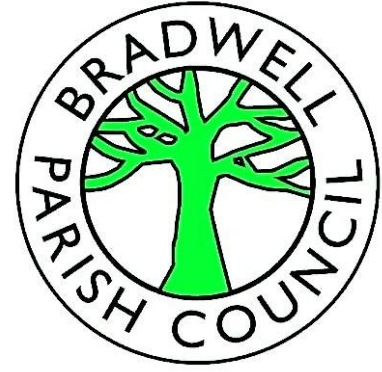


# BRADWELL PARISH NEWS



Issue: Summer 2025

New gate to Glebe Field,  
Bradwell Village

**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 September 2025**

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 & Friday: 10.00am – 4.00pm; Wednesday 2.30pm – 4.00pm



Greetings fellow residents of the Parish of Bradwell!

This is my first editorial piece as a recently co-opted Parish Councillor. I

write about parking. It is a bug-bear of mine that a city designed on a grid system and with ample parking bays and yet parking in Central Milton Keynes is becoming extremely challenging. Lately, Central Milton Keynes seems to have run out of spaces during the day, driving visitors into Bradwell Common in search of free spots.

If this trend continues, parking for us – the actual residents – will only get trickier. Even worse, the traffic caused by drivers hunting for free parking ramps up hyperbolically as free parking spaces reduce, creating ever-longer crawls through our neighbourhood. No one wants a parking lot procession (or worse, accidents) in our parish.

Am I alone in feeling that the current parking faff and fees place an unfair burden on those who rely on cars to get around? Especially when new and planned flats in CMK include too few spaces and several multi-storey garages sit unused and closed to the public. Surely CMK wants as many shoppers as possible?

I am eager to understand exactly why our parking situation is the way it is. If you have insights, or anecdotes, please email me at [mathew.best@bradwell-pc.gov.uk](mailto:mathew.best@bradwell-pc.gov.uk). Here's to smoother roads and happier parking in Bradwell Parish and Milton Keynes!

*Mathew Best*  
*Councillor*

## Parish Council Meeting Dates

Most meetings take place at Heelands Meeting Place, Heelands

Monday 7 July Full Council	7.00pm
Monday 14 July Finance & Staffing	7.00pm
Monday August	No Meeting
Monday 15 September Full Council	7.00pm
Monday 6 October Full Council	7.00pm
Monday 3 November Full Council	7.00pm
Monday 1 December Full Council	7.00pm

## Clerk's Column

The King George's Field Play Area redevelopment project has finally finished, in that although the playground proper was completed last summer, the benches were installed over the winter and the tarmac path around the play area was completed in May of this year. Unfortunately it has suffered some vandalism and hopefully this spate will cease, as the play area appears very busy and therefore a success! On a negative note although the sunny weather has been enjoyed by many it has unfortunately caused the demise of some of the saplings on the edge of Heelands South Field which were planted over the winter, as there was so little rain this Spring. The saplings were received free of charge from The Woodlands Trust, through a grant. Hopefully the arrival of rain will help stem any further losses. Business of the Parish Council is always under review this time of year, with our accounts being audited both internally and externally, to make sure the Parish has water-tight systems of internal control in place, and aims to achieve best value for money on all projects undertaken. In other news wrangling with MKCC continues over funding for playgrounds, and hopefully this will bear fruit, in time. With the caveat that these things take time.

*Philip Farquharson*



### KGF Playground

Have you noticed the new path and bench in the playground? The bench is painted in patriotic colour theme of red and blue by the white fence. The new path now joins up the two ends of the existing pathway.

## 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.

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



## 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.

**YMCA:** £1000 towards their Activity Programme, activities could include fitness, sports, painting and crafts.

**Friends of Conniburrow Children's Centre:** £200 towards their trip to Thrift Farm in the summer.

## Priory Common School

The school has some exciting news to share regarding their upcoming ASC Unit (Autism Spectrum Conditions Unit).



They are very excited to announce that the building work for the unit, which is set to open in September, started at the beginning of May. This development marks a significant step forward in enhancing the educational opportunities they can provide at the school for the children in our community.

## St Lawrence Church

The gardening club runs from March to the end of November and is made up of volunteers. The club receives no funds to maintain the churchyard. They maintain the north edge bed; around the headstones; the hedges; litter pick and check the gullies around the church. The churchyard contains apple, pear and plum trees. The fruit is used for making preserves. Electric power tools are used which are better for the environment. Over the last few years, the hedges have been lowered to improve visibility and security with better vistas of the church. Paul helps with tree identification and checks on the bat boxes. Lawn cutting is carried out by JV Hough. They are a small friendly group, who would welcome more volunteers to lighten the load. The members often see groups of walkers and runners coming through the churchyard who are always complimentary about the state of the churchyard.

If you would like to help please contact them via the church website <https://bradwellchurch.com/>

Andrew & Angela



# Connection Support

In May 2024 Bradwell Parish Council donated the sum of £472 to provide a volunteer befriender for their clients living within the parish area.

