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## CARNIVAL COLOUR SUPPLEMENT

Your carnival supplement will be included with the September newsletter this year. Enjoy Wakes Week!

## SWIFT PROJECT



On Saturday 28th June we had 29 people attend our Bradwell Swift walk. Lots of Swifts were seen flying overhead and also sightings of Swifts going into nest sites, one of which was a new record. In the photo you can see our Swift map which shows confirmed and possible

nest sites in the village. If you have seen a Swift going into the roof of a building or into nest boxes please let us know by emailing: [bradwellswiftreports@gmail.com](mailto:bradwellswiftreports@gmail.com)

## ANDY SMITH 80th Birthday



On the evening of 3rd July a number of people were delighted to be able to share Andy's 80th birthday celebrations at the Bowling Green. A balmy July evening allowed everyone to enjoy an excellent hog roast and to catch up with friends and neighbours they maybe hadn't seen in a while. Well done, Andy

and all the best for the next ten years.

## DALRYMPLE- SMITH



Emma Dalrymple and Doug Smith were married at St Barnabas Church on Saturday 21st June. The sun shone brightly and Colin rang the bells as the bride arrived with her father, Andrew in a 1938 MG VA open-topped vintage car. The beautiful service was taken by Reverend Louise, after which family and friends were taken up to the Blind Bull for a fabulous fun-packed reception. A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make this such a very happy and unforgettable day.

## THE BRILLIANCE OF YOUTH

On 19th July the village was treated to a fine example of the energy, enthusiasm and creativity of our youngsters. The "Hope Valley Theatre Company" staged a musical called **Faithful - The Musical** in the Memorial Hall and it was simply stunning. Written by Arlo Rook, Monty Rook and Martha Withall the show was based on the "Traitors" TV series and the



great acting, excellent rendition of many well-known songs and slick production made for a super evening. But great acting needs good sound support, and this was ably provided by 11 years old Jacob Critchlow, seen here manipulating the sliders and faders. To name all those involved would fill the page, but to all of you we say, "Very Well Done" and we look forward to next time. You'll have a job to beat this one.

## OPEN GARDENS

A reminder that Saturday 9th August is Open Gardens day, that annual event where large numbers of people descend upon the village to visit the many gardens which are open for viewing. It's also a time when those residents who have "always wondered" have a chance to visit the gardens of some of their neighbours. Base of operations on the day will be St Barnabas Church, where there will also be tea, coffee, soft drinks and home-made cakes. The gardens are open between 10:30am and 4:30pm and they will be marked with a large letter and a coloured balloon. Why not join in and explore your village gardens.

## SEND US YOUR NEWS

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## PC NOTES

**Potholes:** Your Parish Council are asking residents to help in our fight against potholes in the village. These can be reported via this website [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport-roads](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport-roads) and it is very easy to do. If everyone reports potholes directly outside their property it could make a difference. It also helps to include photographs, but if you don't want to report them yourself you can email the parish clerk and she will do it for you. Please note that the website is also useful for reporting other faults such as streetlight faults and drainage.

**Local Government:** Residents may be aware of the plans regarding local government reorganisation in Derbyshire. A proposal has been developed which would see the ten councils across the county be replaced by only two, one covering the north and another the south. Bradwell would come under North Derbyshire in this new council. If you would like to have your say there is an online consultation at:

[www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/your-council/local-government-reorganisation](http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/your-council/local-government-reorganisation)

The deadline for entries is 10<sup>th</sup> August. If you don't have internet access a hard copy can be requested on 0800 533 5386.

Smaller councils like Bradwell Parish Council will not be directly impacted by the changes.

**Bradwell Brook:** Council has been trying to encourage the environment agency to dredge the brook, especially as water levels have been so low. Unfortunately, this is proving to be difficult, despite numerous attempts. As soon as we have any news we'll let you know.

**Power Cuts:** Council is aware of how frustrating all these power cuts have been for the village and we would like to thank residents, and especially Clare Garth for chasing the National Grid and providing updates on Facebook. Although the parish council has no authority in this area we will do what we can to aid communication for those not on Facebook and to keep up pressure on the National Grid to provide a reliable power supply.

**Dogs:** Council would like to remind residents that dogs are not allowed on either of the playing fields in the village. This is enforced by a public space protection order meaning that it is a criminal and finable offence to allow your dog onto these areas. Dogs are of course allowed outside the Brook Café but must not go beyond the wall into the play area.

