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NEW NESTING TOWER ON BEGGARS PLOT



A Bamford based business, Peak Boxes, has generously donated a large nesting tower to the village. The tall architectural structure at the tip of Beggars Plot was put up on the 16th June, and can house up to 17 pairs of Swifts in the top two layers with up to 20 pairs of House Martins in the lower sections. The decline in both species has been dramatic over the past 30 years, as nesting sites have been lost, and climate change has affected the birds' journeys to and from their winter-feeding grounds in Africa.

House Martins have really suffered and the numbers in the village have plummeted.

Beggars Plot was chosen as a suitable site as House Martins still nest on the nearby houses. Thanks should go to the Parish Council, who have been very helpful in allowing this project to go ahead and assisting in finding a suitable position.

It may take a few years for the birds to start to use the site, but it is hoped that the visible open location will allow residents and visitors to see these birds in action and bring awareness to their plight.

More information on putting up House Martin and Swift boxes can be found at <https://peakboxes.co.uk/knowledge>.

Richard Patton

ARTS, CRAFTS AND PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

Come along to this year's Arts, Craft and Photography Exhibition at St Barnabas Church from **Gala Saturday** until **Saturday 8th August** between 10.30am and 4.30pm. Homemade cakes and drinks will be served. You'll be amazed at the displays!

Jane Dalrymple

THANK YOU



In April of this year St Barnabas Church held a coffee morning to raise funds for C-R-Y Cardiac Risk in the Young. They raised the magnificent total of £336.20 which went to the Kyle Hancock Memorial fund with C-R-Y to fund Heart Screening days.

Heart screening does save lives. In this country 12 fit and healthy people between the ages of 14 and 35 die of undiagnosed heart conditions every week. We are also pleased to announce that another screening day is booked at Bradwell Memorial Hall for **10th March 2027** in memory of Kyle and this will be our 8th screening day in his memory.

We would like to express our thanks and gratitude to everyone at St Barnabas for their generous, kind support and donation to this worthwhile cause. These screening days are free to attend but cost £7,200 to arrange and 100 young people can be screened on the day.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you want or require any information about this. Thank you take care and God Bless.

The Hancock family

BRADWELL OPEN GARDENS

Come and enjoy over 20 beautiful gardens in our village

Saturday 8th August 2026 from 10am to 4.30pm

Tickets £5 each (under 11's free)

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Brochure and map of two tours of the Open Gardens

Proceeds in aid of St Barnabas Church funds



WINNING LOTTO NUMBERS

In July we had all the sevens:

7 - £60; **17** - £30; **87** - £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.

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GALA WEEK

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The Parish Council would like to inform residents that Eve Lake has resigned as a Parish Councillor to spend more time on work and her growing family. We thank Eve for her contribution during her time on Council and we wish her every success for the future. Her resignation has created a vacancy, and we have begun the process of finding a new councillor to bring us back to full strength.

On 17th June members of Council met in the village with County Councillor Sutton and a representative from Highways to discuss the ongoing issues caused by HGVs attempting to drive along our narrow lanes. The meeting was positive and productive, and new signage will soon be installed both within Bradwell and further up the Dale to replace some of the outdated, ambiguous and overly wordy signs. The aim is to provide clearer guidance and discourage HGV drivers from entering unsuitable parts of the village, but unfortunately some HGV drivers do not use satnavs designed for industrial vehicles.

We currently have several projects in the pipeline to enhance the village. These include a new Bradwell village sign on Elliot Avenue and a new and updated map at the entrance to Town Bottom Park. We have also participated in meetings with the Methodist Church Circuit to explore possible future uses for the School Room (Hall) and Chapel. We believe the likelihood of the hall reopening for general village use is small, but many ideas were discussed including the creation of a small business centre with individual office spaces. We will soon be approaching residents to identify whether there is sufficient interest in such a project and are planning an Open Day so that interested parties can view the facilities. If you are interested in this project, please email the Clerk, and any organisations interested in providing refreshments at the Open Day please do get in touch.

