



# Bradwell Parish News

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Parish magazine covering

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Daily: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Photographs courtesy of Rob Jones



Welcome to the Autumn/Winter edition of Bradwell Parish News. The last few months have been a busy time for the council, with numerous consultations being held on the design

and use of the planned hall at the former Suffolk Punch site. We would like to thank everyone who shared their views and provided so many good ideas on how to move forward.

We would also like to thank the children from Bradwell Village School and Heelands School for helping us decide on the type of play equipment they wanted in the extension to the Heelands Shops play park. I am happy to announce that this joint venture between Milton Keynes Council and Bradwell Parish Council has already been completed and the new play equipment it's great to see it being used by the children already. We do hope you are all enjoying it!

Bradwell Parish Council are also happy to be running a subsidised coach trip to Winchester Christmas Market. The uptake has been amazing. We hope that if you are going you enjoy it, I know the staff are looking forward to it. Keep a look out for information on the next trip which we are hoping will be to a Lavender Farm.

As Christmas nears I must also note the outstanding work of those involved in the local 'Bradwell Charities'. A small group of volunteers spend their time each year visiting people who are over 70 years old and giving them a small gift. If you think you are eligible for a gift please do get in touch. Their contact details are on the back page within their article.

I do hope that you enjoy reading this magazine, if you have any comments please do let the Editor know.

*Leon Gilpin*

Chairman, Bradwell Parish Council

## In the Spotlight

Peter Baldwin  
Grounds Assistant

Peter started working for Bradwell Parish Council in 2012 following his retirement in 2011. His official title is Grounds Assistant, sounds grand but in simple terms Peter's main role is litter picking around Bradwell Parish for about four hours a week. Peter also assist with the running of the community litter picking events in the Parish. In addition to these duties he carries out seasonal maintenance roles such as painting benches and spreading chippings on footpaths.



Whilst there is a certain satisfaction in the role it can be very frustrating, knowing that in a few days' time the litter will reappear and he will have to start all over again! What is annoying is that 90% of what he collects is food and drink related, if people bring it to these areas why can't they take it home with them (it is lighter by then!) or at the very least

make use of the bins provided?

Peter would dearly love to be made redundant because his job would no longer be needed, he's not holding his breath!

The pictures show the litter collected from the Southern Field on Heelands (the football/basketball park on Common Lane). One shows the amount of litter that was dumped in the space of four week days, it is often more over a hot weekend! The second picture is at the play area in King Georges Field on Bradwell, do people think the fairies come out overnight and magic all the litter all away? He is sure most of the time it is more lack of thought than a deliberate act.



## Parish Council Meeting Dates

Monday 2 December 2019	7.30pm
Monday 6 January 2020	7.30pm
Monday 3 February 2020	7.30pm
Monday 2 March 2020	7.30pm
Monday 6 April 2020	7.30pm
Monday 13 April 2020 (Annual Elector's Meeting)	7.30pm

## Articles & Advertisements

Bradwell Parish Council welcomes articles and community information for inclusion within the newsletter. Please contact the Assistant Clerk: [communications@bradwell-pc.gov.uk](mailto: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 and charges for advertising in the parish magazine are below:

Article and Advert deadline: 20 January 2020

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

## Heelands Meeting Place

Did you know you can hire the hall? We currently have the following time slot available for hire from Monday to Friday between 5.00pm – 6.30pm.

There are several groups that meet on a regular basis at the hall. The hall is available for children's and adults' parties at the weekend. Prices start from £15 per hour.

Tel: 01908 321285; Email: admin@bradwell-pc.org.uk



## Bradwell Memorial Hall

Tel: 07758 091845

Email: bradwellmemorialhall@gmail.com

Bradwell Memorial Hall is holding its annual Christmas Fayre on Saturday 23 November. Doors open at 11am. There will be a tombola and various stalls selling a wide range of crafts, handmade items, as well as Christmas gift ideas and face painting for the children (and adults if they are so inclined!). There will also be refresh-

ments available – tea and coffee together with filled rolls, sausage rolls and small cakes.

