

Bradwell Parish News

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David Farron Collection 2019

John Newbury Competition Winner 2020

Parish magazine covering

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Bradwell Abbey Rooksley**

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Photographs courtesy of Rob Jones



Dear Residents,
When I agreed to write a contribution for this issue, the Coronavirus had just arrived, and the implications on our community

had hardly begun to unravel. Obviously, all of us at the Parish Council extend our heartfelt best wishes to all our residents, and add our sincere thanks to the many in the NHS, Social Care, retailing and other services on whom we rely. Even though the country is past the worst of the outbreak, it seems likely that some restrictions and changes will remain for a considerable time.

The greatest practical change has been the inability to conduct our regular public meetings, or the Annual Electors' Meeting and councillor elections. The government suspended all of these, but we will return to normal public meetings just as soon as we are allowed to. At the beginning of June, we held our first 'Virtual' meeting, online through Zoom, and we hope to hold future meetings online this way until face-to-face meetings are possible again. Residents will be able to 'attend' as virtual visitors to our online meetings, just as they might come to our monthly meetings in Heelands.

Sadly, the lockdown also meant we could not have our Parish Magazine printed and distributed this time, but you've probably discovered an online version is available on our website and Facebook pages, Please don't forget to tell your family and friends about the online versions.

It is particularly disappointing that the Covid-19 outbreak has prevented events to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day, and the end of the Second World War in Europe. There are still a number of online events to mark the anniversary, and it seems likely that some celebrations will be carried over to next year, when they can also mark the end of the war in the Far East.

Councillor John Holley



Bradwell Parish Community Award

Winners Brian & June Goldsmith



Brian & June pictured receiving their Amazon voucher

John Newbury

Photography

Competition 2020



Winner

David Farron

Parish Council Meeting Dates

Monday 6 July 2020	7.30pm
Monday 3 August 2020	7.30pm
Monday 7 September 2020	7.30pm
Monday 5 October 2020	7.30pm

Meetings are currently being held using Zoom. Please apply via email to the Parish Clerk for the meeting details clerk@bradwell-pc.gov.uk

Articles & Advertisements

Bradwell Parish Council welcomes articles and community information for inclusion within the newsletter. Please contact the Assistant Clerk if you would like to discuss an article for future editions.

Deadlines and charges for advertising in the parish magazine are below:

Article and Advert deadline for November issue: 30 September 2020

Quarter page (92mm x 135mm): Charities (local): free; Charities (other): £25; Commercial: £50

8th page (92mm x 65mm): Charities (local): free; Charities (other): £12.50; Commercial: £25

All articles and requests for advertising should be directed to the Assistant Clerk: communications@bradwell-pc.gov.uk

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.

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

Heelands Meeting Place

We are unable to take bookings for the hall at the moment due to current Government guidance. Please keep a lookout on our website and Facebook page for up-to-date information.



Cooper who is in early years at Priory Common has a fairly short attention span, says his dad, Rob. So mum found a group called, Curiosity Boxes, on Facebook. Once a month they send a box with four science experiments to do. Whether it's exploding fountains or stinky slime he is really engaged. They are great fun! With lock down going on for months it's one thing he looks forward to.
Shared by Rob Woollett



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MK Reader Service

Could you read to someone who is sight-impaired?

Do you like reading and/or shopping? Do you have a couple of hours a week to spare? If so, there is the perfect opportunity for you to make new friends and do some worthwhile voluntary work via the Milton Keynes Reader Service. Many of us are unaware of the difficulties such relatively basic tasks as managing mail and shopping pose to those with a visual impairment, let alone the attendant transport issues. How do you choose greetings cards or the correct sized clothing or even the preferred brands of food items?

MKRS has been training and introducing volunteers to service users for 30 years and has generated many long-standing friendships along the way. Take Shirley, who uses our service and greatly looks forward to her weekly visits from Helen. Helen talks Shirley through all her correspondence and assists her where necessary. Over the past 12 months, the pair have become firm friends. Shirley says, 'Since losing my husband, Helen has been an absolute life-line. She visits me every week and deals with all my reading material. We also manage a bit of a chat too which

means we have built up a lovely friendship over the months. She has helped me retain a level of independence which would have been otherwise impossible'.

