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THANK YOU TO THE TOUR OF BRADWELL

Bradwell Junior School and Bradwell Infant School and Nursery would like to thank the Tour of Bradwell for their very generous donation through FOBS to buy some new benches to use in the Junior School pond area. These have been made from recycled plastic and will mean that the children from both schools can learn about the natural habitat more easily. We're looking forward to getting up there later in the year and finding out about what animals use the pond.

Kathryn McGuinness, Headteacher

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

Do you have an interest in the education of the children in our village? Bradwell Junior School are looking for members of the local community to join their team of School Governors. There is no need to have any background in education or schools, just an interest in helping the school to improve so that the children in Bradwell can continue to flourish.

School governors are an important part of the running of the school as they support the leaders and hold them accountable for the vision, curriculum and safeguarding of pupils. This is an oversight role and is to ensure that everything that needs to be in place is in place, that public money is being spent effectively, and that the children are getting the best possible education they can. This may sound like a lot, but there are only up to 6 meetings a year, lasting no longer than an hour and a half. These can take place face-to-face in school, or remotely and are scheduled at a time which suits the governors within a specific week. Training can be given and we are a small, welcoming team.

If you may be interested or want to find out more information, please contact Kathryn McGuinness, Headteacher on 01433 620473 or via email kmcguinness@chorustrust.org.

WINNING LOTTO NUMBERS

The winning numbers in the February 2026 Bradda Lotto are:

78 - £60; 118 - £30; 1 - £15

To support the Memorial Hall, don't forget to submit your application to join the Bradda Lotto before **Tuesday 31st March**. Application forms were circulated with the December *Bradwell News* and are available from the Post Office.

EYAM SURGERY PATIENT PARTICIPATION

It has been 2 years since the practice changed hands and all patients and carers are invited to an open meeting to find out what has happened and provide their views on the future plans.

Wednesday 25th February at 7.30pm in Eyam Church Centre.

Julie Mackenzie, Patient Participation Steering Group

BRADWELL PLANT EXCHANGE



As some of you will know, we have a Plant Exchange in Bradwell which you'll find in the Rose Garden, next to the traffic lights on Church Street (behind the old ice cream shop). As spring is now around the corner, if you have any spare seedlings or plants that you're happy to share, please leave them at the Exchange. Anyone passing by who would like to add to their own garden can help themselves to whatever has been left. It's a great way to share the joy of

your garden with others!

Constructed by a local volunteer in 2021, the Plant Exchange was set up with the kind permission of Bradwell Parish Council on condition that it is used only for plants (so no pots or other items please!), and that the area is kept tidy. We have a small team of volunteers who tidy-up when necessary, please help them if you use the Exchange by leaving the area as tidy as possible. Happy gardening!

Jane Turley

HOME NEEDED FOR UKRAINIAN FAMILY

A lovely family from Ukraine has been living in Grindleford for 3 years but now need to find different accommodation as the owner of the house they are living in is selling it in April. They are a mother and her 4-year-old son and 11-year-old daughter. Ideally, they would like to stay in the Hope Valley as the girl is due to start at Lady Manners School in September and the lady has some work in Grindleford. Derbyshire County Council have advised that the Homes for Ukraine Scheme would apply to this family. If you have any suitable accommodation for this family, or know of someone who might, please get in touch on 01433 631079. Many thanks.

Alan and Rosalind Buckingham

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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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES



Carnival: As we hopefully move out of the colder months and into Spring, Council can move away from budgeting for grit, salt and sandbags and focus on brighter projects such as the carnival, with the first planning meeting on March 19th at 7:30pm in the Community Library of Bradwell Memorial Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend, and we hope there may be some more new faces this year. The Council Carnival Committee are responsible for organising the parade and the field on Gala Day. Carnival is on August 1st this year and we hope to provide the same fun and more as last year. All carnival related questions, stall bookings for Gala Day and event planning should be directed to the clerk.

