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BINGO - GET YOUR DOBBERS READY!

Yes, we are here again for a third season of Bingo, commencing on **Maundy Thursday 2nd April** at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. This will be a special evening as it's Easter, and we will be hosting a further three special themed evenings during the summer. On June 11th we will be entertained by 'Mollie & Jess' who sang for us on V.E. Day last year. Information on the remaining two themed evenings will be available in due course. Your support at these Bingo sessions is greatly appreciated, and we hope that this year we can attract more 'Bingo-ists' to our fun-filled, yet serious evenings. Admission this year will remain the same at £10 per person (giving 6 games of Bingo) with a minimum age of 18 years, and the full dates for this season are as follows: **April 2nd, 16th, 30th, May 14th, 28th, June 11th, 25th, July 9th, 23rd, August 6th, 20th and September 3rd.**

All evenings commence at 7.30pm and you are welcome to bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Ray Burton

BRADWELL OPEN GARDENS

Bradwell Open Gardens Day 2026 is on the final Saturday of Gala Week, 8th August. This event will again be organised through St Barnabas Church, with all funds raised to support the upkeep of the Parish Church. It is such an enjoyable and increasingly popular day for the visitors who come along to appreciate the gardens and the village, as well as the home baked refreshments and the friendliness of everyone that they meet here.

I will contact those gardeners who have generously opened their gardens in the past, but it is always lovely to be able to add new gardens to the itinerary. Please don't worry, as no garden is ever perfect. Visitors enjoy getting new ideas on layouts, plants, eco-gardens, and even making compost. They see it as an enjoyable day out, and we hope it is for the Bradwell Gardeners too. If you might be interested in opening your garden, or would like to know more, please do give me a ring on: 621172, or email me at churchwarden.stb@gmail.com.

Jane Dalrymple



WINNING LOTTO NUMBERS

The winning numbers in the March 2026 Bradda Lotto are:

80 - £60; 72 - £30; 2 - £15

The April draw will take place at 8pm in The Shoulder of Mutton on **Wednesday 1st April**.

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY

Mr Fred Redfearn of Michlow Drive will celebrate his 100th birthday on 29th April. Bradwell Parish Council and village residents would like to congratulate him on reaching this milestone age and wish him a very Happy Birthday!

Vanessa Ball, Parish Clerk for Bradwell Parish Council

30 YEARS IN THE FIRE SERVICE



This is Craig Wharton in 1996 when he joined Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service at the age of 18. Craig says 'It's been a pleasure to have served the local community as a Firefighter at Bradwell Fire station for the last 30 years. Obviously, I've seen many changes in the last 30 years at the station, but most notably advancements in both the training we undertake and the equipment we

carry on the fire engine.' Thank you Craig for your dedication and long service!

The Editor

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

Hope Heartbeat Defibrillator Group will be holding a free training session at Hope Sports Pavillion on **Thursday 23rd April** between 6.30pm and 8.30pm. This will be a 'hands on' session provided by the Tideswell and Hope Valley first responders. All are welcome to attend at any time during the 2-hour session for expert tuition or just to observe the procedure and refreshments will be served. You never know when you may have to use a defibrillator and you may save a life.

Caroline Preston

BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

This informal and friendly group meets every Tuesday from 9.30-11am at St Barnabas Church. It's a chance for parents and carers to relax over a cuppa, and for the children to play and have fun for £1 per family group. For more information, phone Jane on 01433 621172.

Jane Dalrymple

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. For questions on advertising please contact Paul (623941) or email paul@paulandliz.org.

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES



S137 Grant Funding: April is the beginning of the new tax year and, as mentioned previously, we have once again been able to keep the annual precept low, with only a 3.5% rise this year. With this new budget comes a fresh wave

of funding available for S137 grants. So, if your organisation could do with a little extra funding, please contact the clerk to request a (very simple) application form. Last year, these grants funded new tables for the Memorial Hall and contributed to the new tarmac path leading to the Church, amongst other items. The requirements for a grant are that you must be a local organisation (not an individual), with bank account and accounting records and be able to provide an up-to-date bank statement. It will also help your application if you attend a Council meeting and explain to Council how the grant will be used.