Volunteering could mean playing Scrabble, doing crosswords, or reading books, magazines or newspapers. Going to the theatre, museums, art galleries and even live opera screenings at local cinemas. Shopping could involve a trip to a supermarket or to the main MK Centre. There are regular coffee mornings to meet up with other volunteers and service users.



Tracy Harrod, the charity's co-ordinator says, 'We are really keen put people in touch with each other on a local basis. We offer full training and all expenses are paid by the charity. If you think you could spare some time, we would really love to hear from you. Just an hour a week can make such a difference to our service users.'

For more information on our service or becoming a volunteer, please call us on 01908 231123 or email mkreaderservice@yahoo.co.uk

Editor's note: This article was submitted pre pandemic so if you are

interested in volunteering please do get in touch with the charity to discuss how you can be of service safely.

John Newbury Photographic Competition

David Farron, the winner of the competition, has written this article to explain what he has done with his prize money. He decided to split it between (plus extra) the charities below that meant something to him and his family. Total donation: £86.75.

PTEN UK & Ireland

PTEN Hamartoma Tumour Syndrome is a rare genetic condition. It affects around 200-300 people in the UK. <https://ptenuki.org/>

Mind

Provides advice and support to empower anyone experiencing a mental health problem. <https://www.mind.org.uk/>

Max Appeal!

This is a charity that supports parents and children with DiGeorge Syndrome. <http://www.maxappeal.org.uk/>

Diabetes UK

This charity helps people with Diabetes. <https://www.diabetes.org.uk/>

Winter Night Shelter Milton Keynes

Supports the homeless, vulnerable and those with mental health struggles in MK. <https://www.winternightsheltermk.com/>

Belinda's 2.6 Challenge (Duke of Edinburgh Award)

Belinda created 26 sweet treats for her community, whilst working towards the DofE Skills section. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/belindas-26-challenge>

Corpal

Supports those affected by Aicardi Syndrome. <https://www.corpal.org.uk>



City Discovery Centre

Spring is the loveliest time onsite at Bradwell Abbey and it's been a real shame to have missed it, as most of us are working from home, but we



do have some photos to cheer every one up! The site just gets more beautiful every year and that's thanks to the wonderful volunteers who give up their time to work so hard on planning, planting and looking after the grounds. Thank you! We've enjoyed knowing that the local community are taking advantage of the site to use for their walks and hope some of you have discovered something new along the way. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter for more updates from the site, plus archive jigsaws, colouring pages and other activities: @MKCityDiscovery

Advice: Fraud and Scams

Over the last year or so TVP have seen an escalation of online scams and fraud. All causing great distress to the victims and families involved and some leading to life-changing consequences and emotional distress.

The scams are becoming increasingly sophisticated and any one of us can fall victim regardless of age, background, technology or financial savvy.

The scammers use a number of techniques to pull you in. They are skilled

at building up your trust and using time pressure to encourage you, the victims, to make rash choices under pressure, which you wouldn't do under normal circumstances.

Take Five to Stop Fraud is a national campaign from Financial Fraud Action UK and the Government, backed by the banking industry. It's about taking that moment to pause and think before responding to text, email or phone call. Keep this simple phrase in your mind:

'My money, My info, - I don't think so!'

The PCSO team felt that due to the escalation of this horrible crime and having to deal with one at least every week it would be a good opportunity to put a few steps in place that you may not have already thought of to protect yourself.

Request to move money – A genuine bank or organisation will never contact you and ask for your PIN.

Clicking on links/files – Never click on a link in an unexpected email or text.

Personal information – Question uninvited approaches. Contact the company directly if you want to carry on the conversation. Be wary of the information you post online about yourself.

Passwords – Use random words to make your password strong eg 'catschoolship'

Anti-Virus – Make sure this is up-to-date, back up important data regularly using external devices or cloud storage. Use a screen lock.

If you do get scammed you can report to www.actionfraud.police.uk or telephone 0300 123 2040 or to report any information about a crime anonymously contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or visit www.crimestoppers-uk.org. You can find out more at www.takefive-stopfraud.org.uk



From the Community

Bradwell Village Rocks - Covid Snake

The Facebook group, Bradwell Village Rocks, was started just over two years ago, by local resident, Babs Hughes. It was inspired by two of the founders' grandchildren. The group now has over 400 members! One of the members suggested creating a Covid-19 Rock Snake, just to cheer folk up!