Playground equipment: Council was hoping that the new pieces of play equipment would be installed by now, but the heavy rain has delayed work. The installers have also decided that the intended area on Town Bottom must be turfed before installation, to allow the safety matting to be in place and the new grass to settle before use. This is as disappointing for Council as it is for residents, but safety on the parks is very important and for such a big investment we want it to be done properly.

Youth Activities Programme: Residents who follow the Bradwell Community Forum on Facebook may have seen that this Programme has been chosen as a benefactor for the "Tesco Stronger Starts" scheme, and we are encouraging anyone who shops in Tesco on Abbeydale Road, Sheffield to collect the blue tokens and vote for Youth Activities. The group is also registered with the Coop Community Fund and those who shop locally at the Coop can choose to support it. By supporting either or both schemes you will help to raise vital funds to keep the programme going. The programme is open for teenagers aged 11 to 16 and is run but not funded by the Council.

S137 Grant Funding: There is still a small amount of money left in the Council S137 grant pot and any organisations who need a boost should apply for this before the end of March. Applications can be found at bradda.org or by asking the clerk.

Sadly, this month Councillor Chris Furness has decided to step down as a parish councillor. Chris was a parish councillor for many years before becoming district councillor and returning as a parish councillor in 2023. He has a wealth of knowledge and experience on village matters, will be sorely missed by Council, and we thank him most sincerely for all he has done for your village. We wish him all the best in his retirement.

As always, residents are very welcome to attend all Council meetings, which are usually held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm in Bradwell War Memorial Hall. The next meeting is on **Tuesday 3rd March** and meeting dates and agendas are always displayed on both village noticeboards. This information can also be obtained from the bradda.org website.

For queries, advice and assistance in the meantime please contact the clerk on 07730370759 or parishclerk@bradda.org.

WALKING WITH THE PRINCESS OF WALES



On Tuesday 27th January, a Bradwell resident Lizzy Mills, planned and guided a walk in the Peak District for HRH The Princess of Wales on behalf of the mental health charity Mind Over Mountains. As a committed advocate for mental wellbeing, The Princess of Wales braved challenging weather conditions to walk and talk with the charity's team and past participants, who shared personal stories of how therapeutic outdoor experiences with Mind Over Mountains had helped them overcome mental health challenges. Walking along Baslow Edge, one of the Peak District's iconic gritstone edges, The Princess joined the group for a moment of mindfulness, pausing to ground themselves in the surrounding landscape. There was a light-hearted moment when both The Princess and Lizzy looked down and laughed as they realised that they were standing together in a muddy puddle. Talking about her walk with The Princess of Wales, Lizzy said: "Guiding The Princess on a walk in the Peak District was a real privilege and wonderful opportunity to highlight the work of Mind Over Mountains. What struck me most was how, despite the wild weather, we all came together to share a meaningful experience outdoors. There was a strong sense of connection as we took time to talk, reflect, and enjoy moments of mindfulness in nature. It was a powerful reminder of the value of simply being outside, together."

While other organisations provide guided walks or mental health support separately, Mind Over Mountains is the only UK charity that integrates professional therapeutic support with guided outdoor experiences and has supported over 1,000 people since it was set up in 2020.

Lizzy Mills is a qualified Mountain Leader who has led numerous wellbeing walks and fundraising challenge walks for the charity. She runs her own business called What's Not To Hike delivering first aid training, guided walks, team walks and challenges. For further information or to book a course go to <https://whatsnottohike.co.uk/>.



