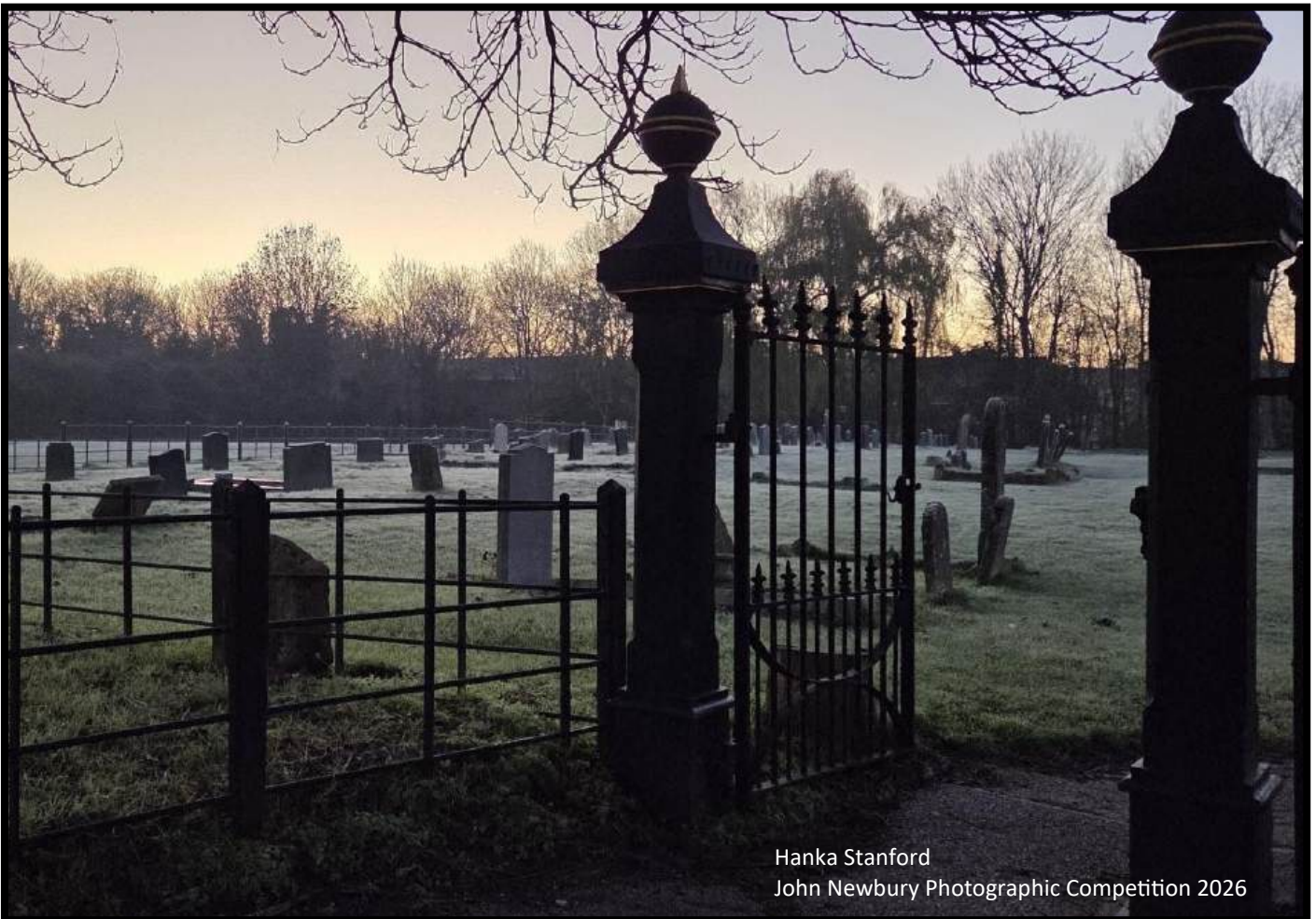


# BRADWELL PARISH NEWS



Issue: Spring 2026



Hanka Stanford  
John Newbury Photographic Competition 2026

**Parish Council magazine covering:**  
Heelands, Bradwell Village, Bradwell Common,  
Bradwell Abbey & Rooksley

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## Articles & Advertisements

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.

