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GOLD MEDAL AT RHS SANDRINGHAM



Two Bradwell residents are celebrating after the Mindful Chef sponsored garden won 3 awards at the RHS Sandringham Flower Show in July: overall Gold Medal, Best RHS Environmental Innovation Award and the King's Biodiversity Award.

David Shaw (High Peak Garden Construction) was busy before and after the show, getting all the groundwork completed. With the drought, the ground was so hard that it proved tough to work but the pond, walkway and shed all came together to form the backbone of the garden. Ffion Patton, working at Peak Boxes in Bamford in the weeks before the show, helped build and paint the innovative garden shed, which featured a green roof and numerous bird boxes built into the structure. The garden designer, Sophie Godber, is also based in Hope Valley and worked with several valley businesses and Nice Ponds in Sheffield. During the show, she had the honour of showing the King and Queen around the garden.

To create a legacy, after the show the garden, including the shed, has been relocated to Litton Primary School and repurposed for their Litton Explorers Forest School Nursery.

Richard Patton

WINNING LOTTO NUMBERS

The lucky winners in August were:

159 - £60; 182 - £30; 113 - £15

THANK YOU FROM ST BARNABAS

Everyone at St Barnabas would like to thank the many people who supported us during Gala Week. We were bowled over by the volunteering from across the village for stewarding duty, serving teas and cakes, and the generous donations of cakes and bakes all week. The display of talent and workmanship in the exhibition was outstanding as usual. It was a real community event, and so many of the visitors remarked on the friendliness of Bradwell, and the warm welcome they had received.



A huge thank you also to the gardeners of Bradwell, who toiled away in the heat to show their fabulous gardens to the public on our Open Gardens Day. Around 400 people toured the gardens, and supported the teas in church, the Bakehouse and Brook Café. We raised nearly £2000 to help pay for church repairs and churchyard maintenance. It's a lovely village event and is enjoyed by so many who come year after year. **THANK YOU!**

Jane Dalrymple

BRADWELL PANTO 2027

Next year we will be presenting 'The Sword in the Stone'. If you are interested in joining us either on stage or as part of our crew, come along to one of our readings on **Tuesday 6th or Thursday 8th October**, 7:30pm in Bradwell Memorial Hall. If you would like any details in the meantime, please call or message Esther on 07878 648601 or email us at bradwellcp@gmail.com. We are a fun and welcoming group for all ages. You don't need to have had any experience or knowledge to join us, and it would be great to see some new faces.



Esther Burton

HADIT PRESENTS 'ALLO 'ALLO

Performances are **Wednesday 28th to Saturday 31st October** in the Memorial Hall. Tickets will be on sale from **18th September** via www.ticketsource.co.uk/hadit or telephone: 01433 620665.

Carolyn Garwes

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

Carnival: What a terrific carnival we had again this year! The sun shone, and Bradwell residents certainly did not disappoint, with their wonderful floats, fancy dress and enthusiasm throughout the parade. The scarecrows were incredible, and our judges had a very tough job selecting their favourites. A special mention also for how wonderful the wells looked again this year. A huge well done and thank you to everyone involved in making such a wonderful day possible, especially the Councillors, Bradda Dads, the Royalty Team and our Marshalls, led by Scott Harrison. This year the Carnival Committee voted for the £800 proceeds from the collection boxes to be donated to Youth Activities. If your group would be interested in receiving the proceeds next year, please let the Clerk know. The only request we make is that the successful group helps with litter picking and clearing up on the Sunday after the carnival.

The Council would also like to thank Councillor Alison Taylor for all her hard work and dedication to the carnival over the past three years, we are very grateful for everything she has done. She is now taking a well-deserved rest and stepping away from this role. The Carnival Committee will be meeting soon to review this year, and any feedback is always welcome. Whether you enjoyed something or would like to see something different next year, please email the Clerk with suggestions for discussion, or come along to the meeting (date to be confirmed). If you are interested in running your own event, we would also love to hear from you. None of the events could go ahead without help, and we are always looking for volunteers and helpers of all kinds. Next year, the carnival will be slightly later than usual, on 7th August, due to the Tour de Femme bike race coming through the village on 31st July. Plans for this will be discussed in due course.

