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272 BUS SERVICE UPDATE

The Parish Council had expressed concern about the potential loss of the 272 bus route through Bradwell and the impact this could have on residents. We have since received clarification from Hope Valley Climate Action, who have checked the situation with the East Midlands County Combined Authority (EMCCA), which is now responsible for the Mini Switzerland project.

There are no plans to withdraw the 272 service from Bradwell. EMCCA has confirmed that services through Bradwell will continue to operate, although they may not necessarily be operated by the same bus companies.

Furthermore, as a result of the Mini Switzerland project, EMCCA is already planning to increase the Council-supported elements of the service (evenings and Sundays), with the aim of providing an hourly service throughout the day.

The Parish Council will continue to engage with the relevant authorities to ensure that the needs and interests of Bradwell residents are heard and taken into account as the Mini Switzerland project develops.

Parish Council



"LISTEN VERY CAREFULLY, I SHALL SAY THIS ONLY ONCE....."

Prepare for an evening of laughter and atrocious accents as HADIT presents 'ALLO 'ALLO, a recreation of the long running tv series set in war-time France. The stage play is by the original writers and contains all the famous catchphrases and some of the series' most iconic moments.

As our Hope venue is still out of action, we will be at Bradwell War Memorial Hall. Thanks once again to the Hall, it's users and Centenary Players for letting us re-visit.

Performances are **Wednesday 28th to Saturday 31st October**, at 7.30 pm nightly (bar opens at 7pm). Tickets (£12 / £10 over 65's) are available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/hadit or 01433 620665, which is also the number for more information.

Carolyn Garwes

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Harvest Festival will be celebrated on **Sunday 11th October** at 11am at St Barnabas Church and everyone is welcome. If you'd like to donate, goods can be brought to the service or left at the back of church and will be passed on to local food banks; dried and tinned food items are appreciated, and also toiletries. After the service we will be holding an informal bring and share lunch, and it would be lovely if you could join us. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church just to give us an idea of numbers. Please do join us.

Jane Dalrymple

BRADWELL SWIFT PROJECT UPDATE



We are privileged in this village to experience the joyful screams of Swifts; it is the soundtrack of summer. Thanks to training and support from Derbyshire Swift Conservation Group and our brilliant team of Swift surveyors we identified an incredible **56 Swift nesting sites on 32 buildings** in Bradwell in 2026. In the UK many

Swift nest sites are lost each year because people simply don't realise they have nesting swifts at their house and carry out renovations that then accidentally block nest sites making the Swifts homeless. A crucial role of our group is therefore to identify where the nest sites are and inform the owners. We should not take our Swifts for granted. Swifts and other insect eaters like Swallows and House Martins are all in steep decline in the UK. Recent studies have revealed that linked to the widespread use of pesticides, insect numbers have reduced by a staggering 75% since the 1970's in the UK. We urgently need to wake up to the fact that we are poisoning our Living Planet. We also need to understand that we are not separate from the environment, we are a part of it - we destroy it at our peril.

Sal Pereira

DOMINOES CHAMPION

In the Hope Valley Darts and Dominoes league 2025/26 season the trophy for the most dominoes wins in the season went to John Briddock of Smalldale. John is 89 and has played in the league for a number of years for The Shoulder of Mutton and his nickname in the team is 'The Grandmaster of Dominoes'. In the season he won 14 games and didn't lose a single match. Here he is with his trophy.

Jim Revitt



SEPTEMBER LOTTO WINNERS

23 - £60; 42 - £30; 98 - £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

Ready for Autumn: As the weather begins to turn more autumnal, the Parish Council is reviewing the resilience measures in place for potential flooding. We are currently assessing sandbag stocks and other provisions. We always welcome additional Flood Wardens to join our scheme and support vulnerable or less able residents during periods of bad weather. There is a WhatsApp group for wardens, which also covers snow and icy conditions. If you would be willing to join, please let the Clerk know. Even small actions taken by residents in their own area can make a big difference to the whole community. The Council's Flood Plan is available on the [Bradda.org website](http://Bradda.org). After the desilting efforts last year, the brook continues to hold its own, but we are aware that such a dry summer has left it empty of water but full of vegetation, so we will continue to monitor the area and will contact the Environment Agency if needed.

