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FRED'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

As mentioned in the April edition of the *Bradwell News*, Mr Fred Redfearn of Michlow Drive celebrated his 100th birthday. On May 2nd a surprise party was held for him in Bradwell Memorial Hall and was attended by many family and friends. To reach such a milestone is a very impressive feat and Fred, who is now our oldest resident in the village, had a wonderful time celebrating. His family would like to express their thanks to all who attended. Here he is with a card from the King. Congratulations Fred!



Vanessa Ball

ST BARNABAS ARTS AND CRAFTS

An early notice that we are planning to hold our lovely Arts & Craft Exhibition again this year in the church during Gala Week, 1st – 8th August. This is always a popular exhibition and a great chance for all talented residents to display their work in church. Everyone is welcome whether or not you've displayed your work before. More details next month.

Lynn Lawless

COMMUNITY CAFÉ

The Community Café in June will be raising funds for St B's Baby and Toddler Group and Church. There will be fabulous homemade cakes, raffle and a plant stall. The date is **Saturday 6th June**, 10-11.30am at St Barnabas Church.

Jane Dalrymple

CASTLETON SILVER BAND

At Castleton Silver Band, our ethos is simple: we enjoy good company and a shared love of brass band music. We're a non-competitive band and are proud to focus on being a true community band, something you'll have seen reflected in our village engagements.

Like any community band, we are always on the lookout for new members. Whether you're completely new to brass music or picking up an instrument again after a long break, you'll find a warm welcome here. Our Training Band is a perfect place to start, there are no subs for rehearsals, and we have a stock of instruments which can be borrowed free of charge.

We rehearse on Monday evenings at the Hope Sports Pavilion, and there's always the option of a friendly trip to a local pub afterwards. If you'd like to know more, please don't hesitate to get in touch with our Band Secretary: Jane Priestley on 07837142454.

Jane Priestley

TOAD PATROL UPDATE

Many thanks to all the intrepid Toad Volunteers who turned out to help toads cross the road during their Spring migration. This year we saved 110 toads from being squashed on Eccles Lane, an increase on the 91 saved last year. It is great to be part of a community that is willing to stand up for nature to try to make a positive difference. We are currently working with Derbyshire Amphibian Reptile Group and Breedon, Hope Cement Works to look at opportunities to improve the toad habitat on Breedon land.



Sally Pereira

BRADWELL SWIFT GROUP UPDATE



The first Swift arriving back in Bradwell was spotted by the sharp young eyes of Bertie from the Post Office on 27th April. It will have flown nearly 7,000 miles from Africa to nest in our village. During June and July, you may see teams of Swift surveyors around the village trying to pinpoint all the locations where they are currently nesting. We will then alert

the owners that they are one of the lucky ones that share their home with Swifts and make them aware of how to prevent accidental nest loss in the future. Last year we found 42 nest sites in Bradwell, 17 more than the previous year. If you would like to find out more about these amazing birds, which spark joy for so many of us, then please come along to our free Swift walk on **Friday 3rd July** starting at 8pm from the cafe/public toilet area next to the Brook. Should you find a grounded or injured swift visit sheffieldswiftnetwork.org for help and advice.

Sally Pereira

WINNING LOTTO NUMBERS

The winning numbers in the May 2026 Bradda Lotto are:

2 - £60; **82** - £30; **58** - £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 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



Town Bottom Playing Field: Council are pleased to announce the installation of two new pieces of play equipment on the field. The larger unit was chosen following research which showed that there were limited facilities suitable

for younger children in the park. It offers a range of features including a tunnel, slide, sensory elements and a small, sheltered seating area underneath. There is also a new gravity spinning bowl, replacing the previous broken spinner and providing a different, exciting option for older children. Both additions have been extremely well received, with residents commenting on how popular they have been since installation.

Carnival: Plans for carnival are well underway, with the first planning meeting being well attended. We are still looking for volunteers to help with various aspects of carnival. This doesn't have to be on the day itself, but help is also needed for erecting and dismantling marquees, collecting chairs and promoting events. Please contact the clerk if you have any time to give and would like to help. We are hoping to put on the same events as last year, including Carnival Eve, stalls and a funfair, the Gala Day procession, a torchlight march, and other exciting things such as a car treasure hunt and scarecrows. The village pubs will also be getting involved, so look out for the programme nearer the time. The Committee would like to remind any local organisations or vendors wanting a stall on the field on Gala Saturday, to book this with the clerk. Unfortunately, the Friends of Bradwell Schools group are unable to run the Street Fayre this year. This popular event on the Monday evening of Wakes, has been a highlight of Gala for many years, and it would be a shame for it not to go ahead. If any village organisation or perhaps just a group of individuals would like to take over the event and raise money for a local village charity, please contact the clerk.

