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FREE HEART TEST For anyone aged 14 - 35



In memory of Kyle Hancock, a free heart screening day for young people aged 14 to 35 is being run by Cardiac Risk in the Young at Bradwell Memorial Hall on **Tuesday 10th March**.

You must make an appointment, and bookings can be made via the website from 4pm on Tuesday 10th February. For further information and to book an appointment, go to <https://www.testmyheart.org.uk/book-appointment/> and scroll down to 10th March Bradwell Hope Valley Derbyshire. These screenings are free and they do get booked up quickly. Thank you for everyone's support.

Ian Hancock

WILDFLOWER PROJECT

2026 is the Bradwell Wildflower Project's 6th season and we are delighted to report on the ways in which our work is improving biodiversity and providing a lovely show of wildflowers in the spring and summer months in our village. We now have an ever-increasing number of snowdrops, ox-eye daisies, red campion, yellow rattle, cuckoo flower, knapweed and vetches. Also, more vulnerable flowers such as cowslips, scabious, birdsfoot trefoil and even orchid are starting to take hold. Last year we observed more pollinating insects. Increasingly, butterfly and bee species can feed and breed on our sites and by allowing the grasses to grow, we are providing food and shelter for small mammals such as hedgehogs and voles. All this is benefitting local wildlife, including ground-feeding birds such as blackbirds and chaffinches, and sky-feeding birds such as the local swift population. Our friendly and dedicated group of volunteers meet regularly to do seasonal jobs such as planting, sowing and cutting back. Our partnerships with the Parish and District Councils ensure the sites are mown at the appropriate times in the season and the cuttings are removed by our volunteers.

We hope you have seen our signs which provide information about each site. You can also visit our carnival stand in August for more information, pictures and quiz games! We also organise public walks in the village to learn about the wildflowers found in and around the village. We always welcome new members, so do get in touch to be added to our membership list and then join us for our regular working parties and our social/planning meetings. Contact Melanie on: braddawildflowers@gmail.com.



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BRADWELL SPORTS CLUB NEEDS YOU!!

Bradwell Sports Club is run by volunteers and needs new members. Without a committee this Club cannot function. Being a member of the committee is not something that requires a lot of your time. It is a wonderful facility and needs more people to be involved. If you are prepared to attend meetings and give a helping hand when things need doing, we would be very pleased to welcome you. Please don't think someone else will do it, we need you! Bradwell is a wonderful community and needs people to be involved. Being involved does give you a sense of achievement and for young people it always helps to have something like this on your CV. To learn more about what is involved, contact me on telephone 0730 5319831 and I'll happily speak with you. Then you can come along to our next meeting and see for yourself. If you know of anyone that might be interested, please pass on this message. Please for the sake of the Club, make it one of your New Year resolutions to become a part of it.

Mark Johnston, Chairman of Bradwell Sports Club

WINNING LOTTO NUMBERS

The first winning numbers for the 2026 Bradda Lotto are:

87 - £60; 73 - £30; 112 - £15

THANK YOU TO OUR DELIVERERS

Thank you to the team of dedicated volunteers who deliver a free copy of the *Bradwell News* each month to every house and business in the village, that's nearly 900 copies! A very special thank you to Jeanette Pembleton who has decided to leave the team after delivering to more than 300 houses since publication started in July 2002 – a fantastic contribution! Her round has been divided and will be undertaken by the new deliverers: Dave Bartle, Andy and Rosie Smith and Suzanne Ibbotson who have joined the other 12 volunteers.

Liz Downing, Secretary of BN

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 e-mail to: bradwellnews@gmail.com or call Nicky (620688) or Steve (620329). You can also leave handwritten copy at the Post Office.

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PC NOTES

The start of 2026 has been quite a cold one, but we would like to begin this month by expressing our thanks to Councillor Harrison who has been out with Council's gritter numerous times to keep local roads, footpaths and lanes clear for residents. We also thank all residents who take the time to clear paths and lanes in the village, it is much appreciated.

