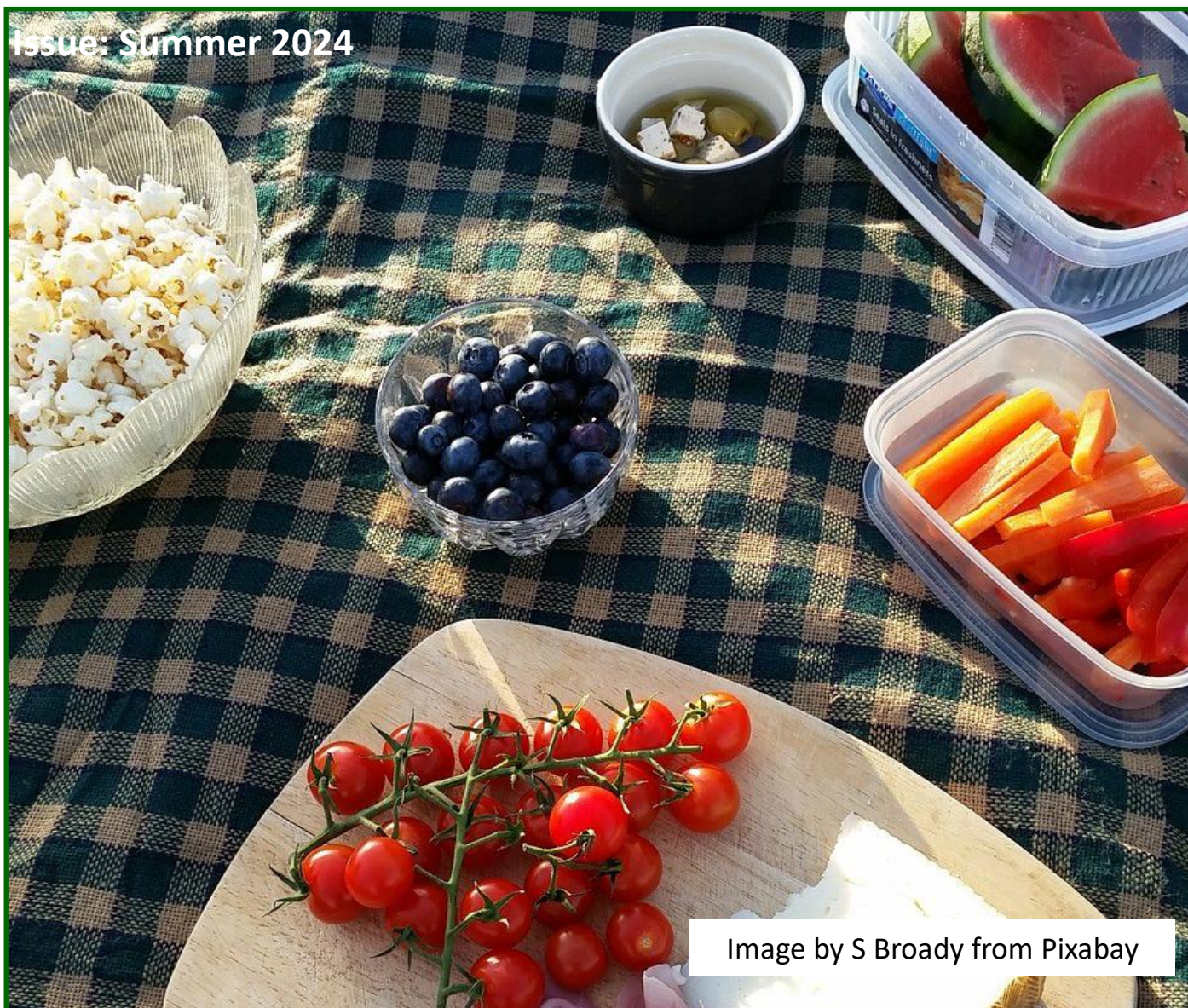




# Bradwell Parish News

Issue: Summer 2024



**Parish Council magazine covering:**

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



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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](mailto: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 Winter issue: **18 September 2024**

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## Office Opening Hours

Tuesday & Thursday: 10.00am – 4.00pm; Wednesday 2.30pm – 4.00pm



**Welcome** to the Summer edition of Bradwell Parish News.

We held our Annual Electors' meeting in May where we

looked back at the parish council's activities over the last year. These included, among other things, working with the local sports groups to improve the facilities at Bradwell Sports & Social Club and the Bowls Club; investing in Bradwell Memorial Hall; delivering a range of free activities for local children during school holidays, and providing over £8,000 of grants to support local community organisations.

