



# Bradwell Parish News

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Parish magazine covering

**Heelands    Bradwell Village    Bradwell Common**  
**Bradwell Abbey    Rooksley**

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## Office Opening Hours

Daily: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Photographs courtesy of Rob Jones



**W**elcome to the new look parish magazine. I hope that you like it as much as I do. It's one of a number of initiatives that the parish

has in process, now that staffing shortages at the parish office have been addressed. We have a new, enthusiastic team in place!

You are cordially invited to the Annual Electors' Meeting on 15 April. There will be refreshments, as well as an opportunity to catch up with recent news, take stock of the past year and meet with councillors and neighbours. At the meeting we will be launching public consultation on development of the multi-purpose community centre, to be built at Langcliffe Drive. Plans and drawings of the current proposal will be available to view. As you will be aware, following the vigorous and hard-fought campaign by local residents and the Parish council to save the Suffolk Punch, the full £210,000 of 'planning gain' from the development of the site was awarded to the Parish council to go towards building a community facility on a part of the site. I am delighted to say that a further £25,000 has now been secured from MK Council to help with fitting out the hall. We are keen that - like the campaign to save the Punch - the development of the new facility involves all of the local community and that everybody who wishes to contribute to this process has the opportunity to do so.

I look forward to meeting with many of you at the Annual Electors' Meeting.

*James Alexander*

Chairman, Bradwell Parish Council

### Public Consultation

Proposed Development  
Community Hall: Langcliffe Drive

**Saturday 6 April**

11.00am - 12.30pm

St Augustine's Church  
Heelands

**STOP PRESS STOP PRESS**

## The Great British Spring Clean

Would you like to help Bradwell Parish Council with The Great British Spring Clean?

Nationally, The Great British Spring Clean is taking place between 22 March – 23 April

**Our Date: Saturday 13 April, 10.00 – 12.00**

**Meeting Place: Heelands School Car Park**

**To take part please email the Parish Office**

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

**Help us make history and make  
The Great British Spring Clean 2019  
the country's biggest-ever, mass-action environmental campaign**

Protective gloves, Hi-Vis jackets and



### Parish Council Meeting Dates

Monday 1 April	Full Council Meeting
Monday 15 April	Annual Electors' Meeting
Monday 13 May	Annual Meeting
Monday 3 June	Full Council Meeting
Monday 1 July	Full Council Meeting

## Bradwell Parish Council

We cordially invite our residents to the

### Annual Electors' Meeting

Includes information on proposed Community Hall at Langcliffe Drive

**Monday 15 April, 7.30pm**

**Heelands Meeting Place**

Refreshments included

A warm welcome awaits you!

Come and meet your local Parish Councillors!

# Parish Grants

Did you know that local groups can apply for a grant from their Parish Council?

## YMCA

We are delighted that Bradwell Parish Council is supporting our work with this generous donation. Our new campus will open its doors in September 2019. This donation will



contribute to the furnishing of a room within this new building, creating a safe and secure space for a young person, who has experienced homelessness, to work towards a brighter future. This bold project aims to provide a lasting solution to the youth homelessness crisis currently facing Milton Keynes.

## Mountain Rangers

The Mountain Rangers are a local group who teach children outdoor adventure skills, navigation, camping



skills, bushcraft and much more! Bradwell Parish Council was pleased to present them with a grant to help with the purchase of camping equipment recently.



If your child is interested in joining please contact them.

Wednesday: 8-11 year olds

Wednesday: 11-14 year olds

Friday: 14-17 year olds

Venue: Wood End, Stantonbury

Contact: 0750 373 9191

[www.mountain-rangers.org](http://www.mountain-rangers.org)

## Homeridings House Flintergill Court

Bradwell Parish Council was delighted to be able to give a grant so that the residents at the housing complex would be able to enjoy a Christmas Dinner together. The grant enabled them to purchase a second stove.



## Bradwell Abbey

Last year Bradwell Parish Council was able to give a grant to Bradwell Abbey to enable them to hold a Medieval Fayre. Everyone had a great time and they are holding the event again this year on 15 September.

The day is free and there is ample parking on the adjoining industrial estate.

For more information see the *What's On* section or contact Milton Keynes City Discovery Centre.



## Twinkle Tots Pre-School

We have been a registered charity for 26 years. We are an inclusive setting and open term time only for children aged 2 to 5 years. Twinkle Tots Pre-School is run by a parent committee.