The volunteer befriender assists clients who are struggling with mental health issues, loneliness, poor physical health and who have felt unable to cope. He visits clients at home, assists clients to engage with health care services, catching buses, shopping trips, going for coffee and going on outings. He provides a listening ear, practical assistance and support with day to day living.

One example of practical assistance provided for a local client included putting up shelves and fitting a carpet. The client had recently moved to a new home in the area after experiencing a traumatic event which had resulted in loss of life and the loss of their home. Having found herself homeless she had been living in hotels. Connection Support has been able to support her through this difficult period and the befriender has been able to go that extra mile to assist her and has helped her to turn her new accommodation into a home. The befriender is delighted that when he visits, she makes him cake!



If you're looking for help for you or your family please complete a referral form found here <https://www.connectionsupport.org.uk/milton-keynes/>  
Photo Credit: Pavel Danilyuk, Pexels

## Stepping Stones

Stepping Stones MK is a social club for the over 50s. They are the largest social club in the Milton Keynes area. They meet every other Tuesday at Abbey Hill Golf Club where they meet and have a boogie on a school night! They offer regular and ad hoc events on weekdays and weekends eg badminton, discos, balls, pub nights, Sunday breakfasts, themed club nights and days out etc.

Would you like to meet new people and make new friends? Then contact [www.steppingstonesmk.org.uk](http://www.steppingstonesmk.org.uk)



## 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 six to seniors. We are always looking for new members.

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.

## Old Bradwell New City Cricket Club

Cricket season is here, and the Cricket Club is buzzing!

The club offers cricket for girls and boys from 5+, with juniors training Fridays at 6pm and matches on Saturdays from 1pm. If there are any adults keen to play please join us on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6pm. Grab a drink, soak in the action, and enjoy fantastic cricket with the community!



## Heelands Rangers Football Club

The club caters for all children inclusive of all abilities in a safe environment, between the ages of U7 to U16.

As they look forward to the new season, they are in need of coaches for multiple age groups. If you are interested please contact them below, or visit them on a Saturday morning. You can be new or experienced to the coaching world. All relevant courses/DBS checks are paid for by the club. If you are a qualified coach your children's membership is free.

Exciting times are coming to the club as they have been accepted onto the FA Home Advantage Programme. This will enable them to make improvements to the club and pitches and so secure the future of the club.

For further information please contact Teresa Mackenzie 07788 241506; Email: hrfc\_secretary@outlook.com



## Old Bradwell Tennis Club

We have two lovely hard core tennis courts set in the heart of Bradwell Village and we would be delighted to welcome you to our club. If you are interested in playing or starting to play tennis, please contact us on 07714 598126 or 07947 029709 [www.bradwelltennisclub.co.uk](http://www.bradwelltennisclub.co.uk) Jason, our tennis coach, is available to offer private tennis lessons to anyone interested in improving their game.



Old Bradwell Tennis Club sponsors The MacIntyre Centre

PAY ONCE PLAY ALL YEAR	
New Member Joining Fee – £10.00	
Single (Over 18)	£50.00
Family	£90.00
Over 60s	£40.00
Junior	£30.00
New tennis year commences 1.6.25	

## Quiz

We are holding a fundraising quiz at Bradwell Sports & Social Club on Friday 28 November, 7.30 pm start, £10.00 per ticket. Up to six adults to a team.

## Bradwell Bowls Club

After a successful run of winter activities which were all really well attended, the club returned to the green in glorious sunshine for its Open Day on 27 April. Visitors and hopefully new members, turned up in great numbers and green time had to be limited but everyone enjoyed some bowling, a chat with existing members and a drink in the sunshine plus some wonderful cakes. The tombola was also well supported, providing funds for the club. A great season opener!





## Bradwell Village Beer & Bun Race

Every year the Victoria Inn in Bradwell Village has organised a Beer and Bun Race, which was started in 1965 by three village residents, Mr Smith, Mr Johnson and Mr Chapman. The race is run on Good Friday.

The contestants run around the village with a glass of beer in one hand and a bun in the other, the winner is whoever arrives back at the pub with the most beer left in their glass. The time limit for the race is seven minutes for men and nine minutes for women. The buns must be carried in your hand and not over the top of the beer glass and no one is allowed to top you up on the way round before you reach the finish line!

If you would like to watch the video from this year's race you can find it on YouTube here [https://youtu.be/fY0c7qmKLHY?si=lnzN\\_er5QRBER0CF](https://youtu.be/fY0c7qmKLHY?si=lnzN_er5QRBER0CF). Great fun was had by all!



Photo credit: Dave Farron

## Litter picking on your estate

Would you like to help with litter picking on your estate? We are currently looking for a volunteer to organise litter picks on Heelands. If you are interested in performing this role please contact the parish office. We will supply you with a set of litter picking equipment for your group, advertise it on Facebook, in our Newsletter and on our notice-boards.

