



Bradwell Parish News

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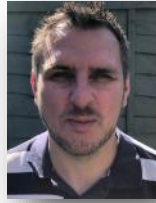
**Heelands, Bradwell Village, Bradwell Common,
Bradwell Abbey & Rooksley**

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Bradwell Parish Councillors



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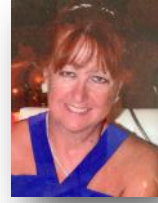
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Bradwell Parish Council welcomes articles and community information for inclusion within the newsletter. Please contact the Assistant Clerk: communications@bradwell-pc.gov.uk if you would like to discuss an article for future editions.

The Parish Council reserves the right to refuse any advertisement. The Parish Council does not endorse any services, products or political parties advertised in this newsletter and does not take any responsibility for the accuracy of articles provided to them from external sources. Deadlines for advertising in the parish magazine are below.

Article and Advert deadline for the Summer issue: **2 October 2023**

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Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 10.00am – 2.00pm



Hello All

This is the time of the year that the Parish Council stops and looks at what it has achieved over the past 12 months and for those who were not lucky enough to hear my summary in person at the Annual Elector's Meeting, I shall give a brief account of it here.

First and foremost, I would like to thank all the staff for their time and hard work. I know dealing with the wide range of questions and demands that occur daily takes patience and dedication.

It is also important for me to thank our Parish Councillors, who are unpaid but provide their time and expertise to help make our community better for all. They provide a range of views on a wide range of subjects and carry out their duties both professionally and respectfully.

I believe the largest project that the parish has been involved in this year is ensuring the future of Bradwell Memorial Hall, which has been run very successfully by volunteers for many years. I feel that local halls and spaces can provide a wide range of opportunities for the community and am very happy that Bradwell Parish Council were able to offer support.

I hope you enjoy the newsletter.

Mr Leon Gilpin
Chair

Visit to the Seaside



SOLD OUT!



Parish Council Meeting Dates

All meetings take place at Heelands Meeting Place, Heelands

Monday 3 July FC	7.30pm
Monday 17 July F & S	7.00pm
Monday 11 September FC	7.30pm
Monday 2 October FC	7.30pm

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

Clerk's Column

The summer has come round fast – although the beginning of May was not that warm. The Heelands Meeting Place has a wonderful new wood-effect vinyl floor, and this has brightened up the community facility for residents to enjoy (and has made the cleaner's job much easier as the grain is easier to work!) The MK Play Association have been in full swing over the May half-term, and the pond in Bradwell has some water in it, and hopefully the 'greening-up' which happened will result in a more attractive surround to the small pond.



In other business the Parish Council has approved the instigation of a new project – the King George's Field Play Area renovation, though this is dependent on grant funding so fingers crossed we are successful through the application process in the summer and autumn. The community consultation closed on 23 June, hopefully every resident saw the notices with the QR code around the Parish and filled it in to guide the Council in choosing a good design. It would make a big difference to the rather run-down play equipment there, and hopefully provide a location for children to enjoy in years to come. Meanwhile the administration team are busy organising the coach trip in July, more MK Play Association sessions, football, basketball, as well as the day-to-day tasks of running the Parish Council.

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

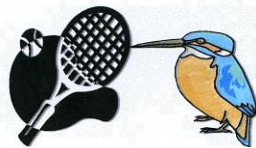
Well, we're into the new season which started with a win - always a bonus!

We held our Open Day on Sunday 7 May, which was well attended. We also had some great weather. The club gained five new members and several more are still deciding whether to join or not. The youngest participant on the day was eight years old and the oldest was 91. Everyone agreed that Bradwell is a friendly and welcoming club and less formal than some of the other clubs that they had tried, which was pleasing to hear.

Don't forget, we are always on the lookout for new members of any age and any or no expertise. Come and have a chat, it costs nothing to try.

Old Bradwell Tennis Club

Since the last Parish newsletter Bradwell Tennis Club have been extremely busy. We are very proud to say that the resurfacing of the new courts has now been completed. The new tarmac was laid over the Easter period and the court and lines were painted at the end of May. This necessary work could not have been completed without the support of



Old Bradwell United Football Club

After last season's league title, OBU followed that up with an amazing three trophies this season. First up was the Berks & Bucks FA Intermediate trophy, where we scored 44 and didn't concede a goal.