We have a 'GOOD' rating from Ofsted and we are always moving the setting forward to ensure children have the best learning outcome from their time spent with us. We offer extra learning activities such as; PE using the local school, cooking and science experiments.

Family is very important to us and we actively encourage parents to come and join in the fun. We have a Manager and Deputy, a further seven members of staff and an administrator who all hold or are working towards a qualification in Childcare. Staff are constantly updating and furthering their training.

The Pre-School would like to welcome all residents to their **OPEN DAY** on **Friday 24 May, between 9.30-11.00** at Heelands Meeting Place, Glovers Lane, Heelands, Milton Keynes, MK13 7LW. We look forward to meeting some new families.

**Opening hours:** Monday to Friday – AM/PM sessions: 9.00–12.00 and 12.00–15.00; all day session: 09.00–15.00. Government funded 15 hour places are available for all children aged 3+; 2 year old funding; 30 hour funding and tax free childcare are also available to eligible families.

Email: [twinkletotsoffice@gmail.com](mailto:twinkletotsoffice@gmail.com)

Charity Number: **1027458** Ofsted Number (URN): **141880**

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



# Parish Projects

## Yellow Lines

Councillor Evans is pleased to report that double yellow lines have at last been painted at the junction of Bradwell Common Boulevard and Stokenchurch Place. This has been



achieved following the perseverance of Councillor Evans, some of the residents of Booker Avenue and Ward Councillor for Conniburrow, Pauline Wallis. Parking of vehicles up to the corner of this junction has now been eliminated. A special thanks to Pauline Wallis and the residents who made this possible.

## Heelands Play Area

Last year the Parish Council identified the local play area at the junction of five redways on Heelands as in need of some attention. We are pleased to advise that the successful joint funded project with Milton Keynes



Council has been completed. This work has resulted in a great improvement to the play area.

Karen Evans went to visit the play area during half term and was delighted to see so many children playing there.

## Bradwell Common Play Area

Last Summer a swing was damaged. Bradwell Parish Council can now report that they have been replaced



with two new colourful junior swing-seats. We do hope that the children will enjoy using them!

## Planters Come to Life!

The planters on Bradwell Common, between the Countryman Public House and the One-Stop shop are beginning to come to life again. The younger children from Summerfield School helped some of the Parish Councillors to plant lots of bulbs at the end of last year and the bulbs are now beginning to show. In a few

weeks' time, there should be lots of colourful flowers to see on the planters. Look out for the next issue of our Newsletter for prettier photos!



We would be grateful if you could please keep animals and children off the planters so that the plants have a chance to flower.

## Suffolk Punch Update

It seems an age since I last wrote on the Suffolk Punch Site – it is certainly many years that the Parish Council and I have been fighting to get a result that benefits the residents of Heelands and the Parish as a whole.

As can be seen the site of 27 dwellings is nearly complete. Also an additional car park has been added to the left of St Augustine's Roman Catholic Church. This has helped with the rather selfish parking that has plagued the area over the last few years.

Going forward we have a site for a new Community Hall and the Parish really want input from the residents so watch out for dates for consultation events at the church and Heelands Meeting Place – there is also a plan to move the Parish Offices to the Hall.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the many residents who have acknowledged our efforts but also joined in the fight to get a Community facility.

Cllr Robin Bradburn

## Advertising!

If you would like to advertise in the next issue of Bradwell Parish News please contact the Parish Office for our Terms & Conditions and prices.

T: 01908 321285

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

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# Sports Round-Up

Reports from local sports clubs

## Bradwell Bowls Club

The Bowls Club celebrated forty years of lawn green bowling in Bradwell Village last year (2018) and heads into 2019 full of optimism for the next forty.

Whilst our commitments for the coming season have yet to be finalised, we do have an Open Day on Sunday 5 May where we will be looking to recruit new members.

The new season opens at the end of April. We meet on a Thursday and anyone can come along to find out more about us.

The Bowls Club is honoured to be hosting the early rounds of the Bucks Bowls Association Win Evett Ladies Pairs on 30 July. The best of the county's lady bowlers will be in action.

Bradwell welcomes bowlers of all ages and experience. We offer a chance to bowl in National, County and Internal competitions, weekend friendlies or just a roll-up, a chat and a drink at the bar.

Bradwell is also home to the MK Moles, who cater for blind and partially sighted bowlers. They meet on Tuesday mornings once the season starts.

