



# Bradwell Parish News

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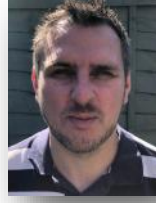
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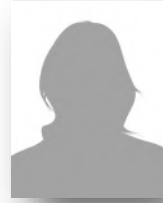
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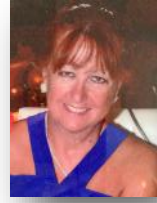
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Article and Advert deadline for the Summer issue: **19 April 2023**

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## Office Opening Hours

Wednesday & Thursday: 10.00am – 2.00pm



Hello and welcome to the Spring edition of the Newsletter, we hope you will enjoy reading it.

The Parish Councillors would like to extend a warm welcome to Diana Juhneva who was co-opted onto the Parish Council earlier this year and to Jim Davison who joins us as our new Caretaker.

We've had a great response to our Community Award and Photographic Competition and are pleased to announce the winners, Michelle Scott, Barbara Hughes and Jay Clarke, respectively. Congratulations to you all!

This year we are running a new competition for our younger residents. If your child or grandchild is between 8 and 11 years old why not ask them to design a poster for the Parish newsletter? The winner will be used for the cover of the summer issue. It needs to be A5 landscape, which will fit on the front cover. The entries need to be submitted as originals and not photos or photocopies please (you can have them back if you enclose an SAE). The prize is a £10 book token.

In this issue you will see that the Parish Council are organising a trip to the Seaside (destination to be confirmed). Tickets will be on sale shortly and will be available online and from the Parish Office on Thursdays between 11am and 1pm only. Please do keep an eye out for it! The trip is open to residents within the Parish and is for adults only.

*Karen Evans*  
Assistant to the Clerk

## Crossword Answers

### Across

- 2 lamb
- 5 chocolate
- 7 spring

### Down

- 1 Easter
- 3 bunny
- 4 daffodil
- 6 egg



## Parish Council Meeting Dates

All meetings take place at Heelands Meeting Place, Heelands

Monday 24 April FC	7.30pm
Monday 15 May FC Annual Meeting	7.30pm
Monday 22 May Annual Electors' Meeting	7.30pm
Monday 5 June FC	7.30pm

F & S (Finance & Staffing); FC (Full Council); KGF (King George's Field)

## Clerk's Column

What a busy time it has been on the Parish Council! Due to unforeseen circumstances the charity running the Memorial Hall in Bradwell has approached the Parish Council to assist in managing the building. Every Wednesday now the Parish Council, in liaison with the charitable trust which runs the Memorial Hall, has been running 'Warm Spaces', sponsored by MKCC (Milton Keynes City Council for those who have not come to grips with the new acronym). This has been a great success from the word 'go', with people enjoying the teas, coffees and warm space of the hundred-year old building in Bradwell village. On other news, the Suffolk Punch Community Centre has been put on pause due to high interest rates on the public works loan and very high build costs relative to the size of the Parish Council. The pond at the bottom of the wildflower meadow at least has some water in it, and we will shortly plant some greenery there too, so that the area is good for wildlife, and attracts newts, frogs, toads and all the myriad insects to feed the amphibians!



*Philip Farquharson*



## Heelands Meeting Place

If you would like to book Heelands Meeting Place for a party/event, please do get in touch with us. The hire charges can be found on our website. We currently have spaces at the weekend and on Thursday evenings.

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# Sports News

## Old Bradwell Bowls Club

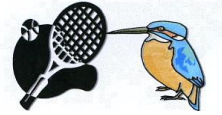
The bowls club finished the 2022 season with an admittedly mediocre showing on the green, but otherwise in high spirits. There is a renewed energy about the club already renowned for



its friendliness and welcoming nature. Our membership has swelled by a third, partly due to an influx of new members after the Covid lockdown and of course there is always room for more. Our winter activities have seen the old clubhouse bursting at the seams with quiz nights, race nights and our Xmas bingo. The 2023 season will be upon us soon and with our newer members gaining experience, we look forward to making more of an impact this time around. Our annual Open Day will be held early in May so keep an eye out, all ages welcome.

## Old Bradwell Tennis Club

The courts were well used during the summer and autumn months. Recently we've been cleaning, weed spraying and pruning the bushes. We are continuing to raise money to resurface the courts and we hope to reach our target soon so that we can get the resurfacing work completed. We are grateful to Bradwell Parish Council for giving us a £5000 grant towards the cost of it. With this aim, we are holding regular quiz nights. Our next quiz is on 23 May, 7.30pm at the Bradwell Sports and Social Club. These quizzes are always well attended and a great way to raise much needed funds and in addition an opportunity to meet other tennis members and friends of the club.



We have set up a GoFundMe account to help raise additional funds and, at present, we have received over £1,000, which is absolutely amazing, <https://www.gofundme.com/f/lowest-cost-place-to-play-tennis-in-milton-keynes>

After the success of the children's Easter tennis courses last year, we are hoping to run them again. The courses will be open to all, so if you think your children would enjoy and benefit from some tennis coaching from our qualified tennis coach, please call Cathy on 07947 029709.