Snow wardens and grit bins - If you can spare some time to be a part of the snow/flood warden team, please contact the clerk because every bit helps. We try to keep the Parish Council grit bins full for your use, but a lot of them are still owned by Derbyshire County Council, for which we are not responsible. However, if one of these does need refilling please report it to the clerk and she'll contact the County Council.

Road access - The Council are aware that there have been several issues in the village involving HGVs accessing the smaller lanes and causing damage to property and vehicles. Many of these drivers are following a SAT NAV and do not know the area. The clerk has been in contact with County Councillor Alasdair Sutton, asking that Highways install more signs to prevent this from happening. The clerk has also spoken to Alasdair about the ongoing battle to keep Brookside clear of badly parked cars so buses can pass. Your Parish Council will be replacing the signs along the railings and installing more signage. We understand that some residents wish to move their vehicles lower down into the village during spells of bad weather, but please, please leave room for the buses to pass. While you might not use the bus service, for others it is a lifeline for employment, education and appointments, and it would be a disaster to lose this service.

Playground equipment – Construction of the new piece of equipment to be installed on Town Bottom Playing Field will begin on February 9th. Hopefully if the weather behaves itself, the new unit will be in place in time for the school half term holidays. This piece of equipment is a big investment for the Council and is mainly intended for the younger residents of the village. But we haven't forgotten the older children and will be installing a gravity bowl spinner to replace the current spinning items.

Carnival - In the next month plans will begin for Carnival 2026, and the first meeting for this will be on Thursday March 19th at 7:30pm in the Community Library Room at Bradwell Memorial Hall. Everyone is welcome and it would be great to have some new faces and ideas. Any help you can give over the carnival period is also welcomed and appreciated and we'd love to hear from you if you can help marshalling in the parade, setting up the field or running an event. If your community group would like to be considered as a recipient of the parade collection, please email the clerk.

The next full Council meeting will be on **Wednesday 4th February** in Bradwell Memorial Hall at 7:30pm. In the meantime, any queries should be directed to the clerk via email on parishclerk@bradda.org or 07730370759.

HISTORY OF OUR CEMENT WORKS



The cement industry came to the Hope Valley nearly 100 years ago in 1929, and it will be here until 2042 when the quarrying permission runs out. It would have been here earlier if World War One had not happened. G&T Earle was originally a shipping company based in Hull. They saw the opportunity of making Portland cement because the boats delivering coal to London from Newcastle were wooden and needed ballast. They used chalk as ballast and

this was effectively a free key ingredient of cement, the other is clay which is abundant on south Humberside. A small amount of gypsum was also used to control cement hardening. When the ships changed to iron construction, ballast was no longer required so calcium carbonate had to be found elsewhere. After much searching, they found limestone partly overlain by clay, in the Hope Valley. Construction began and 800 jobs were created which was very good news at a time of depression. The works converted from a wet process to a dry process in the 1950's and built a new chimney in the 1970's. Earles eventually became part of Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers (APCM) and adopted their brand name Blue Circle. APCM expanded worldwide to become the world's biggest manufacturer of cement. Lafarge bought APCM in 2001 on condition that Hope Works and associated concrete mix and gravel quarries be sold separately to a different company. Hope Works was sold to an Indian company, who then sold it to Breedon, who were new to cement.

Chris Furness

BRADWELL CENTENARY PLAYERS

Bradwell Centenary Players are here to entertain you in these post-festive dark times with a Brothers Grimm tale.



The Pied Piper will be coming to a Memorial Hall near you this February half term. The rats are back in town and only one person can deal with them. Who you gonna call ...?