The Community Award for 2023/24 was awarded at the meeting to Lyn Drinkwater in recognition of her amazing 34 years of service at Bradwell Common Pre-School before retiring last year. We also said goodbye to Cllr Rose Davy after eight years of service. She has worked hard for the parish and played a major role in delivering the refurbishment of Bradwell Common Play Area in 2017.

We have a new set of parish councillors following May's local elections. I have been elected as Chair of the council by my fellow councillors, taking on the role from Cllr Leon Gilpin who has served the parish well over his five years as Chair. I am looking forward to working with the community in Bradwell Common, Heelands and Bradwell to help make our area a better place to live.

One of the projects which we will be delivering this year is a refurbishment of the King George's Field play area in Bradwell. This is on track for completion before the summer holidays begin.

I would be very interested in hearing local residents' ideas for ways in which the parish council could improve our local area – please do drop me a line.

*Cllr Peter Brant*

## Parish Council Meeting Dates

All meetings take place at Heelands Meeting Place, Heelands

Monday 1 July FC	7.00pm
Monday 8 July F & S	7.00pm
Monday 16 September FC	7.00pm
Monday 7 October FC	7.00pm

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

## Clerk's Column

After a wet Spring the summer has finally arrived. The rain has been a blessing in one respect; the Parish Council planted at its own expense 60 trees of about six feet in height in the autumn, and a wet Spring was extremely good for them to allow their roots to settle in. Furthermore the Parish Council applied to MKCC (Milton Keynes City Council), for another five young trees, which were being offered and which were formerly in large pots in Station Square. We were successful and towards the end of March (several months later than anticipated), six 12 foot high trees arrived! Early March is late to be planting trees, and I am concerned they may have been planted too late to settle in in the event of another dry June (as per June 2023). Fingers crossed all 66 trees survive! On other news and major news the KGF (King George's Field) play area refurb is ahead of schedule (extremely unusual in local governance), set to be installed prior to the summer holidays of 2024, all going well. We were successful in our application to the FCC Communities Foundation for a contribution of £60,000. The grand opening has been rather cautiously set for Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 11am at the newly refurbished playground. Residents welcome, refreshments will be provided at the Bradwell Sports and Social Club afterwards.



*Philip Farquharson*

## BRADWELL MEMORIAL HALL CENTENARY

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**Saturday 19 October  
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# Sports News

## Bradwell Bowls Club

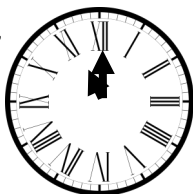
### Expect the unexpected!

Sunday 28 April was Bradwell Bowls Club's Open Day and it rained, and rained. It looked as though all our preparation and advertising would be in vain. But no, instead and despite the weather, we had more visitors than usual. Our visitors were treated to tea, coffee, nibbles and home-made cakes, and were made most welcome. Most braved the weather to try their hand whilst others planned to return on a fairer day. So far, we have gained 10 new bowlers and seven new social members, with several more still to commit. All in all, a very successful day. We are always on the lookout for more members, so why not come and try us out!



## Time Out has moved!

To make space for our new Pre-School, Ducklings, we've moved venue to the Sports & Social Club on Abbey Road. We moved in June.



We are a warm and welcoming group offering a space for people to chat and to play a game or two of Rummikub. If there is anything else that you would like to do please let me know.



Time Out! Is a Warm Spaces initiative and meets every Wednesday between 11am and 2pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.



## Bradwell Tennis Club

Since the new courts were resurfaced in Spring 2023, the courts have been used regularly and as the sun is beginning to come out from behind clouds more members are using the courts.



The club has installed a new court booking system making it easier for members to book online. Since January the courts have been used 257 times, which is amazing.