Nearby, Ashlynn put some lovely drawings on a tree, near the nature field, it is now known as Ashlynn's tree. Babs thought this would be a good place to start the snake.

The Snake now has over 1000 rocks and is over 300 metres in length. You can find it in the heart of Bradwell Village, along the side of the redway between Abbey Road and the culvert under the railway.

If you fancy decorating rocks, pebbles or stones please feel free to do so and join in. You can use acrylics, Sharpies, emulsion, nail varnish etc. Just coat them once dry with either a



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spray varnish, yacht varnish or pva/water mix. Then take a photo, make a post on the Bradwell Village Rocks Facebook page and add the stone to the end of the snake. You don't need a degree in art, anyone can join in!

The Facebook group has recently run a poll to name the snake. The name Bradders won!

News of the snake has reached the media and has recently featured in MK Citizen and on the radio station, QuarantineFM.

Babs Hughes

Editor's Note:

We would like to ask you not to add any more items to the tree. We will be removing the items and displaying them in one of the noticeboards near to the site, after all this area is a conservation site. Thank you for conforming with us 😊

Historical Snippet - Bradwell

One of the routes I use for my daily walks takes me down into the village. One day I thought to myself, 'some



of my Grandma's uncles lived in the village I wonder if the houses they lived in still exist'.

I looked on the 1939 Land Registry and found that Charles and Alice Whitlock lived at 2 Abbey Road and Albert and Amy Whitlock at 56 Vicarage Road and on my next walk went down Primrose Road and along Abbey Road. I knew the house numbers got smaller as I went towards the church but to my surprise the last house in the terrace is number 4. Where was number 2? On rounding the corner, (now in Vicarage Road), the first of the terrace is number 54.

On the corner where Vicarage Road becomes Abbey Road there is a white rendered house. On my next walk I went in the opposite direction and saw that this house has number 56 on it on the Vicarage Road side and on the Abbey Road side the windows are not all the same and there is a front door but no number. So it must be the 2 Abbey Road that I was missing.

A further walk enabled me to work out that 2 Abbey Road has a double bay at the front and a single bay at the back, while 56 Vicarage Road has a single bay on the Abbey Road side and a double bay at the rear.

I've looked at some old maps and there appeared to be an older building on

the site before the existing semi-detached houses numbered 2/56 were built in the 1870s.

I contacted Dennis, who is also related to the Whitlock family, and he told me that he often visited his relatives on the corner of Abbey Road and Vicarage Road. He remembers, 'When you walked down Vicarage Road 56 was at the

bottom on the corner. The front door overlooked the corner so that you could see the field and the railway line. There was a low picket fence running round the gardens of both houses. A gate from Vicarage Road led up to the houses, on the left was the front garden of 56 and on the right a lilac bush and a well. At the top of the path on the right was a wooden shed shared by both houses and on the left the two back doors into the kitchens of both houses, Albert's first then Charlie's.

If you continued round into Abbey Road then you could see Albert's bedroom window and a bit further along Charlie's front door. I remember that Uncle Charlie kept canaries in a shed with a wire mesh front in his front garden.'

So the brothers, Albert and Charles Whitlock lived as next door to each other as one could possibly do! Like many in the village they got their water from a well in their garden.

On a later walk I met Eileen from number 56 and she confirmed that the houses are divided internally in an unusual L-shaped fashion.

Charles and Alice died in the 1970s. Albert and Amy Whitlock have a headstone in St Lawrence churchyard on the left just inside the gate.

Dianne Sutton

Inter-Action MK

We are a charity that improves people's lives through creative projects.

We are based at the City Discovery Centre and we run projects with folk who face challenges such as our nightclub for learning disabled adults and Campaign, a positive mental health campaign led by young people.

We also have open accessible community projects. In partnership with the CDC we have created two new gardens at Bradwell Abbey; a sensory garden where you can sit and enjoy the bees and butterflies and a community garden to grow fruit and vegetables. Later this year we are planning a children's garden with Young Carers.

