



Bradwell Parish News

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Bradwell Abbey & Rooksley**

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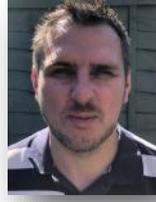
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Bradwell Parish Council welcomes articles and community information for inclusion within the newsletter. Please contact the Assistant Clerk: communications@bradwell-pc.gov.uk if you would like to discuss an article for future editions.

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Article and Advert deadline for the April issue: **18 January 2023**

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Office Hours

Wednesday & Thursday: 10.00am – 1.00pm



Hello

I was born and brought up in the West of Ireland in County Galway and moved to England in 1979.

I first lived in Leighton Buzzard where I met and married my husband and fellow Ward Councillor, Robin, where we ran a public house and restaurant for over 10 years. We moved to Milton Keynes in 1996. I have lived in Bradwell Common for 25 years and absolutely love where I live and the surrounding areas of Bradwell Village, Heelands and Linford Wood.

I have been a Parish Councillor for Bradwell for 10 years. I enjoy helping people and keeping the Parish in good order for the benefit of all residents. On the Parish I am currently involved in the Bradwell Charities, celebrating 800 years of St Lawrence's Church and several landscaping projects. As a keen cyclist I enjoy using the local redways and cycle paths and am a member of Milton Keynes City Council's Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan working group.

As well as being kept busy at the City Council as Chair of Corporate Parenting, which focuses on children who are looked after by the authority, I also volunteer at an Educational Trust that provides after school tutoring as well as adults learning skills courses. I also help on a project that secures boarding school places for vulnerable and disadvantaged students.

I attend St Augustine's Church on Heelands and when I'm not working on Parish or Ward issues I look after my granddaughter, Beatrice, and will be on hand for more childcare when her sister is born later this year!

*Marie Bradburn
Parish & Ward Councillor*

Suffolk Punch Community Centre Update

On 26 October the Parish Council was successful in obtaining approval for a public works loan in order to pay for the Community Centre construction cost. Planning permission is being sought and the release of remaining funds from the developer (held by Milton Keynes City Council) has been requested.

Abbey Field Meadow

The new meadow looked lovely earlier in the summer. Our contractors have been maintaining the meadow by removing the sow thistle. They came back in late September/early October to cut it when the flowers had gone to seed to cut it. The seed was knocked out by the collector and returned back onto the ground to grow again next year.



Photo courtesy: Barbara Hughes



Parish Council Meeting Dates

All meetings take place at Heelands Meeting Place, Heelands

Monday 12 December FC 7.30pm

2023 Dates

Monday 16 January FC 7.30pm

Monday 13 February F & S 7.30pm

Monday 6 February FC 7.30pm

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

Dog Hygiene Bin Service

Did you know that the dog waste bins in Bradwell Parish are provided by the Parish Council? We provide over 40 bins. They are all numbered so if you notice one is broken or overflowing please do let us know.

New research by Keep Britain Tidy reveals that the amount of dog mess being left by owners in our parks has increased since the start of 2021.

A survey carried out by YouGov shows that most dog owners dispose of dog waste responsibly, either putting it in a bin in the park (85%) or taking it home with them (40%), however, 4% admit leaving it unbagged on the ground, hanging from a tree, on a post, or under a bush which equates to around 35.3 tonnes of dog waste.



Sports News

Bradwell Bowls Club

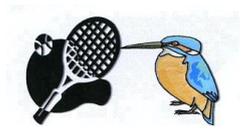
As the season closes, we can look back on a successful few months, not so much in results on the green but in our growing membership and the enthusiasm with which our new bowlers have embraced the game. The future looks good. The only games cancelled this



year were by visiting clubs and for most of the fixtures we were oversubscribed. Our red, white, and blue President's Day was another plus, raising £150 for Alzheimer's. We now go into our winter activities, quizzes, race nights and bingo with one eye firmly fixed on next season and beyond.

Old Bradwell Tennis Club

It's been a busy summer for the tennis club. Our courts have been well used during the summer months. In July our courts were in use for 294 hours and 193 matches were played!

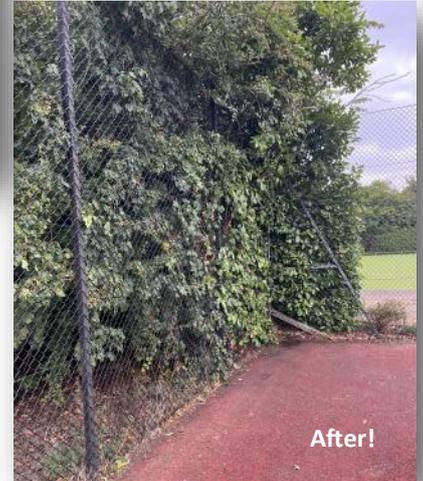


We still need to keep raising money as we will need to resurface the courts, which are still in fair condition but will need some work soon. As a result, we are holding quiz nights, we held one in May, which raised £600. The quiz night in September was sold out! The



quiz is arranged for Friday 25 November. These quizzes are all held at the Sports & Social club on Abbey Road. If you'd like tickets for the November quiz, please call Cathy on 07947 029709.

