



# Bradwell Parish News

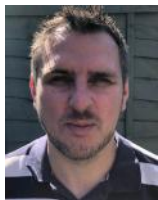
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## Office Opening Hours

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

We have a packed Newsletter to share with you this time.

Bradwell Parish Council were shocked and sad to learn of the sudden death of Cllr Robin Bradburn and extend our deepest sympathies to his family.

We do hope that your children enjoyed the summer activities provided by MKPA and 5 On It Foundation that were put on for you, we have had a great report from the providers.



Saturday 19 October marked the Centenary of Bradwell Memorial Hall. Lots of cake and scones were demolished at this celebration and memories shared, we hope all that attended enjoyed the exhibition (see the front cover).

On Wednesday 13 November the King George's play area was formally opened by the Mayor of Milton Keynes, Cllr Marie Bradburn. Refreshments were provided at the Sports & Social Club.

It is sad to see Rev Paul Smith retiring but we do hope that the two new ministers will settle into the parish quickly.

Unfortunately, due to space there is no 'Kids Corner' in this issue, hopefully it'll be back in the spring issue.

*Karen Evans*

*Assistant to the Clerk*

*For further information about Bradwell*

## Parish Council Meeting Dates

All meetings take place at Heelands Meeting Place, Heelands

Monday 2 December	7.00pm
Monday 13 January FC	7.00pm
Monday 3 February FC	7.00pm
Monday 10 February F & S	7.00pm
Monday 3 March FC	7.00pm
Monday 7 April FC	7.00pm

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

## Clerk's Column

By the time you read this winter will be well underway. In September the Parish Council lost one Parish Councillor, Robin Bradburn, and our sympathies rest with his family. Barring a new bench, the King George's Field play area is complete and there always seem to be children playing there whenever I go past it. Photos of the play area are visible elsewhere in this edition, alongside the original design by Kompan, the chosen playground installer. The grant money of £60,000 has been received from the FCC Communities Foundation, and another grant of £25,528 received from Milton Keynes City Council, which was largely on account of the development in Bradwell Common at Hampstead Gate (the money has been distributed primarily because of the zip-wire, which is used by the older children and teenagers). Without these grants the project would not have happened. With receipt of the grant moneys the project has cost the Parish Council very little and the play area is a vast improvement in local facilities. Next project is solar panels on the roof of the Bradwell Memorial Hall, pending various consents and logistics. Grant match funding has been approved by Milton Keynes Council and so the business of the Parish Council moves on!



*Philip Farquharson*

## Cllr Robin Bradburn

Bradwell Parish Council were sad to hear of the sudden death of Cllr Robin Bradburn who died whilst attending the annual Liberal Democrat Party Conference in Brighton.

Robin had been a Parish Councillor for many years and a Ward Councillor for 14 years. He was a valued member of Bradwell Parish Council and will be sorely missed.

We send our sincere condolences to Robin's family.



## 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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from the Bradwell Charities.

Every year around 300 residents from the parishes  
of Bradwell, Bradville, Stantonbury and New  
Bradwell, who are over 70 years old can receive a  
small monetary gift just before Christmas.

If you, or someone you know would like to receive  
a gift, please apply before 7<sup>th</sup> December.

If you reapplied after last Christmas, thank you,  
you're on our new list.

If you didn't reapply after last Christmas, don't  
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You'll need to send your name, date of birth and  
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Bradwell Charities,  
c/o 5 Westbury Lane  
Newport Pagnell,  
MK16 8JA  
or email [rosedavy@hotmail.com](mailto:rosedavy@hotmail.com)  
or phone 07747825323



# Sports News

## Bradwell Bowls Club

2024 was a leap forward for the bowls club. The green has rarely looked better, thanks to help from the Parish Council. Our membership is up, we were given the privilege of hosting the final of the Bletchley & District Men's League, which was a resounding success. We also entertained (and beat, albeit narrowly) a representative team from the Bucks Bowls Association.

The current Bowls season has finished and we recommence playing in May. To keep us busy over the winter months we have put together an exciting programme of activities, these will include a racing night, quiz, games night etc. All these activities are taking place on a Saturday evening once a month. Please contact the club for more information ([bradwellbowls.uk](http://bradwellbowls.uk)).



