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## BOWLS CLUB TASTER SESSIONS

Bradwell Bowls Club is going to hold two taster sessions at the green (behind the Sports Pavilion), to introduce the sport to villagers. Members will be present to explain the basics and help everyone play. Everyone is welcome to come along and have a go. Tea and coffee will be available. The sessions are between 10am and 12noon on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May** and **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June**.



*Nick Cook, Secretary*

## SWIFT CONSERVATION



In 2025 our Swift volunteers recorded 42 nest sites on 31 buildings. This included Swifts occupying 2 nest boxes with a call system that had only been put up in the Spring.

In March 2026, thanks to Derbyshire Swift Conservation (DSC) 15 new Swift boxes were installed on properties around Swift Close. So,

we are extending our Swift surveys around Bradwell and are pleased that Claire Meade from DSC is offering free training on how to survey Swifts on the evening of **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**. If you can spare just a little time, the rewards of spotting a Swift nest site are amazing! For further details contact:

[bradwellswiftreports@gmail.com](mailto:bradwellswiftreports@gmail.com)

*Sally Pereira*

## HOPE VALLEY YOUTH THEATRE COMPANY



After the hugely successful musical last year 'Faithful - The Musical', Hope Valley Youth Theatre Company are extremely excited to bring 'Race Across the Channel - The Musical' to Bradwell Memorial Hall this summer. There will be shows at 7.30pm on

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**, and at 2pm and 7:30pm on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July**. Enjoy ice creams and drinks from the in-house bar, as four new teams tackle the journey of a lifetime. With a huge song lineup, including disco, rock and pop, this show is not to be missed. We hope to see you at the start line! Tickets are available from: <https://www.centenaryplayers.org/shows>.

*Monty Rook*

## A57 CLOSURE

The A57 is currently fully closed near the Rivelin Dams to repair a landslip and retaining wall. Due to re-open **2<sup>nd</sup> June**. *The Editor*

## WANTED - PHOTOS AND MEMORIES

Bradda Wakes Week Fell Race began in 1938 and through to the 1960s, was mostly run by Bradwell people. By the 1970s, runners were travelling to Bradwell and numbers increased considerably.

Pictured here, is Bradwellian Amy Ryder who has run the race at least half a dozen times, winning Local Lady in 2024. Amy enjoys running other fell races but Bradda's her favourite. Her memories of the fell race include running down Netherside with people cheering the runners on, and then finding different people dotted up the path to the Edge who had walked up to encourage them all the way along the route. She also remembers running the junior fell race in 1995 when she came 3<sup>rd</sup> local girl and received a medal.



This year's race on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August** (7pm), will see the race route pretty close to the original one. Hopefully, many Bradda residents will turn out and cheer as they run through the village, climbing up Bradda Edge and beyond, and then watch them come back down, finishing at the MUGA!

The fell race organising team would like to collect photos and memories of the race and ultimately produce a poster/booklet of its history. Bradwellian, Graham Revell ran it 38 times which we think is a record, but perhaps you know of someone else who has run it even more times?! Perhaps you have run it yourself and have a great memory of it? It would be really good to receive photos too, so if you have anything at all that you would be happy to share with us, please ring either Lis or John Boyle on 07973 750603 or email: [lis2boyle@gmail.com](mailto:lis2boyle@gmail.com).

*Lis Boyle*

## WINNING LOTTO NUMBERS

The winning numbers in the April 2026 Bradda Lotto are:

**28 - £60; 38 - £30; 60 - £15**

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:paul@paulandliz.org).

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## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES



**Town Bottom Toilets:** Council is extremely disappointed that the Ladies' Toilets have again been vandalised and have been used as a smoking den for cannabis. As well as the fire risk, this is very unpleasant for anyone using the facilities, including customers at the café, and our cleaners who must deal with the mess. In such an enclosed environment, the fumes may cause transient side effects in others, but more importantly anyone who is drug tested at work could lose their job! The police have been made aware, and they urge any residents with information to contact them, or to report any incidents of anti-social behaviour. This can be done through their website [www.derbyshire.police.uk](http://www.derbyshire.police.uk), via Messenger on the Derbyshire Constabulary Facebook page, or by calling 101. For now, we are locking the toilets in the evenings while we work with the community to identify the offender(s).