Little Switzerland: Whilst any improvement to the current service would be welcomed, some of you may already be aware that the new plans mean that the 272 would no longer come to Bradwell. As a result, there would be no direct link to Sheffield. Residents have understandably raised concerns, so Council is planning a village meeting to provide more information about "Little Switzerland". Please keep an eye out for the date.

Methodist Hall: Council has also been talking to the Methodists about possible plans for using the Methodist Hall as a small business centre. It is likely that we will be holding an open day in the hall soon, but if anyone might be interested in renting a small business space in the hall could they please let the Clerk know.

PC Meetings: Residents are always welcome to attend Council meetings, to raise an issue, ask for advice or simply observe. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month in the Memorial Hall. The next meeting is on **Tuesday 1st September** at 7.30pm. Agendas and meeting information can be found at bradda.org or on the village noticeboards. The Clerk can be contacted at parishclerk@bradda.org and will endeavour to answer any queries or concerns.

BRADWELL WAKES WEEK FELL RACE

There were 114 runners this year and the village really pulled out all the stops to support them! A big thank you to everyone who helped, ran and turned out to cheer and make a noise on the night. Those pots and pans were loud!

Of those 114 runners, 20 were from Bradwell which is a fantastic number, and it is much appreciated that so many ran. The overall women's winner was Sarah Pritchard from Dark Peak Fell Runners and the overall men's winner was Jacob Winfield. Susan Hird was first local woman, followed by Amy Ryder and Katie Godfrey. First Under 23 local woman was Joanna Stopford, followed by Josephine Boyle. Ed Ceislik was first local man, followed by John Boyle and Ben Morley.

Very grateful thanks go to all the helpers leading up to the fell race, on the night and afterwards, plus several local landowners, James Fearn for the design and production of the fell race coasters, Outside/Instinct for generously providing the prizes, Jake Seymour for the fabulous photos, Bradwell Royalty (Leah and Gracie), St Barnabas Church for the bells, Bradwell Memorial Hall for the toilets, Greg Mosley for the music, Bradwell Sports Club and the Bradwell News.

The event raised just under £700 which will make its way back into the village by supporting the different community groups and interests. More photos are available to view at:

<https://jakeseymourphotography76.pixieset.com/bradwellfellrace/>.

Anyone interested in getting involved with organising the children's races, please feel free to get in touch. *Lis Boyle*



THANK YOU

Debbie, Sharron and Bruce would like to thank everyone who came and supported our fundraising events in July. We made a fantastic total of £3,000 which will be split between the Macmillan Information and Support Centre in Chesterfield, Weston Park Hospital and the Parkinson's Support Group Bakewell.

We would like to say how grateful we are for all the local businesses which donated raffle prizes, the individual donations we received and the help from family and friends on the day, also to Bradwell Sports Club for the use of their pavilion. *Sharron Hix*

DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On Thursday 3rd September it will be Barry and Pearl Edwards' Diamond Wedding Anniversary. They were married in Tettenhall Wood, Wolverhampton, where Pearl lived but they have lived in Bradwell ever since. Originally, they lived in one of the Newburgh houses but then moved to the Hills, where they currently reside. I am Barry's sister and together with our sister Jean and our families, we all wish them both a very happy day.

Maureen Spencer



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Did you know that Bakewell and Eyam Community Transport offer a regular programme of door-to-door trips on easy access minibuses? Destinations include town centres and shopping centres, lunchtime outings, garden centres and some interesting days out. Not only is it a great way of getting out and about but also an opportunity to enjoy the journey, have a chat and meet other local people.