One of our Groundsmen, Peter Baldwin, litter picks the parish every week. We currently have two volunteers who organise monthly litter picks on Bradwell and Bradwell Common. If you are interested in joining in with their litter picking events we can put you in touch with them, alternatively you could respond to one of their posts on the local Facebook groups.

**Bradwell:** If you are based in Bradwell, Tina Ringsell organises litter picks every month.

**Bradwell Common:** If you are based in Bradwell Common, Min Chun organises litter picks every month.

**Heelands:** If you would like to coordinate a litter pick in Heelands please get in touch and we can let you have some equipment.

The Parish Council would like to thank Tina Ringsell and Min Chun for organising these events to help keep our parish looking clean and tidy.



Bradwell Volunteers



Bradwell Common Volunteers



Bradwell Volunteers



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# BEER FEST



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## Parish Coach Trip

Please note that the coach trip on Wednesday 9 July  
to Stratford upon Avon is now sold out!

# SOLD OUT

**DUCKLINGS**  
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Register today for  
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Located inside **Bradwell Memorial Hall** on Vicarage  
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## Did you know?

Tranlands Brigg, Heelands was the location for the film,  
'The Fourth Protocol', starring Michael Caine and Pierce  
Brosnan in 1987!

## FREE Children's School Holiday Activities

These play and sports sessions 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 (<https://www.mkpa.co.uk/events/category/play/>). The sports sessions must be booked in advance by visiting 5 On It Foundation (<https://5onit.co.uk/heelands-bb-fb/>). Please see Bradwell Parish Council's website for further information.  
**MKPA Morning session: 9.30–11.30am; MKPA Afternoon session: 1.30–3.30pm**

Dates	Time	Where	Activity
<b>Week 1</b>			
Monday 28 July	10–11am	Heelands South Field	Basketball
Monday 28 July	11–12pm	Heelands South Field	Basketball
Tuesday 29 July	am	Heelands	MKPA
Wednesday 30 July	pm	Bradwell Common	MKPA
Thursday 31 July	am	Bradwell Village	MKPA
Friday 1 August	10–11am	Heelands Rangers	Football
Friday 1 August	11–12pm	Heelands Rangers	Football
<b>Week 2</b>			
Monday 4 August	10–11am	Heelands South Field	Basketball
Monday 4 August	11–12pm	Heelands South Field	Basketball
Tuesday 5 August	am	Heelands	MKPA
Wednesday 6 August	pm	Bradwell Common	MKPA
Thursday 7 August	am	Bradwell Village	MKPA
Friday 8 August	10–11am	Heelands Rangers	Football
Friday 8 August	11–12pm	Heelands Rangers	Football
<b>Week 3</b>			
Monday 11 August	10–11am	Heelands South Field	Basketball
Monday 11 August	11–12pm	Heelands South Field	Basketball
Tuesday 12 August	am	Heelands	MKPA
Wednesday 13 August	pm	Bradwell Common	MKPA
Thursday 14 August	am	Bradwell Village	MKPA
Friday 15 August	10–11am	Heelands Rangers	Football
Friday 15 August	11–12pm	Heelands Rangers	Football
<b>Week 4</b>			
Monday 18 August	10–11am	Heelands South Field	Basketball
Monday 18 August	11–12pm	Heelands South Field	Basketball
Tuesday 19 August	am	Heelands	MKPA
Wednesday 20 August	pm	Bradwell Common	MKPA
Thursday 21 August	am	Bradwell Village	MKPA
Friday 22 August	10–11am	Heelands Rangers	Football
Friday 22 August	11–12pm	Heelands Rangers	Football
<b>Week 5</b>			
Monday 25 August	10–11am	Heelands South Field	Basketball
Monday 25 August	11–12pm	Heelands South Field	Basketball
Tuesday 26 August	am	Heelands	MKPA
Wednesday 27 August	pm	Bradwell Common	MKPA
Thursday 28 August	am	Bradwell Village	MKPA
Friday 29 August	10–11am	Heelands Rangers	Football
Friday 29 August	11–12pm	Heelands Rangers	Football



**5 On It Foundation**

### Gingerbread Men

#### Ingredients

350g plain flour  
 125g butter  
 1 egg  
 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda  
 2 tsp ground ginger  
 1 tsp ground cinnamon  
 175g light soft brown sugar  
 4 tbsp golden syrup  
 Water icing (optional)  
 cake decorations or raisins

#### Method

Sift together the flour, bicarbonate of soda, ginger and cinnamon and rub in the butter until it resembles breadcrumbs. Stir in the sugar.

Lightly beat the egg and golden syrup together and add to the mixture. Knead until smooth, wrap in cling film and leave to chill in the fridge for 15 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 180C/160C Fan/Gas 4. Line two baking trays with baking paper.

Roll the dough out to a 0.5cm thickness. Using cutters, cut out the gingerbread men shapes.

Bake for 12–15 mins.

Once cooled decorate with icing and decorations (see photo below).