The Clerk has also been involved in a Walking Project alongside District Councillor Nash, members of the Community Orchard, and Bradwell Junior School. Initiated by the District Council and partner organisations, the project aims to encourage children, families, and older residents to enjoy walking in and around the village. A number of exciting ideas have been discussed, and we will keep residents updated as the project develops.

The Section 137 Fund remains available for village groups needing a small amount of financial support for projects or essential items. The application process is simple, there are no lengthy forms to complete, and all funding goes directly back into the community. For more information and to apply please contact the Clerk. Recently, the fund supported the Hope Valley Youth Players with their performance at the Memorial Hall, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Residents are invited and encouraged to attend Council meetings, which are held on the first Tuesday of each month in the War Memorial Hall. In the meantime, please feel free to contact the Clerk at parishclerk@bradda.org with any village related queries or issues and she will do her best to assist.

NEWBURGH HALL

This is the third part of the report by Steve Lawless.

Recent Past (1900's) continued Following the auction sale, the former agricultural buildings and land changed use and the whole area was owned by the Liberal Club from the 1920s, with the fields being used for recreational purposes by the Bradwell Football and Bradwell Cricket Clubs. The former Newburgh Arms closed in 1923 and became a dwelling and shop. The date of 1925 on the gable end of Newburgh Hall indicates when this building was converted from its agricultural use to become the Liberal Club. Two mahogany billiard / snooker tables were provided and other games catered for. New openings were added and original openings blocked up and covered with render, so obscuring any external evidence of the building's earlier agricultural origins. In 1935 the Newburgh Field was used for the Bradwell Annual Sports Day. The Liberal Club became redundant in the mid-1930's, due partly to competition from Hope Cement Works' own social club.



With the demise of the Liberal Club, Isaac Middleton, who owned an accumulator / battery charging business in Bamford, bought the site in 1938 and moved his accumulator business to Bradwell, establishing Newburgh Engineering in 1939. Newburgh Hall became the offices for the new business and the former Newburgh Arms was converted into a dwelling for the Middleton family in 1938.

The lower floor of Newburgh Hall was used as the Works offices and the upper floor as a dance hall and cinema. The barn (gatehouse) was utilised as the first workshop. This would have been an extremely busy time, working for the war effort during the Second World War. Isaac obtained engineering equipment from the Ministry of Defence in order to manufacture desperately needed Armed Forces ordnance. Women were also employed in the factories and were expected to work twelve-hour shifts. New workshops were erected to cater for this increase in production. One of the reasons that Newburgh succeeded so well was that it was known for the quality and variety of the work produced. Newburgh Hall was illuminated by dozens of coloured lights to celebrate VE Day with a big Union Jack flag in the centre lit with a Victory V. After the war Newburgh diversified its client base and undertook work for some nationalised industries, and for the aviation, aerospace, nuclear and glass-ware industries.

CASTLETON ART EXHIBITION

The Friendly Society of Artists will be holding their annual exhibition at the Peveril Centre in Castleton Methodist Church on **12th & 13th September** between 10am and 5pm. Free admission. The Friendly Society of Artists really are a friendly group of artists – professional, amateur and beginners – who share a love of painting in any medium and would welcome new local artists. See their Facebook page for more information.

Karen Perkins

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THANK YOU

I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to all, on behalf of my father Keith Hall, for your kindness and condolences. I would like to also thank all who attended his funeral at Hutcliffe Wood and wake at the Shoulder of Mutton. It is difficult to list all those who gave care and support to Dad as his health declined over the past three years. To all those who took time to visit him at Moorhill, as his ability to live independently or leave his house declined, I am truly grateful. The support and friendship from the Three Stags over the years was invaluable. I would like to express the debt of gratitude owed to the Northern General Hospital, Chesterfield Royal Hospital, Macclesfield Hospital, the doctors and staff at the Evelyn Medical Centre, Valley Care for their daily visits and good cheer, the community district nurses, occupational therapists, all the care home staff and carers at MHA Moorland House, Hathersage, and Haddon Hall, Buxton. Thanks to Paul at J.E. Nutch for his professionalism, and to Lynn and James at the Shoulder of Mutton for a job well done. A huge thank you to everyone in Bradwell for your overwhelming kindness and support. Your acts of care have not gone unnoticed, and I am deeply grateful that you were all by Dad's side.

