



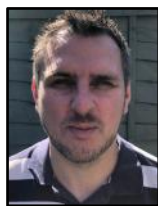
Bradwell Parish News

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Bradwell Parish Council welcomes articles and community information for inclusion within the newsletter. Please contact the Assistant to the 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 or article. 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: **25 April 2025**

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

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Office Opening Hours

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Welcome to the spring edition of Bradwell Parish News.

With spring thoughts very much in mind, a fulfilling aspect of being a parish councillor has been helping to enhance the local



environment by planting trees and shrubs. Last year the parish council planted three dozen fruiting trees as part of the regeneration of King George's Field in Bradwell village. Planting a long row of trees on South Field, Heelands, was a bigger job, with over 70 trees. This included six larger trees, gifted by MKC, that were previously in planters at Milton Keynes Central railway station: so it was good to find a new home for these.

I'm pleased to say, too, that following a successful grant application to the Woodlands Trust, we have enhanced the planting at Heelands South Field with a further 420 small shrubs and saplings, to create the beginnings of a new hedgerow.

More recently still, the parish council has agreed to plant five new fruit trees in the Quiet Garden next to Bradwell Sports and Social Club.

Let's hope all our plans bear fruit!

James Alexander
Councillor

Did you know?

That the road names on Heelands are named after places in the Yorkshire Dales?

Several road names contain the word, 'gill'. A gill is a narrow stream.

Parish Council Meeting Dates

All meetings take place at Heelands Meeting Place, Heelands

Monday 7 April	7.00pm
Monday 12 May KGF/FC AGM	7.00pm
Monday 19 May AEM	7.00pm
Monday 2 June FC	7.00pm
Monday 7 July FC	7.00pm
Monday 15 September FC	7.00pm

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

Clerk's Column

The winter is finally over, after quite a few frosty mornings. On landscaping in early spring we will be re-seeding Abbey Field wildflower meadow, which every couple of years needs it otherwise it turns to thistle and weeds and the flowers either stop producing or get die off.

We have put in two benches, one inside the King George's Field play area and a picnic bench just outside it. Another will shortly be installed, in memory of Robin Bradburn.

The Parish Council has been engaging with residents, firstly to see if the Bradwell Common residents want the Parish Council to petition for 20mph speed limits to be introduced by MKCC, the other is really a request for residents to fill in the questionnaire to apply to MKCC to register the land between Mayditch Place and Coleshill Place, at the back of Summerfield School, as a Village Green, rather than a space which at some point in the future may be converted to residential property.

The Heritage Trail also is a project, which is beginning to pick up traction, though it is a rather long-term project, which may take a while before it happens. One initial stage is to build a plinth upon which an information board can mounted, reminding residents of the ancient Roman history of Heelands!

Philip Farquharson



Cllr Mathew Best

Mathew moved to Bradwell Village at the beginning of last year, taking on the project of bringing one of the older buildings in the village into the modern era by installing a heat pump and insulating its solid stone walls. My goal is to prove that even the oldest and worst of our housing stock can achieve net zero and still be comfortable and affordable to live in.

Mathew studied natural and artificial intelligence with a focus on evolutionary and adaptive systems. He then headed up R&D departments in AI and technology companies based out of San Francisco, Oxford, and Cambridge.



Parish Community Halls for hire

The Parish Council manage two halls, Bradwell Memorial Hall and Heelands Meeting Place. If you would like to hire either hall please do get in touch. Bradwell Memorial Hall is a licensed venue.

For more information on hiring either hall please visit the Parish Council website. The hire charges can be found on our website. T: 01908 321285 | E: admin@bradwell-pc.gov.uk or contact the Assistant to the Clerk.

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King George's Play Area

We do hope you and your children are enjoying the new play area, which is proving to be very popular with local residents. The Mayor of Milton Keynes, Cllr Marie Bradburn, who is also one of our Parish Councillors, formally opened the play area on Wednesday 13 November.

Chris Curtis – MP for Milton Keynes (North)

"I'm delighted to see the new play area at King George's Field in Bradwell Village completed. This fantastic project, made possible by the FCC Communities Foundation, MKCC, and feedback from local children, offers exciting equipment like a carousel, trampoline, and zip line for children of all ages to enjoy. A huge thank you to everyone who supported and contributed to making this happen."



Citizen's Advice

Bradwell Parish Council and Great Linford Parish Council join forces to expand access to Citizens Advice Drop-In Sessions.

We're excited to announce a new partnership that will enhance the support available to residents of Bradwell and Great Linford parishes. We've joined forces to bring more accessible Citizens Advice drop-in sessions to the local community.