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 Winter issue: **18 April 2026**

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

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## Office Opening Hours

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



Welcome to the Spring edition of the Parish Newsletter.

The Parish Council have been busy since our last issue. In this edition, you can read about the

Heritage Trail, the new Air Source Heat Pumps at Heelands Meeting Place, the Bradwell Common Planters and the upcoming Electors' Meeting on May 18 at Bradwell Memorial Hall. You'll also find details on how to hire one of our lovely halls for events and parties.

We currently have a Thursday evening at Heelands Meeting Place available for regular bookings, at a rate of just £13 per hour.

We are also pleased to welcome Cllr Michael Muchmore to the Parish Council. Michael has been a resident on Bradwell Common for many years.

And finally, don't miss our Parish Coach Trip to Southend-on-Sea on Wednesday 8 July.

*Karen Evans*

*Assistant to the Clerk*

## Parish Council Meeting Dates

Most meetings take place at Heelands Meeting Place, Heelands

Monday 20 April Full Council	7.00pm
Monday 11 May Full Council	7.00pm
Monday 18 May Electors' Meeting (Bradwell Mem Hall)	7.00pm
Monday 8 June (TBC) Full Council	7.00pm
Monday 6 July (TBC) Full Council	7.00pm
Monday July (TBC) Finance & Staffing Committee	7.00pm
August: No Meeting	

### Clerk's Column

The extremely wet weather in January and February slowed down one of the main Bradwell Parish Council projects – the Bradwell Common Planters. Under direction and pressure from the Parish Council, Milton Keynes City Council agreed to spend money from the Shared Prosperity Fund to invest in the Bradwell Common Planters. The remaining cost, over £21,000, was paid by the Parish Council. This being a focal point within the community, the Parish Council considered it a worthwhile investment in Bradwell Common; sometimes an investment like this can revitalise an area. Anyone who has walked to the shops in Bradwell Common in recent years will have watched the wooden sleepers gradually rot, wither and decay (see photographs). They were not being replaced with sufficient frequency so the Parish Council stepped in and the job is now complete. The recycled plastic will last many decades and as the Spring and Summer months arrive and the greenery flourishes they will look better and better. As I write in



early March, the bulbs that have been planted by the children from nearby Summerfield School are just emerging, and so the planters have history embedded in them. Hopefully generations of children to come will continue to plant bulbs in the flower beds, held neatly together now by recycled plastic.

*Philip Farquharson*



## Bradwell Heritage Trail

Have you seen the Bradwell Heritage Trail on the Trail Tale app? Just search for Trail Tale on Google Play and App Store for a **FREE** download. Choose 'Explore Near Me' to see information about Heelands and Bradwell Common.

The Heritage trail is approximately 1 mile in length and should take no more than 1 – 2 hours to complete. It is a circular route and starts on Abbey Rd. Find out some interesting facts about some local landmarks in Bradwell Parish, for example:

**Bradwell House:** The house was built in the 17th century, has a somewhat mysterious origin. The house was originally built as a farmhouse. It has a south-facing frontage which was added in the 18th century. The house appears on Jeffreys' 1768 map and the 1815 Ordnance Survey. In the mid-19th century, the building was extended to the east.

In 1960, stained glass artist Harry Stammers bought the property.

**London and North Western Railway Infant's School:** This unassuming residential house offers no clear hints of its former role – there's no large hall, tall windows, or bell tower that might suggest it was once a school. It had one room where children from the ages of 5 – 8 were taught. After that they had to walk to school in New Bradwell. Yet, it quietly forms part of a little-known network of educational institutions established by the London & North Western Railway (LNWR).

**Manor Farm House:** Built in 1790, this former farmhouse dates back to the time when Bradwell manor estate was owned by the Fuller and Owen families, before later passing into the hands of Sir William Gunter Nicholl, a Knight of the Bath (a British order of chivalry founded by King George I in 1725).

