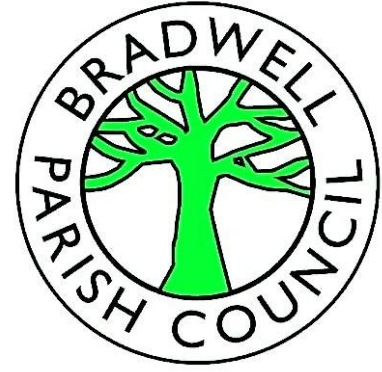


BRADWELL PARISH NEWS



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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 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: **13 January 2026**

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

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Welcome to the Winter 2025 edition of the Parish Newsletter!

I hope you enjoy reading this issue. Our aim is to keep residents up to date with what's

been happening across the parish and to share details of the events and activities coming up in the months ahead.

Recently, we held a fundraising coffee morning during our regular *Time Out* session in support of Willen Hospice. We would like to extend our thanks to everyone who attended and contributed to making the event such a success. We raised approximately £200. We would be delighted to welcome new members to our group; so if you are free on a Wednesday between 11am and 2pm, why not drop in for a cuppa and a biscuit or two? It's completely free, and you'll be made very welcome. We meet at Bradwell Sports and Social Club, Abbey Rd, Bradwell Village, MK13 9AR.

As a reminder, our parish newsletter is distributed three times a year – April, July, and December. As part of the preparation process, we contact local groups, churches, and charities within and around the parish to invite contributions. If you are involved with a local group and would like to be included in a future edition, please email me for further details on how to submit material. We would very much welcome additional contributions to show the wide range of activities taking place within our community.

Karen Evans

Assistant to the Clerk

Parish Council Meeting Dates

Most meetings take place at Heelands Meeting Place, Heelands

Monday 1 December Full Council	7.00pm
Monday 12 January Full Council	7.00pm
Monday 2 February Full Council	7.00pm
Monday 2 March Full Council	7.00pm
Monday 20 April Full Council	7.00pm
Monday 11 May Full Council	7.00pm
Monday 18 May Electors' Meeting (Bradwell Mem Hall)	7.00pm

Clerk's Column

By the time this is published winter will be well underway, and the beautiful autumn colours will have faded. The summer is finished and all the Parish Council sponsored activities happened and were popular; basketball, football, and the MKPA (Milton Keynes Play Association) activities, which were held across the three inhabited grid squares in the Parish; Heelands, Bradwell Village and Bradwell Common.

The main project the Parish Council undertook over the summer was the installation of air source heat pumps (ASHP) at Heelands Meeting Place. We received £4,800 from the Carbon Offset Fund from MKCC plus the boiler upgrade scheme financing, and so in total the £17,500 project cost the residents only £4,800, an excellent outcome. It also means none of the Parish Council owned properties are heated using fossil fuels, as Bradwell Memorial Hall is also heated through an ASHP system. Hopefully the price of electricity doesn't increase too much!

The other large project in the pipeline is the redevelopment of Heelands Wood Corner Play Area, though this is on MKCC land and is dependant on grant funding and MKCC as landowner.

For Bradwell Common the Parish Council has approved and will contribute to the upgrade of the wooden sleeper planters which so frequently rot and fall into disrepair. These will now be replaced with brick, a permanent solution and a worthy investment into the main community area of Bradwell Common.

Philip Farquharson



A Goodbye & A Welcome!

At the end of September we said farewell and thank you to Jim Davison who had been our caretaker for the last three years. We are sad to see Jim go but wish him well in his retirement.

At the beginning of November we welcomed James Tamidles as our new caretaker. James will be taking care of Heelands Meeting Place, Bradwell Memorial Hall and the Parish Office.



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.

For further information about Bradwell Parish Council please visit our website: www.bradwell-pc.gov.uk

Priory Common School

We are very excited to announce that our new ASC (Autism Spectrum Condition) Unit opened its doors to the first of its new pupils on Wednesday 3 September.

The unit will initially cater for eight children who have an EHCP (Education, Health and Care Plan) and require special provision. Places will be allocated by the Local Authority.

With a shortage of school places for children with Special Needs nationally, and across Milton Keynes, we are pleased to be part of this solution for this national and local issue.