These new sessions are held on a Tuesday between 10am and 1pm at Conniburrow Community Centre, MK14 7DX.

The Parish Council also host Citizen's Advice sessions at the Parish Office every other Wednesday. These sessions must be booked in advance by calling 0808 278 7991 or visiting their website www.miltonkeynescab.org.uk/bradwell-parish-council/. We are unable to book you an appointment at the Parish Office.



citizens advice

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TUES 10:00AM - 1:00PM

Conniburrow Community Centre
MK14 7DX

In partnership with
Great Linford Parish Council

BRADWELL PARISH COUNCIL

New Defibrillator at Bradwell Common Community Centre

Bradwell Parish Council have recently installed a defibrillator on the external wall of the Community Centre with 24 hours access. This defib will add to the other public access defibs in the parish. They can be found at Heelands Meeting Place and Bradwell Sports & Social Club. All defibs are logged on the national Defib Finder website <https://www.defibfinder.uk>.



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Old Bradwell Sports & Social Club

The sports club is a community hotspot for social, sporting and other events. The club is open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Our sports teams include football from under 6s to seniors and cricket from age 6 to seniors. We are always looking for new members. Feel free to come and ask us questions if you are interested, either at the club or via our website.

Football: <https://www.oldbradwellunitedfc.co.uk/>

Cricket: <https://obnc.play-cricket.com/home>

The club puts on various social events throughout the year and welcome all our local parish members and their family, friends and pets to join us. Our regular Bingo, Quiz and Disco Bingo nights are great fun and have fantastic cash prizes.

We are now in partnership with Henry Allen Trust, and are holding our inaugural event together on 6 July from 12-5pm at the Moat House. We hope to make this an annual event for the community, we hope to see you there!

Trefoil Guild Group

Milton Keynes City Trefoil Guild is part of the Girlguiding movement and was set up in 2022. The group meets once a month and do activities such as crafts, pottery painting, bowling and walking the sculpture trail in Campbell Park.

The Trefoil Guild celebrated its 80th birthday in 2023 with over 1000 groups across the UK, online and in other countries.

So who are we?

Trefoil is the part of the Girlguiding family. The group offers members personal and social opportunities by supporting Girlguiding and Scouting by carrying the spirit of Girlguiding into our communities. Members are asked to agree to this when they join us.

If this sounds interesting and you would like more information, contact www.trefoilguild.co.uk/find-a-guild



Old Bradwell Tennis Club

The tennis club aims to be one of the lowest cost places to play tennis in Milton Keynes. If you are interested in playing tennis, please contact us on 07714 598126 or 07947 020709.

We have two hard core tennis courts set in Bradwell Village and we would be delighted to welcome you to the club. Jason, our tennis coach, is available to offer private tennis lessons to anyone interested in improving their game.

The new tennis year commences on 1 June 2025.

We're looking forward to hearing from you.



Grant Update

Did you know that Bradwell Parish Council is able to award grants to local groups to benefit parish residents?

We do not give grants to individuals. The application forms are available on our website. Below is a small snippet of what we have been able to support in recent months.

Heelands Rangers: £502.91 for four pairs of goal nets.

Bradwell Sports & Social Club: £2200 for a new ice machine and industrial dishwasher.

Heelands Allotment Association: £500 to pay for a chipping contractor.

Bradwell Common Pre-School: £3100 for a new storage shed.



The Parish Office received this lovely thank you card from Bradwell Common Pre-School for their new storage shed.

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Parish Competition Winners

Huge congratulations go to both our competition winners. Both of our winners will receive their prize and certificate at the Annual Electors' Meeting on Monday 19 May at Heelands Meeting Place. All parish residents are welcome to attend.

CONGRATULATIONS

John Newberry Photographic Competition winner is:
Rosie Davies.

Bradwell Community Hero winners are: Dave Farron, Brian & Linda Hamilton, Paul Hussey plus one other person.

20mph Survey on Bradwell Common New Public Consultation—Now Live!

The Parish Council is considering whether to petition MKCC to reduce the speed limits in Bradwell Common.

Are you in favour of 20mph speed limits across Bradwell Common?

Please use the QR code to complete the online survey.



The deadline for completing this survey is 30 April.

Hard copies are available from the Parish Office.

Interpretation Board at Castle Field

Have you seen the new Interpretation Board at Castle Field in Bradwell Village yet? Please go and take a look at it next time you're down that way.

The Parish Council are working on replacing some old and adding in some new interpretation boards around the rest of the Parish at various sites, particularly on Heelands and Bradwell Common.



