



Bradwell Parish News

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Parish magazine covering

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Welcome
to the summer
2021 news-
letter.

I am delighted
to join Bradwell
Parish Council
following
May's local

elections. I'm looking forward to working with the community in Bradwell Common, Heelands and Bradwell to help make our area a better place to live.

This has been a time for new beginnings. I am sure everyone watched with pride as an excellent England football team reached its first major tournament final in my lifetime and so very nearly won it. And, far more importantly, with well over half of adults now fully vaccinated against COVID-19 there is hope that life can finally start returning to normal after the last 18 months of disruption.

The parish council reached an important milestone with our project to build a new community hall on the old Suffolk Punch site in Heelands as it was given planning permission in April. We are also in the process of preparing a bid for funding from the Community Infrastructure Fund which would allow us to improve Bradwell Common Local Centre next year.

Enjoy the summer!

Councillor Peter Brant

Bradwell Common Local Centre—Planters

As many of you will have seen, the planters at Bradwell Common Local Centre are reaching the end of their life and the wood is starting to rot away.

We are currently working with Milton Keynes Council - who own the land and the planters - to develop proposals to improve the area via a bid for funding from the Community Infrastructure Fund.

One option is simply to replace the existing wooden sleepers on a like-for-like basis. However, we are taking the opportunity to also consider the possibility of making more substantial changes to the area such as removal of the raised flowerbeds and replacing them with a landscaped area at ground level.



Public Consultation

We will be holding a public consultation morning at Bradwell Common Local Centre on Saturday 14 August (10am - 12.30pm). You can also let us know what you think by emailing us at communications@bradwell-pc.gov.uk before Wednesday 18 August.

Councillor Peter Brant

Bradwell Parish Council are pleased to welcome Peter Brant to the team.

Peter became a member of Bradwell Parish Council for Bradwell Common having successfully stood as a candidate in May's local elections.

Peter grew up in Milton Keynes and has lived in Bradwell Common for four years. He is also a member of the Governing Board of Bradwell Village School and Priory Common School in the parish.

Parish Council Meeting Dates

Monday 6 September	7.30pm
Monday 4 October	7.30pm
Monday 1 November	7.30pm
Monday 6 December	7.30pm
Monday 10 January 2022	7.30pm

Articles & Advertisements

Bradwell Parish Council welcomes articles and community information for inclusion within the newsletter. Please contact the Assistant 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. 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 and charges for advertising in the parish magazine are below:

Article and Advert deadline for the July issue: **15 September 2021**

Quarter page (92mm x 65mm): Charities (local): free; Charities (other): £25; Commercial: £50

8th page (92mm x 65mm): Charities (local): free; Charities (other): £12.50; Commercial: £25

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

Parish News

Heelands Meeting Place

During the pandemic the hall received a make-over with a new lick of paint. It's looking so much brighter and fresher now. As Government Guidelines have changed the hall is now available to book. Please contact the parish office if you wish to book it for an event/party. admin@bradwell-pc.gov.uk



Free Children's Summer Activities

Bradwell Parish Council have some exciting activities organised for children and young people this summer. There will be the usual play activities brought to you by MKPA plus some exciting sports to try out—Basketball and Football! Please see the timetable below and ways to get booked onto these FREE activities. Pre-registering will ensure you have a place but as usual you can just turn up on the day.

Play activities with MKPA

Heelands: Tuesday mornings 27 July; 3, 10, 17 August

Bradwell Common: Wednesday afternoons 28 July; 4, 11, 18 August

Bradwell Village: Thursday afternoons 29 July; 5, 12, 19 August

Booking Information

Please book with MKPA to secure your place
(Walk ins welcome)
www.mkpa.co.uk

Football with MKDONS Set (Heelands Sports Field)

Friday 3.30-4.30: 30 July; 6, 13, 20; 27 August

Booking Information

Please just turn up

Basketball with 5 On it Foundation (Heelands Sports Field)

Monday 10-11 (under 12); 11-12 (over 12): 26 July; 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 August

Booking Information

This course is now full! Please email admin@5onit.co.uk to go on the waiting list



Updates

Old Bradwell Football Club

Proposed Expansion

Bradwell Parish Council will be holding a public consultation meeting to discuss the proposed expansion with local residents, date to be confirmed.