**Council Tax:** When residents received their council tax bills, the breakdown stated a 5% increase for Parish Council for this year. We feel we should state that the actual increase we approved for 2026/7 was only 3.5%, supplementing the budget with reserves. We can only assume that the District Council works this out as an average figure across all services.

**Peak Cluster:** Council is aware that Peak Cluster is a highly emotional topic for many residents. Council have discussed this subject and agreed that a statement will be developed and presented to all the relevant bodies including our MP, the mayor and all stakeholders of Peak Cluster. The statement will be released for residents to review, and we are looking at a possible village meeting to ensure that all opinions are obtained. We are also collaborating with other affected parish councils.

**Carnival:** The rescheduled carnival meeting is on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm** in the Library Room of the Memorial Hall. Whilst plans are already underway for this year's Gala and Wakes, we would love to see more new faces and ideas for Carnival 2026. If you can't attend but would like to make any suggestions, please contact the clerk. This year's theme for floats is open, and we can't wait to see what you've come up with.

**Annual Parish Meeting:** The annual Parish Meeting is your chance to hear what your Council has been doing over the year, and to ask questions of councillors in a less formal way than during a normal Council meeting. The meeting is on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May** at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall. Representatives from other organisations are also invited, including Breedon, District Council, the police, Peak District National Park, and village organisations who have received S137 grants to share how the grant has helped them. Light refreshments are served afterwards, and it would be great to see you there.

All Council meetings, unless restricted due to confidentiality, are open to the public. The next meeting is on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May** at 7:30pm. As always, any village related questions or observations can be reported to the clerk at [parishclerk@bradda.org](mailto:parishclerk@bradda.org).

## BRADDA BINGO '26

"A seriously "Fun" evening with my friends."  
 "Fabulous evening with a great Community feel."  
 "Many thanks to the organisers - it's great to be back."  
 "Been waiting for it to re-start since Christmas."  
 "What a brilliant way to spend a Thursday evening."  
 "It's a hit with me, and for only a 'Tenner'."  
 "Wouldn't miss it - can't wait for the next one."  
 "Nice to be able to bring your own Drinks & Nibbles."  
 These are just some of the comments the organisers received following the first Bingo evening.

The **May** dates have changed to the **7<sup>th</sup>** and **28<sup>th</sup>** to accommodate a production of *Blythe Spirit* in the Memorial Hall on the 14<sup>th</sup> (see below for details). All future Bingo dates will be published in the Events section.

Don't forget our 'Special Evening' on 11<sup>th</sup> June when 'Mollie & Jess' will be entertaining us during the interval, with their wonderful harmonisation - a real treat is guaranteed! *Ray Burton*

## A WITTY & HAUNTING COMEDY

Just a reminder that HADIT are on stage at the Memorial Hall this month presenting Noel Coward's *Blithe Spirit*.  
 "Charles Condomine, a successful novelist, has had two wives, one is most certainly living and the other is most certainly dead! However, after a rather eventful seance held by the eccentric Madam Arcati, the ghost of his first wife has come to visit, much to the consternation of the current Mrs Condomine. Two wives, 'living' under the same roof? What could possibly go wrong?"  
**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May** at 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm). Licensed bar. Ice-creams. Tickets (£10) from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/hadit](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hadit) or 01433 620665. *Carolyn Garwes*

## EVENTS IN MAY



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

- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> & Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Rope Mat Workshops** in Edale Village Hall
- Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Community Café** 10 – 11.30am in St Barnabas Church
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Bamford Tennis Club Open day** 2 – 4pm
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Parish Council** 7.30pm in Memorial Hall
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Lotto draw** 8pm in the Shoulder of Mutton
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Carnival meeting** 7.30pm Library Room
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Bingo** 7.30pm in Memorial Hall
- Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Bowls Club Taster Session** 10am - noon
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Blithe Spirit** in Memorial Hall
- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Stephen Booth Talk & Book Signing** 6pm in St Peter's Church, Hope
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Historical Society** "Navio – What did the Romans do for Brough?" by Jerry Youle 8pm in St. Barnabas Church
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish meeting** 7.30pm in Memorial Hall
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Swift Survey Training** (email on front page for details)
- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Energy Summit** in Moore Hall, Bamford