Entry is free so come and join us and support your local community.



## What's On

**21 November, 10am-12pm:** Bradwell

**23 November, 11am:** Bradwell Memorial Hall Christmas Fayre

**27 November, 8am on:** Winchester Christmas Market coach trip

**29,30,31 November:** Victorian Christmas, MK Museum

**2 December, 7.30pm:** Council Meeting, Heelands Meeting Place

**6,7,8 December:** Victorian Christmas, MK Museum

**13,14,15 December:** Victorian Christmas, MK Museum

**6 January, 7.30pm:** Council Meeting, Heelands Meeting Place

**7 January, 7.30pm:** Ballroom & Latin American Dance Course, Bradwell Memorial Hall

**20 January:** Bradwell Parish Magazine article/advert deadline

**3 February, 7.30pm:** Council Meeting, Heelands Meeting Place

**2 March, 7.30pm:** Council Meeting, Heelands Meeting Place

**6 April, 7.30pm:** Council Meeting, Heelands Meeting Place

**13 April, 7.30pm:** Annual Elector's Meeting, Heelands Meeting Place

If you have anything that you would like to put in our **What's On** section please do let me know.

Email: communications@bradwell-pc.gov.uk

**Answers to Kids Corner Crossword**

**Down:** 1 Fireworks; 2 Autumn; 3 Conkers; 4 Harvest; 5 Leaves  
**Across:** 4 Halloween; 6 Remembrance

# Sports Round-Up

Reports from local sports clubs

## Old Bradwell Tennis Club

The Tennis Club is continuing to spread its wings!



Another quiz night was held in September and, in response to requests, it looks as though another one will be planned for the New Year.

We now have 70 or so members of various ages and abilities, but new members are always welcome.

The courts are looking good and the surface is good. Bradwell Sports Ground is a lovely location and this year with our fabulous summer, the courts have been used quite a lot.

For further information, contact the Secretary, on 01908 311917 or check our website [www.oldbradwelltennisclub.co.uk](http://www.oldbradwelltennisclub.co.uk).  
*Verna Moortton*

## Bradwell Bowls Club

Our season started tentatively, as for the first time in many years, our numbers were down. The men suffering the worst. But gradually, with an Open Day and several new members arriving from other clubs, we have managed to pull it around and our ladies section is building up nicely.

Our first trophy of the season, the Tom Rush, named after one of our founder members, was won this year by club captain John Bullard and one of our

newer members, Amy Stimpson.

As usual, we are always on the lookout for new members, irrespective of age or ability. Look out for our Open Day early next season. In the meantime, we will run activities during the winter, keep an eye out on our website for details.



# Parish Projects

## Bradwell Common Litter Pick

On Saturday 27 July, a group of local residents met at the One-Stop shop in Bradwell Common to have a go at a tidying up of the area. Despite the awful weather, a good attempt was made to clear up the area along the Boulevard all the way down to Aldi and up to the play area just before the bridge into Conniburrow. Several bags of rubbish were collected. The BMX track and play area on the north side of Bradwell Common were also cleared of rubbish.



Thank you to all those who turned out and helped to make this a success.

## Bradwell Common Planters

Local resident Steve Poulter and his sons have made a brilliant start at clearing one of the planters of thistles. Now, with the help of Ward Cllr Pauline Wallis and Cllr Rose Davy, both planters have been cleared. Don't they look better?



The parish council have employed a gardener to do regular work on the planters and we hope this will keep them looking attractive.

There will still be the need for weeding sessions and these will be advertised on the Bradwell Common Community face book page. Please come and join in.

We hope to involve the local children in growing and planting flowers next spring.