Lizzy Mills



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PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK 75TH ANNIVERSARY

The Peak District was the first of Britain's 15 national parks and was designated on 17th April 1951, with the Lake District, Snowdonia and Dartmoor National Parks being designated later in the same year. The name 'Peak' does not relate to the region's uplands, but is thought to derive from the Pecsætan, an Anglo-Saxon tribe which settled in the area. It is the most accessible national park and is visited by more than 13 million people each year, as well as being home to 38,000 people. The Peak District has a broad wildlife diversity, including its internationally important peat bogs, rare species of orchids, the only population of mountain hares outside the Scottish Highlands and a protected community of ring ouzels (mountain blackbird). A range of events and activities are being organised to celebrate the 75th anniversary, including a programme of Ranger-guided walks. For more information about the walks and other events go to: <https://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/learning-about/news/mediacentre> The Peak District National Park Authority kindly gave permission to use information from their website for this article. *The Editor*



PEAK CLUSTER CONSULTATION

Peak Cluster are conducting a consultation exercise on the route of the proposed pipeline to take captured carbon dioxide (CO₂) from Hope Cement works to the disused gas fields in Morecombe Bay. Residents will have received the Phase 1 Consultation Newsletter, and some may have attended the public meeting held on 12th February. Hope Valley Climate Action is very aware of the controversial nature of this proposal, with strongly held views on either side of the argument. We have put questions to Peak Cluster which we hope to get answers to before we submit our response to the consultation. We will be arguing strongly that any local solution to the enormous emissions of greenhouse gasses locally must be implemented alongside radical moves to reduce cement and concrete use. But in the absence of any alternative proposals for dealing with the CO₂ currently being emitted, piping it away and burying it may be the least worst option. If you want to get involved in helping to shape our response, or any other aspect of our activities, contact info@hopevalleyclimateaction.org.uk or go to our [website](#), where you can sign up for our newsletter, donate to our *Raising the Roof for Renewables* appeal, and see what else we are up to! *Jeremy Wight, HVCA trustee and treasurer*



BRADDA DADS



Just a reminder about the Wolf's Pit Fell Race on **Sunday 8th March** starting at 11am in Shatton. This 9km classic fell race starts with a steep climb to go round Shatton, Abney and Offerton Moors before descending via the same route. Registration is now live on [Fabian4](#). For more race information contact Stuart Rook on 07590 047104 or email wolfspitfellrace@gmail.com.

THE HOPEFUL FLOWER COMPANY

I started The Hopeful Flower Co. in 2024 after a long passion for growing flowers for myself. All the flowers I work with are either grown in Bradwell or sourced from other British growers. This means that I work seasonally without using imported flowers. I love working with British flowers as they are full of scent, movement and texture which you don't get with mass produced stems. I grow in my garden and in the Bradwell allotments and I am always happy to show people what I'm growing! I offer bouquets, wedding flowers and funeral arrangements. Alongside my floristry work, I enjoy running workshops helping others learn to work with flowers and to even grow your own. In March I have a Spring wreath workshop and will be offering Mother's Day bouquets (pre-order only). If you'd like to know more or want to order from me, you can call 07983585427 or visit www.thehopefulflowerco.com. *Rosie Lloyd*



OVERDALE FOREST

A total of 5,600 native trees were planted over five planting days taking an estimated 21 weeks of volunteer time. There will be further opportunities to volunteer to help look after the trees, to ensure the bracken does not smother the young saplings over the summer months. If you would like to get involved, please contact land@hopevalleyclimateaction.org.uk. *Sally Pereira*

COMMUNITY CAFÉ

This month's Community Café will be supporting Bradwell Memorial Hall. It is always a great opportunity to enjoy the delicious cakes on offer, sit down and have a chat with folk, have a go at the raffle, and it's all in a good cause. It really is an event for the community and by the community, so please do come along and support it on **Saturday 7th March** between 10 and 11.30am at St Barnabas Church. *Jane Dalrymple*

EASTER LILIES

This Easter St Barnabas Church is offering the chance for people to sponsor a lily, at the cost of £5, in memory of a loved one. These would then be purchased and decorate the church over Easter, including the Community Café on April 4th. The names of all those remembered will be listed in church.



