

Bradwell Parish News

Issue: Winter 2020



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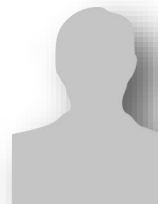
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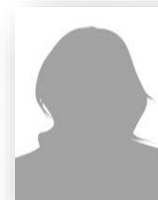
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Photographs courtesy of Rob Jones



Welcome to the winter 2020 Newsletter. There are lots of interesting articles this issue. I hope you enjoy reading them.

Thanks to two local residents for their articles on local history – I'm definitely

going to go and look at the gates at St Lawrence now.

Well done to the Bowls Club for managing to hold some competitions this year and to The City Discovery Centre for finding ways to bring history to life for families and schools in these uncertain times.

It was good to see members of the community, including children, take part in the September clean up around Heelands and although we collected a fair amount of rubbish, it was not as enormous an amount as we collected the previous year! Hopefully we will get another good turn out from residents when we run similar events in Bradwell Village and Bradwell Common.

I have been a parish councillor for a while now and I really enjoy doing it. I like to be involved in local events. I feel that I am approachable either in person or by email so if people have a query please contact me. Halloween was a challenge for all of us this year. A group of local parents got together to organise a Halloween treasure hunt for the children of Bradwell Common. Local residents and businesses donated the prizes. People's safety was of paramount importance to the organisers, who set up four starting points to enable people to maintain social distancing. There was also hand sanitising stations at each of the points on the treasure hunt. It was a really enjoyable event.

The parish council were very sorry to hear of John Holley's death earlier this month. He was a very hard working councillor who was always willing to help out and get involved with parish projects. We will miss him greatly and send our thoughts and condolences to his family.

Councillor Rose Davy

John Newbury

Photography

Competition 2021



Entry requirements

- Open to all Bradwell Parish residents
- Must be an amateur photographer
- All photos to be of Bradwell Parish with a caption giving the location
- All photos to have been taken from April 2020 onwards

Photo credit: Markus Spiske from Pexels.com

£50 prize!

Closing date for entries: **24 February 2021**

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

Parish Council Meeting Dates

Monday 7 December	7.30pm
Monday 11 January	7.30pm
Monday 1 February	7.30pm
Monday 1 March	7.30pm
Monday 12 April	7.30pm
Monday 19 April (Annual Electors' Meeting)	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 April issue: 20 January 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

Bradwell Parish Council

Cordially invite our residents to the

Annual Electors' Meeting

Includes presentations to
Community Award & Photographic Competition winners

Monday 19 April, 7.30pm
Venue TBC

Refreshments included

A warm welcome awaits you!

Come and meet your local
Parish Councillors!



Bradwell Parish Council Community Award

Do you know someone that has gone that extra mile in the parish?

Why not nominate them for this award?

Closing date: 24 February 2021

£50 prize



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

Cllr John Holley

It is with great sadness that Bradwell Parish Council has to announce the recent death of Cllr John Holley. We wish to convey our deepest condolences to all his family and friends. He will be sorely missed by all the staff and parish councillors.



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. Unfortunately we have made the decision not to let the hall out for parties until further notice. The groups that were using the hall pre Covid are now starting to meet again in compliance with the Government rules and guidelines.



From the Community

Milton Keynes Discovery Centre

As summer gave way to back-to-school excitement and leaves began to turn, we've found innovative ways to bring history to life for families and schools. Thanks to funding from Historic England, we've been able to produce free, Horrible History-esque sagas available via our YouTube channel.

The funding, along with other funding from Celebration Earth!, also allowed us to produce a Medieval Wagon Play, performed as part of Heritage Open Day celebrations. We're also very grateful to be the recipient of seed funding from The Clare Foundation, which we will be using to help promote events and ensure they're Covid-19 secure.

Though many wedding venues are struggling to weather the pandemic storm, we're fortunate to still be enduring.

We have dates available for 2021/22, do get in touch if you'd like to host your event in characterful and historic buildings amidst magical woodland.

Finally, a huge thank you to our wonderful volunteers for their continued support!



Photograph from our Medieval Wagon Play, for Heritage Open Days, by Willie Robb

Little Robins
Childcare

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Little Robins Childcare have just celebrated our first birthday and what a year it has been!

Working in partnership with over 30 families, catering for breakfast club, and after school sessions we have continued to support the local community as best we can during these difficult times.