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## MY 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

Finding the words to express my gratitude to everybody who wished me 'Happy Birthday' on 13<sup>th</sup> April. But of course, there are only two words that are relevant and say it all – 'Thank you'. Thank you for so many good wishes, hugs, handshakes, cards and presents, but most of all, so many smiling faces of Bradwell folk. My special thank you has to go to my wonderful friends Jane and Andrew Dalrymple, who so kindly organised the afternoon tea party at St Barnabas Church. What a team: Jane the organiser, Grace on cakes and photography, Mary on drinks and Andrew on washing up duty! To all the bakers who generously baked the cakes and everybody else who helped in any way. Be not afraid, it's good to be 90!

Colin Biggin

## MEET THE AUTHOR – STEPHEN BOOTH



Stephen Booth is the author of the hugely popular Cooper and Fry novels, now also a successful TV series on Channel 5. He will be giving a talk and book signing on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May** at 6pm in St Peter's Church, Hope. The event is free to attend but donations towards refreshments and church funds are encouraged and will be gratefully received on the evening. To

book your tickets and for more information go to: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/stephenboothhope](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/stephenboothhope)

Margaret Drabble

## THANK YOU

I would like to thank family and friends for all their support after the recent loss of my mum Vera, and to everyone who sent cards and flowers. I have been overwhelmed by all the kind words. I would also like to thank Paul Tanfield for arranging the funeral, Louise for the service at Castleton Church and Sickelholme Golf Club for accommodating so many people after the service.

Christine Cooper and family

## EDALE COUNTRY DAY



Edale Country Day is always a great day out for all the family, with lots to see and do, and some great stalls. Come along to Edale Playing Field on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June** between 11am and 4.30pm. Tickets cost £5 for adults, £3 for under 16's and free for under 6's. Proceeds support Edale & Hope Schools and Edale Village Hall.

Julia Thompson

## COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Our next Community Café will be supporting Cardiac Risk in the Young. Come along to St Barnabas Church on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** between 10am and 11.30am for fabulous cakes, company and raffle.

Jane Dalrymple

## HOPE VALLEY CLIMATE ACTION



As Spring is in the air and the days are getting longer, we have lots of positive things happening and we hope you can join us.

**Switzerland in the Peak District:** We are thrilled that the National Government has announced its support for this project, with an investment of £6 million. See last month's *Bradwell News* for more information or attend our next meetup.

**Hope Valley Art Trail by Rail:** We have begun planning this event which takes place **26-27<sup>th</sup> September**. You can travel along the scenic Hope Valley railway to explore local creativity village by village. Artists will be opening their studios, gardens and exhibiting in villages where you can buy local handmade gifts. We're currently looking for volunteers to help coordinate venues, liaise with artists, distribute posters and help at the event. If you're interested in taking part, either as an Artist or a Volunteer please come along to our next meetup and find out more by emailing [emilygait@hopevalleyclimateaction.org.uk](mailto:emilygait@hopevalleyclimateaction.org.uk).

**Hope Valley Bike Collective:** Want to help shape the future of cycling in the Hope Valley?

We meet every two to three weeks to discuss how to help everyone cycle more by organising workshops, events and campaigns.



We also have our monthly social ride the first Sunday of every month, leaving from Bamford Recreational Ground at 10am.

**Spring Clean the Hope Valley:** We've recently become a Community Hub for Trash Free Trails which means we'll be delivering and supporting litter picks across the Hope Valley. Are you part of an existing group and need new members or want to start one in your area? Get in touch!

**Walk Leadership Training:** We're offering free walk leadership training for anyone wanting to start up their own groups or incorporate walking into their community.

**Energy Summit:** Join our Energy Action Group on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** at Moore Hall in Bamford to hear how to save energy in your home or community and work with the planning system. If you're interested in any of our projects mentioned above or would like to start your own please get in touch with us at [info@hopevalleyclimateaction.org.uk](mailto:info@hopevalleyclimateaction.org.uk).