**Speeding:** Purchase of a speeding indicator device is well underway and we hope to have it installed soon. The initial location will be on the main road adjacent to Beggars Plot, but the nature of the device means that it can be moved to other locations in the village. "Speedwatch" is still an important part of maintaining safe speed levels and the team are always in need of additional volunteers. If you would like to help please email the clerk or George Leeson, Speedwatch co-ordinator: [georgeleeson121@gmail.com](mailto:georgeleeson121@gmail.com)

**Change of Venue:** We would also like to inform residents that monthly parish council meetings will now be held in the main hall of Bradwell War Memorial Hall, due to the closure of the Methodist Hall. The meetings will still take place on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm, and the clerk can still be contacted on [parishclerk@bradda.org](mailto:parishclerk@bradda.org)

## BRADWELL PRE-SCHOOL



Bradwell Pre-School is proud to announce its **outstanding** Ofsted rating following a recent inspection on 5th June 2025. The report describes a setting where children flourish, immersed in a calm, nurturing



atmosphere that fosters emotional wellbeing, confidence, and a lifelong love of learning. They benefit from a language-rich, ambitious curriculum tailored to individual needs, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). Skilled staff design inspiring environments where children explore independently, recall learning creatively, and solve problems with enthusiasm.

Inspectors highlighted the exceptional quality of staff interactions, noting how group story times, rich vocabulary, and thoughtful questioning promote language and thinking skills. Staff's personalised approach to emotional regulation helps children develop exemplary behaviour and deep empathy for others. The report praises the school's commitment to healthy living, from growing vegetables to understanding mental wellbeing, and celebrates the preschool's close partnerships with parents and the on-site infant school. Children leave Bradwell Preschool not only school-ready, but world-ready, with a strong sense of respect, curiosity, and independence.

"We are thrilled that our team's passion and dedication have been recognised," said the Preschool Manager. "This rating reflects the incredible commitment of our staff and leadership team, the support of our families, and most importantly the joy, creativity and resilience of our children."

Parents echoed the sentiment, saying the preschool has "done everything they possibly can for all children," and children themselves are so enthusiastic, many "ask to come in more often."

To learn more or book a visit: [supervisor.bps1@gmail.com](mailto:supervisor.bps1@gmail.com).

## BRADWELL JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Many congratulations to Rogan Hall for being elected Bradwell Junior Football Club under 15's "Player's Player of the Year."



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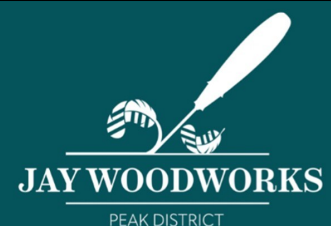
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## WILDFLOWER GROUP

In late summer the grasses and wildflowers on our various sites are setting seed. This is a vital stage in their ongoing maintenance and future development. Annuals, in particular Yellow Rattle, will now shed their seeds, and these will then lie dormant in readiness for next season. Perennial plants like knapweed, meadow cranesbill and hawkweed will also seed and thus spread round the plots. At the end of the season the sites will be mown and after about a week will be raked up and the cuttings disposed of. This ensures that they do not rot down and fertilize the ground, because wildflowers prefer poorer soils. This is now our project's 5<sup>th</sup> season and this regime has started to support a wide variety of insects and plants. This year we have been excited to observe a common spotted orchid on one of our areas. Our Beggar's Plot sites are now mown but you will notice that a narrow strip has been left uncut along the top wall. This is to protect the larvae of orange tips and other butterflies that lay their eggs on cuckoo flowers and grasses. We are grateful for the support of the Parish Council and local people and for the hard work of our team of volunteers for ensuring that the Bradwell Wildflower Project continues to grow!

## FRIENDS OF HOPE STATION

Thanks to community effort Hope Station now benefits from attractive garden planters on both platforms and artwork created by children from local schools regularly appears in the waiting shelters. The area at the top of the car park has been improved. Better seating and planters and new fencing along both platforms has transformed the station. Friends of Hope Station was established in 2018 and people get involved for a many reasons - a love of gardening, an interest in heritage, to build community engagement or to fulfil a passion for the railways. Their shared purpose is to keep their station vibrant, well looked after and linked into the local community, to encourage more people to take the train. We are the people who enhance the station environment and passenger numbers are growing strongly. The hourly service to Manchester and Sheffield serves residents in Bradwell, Castleton and Hope, and also the many visitors. We need more volunteers to help, to look after the planters, join a watering rota during the summer months, create an information display at the station, with details of local paths, cafes and attractions and help liaise with local schools so that they can display their artwork at the station. If you can help please contact gillwood29@gmail.com