We would like to thank local residents for their patience whilst the building work was undertaken.



Heelands Roman Farmstead



The field in front of you was the site of Roman occupation nearly two thousand years ago, with a Roman corn drier found in the sports pitches behind you (used by Heelands Rangers football club). Archaeological excavation in the 1970's uncovered four phases of occupation, dating approximately AD50 to AD360.

The first, third and fourth phases showed there was a rectangular building, a 'proto-villa', or farmstead (see image below), which would have been linked by pathways and roads to other neighbouring Roman farmsteads and villas, such as at Bancroft and Stantonbury. The nearest Roman road is now called Common Lane. The area would have been used for agriculture (growing of wheat and barley, and keeping of chickens, cattle and sheep), as evidenced by bone fragments. Also evidenced were dogs and cats, typical of Roman farmsteads.

The four phases of Roman occupation at Heelands

The first phase shows evidence of a large, timber-

framed rectangular building, with clay walls and high-quality pottery indicating prosperity.

The second phase reveals several circular buildings, a reversion to the Celtic, pre-Roman type. It is thought the first building burnt down, and these circular ones were built as a temporary measure.

The third phase shows the destruction of the circular buildings and a return to the Roman-type rectangular farmstead

By the fourth phase there was a cobbled yard, fifty square metres in size, and more rectangular buildings. The site was abandoned around AD360 and afterwards the land would have remained as farmland.



Further information is available by Dennis C. Mynard, 'Roman Milton Keynes', published in 1987 by the Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society, Vol. 1.

Interpretation Board

The parish council have recently installed a new interpretation board at the end of Heelands South Field at the site of a Roman Farmstead. The image is an artist's impression of what it might have looked like.



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.

Bulb planting: £400 per annum for bulb planting in Bradwell Village.

Old Bradwell New City Cricket Club: £580 for wheels for the cricket screens.

What's On

Wednesdays 11.00-2.00: Time Out!, Sports & Social Club

5, 6, 7 December: Meet Santa at MK Museum

4-14 December: Electra festive boat rides

7 December 10.30am: Christingle at Bradwell Church

7 December 6.00pm: Carol Service at Bradwell Church

12, 13, 14 December: Meet Santa at MK Museum

14 December 11.00-4.00pm: Angels at the Abbey (City Discovery Centre, Bradwell Abbey)

20, 21 December: Meet Santa at MK Museum

24 December 5.00pm: Crib Service at Bradwell Church

24 December 11.30pm: Midnight Comm at Bradwell Church

25 December 10.00am: at Bradwell Church

Bradwell Bowls Club

2025 was a good season for the bowls club. Our membership has increased. We finished the season strongly and we had a very successful President's Day. We cemented our ties with the cricket club and they visited us twice. The club has made contact with our namesake (Bradwell in Norfolk) and are planning a coach trip to play them next year.

The winter activity schedule has been posted and will include Race Nights, Quiz Nights, Bingo and a Beetle Drive. We also run several Thursday Club Nights. Please see our website <https://bradwellbowls.uk> for more information.



New Era of Inspired Martial Arts Bradwell – Stronger Than Ever

After over twelve years serving the Bradwell community, Inspired Martial Arts is stepping into an exciting new era at Bradwell Memorial Hall. Classes are now led by founder Jamie Johannes (5th Dan) and the inspiring Victoria Cole (3rd Dan) – two passionate instructors bringing energy, structure, and fun to every session.

Our sports karate programme builds more than just martial arts skills. We focus on developing confidence, respect, discipline, focus, and success in every student, whether they're four or forty. We're especially proud to support children who are shy, neurodiverse, or in need of a confidence boost.

Classes run every Wednesday and Saturday for children aged 4–12 and teens/adults aged 13+. Free trials available – come and see the difference for yourself!

Bradwell Memorial Hall, Vicarage Rd, MK13 9AG
W: www.inspiredmartialarts.co.uk | T: 01733 685353
E: classes@inspiredmartialarts.co.uk



Electra – The Milton Keynes All Electric Community Boat

Recently Electra welcomed their 10,000 visitor to the boat since its launch in 2021. Eleanor Sturgess and all the guests on the Fish and Bubbles cruise got treated to an extra glass of Prosecco! Eleanor was presented with her own bottle of bubbly. Eleanor said she enjoys the cruises, 'because there's no noise from the engine, it forces you to just slow down and enjoy looking at the canal. Between 4–14 December Electra are running Festive Fish & Bubbles and Mulled Wine & Mince Pie cruises.