New Hall at Suffolk Punch site

Planning permission for the new hall has been accepted. Building will commence in the near future.

Planting with Summerfield School

Just before the Easter school holidays Rose Davy, a local councillor spent an enjoyable couple of days working with the children at Summerfield School. They planted Marigold seeds, which the children took home.



In June, the marigolds were planted out. Everyone planted one—either the one they had cared for or one supplied for them. The planters now have a bit of colour on them.



Answers to Quiz on page 7
Carrier bags, Crisp packets, Food, Disposable nappy, Old clothes

Abbey Field Pond

You may have been wondering what was happening at the pond recently. Well, the pond has been designated as a site for Great Crested Newts to breed in.

Bradwell Parish Council are working in partnership with the Newt Conservation Partnership, which is part of the Freshwater Habitats Trust.

In the autumn the left part of the pond will be filled in. This is because there is an invasive weed growing in that part of the pond and the best way to eradicate it is cover it over with soil. We will ensure that all wildlife has left the pond before we do that—there are no fish in the pond. The next task will be to dig out the right side of the pond.

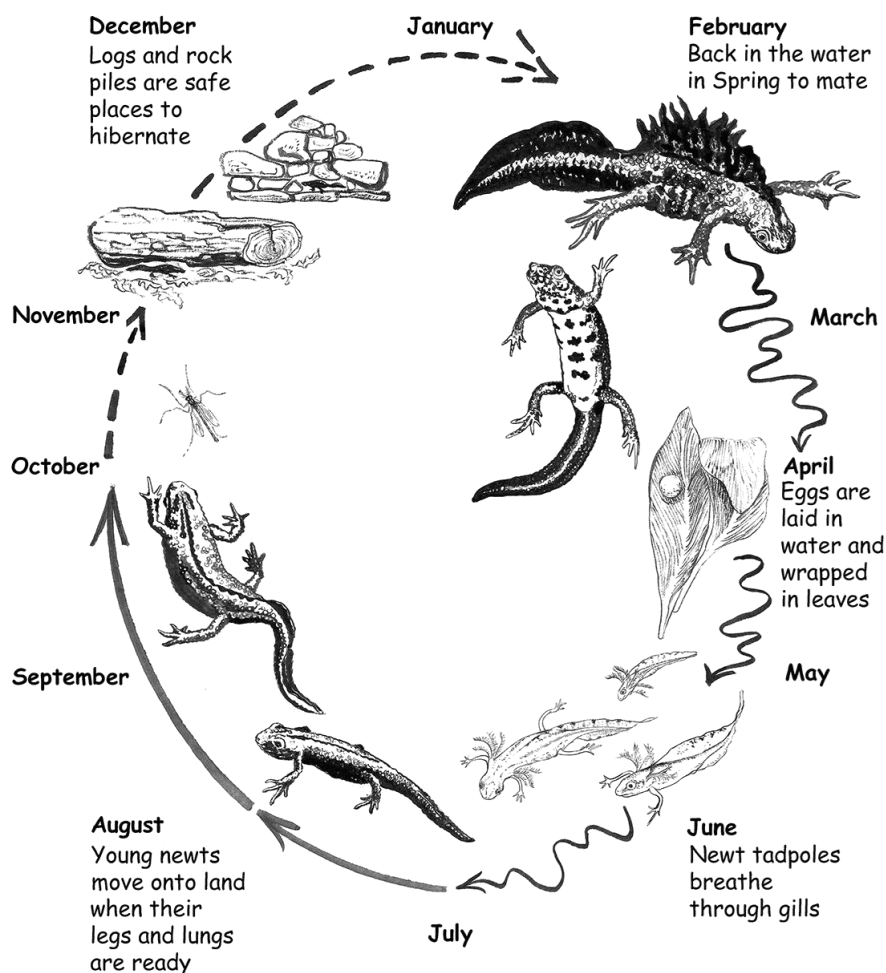
Abbey field pond is an ideal site to attract and nurture Great Crested Newts because of the surrounding environment - the field and allotments for example.