Tour de Femmes 2027: Many residents will have heard the very exciting news that the Tour de Femmes bicycle race will be coming through the village on 31st July next year. It is slightly disappointing that this would have been our Carnival Day, but Council have decided to move Gala Day to a week later next year and will also make any required changes to gala week activities to accommodate the race. It's still early days, but a full revised event schedule will be published in plenty of time. It is important for residents to note that on 31st July 2027 there will be major road closures across the majority of Derbyshire. Council has formed a working group to develop plans for how we can best enjoy this special occasion and would welcome any suggestions or ideas of what the village would like to see happen in support of the event.

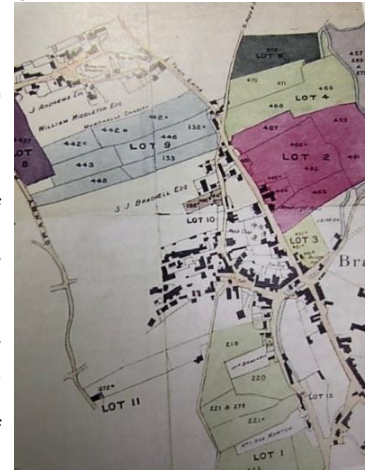
Parish Council meets at 7:30pm on the first Tuesday of every month in Bradwell War Memorial Hall, unless otherwise stated. Residents are welcome to attend meetings, to listen or to ask questions of councillors. The agendas and minutes are displayed on the notice boards and the village website. Please address all Parish Council related queries to the clerk via email parishclerk@bradda.org

NEWBURGH HALL

This is the second part of a report by Steve Lawless

Recent Past (1900's) This century provided dramatic changes to Newburgh Hall and the surrounding premises. Early in the twentieth century some of the local large estate owners began to sell off land to meet death duties. The 1820 Enclosure Plan shows that Earl Newburgh, Francis Eyre of Hassop Hall, owned considerable amounts of land in and around Bradwell. The sale of land belonging to the Hassop Estate by auction in 1911 had a significant impact on the growth of Bradwell during the twentieth century, which then allowed new developments to be made around the outskirts of the village.

The auction of part of the Hassop Estate was conducted by Dunn, Saman and Coverdale on 11-12th October 1911. There were thirteen lots in the auction, and of particular significance to this article was the sale of Lot 2. This Lot incorporated the Newburgh Arms (now Newburgh House) and the two farm buildings immediately to its north (now Newburgh Hall and the NEC gatehouse), together with approximately 9 acres of "enclosures of grass land".



This land extended eastwards from Netherside down to Bradwell Brook. In the sales particulars, the buildings were described as being "of stone with slated roof" and consisted of the inn, a "Yard with Pig Stye, stone-built 8- Stall Stable, standing for 6 Cows, Cart shed, with large Tea Room over, entered by an external flight of steps, a Second Yard and useful Buildings". The two farm buildings, and possibly the Newburgh Arms, are clearly marked on the 1820 Enclosure Plan, the earliest detailed map of Bradwell. The sitting tenant of Lot 2 at this time was Mrs. Florence Carterer who paid an annual rental of £50.5.0d. However, in 1923 she left the Newburgh Arms to take up the tenancy of the Bulls Head on Towngate.



BRADDA DADS



Friday Night Carnival Entertainment on 31st July. The Bradda Dads will be back running the bar and organising loads of fun for all the family on the Friday night before the Carnival procession. Get the date in your diary and watch this space for more details nearer the time.

Bradda Dads Family Fun Day on Monday 27th July. After a wash out last year, we'll be back for 2026. Get the date in your diaries, do a sun-dance like a kid, and watch this space for more details nearer the time.

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We'd love more people to get involved, and summer is a great time to start. There's genuinely something for everyone, or you can start your own project too.

Coming up this month, our **Open Wild Gardens event on 20th and 21st June** offers a chance to visit nine inspiring wildlife-friendly gardens across Bradwell, Bamford and Hathersage - from wildflower meadows and ponds to stone walls and woodland. Biodiversity loss and climate change are closely linked, and gardening with nature in mind is a practical, positive way we can all make a difference.

The **Hope Valley Bike Collective** hosts monthly social rides through the Valley, welcoming riders of all abilities on any bike.



The **Art Trail by Rail** returns for its second year on **26 - 27th September**. Celebrate local art and creativity across the valley following the Hope Valley railway line.

Our **Transport and Travel Group** is part of an exciting project piloting a Swiss-style integrated public transport network in the Hope Valley, making it easier for people to get around without a car.

If any of this sounds like your kind of thing, we'd love to hear from you. Visit www.hopevalleyclimateaction.org.uk to find out more, sign up to our newsletter, or email us at info@hopevalleyclimateaction.org.uk with any questions.

Davina Ripton, Chair, Hope Valley Climate Action

MEMORIES OF BRADDA FELL RACE



There are still many 'unsung heroes' in Bradda who quietly get on with helping and making things happen with no recompense involved. But perhaps one of the most invisible helpers is Malcolm Sowerby. Unless you have run Bradda Fell Race, you probably don't know that every year Malcolm has stood by the Abney signpost on top of Bradda Edge to make sure the runners don't get lost, ever since the late 1970s. Thank you very much!