We've been cleaning and tidying up the courts - you can see what a difference has been made!



Parish Updates

Clerk's Column

Hello all residents – things have been busy at Bradwell Parish Council since I last wrote in the Summer edition. In terms of local facilities, and at the request of residents, we are shortly to install a new bench on the wildflower meadow in Bradwell, and two new litter bins, with tops, by the sports pitches.



A meeting was held in July, where nearly thirty members of the public attended, in order to have their say and raise their opinions or doubts over the proposed stadium, lighting and parking measures at the pitches in Bradwell. And again the result was that the Parish Council decided not to give permission for BSSC to proceed with the new measures and all will remain as it is.

On the Bradwell grounds, the wildflowers all blossomed and bloomed, and now are browning as the autumn nights get cooler, but still provide a habitat for insects, which encourage birds and small animals. The pond however is still void of standing water, and we will be looking at options on this and keeping you updated.

Judging by the very full dog-litter bins, and as it has been a busy summer for our dog bin emptying contactor, many more people have dogs that two

summers' ago, and it is good to see people walking around the Parish and enjoying all the green spaces the Parish Council manages.

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.

T: 01908 321285 | E: admin@bradwell-pc.gov.uk

From the Community

Inter-Action MK

We are an arts charity based at Bradwell Abbey, who have been running creative community projects since 1975.

One of our new projects 'Little Acorns' is running in partnership with some of the local children's centres. Families with pre-school children are taking part in growing, cooking and creative activities both in the gardens at Bradwell Abbey and in their centres.



If you have pre-school aged children, and are not part of a local centre but are interested in joining in some of the sessions, then please contact Rachel from Inter-Action at manager@interactionmk.org.uk as we may still have some spaces. We are particularly keen to hear from any newly arrived families.

We run a number of other creative projects so do get in touch or visit our website www.interactionmk.org.uk

Bradwell Church Bell Ringers & 800th Anniversary

The sound of bells ringing is deeply rooted in British culture and the sound of bells ringing on a Sunday is a part of our history both past and present. There has been ringing at



St Lawrence Church calling us to worship for almost 800 years, with the oldest two bells cast in 1297AD. There is a cracked bell you can view hanging in the church, which was cast in the 15th century. Next year is the 800th Anniversary of St Lawrence Church and the bell ringers hope to be able to join in special occasions throughout the year. There is a shortage of ringers post covid and we may have to stop ringing, with such a long tradition it will be a shame to stop. Anyone can be a bell ringer and requires no strength or musical knowledge. The ringers meet on a Wednesday night at 7.45pm for practice, anyone is welcome to come along and try it out if you would like to learn a fun hobby, young or old. Send an email to bradwellchurch@gmail.com

Collette's Spooky Candles & Wax Melts

Collette makes a variety of candles and wax melts and her daughter makes the keyrings. If you are interested in purchasing any of these products please contact her at collettefendley@hotmail.co.uk or via her Facebook page—Collette's Spooky Candles & Wax Melts.



Little Robins Childcare

Are you in need of childcare?

We are an Ofsted registered Breakfast and After School setting based in Heelands, catering for Priory Common, Bradwell Village and Heelands Schools.

What we offer

We establish a calming yet playful atmosphere where the children are free to choose their particular interests of play. Each week we base the activities around a different theme, arts and crafts, and physical activities.



Cost and Opening Hours

Breakfast Club operates between:
7.50am & 9.00am
The cost per session is £4.75

After School Club operates between:
3.00pm & 6.00pm
The cost per session is £11.00

Bookings and enquiries

All bookings and enquiries can be made at little.robins@yahoo.com or by phone on 07702 864725.

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Parish Activities



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We are proud to announce that we received a Good Ofsted Rating from our Inspection in June 2022



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office@summerfieldschool.org

Bradwell Charities

Are you trustworthy and caring? Are you willing to volunteer some of your spare time?

If you answered 'Yes' then Bradwell Charities would be delighted to hear from you.

Bradwell Charities were set up in 1740 by the vicar of Bradwell, Reverend James Humes, who set aside funds to give little gifts to elderly parishioners who were in need. With these and other charitable funds, Bradwell Charities continues the same tradition every Christmas.

Currently there is a committee of five and we are now seeking volunteers for two key roles, Treasurer and Secretary. The committee meets once a year in November to review the accounts and organise the distribution of the Christmas gifts to the over-70s in need.

If you are interested please contact the Chair on 07747-825323 or by email to rosedavy@hotmail.com

As the charities are involved in the handling of money, you will be asked to provide character references.



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Summer Parish Activities

We had great weather, although a little hot at times, for the sports and play activities. All these activities were funded by Bradwell Parish Council. We do hope your children enjoyed them! MKDONSSET provided the football, 5 On it Foundation the basketball and MKPA the craft.