In 2026 MK Canals is organising the installation of a new electric bollard and accessible boarding point, at the canal-side in Wolverton, which will enable them to run trips from Wolverton, North (to the Galleon and Cosgrove) and then South (to New Bradwell and Great Linford). Keep an eye out for more information.

Electra are always on the lookout for new volunteers. For more details, see <https://www.bmkwaterway.org/electra/volunteering/> or contact denise.taylor@bmkwaterway.org



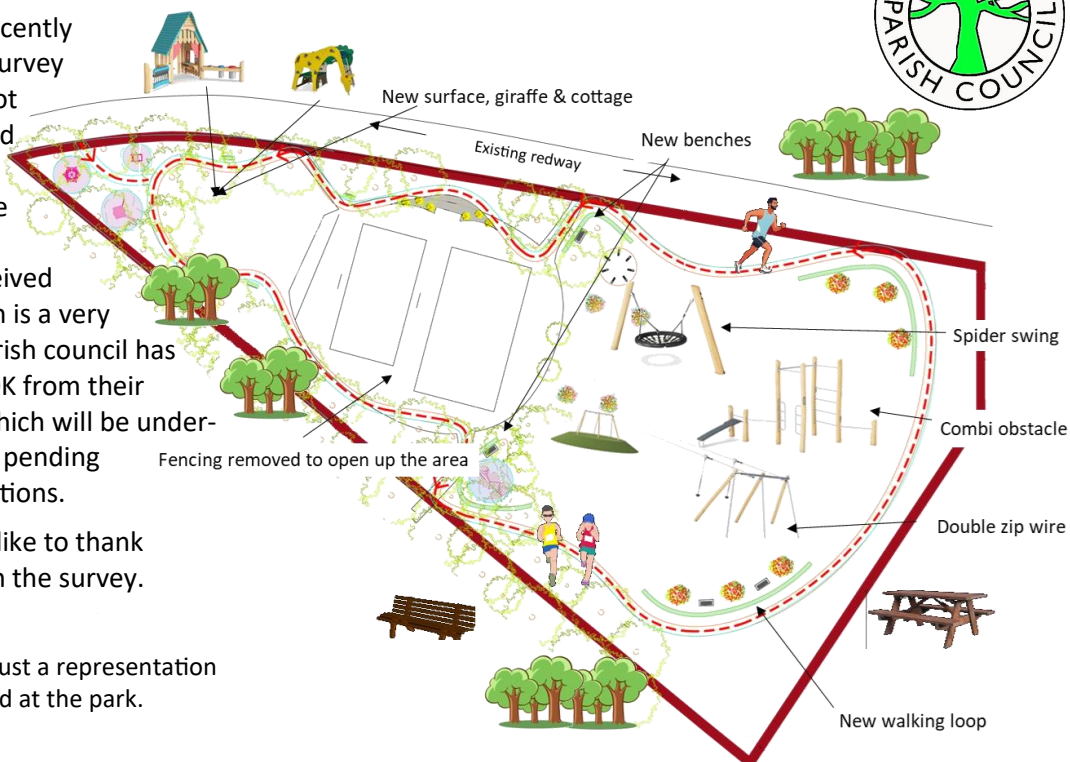
Denise Taylor and Eleanor Sturgess

Heelands Wood End Corner Play Area

Bradwell Parish Council recently conducted a community survey to ascertain whether or not the local community would like us to install new play equipment and rejuvenate the Heelands Wood End Corner Play Area. We received over 200 responses, which is a very positive response. The parish council has pledged to contribute £80K from their reserves to the project, which will be undertaken by MKCC hopefully, pending costings and grant applications.

The Parish Council would like to thank everyone who took part in the survey.

Please note the images are just a representation of what may be placed at the park.



Litter picking on your estate

The parish council recently purchased sets of litter pickers to distribute to community groups. We currently have two organisers that arrange litter picking days in the parish, Tina Ringsell on Bradwell and Min Chun on Bradwell Common. Both of these lovely ladies arrange litter picking days once a month. We would love to have someone to coordinate a monthly litter pick on Heelands so if you are interested please do get in touch.