New Council member: Council would like to take this opportunity to welcome George Leeson who has been co-opted as a Parish Councillor. George brings a lot of knowledge to us, with a hands-on approach to getting things done. You will have probably seen him walking his dog, Mouse or working on the flowers and planters in the village. We look forward to working with Councillor Leeson.

CILCA qualification: Our clerk is working towards gaining a Certificate in Local Council Administration. This is the equivalent of an NVQ 3 and will benefit her own personal development as well as the Council and ultimately the village. With a CILCA qualified clerk Council can adopt a General Power of Competence, giving us greater freedom to make decisions, and the ability to make financial decisions more easily that benefit the village.

Council Procedures: Your Parish Council must follow strict local government laws and legislation in all the decisions we make, which can sometimes seem frustrating when residents want resolutions to issues. Council operates via several sub-committees which meet regularly and bring recommendations to main Council for ratification and approval. These committees are: Administration, Finance, Amenities, Community Resilience and Carnival. Council also works closely with Derbyshire County Council and Derbyshire Dales District Council, and more recently Hope Valley Climate Action to discuss the "Switzerland in the Peak District" project. This is a project aiming to provide better connectivity between the bus and rail services, like in Switzerland and successfully trialed in Wales. More details can be found in the article on page 3.

The next Council meeting is on **Tuesday 7th April** at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, where residents can attend and discuss matters with Council. In the meantime, for any village queries please do not hesitate to contact the clerk on parishclerk@bradda.org

Council will also be hosting the 2026 Annual Parish Meeting at the end of April (date TBC), giving residents an opportunity to hear what Council has achieved during the year. Questions can be asked and refreshments will be served.

NEWBURGH HALL

This is the first part of a report by Steve Lawless which will be serialised over the coming months.

This article records information from the early days of Newburgh Hall as an agricultural building in the early 1800's to its present re-incarnation as four duplex dwellings in 2026. It provides the best information I have been able to obtain, some of which may well be incorrect. I would be more than happy to receive corrections or additions from readers so that any future versions could be made more accurate (email: steve@roselea.org).



Newburgh Hall has had a very varied history over the centuries. It has been bought and sold a number of times and has been used for a range of different activities, from agricultural use to a popular club / dance hall, an antiques emporium

and a youth club. At one point it held the offices of the biggest employer in the area which had around 200 employees.

Early Years (1800's) Neither the 1791 Burdell's Map of Derbyshire nor the 1807 Plan of Land having Rights of Common provide sufficient information to identify Newburgh Hall. However, the 1820 Enclosure Plan clearly shows the agricultural barn (to become Newburgh Hall), together with a small barn (to become the NEC Gatehouse), and a tiny building (which would eventually evolve to be the Newburgh Inn, the Newburgh Arms and finally the larger Newburgh House). These barns had their gable ends facing the road in the Peak District typical style.

According to the Pigot Directory the Newburgh Inn existed in 1828. The 1843 Tithe Map and Schedule show Newburgh Hall still at the same size, the NEC gatehouse as a barn with an associated yard and Newburgh House growing in size.

The 1880 First Edition of the Ordnance Survey map shows the NEC gatehouse and yard, the Newburgh Hall being the same size and footprint, and that the Newburgh House had increased in size and was now explicitly named as the Newburgh Arms.

BAMFORD TENNIS CLUB

Bamford Tennis Club is a small friendly club in a beautiful setting with 4 tennis courts, a hitting wall and pickleball courts. Anyone can play tennis or pickleball on the courts using pay and play or there are various affordable membership packages. Tennis coaching is available for young, old, new and developing players. Members organise weekly friendly social tennis and there is opportunity to play in Sheffield and District league matches for juniors and adults. More information can be found at <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/bamfordtennis>.

Thank you to all who supported the crowdfunding last year to fully refurbish Court 4, which will have its grand opening at 2.30pm on **Bank Holiday Monday 4th May** as part of a club open event. Between 2pm and 4pm there will also be opportunities to play fun social tennis and pickle ball or take part in free coaching and meet members. Details of membership packages for 2026 will be available including a 3-month trial package for new members. All are welcome to come along.