Salt and Grit: Over the next couple of months Council will be checking grit bins and salt levels. While we maintain parish-owned bins, many in the village belong to Derbyshire County Council. We do try to assess all bins, but there are quite a lot so if you do notice one that has been missed or needs refilling, please let the Clerk know.

Councillor Changes: Council thanks Alison Taylor for her contribution as a councillor, particularly her excellent work on the carnival in recent years, and her voluntary support for Youth Activities. We wish her well in her retirement and are pleased to welcome Jaak Ojari to Council and we look forward to working with him. We do still have one vacancy, and all residents are eligible to apply. If you would like to play a part in shaping the future of the village, please email the Clerk with a brief statement explaining what you believe you would bring to the team.

Local Transport: Council have been involved in discussions about the Little Switzerland project and are aware that there is strong concern locally about some of the ideas being proposed. We would like to reassure residents that there are **no** firm plans at this stage, and no plans to remove the 272 bus service from Bradwell (see statement on the front page). The plans being discussed are only proposals at this stage and remain subject to approval by The East Midlands Mayoral Combined Authority (EMMCA). We will definitely keep residents informed as this project continues to be developed.

Sports: We are pleased to end with some good news. Bradwell has been awarded a Sports England grant of approximately £25,000 to support and promote sports in the village. The Clerk is working with active partners to deliver this project and is reaching out to the community to gather ideas on how these barriers can be addressed (see opposite). All suggestions are welcome.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **October 6th** at 7.30pm in Bradwell War Memorial Hall. Residents are always welcome to attend. In the meantime, please direct any village-related queries to the Clerk at parishclerk@bradda.org.

NEWBURGH HALL

Once again there has been too much news to continue Steve's report about Newburgh Hall. Hopefully there will be another installment next month!

The Editor

SPORT ENGLAND GRANT

I am really pleased to announce that Sport England have awarded Bradwell a grant known as the Place Universal Offer. This is a funding and support programme which will be running until 2028 to help local areas tackle health inequalities and physical inactivity. The hope is that we can improve physical activity and wellbeing by creating inclusive, community-based opportunities that meet the needs of residents. By identifying what activity options and local assets already exist, and by developing new opportunities, settings, and activities, we can work together to reduce physical inequality in the village.

The Parish Council and I, as a community facilitator, will be teaming up with Active Partners to get this exciting project underway. I hope to spend time out in the community to understand what residents need, what already works well, and what new ideas could make a difference. I believe Bradwell has many strengths and untapped opportunities, and with the right support we can bring them to life. I warmly welcome your thoughts and ideas as the project progresses. Please feel free to email me at parishclerk@bradda.org.

Vanessa Ball, Clerk/RFO to Bradwell Parish Council



COULD YOU DELIVER THE BRADWELL NEWS?

David Quince has decided to take a well-earned rest after delivering our village newsletter since it started in 2002. He said *'It has been a pleasure to have been associated with the Bradwell News through these years and long may it continue as it keeps the community informed on so many different subjects.'*

A huge thank you to David from the Bradwell News Team and the residents on his round.

If you would like to join the team of 15 volunteer deliverers and fill David's shoes, please email liz@paulandliz.org for details.