We then followed up by retaining the Spartan South Midlands Football League (SSMFL) Division 2 title with four games to spare. Local rivals New Bradwell St Peter finished second. The final leg of the treble was the SSMFL Division Two Cup.

We've had an amazing season and well done to Manager, David Keene and all the players.



Bradwell Parish Council, Milton Keynes Community Foundation and Great Holm and Loughton Parish Council who all gave generous donations towards this work. We also thank our members for their continued support and thanks to all those quizzers who come and support our quiz evenings to raise funds.

The next tennis club quiz is on **Friday, 29th September** at Bradwell Memorial Hall. Tickets are now on sale. At £10.00 p/p. 6 adults to a team. Please contact Cathy if you would like to attend – 07947 029709.



Photo: Sam O'Neill being presented the Berks and Bucks Intermediate trophy after they won 4-0 in the final

Parish News

Mobile CCTV

Following recent anti-social issues occurring within Bradwell Parish, particularly knife crime. The Councillors, with the recommendation from the local police, have provided a mobile CCTV unit. As the unit is mobile it can be deployed anywhere within the parish so hopefully deterring anti-social



Example camera
Photo by Atypeek Dgn

behaviours. The safety of our residents is of paramount importance.

A recent knife amnesty was held outside Heelands Meeting Place and a number of knives were posted in the knife box.



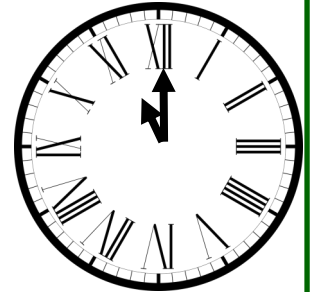
Time Out! at Bradwell Memorial Hall

Our band of regulars at the Warm Spaces session at the Bradwell Memorial Hall were enjoying themselves so much that we have continued to meet. The group is now called **Time Out!**

If you are looking for something to do on a Wednesday between 11am and 2pm why not come and join us. We're a friendly bunch. Come for a chat, play a game, bring your knitting or current craft activity or anything else that is portable.

Hot beverages and biscuits are provided free!

A Warm Spaces initiative



Parish Grants Update

Did you know that Bradwell Parish Council is able to award small grants to local groups to benefit parish residents? Unfortunately we're unable to give to individuals. The application forms are available via our website. This is a small snippet of what we have been able to support in recent months.

January 2023

St Lawrence Church: £1000 towards printing costs for 800 year Celebration.

December 2022

Bradwell Common Pre-school: £900 towards play equipment.

November 2022

Friends of Conniburrow Children's Centre: £273 towards a Christmas visit to Mead Open Farm

Old Bradwell Tennis Club: £5000 towards the new court surface.

