



Bradwell Parish News

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Bradwell Abbey Rooksley**

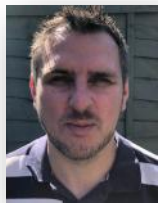
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Heelands
Chairman



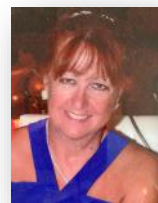
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Photographs courtesy of Rob Jones



Welcome

to the winter
2021 newsletter.

I hope everyone is looking forward to a more normal and happy Christmas after a difficult two

years.

2022 will hopefully be brighter and full of opportunities. As for my family, the pandemic officially finished when my Explorers Scouts finally gave me a hair-cut. The 30 teenagers decided I needed a Mohican hair style, what do you think?

I have been on the parish council for 30 years and every year the council works to improve our estates. Each year the parish adds to the parks and play areas. New equipment for older children installed in Craddocks Close Park and at Heelands local centre are our most recent projects. We are currently planning our next project. What do you think it could be? Life sometimes throws up unexpected opportunities. In October I was very pleased to help organise the assistance for the refugees arriving from Afghanistan. MK residents donated a mountain of clothes, shoes, toys and toiletries for the refugees, most of who arrived with nothing. It was described as a 'Tsunami of kindness' and Milton Keynes should be rightly proud.

I am a trustee of the City Discovery Centre, which manages Bradwell Abbey and grounds. We have nearly completed a two year restoration project saving the chapel and listed 17th century farm buildings for future generations. Bradwell Abbey is a public open space. Please visit and enjoy the site, but treat it with care.

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Councillor Rex Exon

What does a Parish Council do?

Parish Councils are the most direct form of democracy in England and Wales, being the first tier of local government.

Bradwell Parish Council is an elected body with ten seats, although there is a vacancy at the moment, filled by Bradwell parish residents whose primary function is to ensure that the Parish is efficiently and economically run using a proportion of the annual Council Tax income known as the Precept. Once elected, parish councillors sit on the council for a term of four years and then need to be re-elected to keep their position.

Bradwell Parish Council runs and maintains the three allotment sites (Heelands West, St Lawrence, Fosters Lane); and Heelands Meeting Place; provides dog bins, waste bins, picnic benches and park benches. We also maintain King George's Field, Abbey Field and Castle Field in Bradwell Village and also South Field at Heelands, along with some landscaping of these areas and the allotment sites. We monitor planning applications and if there are any concerns we raise them with Milton Keynes Council.

Three of our parish councillors are also Milton Keynes Councillors (also known as Ward Councillors) and attend both parish and MK Council meetings. Public meetings are held once a month, at which decisions on matters affecting the parish are taken by the Parish Council. These meetings also include the opportunity for members of the public to have their say. If you would like to attend a meeting, please let us know in advance. It is helpful if you give us an indication for the reason you would like to attend so that we can provide you with the information you require. Actions that are approved by the meeting are implemented by the Clerk and Assistant Clerks.

Each year Bradwell Parish Council puts aside funding for grants up to £1,000, for organisations whose work benefits local residents. Grant application forms must be received two weeks prior to Parish Council meeting.

The parish office is staffed by three part-time members of staff; the Parish Clerk and two Assistant Clerks. If you need to contact us please phone or email as currently the office is open limited hours while we work our way back from COVID. If you need to speak to a councillor their email addresses are displayed on our website or we can send a them a message for you.



Parish Council Meeting Dates

Monday 6 December	7.30pm
Monday 10 January 2022	7.30pm
Monday 7 February 2022	7.30pm
Monday 7 March 2022	7.30pm
Monday 4 April 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: **19 January 2022**

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 Community Award

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

Why not nominate them for this award?

Closing date: 23 February 2022

£50 prize



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

Bradwell Parish Council

Cordially invites our residents to the

Annual Electors' Meeting

Includes presentations to
Community Award & Photographic
Competition winners

Monday 11 April, 7.30pm
Heelands Meeting Place

Refreshments included
A warm welcome awaits you!

**Come and meet your local
Parish Councillors!**



Summer Fun!

During the summer holidays we ran sports sessions and play activities for the local children and young people. If your children attended we hope they had great fun!



Tread the Boards Theatre Group

For the past year the members of Tread the Boards Theatre Group have held their rehearsal sessions online. With regular workshops, scripts and working in collaboration with other theatre companies this has kept the group active and interesting.

The group now rehearses at Wavendon Pavilion on Monday evenings. It has at least 40 actors, with some residing in Bradwell Parish.

Chairman Mike Ames said: 'We are already rehearsing for our next project, Treasure Island – Panto! Show dates are Friday 17 – Sunday 19 December 2021. We have other projects already in the pipeline for 2022.'

Anyone over 16 interested in drama, who wishes to join is welcome to find out more at www.tread-the-boards.org.uk.



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

Heelands Meeting Place

If you would like to book Heelands Meeting Place for a party/event, please do get in touch with us. The hire charges can be found on our website.