He stands and waits for all the runners to all go past and sometimes he has been waiting for a very long time! Malcolm remembers waiting for Bradwellian, Nat Fletcher to appear. Eventually, his very young grandson Zach (Harrison) scrambled up to the top and asked if Malcom had seen his Grandad, which

he hadn't. Nat eventually appeared back down at the finish - somehow! Nowadays, Malcolm and other helpers have the official title of 'marshal' and the race has a 'sweeper' who is the last person to run round and make sure everyone returns safely.

Malcolm remembers another runner who on reaching Malcolm's car (he'd driven in from Abney and parked on the top) said '*Let me in, I've done enough!*'. Malcolm decided on looking at him that he definitely had done enough and agreed to give him a lift!

Malcolm has also helped at the Junior Fell Race. Both his sons, James and Jack ran it every year from the age of 4 until about 14 years old. Many children from the village on reaching the top would be a bit out of breath and some would say they had 'stitch'. Josephine remembers Malcolm checking she was feeling OK and him giving her a penny to hold as she ran along to take her mind off having the stitch - and it worked!

There are many other marshals involved in Bradda Fell Race, too many to mention and thank individually, but all of them help purely to see a fun event take place for the village. Proceeds from the fell race go back into the village to help support other community groups and events. Perhaps you fancy being available this year, either to run, help on the field or support along the route? The fell race will start on **Tuesday 4th August** at 7pm from the MUGA.

The Fell Race Organising Team are also planning a walk round the course on the evening of **Thursday 9th July**. If you're interested in attending, get in touch by contacting Lis/John Boyle at lis2boyle@yahoo.com. We are still wanting memories and photos from previous Bradda fell races - have a rummage in those drawers!

Lis Boyle

Action Against CCS

COMMUNITY EVENT

SUNDAY 14TH JUNE

12pm-3pm

Drop-in event discussing:

PEAK CLUSTER

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ANDY CASS



Although not from Bradwell, Andy spent over 20 years living in the village. He was a popular and well-known character, especially to those on the dog walking circuit. He was an active member of Edale Mountain Rescue Team and completed 50 years of service volunteering for mountain rescue. Andy was always a caring and cheerful individual. His view was that life was for living and even when he was diagnosed with cancer and underwent treatment, he remained stoic and his approach was "crack on". He always had a story to tell and the ability to put people at ease. In his spare time, he enjoyed walking in Derbyshire, sailing, skiing and travelling. He parted to the end as he wished. Andy passed away peacefully at home on the 24th of March 2026.

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JOYCE MIDDLETON

Joyce passed away on 20th March 2026 in Chesterfield Royal Hospital. She was born on 3rd August 1929, the second daughter of Ellen Jane and Harold Plane of 52 Foljambe Road, Rotherham, where they lived with her older sister Betty. During her childhood, she suffered from diphtheria and spent time in an isolation hospital. Family holidays were spent travelling by motorbike and sidecar with her parents and sister to Selsey to visit her mother's sister, Aunt Rose. After WW2, Joyce and Betty took to rambling and Youth Hostelling in the Peak District and occasionally in the Lake District.



In 1950, Joyce married her first husband Charles Edward Mullins (Ted), a Royal Naval Rating from Rotherham, and their son Edward John was born in 1951. In 1957 Joyce and Ted had a daughter, Lynne. Tragically in 1958, Ted died from injuries sustained in a cycling accident. Four years later, Joyce married John Douglas Middleton (Doug), from Bradwell and their daughter Denise Christine was born in October 1962. The family then moved from Kimberworth Park to Bradwell. During the late 1960's, Joyce became Guide Leader of the Bradwell Girl Guides. She also worked as a Home Help, looking after elderly people in the village.

Doug passed away on 30th March 2017 aged 87. Joyce leaves 3 married children, 6 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends and by her neighbours, who would receive a "thumbs up" from her as they passed by her cottage window.

THANK YOU

Janet, Paul and John Kobayashi would like to say a 'Very Big Thank You' to everyone who sent wonderful cards, flowers and plants and those who helped so much with Peter's care. Bradwell is such a very kind and wonderful village to live in. Once again, a very big thank you to everyone. *Janet Kobayashi*

EVENTS IN JUNE



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

- Tuesday 2nd Parish Council** 7.30pm in Memorial Hall
- Wednesday 3rd Lotto draw** 8pm in the Shoulder of Mutton
- Saturday 6th Bowls Club Taster Session** 10am – 12 noon
- Community Café** 10 – 11.30am in St Barnabas Church
- Thursday 11th & 25th Bingo** 7.30pm in Memorial Hall
- Sunday 14th Edale Country Day** 11am – 4.30pm
- Peak Cluster Community Event** 12 - 3pm in Memorial Hall
- Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st Open Wild Gardens**

CHURCH SERVICES JUNE 2026



7 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Barnabas, Bradwell
14 th	11.00am	Worship Together at St. Barnabas, Bradwell
21 st	10.00am	Together@10 Benefice service at St Peter's, Hope
28 th	10.00am 4.00pm	Celtic Worship at St. Barnabas, Bradwell Said Communion at St Edmund's, Castleton



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