## Old Bradwell Tennis Club

The tennis courts have been in great use since 1<sup>st</sup> June; the beginning of our tennis year. We have attracted lots of new members and renewed memberships, which is fantastic. All are welcome at our small tennis club.



Our club's aim is to be one of the cheapest tennis venues to play at in Milton Keynes and to attract people from our Bradwell Parish but further afield as well. We are always on the look out for new members of any age and with tennis experience or not – Jason, our tennis coach is available to give lessons.

If you are interested in joining the tennis club and becoming a member, please visit our website: [www.bradwelltennisclub.co.uk](http://www.bradwelltennisclub.co.uk) or contact Cathy on 07947 029709 or 07714 598126.

**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

## Inter-Action<sub>mk</sub>

ARTS FOR EVERYONE

We are based at the wonderful City Discovery Centre in Bradwell Abbey, but work across the city. Our longest running project is Groovy Gecko, a nightclub run with and for people with additional needs over 18. Groovy Gecko is now in its glorious 15<sup>th</sup> year, and is hosted by PopWorld. On the first Tuesday of every month, club-goers have the chance to have a club night experience with a professional DJ in the city centre, in a supportive setting with carers or independently. We welcome new members so if you know someone with additional needs who is over 18 and likes to boogie and socialise, then do get in touch with Maggie on [info@interactionmk.org.uk](mailto:info@interactionmk.org.uk) or on 01908 318285.

We couldn't run the club without the support of PopWorld



and our fantastic volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering for this or other projects please contact us and check out the website for details.



# Parish News

## King George's Play Area

We do hope you and your children are enjoying the new play area. The Mayor of Milton Keynes, Cllr Marie Bradburn, formally opened the play area on Wednesday 13 November.



## Time Out: Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Wednesday 25 September we held a coffee morning to raise funds for Macmillan. We all had a lovely time and played a few games of Rummikub, plus eating cake of course! We had several people visit us for the morning. We raised £130.

If you would like to come and join us we meet every Wednesday at Bradwell Sports and Social Club between 11am and 2pm. You would be made most welcome.



Time Out! is a warm spaces initiative which is run by Bradwell Parish Council.

## Bradwell Memorial Hall Centenary

On Saturday 19 October Bradwell Parish Council held an exhibition of memorabilia and Cream Tea to celebrate the centenary of the Memorial Hall. There were photos of when the hall was built, a Timeline of events, and a jigsaw to complete. Some visitors really enjoyed the jigsaw, do look out for the photo of it completed on Facebook. Around 60 people attended the event. We hope you all had fun! Photos of the event adorn the front cover of this issue.

## 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.

### September

**Flintergill Social Club:** £592.74 towards new blinds for the lounge area.

## Bradwell Village School

Bradwell Village School is pleased to announce the opening of a unit for children diagnosed with Autism. Although the class is currently located at Romans Field School, it will be situated at BVS when the building work is completed this academic year. The unit will eventually have places for 24 children by September 2026. This is a really exciting development, and we will keep you all updated throughout the year.



## Bradwell Church: Changing Times

A new school year means new things starting up generally. There are new ministers to welcome who are starting in the Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership, which include the areas covered by this Parish Newsletter. Please would you welcome Rev Chi Okpala (Anglican) and Rev Phil Dunning (Baptist). Phil and his family have moved into Bradwell Vicarage. The two new ministers will be looking after all six churches in the Stantonbury Partnership.

I have enjoyed my brief time providing pastoral cover for Bradwell Church, and it has been a privilege to serve local people and get to know you. I retired at the end of September. St Lawrence remains a lively worshipping church and you are welcome any Sunday at 10.30am.



Rev Dr Paul Smith



# Community Activities

## Who is your Community Hero?



Tell us who you think is so inspiring that they deserve a Community Award.

Who has gone above and beyond for Bradwell Parish?

Who has gone an extra mile for the community?