Liz Downing



EVENTS IN OCTOBER

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

Saturday 3rd Community Café 10 – 11.30am in St Barnabas
Tuesday 6th Parish Council 7.30pm in Memorial Hall
6th and 8th Panto readings in the Memorial Hall
Wednesday 7th Lotto draw 8pm in the Shoulder of Mutton
Thursday 8th Zero Bills for Homes talk 7.30pm online
Tuesday 20th Historical Society 'History of the Hallé Orchestra'
 by Louise Vincent 8pm in St Barnabas Church
28th – 31st 'Allo 'Allo 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall
Saturday 31st Home Energy Improvements Event 10am – 12noon in Moore Memorial Hall, Bamford

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Paul Downing

FOOT CARE - WHY IT MATTERS

Looking after our feet is a vital part of staying healthy, independent and active, especially as we get older. Ageing can cause the natural cushioning on the soles of our feet to thin, while conditions like poor circulation, arthritis and diabetes can make us more vulnerable to painful complications. In addition, reduced flexibility, failing eyesight, or arthritis in our hands can make it physically difficult to reach, see, and safely cut our own toenails and examine our feet. What might seem like a minor issue, such as long nails, calluses, a corn or fungal nail infection can quickly impact our balance, increase the risk of falls, or lead to more serious infections. Regular check-ups can spot problems early and scheduled maintenance can keep our feet in the best condition. Combined with supportive footwear, these all help to keep us moving comfortably.

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Andrew Ward



BRADDA DADS



Bradda Dads Bonfire - Saturday 7th November on Micklow Field as usual. Food will be available from 5:30pm. Bonfire will be lit at 6pm. Fireworks spectacular from 6:30pm. Should you need to keep your pets safe, we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Pensioners Lunch - Friday 4th December - full details and attendance slips will be in the *Bradwell News* next month. Get the date in your diaries! We're all very much looking forward to an afternoon of merriment.

THE PEOPLE'S EMERGENCY BRIEFING



Have you ever wondered what our Climate and Nature could be like in the future and how it could affect us, our children and our grandchildren? The People's Emergency Briefing is a 50-minute film adapted from a National event held at Westminster in November 2025. Ten leading UK experts in climate science, food security, health, economics, and national security presented the latest evidence on the climate and nature crisis to over 1,200 politicians, business leaders, and decision-makers, highlighting the credible, positive solutions available. The film also features reactions from members of the public and contributions from familiar faces including Jennifer Saunders and Deborah Meaden, and is designed to help audiences, regardless of prior knowledge, engage with the evidence on a human level. A study conducted by the University of Bath found that after watching this film 57% of people felt more hopeful and 87% felt more motivated to act.

The film will be shown at Bradwell Memorial Hall on **Friday 27th November** at 7pm with light refreshments and the opportunity to talk about the film afterwards. Everyone is welcome, but the recommended age is 16 and over. To book your **free** place scan the QR code or go to: www.tickettailor.com/events/peoplesemergencybriefingbradwell/2381089.



Bradwell People's Emergency Briefing Group

THINKING ABOUT YOUR WINTER BILLS?

For many of us in the Hope Valley, keeping our homes cosy without breaking the bank is not always straightforward; our characterful stone cottages, listed buildings and homes within the National Park often come with their own unique challenges when it comes to insulation and energy upgrades. The good news is that help is at hand, Hope Valley Climate Action is offering two free events this October to help residents make informed choices.

Zero Bills for Homes: Possible or wishful thinking?

Thursday 8th October at 7.30–9 pm. Join Zee-Zee Heine of the HVCA Energy Group for an online talk exploring what it takes, including the conditions that need to line up, real case studies, useful technology, and the challenges along the way.

Home Energy Improvements Event

Saturday 31st October at 10 am–12 pm. Join HEAT Hub and the HVCA Energy Group in the Moore Memorial Hall, Bamford for a free morning of expert advice on insulation, energy upgrades and retrofitting traditional and listed homes, including guidance on navigating permissions within the National Park. You will also have the chance to sign up to the HEAT Hub project for additional personalised retrofit advice, including a home energy survey.

To book your free tickets for these events, please visit www.hopevalleyclimateaction.org.uk/events.

Both events are part of ongoing efforts by the HVCA Energy Group to support local homeowners to make practical, affordable changes. If you would like to find out more about joining our Energy Group, email energy@hopevalleyclimateaction.org.uk.