MKPA sessions:

Heelands: 89
Bradwell Village: 57
Bradwell Common: 116

Football:

There were a mixture of ages, but they all seemed to have lots of fun!

Bradwell Parish Council Community Award

Do you know someone that has gone that extra mile in the parish?
Why not nominate them for this award?



Closing date: 19 February 2023

Please send all nominations to:
communications@bradwell-pc.gov.uk

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

What's On



FUSION

Opening Times
Sun & Mon: CLOSED
Tue: 9AM – 5PM
Wed & Thu: 9AM – 5PM
Fri: 9AM – 5PM
Sat: 9AM – 4PM

1 Wimbledon Place, Bradwell Common
Milton Keynes, MK13 8BQ
Tel: 01908 968686
Email: hello@fusionhairsalon.co.uk
Web: fusionhairsalon.co.uk/

BRADWELL CHARITIES

A Christmas Gift for the over 70s

Residents of Bradwell Parish, who are 70 years old or older and are in need, are welcome to apply for a small monetary gift for Christmas.

These gifts derive from local charitable trusts set up in the 18th century.

If you are over 70 and would like to apply, please email your name, date of birth and address to rosedavy@hotmail.com or by post to Bradwell Charities, 79 Stokenchurch Place, Bradwell Common, MK13 8AZ

If you do not have email you can telephone 01908 606802, but if you leave a message please speak slowly and clearly.

Previous recipients need not apply.



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John Newbury Photography Competition 2023



Image from Rosie Kerr of Unsplash

Entry requirements

- Open to all Bradwell Parish residents
- Must be an amateur photographer
- All photos to be of Bradwell Parish with a caption giving the location
- All photos to have been taken from April 2022 onwards

£50 prize!

Closing date for entries:
19 February 2023
Send entries to
Communications
@bradwell-pc.gov.uk

Parish Grants

Covid Music Project

Milton Keynes City Discovery Centre are pleased to announce that the postponed covid music project, 'You are not alone', will be going ahead with livestreaming, accompanying music video, and live performance on 4 December 2022, at their

Annual Angels at the Abbey event, back for the first time since Covid. Please come and join them for what is bound to be an emotional Christmas finale, as the Bradwell Abbey massed choir finishes their Christmas set with the Cathal



Smyth tribute, 'You are not alone'. Now, more than ever, community connection is longed for and keenly felt - and all of us at MKCDC, Bradwell Abbey, would like to send out, to all of you, the heartfelt message that you are not alone.

For more information please contact: Director@mkcdc.org.uk

With support from Bradwell Parish Council and the National Lottery Community Fund.

Christmas Cookies

INGREDIENTS

200g unsalted butter, softened
280g caster sugar
¼ tsp vanilla extract
1 egg
400g plain flour
A pinch of salt
½ tsp cream of tartar
Icing sugar
Food colouring
Sprinkles



INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat the oven to 170C/325F and line trays with baking paper. Cream the butter, sugar and vanilla extract together until the mixture is light and fluffy, then add the egg. Add the dry ingredients to the creamed mixture. Mix together until it's a ball of soft dough. Roll out the dough until it is about ½cm thick. Use festive cutters to cut shapes out and place them on the baking trays. Bake the cookies for around 10 minutes. Leave to cool for a few minutes and then place on a wire rack to cool completely. Decorate the cookies as illustrated, using the icing sugar, food colouring and sprinkles.

Bradwell Bowls Club—Mower

At the Bowls Club we cut the green three times a week hence the mower is used extensively. We had been struggling to keep our old mower going but alas the time came when it gave up the ghost. As we are a small club and finances are limited, we could not afford to purchase a new mower at the cost of £4,500. We approached Bradwell Parish Council for financial support and were awarded a large grant of £3,500 and we were to contribute the remainder. We now have a new mower and are very grateful because without a playing green we would not have a club. Thank you Bradwell Parish Council.



Bradwell Abbey Scout Group



Bradwell Abbey Scout Group have been very busy this year with the re-opening of the Beaver section, 6-8 year olds and the growing Cub section, 8-10 year olds.

The Beavers and Cubs have been taking part in many activities each week and earning many badges from hikes and first aid to skills and gardening. The Beavers have enjoyed activities from den building, knots and junk modelling and of course toasting marshmallows. The Cubs have already started badgework on gardening and the environment along with activities including soft archery and fire skills.



We were very lucky to receive a grant from the Parish Council which has enabled us to buy some extra equipment, organise a fun day with a camp and help towards the costs of the adult leader uniforms.

Scouting is run by volunteers, giving time each week to



encourage young people to grow and gain #skillsforlife. The waiting list for Scouting in Milton Keynes has over 1,300 young people registered aged from 6 to 18 and without adults volunteering in one of the many roles they cannot Abbey, please contact us through the website mkscouts.org or direct at secretary@mkscouts.org