Wednesday 18th - Saturday 22nd February
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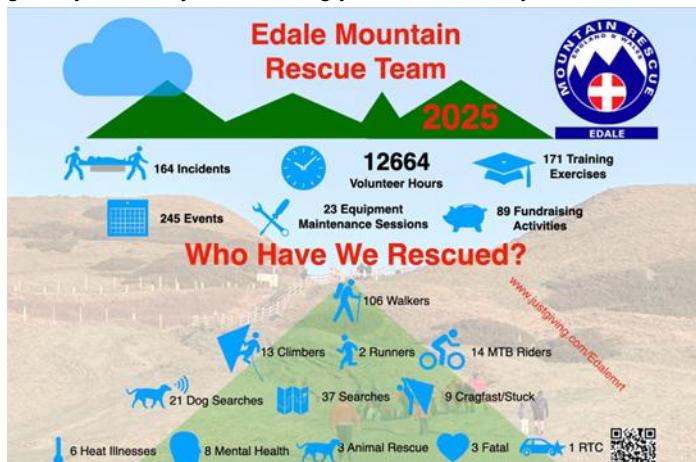
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70th ANNIVERSARY OF EDALE MOUNTAIN RESCUE

Edale Mountain Rescue Team (MRT) is one of the oldest and busiest teams in England and Wales. This month marks the 70th anniversary of its first training exercise which was held in February 1956, with a base and store established at the Nags Head pub in Edale in the same year. Over the years, the increasing demands for mountain rescue have resulted in an expansion of the Operational Team to about 50 members, including some residents of Bradwell. The number of vehicles and equipment required to undertake rescues has also grown, consequently the Team moved to the larger facility at the Cement Works in Hope in 2007. In 2025 Edale MRT responded to over 160 callouts ranging from fallen climbers, horse riders, mountain and road cyclists to lost and vulnerable people, hang gliders and para gliders. The Team also responds to snow emergencies in all the surrounding villages and the suburbs of nearby towns and cities, including Sheffield and Chesterfield, as well as water incidents like the 2019 Toddbrook Reservoir dam drama in Whaley Bridge. In fact, if an ambulance cannot reach you, Edale MRT are often asked to assist and will get to you, treat you, and bring you back to safety and care.



The Team responds directly for South Yorkshire Police and Derbyshire Constabulary along with East Midlands Ambulance Service and South Yorkshire Ambulance Service. It is quite unique for a Mountain Rescue Team to be on call for two different counties.

Operational Team members train at least twice a month covering all the required skills of search, crag rescue, stretcher handling, steep ground rescue, navigation, communications, medical care and casualty handling. The Operational Team recruits once a year and details are available on the website. There is also a Support Team which undertakes vital maintenance, fundraising and training. Support Team recruitment happens all year, so if you have the time and ability to help, please contact the Team. We also have 3 qualified and 2 trainee Mountain Rescue Search Dogs and their handlers in the Team.



It costs well over £100,000 a year to keep the Team operational. You can support the Team by donating via our website:

www.edalemrt.co.uk

A lot of the Team call-out, training and fundraising activities are featured on our social media pages, and these are a good resource for advice and guidance, additionally there are some pages on our website on the subject.

Since that first day in 1956, generations of team members have been on call, day and night 365 days a year to help those in need. Everyone in the Edale MRT is a volunteer and we give freely and non-judgementally of our time to help people on the footpaths, moors and hills hereabouts.

If ever you need Mountain Rescue in an emergency, please dial '999' and ask for 'Police – Mountain Rescue'.

'Mind how you go'. *Tomo Thompson, Edale MRT Media Officer*

HELP A TOAD ACROSS THE ROAD



In Spring 2025 we organised a Toad Patrol for the first time on Eccles Lane to help prevent toads from getting squashed by vehicles. Local volunteers helped rescue nearly 100 toads into buckets and then safely released them into pond 4 on the east side of the lane, where they are known to breed.

If you can spare time to give toads a helping hand this Spring and are available in the early evening for an hour or two, whenever you can, please contact John Boardman by email:

johnk_boardman@yahoo.com

Sally Pereira

BRADDA DADS

The Wolf's Pit Fell Race will be on **Sunday 8th March** this year. Entry will be via [Fabian4](#) as usual and we'll add the link to our Facebook page when it's live.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ

This month's Community Café will be on **Saturday 7th February** in St Barnabas Church between 10 and 11.30am.