Stuart Hall

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Anyone new to Bradwell may be interested to know that we have a village Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and you are invited to be a part of this Watch in the interests of safety and security within Bradwell.

We don't tend to have any major ongoing problems but if we look out for each other the village will be a safer and a more enjoyable area for us all. Signage across the village also sends the message to any visitors that we are vigilant too. All you need do is be neighbourly and vigilant and if you see anything suspicious report it to the Police.

You can report non urgent issues to Derbyshire Constabulary via:

Phone: 101
Facebook: DerbyshireConstabulary
Website: www.derbyshire.police.uk/contact

Some ways to keep in touch with local issues are:

- Bradwell NHW **WhatsApp Group** – just text your name and street address to the co-ordinator noted below and you will receive a link to join.
- Subscribe to **Derbyshire Alert** to receive information from Derbyshire Constabulary about crime and other issues: www.derbyshirealert.co.uk
- Join the **Peak District Neighbourhood Watch Facebook Group** and the **Bradwell Hope Valley Community Forum Facebook Group**.

If you would like a NHW Welcome Pack with window and wheelie bin stickers, please text your name and street address to 07761 563788 and I will arrange delivery.

Jayne James, Bradwell NHW Co-ordinator

STAYING COOL AND SAVING WATER



Last summer was the UK's hottest on record. The famous 1976 heatwave is now not even in the top 5 UK hottest summers¹. This summer has already smashed records, so while working to reduce global heating caused by greenhouse gas emissions, we also need to think about responding to the weather. This helps us protect ourselves, preserve valuable resources and enjoy summer in the beautiful Peak District.

Keep your house cool:

To keep a building cool, stop it getting hot! Draw curtains or close blinds before the sun warms the room. Unless you're up early this probably means closing curtains before you go to bed. If you can, leaving windows open overnight lets cooler air enter the room and helps reduce temperatures. Some people suggest hanging a sheet on the outside of your window, which stops heat entering but allows air to enter.

Keep yourself cool:

Anyone who has been outside in the heat will recognise the relief a breeze can bring. A fan gives the same effect indoors. The breeze doesn't actually reduce the temperature, but air movement helps our bodies lose heat through evaporation. Remember though, dogs and other animals can't cool down in the same way, so be careful with pets. The RSPCA recommend keeping dogs out of the sun and giving them damp towels to lie on (but don't place them over your dog as this can trap the heat)².

Save water:

In hot dry weather, water becomes even more precious. We need to make sure we save as much as possible, and don't waste a drop. Preparing ourselves for longer hotter summers might mean installing more water butts and checking plumbing for leaks. We can help reduce the pressure on water supplies ourselves by reusing water from the kitchen or bath to water plants, or even by putting a bucket in the bottom of the shower to catch water.

Enjoy the sunshine, stay cool and look after each other! To find out how you can help take action on climate change, visit www.hopevalleyclimateaction.org.uk or come to a Hope Valley Climate Action event.

Dr. Stuart Walker, Hope Valley Climate Action Trustee

References:

- 1 <https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/blog/2026/how-has-summer-warmth-changed-in-the-uk>
- 2 <https://www.rspca.org.uk/whatwedo/press/heatwave-pet-care-myths>



BRADDA DADS



Bradda Rocks - on Carnival Eve (**Friday 31st July**) we will be hosting this family-friendly evening. There will be live music from talented young local performers, rides, stalls, food, ice cream and a licensed bar. Join us on Beggars Plot playing field from 5pm for lots of family fun.