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KATHLEEN TWIGG

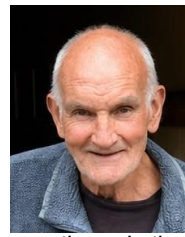
Kathleen was born on 22nd January 1943 to parents Ezra and Minnie Shimwell. Home was Cales Farm, Youlgrave. Kathleen's love for farming began at an early age and remained with her throughout her life. After her father sadly passed away when she was just fifteen, Kathleen moved into Youlgrave with her mum and sister, Joan. She attended Woodlands School in Matlock, then Chesterfield College, where she studied to be a seamstress, before going to work at 'Broughtons' in Bakewell. Kathleen's love of fashion and clothes was always evident.

In 1965 Kathleen married David Twigg and made his family farm 'Hartle Moor' her home. In 1966 they welcomed twin daughters Louise and Claire. Life was busy for a 24-year-old with twins, live-in farmhands and a hungry workforce to feed. Kathleen ran the house with military precision; she was an excellent cook and unrivalled baker and coffee and cake were a must for all visitors. In 1965 Kathleen joined Derwent Women's Institute and spent 18 years as president of the Great Hucklow branch. She organised many trips and events and remained a lifelong WI member.

Kathleen furnished her home with her love of antiques and her passion for flowers was clear in her beautiful garden. Her greatest love was for her family. She travelled the country supporting the twins, and later her granddaughters in their equestrian activities. Kathleen enjoyed seeing people 'getting on in life' and she helped and encouraged family and friends wherever she could.

Latterly dementia took over her life, but she kept her pride and dignity and fought to the end. Kathleen passed away peacefully on 3rd August in the home she cherished with the twins at her side. Kathleen's many friends gathered at her funeral service at St. Barnabas Church.

The twins would like to thank all those who attended, sent cards and donations, and J E Nutch for their support.



STUART SPICER

Stuart Spicer was born on 12th November 1935, and he lived in Grindleford until the age of 2 when his family moved to Sheffield. Stuart had 3 brothers and two sisters. He left school at the age of 15, and his first job was at a motorcycle repair garage. He did his National Service in Egypt, with the Army. This was the only time he left Britain.

He enjoyed sport, playing football and was an accomplished golfer but his real passion was cycling. Stuart loved visiting Derbyshire and in 1978 moved to Smalldale, Bradwell. It meant a long commute to work at British Steel in Tinsley. After selling his Landrover, he cycled 20 miles each way to do shift work. On one occasion following heavy snow, he set off from Bradwell at 10pm and walked to Tinsley for his 6am shift. Many of his work colleagues from Sheffield never made it to work that day!

His holidays in the 1970's, 80's and 90's were cycling up to Scotland, to visit his school friend Pete, and his family.

He retired from work aged 50 and at the aged of 70 bought his Smart Car and continued to drive until the age of 85. He celebrated his 90th birthday at a party in Bradwell with locals and his family last November.

He had enjoyed 40 years of retirement and was well known in Bradwell and the local community for cycling and walking around the hills of Derbyshire, the place he loved and made his home. He died in Chapel Lodge Care Home, Chapel-en-le-Frith on 21st July 2026. A good innings for a perfect gentleman and a passionate sportsman.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ

This month's Community Café will be on **Saturday 3rd October** at 10-11.30am in support of the local food bank. There will be delicious cakes, coffee, and the chance to catch up, as well as craft activities for the children and our raffle. *Jane Dalrymple*

CHURCH SERVICES OCTOBER 2026



4th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Barnabas, Bradwell
11th	11.00am	Worship Together-Harvest followed by Bring and Share lunch at St. Barnabas, Bradwell
18th	10.00am	Together@10 Harvest service at St Peter's, Hope
25th	10.00am 4.00pm	Celtic Worship at St Peter's, Hope Said Communion at St. Barnabas, Bradwell



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