Emily Gait, HVCA



## BRADDA DADS



**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July** is Bradda Dads' Family Fun Day! Get the date in your diaries and watch this space for more details nearer the time.

We are currently getting ideas together for our carnival float 2026. Any dads in the village who would like to get involved, please let one of the dads know or contact us via Facebook.

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## PETER KOBAYASHI



Peter was born in Middlesbrough, the youngest of 5 children. He had 2 older brothers and 2 older sisters. As a boy, he was a keen member of the Cubs and Scouts and in later years, he gave back a great deal to the Scout movement, becoming a Scout leader and County leader and trainer, training other Scout leaders across North Yorkshire.

It was through Scouting, at a dance in a local church, that Peter met Janet, who was a Brownie leader. They became engaged 11 months later and were married on 5<sup>th</sup> September 1964. They shared many interests, including ballroom dancing and were working towards their 2<sup>nd</sup> gold bar, when Peter suffered a fractured kneecap, which put a stop to their dancing ambitions. They had 2 sons, Paul and John. Faith and family were at the heart of Peter and Janet's life and the Church played a central part in the upbringing of their sons. While working full-time and raising a young family, Peter studied for a degree in Social Science through the Open University. Through his work he travelled all over the world – from America to Brazil, Indonesia to the former Yugoslavia and extensively in China, spending 2 years in Beijing. Peter's work brought the family to Bradwell in August 1996, and he worked in Sheffield until his retirement. In the Peak District, he rekindled old hobbies and found new ones. He enjoyed golf, watercolour painting, bowls, fly-fishing and walking. He made many good friends in the village and enjoyed socialising. He was very involved in the local community, serving on the Parochial Church Council, secretary for the Wells Dressing Committee and even working on scenery for the local pantomime. After he retired, Peter finally had the chance to travel for pleasure and he and Janet enjoyed cruises to the Mediterranean, the

Norwegian Fjords, the Caribbean and the Three Gorges in China. Peter was a man of quiet principle, deep kindness and unwavering faith. He died at home on 12<sup>th</sup> March at the age of nearly 83. A funeral service took place at St. Barnabas Church, Bradwell on 7<sup>th</sup> April, followed by burial in the churchyard.

## THOMAS EDWIN BUXTON (TED)



Ted was born on Church Street, Bradwell on 6<sup>th</sup> November 1936, the eldest son of Thomas and Elvina Buxton and older brother to Michael. In 1949 Ted and his family moved to The Marshes in Hope, next door to the Yeardeley family whose youngest daughter Brenda was of a similar age and they soon became friends. Ted had various jobs after leaving school and joined the Royal Army Medical Corp in 1954, where he was

stationed first in Cyprus and then in Bahrain and Oman. After leaving the Army in 1958, he returned to Hope, working most of his life at Blue Circle Cement. He also rekindled his friendship with Brenda, and they were married at St Peter's Church in Hope on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1961. After Ted retired, he and Brenda enjoyed playing crown green bowls, darts and dominoes and holidaying in Cornwall. Following a dementia diagnosis in 2018, Ted's health slowly declined. With the support of family, friends and neighbours he and Brenda were able to remain in their family home on Sherwood Avenue in Hope until 2023, after which they moved into a care home together, first in Bakewell and later in Sheffield. Ted's wife Brenda, daughters Louise and partner Antony, Emma and partner Phil, and granddaughter Bethany and partner Josh would like to express heartfelt thanks for the kind messages, flowers and cards they received after Ted passed away peacefully on 21<sup>st</sup> March. Ted's funeral was held at Hutcliffe Wood Crematorium on 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

## CHURCH SERVICES MAY 2026

	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Barnabas, Bradwell	
	10 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Worship Together at St. Barnabas, Bradwell	
	17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Together@10 Benefice service at St Peter's, Hope	
	24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am 4.00pm	Celtic Worship at St. Edmund's, Castleton Said Communion at St. Barnabas, Bradwell	
	31 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	Benefice Service at St Peter's, Hope	
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