## Milton Keynes SOBs

Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide (SOBS) is a small national charity that exists to meet the needs and overcome the isolation experienced by people over 18 who have been bereaved by a suicide. There are over 60 groups across the UK.

The Milton Keynes Group held its first meeting in June 2018 and has been well attended since then. There is a core of regular members, but there is no requirement to attend all meetings.

We meet from 7.30 – 9.30pm on the fourth Wednesday of every month; there is no charge. The group is interactive; those members who wish contribute to the conversation, offer advice and share their experiences. However, there is no requirement to speak, just listening can be very helpful.

To know more, please contact [www.uksobs.org](http://www.uksobs.org)  
Tel: Sarah, 07598 158379  
Email: [milton.keynes@uksobs.org](mailto:milton.keynes@uksobs.org)

# Parish Grants

Did you know that local groups can apply for a grant from their Parish Council?

## YMCA

Thank you for the two generous grants from Bradwell Parish Council in February and June 2019 towards furnishing a room.

Due to adverse weather conditions the building work was delayed. The completion date is now early 2020. Residents



should be able to move in at the end of January. There are now only 41 rooms left to furnish.

## MK City Discovery Centre Bradwell Abbey

### Medieval Fair

We had glorious weather for the Medieval Fair at Bradwell Abbey held on 14–15 September. There were activities and displays for people of all ages and interests, from dedicated historians and archaeologists to armchair spectators. With activities for children such as such ride-on



as ride-on donkeys, camels and unicorns; propelled by the rider pumping their legs in a 'po-go stick' fashion. Other activities included painting and face-painting, making medieval heraldic badges and shield bosses and opportunities to try on armour and to try archery.

Formal displays included archery and medieval combat, with suitably-attired people 'in character' for the roles.

Amongst a plethora of sideshows were numerous handcrafts. There were crafts relating to wool, processing, spinning, weaving, and cloth-making. Traditional basket making with willow 'withies'. There was also a Birds of Prey tent and flying displays during the day.

Many of the exhibitors and organisers were dressed in period costume, lending an air of authenticity, and all of them were knowledgeable and enthusiastic about their subject.

John Holley



## Victorian Christmas

29th, 30th November and 1st December

6th, 7th and 8th December

13th, 14th and 15th December

### The season's most magical Christmas

Open Friday 4.30pm—7pm. Saturday & Sunday 1.30pm—6pm.

Adults £10.00, Children £7.00, Concn. £8.00,  
Families £30.00—THESE ARE ANNUAL TICKETS

For more info about this and other upcoming events  
please visit [mkmuseum.org.uk](http://mkmuseum.org.uk)

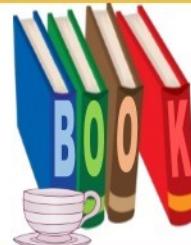


## LAUNCH DATE

**Thursday 21 November**

**10 am to 12pm**

**Bradwell Chapel, Bradwell Village**



For more information: Carol Wood  
[carolwooduk@gmail.com](mailto:carolwooduk@gmail.com)



## Lavender Farm Coach Trip June/July 2020

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### HOW WE HELP

At SSAFA MK, we have a team of trained volunteer caseworkers who provide personalised, face-to-face support to those in need within the local area. Our volunteers work with each person to find out exactly what they need and help them access the required assistance, ensuring their independence and dignity are protected at all times.

For more information SSAFA MK: Tel: 01908 217181  
Email: [miltonkeynes.division@ssafa.org.uk](mailto:miltonkeynes.division@ssafa.org.uk)

For further information about Bradwell Parish Council please visit our website: [www.bradwell-pc.gov.uk](http://www.bradwell-pc.gov.uk)

# From the Community

## St Augustine's Church

St Augustine's Catholic Church, in Heelands, is one of the seven churches in the St Barnabas Cluster of Parishes. The church supports the work of CAFOD (Catholic Association for Overseas Development), this is an international development charity that reaches out to people living in poverty, providing practical help whatever their religion or culture.