Local residents and families are welcome to come and garden or volunteer. In return for a bit of a plot, we ask that you donate a percentage of your produce to the local foodbank and help with the gardening



If you are interested in volunteering on any of our projects or would like to join the Garden Club do get in touch via email. We'd love to hear from you.

mrogers@interactionmk.org.uk



Covid-19 Families-Bucks

Did you know there is Facebook group to support people that have lost loved ones due to Covid-19?

If you are looking for support or are interested in helping out please follow the link to get to the group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1367656223429678/>

THE WORLD AT PEACE



Original photograph from the time

VE Day Celebrations!

There is rightly a lot in the news currently about VE Day; the day, 75 years ago this month, when Britain and its Allies were able to celebrate Victory in Europe, after overcoming the Nazi regime in Germany in the Second World War. For us, the war had raged since September, 1939, when the Nazis invaded Poland. And whilst war in the Far East continued for several months, the relief we felt as a nation was unprecedented. There was no longer a threat that storm-troopers might invade our nation, and we could begin to put the country back together after all the destruction.

Very few of the people who were alive then are still with us, and as anniversaries pass by, that number will dwindle further. We are fortunate in Bradwell Parish that one of our residents, Betty Williamson, was not only one of the thousands who flocked to London in 1945 to celebrate;



Jubilant public, 1945

she was captured on film, and the photograph has been used by the Post Office for one of the commemorative stamps. It has also appeared on other memorabilia over the years.

Betty; then Betty Kemp, lived in Tottenham, with her sister Joan and friend, Dolly. In the photograph, Betty is on the right, behind the American flag, and her sister is at the left. They all took the celebratory free Tube into London's West End to join in the street celebrations, and were in the right place at the right time for the photographer.



Sadly, the Coronavirus lockdown has prevented the many celebrations and events that were planned, and amid the Coronavirus it might be easy to forget altogether about the day in May, 1945, when Britain came to a standstill to celebrate the end of the Nazi regime, and the end of the European war.

Betty is now aged over 90, and lives in Bellfounder House, where there will no doubt be something of a party, despite the lockdown!

Information and photos kindly supplied by Betty's son, Cllr Alan Williamson. Article written by Cllr John Holley

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MK13 7LW. Telephone: (01908) 311911

Charity Number: 1027459 Ofsted Number (URN): 141880

Opening hours Monday to Friday

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bins are full then please walk your
rubbish home.



Support our key workers.

Please help them by taking your rubbish home with you.



In the words of Keep Britain Tidy, 'we are
calling on everyone to do their bit to keep
parks and open spaces clean by taking their
litter home with them and putting it in their
own bin'.

Sports Round-up

Heelands Rangers

During these strange times we have not been able to play football with our U8's to U16's since 29 March. We are looking forward to happier times and being able to restart training for the 2020/21 season as soon as we're allowed.

We are looking for new assistant coaches and players from Nursery (4-5 years) to U18. The coaches would require a DBS check. If you are a player (16 years) and want to do your level 1 coaching or an existing/returning coach we would be interested in hearing from you.

If your child is interested in playing or you would like to coach. Please contact Teresa Mackenzie 07788 241506 or teresamackenz@outlook.com.



Old Bradwell Tennis Club



We would love to welcome you as a new member. Players of all abilities are welcome to play on our hard courts, which are in Bradwell Village, next to the

football and cricket pitches.

The courts opened in June. Why not get fit and play tennis, it's a great game. Please complete the form on the website at www.oldbradwelltennisclub.co.uk and send it by email or post and we will deliver your racquet tags and the gate code to you. There is no need to book, you are welcome to come along and play as soon as you have been accepted. If you would like to learn, or to improve, please book a lesson with our coach, Jason Fairhurst, who was men's Scottish number one and now lives in Milton Keynes.

This spring we cleaned the courts, and the surface is good. When the Government decides we can play with non-family members, we will be holding open days so you can come down and meet the coach and play on the courts.

Twice a year, the tennis club runs popular quiz nights, where you can come along and meet others and have fun, and win very good prizes.

If you live on Heelands or Bradwell Common, we are particularly keen to have you join; the club and courts are for the benefit of the whole of Bradwell Parish.

Annual membership is only £67 plus £5 joining fee for a family, or £37 plus £5 joining fee for an adult. You can play as many times you like for a full year. With membership, you will also join the Bradwell Sports & Social Club, which is open in the evenings with a licensed bar and regular activities.