T: 01908 321285

E: admin@bradwell-pc.gov.uk



Bradwell Charities

A Christmas Gift for the over 70s who are in need

In 1740, the then Vicar of Bradwell, the Rev James Hume, set aside money to give little gifts to elderly parishioners who were in need. With this and other charitable funds, Bradwell Charities are continuing the same tradition every Christmas.

If you are over 70 and feel you are in need you are welcome to apply. If you are already on our list there is no need to apply again as we already have your details.

Please apply by
8 December 2021

T: 01908 221465

E: bradwell.charities@gmail.com

A: 7 Coppin Lane, Bradwell, MK13 9BQ



Parish Council Updates

Bradwell Sports & Social Club

At a very well-attended meeting at Bradwell Village School on 1 November, Bradwell Sports & Social Club formally presented their proposals to improve the sports facilities at Abbey Road. A large number of local residents spoke at the meeting, with many expressing their concerns about the impact of the proposed development on the village. Following a debate, the parish council narrowly voted to reject the proposals. Many thanks to everyone who attended.

New Hall on Heelands

Just a little update to let you all know where we are up to with the new hall on Heelands. Planning permission has been granted and at the moment the 'build' is out for tender. COVID delays everything!



Planters at Bradwell Common

Recently the parish council held a consultation to see what the local residents would like to see done with the planters. Feedback from the event showed that people would like the planters replaced with a similar structure and arrangement, we are working towards implementing that. We have put in a bid to Milton Keynes Council to help fund this work. We should find out in March 2022 whether we have been successful.



John Newbury Photography Competition 2022



Image by Lukas Gehrer from Pixabay

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 2021 onwards

£50 prize!

Closing date for entries:

23 February 2022

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

Parish Grants

Milton Keynes City Discovery Centre

Milton Keynes City Discovery Centre's latest project will see them use the Cathal Smyth (formerly of Madness) song, 'You are not alone', and will aim to unite families and friends who have been isolated and kept apart by Covid-19, through the power of music. Made possible thanks to funding from Bradwell Parish Council, MK Council and The National Lottery Community Fund, they're working with a diverse range of organisations and schools to form a community, massed choir. The project culminates in December, with a livestreamed performance alongside the premiere of a 'making-of' documentary.

The event is planned to take place in the historic grounds of Bradwell Abbey (although may move to MK Amphitheatre, depending on numbers. This information will be updated). Bradwell Abbey's beautiful gardens, woodland and parkland are maintained by Brian Bailey, Richard Gregory and a team of hard working and dedicated grounds volunteers. With winter drawing in, there's still an abundance of tasks to be completed! If you'd like to become a volunteer, gain new skills and be part of a friendly team, send an email to functions@mkcdc.org.uk or ring 01908 227229 to find out more. For all the latest news: <https://mkcdc.org.uk>



Friends of Conniburrow Children's Centre



At a recent parish meeting the group were awarded a grant to help with the cost of families attending the farm at Christmas time. Funding has also been secured from other sources.



Please Note that Charity Recycling MK is no longer able to collect Tassimo Discs from 10 December. Please do not leave them at the Parish Office.

Minister leaves but Bradwell Church remains

Bradwell Church is part of the six-congregation Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership, with church buildings across the north of the city. The Team Rector is Rev Dr Paul Smith, and he will be supporting Bradwell Church whilst more permanent arrangements are settled for the long-term care of Bradwell church and its community. Paul has been in the area for almost 20 years and is familiar with the Bradwell area and many of the congregation. As Team Rector he has oversight of the Anglican parish. In the meantime, if you have queries and concerns, or would like to enquire about baptism, marriage or funerals, please contact Paul Smith. Tel: 01908 606689 email: smith.paul.a@icloud.com



Rev Dr Neil Popham, who was the interim minister attached to St Lawrence Church, left his short-term post in September. He has moved to a parish in Slough.

Sports Round-up

Bradwell Bowls Club

A Strange Season

Our season began late this year with many clubs still wary of Covid-19 and with many restrictions still in place. In light of this we postponed our proposed Open Day and almost scrapped it, but at the last moment and with little advertising we went ahead – and were overwhelmed! We gained 8 new members on the day and several more since, almost doubling our number of Lady bowlers in the process.

On August 8th we held our annual President's Day with President Wendy choosing a Hawaiian theme and nominating Alzheimer's as her charity. Attendance was well above average, and everyone entered into the spirit. The event raised over £400 in just a few hours thanks to some fun bowling, limbo dancing, an auction and lots more.

We now look forward to hopefully, a more normal 2022.

Dave Hardaway,
Club Captain



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

MK Waste Recovery Park

Some people still think that our rubbish goes to landfill, but the MK Waste Recovery Park (MWRP) has been processing the rubbish from residents' black bin bags for several years now. The Recovery Park is situated in Old Wolverton, just across the road from the Materials Recycling Facility. How it works:

1 Initially the MKWRP machinery locates and retrieves items, such as plastic bottles and tin cans that should have been placed in the clear recycling sack, but have been placed in the black bin bag in error.