As we continue to find our 'new normal' the children have adapted well to all the changes we have had to implement, but it has not stopped the laughter and fun!

With autumn now upon us, the children at Little Robins have been enjoying the great outdoors, exploring our wooded area building their very own bug hotel.

We are very much looking forward to the up and coming festivities. If you wish to join us please do get in touch.



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Inter-Action MK

Inter-Action, are running two autumn/winter projects and we'd especially love to work with local residents.

Inter-Action Cook Club and Book Club are projects for those who have felt especially isolated this year. Although the projects will be digitally focused, we will be able to provide many of the materials through the post or home delivery. We will offer support via mentors and encourage sharing.

Cook Club will be exploring cooking and growing food in the smallest of spaces.



We'll be sharing food stories and encouraging practical cooking sessions with guest speakers. Some sessions will be accessible even if you are not part of the Cook Club group.

Book Club is a digital book club and creative writing project. Based on a traditional Book Club format, participants will meet via zoom to talk about the books.

Readers and writers can access the project



even if they are not in the Book club through our website and social media and through signing up for special events.

To find out more why not contact Inter-Action by emailing

director@interactionmk.org.uk

gentlespaces

for those who are grieving

Have you recently lost a friend or family member? Would you find it helpful to meet with others who are also dealing with loss?

gentlespaces are safe places for those who are grieving.

If you would like to join one of our supported groups, please contact 01908 382318 (10-12am and 6-8pm Mon, Weds, Fri) to book your place

A project by MK Mission Partnership with funding provided by MK Community Foundation

Great British September Clean

We did it! A great big thank you for all your support

Thank you to all of you who took part in this year's Great British September Clean and supported tens of thousands of local Litter Heroes to make a huge impact on the quality of the local environment.



We know this year presented many challenges for our local authority and parish council partners, none the less, we saw huge support across the UK with 289 local authorities and 410 parish councils signing-up. 216 MPs also supported the campaign and we generated over 2,000 press articles and reached over 120 million people on social media.

If you would like to support our next Litter pick please do let me know at communications@bradwell-pc.gov.uk

Old Bradwell Bowls Club

It has been a strange season with no visiting clubs, but once Covid-19 restrictions were eased, we were able to play amongst ourselves. Evening and weekend leagues and knock-out competitions were hastily arranged and we got going in



July. The events were met with a great response and were completed with much enthusiasm and success by mid-September. We signed off with what turned out to be the highlight

of the season, a Presidential Picnic with everyone attired in the most colourful things they could find.



It should also be noted that during our shortened season, we managed to recruit seven new members. Now we wait to see if next season is a return to normality.

MK Mayor visits Chapfarm Pharmacy



visited Chapfarm Pharmacy at Heelands shops. The visit was part of his 'Supporting Local Businesses' focus for his mayoral year. He thanked Nainesh Patel and his staff. The visit was attended by local Ward Councillors, Rex Exon, Marie Bradburn and Robin Bradburn.



BRADWELL CHARITIES

A Christmas Gift for the over 70s

Residents of Bradwell Parish, who are 70 or over, are welcome to apply for a small monetary gift at Christmas.

These gifts derive from several local charitable trusts set up in the 18th century.

If you would like to apply, please send your name, date of birth and address to:

bradwell.charities@gmail.com

Or to Bradwell Charities,
7 Coppin Lane, Bradwell,
Milton Keynes MK13 9BQ

Or telephone 01908 221465,
(please speak slowly and very clearly if leaving a message)

Closing date for applications is 4 December 2020

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Parish History

Photo 2



We were approached recently by Bill Brown, who grew up in Bradwell. He has been busy sorting and collating his photograph collection of Bradwell and he wondered whether we would like to see some, so here they are with a little bit about each one. I hope you enjoy looking at them.

Photograph 1

This is a school photograph of all of the children attending Old Bradwell Infants School, in the year 1936/37.

Do you recognise any of the names, perhaps you are one of the children? You would be in your 80s or 90s now.

Photograph 2

This photograph was taken in 1940/41. It shows Fred Shouler, his son Ronald, and myself, Billy Brown. We are standing on the edge of a bomb crater, in the field on the east side next to Tinkers Corner, Loughton Road. This was the first bomb of a stick of five and the only one to make a crater as it landed in an area with a hard subsoil. The other four bombs were strung out in a north easterly direction across Heelands. Two of them landing in the corner of George Walkers' chicken run, in the village allotments and in the other in the field next to the double hedge.