Laura Heath, Secretary

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BRADWELL HEDGEHOG PROJECT UPDATE

The hedgehog is consistently voted the UK's favourite mammal, but numbers in rural areas have declined by as much as 75% since 2000. It is estimated that there are now less than a million hedgehogs left in the UK. Around 110,000 are killed on the road each year. Last year 76 people took part in our Bradwell survey, and this resulted in hedgehog sightings/dropping evidence recorded at 48 locations all around the village. Some of these sightings may well be the same hedgehog. Males for example can roam up to 2 miles each night looking for a female or food. The maximum number seen at any one time was 4, associated with a feeding station. Three were reported dead, 2 killed on the road. Three people reported 2 hedgehogs in their garden exhibiting mating behaviour, but on the "Wild London" TV programme in January 2026, David Attenborough mentioned as few as 4% of hedgehog courtship is successful. Perhaps the most worrying statistic was that only 4 Hoglets (young hedgehogs) were recorded throughout 2025 and 1 of these was dead on the road. It does feel like our hedgehogs are up against it, and as a consequence we have produced a 10-point village action plan to help them survive. So, look out for posters that will be on display around the village on how you can help our hedgehogs, or go to www.hedgehogstreet.org.



Sally Pereira

KRINGLE ROPE MAT WORKSHOP



A Kringle mat is a circular decorative rope mat with an intricate design which can be used as a coaster, table mat, trivet or doormat depending on size. Local artist Hanna Varga will be leading a workshop in 2 parts where participants will receive full instruction and support to make a Kringle rope mat which they can take home. All tools and materials will be provided, and the workshop is suitable for all abilities including beginners.

The sessions are on **Friday 1st May 2 – 5pm** and **Sunday 3rd May 10am – 5pm** in Edale Village Hall. Tickets £60 - £100 (depending on item made). For more information and to book visit: <https://walkinglantern.com/rope-workshops/edale-may-2026-kringle-02>

Hanna Varga

SWITZERLAND IN THE PEAK DISTRICT

Switzerland has the best rural public transport in the world. Every village has a bus service at least once an hour, from early until late. Buses connect with trains. They are reliable and good quality. Tickets are valid on all modes of transport.



Hope Valley Climate Action has been working on a 'Switzerland in the Peak District' project, to demonstrate how these principles could be applied in the UK. In collaboration with national transport experts, HVCA published a report in February which set out how it might operate in the Hope Valley. It would result in a bus service along the main Hope Valley road every 20 minutes, more bus services to visitor hotspots such as the Derwent dams and Mam Tor, and an hourly service from Castleton to Bakewell via Hope station and Bradwell. Buses would connect with trains at Bamford, Hope and Edale.

The report has generated a lot of interest in the Peak District and throughout the country. The HVCA team met East Midlands Mayor Claire Ward in February to discuss how the project could be put into operation as part of the Mayor's Transport Plan. The Mayor has asked East Midlands Combined County Authority officers to develop the proposals with the HVCA team. The team is also exploring the potential for additional funding from the Department for Transport for a five-year project.

Top quality public transport, frequent and reliable, would help local people get to shops, schools and workplaces without needing a private car. It would also encourage visitors to leave their cars at home, reducing congestion and antisocial parking.

HVCA also wants to see short-term improvements to existing public transport, such as real-time information displays at bus stops, a safe road crossing from the train station to the bus turnaround at Sickleholme (Bamford), and all-ability access to the eastbound platform at Hope station.

HVCA needs local support. To get the report and feed in ideas, contact info@hopevalleyclimateaction.org.uk.

Roger Clarke, HVCA Trustee

RELOCATING TO BRADDA!



Due to serious water damage following a leak in the Hope Methodist Hall, the Hope and District Independent Theatre are unable to perform there for the foreseeable future.

With the generous support of the Centenary Players, several of whom are in our production, and thanks to the cooperation of regular users, we are moving to Bradwell Memorial Hall for our next production of Noel Coward's *Blithe Spirit*.