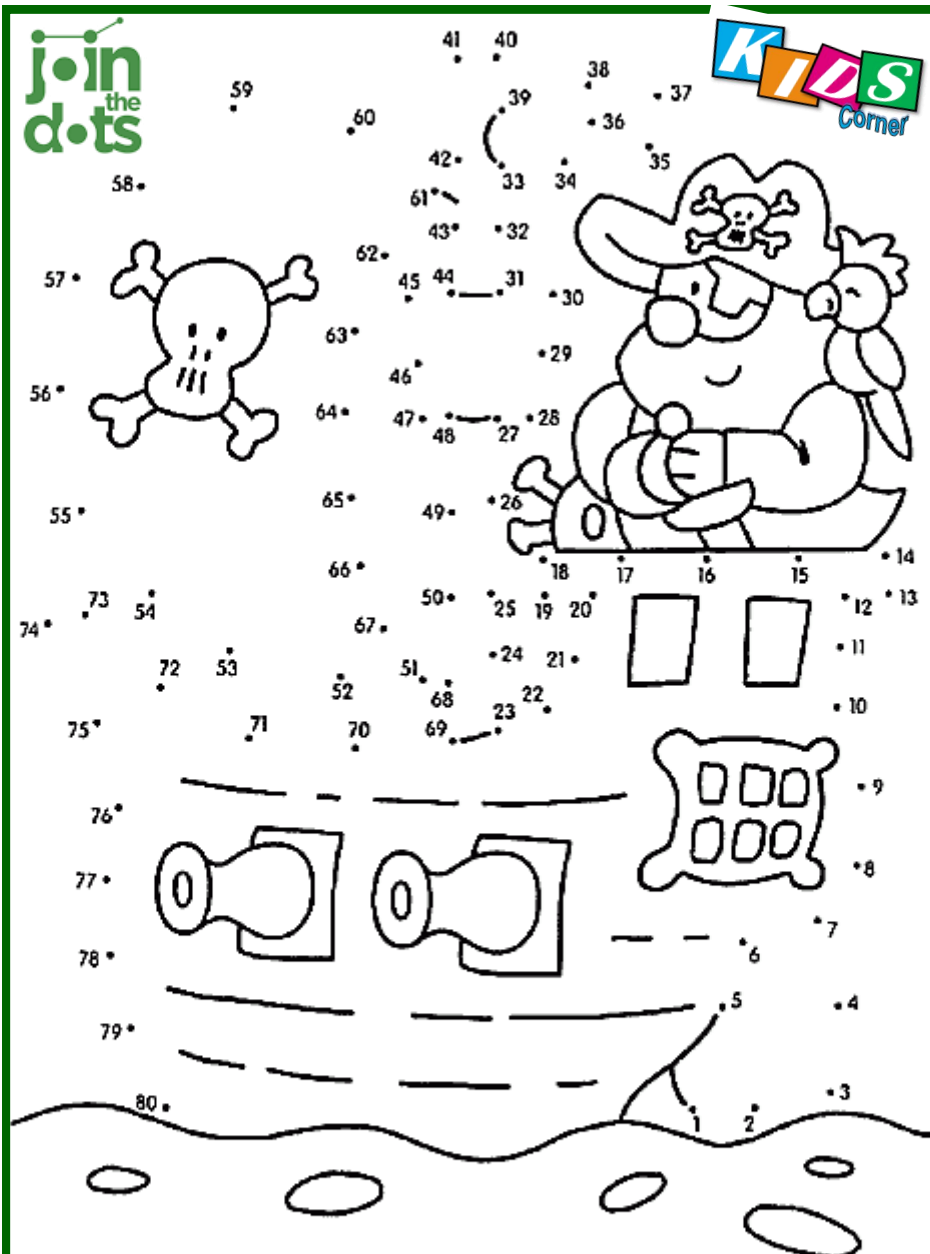
Bellfounder House Social Club: £500 towards the refurbishment of the guest bedroom.

September 2022

Bradwell United Football Club: £1000 towards new goal posts.

July 2022

Old Bradwell Bowls Club: £3500 towards a new lawn mower.



Join the dots and then colour it in to complete the picture.

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BetterPoints Rewards System for Sustainable Travel in Milton Keynes

From Milton Keynes City Council

This rewards system for using sustainable travel methods in Milton Keynes is back! You could earn free vouchers to use in major retailers.

The BetterPoints system adds points for every sustainable journey made, logging it through the BetterPoints app. You just need to download the app, join Get Around Rewards and ensure your location is on and points will be allocated automatically. Each month there will be a prize draw to win £50 or 50,000 BetterPoints and there will be plenty of opportunities to boost your points total by attending any of the Get Around MK events.

Once enough points have been built up, you can cash the points in for free vouchers at major retailers, including Currys, Ikea, John Lewis and many others. Alternatively, you have the option to donate your points to a charity of your choice.

More information is available at getaroundrewards.betterpoints.uk. The BetterPoints app is available to download for free on Apple and Android devices.

Community Activities

Bradwell Church 800th Anniversary Fete

Saturday 12 August 11.00 to 4.00

St Lawrence Summer Fete

In partnership with Bradwell Parish Council, we are including a summer fete in our 800th Anniversary celebrations. It is on Saturday 12 August, at St Lawrence & Glebe field in Bradwell 11.00 - 4.00. Council members are actively involved in the planning and funding. We are also receiving help from MK Community Foundation. Milton Keynes Mayor, Cllr Mick Legg is going to drop in.

The vicar, Rev Paul Smith, will be here as a successor to our first vicar, Henricus in 1223 AD. We chose this day being the closest day to St Lawrence's day, 10 August, the patron of our church. Book the date in your diaries and bring all the family! Free entry.



Great fun for all the family!

Tombola | Beer Tent | Craft | Plants | Live Music | Dancing | Bell Ringing
Cakes | Ice Cream | Cream Teas | Bouncy Castle | Raffle | Beat the Goalie

Interaction MK

Thanks to grants from The National Lottery, and Stantonbury Parish Council, Inter-Action are delighted to be working on a lovely project called 'Little Acorns'.