Photograph 3

This photograph is of the children's fancy dress contest, held in May 1935 to celebrate King George V's, Silver Jubilee. The event was held outside the Victoria Public House in Vicarage road. I came first wearing the over large black suit and cap, as a Reynold's paper boy. I was presented with a small silver medal.

Photograph 4

This photograph is of a large parachute bomb, which fell in 1940/41 on the northern side of Linford Wood, close to a rather isolated farm, Preston's Farm. The large parachute

Photo 1



Around Bradwell Village

Photo 3



Back row from left to right: Leslie Bird, Ivor Goodger, Billy Brown, Leslie Smith, Jack Stevenson, John Woldon, ? Martin, Alfred Smith
Middle Row: Mavis Barnet, Violet Dunckly, Sheila Bates, June Hazeldene, Lilly Atkinson, Betty Dudley, Brenda Rainbow, Trevor Daniels
Front Row: Unknown, Bobby Islope, Hazel Smith, Lawrence Foukes, Agnes Stevenson, Clifford Semarks, Mary Semarks, ? Martin

Photo 4



became entangled in the top of an oak tree, thus lowering the impact when it struck the earth and in spite of it making a considerable dent in the ground this was not sufficient to set it off. The bomb was approximately 8 feet long and just over 2 foot in diameter, and

weighed approximately 1 ton. Having been found, the powers that be swung into action and on reflection I personally feel overreacted. This bomb was a good mile from the village. It was eventually defused and then transported to Hardingtons Gravel Quarry at Stanton Low to be detonated. Everyone was told to have their windows ajar when it was detonated.

Gates to St Lawrence

The Grade II Listed entrance gates to St Lawrence were made by a local company E & H Roberts of Deanshanger. If you look at some of the uprights they are clearly marked 'Roberts' and 'Deanshanger'.

In 'A guide to the historic buildings of Milton Keynes' (1986) Paul Woodfield says that the gates are 'probably the finest extant specimen of gates by this widely respected firm of agricultural engineers'.

Many other examples of the company's prize winning agricultural implements and metalwork can be seen around Milton Keynes and all over the world.

Robert's foundry buildings later became the infamous Oxide Works – infamous because of the dust that frequently covered Deanshanger and annoyed the housewives who found their clean washing had turned a dusky pink colour!



Dianne Sutton



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Applications need to be made to Milton Keynes Council by 15th January 2021 for starting school in September 2021.



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Lime E-Scooters



As we have all seen recently the use of E-Scooters is becoming a very popular mode of transport.

Milton Keynes has become the first town in the UK to trial E-Scooters in partnership with Lime alongside their E-bikes which are already in use in Milton Keynes. The scheme has seen Lime launch an initial fleet of 250 E-Scooters in Milton Keynes, which will be extended if the scheme proves popular.

There are a few rules and regulations that need to be adhered to concerning the use of the E-Scooters which you may not be aware of:

- The rider must be over 18 and have a provisional driving licence.
- The E-Scooter has to be an official Lime E-Scooter and you **cannot** use your own private E-Scooter on the redways or roads in Milton Keynes.
- The E-Scooters can be used on the redways and minor estate roads but are not allowed on grid roads or any roads with a speed limit in excess of 30mph.
- The E-Scooters are not to be used under the influence of alcohol.
- Only one rider per E-Scooter.
- A helmet is required to use the E-Scooters.

The E-Scooter can travel at speeds of up to 14.8 mph.

To use the E-Scooters you will need to download the user-friendly Lime App onto your phone and follow the instructions on how to use them. You then scan the code on the E-Scooter and pay for the length of time you want to use it for. Once the credit runs out the E-Scooter will automatically stop. Please leave the E-Scooter to the side of the path.

E-Scooters are collected, periodically, by people known as, 'Juicers', who charge up them up ready for the next user.

Please note: The wearing of helmets is required by Lime but is not required by law.

PCSO Lesley Rogers



Easy Snowman Cookies

Ingredients

Digestive biscuits
Icing sugar
Marshmallows
Sugar strands
Liquorice
Coloured writing icing

Method

- 1 Make up a basic white icing.
- 2 Decorate the marshmallows with eyes, noses, mouths etc.
- 3 Spoon on a little white icing and spread over the surface of each biscuit.
- 4 Press a marshmallow down in the middle of each biscuit and decorate the surrounding icing/ biscuit.



Joke Box

What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck?
A Christmas Quacker!