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Article and Advert deadline for the Spring issue: 18 January 2027

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 our winter edition of the Parish Newsletter.

As the days grow shorter and the festive season approaches, it's a great time to reflect on the progress being made across our community and celebrate the people and projects that help make the parish such a great place to live.

Don't forget to enter our Photographic Competition and nominate your Community Hero! We would love to see your favourite images of Bradwell Parish and hear about the amazing people who go the extra mile for our community - so get involved! The deadline for entries and nominations is 30 January 2027.

Road safety remains important, and the introduction of speed indicator devices will help remind drivers to watch their speed and keep our streets safer.

The new book swap cabinet on Bradwell Common offers a simple but wonderful way to share stories, discover new authors and bring neighbours together through a love of reading.

Did you know that there is a Community Fridge held on Wednesdays 3.00 – 4.30pm and Fridays 1.00 – 2.30pm at Conniburrow Community Centre? They share surplus, quality food that would otherwise be wasted and sent to landfill, so anyone can use these. They also hold a Top-Up Shop that anyone can attend on Tuesdays 10.00 – 11.30am. There is a cost to use the Top-Up Shop.

The The Parish Council are grateful to Mike LeRoy who keeps Bradwell Common clean and tidy with his twice weekly litter picks.

Thank you to everyone who gives their time, energy and enthusiasm to support our community. We look forward to sharing more local news and developments in the spring edition.

Karen Evans, Assistant to the Clerk

What's On

Wednesday 11.00-2.00: Time Out! Bradwell Sports & Social Club
Wednesday 10.00-2.00: Conniburrow Community Centre Hub, Conniburrow Boulevard, MK14 7DX
Thursday 10.00-2.00: Community Centre Hub, Conniburrow Boulevard, MK14 7DX

4-12 Dec Fri-Sun: Victorian Christmas at MK Museum
7 Dec: Bradwell Charities Deadline
25 Jan: Scottish Dancing Course
30 Jan: Photographic Competition Deadline
30 Jan: Community Award Deadline

Parish Council Meeting Dates

Most meetings take place at Heelands Meeting Place, Heelands on Mondays at 7pm

7 December Full Council
11 January Full Council
1 February Full Council
8 February Finance & Staffing Committee
1 March Full Council
12 April Full Council
3 May Full Council
10 May Electors' Meeting

Clerk's Column



The summer has been busy on the Parish Council, as it always is. This is because both the pre-schools at the Parish Council's community centres (Heelands Meeting Place and Bradwell Memorial Hall), are on holiday during the summer, thereby providing an opportunity to do work to the buildings. A new worktop and interior and exterior paintwork was done at the Heelands Meeting Place, and internal works happened to improve toilet facilities at the Bradwell Memorial Hall. See page 7 of this issue for images of the halls, post-works.

The tarred and felted roof at the Bowls Club was replaced with light metal, which will be a long-lasting improvement to the building. This cost over £15,000 (including roof insulation), and it is worth noting one of the reasons the Parish Council resolved to undertake this work was on account of S106 funding the Parish Council received from MKCC. S106 funding is developer contribution to offset a community loss. In 2018 (or thereabouts), the community lost a public house, the Suffolk Punch, and some of the S106 money has been spent on the Bowls Club, which is a community asset, and the Parish Council is grateful to the S106 Board who permitted the release of this money.

The next major project the Parish Council has embarked upon is the Heelands Play Area redevelopment. This is owned by Milton Keynes City Council but the refurbishment is largely being financed by the FCC (a grant-giving organisation funded by landfill operators), and the Parish Council. The Parish Council considers this ambitious project will benefit children and young adults, particularly those living in Heelands but also nearby Bradwell Common. Work began in November and is scheduled to finish by the end of January. CCTV will be placed nearby to discourage bad and anti-social behaviour, and it is hoped this investment will be a worthy project for years to come.

Philip Farquharson, Clerk

Bradwell Parish Grants

We've recently awarded the following grants:

Bowls Club: £1,500 towards a new boiler

Friends of Conniburrow & Pebbles Family Centre: £400 towards their Christmas coach trip

Stop Mental Illness Foundation: £500 towards setting up sessions and free use of Heelands Meeting Place for up to five sessions

Bradwell Parish Council is able to award grants to local groups to benefit parish residents. Application forms are available on our website.