Jason, our tennis coach, is available to offer private tennis lessons to anyone interested in improving their game.

The new tennis year commences on June 1 and if you would like to join the club please contact Cathy on 07714 598126 or 07947 029709.

We're looking forward to hearing from you!

**Pay once – Play all year**  
New joining fee—£10.00 per group

Single (over 18)	£50.00
Family	£90.00
Over 60s	£40.00
Junior	£30.00

## 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.

### April

**Bradwell Scouts:** £1000 towards transport, activities eg caving, archery, rock climbing, caveman shelter, patrol tent

**Summerfield School:** £406.80 towards two Lifepak CR plus child replacement pads and one Lifepak CR plus two sets and battery for their defibrillator.

### May

**Connection Support:** £472 towards recruiting, training and supporting a volunteer befriender in Bradwell Parish. Connection Support supports people who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, vulnerable or isolated.



# Parish News

## 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](mailto:admin@bradwell-pc.gov.uk) or contact the Assistant to the Clerk.



Heelands Meeting Place  
Glovers Lane, Heelands



Bradwell Memorial Hall  
Vicarage Rd, Bradwell

## King George's Play Area

We are proud to announce that the play area at King George's Field is due to be revamped before this year's school summer holidays. The funds for this project were raised from parish funds and a large grant from FCC Communities Foundation. We do hope you and your children will enjoy the play area in the future.



The Mayor of Milton Keynes will be opening the play area on Wednesday 13 November at 1pm, with refreshments to follow at the Sports & Social Club. It would be lovely to see you there!



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## Introducing the local Policing team

There is one Police Officer and three Police Community Support Officers (PCSO) who cover Bradwell Parish.

PC Jordan Buchanan-Kay has been a Neighbourhood Police Officer for over 5 years.

PCSO Richard Bolt has been a PCSO for over 12 years.

PCSO Lesley Rogers has been a PCSO for 6 years.

PCSO Megan Ward has just joined the team.

If you see any of them out and about please say hello to them.



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POLICE**



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## Scottish Country Dancing

An 8 Week Introduction Course for new dancers

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# School & Community Activities

## Priory Common School

Priory Common School recently took part in a sponsored event led by paralympic skier and adventurer, Sean Rose.



Sean led a sponsored fitness circuit with all pupils, followed by a motivational assembly, and Q&A session. The aim of the event was to inspire pupils to be more physically active, but just as importantly, encourage them to discover and pursue their passion in life.

Parents very generously raised £1249.50 in sponsorship, with a proportion of this donated to the school to spend on sports equipment. Children received stickers, wristbands and a signed picture of Sean for taking part.



## St Lawrence Church

One of the pleasures of running Bradwell Church is welcoming school children. Some visit as part of RE, looking inside a church and learning about different features. We've also had local schools for seasonal celebrations especially Christmas. Most children are unfamiliar with churches and what happens inside them. It is an important part of their education that they learn about the existence of religious faith in a healthy and balanced way. In a secular society, church buildings stand to remind us that there are spiritual values that can guide us through the confusions and challenges of life. Bradwell Church can add the beauty and significance of heritage to that reminder. Check our website for times when we hold activities and are open! Like children, all you need is a little curiosity – you don't have to be religious to visit us and find out what goes on inside our lovely building!



<https://bradwellchurch.com/>

Rev Paul Smith

## Bradwell Village School

The children at Bradwell Village School took part in a sponsored Bunny Hop for Willen Hospice raising an incredible £2455.10. There was even a visit from the Easter Bunny!

Also, our Junior Park Rangers attended the workshop at Howe Park Wood earlier this year. It is a beautiful ancient wood, a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). They saw lots of toad spawn and frog spawn in the pond and explored the woodland, searching for animal tracks and signs. Back in the classroom, they scientifically dissected owl pellets and made wildflower seed balls.



Finally, after weeks of tutorials and submitting a 1000 word essay, some of our children went to the University of Reading for their Graduation in February. This involved the children taking part in a reflection session, listening to some students talk about life at University and a tour of the Campus before the main event.