We would like to ask dog owners not to let their dogs play in the pond as it can disturb the newts and also any flea insecticide on the dogs can be a problem to the newts.

This project will be totally funded by the Newt Conservation Partnership.

A year of activity for the Great Crested Newt

Legal protection applies to each of these life stages.
A Great Crested Newt can live for up to 15 years!



Litter Picking

The parish council would like to extend its thanks to two local volunteer groups for organising community litter picks in the parish. A group organised by Min Chun in Bradwell Common and a group from the Romanian community on Heelands.



Parish Grant Updates

Food Bank

The Food Bank were granted a grant in September 2020 which enabled them to purchase an electric pallet truck and some additional food items that were in short supply.

At the outset of the pandemic, demand for the Food Bank's service increased dramatically. Being an organisation that had historically operated using donations only, they quickly found themselves in a position where they had very low supplies of certain food types for their emergency food parcels, for example squash, long-life fruit juices and custard. The grant enabled them to buy the foods they had in short supply in bulk,



which enabled them to build a body of stock, so they do not run out of emergency food supplies. The purchase of the pallet truck has enabled the Food Bank to move pallets with ease and will continue to improve the overall operation once they move into their new warehouse at Kiln Farm.

Bradwell Common Hall

The hall was awarded a grant in February 2020 to replace their chairs. Sadly, due to the pandemic, they haven't been able to use the new chairs, but hopefully that will change in the very near future. The hall manager reports that the pre-school staff make good use of the armchairs when taking a much needed break!



YMCA

In April 2021 Bradwell Parish Council awarded a grant towards the YMCA's Supported Living programme.

In March 2020 the YMCA moved into their new, state of the art building. This building has increased their capacity and significantly improved the level of support they are able to offer to residents. YMCA MK is now home to 226 young people, with an average age of 24. In response to increased need they have refurbished seven rooms into further accommodation for young people.

Although the pandemic has prevented the building being used as they had hoped, they are optimistic that with restrictions easing the building will regain some of the community, campus feel they were aiming for.

They currently have thirty rooms available for those seeking emergency accommodation and they are full. The young people who stay at YMCA are amongst the most vulnerable and disadvantaged young adults in MK.



Residents arriving seeking emergency accommodation often have nowhere else to turn.

Many of the residents have complex support needs; ranging from experience of street homelessness, mental health issues, substance abuse, difficulties with mainstream schooling, and experience of trauma.

Many have experienced a breakdown in family relationships.

At one point they had 29 young people needing emergency accommodation. They are currently supporting at least ten residents who identify strongly with Bradwell parish.



Bellfounder House

The sheltered housing complex was awarded a grant in September 2020 to enable them to buy some much needed kitchen equipment for when COVID restrictions are lifted. The following items were purchased, plate warmer, large cooking pot and other pans, food mixer and processor, crockery and knife set and baking trays.



Old Bradwell Tennis Club

The tennis club received a grant in June 2020. So far, they have bought some junior racquets and junior balls. They plan to use the rest of the grant to advertise the club in the local area so watch out for the leaflet that will be dropping through your doors!

Look out for free tennis coaching being offered to parish residents, with their tennis coach, Jason Fairhurst, during the autumn half term. They'd love you to join the club.

Tennis coach, Jason Ferguson, is an ex Scottish champion and is proving very popular. He is a fully qualified LTA (Lawn Tennis Association) coach and coaches adults as well as children and groups of friends.

But you don't have to wait until the free coaching session to join the club. If you are interested, why not contact them now.

