Meet next to the bridge on the main road adjacent to Brook buildings, 8pm start. All are welcome.

HEDGEHOGS



How can you help our endangered Hedgehogs?

Hedgehogs, particularly in rural areas, are in trouble. Here are some suggestions of how you can help them:

1. Create a "Hedgehog Highway" in your garden to surrounding areas by making a 5"x 5" square hole in fences/walls to allow Hedgehogs to go through.
2. Provide a dish of clean water at ground level each day.
3. If you have a pond, ensure it has one side with a gentle slope/ramp to allow safe access in and out.
4. Hedgehogs are a gardener's friend, eating slugs and snails etc. so avoid using pesticides that poison the ecosystem.
5. Consider creating log and leaf piles for hedgehogs under a hedge or in a quiet corner of the garden.
6. Before mowing or strimming check the area first for Hedgehogs. If you have a robotic lawnmower, don't run it at night.
7. If you have a bonfire aim to build it on the day, and always check for hibernating or nesting Hedgehogs.

This year we are trying to build up an accurate picture of where Hedgehogs are still surviving in Bradwell, so please send your sightings to: hedgehogs.bradwell@gmail.com

JOHN EDWARD LAWSON The Original Mr. Carpet



John was born on 16th March 1951 in Sheffield, eldest of the three sons of Irene and Arthur Lawson. He left school at 15 and went to work as a trainee, learning to sew carpets. By the age of 16 he was working as a trainee carpet fitter for large department stores such as Debenhams and Cole Brothers, before starting his own business, contracting to the same shops in 1975. John and Jenny met in 1967 when they were both 16 years old and married 3 years later in Ecclesall Church.

They went on to have two children, Stephen and Sarah and three grandchildren, Dylan, Saachin and Hari. They opened their first shop together on Ecclesall Road, Sheffield in 1983. Steve joined the "Mister Carpet" business, aged 16 in 1994, before John retired and Steve became the new "Mister Carpet" [Rug]. The new "Mister Carpet" shop on Netherside opened in 2019, with John and Steve, Jenny and Jo. For many years, John played darts and dominoes in Sheffield and the Hope Valley and was Vice Chair of Hope Valley Darts and Dominoes League, organising fixtures and presentation nights. John and Steve sponsored Bradwell Football Club for 24 years. As support crew they were part of Bradwell Cycling Club which raised £17,500 for various charities over a period of seven years. John loved Bradwell Wakes Week and enjoyed appearing on the floats, such as "Bradda Airways". On 21 February 2025, John passed away peacefully at home in Bradwell, with his family around him, as was his wish. A funeral service was held at Hutcliffe Wood Crematorium on 21st March 2025, followed by a celebration of John's life at The Shoulder of Mutton. The family send a big thank you to Jayne and her team for the care they gave to John in his final days.

SEND US YOUR NEWS

The views expressed in this Newsletter are not necessarily those of the editorial team. Please send news by e-mail to: paul@paulandliz.org or call Paul (623941), Andy (623483) or Steve (620329). You can also leave hand written copy at the Post Office. For questions on advertising please contact Caroline carolinepreston37@gmail.com

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PC NOTES

CCTV: The new CCTV system on Town Bottom toilet block is up and running. The toilets are now open 24 hours a day and there have been no more reports of vandalism. These cameras are purely for safety and to deter crime. The only time the records are accessed is if we have an incident, and there no permanent monitoring.

Speeding: Council have approved the addition of an electronic speed indicator device for use in the village. These devices are a large LED display which registers vehicle speeds and will display a happy or sad face, depending on whether you are over or under the speed limit. Residents might have seen these devices in action in other locations nearby. Our unit will be solar powered and will be connected to an app which will also tell us how many vehicles have passed, as well as their speed. We are working with the Speed-watch team and police to determine the best location. We also require permission from Derbyshire County Council and other relevant authorities and once we have this we will begin the installation. Generally, these devices have been proven to reduce speeding by approximately 20% so we believe this will be a big step in the fight against speeding. The Speed-watch team will still be out and about in various parts of the village as well and they are always in need of volunteers. If you can spare around an hour per month to engage in this rewarding task then please contact the clerk.

Carnival: Carnival is approaching and the first planning meeting, held in March, was a success with some great ideas being shared. It has been confirmed that the additional Friday evening will take place again plus some other fun things during the week. If you would like to plan an event during Gala, please let the clerk know so that we can ensure all items are added to the programme of events in time. The next committee meeting will be on June 27th and everyone is welcome to attend.

Potholes: Council is aware that potholes in the village are becoming increasingly problematic. While the Clerk can report these via the Derbyshire County Council website, residents are encouraged to do it as well. In fact, it is essential that as many people as possible report them so that DCC are aware of what a huge problem they are. It is helpful, but not essential to have photographic evidence. The website for reporting them is www.derbyshire.gov.uk

Meetings: Council would like to remind residents that they are always welcome at council meetings. These take place on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm in The Methodist Lounge, Towngate.