As a community we have participated in the walk for refugees, the march in London, hosted the creation Mass, sold handmade church cards, and we have created a Virtual Village where we encourage buying 'World Gifts' instead of more excessive luxury items.

The idea of the virtual village started when a small group of children used their Christmas gift money and bought a goat, four chickens and a queen bee for the village. This year, Fr Francis encouraged the children who received their First Holy Communion to share their communion gifts with the poorest children of the world, and they managed to buy a safe learning shelter to allow the children



to be educated. We have now created a representation of our village at the entrance to the church, to encourage the whole church and hopefully residents in the Bradwell Parish to consider buying virtual gifts for Christmas, christenings, birthdays etc in order to establish the virtual village.

Go to [worldgifts.cafod.org.uk](http://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk) to see all the interesting gifts. For more information email [cafod@mk-cluster.co.uk](mailto:cafod@mk-cluster.co.uk)

### Sunday Mass Times

8:30am  
11:30am  
2pm (Polish)  
6:30pm

## Bradwell Abbey Scouts

MK Scouts have recently opened a new Beaver (aged 6-8) and Cub (aged 8-10) section, meeting in The Cruck Barn at Bradwell Abbey. The new Leaders have started their training and are being supported by Leaders from across Milton Keynes. Scouting is run 100% by volunteers, each giving time each week to encourage young people to grow and gain skills for life.



The Beavers have enjoyed activities from den building, kite making, team building and of course toasting marshmallows. The Cubs have already started

badges on gardening and the environment along with activities including soft archery and fire skills.

For more information about Scouting in Milton Keynes or at Bradwell Abbey, please contact us through the website [mkscouts.org](http://mkscouts.org).

## Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood watch first started in the USA in 1964, and made its way to our shores in 1982 where the first group was started in Mollington, Cheshire.



Today, Neighbourhood and Home watch is one of the UK's largest voluntary movements, covering around 3.8 million households. There is a scheme within our parish that covers lower Quinton Drive and Maynard close in Bradwell.

### What is Neighbourhood Watch?

It is a major crime prevention initiative with its primary aim to help reduce crime, reduce the opportunity for crime to happen and for a community to work together in making people aware of what is happening around them.

### Why is Neighbourhood Watch important?

NW brings people closer together with common goals and wanting the best for their community. Not only keeping an eye out and passing on information about

any concerns they might have to each other, whether it be a rogue trader in the area or an elderly person they may not have seen for a few days. All this helps keep people in touch with each other. Something that due to technology has been lost!

### First steps in setting up a NW:

If you are interested in setting up a scheme in your area the first step is to speak to your neighbours and find out if they are interested. Each scheme needs a coordinator who acts as the key point between police, scheme members and general public.

For more information contact [lesley.rodgers@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:lesley.rodgers@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

*Lesley Rogers PCSO*

## Art Exhibition at St Lawrence Church

At the end of August the church was transformed into an Art Gallery. Members of Milton Keynes Society of Artists displayed between 80 – 100 excellent paintings in the nave, selling about a



dozen during the day. Over 100 visitors attended the exhibition. The day produced receipts of £620 for the Roof Repair & Refurbishment Fund. We were able to put on this exhibition because of the great team. Thank you! For those interested in finding out more about the Milton Keynes Society of Artists see their website at [www.mksa.org.uk](http://www.mksa.org.uk).

The main reason the church needs to raise money is because last year the lead was stolen from the church roof and there has been further attempts recently. All incidents were reported to the police but the church is feeling a little battered. The residents of Bradwell parish have been very supportive and the art exhibition was one example of locals rallying around their church.

## Bradwell Charities

Are you over 70 and live in Bradwell Parish?

If so, you could qualify for a gift from the Bradwell charities.

Why not contact the trustees to find out. The deadline is 6 December. The contact details are below.