We have been working with local Children's Centres, Windmills and Rainbows to encourage outdoor activities and exploring growing, cooking and nature with their families.

Wildlife expert and creative Cathy Ebbels has been encouraging families with workshops based around birds and Iain Talbot AKA The Salvage Hacker, has made a wonderful Windmill shaped bird feeder for the Windmill centre.

At Rainbows we have been hard at work transforming what was a tired and unloved outdoor area, with support from the parish, parents and others and with new seating, planters, a bug hotel and a mud kitchen created by Iain and planted and painted by the families.

An open day to celebrate the new Rainbow outdoor area is being held on Saturday 15 July, all local folk are welcome. The centre have been hard at work and there will be activities and refreshments.

For more information on any of our projects please contact Diana via email Director@interactionmk.org.uk (Interaction MK are based at Bradwell Abbey)

Hope in Troubled Times

Have you ever heard the story of the American song writer, Fanny Jane Crosby? As a baby she lost her sight. However, she did not become discouraged or despondent, but was determined to face the future with hope. When she was about eight years old, she wrote:

*Oh, what a happy soul I am
Although I cannot see
I am resolved that in this world
Contented I will be.*

F J Crosby lived for 95 years and wrote around 9,000 poems and songs.

In this world of much chaos, uncertainty and brokenness, there is 'good news' for all of us. All is not lost as there is hope for the future.

If you would like to know more why not join us at 10am on a Saturday at Heelands Meeting Place.

*Felix, Seventh Day
Adventist Church*



For further information about Bradwell Parish Council please visit our website: www.bradwell-pc.gov.uk

Community Activities

These are play and sports sessions which are provided **FREE** of charge (paid for by Bradwell Parish Council). The play sessions can be booked in advance by visiting Making Play Happen | Milton Keynes Play Association (mkpa.co.uk). Basketball sessions need to be booked in advance by visiting 5 On It Foundation. Please just turn up for the Football sessions.

Week 1	Time	Where	Activity	
Monday 24 July	10.00-11.00	Heelands	Basketball under 12	Please book 5 On it Foundation
Monday 24 July	11.00-12.00	Heelands	Basketball over 12	
Friday 28 July	3-30-4.30	Heelands	Football	
Week 2				
Monday 31 July	10.00-11.00	Heelands	Basketball under 12	Please book 5 On it Foundation
Monday 31 July	11.00-12.00	Heelands	Basketball over 12	
Tuesday 1 August	morning	Heelands	MK Play Association	
Wednesday 2 August	afternoon	Bradwell Common	MK Play Association	
Thursday 3 August	afternoon	Bradwell Village	MK Play Association	
Friday 4 August	3-30-4.30	Heelands	Football	
Week 3				
Monday 7 August	10.00-11.00	Heelands	Basketball under 12	Please book 5 On it Foundation
Monday 7 August	11.00-12.00	Heelands	Basketball over 12	
Tuesday 8 August	morning	Heelands	MK Play Association	
Wednesday 9 August	afternoon	Bradwell Common	MK Play Association	
Thursday 10 August	afternoon	Bradwell Village	MK Play Association	
Friday 11 August	3-30-4.30	Heelands	Football	
Week 4				
Monday 14 August	10.00-11.00	Heelands	Basketball under 12	Please book 5 On it Foundation
Monday 14 August	11.00-12.00	Heelands	Basketball over 12	
Tuesday 15 August	morning	Heelands	MK Play Association	
Wednesday 16 August	afternoon	Bradwell Common	MK Play Association	
Thursday 17 August	afternoon	Bradwell Village	MK Play Association	
Friday 18 August	3-30-4.30	Heelands	Football	
Week 5				
Monday 22 August	10.00-11.00	Heelands	Basketball under 12	Please book 5 On it Foundation
Monday 22 August	11.00-12.00	Heelands	Basketball over 12	
Tuesday 23 August	morning	Heelands	MK Play Association	
Wednesday 24 August	afternoon	Bradwell Common	MK Play Association	
Thursday 25 August	afternoon	Bradwell Village	MK Play Association	
Friday 26 August	3-30-4.30	Heelands	Football	
Week 6				
Monday 28 August	10.00-11.00	Heelands	Basketball under 12	Please book 5 On it Foundation
Monday 28 August	11.00-12.00	Heelands	Basketball over 12	
Friday 1 September	3-30-4.30	Heelands	Football	