For around 40 years the house was converted into a youth hostel. It is currently undergoing renovation back to a house.

The parish council are still working on the Heritage Trail and hope to add further information to it in the future.



Bradwell House



London and North Western Railway Infant's School



Manor Farm House

## Air Source Heat Pumps at Heelands Meeting Place

In August, last year, the Parish Council improved the heating system at Heelands Meeting Place with the installation of an Air Source Heat Pump.

The pump works by absorbing heat from the outside air, which is then turned into electricity, which in turn heats the water.

The pump works by heating water cylinders using electricity. The gas boiler was taken out and the building is therefore not reliant on fossil fuels.

Bradwell Parish Council are grateful for Carbon Offset Funding which helped to pay for the system upgrade.



## Bradwell Parish Council

Cordially invites our residents to the

### Annual Electors' Meeting

Includes:

Community Award Presentation  
Photographic Competition Winner  
Year Review  
FREE Refreshments

**Monday 18 May, 7.00pm**  
**Bradwell Memorial Hall**

A warm welcome awaits you!



## Stepping Stones

### Looking for an over 50s social group?

Look no further! Stepping Stones is based in Milton Keynes and always welcome new members.

Come along to one of our regular club nights and see what you think. We meet every other Tuesday evening at Abbey Hill Golf Club. April-July dates are:

14 and 28 April  
12 and 26 May  
9 and 23 June  
7 and 21 July



We also get together every Sunday morning from 9 am for breakfast at Wolverton Mill.

In addition to our regular events, we run coach trips, meals out, picnics and other activities.

Take a look at our website or drop us a line for more information:  
[www.steppingstonesmk.org.uk](http://www.steppingstonesmk.org.uk)  
email: [steppingstonesmk@gmail.com](mailto:steppingstonesmk@gmail.com)



## HEELANDS MEETING PLACE & BRADWELL MEMORIAL HALL

Available to hire on Saturdays between 1pm and 11pm for events & parties

Cost: £20 per hour  
Regular Groups: £13 per hour  
Capacity: 50 seated or 80 standing

**Great sized halls for family parties and events!**

For further information and to book

E: [admin@bradwell-pc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@bradwell-pc.gov.uk) or

T: 01908 321285

W: [www.bradwell-pc.gov.uk](http://www.bradwell-pc.gov.uk)



Heelands Meeting Place



Bradwell Memorial Hall

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

## St Lawrence Church Eco Award

In October 2025, St Lawrence Church achieved a bronze Eco Church award. *Eco Church* is an award scheme for churches in England and Wales, who want to demonstrate that they care for nature. We began by completing a survey (buildings, land and nature, worship and teaching, lifestyle, and community engagement). Then we worked out what we need to do to be more *green* in each of these areas. Examples of this include draught-proofing doors, using plants that encourage birds and pollinating insects, buying Fairtrade tea and coffee, and including eco-tips in the notices. We are now working towards the silver award.



## Bringing History to Life at Milton Keynes Museum

The history hub on our doorstep has plenty to engage with in the coming months, starting with the ever popular Easter egg hunt (April 3 – 6) which will see families hunting high and low in the grounds and around the Museum for paper eggs that can be traded for chocolate treats.

Step back through the centuries with the return of the History Festival (May 9 - 10) and see how our ancestors lived, worked, fought and played.

Demonstrations and hands-on fun is a given at this family friendly weekend.

The smell of freshly cut grass epitomises hazy summer days, and the Lawnmower Festival (May 16 – 17) serves as a fascinating look at machinery through the years. You might say it's a 'cutting edge' event!

When school is out, fun is in at the Museum with more activities planned for May half term (May 25 – 29). Everyone's favourite dragon, Zog, steps out of Julia Donaldson's picture book and into the Museum (27 June) to meet his fans – and there will be plenty of opportunities to grab a selfie with him during the day.

Pay once and you can visit as often as you like for FREE, for a whole year!