APM: Every year we hold the Annual Parish Meeting, which allows us to present to you what we have been doing for the last twelve months. This year the meeting is at 7:30pm on 22nd April in Bradwell War Memorial Hall, where refreshments will be served. This is a little more informal than the monthly council meetings and you will have a chance to ask questions and get a more in-depth explanation about what we have been doing. We do hope to see as many residents there as possible.

For all concerns or questions please contact: Parish Clerk parishclerk@bradda.org

HOPE VALLEY CLIMATE ACTION

HVCA has always made advocating for policy change a key part of our activities. This is because we recognise that whilst it is vital to take local action to address the climate crisis, it is a global issue, which will require action at national and international level. The Hope Valley is split between two Parliamentary constituencies: High Peak in the West and Derbyshire Dales in the East. Recently we were pleased to be able to meet both MPs together: Jon Pearce for High Peak and John Whitby for Derbyshire Dales. We briefed them on our work to improve public transport, highlighting the need for more, and more reliable, bus services, linked to more frequent trains, and real time information. We asked them to suggest to East Midlands Mayor Claire Ward that her proposed Peak Partnership Summit with the South Yorkshire and Greater Manchester Mayors should include a discussion about integrated transport for the Hope Valley. We discussed energy use and generation and the need for long term funding streams supporting retrofit of housing (to improve insulation and energy efficiency). We also asked them to press the Secretary of State to support regulatory changes to allow the introduction of local energy markets, allowing renewable energy generators to sell surplus electricity locally, rather than to the grid, which could allow for cheaper local supply. We also discussed the urgent need for longer term support for farmers and other land owners and managers to help them manage land sustainably, now that the Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) funding has finished. Although clearly the MPs could not promise changes in Government policy, a constructive conversation was had, which will, we hope, lead to further dialogue.

PEAK PHYSIO AND INJECTION

Residents might be interested to know that "Peak Physio and Injection" is a new physiotherapy clinic based within Christa's Hair Design on Towngate. Run by two experienced local physiotherapists, they provide expert treatment for a wide range of conditions, including arthritis, sporting injuries and overuse issues such as De Quervain's, carpal tunnel, and tendinopathies. In addition to hands-on physiotherapy, they offer advanced treatments such as steroid and hyaluronic acid injections, which can help manage pain and improve mobility for conditions like arthritis and repetitive strain injuries. This is a new clinic, and they are happy to accommodate appointment times where possible. To book you can call in to discuss your needs or book online via their website. You can also find them on Facebook and Instagram (@peakphysioandinjection).

FIRST AID COURSE

Do you need to obtain or renew your first aid certificate? I am running an Emergency First Aid at Work course in Hope on 1st May. This one-day course is designed to be suitable for both workplaces, community groups and is also suitable for people just wanting to learn the most essential first aid skills. To book the course please visit whatsnottohike.co.uk/product/efaw/. For more information or to book a private course please email me, (Lizzy) at info@whatsnottohike.co.uk.



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CELEBRATION

Celebrate and remember the "Victory in Europe" of 8th May, 1945. Eighty years on we're holding a Victory in Europe Bingo Special in the Bradwell War Memorial Hall on Thursday 8th May from 7.00pm. Eyes Down for Victory Bingo will be 7.30pm. Cakes and flag waving galore for all those 18yrs of age and over, and surprise entertainment is being planned. Admission: £10, which includes 6 games of Vicory Bingo plus two optional games. Unfortunately, we cannot provide a licensed bar but you are welcome to bring your own drinks and we will provide the glasses. Please do join us - it should be a great evening!

HILDA PERKINS



Hilda was born at Harrop Farm, situated between Hope and Edale, on 11th April 1936. She was the only child of Ernest and Mary Chapman and was educated at Hope village school. Her early life centred around working on the farm, going to chapel and participating in the activities of the Hope Valley Young Farmers' Club. In the late '50s, she was attendant to Hope Wakes Queen. She was very adept at the piano and sang at Sheffield City Hall in a presentation of the Messiah. After leaving school she worked at Ferodo in Chapel-en-le-Frith and G&T Earle Cement, Hope. She married Bruce Perkins in 1958 and Nicholas was born in 1962, followed by Carol in 1966. The family lived in 2 houses in Smalldale, before moving to The Hills in the late '90s. Bruce passed away in 2015. Hilda loved family, reading, gardening, quiz shows, animals and the countryside. She always took great interest in what was happening in Bradwell and its residents. Hilda passed away on 21st February, 2025. Donations in her memory will be given to Bradda Dads.