## Photographic Competition Winner!

We are pleased to announce that this year's winner is Jay Clarke. Their photograph adorns the front of this newsletter.

## Community Award Winners!

We are pleased to announce that this year's winners are Michelle Scott and Barbara Hughes.

All of the awards will be presented to the winners at the Annual Electors' Meeting on Monday 22 May.

Congratulations to all the winners!

# Parish Updates

## Visit to the Seaside

Wednesday in July (date TBC)

Leaving at 8.30am

Behind shops on Heelands



£5.00 per person  
Adults only

Tickets & further information  
available from the Parish Office  
21 Glovers Lane, Heelands  
[admin@bradwell-pc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@bradwell-pc.gov.uk)

# Parish Updates

## Children's Magazine Cover Competition

Prize: £10  
Book  
Token

DO YOU LOVE  
ART AND HAVE  
A FLAIR FOR  
CREATIVITY?

Why not design a poster for the cover of the summer Parish Newsletter?

### Entry Rules

A5 Landscape  
Parish Resident  
Age: 8-11 years

SUBMISSION BY  
26 May 2023

Send all entries to:  
21 Glovers Lane, Heelands, MK13 7LW

## Bradwell Abbey Scout Group



Our new Bradwell Abbey Beavers are now a year old and the Cubs are nearly four. Both groups meet at the Abbey.

The colder months do not stop the Beavers and Cubs from getting out and about, especially a chip shop hike that will warm everyone up. We will make good use in the coming months of the skills gained over the winter months including teamwork and disability awareness, creative skills and first aid. They have also been learning about healthy eating so when the evenings get lighter they can plan and cook meals outside over a fire.

The summer programme is already being planned and everyone is getting the opportunity of camping. There are also trips to RAF Hendon and hikes to meet other Beavers and Cubs from around MK.

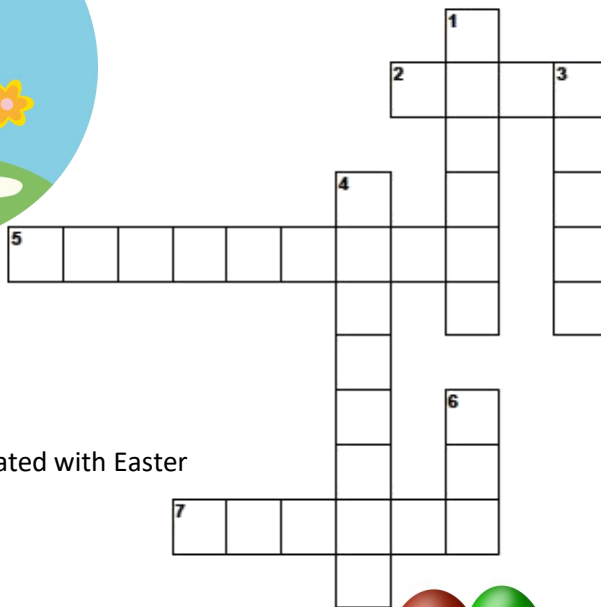
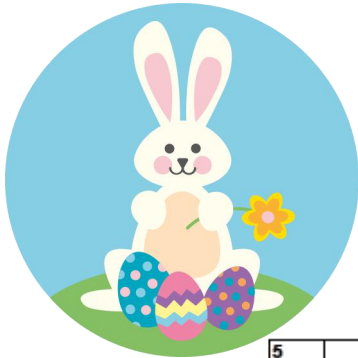
We would also like to open a Scout section for ages 10.5 to 14 year olds. The Group would need more help to make this happen and a recruitment process is starting. If you are interested in a few hours a week and getting out and about some week-ends please get in touch. If you have a skill or hobby you think the young people would like, again we would love to hear from you.

Scouting is run 100% by volunteers, each giving time each week to encourage young people to grow and gain skills for life.

Did you know the Parish is spread over 692 acres or 280 hectares?



## Spring Crossword



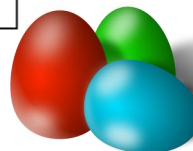
### Crossword Clues

#### Across


- 2 A baby sheep
- 5 Confectionery associated with Easter
- 7 A season

#### Down

- 1 A festival
- 3 An animal associated with Easter
- 4 A yellow coloured flower
- 6 It comes out of a chicken



# Local Businesses






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Makewell is a new, private health clinic based in the beautiful and historic setting of Bradwell Abbey, Milton Keynes. We have a friendly and enthusiastic team of clinicians with over 35 years' combined experience within the healthcare industry. The clinic has four modern clinic rooms as well as two dedicated well-being areas for our newly added mental health assessments, all easily accessible with plenty of free parking.

We are passionate about making healthcare accessible for all, providing services that are no longer offered by local GP surgeries and to support the ever-increasing wait times you can experience within the NHS, with same day or next day appointments available for most of our services.