September: 3rd Crystal Peaks, 9th Meet and Eat, 17th St James Park Shopping Centre, 18th Wentworth Garden Centre and 22nd Chesterfield. **October:** 1st Crystal Peaks, 5th Bridgmere Garden Centre, 13th Carsington Water, 14th Meet and Eat, 16th Buxton and 27th Chesterfield. Dates and details of more trips will be displayed on village noticeboards. Each trip only costs £10.

If you haven't travelled with BECT before then registration is simple and free of charge and it's all done by telephone, call 01629 641920.

Helen Chapman

COMMUNITY NATURE GRANTS AVAILABLE

Do you want to create, improve or expand spaces for nature in the Peak District? Why not apply for a grant from the Community Nature Fund?

The Peak District National Park Foundation offers grants to support projects that benefit wildlife and diversity within the National Park boundary. For example, you could create wildflower meadows, plant hedgerows or trees, build or restore ponds, or install bird or bat boxes.

Grants between **£500 and £5,000** are available towards the costs of delivering your project. This could include the hire or purchase of tools, equipment and materials, as well as the costs of professional contractors where there is a clear need.

The Peak District National Park Foundation accepts applications from: Parish Councils; schools; registered charities; charitable incorporated organisations; community interest companies; community groups, societies and associations; and smallholders (providing the project is not-for-profit and you can show clear benefits for nature)

The next deadlines for applications are **25th September 2026** and **29th January 2027**. To find out more and apply, please visit www.peakdistrictfoundation.org.uk/community-nature-fund/.

Lucy Newman, Fundraising and Grants Assistant



BRADDA DADS



A huge thank you to all the Dads for organising and running Bradda Rocks on Carnival Eve, the Ball Race during Gala Week, the bar on the field during Carnival Day, and of course for their float in the Carnival Parade!

Thank you also to all the residents and visitors who turned out to every event to make our Carnival and Gala Week so much fun for all the family.

WILDFLOWERS IN OUR VILLAGE



This year's hot summer is now drawing to a close, but our butterflies and bees continue to forage for food and to seek breeding sites. The Wildflower Group has been making regular observations throughout the summer and has recorded a wide variety of butterflies, bees, hoverflies etc. on their village sites. This is good news for our endangered insects and, in turn, our birds, small mammals and reptiles. Thus, along with your wonderful village gardens, the wildflower sites offer a rich environment for local wildlife.

The Wildflower Group continues to manage their sites for the rest of the year. You may have noticed that some areas in the village have remained uncut in late August. This approach allows for flowers and grasses to drop their seeds for the following growing season and above all, provides continued support for certain species, for example Painted Lady Butterflies (see picture), which lay their eggs on thistles and emerge 4 to 5 weeks later to migrate to Africa, and therefore need our protection until late summer. Other butterflies breed on grasses and these too would be destroyed by mowing before they have matured. By paying attention to the varying needs of our local wildlife, we can support biodiversity in Bradwell and continue to rejoice in our ever-growing Swift population, local hedgehogs, butterflies, bees, ladybirds and wildflowers. So, here's to looking forward to another rich wildlife season next year in 2027. Contact: braddawildflowers@gmail.com

Melanie Musman

COMMUNITY KICKSTART GRANT Bring Your Idea to Life!

Do you have an idea to bring people together? Our Derbyshire Dales Council for Voluntary Service Social Connectedness Community Kickstart offers **up to £200** to support volunteer-led activities that reduce loneliness and isolation in the Derbyshire Dales. Whether it's a coffee morning, a craft group, a walking club, a community event, or something completely new – this is your chance to give it a go!