ARTS FOR EVERYONE

Inter-Action MK ([www.interactionmk.org.uk](http://www.interactionmk.org.uk)) the arts charity based at the City Discovery Centre at Bradwell Abbey are working with three local children's centres on The Story Box Project. This work has been funded by MK Community Foundation and The National Lottery Community Fund.

Families at each centre are enjoying creative sessions based on whatever comes out of the magic Story Box, which has been made by local craftsman, Iain Talbot, including music, storytelling and outdoor play. Later in the year they will be designing and choosing resources for their own Story Box, which will stay in the centres for future families to use. Contact Diana Hatton for more information at [director@interactionmk.org.uk](mailto:director@interactionmk.org.uk)

# Children's 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 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. This year we have introduced three teen sessions, which are highlighted in yellow.

Dates	Time	Where	Activity
<b>Week 1</b>			
Monday 22 July	10–11	Heelands	Basketball Under 12
Monday 22 July	11–12	Heelands	Basketball Over 12
Tuesday 23 July	morning	Heelands	MKPA Under 11
Wednesday 24 July	morning	Bradwell Common	MKPA Under 11
Thursday 25 July	morning	Bradwell Village	MKPA Under 11
Friday 26 July	3.30–4.30	Heelands	Football All Ages
<b>Week 2</b>			
Monday 29 July	10–11	Heelands	Basketball Under 12
Monday 29 July	11–12	Heelands	Basketball Over 12
Monday 29 July	afternoon	Heelands	MKPA 11–14 years
Wednesday 31 July	morning	Bradwell Common	MKPA Under 11
Thursday 1 August	morning	Bradwell Village	MKPA Under 11
Friday 2 August	3.30–4.30	Heelands	Football All Ages
<b>Week 3</b>			
Monday 5 August	10–11	Heelands	Basketball Under 12
Monday 5 August	11–12	Heelands	Basketball Over 12
Tuesday 6 August	afternoon	Heelands	MKPA Under 11
Wednesday 7 August	morning	Bradwell Common	MKPA Under 11
Thursday 8 August	morning	Bradwell Village	MKPA 11–14 years
Friday 9 August	3.30–4.30	Heelands	Football All Ages
<b>Week 4</b>			
Monday 12 August	10–11	Heelands	Basketball Under 12
Monday 12 August	11–12	Heelands	Basketball Over 12
Tuesday 13 August	morning	Heelands	MKPA Under 11
Wednesday 14 August	morning	Bradwell Common	MKPA Under 11
Thursday 15 August	afternoon	Bradwell Village	MKPA Under 11
Friday 16 August	3.30–4.30	Heelands	Football All Ages
<b>Week 5</b>			
Monday 19 August	10–11	Heelands	Basketball Under 12
Monday 19 August	11–12	Heelands	Basketball Over 12
Tuesday 20 August	morning	Heelands	MKPA Under 11
Wednesday 21 August	morning	Bradwell Village	MKPA Under 11
Thursday 22 August	morning	Bradwell Common	MKPA 11–14 years
Friday 24 August	3.30–4.30	Heelands	Football All Ages
<b>Week 6</b>			
Monday 26 August	10–11	Heelands	Basketball Under 12
Monday 26 August	11–12	Heelands	Basketball Over 12
Tuesday 27 August	morning	Heelands	MKPA Under 11
Wednesday 28 August	morning	Bradwell Common	MKPA Under 11
Thursday 29 August	morning	Bradwell Village	MKPA Under 11
Friday 30 August	3.30–4.30	Heelands	Football All Ages



5 On It  
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## Frozen Fruity Yoghurt Bites

### Ingredients

200g Yoghurt of your choice  
Handful of fruit of your choice  
for example, raspberries and blueberries

### Method

- 1 Lay out approximately 12 cup-cake cases on a small baking sheet.
- 2 Using a spoon, dollop some yoghurt into the bottom of each cake case until all the yoghurt has gone.
- 3 Pop a few pieces of fruit into each case, pressing them down into the yoghurt with the tip of your finger.
- 4 Place the cases (still on the baking tray) into the freezer and leave to freeze for a couple of hours until set solid.
- 5 Once frozen through, remove from the cases and serve.