Please visit our new website for more information  
[www.bradwellbowls.club](http://www.bradwellbowls.club)

## Old Bradwell United FC

We are a thriving adult Football Club who play at the Abbey Road Ground, in Bradwell Village. We have a long, but interrupted history. Records date back to the 1920s, although the Club evolved in its present format in the early 1960s. Since then we have progressed through local Leagues, to our present membership



of the Spartan South Midlands League, for our First Team and the UHlsport Hellenic League, for our Development Team.



In recent seasons, our First Team have continued to improve and are firmly in the frame for honours this season. We have already made the final of the Berks & Bucks FA Senior Trophy, the semi-final of the Divisional Cup and played in the quarter-final of the Anagram Records Trophy on 23 February. By contrast, our Development Team have struggled but with the Club's policy of investing in youth, the future for them will improve as they gain more experience. In a recent game they fielded five players who were under 18. We fully expect their development to continue at pace.

Thanks to some substantial grants, from the Football Foundation and Bradwell Parish Council the newly built extension and refurbished Dressing Rooms, are now fully compliant with FA regulations for Clubs.

Anyone wishing to join the Club either as a player, or in an administrative role, would be most welcome and can get more information by visiting Bradwell Sports & Social Club.

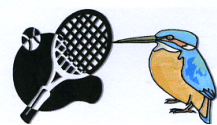
### Want to see your article published?

Please note that all submissions to Bradwell Parish News are edited prior to publication. Please send your article along with a photo if possible to: [admin@bradwell-pc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@bradwell-pc.gov.uk), marked for the attention of Karen Evans.

**Next issue deadline: 22 April**

## Old Bradwell Tennis Club

The tennis club has been operating for at least 40 years. It is in a beautiful location – the Bradwell Village Sports ground and is part of the Bradwell Sports Club.



The courts were refurbished three years ago and are in excellent condition.

We are a family club. We do not belong to any leagues, so it doesn't matter what your standard of play is. We believe that the most important thing is enjoyment. The club offers competitive membership packages to suit everyone from junior to senior, single persons to families. Membership of the Tennis Club also means that you are a member of the Sports & Social Club which has been central to Bradwell Village life, for a long time before Milton Keynes was built.



Our season runs from 1 April to 31 March. Membership fees start from £21.00 per annum for a senior person and £67.00 per annum for a family. We have managed to keep our fees low, so that it is very affordable for everyone.

For further information, contact the Secretary, on 01908 311917 or check our website [www.oldbradwelltennisclub.co.uk](http://www.oldbradwelltennisclub.co.uk)



# Heelands Meeting Place

Did you know you can hire the hall?

There are several groups that meet on a regular basis at the hall. The hall is available for children's and adults' parties at the weekend.

Event	Details	Hire Charge	Deposit
Children's Parties Saturday & Sunday	Hire period up to 4 hours Additional per hour	£60.00 £15.00	£50.00
Adults' Parties Saturday & Sunday	Hire period up to 6 hours Additional per hour	£175.00 £25.00	£100.00
Weekend Bookings	Registered charities/Local voluntary organisations	£15.00 per hour	£100.00
Commercial Users		£25.00 per hour	£100.00

Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in hiring the hall.

Tel: 01908 321285

Email: [admin@bradwell-pc.org.uk](mailto:admin@bradwell-pc.org.uk)



## What's On

**1 April:** Tennis Club season starts

**6 April, 11.00 – 12.30:** Public Consultation proposed - Community Hall, St Augustine's Church

**9 April, 10.00 – 12.30:** Heelands Play day

**10 April, 2.00 – 4.30:** Bradwell Common Play day

**11 April, 2.00 – 4.30:** Bradwell Village Play day

**13 April, 10.00–12.00:** Great British Spring Clean

**14 April, 1.00 – 3.00:** Egg-cellent Easter Egg Hunt, Bradwell Abbey

**15 April, 7.30:** Annual Elector's Meeting, (with information on the proposed Community Hall at Langcliffe Drive), Heelands Meeting Place

**16 April, 10.00 – 12.30:** Heelands Play day

**17 April, 2.00 – 4.30:** Bradwell Common Play day

**18 April, 2.00 – 4.30:** Bradwell Village Play day

**22 April:** Article deadline for Bradwell Parish News

**25 April:** Bowls Club season starts

**5 May, 2.00:** Bowls Club Open Day

**13 May, 7.30:** Annual Meeting, Heelands Meeting Place

**24 May, 9.3 – 11.00:** Twinkle Tots Open Day, Heelands Meeting Place

**26 May, 11.00 – 3.00:** Nature-Fest, Bradwell Abbey

**1 June:** Photographic competition deadline

**3 June, 7.30:** Council Meeting, Heelands Meeting Place

**1 July: 7.30:** Council Meeting, Heelands Meeting Place

## Bradwell Parish Allotments

Currently the Parish Council administers three allotment sites. The largest site is St Lawrence's which is sited near to St Lawrence's Church in Bradwell Village, the second is at Foster's Lane in Bradwell Village and the third at Heelands West off of Winterburn. A fourth site, Heelands Allotments off of Glovers Lane, is administered by the Heelands Allotment Association.