Closing date for nominations:

20 January  
2025

**£50 prize**

Send to

[communications@bradwell-pc.gov.uk](mailto:communications@bradwell-pc.gov.uk)

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21 Glovers Lane, Heelands  
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## JOHN NEWBERRY PHOTO COMPETITION



**£50 prize!**

**Entry requirements:**

Open to all Bradwell Parish residents  
Must be an amateur photographer  
All photos to be of Bradwell Parish  
All photos to have been taken after  
April 2024

**Closing date for entries:**

**20 January 2025**

**Send entries to:**

[communications@bradwell-pc.gov.uk](mailto:communications@bradwell-pc.gov.uk)

Bradwell Parish Council reserve the right to use the photos in their social media

## Bradwell Abbey Scout Group

Bradwell Abbey Scout Group have opened a new section for boys and girls aged 10 to 14. They meet at the Cruck Barn, Discovery Centre, Alston Drive, MK13 9AP, 7.00pm to 8.30pm. The opening of the Scout Troop is due to the demand for places from young people. With several children moving from Cubs to Scouts and children on the waiting list, the Group made the decision to open a new section so more young people can join.

Children and young people in Scouts can get involved in over 250 activities. These range from abseiling to fire-lighting, geocaching to navigation and pioneering to zorbing. Skills they can learn and develop include teamwork, self-confidence, problem solving and social skills. Volunteer Ian said, "Scouts get the opportunity to help plan the programme, do activities for the first time, learn and develop new skills, make new friends, go camping and have lots of fun."

They are also looking for volunteers to help with the young people and to do roles in the background. This could be as a Trustee, to help with IT, administration or fund raising to mention a few.

If you know of a child who might like to join, or you would like to volunteer, please contact Ian Walker [ian.walker@mkscouts.org](mailto:ian.walker@mkscouts.org) for further information.



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



# Community Activities

## Milton Keynes Museum

The Museum will celebrate Yuletide with the return of its Victorian Christmas this December.

Visitors can eat, drink and be merry with freshly roasted chestnuts, and mulled wine (or a non-alcoholic alternative), and you'll want to be in tune if you fancy joining in with the Carols in the Parlour.

As you move around the Museum all of the usual attractions will be dressed for the festivities, and the volunteers will be suitably attired too.

If you want to make things even more special for the youngsters, book them in for a meeting with the man in red – Santa is leaving home early and setting up his grotto at the Museum where he will be greeting and giving gifts to those boys and girls who have been good all year through. Or at least for some of it!

It's a welcome chance to escape the pressures that Christmas can bring, and to get back to the real meaning of the season of goodwill; a time for togetherness. The fire will be roaring in the parlour too, to stave off any winter chills.

For tickets to visit Santa's Grotto (pre-booking essential) visit [miltonkeynesmuseum.org.uk](http://miltonkeynesmuseum.org.uk)

## Dance MK

We have been running successful weekly adult Ballroom and Latin dance classes since 2017 at Bradwell Memorial Hall. We provide a range of classes for beginners to intermediates ensuring all classes are friendly, enjoyable and fun. Dancing is great from learning a new activity to making new friends, keeping fit and having fun.

We are holding a new six week Ballroom and Latin Beginners Class commencing 10 January, from 7:00 – 8:00pm at Bradwell Memorial Hall. This class is aimed at dancers who have either never danced before or danced very little. Everyone is welcome whether you come in a group, as a couple or on your own. Come and try something new in 2025.

If you are looking for something special eg the first wedding dance or maybe a fun team corporate event – our qualified team can help tailor a package to meet your needs.

Contact 07941 054822 or 07941 054745 [www.dancemk.co.uk](http://www.dancemk.co.uk), Facebook Dance MK.



### Santa's Grotto Opening Times

Friday 6 and 13 Dec  
4:30pm – 7:00pm  
Saturday 7 and 14 Dec  
10:30am – 5:00pm  
Sunday 1, 8 and 15 Dec  
10:30am – 5:00pm

## Children's Summer Activities

We hope you all enjoyed the activities during the school holidays. These were provided free of charge by Bradwell Parish Council. This year we added in three MKPA sessions that were specifically for teenagers.

### Craft & Play: MKPA

A total of 560 children attended the 15 children's sessions and 75 teenagers attended the teen sessions.



### 5 On It Foundation

#### Football

Forty three children took part in the football sessions that took place on Friday afternoons.



#### Basketball

Forty four children took part in the basketball sessions that took place on Monday mornings.