Bradwell Village Pond Update

We have recently received a report from the Newt Conservation Partnership to let us know that they found great crested newt eDNA during their habitat survey and environmental eDNA sampling. This is a standard method of assessing great crested newt presence. It involves taking a water sample which is analysed to see if it contains great crested newt DNA.



Village Green Survey

New Public Consultation—Now Live!

This survey relates to the land between Coleshill Place and Mayditch Place on Bradwell Common.



The Parish Council wish to register the land edged in green on the map as a Village Green to protect the land against future development. If you or someone you know has used this land for recreational activities in the past or use it now please complete the survey by following the QR code.

Hard copies are available from the Parish Office.



Did you know?

Bradwell is an old English word and means broad spring. In the Domesday Book of 1086 the village is recorded as Bradewelle.

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Join us for a day out in
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DATE
Wednesday 9 July

PICK UP TIME
8.20am

RETURN TIME
4.00pm

TICKET PRICE
£10 plus
£1.55 booking fee

Pick up Point
Car park behind
Tesco, Heelands





01908 321285 admin@bradwell-pc.gov.uk

Bradwell Sports & Social Club

**Community
Fun Day**

Moat House, Bradwell, MK13 9AR
6th July 2025, 12pm -5pm

FREE ENTRY

GAMES ROUNDERs
ACTIVITIES STOCKS
RAFFLE PENALTY SHOOTOUT
LIVE MUSIC RELAY RACE

 For more information please email:
events@thehenryallentrust.org.uk



Milton Keynes Museum

Milton Keynes Museum is celebrating a milestone in its own history with the recent launch of its brand new, state-of-the-art gallery showing the rich tapestry of history in the area.

The Ancient Gallery brings the new city's past to life like never before, using the latest technology to stir imaginations, starting with the fossilised remains of an 180 million year old Ichthyosaur.

The gallery also houses remnants of much more recent dwellers - including the woolly mammoths and woolly rhinos who once walked the space that has now become the fastest growing city in the country.

Visitors will explore life in the area during the palaeolithic and mesolithic times, and gain a greater understanding of just what those Roman visitors did for us - and how their legacy remains today. The gallery is very accessible to all ages.

"To now be able to tell the history of Milton Keynes in such a vivid way is so exciting," said Museum director Bill Griffiths.

"We couldn't be prouder of what we've achieved so far - and we have even more to come with the launch of our New Gallery later this year, which will shine a light on a very modern city," Bill added.

For more information please visit miltonkeynesmuseum.org.uk



St Lawrence Church

It's great to be here in Bradwell, and serving your local Church community. I'm actually 'a local' having been born in Dun-



stable, and it's good to have now returned to the area in Ministry. I've already introduced myself to the Bradwell Village school children; a number of whom have also been for a tour of the church as part of their studies. I hosted a lovely Crib Service on Christmas Eve, which local families attended.

Bradwell is a historic church, but with a contemporary feel as you walk in. You will perhaps 'hear the church bells' before you attend, but be assured of a warm welcome and lovely community feel when you arrive. We also look after the Bradwell Chapel, at the top of Vicarage Road, and I'm looking at new and innovative ways of using that building.

If you don't see me at Church, you may well spot me and my son out walking our cockapoo, Malu. If you do, please say hello.

Rev Phil Dunning

HomeWorld 81 Exhibition

In 1979 the Board of Milton Keynes Development Corporation approved the idea of creating an exhibition of showhouses built by developers from around the world that would publicise the growing city in Bradwell Common. Nineteen developers signed up and a total of 26 houses were available for the public to view when the doors were opened on 2 May. There were a wide range of properties to view, from one person studios to luxury bungalows (one of which even had a water bed!); kit houses from Scandinavia, New Zealand and the UK, from national developers to small local builders.

The exhibition was a huge success and, when the gates finally closed on 31 May, HomeWorld 81 had been visited by 150,000 people. Most importantly it gave MKDC the confidence, to plan a follow-up exhibition, Energy World in Shenley Lodge in 1986.

The exhibition site in Coleshill Place, which are now all private homes, has received a steady stream of visitors over the years and celebrated its fortieth birthday recently with the production of a video by Living Archive. This can be seen online at <https://vimeo.com/540791219>. The video has been followed by an illustrated book, which was produced by Milton Keynes Forum and written by Tim Skelton and Dianne Sutton. It tells the full story of the exhibition and has plans of all the houses as well as photos from the exhibition itself. Copies are available at a specially discounted price of £12 for local residents (RRP £15) – please contact Dianne on MK 606256 or by email to Dianne.sutton@mail.com