### How do you apply for an allotment?

Please contact the office via email or letter stating your allotment site preference, your name and address and phone number. We will place you on the allotment waiting list and contact you when a suitable plot becomes available.

### How much will it cost me?

Currently the rent for the year September 30 – October 1 is £20. We require a £25 deposit, which will be returned to you when you vacate the allotment – if it is in a satisfactory condition.

Karen Evans Assistant to the Clerk

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

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# The Robins Children's Centre

Welcome to The Robins Children's Centre. We provide a



wide range of activities and services for parents/carers and families of children aged 0-5 years. These include:

Groups for parents and children; Training and volunteering opportunities; Family Support; Sensory room; Parenting workshops; Activity calendar (Please drop in or contact the centre for further information)

**Monday:** Bumps and Babies group and Heath Visitor Development reviews

**Tuesday:** Mobile Library with story time and Messy Play

**Wednesday:** Stories Songs and Rhyme time at Ashbrook School

**Thursday:** Café and Play session

**Friday:** Stay and Play

## John Newbury Photographic 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 from April 2018 onwards

Please send all entries to  
admin@bradwell-pc.gov.uk,  
marked ATTN: Karen Evans

**Closing date for entries: 1 June**

### FREE!

EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY SESSIONS  
Ages 4 – 14!

**HEELANDS SPORTS GROUNDS SOUTH FIELD**  
(Near play area off Common Lane)

**TUESDAYS 9 & 16 April: 10am – 12.30pm**

### BRADWELL COMMON

(Local play area, Bradwell Common Boulevard)

**WEDNESDAYS 10 & 17 April: 2pm – 4.30pm**

### BRADWELL VILLAGE

(King George's Field, Bradwell Village)

**THURSDAYS 11 & 18 April: 2pm – 4.30pm**

The Centre welcomes local families living in Bradwell, Bradwell Village, Bradwell Abbey, Heelands, Great Holm, Two Mile Ash and Wymbush. We are in the process of setting up a parents' group to help with fund raising and to shape our services and look forward to your participation.

We are based at: Heelands School, Glovers Lane, Heelands, Milton Keynes, MK13 7QL

**Tel:** 01908 318758

**Email:** robins@milton-keynes.gov.uk

**Facebook:** www.facebook.com/therobinscc

Mon-Thu: 8.30am to 4.30pm

Fri: 8.30am to 4.00pm

## St Lawrence's Church

The church welcomed a new minister, Rev Dr Neil Popham, to their congregation. The instalment and licensing service took place on 31 January and was led by the Bishop of Buckingham.

Neil grew up in Bristol and studied Chemistry at university, where he



Photo: Paul Brookman  
From left to right Rev Chuks Iwuagwu, St Andrews, Great Linford; Rev David Lewis, Christchurch, Stantonbury; Rev Dr Neil Popham, St Lawrence, Bradwell; Rev Paul Smith, St James, New Bradwell.

met his wife, Sophia. After completing his doctorate, He and his wife moved to Germany. He returned to England and spent six years as a Research Scientist. He then trained for ordination at Cranmer Hall in Durham. Neil has been in ministry for over 10 years. He enjoys birdwatching, baking, Bristol City FC, and playing Lego with his children!

He's really glad to be here and is enjoying Bradwell and the church. You'd be really welcome to join him on Sunday at the 9.00am or 10.45am service, or for coffee on a Wednesday between 10.00 and 12.00.

## KIDS CORNER

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BLOSSOM

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EGG

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HOLIDAY

LIFE

MARCH

NEW

SPRING

TULIP

## Jokes!

A man was taken to hospital after eating daffodil bulbs. Doctors say he's recovering and he'll be out in the Spring.

What does the Queen do when she burps?  
She issues a royal pardon.

What's the difference between a fish and a piano?  
You can't tuna fish.

What do you call an exploding monkey?  
A Bab-boom.

If you have a joke that you'd like to see published please send it to the Parish Office. All jokes must be suitable for under 12's.  
admin@bradwell-pc.gov.uk