Head to [miltonkeynesmuseum.org.uk](http://miltonkeynesmuseum.org.uk) and follow on FaceBook @mkmuseum



## Bradwell Parish Grants

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

The application forms are available on our website. Below is a small snippet of what we have been able to support in recent months.

**Litter Picking Equipment:** Litter picking coordinators, local schools and a local Brownie group

**Christmas Day Party for the Elderly:** – £500

**MKC Discovery Centre:** Christmas Fair – £1000

**Contact the Clerk to apply:** [clerk@bradwell-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bradwell-pc.gov.uk)

## What's On

**Every Wednesday 11.00-2.00:** Time Out!, Bradwell Sports & Social Club

**Good Friday 3 April:** Victoria Inn, Beer & Bun Race

**3-4 April:** MK Museum Easter Egg Hunt

**26 April:** Bowls Club Open Day from 11.30am

**9-10 May:** MK Museum History Festival

**16-17 May:** MK Museum Lawnmower Festival

**18 May:** Parish Annual Electors' Meeting

**27 June:** MK Museum Zog

**8 July:** Parish Coach Trip to Southend-on-Sea

## Bradwell Bowls Club

The club has wintered well, with activities such as quiz and race nights, bingo and a beetle drive, plus many more Thursday social events, which were all well attended. The 2026 outdoor season starts towards the end of April and our Open Day is on Sunday 26 April from 11.30am.

We are always keen to welcome new members. Whatever your age or ability, you'll receive a warm welcome if you'd like to come along and try this social sport.



## Old Bradwell Tennis Club

Our two hard court tennis courts are waiting for you to join! We are a small, friendly tennis club set in the heart of Bradwell Village and we are always looking for new members of any age and with tennis experience or not. Jason, our tennis coach is available to give lessons. The club's aim is to be one of the lowest cost tennis venues to play at in Milton Keynes and to attract people from our local Parish but and also from further afield.

Membership Type	New Member Joining Fee £10.00 (one off fee)
Single (over 18)	£50
Senior (over 60)	£40
Family	£90
Junior	£30

These fees are for a full tennis membership year – there is nothing extra to pay! **Pay once-play all year!** Once you have joined you will be able to book online.

If you are interested in becoming a member, contact Cathy on 07947 029709 or 07714 598126.



## Parish Coach Trip

**Destination: Southend-on-Sea**

**Date: Wednesday 8 July**

**Pick-up Time: 8am**

**Return: 4.30pm, arrive back approx 6.40pm**

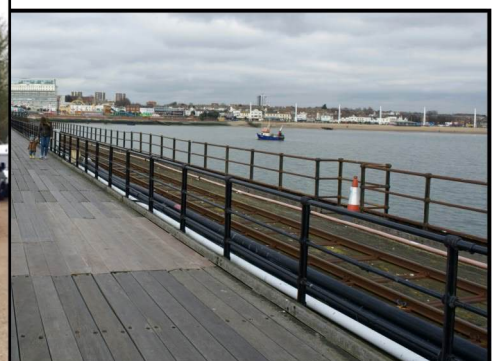
**Cost: £11.55 includes admin fee of £1.55**