Individuals, friends, neighbours, or small informal teams with new ideas are all eligible to apply. We also welcome applications from existing small formal community groups with constitutions and bank accounts, who are already doing great things. Your idea doesn't have to be big – just something that helps people connect and feel less lonely. Your idea should:

- ✓ Benefit adults in the Derbyshire Dales
- ✓ Help people feel less lonely and isolated
- ✓ Be volunteer led (not-for-profit)

To find out more please call 01629 812154 ext.1 or visit www.ddcvs.org.uk/social-connectedness/community-kickstart-grant-bring-your-idea-to-life/. Applications close **30 November 2026** or sooner if funds run out – so don't wait!

Sarah Paisley, Senior Development Worker

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ART TRAIL BY RAIL

On **Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th September** between 10am and 5pm, villages along the Hope Valley railway line will come alive with colour, creativity and community spirit as the Hope Valley Art Trail by Rail returns for its second year.

Organised by Hope Valley Climate Action, in partnership with the Community Rail Partnership, Friends of the Hope Valley railway stations, and supported by TransPennine Express, the free trail invites residents and visitors to explore local art and culture sustainably, by train, bus and on foot.

We have 40 artists participating across 13 venues within walking distance of train stations between Chinley and Grindelford. Artists will be showcasing their work, providing demonstrations, and delivering workshops and activities.

Everyone is encouraged to leave the car at home and hop on and off at any of the participating Hope Valley stations or explore the valley using the local bus services. It's a brilliant way to enjoy the beauty of the valley at a gentler pace, cutting carbon while supporting local artists and small businesses along the route.

To make this event a success **we need volunteers** to help things run smoothly. Activities will include welcoming visitors at train stations, decorating venues, or supporting or leading an art activity. All volunteers will be briefed in advance and can travel for free on the Hope Valley line during the event so you can explore the trail as well. If you would like to find out more, please email Emily at emilygait@hopevalleyclimateaction.org.uk.

Further information about the event can be found on our website at hopevalleyclimateaction.org.uk/travel/art-trail-by-rail/.

Emily Gait, Move More Community Engagement Lead, HVCA



EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

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

Tuesday 1st Parish Council 7.30pm in Memorial Hall

Wednesday 2nd Lotto draw 8pm in the Shoulder of Mutton

Thursday 3rd Mobile Library 1.30pm – 4.20pm at Trent Garage car park

Thursday 3rd Bingo 7.30pm in Memorial Hall

Saturday 5th Community Café 10 – 11.30am in St Barnabas Church

Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th Castleton Art Exhibition 10am – 5pm in Peveril Centre, Castleton Methodist Church

Tuesday 15th Historical Society "Derwent Valley" by Mark Higginbottom 8pm in St. Barnabas Church

Friday 25th The Castleton Silver Bands 7.15pm at St Peter's Church, Hope

Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th Hope Valley Art Trail by Rail 10am – 5pm at train stations between Chinley and Grindelford

COMMUNITY CAFÉ and BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

This month the Community Café will be supporting Friends of Bradwell Schools (FOBS). It is on **Saturday 5th September** between 10am and 11.30am at St Barnabas Church. All the usual lovely cakes will be on sale, and our raffle too.

The Baby and Toddler Group will open for business as usual on **Tuesday 8th September** from 9.30am until 11am. *Jane Dalrymple*

ENJOY GOOD MUSIC & HELP OUR HOSPICE

Did you enjoy the Castleton Silver Bands leading the carnival parade? Then come along to St Peter's Church in Hope on **Friday 25th September** at 7.15pm to hear them playing toe tapping tunes and memorable melodies, and support Ashgate Hospice which helps so many in our community. Free entry, but donations (cash and cards) welcome. Raffle drinks and light refreshments. All proceeds will go direct to Ashgate Hospice. *John Whitfield*

CHURCH SERVICES SEPTEMBER 2026



6 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Barnabas, Bradwell
13 th	11.00am	Worship Together at St. Barnabas, Bradwell
20 th	10.00am	Together@10 Benefice service at St Peter's, Hope
27 th	10.00am 4.00pm	Celtic Worship at St Edmund's, Castleton Said Communion at St Peter's, Hope



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