Whilst they have been unable to arrange any coaching sessions due to Covid, they have been concentrating on inviting more people from the parish to join, and have had some success using Facebook with families from Heelands and Bradwell joining.



The club are keen to attract new members and they are one of the lowest cost tennis clubs in Milton Keynes.

The annual fees are:

New members £5 joining fee (only applicable for the first year of membership)

Single (over 18): £44

Family: £82

Over: 60's £30

Junior (over 14): £25

Junior: £20

The annual fee includes all the tennis you want to play until 31 May

2022. There is also an active WhatsApp group, where members can contact other members to arrange a social game. The club has an online booking system where any member can book a court up to two weeks ahead.

Find 5 things that can't be recycled in the clear sack

Unfortunately some items are placed in the MK clear recycling sack incorrectly. Can you find the 5 most common wrong items?



 Milton Keynes recycles

Answers on page 4.

www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/recycling



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The Floodmobile visits Milton Keynes

Do you want to learn how to be better prepared for a flood? We're holding a public tour from 3 - 6 August, led by experts in flood and water management. Find out 50 ways you can be more resilient if a flood happens.

The Floodmobile will showcase 50 different property flood resilience measures, to demonstrate the adaptations that can be introduced to a property to help reduce the impact future flooding can have.

The Floodmobile showcases a wide range of interventions: door valves, non-return valves, wall membrane systems with accompanying sump pumps, flooring, wall coverings, alternative skirting boards, self-closing air bricks, periscope covers, recoverable kitchens and flood barriers and doors – including those suitable for listed buildings. The Floodmobile also showcases various types of waterproof plaster and insulation.



Day & Time	Location	Where
Tue 3 August 10am - 4pm	Woughton	The Local Centre Car Park, Garraways, Coffee Hall
Wed 4 August 10am - 4pm	Newport Pagnell	Station Road Car Park
Thu 5 August 10am - 4pm	Stony Stratford	Market Square Car Park
Fri 6 August 10am - 4pm	Stoke Goldington	Village Hall, High Street

From the Community

1st Bradwell Brownies

Have you heard about Girlguiding, the leading charity for girls and young women in the UK?



Brownies is for girls aged 7 – 10, with opportunities to meet and make new friends, learn new skills, be creative and have adventures.

Did you know there is a local Brownie group in Bradwell? We play games, make crafts, go on trips out and even have sleepovers!



Photo by Suzy Hazelwood from Pexels

Our new theme-based programme, has loads of badges to choose from, for example: Aviation, Baking, Inventing, Local History and Zero Waste.

Want to know more? Please go to the website: www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus to register your daughter's details, select 1st Bradwell Brownies as your first choice and the leader will contact you.

Bradwell Bowls Club

The new banner outside the club is attracting lots of attention and has prompted several enquiries.



An Open Day was held on Saturday 3 July, which was well supported. The weather was a bonus, for the participants and the bar. The visitors enjoyed their taste of lawn bowls and it looks like they will be going back for more.

If you didn't get down to the open day and are still interested in finding out about the club why not drop in. There is more news on their website bradwellbowls.uk



Covid 19 Music Project: You Are Not Alone

The project will be using the song by Madness, 'You are not alone'. The idea behind the project is to unite families and friends in the UK with families and friends overseas who have been isolated and kept apart by Covid-19 and this will be achieved through the power of music. The song will be performed live at Bradwell Abbey and will connect MK, the UK, and the wider world via the livestreaming and digital solutions that have come to the fore during the pandemic.

This unique performance to convey our love and hope to our loved ones around the world. This would be a beautiful, soul-affirming way to connect everyone while there is still so much uncertainty, worry, and isolation.

If you would like to sign up for the massed choir please email Director@mkcdc.org.uk at Milton Keynes City Discovery Centre.



Charity Recycling MK

Did you know that there is someone in Milton Keynes that recycles the stuff that you can't put in your recycling sacks, for charity?