Come along and enjoy a hot drink, sample our delicious home-made cakes and meet friends old and new. The cause that we are supporting this month will be the Community Library in Bradwell. We look forward to seeing you there. *Lynn Lawless*

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IAN DANIEL 'Dan'

Ian was born on 26th October 1931 to parents Joe and Lena Daniel at Dale End, Bradwell in the cottage that would eventually become home for almost all his life. He had an older sister, Nancy. After leaving Bradwell Church School, he attended night school at Sheffield Polytechnic and his first engineering job was with Marsh Brothers, Hathersage. He then secured a more skilled job at Newburgh Engineering Company as a universal miller and later as a supervisor. For nearly 50 years, he refined his engineering skills, excelling at his craft. Ian loved working at Newburgh and enjoyed the non-stop banter and camaraderie of his workmates. It was here that he fell in love with Bradwell-born girl Pauline Sammans, who also worked for the firm. They married at St. Barnabas Church in 1959, and son Neale was born in 1962. As a young family they holidayed all over the UK, travelling in Ian's beloved Morris Minor. Later, Ian and Pauline travelled the world, sharing many amazing experiences together. They both enjoyed ballroom dancing and going to concerts. Ian loved swimming and sports such as cricket and snooker, and he used to play billiards for the village team. He was a member of Derbyshire Cricket Club and was there when it snowed in Buxton at that historic match in June 1975. Ian's passion for distance walking came later in life. He conquered the English peaks and 50 Munros in Scotland, and he and his son walked the West Highland Way and even scaled some peaks in the French Alps. After he retired, he walked countless miles with his good friend Roger Watson. Ian was disabled as a child and unable to engage in sports activities at school, so mountain walking was a huge achievement, only possible through his great strength of mind and determination.

Ian served on Bradwell Parish Council for 12 years and was a trustee of the Ebenezer Trust. He was a caring and loving husband and father and a proud great grandfather to Saga Robin in Sweden. He was grateful to his family, friends and neighbours for their support in challenging times. He loved his village and was a Bradda lad through and through. Ian died in hospital on 7th November 2025.

MARION ROSE EDWARDS

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Marion Rose Edwards (née Peck) on the 10th January 2026 at her home in Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire. Marion was born and brought up in Bradwell. She leaves a son Christopher, daughters Lynn and Teresa, sons-in-law Colin and Mark, grandchildren, great grandchildren and a brother David and sister-in-law Denise. Her husband Michael pre-deceased her. Private funeral service.

David and Denise Peck

MEMORIAL HALL WATER UPDATE

Last month we reported on the unexplained excessive water bill in September last year. We would like to thank the resident who responded on the Bradwell Hope Valley Community Forum Facebook page with their recollection of a burst water pipe outside the Hall at that time. This information has been considered by the War Memorial Hall Management Committee who were not aware of a mains water leak but do recall Severn Trent digging up the pavement outside the Hall around this time for what we think was a main sewer repair. Also, the water meter is inside the building so any water main leak outside would not register. We are still at a total loss to explain what has happened. Severn Trent insist that we pay unless we can prove to them that the meter is faulty and we sadly cannot. We thank you for your concern and welcome any further explanations.

Brain Salisbury, Chairman of the Management Committee

CHURCH SERVICES February 2026



1 st	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Barnabas, Bradwell
8 th	10.00am	Benefice Communion at St Edmund's, Castleton
15 th	10.00am	Together@10 Benefice service at St Peter's, Hope
18 th	7.30pm	Communion with Ashing at St Peter's, Hope
22 nd	10.00am	Celtic Worship at St. Barnabas, Bradwell
	4.00pm	Said Communion at St. Barnabas, Bradwell



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