Tina Ringsell & volunteers, Bradwell



1st Loughton Brownies

Stepping Stones

Over 50? - Looking to enhance your social life?

Stepping Stones is a social group based in Milton Keynes. We hold a club night with a disco every other Tuesday evening at Abbey Hill Golf Club and also meet every Sunday morning for breakfast at Wolverton Mill. We also have a weekly badminton group and monthly pub nights.

In addition to our regular events, we run coach trips, meals out and picnics. Looking ahead, we will also be organising a New Years Eve Ball.

Take a look at our website or drop us a line for more information.

Website: steppingstonesmk.org.uk
Email: steppingstonesmk@gmail.com



Priory Common Pupils

For further information about Bradwell Parish Council please visit our website: www.bradwell-pc.gov.uk

John Newbury *Photography* Competition 2026



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 from April 2025 onwards

Bradwell Parish Council reserve the right to use the photos in their publications and online. By entering you give us permission to print your name in our publications and online.

£50 prize!

Closing date for entries: **9 February 2026**

Send entries to
communications@bradwell-pc.gov.uk

Bradwell Parish Council Community Award

Who is so inspiring that they deserve a
Community Award?

Who has gone that extra mile for the community?

Why not nominate them for this award?

Closing date: 9 February 2026

£50 prize



Please send all nominations to:
communications@bradwell-pc.gov.uk



Bradwell Charities Christmas Gifts

If you are 70 or over you may be eligible for
a gift from the Bradwell Charities

Every year around 300 residents from
the parishes of Bradwell, Stantonbury
and New Bradwell, who are over 70 years
old and in need 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 December

**If we visited you last year you will still
be on our lists and don't need to reapply**

New applicants please apply to Rose Davy

Tel: 07747825323

Email: rosedavy@hotmail.com



Try something new for 2026

Scottish Country Dancing

An 8 Week Introduction Course for new dancers

It is active, social and fun!

Starting : 19th January at 18:45 till 19:45

Bradwell Village Memorial
Hall
Vicarage Road
Bradwell
Milton Keynes
MK13 9AG

Cost: £40 for 8 Weeks

"No partner needed just pair of soft shoes"

Taught by qualified RSCDS Teachers

Contact : Marie & Sarah

intro2scd@gmail.com

More information :

www.rscdsmk.co.uk



Milton Keynes Museum

Santa Claus is coming to Milton Keynes Museum to spread seasonal cheer!

The countdown to Christmas is on, and Milton Keynes Museum will be celebrating Yuletide with the return of a very special guest.

Santa Claus is bidding farewell to Greenland early this year and once again setting up his grotto in the new city where he will be greeting and giving gifts to those boys and girls who have been good all year through.

'I absolutely love my visit to the Museum in the lead up to the special ho-ho-holiday,' Santa said, 'This year I am setting up my grotto in the Field Study Centre in the Museum grounds. It's the perfect working space for the elves. Rudolf and the other reindeer will be able to rest ahead of their busy Christmas Eve travels. We're all super excited to be returning to such a special place,' he added.

The Museum will also invite visitors to experience all the warmth and hospitality of A Victorian Christmas with carol singing, mulled wine, Christmas crafting, a weekend craft fair, and much more.

Meet Santa and enjoy A Victorian Christmas during the first three weekends in December (Friday's 5, 12, 19, Saturday's 6, 13, 20 and Sunday's 7, 14, 21).

Early bookings to meet Santa are advised. Visit miltonkeynesmuseum.org.uk



Children's Summer Activities

The parish provided craft & play sessions ran by Milton Keynes Play Association (MKPA) and football & basketball sessions ran by 5 On it Foundation. I do hope your children and young people enjoyed attending these sessions!

Sports

More than 75 young people took part in the sports sessions which were run at Heelands South Field and Heelands Rangers field.

MKPA

Lots of children attended the play sessions which were held on the three estates in the parish. The sessions on Bradwell Common were the best attended with 60+



children at one session. Unfortunately there were quite a few booked in to the sessions who didn't attend thus wasting resources. MKPA always provide

enough resources for the children that are booked onto sessions.