The **Ball Race** returns on **Monday 3rd August** at 7pm on Charlotte Lane. Tickets can be purchased from the Carnival Bar or from the Dads on the night.

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EVENTS IN AUGUST

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

Further information about Bradwell Wakes Week can be found in the free Bradwell Wakes leaflet available from the Post Office, Co-op, Bradwell Library, Brook Café, Eden Tree Caravan Site, and all the village pubs. The colour carnival supplement will be included in the September edition of *Bradwell News*.

Friday 31st July Bradda Rocks 5pm – 10pm on Beggars Plot

Saturday 1st Carnival Day from 11.30am on Beggars Plot:
12noon Fancy Dress and Floats judging
2pm Parade start
3pm – 5pm Entertainment

Monday 3rd Bradda Dads Ball Race 7pm on Charlotte Lane followed by the Street Fayre on Towngate

Tuesday 4th Bradwell Fell Race 7pm from the MUGA
Parish Council 7.30pm in Memorial Hall

Wednesday 5th Car Treasure Hunt 6pm from Sports Pavillion
Lotto draw 8pm in the Shoulder of Mutton

Thursday 6th Carnival Bingo Special at 7pm in Memorial Hall

Friday 7th Kids' Treasure Hunt 1pm from Town Bottom

Saturday 8th Open Gardens 10am – 4.30pm (see front page)
The Mystery of Talbot Manor by Bradwell
Centenary Players 7.30pm in Memorial Hall

Sunday 9th Torchlight Procession registration from 8.15pm for 9pm start from Town Bottom

Thursday 20th Bingo 7.30pm in Memorial Hall

BADMINTON IN BRADDA

We play in the Memorial Hall on Wednesdays between 9.30am and 12noon, but we may have to close if we can't attract new members. All abilities welcome. If you are interested, please email rayburt@aol.com or ring 07494426563. *Ray Burton*



THE FARMING LIFE CENTRE

The Farming Life Centre provides health/well-being and business-related information and support to the farming and rural community of the Derbyshire and Staffordshire Peak District.

We run continuous projects to address the (often hidden) health, social and economic inequalities

and deprivation within the upland farming community, which are delivered at outreach locations and from our base in the Agricultural Centre in Bakewell.

The underlying ethos of all our charity is to improve the resilience of the rural community by supporting our residents of all ages to deal with their challenges in a timely way, before they reach a point of crisis. Our varied offerings currently include Rural Social Groups, Peak Women in Ag, Peak Men in Farming, Board Games events, Kids Projects, Digital Inclusion and Walks for Health. For more information about our projects visit thefarminglifecentre.org.uk.

One of the projects we run is a free **Befriending Service** which aims to reduce the feelings of loneliness and isolation which can result from the challenges of farming and living in rural areas. We introduce individuals who need a little extra help to a trained volunteer with similar interests. Then we arrange regular one-to-one visits to provide friendship and support. We are currently looking for caring and dependable **Befriending volunteers** to provide companionship and friendship on a regular basis. If you have a farming background or lived-experience in rural life and are a good listener who can spare a few hours each month we would love to hear from you.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, or you, or someone you know is in need of a little extra help please call Donna Crump on 07777 168 857 or email donna@thefarminglifecentre.org.uk.

Tony Faulkner, Communications and Events Coordinator

CHURCH SERVICES AUGUST 2026

	2 nd	10.00am 7.00pm	Well Dressing Songs of Praise at St. Barnabas Well Blessings starting at St Barnabas Church
	9 th	11.00am	Worship Together at St. Barnabas, Bradwell
	16 th	10.00am	Together@10 Benefice service at St Peter's, Hope
	23 rd	10.00am 4.00pm	Celtic Worship at St. Barnabas, Bradwell Said Communion at St Edmund's, Castleton
	30 th	10.00am	Benefice Communion at St Edmund's, Castleton
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