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ST BARNABAS ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION

We will be holding our popular Arts and Crafts Exhibition in St Barnabas Church during Gala week again this year. The exhibition will run from **Saturday 1st August to Saturday 8th August**, from 10.30am to 4.30pm daily. We welcome anyone who would like to display their artwork or crafts in the church, whether or not it has been displayed before. People attend from far and wide and always comment on the wonderful talent there is in our village. Teas and homemade cakes will also be available in the church during the exhibition. Please bring items to the church on **Friday 31st July** between 10am and 5pm. Space will be allocated on the day. If this time is not convenient and you'd like to reserve a space, or for any other queries please ring Lynn (620329) or Jane (621172) or email lynn@roselea.org.

Lynn Lawless

MACKENZIE - WECHAYACHAI

Julie and Ken Mackenzie are delighted to announce the wedding of their son Callum to Fai Wechayachai on May 2nd in Thailand. Both families started the day with a traditional Buddhist ceremony in a beautiful temple in Bangkok. We all then moved to the riverside wedding reception venue for the outdoor water blessing ceremony where family and friends gave the happy couple their personal congratulations. Finally, Callum and Fai enjoyed a UK-style civic wedding ceremony including the old Scottish tradition of 'tying the knot'. A lively evening reception followed. Best men at the wedding were Callum's brother Rory and old friend Rob Thompson. The wedding party went on to a 4-day beach holiday together as many had travelled long distances to be there.



Ken Mackenzie

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Don't forget that 'Race Across the Channel - The Musical' will be at Bradwell Memorial Hall on **Friday 3rd July** at 7.30pm and **Saturday 4th July** at 2pm and 7.30pm. Tickets are available from:

<https://www.centenaryplayers.org/shows>
Monty Rook

MEMORIES OF BRADDA FELL RACE



What has a cow bell got to do with Bradda Fell Race you may be asking?! Well, not a lot as it turns out, but some runners remember the sound of a bell ringing as they started to make their way up The Edge. This happened for quite a few years and many thought it was a cow bell! We now know it was a school hand bell and was carried up there by Joyce and rung enthusiastically by her as runners went through the little gate onto the Edge. Ten out of ten for effort Joyce!

Thank you to those who have sent photos in of Bradda Fell Race over the years; there are some crackers! We hope you enjoy looking at the insert in this month's issue. Please keep sending more to us (lis2boyle@gmail.com or ring 07973 750603), we'll collect them and return them to you after making a copy.

Don't forget the Bradda Fell Race Organising Team are inviting anyone who wishes to walk the fell race route to turn up at the MUGA at 7pm on **Thursday 9th July**. No fancy clothing needed, just supportive footwear (trainers etc). If you want to know more about the walk, you can ring Lis on the number above. Lis Boyle

COMMUNITY CAFÉ

This month we will be supporting Bradwell Well Dressers at the café, in St Barnabas' Church on **Saturday 4th July** from 10-11.30am. There will be a range of delicious home-baked cakes, raffle prizes to be won, and lots of people to talk to, young and old. Please come and support this event if you can. Remember: it is "by the community and for the community". Thank you!

Jane Dalrymple

WINNING LOTTO NUMBERS

The winning numbers in the June 2026 Bradda Lotto are:

51 - £60; 173 - £30; 52 - £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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GALA WEEK

Saturday 1st August – CARNIVAL DAY
Free bouncy castle from 12noon. Bar open all day.
Kitchen closed. Disco from 8pm.

Sunday 2nd August 12.30pm – 4pm
Gala roast. BOOKING RECOMMENDED.
Gala quiz and Bingo from 9pm.