Contact the Clerk to apply: clerk@bradwell-pc.gov.uk

Old Bradwell Tennis Club



The tennis courts have been in great use since 1 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.

PAY ONCE – PLAY ALL YEAR
New Member Joining Fee: £10.00
Single (over 18): £60.00
Family: £100.00
Over 60's: £50.00
Under 18 £40.00

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 local 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 or contact Cathy on 07947 029709 or 07714 598126.



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 2026.

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

Ducklings Preschool, Bradwell Village

Ducklings families were welcomed back on September 3 after a long summer term break, it's been lovely to welcome everyone back and introduce new families into our setting.

We have started by settling children back into routines and building on their confidence and interactions.



As we step into autumn the children have been exploring the changes in our environment. We enjoyed a trip out to search for leaves, twigs, conkers and pine cones. Next month we will be visiting our local church as they prepare for Harvest Festival.

If you would like your little one to join us at Ducklings, you can arrange a visit, by contacting us on 07442838569 or email, ducklingsbradwell@gmail.com. We are open 8:45 – 2:45, term time and offer funded and private sessions.



Heelands Wood End Corner Play Area Refurbishment



The play area redevelopment is due to begin at the start of November 2026, and the Parish Council is delighted to see this exciting project getting underway. We can't wait to see the new play area take shape and, most importantly, to see local children and families enjoying it for years to come.

Look out for the Grand Opening Day, which will be during the February school holidays.

'Local children deserve welcoming, inclusive and fun places to play – and local families know just how important having high-quality play parks in our area is. I am very pleased to see these ambitious plans for the Fiveways play area in Heelands, which is being delivered by Bradwell Parish Council and Milton Keynes City Council and funded mainly by Bradwell Parish Council and the FCC Communities Foundation. It's a great investment to what really matters in our areas, and will help make Heelands and Bradwell Common an even better place to grow up in. As somebody born and raised in Milton Keynes, I know what a huge difference a playground revamp makes, with fresh paint, new equipment and resurfacing the children and teenagers will have many happy times playing here. Thank you to everybody involved in making this happen!'

Chris Curtis MP

Community Hall Upgrades

Both Heelands Meeting Place (HMP) and Bradwell Memorial Hall (BMH) have undergone some refurbishment during the summer months. HMP has gained some new worktops in the kitchen area, the pillars a new coat of paint and most of the exterior has been repainted. BMH has had new dividing walls put up in the toilets to provide more privacy and to create a separate cloakroom. We are working to provide Girl Pack baskets in the female toilets at both halls.



Heelands Meeting Place



Bradwell Memorial Hall

John Newbury Photographic Competition 2027

Fancy winning **£50** for a photo?
Why not enter the Parish Photographic Competition?

Entry Requirements

- Open to all Bradwell Parish Residents
- Must be an amateur photographer
- All photos must be taken in Bradwell Parish



Closing Date for entries: **30 January 2027**
Send entries to admin@bradwell-pc.gov.uk

Bradwell Parish Council reserves the right to use any photographs submitted, together with the submitter's name, in its publications, on its website and on social media.

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 an award?



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

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

Speed Indicator Devices

Bradwell Parish Council has recently installed three devices to monitor speed on our estates. For now they are situated on Bradwell Common Boulevard and Burnham Drive.



They will help to reduce speeding and improve community safety. They are an effective, flexible, and data-driven solution for improving road safety, reducing speeding, and supporting traffic management initiatives in a variety of environments.

The devices were jointly funded by the Parish Council and Milton Keynes City Council.

Bowls Club

The Bowls Club has recently benefited from a much-needed facelift with the installation of a new insulated roof. The project was made possible by a grant from Bradwell Parish Council, with the work carried out by local roofing contractor, ALS Roofing Ltd, at a cost of £15,000. This important improvement will help secure the future of the Club, ensuring it can continue to serve the local community for many years to come.



Milton Keynes Museum

Enjoy Christmas the way it used to be at MK Museum

Step into the magic of a Victorian Christmas at MK Museum this December (Dec 4 – 20, every Fri – Sun only) and experience the sights, scents, and sounds of the season.





Wander through the beautifully decorated Victorian farmhouse, where twinkling lights and festive garlands set the scene for a nostalgic celebration, enjoy the snow-dusted Street of Shops, and explore how Christmas used to be celebrated.