## HOPE VALLEY CLIMATE ACTION

No one will need telling that we have had an extraordinarily dry and warm spring, but it has just been confirmed by the Met Office that June was the hottest ever recorded in England. An estimated 2300 people died as a result of the heatwaves across Europe, and as I write this we are heading into another one. This is climate change in action. So it is more important than ever that we lobby our politicians to make the changes needed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as quickly as possible, and to prepare for and protect us from the extreme weather events that will only become more frequent. On 9<sup>th</sup> July we were lobbying both in Westminster and at County Hall. We joined with other members of the Climate Coalition in the mass lobby of MPs in Parliament. 5000 people took part, lobbying over 500 individual MPs. The event was also intended to highlight the fact that repeated polls show that the overwhelming majority, up to 89% in some polls, of the public want to see Governments take stronger action to address the emergency. Coincidentally the first substantive meeting of the newly elected County Council took place on the same day. Members of the public are entitled to ask questions at those meetings, and together with other members of the Derbyshire Climate Coalition we were there to do so. Whilst the new administration stated its intention to do what they can to reduce flood risk, improve energy efficiency in Council owned buildings and improve public transport, they were not willing to commit to policies to reduce the prime cause of climate breakdown, greenhouse gas emissions. We will continue to engage with them on this! Hope Valley Climate Action continues to work to raise awareness, take action locally and advocate for the policies necessary to mitigate climate damage and adapt to the changes that are inevitable. You can find out more about what we are up to and sign up to our newsletter via our website, [www.hopevalleyclimateaction.org.uk](http://www.hopevalleyclimateaction.org.uk). Jeremy Wight

## METHODIST HALL AND CHURCH

A meeting has taken place to discuss the situation and another is planned for September with the new Methodist Minister. A village meeting is also being considered to seek ideas.



## BRADDA DADS



**Carnival Eve:** Live Music Event and Funfair - **Friday 1st August** at Beggars Plot - Bar open from 5pm. Live music from 6pm. Disco from 9pm.

**Carnival Bar - Saturday 2nd Aug** - Open all day on the Carnival field, serving a wide range of refreshments and ball race tickets!

**Bradda Dads Ball Race - Monday 4th Aug** at Town Bottom Outside the White Hart - Tickets on sale from 6pm. Street fair stalls from 7pm. Balls away 8pm. White Hart Disco after. All proceeds from these events will go towards village community projects through the Bradda Dads.

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## HELEN KENNEDY HANTS



Helen Kennedy Scott was born to Jim and Nellie Scott in Gateside, Glasgow on 26<sup>th</sup> March 1937, a younger sister to Jim and Willie. She was an intelligent, independent child, who attended university, where she qualified to be a teacher. Helen met and later married Ronald Prendergast on 29<sup>th</sup> July 1961. Ronald's job meant a move to Sheffield in 1962 and the couple lived at Knollgate, Hope Road with dogs, Peanuts and Dillon, Vicar the cat and a goat called Dolly. Helen

taught at two schools in Sheffield. Unfortunately, Ronald suffered a stroke and Helen lovingly cared for him but he died of a heart attack in 1967. Then her father came to live with her, as he suffered from MND, and she nursed him until his death. After these losses Helen moved to Bradwell where she enjoyed playing cards, doing crosswords, teaching her pupils, half-term holidays in Tenerife and visiting relatives abroad. One visitor was Keith Hants, a pilot, and in October 1991 he and Helen were married and moved to Australia, together with her two dogs Daisy and Rooney. They lived happily until Keith developed cancer and later dementia before sadly dying in 2007. Helen filled her remaining years in Bradwell with reading, tending to her garden, playing badminton, going on Tinsel and Turkey holidays and Mediterranean cruises. She enjoyed her Sunday roast dinner at The Shoulder and two pints of lager on quiz nights, mostly at The White Hart. Helen was a

generous donator to many charities. She spoke her mind and was a loyal friend. In 2020 Helen developed bowel cancer; more recently lung cancer and she became less mobile and more dependent on her friends and carers. She died at Had-don Hall Care Home on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

## THE RALLY ROAD

*Another in the series of articles sent in regularly by Chris Furness, reflecting on the history of our village and how certain things came to be.*

In Bradwell in the 1950s the road up the dale towards Tideswell was known as the rally road. I often wondered why, since there were no motor rallies held there and no memories of them. It occurred to me much later that "rally" was a corruption of "railway", since this road was built as part of a connection with the Midland Railway at Millers Dale station, which was then the closest station to Tideswell, Bradwell and parts of the Hope Valley. The road was intended to be fee paying for users and this was agreed by Parliament. It was, however taken over by local government in 1889, when that was established, and I don't know if toll houses were ever built. The road was proposed and built by private developers in the 1870s, well before the Hope Valley railway line was built or planned. It was intended as a railway connection but was also a massive improvement to the local road network. Before that the connection from Bradwell to Tideswell was via Hungry Lane. Hazlebadge Hall was connected by Fox Lane. A new road was constructed at Windmill and along Bemster. South of Tideswell a new road was built down the valley to Millers Dale. Chris Furness

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