Tuesday 4th August 6.30pm
Family Bingo – every child wins a prize
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Thursday 6th August 8pm
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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES



Gala 2026: The year is moving quickly, and as we enter July Carnival preparations are well underway. The first event of Gala; Carnival Eve, will take place on 31st July on Beggars Plot, with music from local bands, a bar, food and plenty of fun. The field will be open from 5pm until 10pm. On Carnival Day, 1st August, there will be the usual events on Beggars Plot, including stalls, rides, bouncy castles, food and ice creams. The day runs from 11am to 5pm. If you are a local seller or community group, there is still time to book a stall. Please contact the Clerk. Moving into Gala week, there will be a car treasure hunt, scarecrow competition, best dressed house and, if any organisation would like to run one, a walking treasure hunt, which would be a fantastic addition to Gala. There are also a series of other events, run by the church, pubs and other groups in the village, listed in the gala flyer. It is not too late to add your event so please contact the Clerk if you would like something included. Unfortunately, it is looking unlikely that a street fayre will take place this year, but the Ball Race will still go ahead, with music at the White Hart. Carnival festivities will conclude with the Torchlight Procession on 9th August. It is also not too late to be involved in Carnival preparation and general activities.

This year's Carnival collection will support Bradwell Youth Activities. If anyone would like to carry a collection bucket during the parade, please let the Clerk know. Bradwell Youth Activities is open to all 11–16-year-olds in the village and is completely free to attend. The group relies on grant funding and has been fortunate to receive grants from several organisations, including Breedon, Derbyshire Dales, Derbyshire County Council, Derbyshire CVS, and The Coop.

Road Closures: Please note that road closures will be in place for events across Gala Week. Dates and times will be published on Facebook, displayed along the roadside, and residents on affected stretches will be notified by letter.

Annual Parish Meeting: The meeting this year took place in May and was attended by several residents. Council gave an overview of achievements for the past year and answered questions from residents. Recipients of S137 grants reported how the money had helped them, including one of our youngest residents who represented Bradwell Teddies. We were also joined by Brian Taylor, head of planning at the Peak District National Park. Brian gave the meeting an update on Peak Park activities and reminded us that this year marks the 75th Anniversary of the Peak District National Park. Events will be taking place to celebrate this milestone.


Council Meetings: Residents are invited to attend Parish Council meetings, which are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall. The next meeting will be on **7th July**. In the meantime, any council-related queries should be directed to the Clerk at parishclerk@bradda.org.

COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Jonathan and Brenda Bradwell recently raised the magnificent sum of £311 from a plant sale, which they have kindly donated to our Community Library. We are indeed most grateful for their efforts and thank them sincerely for their support. *Ray Burton*

BAMFORD TENNIS CLUB

Bamford Tennis Club is a vibrant community tennis club run by volunteers who are proud to have opened their newly developed 4th court which has markings for both tennis and pickle ball. The club are trying to encourage more girls and young women to play tennis, offering various supported ways to play. Anyone can play tennis or pickleball on the courts using pay and play, or there are various affordable membership packages. New members are always welcome and more information about the club can be found at: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/bamfordtennis>



The club will hold an open evening on **Monday 13th July 6-8pm**. Come on down to meet members and take part in free, fun tennis and pickle ball activities. Details of membership packages for 2026 will be available including a 3-month trial package for new members.

THANK YOU'S

Steve and Maureen Kirkland's family would like to thank Eden Tree caravanners /campers and friends from Bradwell village for attending Maureen's remembrance on 9th May at the Shoulder of Mutton. Together we raised £530 which was given to Bradwell Infant School and Nursery. *Mick Allcroft*

Joyce Middleton's family would like to express their thanks and gratitude to everyone for their kind messages and condolences. For the care and support that Mum received from Ann, Jayne and their team at Assured Social Care, the Doctors and staff at Eyam Surgery, the Community District Nurses and OT's and the Doctors, Nursing and Palliative Care Teams on Markham Ward at Chesterfield Royal Hospital. Thank you to Paul of J E Nutch for arranging Mum's funeral in accordance with her wishes, to Ben Oliver for conducting a lovely personal service and Lynne and her team at the Shoulder of Mutton. Last but not least, thank you to Mum's friends and neighbours for their chats and waves when passing and checking that they received a thumbs up.