OPEN GARDENS

I'd love to hear from you if you can open your garden this year. Large or small, established or newly planted, they are all interesting. Visitors gather inspiration and ideas about plants, layout and garden equipment and also meet some of the lucky folk who live here. If you'd like to open your garden for the day on 9th August please contact Jane Dalrymple on 01433 621172

MIND OVER MOUNTAINS



In May, Bradwell resident Elizabeth Mills is walking/running from her home in Bradwell to where she grew up in Holton-le-Clay, NE Lincolnshire, which equates to doing about 4 marathons (168km) over 4 consecutive days. This is

to raise money for the fantastic mental health charity, [Mind Over Mountains](http://mindovermountains.org.uk) (mindovermountains.org.uk), which is a groundbreaking charity helping people overcome mental health challenges through therapeutic outdoor experiences. The specialist well-being walks and retreats combine professionally guided hill-walking, mindfulness, and quality time with experienced coaches and counsellors – with walks/retreats in the Peak District, Wales, Lake District and the Chilterns. In her own words; "Getting outside, whether that be walking, running, riding, climbing or just sitting enjoying nature and an ice-cream has been, and still is a massive help for my mental health. The outdoors became even more of a go-to for me when going through personal and workplace difficulties. But through these difficulties, I am proud to say I set up my First Aid and Guided Adventures company, [Whats Not To Hike](http://whatsnottohike.co.uk) (whatsnottohike.co.uk). I am lucky to have the confidence and skillset to get outside for as long as I need, but many people need a bit of extra support. So, I'm joining the Mind Over Mountains Project 500 to help them raise £500,000 so that they can provide more mental health support in nature to everyone who needs it across the UK. I wanted a challenge that meant something to me, hence the challenge of walking and running from my home in Bradwell to where I grew up and where my parents (who were a massive support doing those harder times) still live in Holton-le-Clay. So please support me by donating whatever you can" <https://www.justgiving.com/page/elizabeth-mills-3>
Email: info@whatsnottohike.co.uk

BRADWELL DALE WORKS

Residents need to be aware that, starting 6th May there will be work in the Dale on the B6049 between Bradwell and Hazlebadge. This is to remove diseased ash trees on land belonging to the owners of Hazlebadge Farm. It should take three days to complete and traffic lights will be in place. Delays may be possible. Residents are reminded that this is private property. Removal of logs or wood will be considered theft and action will be taken



BRADDA DADS



The Dads are on holiday, but they wish you a happy May and are starting to think about Carnival!

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WENDY WESTON 1931 - 2025



Wendy Ethel Lillian Gill was born in Camberley, Surrey on 16th August, 1931. She was the eldest of five children, the other four being her younger brothers. Her father was an Army officer who, in 1939 was posted to South Wales to where the family moved. Wendy attended Llanelli Grammar School where she was a top student and would undoubtedly have gone on to secure a degree at a top university had the opportunities

for young women at that time been different. Instead, nursing an urge to travel, she joined the WRAF to become a wireless maintainer. Women were not allowed to be part of aircrew at that time, but in 1952 there was an occasion when a certain RAF Airframe Fitter requested that a wireless be made ready for a night training exercise. Wendy was the only maintainer available and managed to get airborne in a Meteor, the RAF's first jet attack aircraft, albeit having to borrow cold-weather clothing from her male ground crew colleagues. On completion of flying at three o'clock the next morning she was invited for breakfast with said Airframe Fitter, a Roy Weston, and so began the start of a romance that was to last for over 73 years. On leaving the RAF in 1953, Wendy and Roy married and settled in Greasbrough, South Yorkshire whereupon Wendy got a job as a wages clerk for the Yorkshire Electricity Board. They moved to Hellaby in 1955, after which Wendy

worked her way through various municipal jobs, one of which was as a librarian. Ultimately, she went on to become a Superintendent Registrar in Rotherham, a position she held even after they moved out to Bradwell in 1986 and until she retired. Wendy was always involved in the community, including many military associations, choirs, the Parish Council in Bradwell, which she went on to chair, the Rebellion Knoll branch of the Women's Institute which she represented in a speech in front of over 8,000 delegates at the Royal Albert Hall in London and the Methodist Chapel in Bradwell, where she was the volunteer treasurer for over 35 years. Wendy was also a passionate sportswoman and represented the WRAF at hockey, table tennis and cricket. She was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease in 2022 and was admitted to Valley Care Home in Matlock where she passed away on 13th March. She is survived by her husband of 72 years, Roy and their son Paul, a former Royal Marines Officer who lives in Canada.

BRADWELL UNDER 15's: PROMOTED!



St. Barnabas Church: May 2025

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4th	11:00	All Age Worship.
11th	10:00	Benefice Communion (Hope)
18th	09:30	Communion
22nd	14:15	Pet Service with Schools (Castleton)
25th	13:00 16:00	Baptism Said Communion
29th	15:30	Ascension Day - non Communion (Castleton)



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