Partake in some family fun in the craft space – kids will let imaginations sparkle with glue, glitter, and festive fun!

Join the cheerful volunteers for carol singing around the pianola, and savour the flavours of Yuletide with mulled wine and mince pies.

It's a delightful way to ease into the season of goodwill, while also exploring all that the Museum has to offer. Santa will also be at the Museum with his merry Elves on the same dates, with a special gift for all those youngsters paying a trip to his grotto.

If you haven't already, book quickly to secure the last remaining tickets to meet the man in red.

Follow MK Museum on FB and visit their website, miltonkeynesmuseum.org for more information.

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rscds
Dance Scottish

New for 2027

An 8 Week Course for intermediate dancers

It is active, social and fun!

Starting : 25th 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

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Time Out!

Time Out! is a friendly social group set up by Bradwell Parish Council, initially as part of the Government's Warm Spaces initiative. It has now evolved into a welcoming group of people who come together each week to meet friends, make new ones and enjoy some company.

We meet every Wednesday from 11am to 2pm at Bradwell Sports and Social Club.



There's plenty to enjoy, including:

- ☕ Tea (and coffee too!)
- 🍪 Biscuits and a chat
- 🎲 Games of Rummikub
- 🧶 Crochet
- 😊 Good company and friendly conversation

Time Out! is completely free to attend, and everyone is very welcome.

Why not come along, meet us and enjoy a few hours of friendship, fun and company? We'd love to see you!

Did you know?

The Parish Council receive a yearly report from the Newt Conservation Partnership regarding Great crested newt DNA at Abbey Field. This year they found Great crested newt DNA which are a protected species in the UK.

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No-Bake Chocolate Snowballs

KIDS Corner

Ingredients

- 100 g digestive biscuits
- 2 tablespoons cocoa powder
- 3 tablespoons condensed milk
- 2 tablespoons desiccated coconut, plus extra for coating
- 1 teaspoon butter, softened

How to make them

1. Put the biscuits in a clean food bag and crush them into fine crumbs.
2. Add the cocoa, condensed milk, coconut and butter. Stir until you have a thick, sticky mixture.
3. Roll small portions between your hands to make little balls, then roll each one in extra coconut.
4. Place the snowballs in the fridge for 30 minutes until firm. Serve chilled.

Make them extra fun!

- Snowman snowballs: Use three small balls stacked together.
- Festive colours: Decorate with colourful sprinkles.
- Reindeer treats: Add pretzel antlers and edible eyes just before serving.
- Snowy stars: Sprinkle extra coconut over the serving plate.



HEELANDS MEETING PLACE & BRADWELL MEMORIAL HALL

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

Cost: £23 per hour
Regular Groups: £14 per hour
Capacity: 50 seated or 80 standing

For further information and to book
E: admin@bradwell-pc.gov.uk
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Great sized halls for family parties & events!


Heelands Meeting Place


Bradwell Memorial Hall

Bradwell Heritage Open Day



Thank you to everyone who came along and helped make our first Heritage Open Day at Bradwell Memorial Hall a roaring success!

As part of the National Heritage Open Days events, the Parish Council welcomed over 70 visitors, who enjoyed discovering more about the fascinating history of our parish.

We were especially lucky to have Diana Stammers, granddaughter of the renowned local artist Harry Stammers, join us. Diana kindly shared some of her grandfather's artwork and gave visitors a wonderful insight into his work and connection with the area.

We were also delighted to welcome Dave Humphreys, who presented a video featuring the Homeworld81 houses on Bradwell Common, giving visitors another fascinating glimpse into Bradwell's past.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended, shared their knowledge, especially Dianne Sutton who displayed material and helped make the day such a success. We hope this will be the first of many opportunities to celebrate and share our local heritage with the community.



Bradwell Common Bookswap Cabinet 📚

Take a book, leave a book, and share the joy of reading!

Our book swap cabinet is a little space for everyone to discover new stories, revisit old favourites, and pass on books they've loved. Simply bring a book you no longer need, choose one that catches your eye, and let the adventure continue.

Whether you love thrillers, romance, crime, children's stories or non-fiction, there's something magical about sharing books and giving them a new home.

Happy swapping, happy reading, and remember — one book can open up a whole new world! 💚📖

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