Charity Recycling MK's aim is to reduce the volume of domestic plastics sent to landfill and use it instead, thanks to sponsorship, to raise money for charity.

George Thomson is a TerraCycle UK approved drop-off point administrator. This is totally voluntary and he receives no payment for this work. All funds raised are shared between Willen Hospice and MK Cat Rescue.

The charity's original focus was on Tassimo discs and wrappers and they remain the mainstay of the operation, but now also Nespresso L'Or pods, Kenco wrappers, biscuit wrappers of all kinds, trigger spray guns, surface wipe packaging, plastic tops and air freshener products. More recently crisp and nut bags, cheese wrappers, dental and beauty products, and confectionery have all been added.

The drop-off bin is at **25 Cattle Avenue, Downs Barn, MK14 7RJ** where it is available 24/7. Free carrier bags are also provided as are information leaflets.

Recycling and charity cash distribution is managed by TerraCycle UK and the scheme is sponsored by the various product manufacturers.

Please visit their Facebook page for more information Charity Recycling MK | Facebook



SORTING GUIDE
JUST SEPARATE ITEMS AS SHOWN THEN
DROP OFF AT OUR 24/7 CONTACTLESS HUB
25 CANTLE AVE, DOWNS BARN MK14 7RJ
GT. LINFORD BINS CLOSED FOR LOCKDOWN

- TASSIMO DISCS & FOIL OUTER BAGS
L'OR CAPSULES & KENCO PACKAGING
- FLAT CRISP PACKETS
ALL BRANDS & SIZES
- POPCORN, NUTS, PRINGLES
& PORK SCRATCHINGS
- ALL BISCUIT, CRACKERS
AND CAKE WRAPPERS
- DENTAL PRODUCTS
TOOTHPASTE TUBES,
BOXES, BRUSHES etc
- ALL BRANDS OF
CHEESE POUCHES
- TRIGGER SPRAY TOPS
SURFACE WIPE PACKS
DISHWASHER/LAUNDRY TABS
OUTER BAGS & PLASTIC TUBS
- ELLA'S KITCHEN
(and similar brands)
POUCHES & PACKETS
- PET FOOD PRODUCTS
WET FOOD POUCHES
PLASTIC BAGS, TREAT PACKS
- SKIN & MAKEUP
POTS, WIPE PACKETS,
ROLL ON DEODORANTS,
COMPACTS, LIPSTICK ETC
SOAP PUMPS
- CONFECTIONERY WRAPS
CHOCOLATE, SWEETS etc.
ALL BRANDS ACCEPTED

IMPORTANT
WE CANNOT RECYCLE ANYTHING NOT LISTED
IF IN DOUBT, LEAVE IT OUT!
ITEMS MUST BE SEPARATED INTO THE CATEGORIES ABOVE

Willen Hospice
MK Cat Rescue



Orange No Bake Cheesecake

Ingredients

- 15 Digestive biscuits
- 6 tbsp Butter, melted
- 400g Curd or Cream cheese
- Grated zest 3 oranges
(save the segments for the decoration)
- 200g Mascarpone cheese
- 100g Caster sugar
- 3 tbsp Milk
- 184ml Double cream



Method

1. Crush the biscuits roughly by putting them in a plastic food bag and crushing them with a wooden spoon.
2. Put the biscuits into a bowl and mix in the melted butter. Put the mixture into a 23cm cheesecake tin, then use the back of a spoon to spread it evenly and press it down in the tin to form the base. Put the tin into the fridge to set. This should take about 30 mins.
3. Put the curd or cream cheese, orange zest, mascarpone, sugar and milk into a bowl and mix it well with the wooden spoon.
4. Put the cream in a clean bowl and whisk until it is the consistency of thick custard. Add to the orange mixture and mix thoroughly.
5. Remove the cheesecake tin from the fridge. Pour the filling over the biscuit base and spread evenly. Decorate with segments of orange and return to the fridge until ready to serve (at least 4 hours or overnight).