The Bradwell Charities comprise of the following historic charities, The Estate Trustees of Rev James Hume, The Alden Fuller Charity, The Poors' Allotment 1789 and The Wylie Trust. The funding for Bradwell Charities derives from the eighteenth century, long before there were any retirement pensions. A land-owner from the 1720s, Alden Fuller, and Rev James Hume from the 1730s left

 land and assets in their wills. The government in the 1770s contributed more land to compensate parishioners for the loss of common land during land enclosures enacted to increase agricultural production. All these lands were eventually sold and the resulting capital sums are invested with the Charities Official Investment Fund. The annual interest on these investments pays for the grants. The gift will be delivered just before Christmas.

### Contact

Email: bradwell.charities@gmail.com  
Text or voicemail contact 07857200634

## MK Jiu-Jitsu Yubukan Dojo

Bradwell Common Community Centre, Bradwell Common, Milton Keynes, MK13 8DY



We have been established in Milton Keynes for over 40 years. We are a friendly club teaching traditional Japanese Jiu-Jitsu



16+ & Adults: Tue & Thu 8.15 to 10.15 £3 a lesson (£12 a month for 1 lesson a week, £24 a month for 2 lessons a week)

7 to 16 years: Sat 11 to 1 (waiting list) £2 a lesson (£8 a month)

Contact: Colin (Shihan C Wood)  
Tel: 01908 395227  
Email: colin@mkjujitsu.co.uk  
Website: www.mkjujitsu.co.uk

## Step this Way – Dance MK

Bradwell Memorial Hall, Vicarage Road, Bradwell, Milton Keynes. MK 13 9AG



The school was established two years ago to promote dancing for all. We hold regular weekly classes for adults at all levels. We provide a relaxed, fun and friendly atmosphere in which to get fit with a feel-good factor.

Tuesday 7.30 to 8.30 Improvers Class

Tuesday 8.30 to 9.30 Intermediate Class £5.00 per class

Friday 7.45 to 8.15 Intermediate Class

Friday 8.15 to 8.45 Sequence Dancing

Friday 9.00 to 9.30 Practice your moves £5.00 for the night

Sunday 6.00 to 7.30 Improvers Class £6.00

Sunday 7.30 to 8.00 Sequence Class £2.50

### Learn to Dance 2020

7 January 7.30 to 8.30 New 6 week course of Ballroom and Latin American £5.00 per person pay on the door. No partner needed, singles and couples welcome

For further information

Tel: 07941054745/07941054822

[www.DanceMK.co.uk](http://www.DanceMK.co.uk)

Find us on FaceBook Dance MK

## Seventh Day Adventist Church

We are a Christian church group that meets every Saturday for fellowship.



The church programme is made up of two sessions: the first part is a Bible study where we follow a quarterly lesson outline which encourages everyone to study, discuss and learn from one another. The second part is taken by a member of the group who presents a short talk on a topic that they feel impressed to talk about.

Our goal is to be a positive influence in the local community by encouraging and sharing the Good News.

We meet at Heelands Meeting Place on Saturday mornings from 10.00 – 12.30. Why not pay us a visit? A warm welcome awaits you!

For more information please contact Felix: [felixthom@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:felixthom@hotmail.co.uk)

### Did you know?

Harvest comes from an Anglo-Saxon word 'haerfest' which meant 'Autumn.' The full moon nearest the autumnal equinox is called the Harvest Moon. So Harvest Festivals were traditionally held on or near the Sunday of the Harvest Moon.

**KIDS Corner**

### Down

- 1 What are traditionally set off on 5 November? (9)
- 2 What season comes between Summer and Winter? (6)
- 3 What falls from a Horse Chestnut tree in the Autumn? (7)
- 4 What do the farmers do to crops in the Autumn? (7)
- 5 What changes colour in the Autumn? (6)

### Across

- 4 People dress up on this night as ghosts and vampires (9)
- 6 What day is commemorated on 11 November? (11)

Answers on page 5