Heartfelt thanks from Ted, Lynne, Denise and their families

Suzanne would like to express her gratitude to all those who helped her to care for Andy at home as he wanted. Thank you for all the wonderful cards and flowers. Thanks also to Lorna, Paul and to Edale Mountain Rescue for giving Andy such a glorious send off. *Sue Cass*

Dorothy and family would like to thank everyone who came to Ged's funeral for their kind thoughts and cards, flowers, plants that were given to her from the village and the support for the time Ged spent in care homes. Much appreciated. *Dorothy Elliott*



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MOVE MORE HOPE VALLEY

Move More Hope Valley has been running for over a year, and we thought we'd share some of our achievements and how you can get involved. Move More Hope Valley is funded by High Peak Borough Council and supports residents and visitors to fit more movement in their life through making everyday journeys on foot, by bike and by public transport. Being more active not only makes us healthier, it also boosts our mood, connects us to where we live and to each other.

Since launching in May 2025, we have run 31 activities and engaged with more than 750 people across the Valley. Highlights have included launching the Hope Valley Bike Collective with our 'Pies, Pedals and Punctures' event, running the Hope Valley's first Art Trail by Rail and making new connections across the Hope Valley. Below are ways you can take part this Summer and beyond:

Join the Hope Valley Bike Collective



Interested in cycling but don't know where to start? We have our regular 5 mile social ride taking place on the 1st Sunday of every month. We're also looking for support to run workshops, events and talks on topics such as basic bike maintenance, family cycling adventures and riding in different conditions. If you have ideas or would like to get involved, we'd love to hear from you.

Take part in the Art Trail by Rail

Returning for its second year, the Hope Valley Art Trail by Rail combines creativity with sustainable travel. The event takes place **25th – 27th September** and there are opportunities to get involved as an artist, volunteer, local business or attendee.



Walk with a purpose



We've joined up with Trash Free Trails, and thanks to support from High Peak Borough Council we can help groups to organise their own litter picks, nature-themed walks and walking buses for school children. If you are part of a school or community group, please get in touch.

How do you keep active in the Hope Valley and what difference has it made to your life? Is there anything that could help you? Get in touch with Emily to share your story and ideas: emilygait@hopevalleyclimateaction.org.uk.

If you would like to find out more about this project, please visit our website and sign up to our monthly newsletter. www.hopevalleyclimateaction.org.uk.

Emily Gait, Community Engagement Lead, HVCA.

EVENTS IN JULY



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

- Friday 3rd Swift Walk** 8pm from Brookside Café
- Race Across the Channel – The Musical**
- Saturday 4th Community Café** 10 – 11.30am in St Barnabas Church; **Race Across the Channel – The Musical**
- Tuesday 7th Parish Council** 7.30pm in Memorial Hall
- Wednesday 8th Lotto draw** 8pm in the Shoulder of Mutton
- Thursday 9th Walk the Bradd Fell Race**
- Thursday 9th & 23rd Bingo** 7.30pm in Memorial Hall
- Monday 13th Bamford Tennis Club Open day** 6 - 8pm
- Monday 27th Bradda Dads Family Fun Day**
- Friday 31st Bradda Dads Carnival Entertainment**



BRADDA DADS



Bradda Dads Family Fun Day on Monday 27th July. After a wash out last year, we're back this year.

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 these dates in your diary and check Facebook for more details nearer the time.

KEITH HALL



Keith was born in the village on 16th January 1934 to Flora Bennett and Ernest Hall. After attending Bradwell Council School and New Mills Grammar School, he worked for Derwent Valley Waterboard. At 18, he was called up for National Service in the R.A.F., then he worked at Earls Cement Works and Blakeley's Concrete Works. Later he trained to be a teacher at Shoreditch College and secured a post at the new school in Chapel-en-le-Frith to teach woodwork, metalwork and technical drawing. Whilst waiting for the school's construction to be completed, he taught at Whaley Bridge Primary School, where he met Valerie Needham, who became his wife in 1961. They had two sons, Stuart and Richard, and lived near Buxton until 1992, when Keith returned to Bradwell to build a new house for his retirement on the site of his childhood home.