Our services include an ear health clinic offering ear wax removal by micro-suction, a full range of blood tests, allergy and food intolerance tests for a variety of age groups, including children. We also have a travel health clinic providing advice and travel health vaccinations, including Yellow Fever and anti-malarial tablets.

**Michelle Brereton**  
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# Community Activities

## Bradwell Church 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

This year is the 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St Lawrence Church in Bradwell. There have been many vicars in charge of it since our first vicar, Henricus in 1223AD. To help celebrate the anniversary we launched a competition with local schools to create a logo we could use on all our publicity for 2023. The winner was Oliver Goodall from Bradwell Village School with the runner up from Summerfield School. The prizes were Amazon vouchers, a study Bible and family tickets for MK Dons. The prize was presented by Pete Winkelman, MKDons Chairman, on the 13 December 2022. The gentleman in the colourful jumper is our current vicar, Rev Paul Smith. We are planning to hold community events at the church throughout the year. We hope some events will be in partnership with Bradwell Parish Council. Please see our website for more information <https://bradwellchurch.com/>



Pete Winkelman, Oliver Goodall, Rev Paul

## MK Scottish Country Dancing

What do you need for Scottish Country Dancing? A moderate level of fitness, soft comfortable shoes, a local group and a wooden dancefloor. Bradwell Memorial Hall has the dancefloor, Milton Keynes RSCDS is the group that meet there – the rest is up to you.

The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society is an Arts and Heritage registered Charity in its 100<sup>th</sup> year and has branches all over the world. Yes, they do Scottish Country Dance from Australia to Japan and many places in-between. We often take our dance shoes on holiday and join local group events. MK Branch is in its 46<sup>th</sup> year and still has some founder members dancing – one founder member Lesley Wort and her husband Graham recently received a Branch Award for services to local Scottish Country Dancing. It's good for keeping us physically and mentally active, temporarily banishing work and day-to-day worries and it's fun!



Lesley & Graham Wort

No, we don't use swords or

leap that's Highland Dancing. Country Dancing is much more sociable. It's also very affordable at just £4 a class. At the end of our recent Beginners course, to welcome our new dancers to the class we invited 'the smiling Accordionist' Chris Oxtoby to play for a celebration evening. Our next 8-week Beginner's Course is planned for September and is an ideal introduction to the steps and common formations. Anyone thinking about whether to have a go is always welcome to pop along and see what we get up to. We meet at Bradwell Memorial Hall, Mondays 8-9.30pm [www.rscdsmk.co.uk](http://www.rscdsmk.co.uk)



Chris Oxtoby

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**Would you like to be a part of our School Community?**

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Would you like to help out at our School? *Supportive Learning*

You could help children with:

- Gardening*
- Reading*
- Sewing/Knitting*

Or any other skills you have that you could share with the children!

**VOLUNTEER**

For further information on volunteering opportunities, please contact our School Office. Thank you

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# Community Activities

## Bradwell Common Community Centre

The Community Centre is located in the heart of Bradwell Common. It was opened in 1985 and has been part of the fabric of the community for 38 years. Situated next to Summerfield School and the local shops, the centre is widely used by the local community and offers a great location for community events and other activities.

The centre is run by a committee of six volunteers and has only one employee who manages the property. We currently have five main regular groups of users some of which have been using the community centre for over 30 years.

For Bookings or any other information about the Community Centre please contact Jim Davison: [sharn\\_jim\\_jacob@hotmail.com](mailto:sharn_jim_jacob@hotmail.com) or 07812593619.



### Bradwell Common Pre School

They have capacity for 35 children

#### Sessions:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 9am to 2pm

Wednesday and Friday: 9am to 12 noon

For further information contact:

[bradwellcommonpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:bradwellcommonpreschool@gmail.com)

### MK Jiu-Jitsu Yubukan Dojo

Run by Shihan Colin Wood, teaching traditional Japanese Jiu-Jitsu



#### Sessions:

Tuesday: 8.15pm to 10.15pm (Adults)

Saturday: 11am to 3.30pm

For further information please contact: [colin@mkjujitsu.co.uk](mailto:colin@mkjujitsu.co.uk)

### Free Steppin Dance Studio

Led by owner/instructor Teri Thorne, running classes ranging from Baby Disco for ages 3 to 5 & Beginner Freestyle ages 6yrs+



#### Sessions:

Wednesday: 4pm to 7pm

For further information: Facebook: FreeSteppin' Dance Studio

### Forward in Faith

Sunday: 9.00am to 1.30pm

### Christ Divine Ministries

Sunday: 5.30pm to 7.30pm

## Warm Spaces at Bradwell Memorial Hall

The Parish Council saw a need and an opportunity to set up a Warm Spaces venue to help people with keeping warm during the winter months. This has proved quite a success with up to ten older people and a young mum joining us each week to enjoy a chat, play a game and most of all to keep warm. As you can see the little boy loves playing with the trainset.



The Warm Spaces was set up with grant funding from Milton Keynes City Council. You can find other Warm Spaces by checking here: [warmspaces.org](http://warmspaces.org)