Performances will be from **Thursday 14th to Saturday 16th May** at 7.30pm. Tickets will be available from Friday 3rd April via www.ticketsource.co.uk/hadit, or through Carolyn on 01433 620665, which is also the contact number for further details.

Carolyn Garwes



BRADDA DADS



Thank you to everyone who made the Wolf's Pit Fell Race this year a huge success: everyone who turned out to marshal - we couldn't do it without you; Malcolm for the use of his field, lambing tent, and land to run over; all the runners who turned out; and last but not least, Malcolm's dogs and ewes for putting up with us all on their patch! The day was foggy on top, and all the entrants did a fantastic job of following the route and not getting lost, meaning we could all get to the Travellers for a celebratory pint in good time.

Here's to Wolf's Pit 2027! Maybe a juniors race alongside the event next year? Watch this space....

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JOAN HATTERSLEY (née Gartside)



Joan was born on 4th May 1939 at Hill Head, Bradwell, to parents Lawrence and Annie Gartside. She was the eldest of four children and is survived by her three younger brothers Godfrey, Ken and Larry. She was educated at Bradwell C of E School and New Mills Grammar School. After leaving school, she taught English in Spain.

Joan married Jim Hattersley from Tideswell, which was where the couple made their first home and where their two sons, Philip and David were born. They lived and worked in Anglesey for several years before eventually settling in York. Over a long period of time in the early 2000s, Joan would make a weekly journey on public transport from York to the family home at Hill Head, to look after her aged father Lol, a very talented and well-known local musician. She would often move in with him for longer periods when necessary. Joan died in York on 30th January 2026 at the age of 86. Later this year, the family will gather to scatter her ashes in Jennings Dale, which was her wish.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ

We have our next Community Café at St Barnabas on Easter **Saturday 4th April** from 10.00am in aid of church maintenance funds. It costs £350 a week just to keep the village church up and running, and many of you will have noticed that we are having to re-tarmac our church paths. We really need, and do appreciate, your support. It is important that the church remains a safe and welcoming part of Bradwell's identity.

Jane Dalrymple

PHILIP JOHN CRESWICK

20th October 1951 – 8th February 2026

Although not from Bradwell, Philip was very well known in the village. His mother Edie was the eldest child of the Johnson family who were brought up on Gore Lane. After leaving school, Philip worked at home, Hardhurst Farm, on both the farm and the camping and caravan site, with his father Rex, and latterly with his wife Sue and son Dave. Philip played in Castleton Silver Band from the age of nine and was a lifelong supporter of Sheffield Wednesday F.C. He was very sociable and enjoyed playing in the darts and dominoes league for many years. He was kind, funny and friendly to everyone and will be missed by all his family and friends. Philip passed away peacefully at home on 8th February 2026, surrounded by his loving family.



EVENTS IN APRIL



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

- Wednesday 1st Lotto draw** 8pm in the Shoulder of Mutton
- Thursday 2nd, 16th & 30th Bingo** 7.30pm in Memorial Hall
- Saturday 4th Community Café** 10 – 11.30am in St Barnabas Church
- Tuesday 7th Parish Council** 7.30pm in Memorial Hall
- Tuesday 21st Historical Society** 'Understanding the Russian Character in the 21st Century' by Joe Richardson 8pm in St. Barnabas Church
- Thursday 23rd Defibrillator Training** 6.30pm in Hope Sports Pavillion

CHURCH SERVICES APRIL 2026

	3 rd	2.00pm	Good Friday. Last Hour at St. Barnabas, Bradwell	
	5 th	6.30am 11.00am	Dawn Communion at Odin Mine Castleton. Leave St Edmund's at 5.55am Easter Communion at St. Barnabas, Bradwell	
	12 th	10.00am	Benefice Communion at St. Edmund's, Castleton	
	19 th	10.00am 7.30pm	Together@10 Benefice service at St Peter's, Hope Reflection and Praise at Hope Methodist Chapel, Edale Road	
	26 th	10.00am 4.00pm	Celtic Worship at St. Barnabas, Bradwell Said Communion at St Peter's, Hope	
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