This initiative is designed to enable participants to commemorate someone dear to them and is not a fund-raiser. If you would like to sponsor a lily, please post the £5 in an envelope stating your name and that of the person you wish to commemorate, to Brookside House, Brookside by **Sunday 22nd March**. *Jane Dalrymple*

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Have you seen what's happening on **Saturday 14th March** at the Memorial Hall between 1pm and 9.30pm? This event is not to be missed. It is for ALL mums regardless of age, and it is for tweens and teens too! I promise you will have a day of fun, empowerment, good food, inspirational talks, creativity and have a bit of 'you time'. To end the day, we will be bopping away with the silent disco! And to make it even better it is the day before we celebrate mothering and being a mother! For more information and to book go to <https://harmonyandher.carrd.co/> or ring 07846075746.

Rachael Eades

COMMUNITY LIBRARY

We would like to record our most grateful thanks to St. Barnabas Church for donating 50% of the profits from the Coffee Morning held on 7th February to the Community Library. Donations of this kind are most welcome for they help to keep your community library open for all residents of Hope Valley. The library is a wonderful project, promoted via the Bradwell War Memorial Hall, and is managed totally by a group of dedicated volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering within this project, please enquire at the library when we are open.

Ray Burton

THANK YOU

Pauline and Neale would like to thank all who attended Ian Daniel's funeral service. Thank you to celebrant Ben Oliver, to Paul Tanfield for arranging everything so efficiently, to Lynne and staff at The Shoulder, to the Evelyn Medical Centre and nurses, to everyone who sent lovely cards with comforting messages, flowers, plants and treats. Thanks also to the kind people who gave Pauline a lift to hospital. All very much appreciated. Donations in memory of Ian for the Edale Mountain Rescue Team amounted to £550.

EVENTS IN MARCH



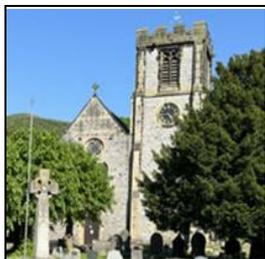
Further details of regular weekly events can be found at <https://bradda.org/village-organisations/>.

- Tuesdays Walkers' Group** 10am meet at Town Lane
- Baby & Toddler Group** 9.30 - 11am in St Barnabas Church
- Bradwell 1st Guides** 7 - 8.30pm in Sports Pavillion
- Wednesdays Badminton** 9.30am – 12noon in Memorial Hall
- Thursdays Bradwell 1st Rainbows and Brownies** 5 – 6.30pm in Sports Pavillion
- Fridays Bradwell Teddies** 9.30 – 11.15am in Memorial Hall
- Coffee and Company** 1 – 3pm in Library, Memorial Hall
- Saturday 7th Community Café** 10 – 11.30am in St Barnabas Church
- Sunday 8th Wolf's Pit Fell Race** 11am start in Shatton
- Saturday 14th Harmony & Her** 1 – 9.30pm in Memorial Hall
- Tuesday 17th Historical Society 'Old Bradda'** by Margaret Morley 8pm in St. Barnabas Church
- Thursday 19th Carnival meeting** 7.30pm Library, Memorial Hall

MEMORIAL HALL WATER UPDATE

Our usual bill is about £80 per month but in September 2025 it leapt to £1300 and we can still find no reason for this. Severn Trent were generous enough to allow us to spread the bill over 6 months, but we still must pay it. We are reading our water meter often and carefully but so far, we have seen nothing odd. Since highlighting this in December edition, we have been overwhelmed by the generosity of some residents of the village, one gave us a £50 donation. Also, the village organisation "The Tour of Bradwell" who organise fell races around our hills have very generously donated £1000 so the bill is almost paid. Our thanks for both donations. If you would like to help us, just buy a £25 Lotto ticket and you just might win the £600 prize in December! *Brian Salisbury*

CHURCH SERVICES March 2026



1 st	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Barnabas, Bradwell
8 th	10.00am	Benefice Communion at St. Barnabas, Bradwell
15 th	10.00am 11.30am	Together@10 Benefice service at St Peter's, Hope Mothering Sunday service at St. Barnabas, Bradwell
22 nd	10.00am 4.00pm	Celtic worship at St Peter's, Hope Said Communion at St Edmund's, Castleton
29 th	10.15am	Palm Sunday procession at St Edmund's, Castleton



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