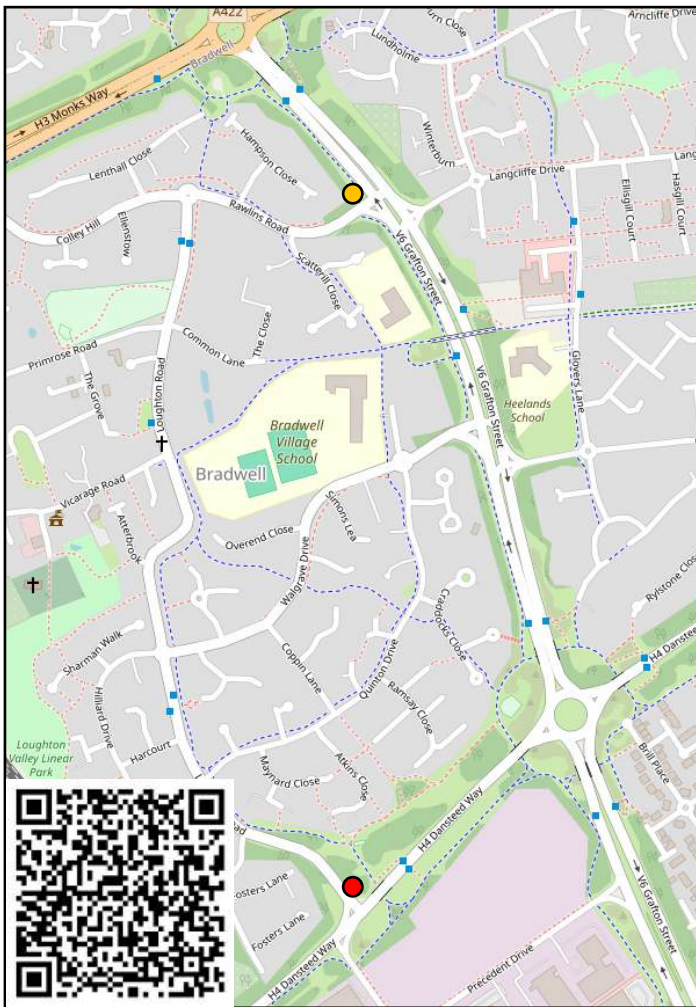
Looking for a fun day out? Hop on our coach trip and spend the day exploring the vibrant seaside town of Southend-on-Sea. Enjoy the fresh sea breeze, take a stroll

along the pier, grab some fish and chips, or just relax with friends and fellow parishioners. This is a great chance to unwind, chat, and make memories together. Don't miss out on this awesome day trip!

We'll be leaving Heelands (behind the shops) at 8.00am. We'll leave Southend at 4.30pm to arrive back home around 6.40pm.

Please use the QR code to book.





## Speed Indicator Device: Bradwell Village

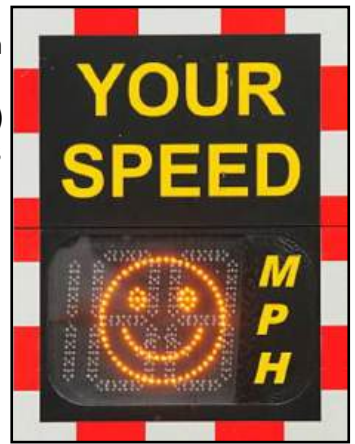
Bradwell Parish Council is considering petitioning Milton Keynes City Council to install SIDs (speed indicator devices) in Bradwell Village, and seeks community feedback on two likely locations.

Would you be in favour of having a speed indicator device on Loughton Road in Bradwell, where it branches off Dansted Way (marked in **red** on the map)?

Would you be in favour of having a speed indicator device on Rawlins Road in Bradwell, where it branches off Grafton Street (marked in **yellow** on the map)?

Please use the QR code to complete the survey.

Hard copies may be collected from the Parish Office during office opening times, Monday and Tuesday 10am-4pm or Wednesday 2.30-4pm.



## Competition Winners

### Photographic Competition

We are pleased to announce that Hanka Stanford has won the competition with their photograph of St Lawrence churchyard. This photo now adorns the front cover of this magazine. This year there were 14 entries.



### Bradwell Community Award



The Parish Council are pleased to announce that Susan George, Maria Galeanu and David Evans have all won the Community Hero Award. Sue for her beautiful little crochet gifts that light up people's lives, Maria for her work as the Twinkle Tots Chair and David for his service to the Parish Council.

We hope you agree with us that they are all worthy winners.

### Future Entries

The Parish Council run both of these competitions every year. All residents are eligible to enter and nominate. Look out for next years' competitions which are advertised in this magazine, on the website and on Facebook. Maybe you could be the recipient of an award!

## Spring Wordsearch



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| Blossom | Easter   | Life    |        |
| Buds    | Egg      | March   |        |