Keith was a large fun character, but he had a serious side. He greatly valued knowledge and he loved to read fact, especially historical topics, endlessly. Along with John Monahan, he was instrumental in founding Bradwell Historical Society as an organisation. Keith was known for producing photographic records and articles on local housing development, and he provided material for the 'After Seth' project in 2008 and wrote "20th Century Buildings in Bradwell". He had a flagpole and

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Keith loved the arts and supported the Buxton Festival, attending opera, jazz and book promotions. He also loved to travel and visited many countries. He took his young sons to museums, buildings and historical sites, a behaviour that has been carried forwards. Keith developed many new practical skills over the years. Stuart and Richard will always be grateful for the wide skill set and practical interests they now have as a result of working on many projects with their Dad, not least Keith's 1934 Austin 12/6 Harley, which many will have seen him drive through the village. Keith died on 8th May, aged 92, leaving his two sons, his grandson Rogan, and his cousin David Bennett.

SUSAN FIONA WHARTON (neé SUTHERLAND)



It is hard to know how to write about Sue's life without thinking of the entire village of Bradwell. She was born on 11th February 1959 at Hall Gate View, growing up with her brothers and sister, Andrew, Steven and Janet. She worked at Cambion Electronics. She met and married Geoff Wharton and took pride in her work as a dinner lady and lollipop lady. She was very proud of Bradwell and loved the village, its seasons, events and people. If you didn't know her by name,

you couldn't fail to know her by sight – always a smile, always up for a chat. We shall always remember her for her infectious joy which she carried into every day. Our deep thanks go out to all who knew her for their support and condolences, also for the generosity of £235.20 in donations to Blythe House in her memory. Sue would have been overwhelmed and humbled by the love shown to her in her passing as are we, her family.

GERALD "GED" ELLIOTT



Gerald was born in Little Hucklow on 28th June 1940 to parents Stanley and Nellie. Shortly afterwards the family moved to Northcliffe at the bottom of Smithy Hill, Bradwell where his late younger sister Mabel was born. After leaving Bradwell Council School, he began work at G&T Earle, later Blue Circle, spending his entire career of 42 years, from 1955-1997, with the firm.

For several years, Ged lived in Strines before moving back to Bradwell to marry Dorothy in Bakewell in 1976. Heatherlea, their first home, was where he set up a dark room and developed his love of photography and where he took pride in his home-grown vegetables. He enjoyed Bradwell Wakes Week and he and Dot served on the Wells Dressing Committee, working hard in preparing the 4 wells, including the one at Town End, near to their home in later years. The couple travelled the world, from Australia to Canada They marvelled at the Empire State Building and returned home on the QE2. Ged had a lifelong passion for gardening, and his flower beds were a source of admiration for passers-by. Bowling, badminton and snooker were joys of retirement and play was not just for fun but also competitive in leagues.

Ged was a kind and modest man, always ready to help others. When he became ill, Dorothy cared for him at home before he moved into a care home. He died on 21st April 2026, aged nearly 86, three days short of their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Dorothy has really appreciated the support of their many friends over recent years. Ged would have been so grateful that she was looked after, when he became too ill to do so himself.

CHURCH SERVICES July 2026

	5 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Barnabas, Bradwell	
	12 th	11.00am	Worship Together at St. Barnabas, Bradwell	
	19 th	10.00am	Together@10 Benefice service at St Peter's, Hope	
	26 th	10.00am 4.00pm	Celtic Worship at St Peter's, Hope Said Communion at St. Barnabas, Bradwell	
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