2 Then it locates any food and garden waste, which should have gone in the green wheeled bin, which is then composted to create a low-grade compost-like output.

3 The remaining non-recyclable items then go to the advanced thermal treatment plant where it is 'cooked', creating a gas which is in turn combusted to create steam. This then drives a turbine which creates electricity that powers the factory and the excess is fed into the National Grid.

For more information why not visit MK Council's website: What happens to my rubbish? - Milton Keynes Council (milton-keynes.gov.uk)



Father Christmas to spend Christmas time at Milton Keynes Museum

It's the most wonderful time of the year, and this December the most famous VIP of all is ready to set up his grotto at the Milton Keynes Museum again.

Father Christmas will be keeping an eye on his reindeer and helping the elves with their present making before heading out on his most special journey on Christmas Eve.

He has specifically asked to set up his grotto at the Museum so that he can meet as many of Milton Keynes' good boys and girls as possible!

'We are over the moon that Father Christmas has once again chosen to park up his sleigh at the Museum and will spend time with us during his busiest period,' said Museum Director, Bill Griffiths. 'He loves it here and knows that it's a family friendly place where happy memories are made. When he called from the North Pole to ask if he could stay with us again this year, we were absolutely thrilled!'

The festive feeling will begin as soon as visitors arrive in the old farmhouse, which will be hosting its Victorian Christmas event. Step inside the parlour and enjoy a glass of mulled wine or squash while you warm yourselves by the roar of the real fire. It's the season to be jolly so sing like it is with a carol session before stepping into a bygone time in the Museum's street of shops where it will definitely snow during your visit.



Finally, families will make their way to the new gallery and that magical meeting with Father Christmas in his grotto.

'This is your chance to enjoy a traditional Victorian Christmas with lots of charm,' Bill promised, 'And the Museum is one place where you are guaranteed to get snow in Milton Keynes in December!' Bill added. 'We want everyone to have a fabulously festive time with us, and will once again be running 'quiet hours' too. Forget the seasonal stresses and come along for some guaranteed festive fun.'

Families can visit Father Christmas as follows:

Fri 3, 10 & 17 December, 4.30pm – 7.00pm
Sat/Sun 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 & 19 December
(museum will be open 10.30am – 4.30pm, grotto opens 11.30am – 5.00pm)
Quiet hours: Sat 4 & 18 & Sun 12, 10.00am – 10.30am

For more details and bookings visit: miltonkeynesmuseum.org.uk

VOLUNTEERING MATTERS

MK Volunteer Drivers' Service

Volunteer Drivers are sought to provide friendly and reliable transport for the community of MK ensuring individuals can attend vital medical appointments, access school and court services and to run errands.

Volunteer Chaperones are also sought to support those individuals who cannot travel alone or who would like a little extra support on their journeys.

- Flexible opportunities
- Short and long distance journeys
- Full training provided free of charge:
 - * Induction
 - * Booking System
 - * Safeguarding
 - * First Aid
 - * Mental Health First Aid
 - * Moving and Handling
- Expenses reimbursed at 50p/mile
- Enhanced DBS required
- Volunteers must hold a full UK Driving Licence, relevant insurance and have access to their own vehicle



Get involved: 01908 670309
miltonkeynes@volunteermatters.org.uk



Have you considered becoming a school governor?

Our small, friendly infant school is looking for governors to join our board.

Finance skills or just an interest in school governance is welcome.

No experience necessary, full training and support available.

If you would like to contribute to your local community and make a difference to the life of our school please get in touch with us at:

office@heelands.milton-keynes.sch.uk
01908 316306

Heelands School
Glovers Lane, Heelands, Milton Keynes, MK13 7QL



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Summerfield School

Come and find out about our exciting School

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You can join us on a Tour of our School on the following dates and times. Places MUST be booked in advanced.

Please email: reception@summerfieldschool.org to book your place.

Tuesday 16th November 2021 – 6.00pm

Tuesday 7th December 2021 – 10.00am

Monday 10th January 2022 – 2.00pm

Applications need to be made to Milton Keynes Council by 15th January 2022 for starting school in September 2022



(If you are unable to make the above dates and times, please call our Office and we can arrange an alternative date and time to suit)



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FACT BOX

The name, Bradwell, is an Old English language word and means *broad spring*. In the Domesday Book of 1086 the village was recorded as *Bradewelle*.

Plastic Bottle Lid Creatures



You will need:

- A selection of colourful bottle top lids
- Googly eyes
- Permanent felt tip pens
- Coloured paper/cardboard
- Small pieces of thick cardboard
- Optional: magnets

For more information please visit:

www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/recycling

Use your imagination to create all sorts of bugs, creatures and flowers from bottle top lids! Bugs, butterflies, ladybirds, cats, Minions, unicorns, bats, tortoises, etc.

Glue in small squares of cardboard to 'fill up' the inside of the lid. Glue on coloured cardboard to create legs, wings, etc. but not too large or it will make it too heavy.

Optional: glue a magnet on the back so it can stick to your fridge.